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Editors notes

What a fantastic Autumn Show we have just presented, it was amazing the range of genera and quality of plants on display, even with some varieties missing. It was pleasing especially since the weather has not been really beneficial for our collections of late. In this newsletter are the show results and some photos from the show, more will follow in future newsletters. I am sure our visitors really appreciate the time and effort our society puts into presenting these shows. What a big effort members put in the days leading up to and also during the show. Again a wonderful organising effort by our efficient president and his committee of helpers. Many thanks to Rod Shoemith & the Mackay members who travelled down by bus, your support is most appreciated.

The Nambour Bus trip on 11th to 13th June is fast approaching, details below and full details of inclusions are in the general meeting minutes following.

RENEWALS ARE NOW OVERDUE - There are still a large number of members who have not paid their renewal fees for 2016. If these fees are not paid by the end of April, those members will no longer receive newsletters, if you wish to pay by EFT please contact Bill Richardson for account details.(11)

A new inclusion in our monthly newsletters is our Member Profile page, and this month Jeff Glover will feature. The purpose is for members to share their story of how they commenced growing orchids, their growing and caring tips etc., remembering that all of our orchid collections live in different environments, so some tips and advice may not suit everyone. If you wish to be featured please contact me by email.



TRIP TO NAMBOUR IN JUNE



NAMBOUR 60TH DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY SHOW & CONFERENCE

The ROSI Coach for this weekend is now at full capacity. Costs for the weekend are \$500 per couple and \$250 singles. Jeff has compiled a list of share rooms for all the singles, see him at next meeting or phone/email him if you won't be there.

A deposit of \$150 per person is required to be paid no later than our April Meeting, (as the \$80 conference dinner meal cost has to be paid by end of April, the remainder will go towards the coach costs). **THIS DEPOSIT WILL BE NON-REFUNDABLE!!!!**



Winner – Large Display T & E Dean



Runner-up Large Display – M & S Rowcliffe

Notice to Members - please assist with cleaning the hall after the meeting

The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the 6th of May 2016; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Ed.*

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry, Jeff & Bernard

Assistants will be

N Lakey & Trish Craig

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday. 26/04/16
at 7.30pm**

**Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm**

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Autumn Show 2016

Major Prizes	Grower		Orchid Name
Grand Champion	J&N Glover		<i>Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'</i>
Reserve Champion	T&E Dean		<i>Milt. Sandy's Cove</i>
Best Specimen	T&E Dean		<i>Milt. Sandy's Cove</i>
Best Exotic Species (Class 7)	B&H Hilse		<i>Psh. cochleata</i>
Runner up	J&N Glover		<i>Cyc. warscewiczii</i>
Best Aust. Species (Class 7)	J.Scott		<i>Den. bigibbum</i>
Runner up	T&E Dean		<i>Den. bigibbum f. album</i>
Best Orchid by Novice Grower	M&C Dahler		Howeara (Hwra) Mary Eliza
Runner up to Best Novice	K&P Marsden		<i>Brs. Rex x Mtssa. Goodale's Gift</i>
Class Champions (Classes 1 to 6 & 8)			
Champion Class 1.00 <i>Laeliinae</i>	J.Scott		<i>C. Tiny Titan</i>
Runner up	B&N Lakey		<i>L. Chungfong Smile</i>
Champion Class 2.00 <i>Vandaeae</i>	W&M Richardson		<i>V. Fuchs Gold</i>
Runner up	J&N Glover		<i>Van. Pine Rivers</i>
Class 3.00 <i>Dendrobium</i>	R&G Bills		<i>Den. Ray's Twist x Den. Kuranda Blue x</i>
Runner up	M&S Rowcliffe		<i>Den. Airy Crimson</i>
Class 4.00 <i>Oncidiinae</i>	T&E Dean		<i>Milt. Sandy's Cove</i>
Runner up	M&C Dahler		Hwra. Mary Eliza
Class 5.00 <i>Paphiopedilum</i>	W&M Richardson		<i>Paph. Honey</i>
Runner up	T&E Dean		<i>Phrag. Sedenii</i>
Champion Class 6.00 Other Genera	J&N Glover		<i>Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'</i>
Runner up	T&E Dean		<i>Zga. Ashton</i>
Champion Class 8.00 Foliage / Fern	J. Scott		Anthurium
Runner up	J&S Frisch		Draceana
Display Large	1 st	T&E Dean	
	2 nd	M&S Rowcliffe	
Display Small	1 st	Z Kidman, M Richardson, M Lyons	
	2 nd	J Hogan, T Breingan, R Bills	
Container Garden	1 st	R&L Mann	
	2 nd	J&M Bloxsom	
Class	Place	Grower	Orchid Name
Class 1.00 <i>Laeliinae</i>			
1.01 Standard shape, bloom size over 100mm, predominately White	1 st	J.Scott	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Bells</i>
	2 nd	R&L Mann	<i>Blc. Bow Bells</i>
1.02 Standard shape, bloom size over 100mm, Mauve/ Purple shades	1 st	J.Scott	<i>Rlc. Donna Kimura</i>
	2 nd	R.&G Bills	<i>Rth. Dal's Girl</i>
1.03 Standard shape, bloom size over 100mm, any other colour	1 st	B&N Lakey	<i>Rlc Tainan Gold</i>
	2 nd	K&P Marsden	<i>Rsc. Alma Kee</i>
1.04 Standard shape, bloom size up to 100mm, predominately White	1 st	R&G Bills	<i>Blc. Burdekin Heights</i>
	2 nd	N/A	
1.05 Standard shape, bloom size up to 100mm, Mauve/ Purple shades	1 st	T&E Dean	<i>C. Deception Palouse</i>
	2 nd	J.Scott	<i>Rolf. Coconut Ice</i>
1.06 Standard shape, bloom size up to 100mm, any other colour	1 st	T&E Dean	<i>Blc. Valley Isle Success</i>
	2 nd	J.Scott	<i>Rlc. Husky Boy</i>

1.07 Standard shape, miniature plant size, bloom size up to 75mm	1 st	J.Scott	C. Tiny Titan
	2 nd	B&N Lakey	L. Chungfong Smile
1.08 Non standard, Cluster, not less than five (5) blooms per stem	1 st	M&S Rowcliffe	Bc. Binosa
	2 nd	R&G Bills	Lc. Scarlet Imp
1.09 Non standard, any other	1 st	J.Scott	C. Jennifer Margaret
	2 nd	B&N Lakey	B. Little Stars
Class 2.00 Vandae (excluding Phalaenopsis)			
2.01 Vanda, standard shape, bloom size over 65mm	1 st	J&M Bloxsom	V. Crownfox Diva
	2 nd	T&E Dean	V. Somsri Sunset
2.02 Vanda, standard shape ,bloom size 30mm up to 65mm	1 st	W&M Richardson	V. Fuchs Gold
	2 nd	T&E Dean	Van. Blue Fairy
2.03 Vanda, standard shape, bloom size under 30mm	1 st	J&N Glover	Van. Pine Rivers
	2 nd	J&M Bloxsom	Van. Pine Rivers 'John'
2.04 Vandae, non-standard shape, bloom size over 65mm	1 st	T&E Dean	Aranda Christine X V. Piswong
	2 nd	J.Scott	V. Rinka
2.05 Vandae, non-standard shape, bloom size 30mm to 65mm	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
2.06 Vandae, non-standard shape, bloom size under 30mm	1 st	T&E Dean	Prra. Luke Thai
	2 nd	B&N Lakey	V. Hsinying Starlight
Class 3.00 Dendrobium			
3.01 Phalaenanthe type, predominately White	1 st	J&S Frisch	Den. Emperor Pak Bung
	2 nd	R&G Bills	Den. Magic White
3.02 Phalaenanthe type, predominately Purple/Mauve	1 st	J.Scott	Den. Four Seasons X Den. Autumn Carnival
	2 nd	J&M Bloxsom	Den. bigibbum X Den. Rebecca Jane
3.03 Phalaenanthe type, any other colour.	1 st	J&S Frisch	Den. Burana Candy x
	2 nd	M&S Rowcliffe	Den. Jade Junior
3.04 Phalaenanthe – peloric (Pansy or Ekapol type)	1 st	T&E Dean	Den. Humming Butterfly
	2 nd	M&C Dahler	Den. Ekapol 'King of Kings'
3.05 Intermediate type	1 st	M&S Rowcliffe	Den. Airy Crimson
	2 nd	J.Scott	Den. Miss Singapore
3.06 Spatulata type	1 st	R&G Bills	Den. Ray's Twist x Den. Kuranda Blue x
	2 nd	J.Scott	Den. Cherub
3.07 Any Other type	1 st	M&S Rowcliffe	Den. keithii
	2 nd	N/A	
Class 4.00 Oncidiinae			
4.01 Oncidiinae over 75mm	1 st	K&P Marsden	Brs. Rex x Mtssa. Goodale's Gift
	2 nd	P&D l'Anson	Alcra. Pacific Nova
4.02 Oncidiinae 40mm to 75mm	1 st	T&E Dean	Milt. Sandy's Cove
	2 nd	J.Scott	Onc. Sweet Sugar
4.03 Oncidiinae under 40mm	1 st	M&C Dahler	Howeara (Hwra.) Mary Eliza
	2 nd	J.Scott	Ons. Wildcat
Class 5.00 Paphiopedilum			
5.01 Standard type	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
5.02 Maudiae type characteristics	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
5.03 Brachypetalum / Parvisepalum type characteristics	1 st	T&E Dean	Paph. Tincum
	2 nd	T&E Dean	Paph. Sand Dollar
5.04 Any other type	1 st	W&M Richardson	Paph. Honey
	2 nd	T&E Dean	Phrag. Sedenii
Class 6.00 Other Genera			
6.01 Phalaenopsis	1 st	T&E Dean	Phal. Chian Xen Angel
	2 nd	T&E Dean	Phal. Yu Pin Fireworks X Phal.
6.02 Phragmipedium	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	

6.03 Catasetum & alliance hybrid	1 st	J&N Glover	<i>Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'</i>
	2 nd	J&N Glover	<i>Cyc. Pinepple Popcorn</i>
6.04 Epidendrum (reed stem type)	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
6.05 Any other hybrid	1 st	T&E Dean	<i>Zga. Ashton</i>
	2 nd	K&P Marsden	<i>Cym. Cherry Kisses</i>
Class 7.00 Species			
7.01 Laeliinae (Cattleya, Laelia, Sophronitis, or Brassavola only)	1 st	B&F English	<i>B. flagellaris</i>
	2 nd	W&M Richardson	<i>B. nodosa</i>
7.02 Vandae (excluding Phalaenopsis)	1 st	J&M Bloxsom	<i>Aer. quinquevulnera</i>
	2 nd	J.Scott	<i>Aer. quinquevulnera</i>
7.03 Phalaenopsis	1 st	B&N Lakey	<i>Phal. var. coerulea</i>
	2 nd	J.Scott	<i>Phal .pulcherrima</i>
7.04 Dendrobium, Australian	1 st	J.Scott	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>
	2 nd	T&E Dean	<i>Den. bigibbum f. album</i>
7.05 Dendrobium, Exotic	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
7.06 Oncidiinae	1 st	M&S Rowcliffe	<i>Milt. spectabilis</i>
	2 nd	M&S Rowcliffe	<i>Milt. spectabilis</i>
7.07 Paphiopedilum	1 st	M&C Dahler	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>
	2 nd	N/A	
7.08 Catasetum and Alliance	1 st	J&N Glover	<i>Cyc. warscewiczii</i>
	2 nd	J&N Glover	<i>Cyc. bathiorum</i>
7.09 Any other Australian species	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
7.10 Any other Exotic species	1 st	B&H Hilse	<i>Psh. cochleata</i>
	2 nd	T&E Dean	<i>Gongora galeata</i>
Class 8.00 Foliage / Fern			
8.01 Anthurium (var. andreaenum or schizeraenum)	1 st	J Scott	
	2 nd	N/A	
8.02 Bromelaid	1 st	G&M Maunder	
	2 nd	M&S Rowcliffe	
8.03 Tillandsia or Cryptanthus	1 st	W&M Richardson	
	2 nd	J Scott	
8.04 Succulent or Cactus	1 st	W&M Richardson	
	2 nd	J Scott	
8.05 Bonsai	1 st	J&N Glover	
	2 nd	J&N Glover	
8.06 Any other foliage	1 st	J&S Frisch	
	2 nd	J Scott	
8.07 Adiantum (Maiden Hair Fern)	1 st	N/A	
	2 nd	N/A	
8.08 Lycopodium (Tassel Fern)	1 st	T&G Breingan	
	2 nd	M&S Rowcliffe	
8.09 Nephrolepis (Boston Fern)	1 st	B McArthur	
	2 nd	N/A	
8.10 Any other fern	1 st	J&S Frisch	
	2 nd	T&G Breingan	
Class 9.00 Floral Art			
9.01 Arrangement - using predominately orchid blooms with embellishments	1 st	J Bloxsom	
	2 nd	J Bloxsom	
9.02 Corsage – using predominately orchid blooms	1 st	M Richardson	
	2 nd	M Richardson	



“Grand Champion”
Fdk. After Dark
 'SVO Black Pearl'
 Jeff & Norma
 Glover



“Reserve Champion”
Milt. Sandy's Cove
 Terry & Ellie Dean



Best Exotic Species B & H Hilse - Psh. Cochleata

**SMALL
 DISPLAYS**



Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Julie and Richard Crosland (member no. 122)

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 110 – Tony March

Minutes of previous monthly meeting were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Ellie Dean Seconded David Eggleshaw Carried

Correspondence:

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- The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.
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OUT

Sandra sent letters for show support to Bunnings, Masters and Betascapes. – *Masters replied and donated assorted gardening products for our Autumn Show Raffle – (Will require a Thank You letter to be sent.)*

Sandra sent various emails to media outlets for promotion of our April show.

Moved Sandra Rowcliffe Seconded Margaret Kydd Carried

Treasurer's Report

Read and moved by Bill Richardson Seconded Carsten Christensen Carried

New Growers:

Keith Marsden said there were no new grower's meeting in March. Our February meeting was held at the home of Peter & Toni Jenkinson who he thanked for their hospitality. There will be one in April and the location will be in our April Newsletter.

General Business:

- Gladstone Tri-Annual Weekend. It was decided for future ones in Gladstone that Boyne Island will be required to join with Gladstone for these. Next year it is in Bundaberg in March. Jeff Bloxsom mentioned that it was a great weekend, very nice collections viewed and the venue and food was excellent.
- Nambour Diamond Festival – 11th to 13th June weekend. The Society has sponsored the Vandaceous Section for \$375.00. With extensive club subsidy the weekend will cost \$500 per couple and \$250 for singles. As the dinner has to be paid for in April, a deposit of \$150 per attendee is required to be paid by the April meeting. This deposit is non-refundable as the dinner costs are \$80 per person which is non-refundable, and the remainder will go towards to coach costs. The costs include the coach travel, two nights' accommodation with continental breakfasts, the official dinner and Sunday night dinner at the RSL Club, lunch on Sunday at Montville Café. All attendees will have to pay for is breakfast on the way down, Saturday lunch at the conference and lunch on the return trip home on Monday. The coach will depart Lawrence's Holden at 5.00am on Saturday 11th, returning late afternoon on Monday 13th. Further details will be announced closer to the date. All attendees will be required to bring as small as luggage cases as they can to allow more room for the plant purchases.
- Subscription renewals – currently there are about 50 un-financial members. Membership fees will be required by the April meeting or newsletters will no longer be sent to those members.

- Autumn Show – 2nd & 3rd April. There is a bus of 12 attending from Mackay which has been organised by Rod Shoesmith. Members were asked to nominate what displays they will present, at the time of the meeting there were 3 large displays – Terry & Ellie Dean, Sandra Rowcliffe, Lyn & Richard Mann/Caroline & Mike Dahler. 2 small displays and 7 container displays. Terry Dean & Jeff Glover are organising the judges etc. Judges for Container Displays and Floral Art will be Norma Munroe, and Foliage Joan McCamley. Jeff Bloxsom asked for some of the men to attend an Easter Monday working bee at the high school hall around 2.00pm. This is to set up tables & chairs. Show dinner will be again catered for by Robyn Dunlop at a cost of \$19.50 per head, for club members there will be a subsidy with their cost of \$15.00, which was passed at the last meeting. Members to pay on the night, if any member has to cancel at the last minute those will be asked to cover the dinner costs except in the case of emergencies. Jeff has to give final numbers by mid-week to Robyn. There will be a free morning tea provided for the Mackay bus attendees. Judges and Stewards are required to be at the hall by 7.00am on Saturday, Moyna Richardson is organising the stewards.
- Jeff mentioned that Kevin Lloyd has plants and hangers for sale, his phone number is 4928 2765
- Ken Newsome's family donated Orchid Books to the Club Library. Jeff reminded members that these books are available for members to borrow and that the club has an extensive library.

Plant Commentary:

John Frisch delivered an informative plant commentary. He mentioned at the last meeting that a plant on the Novice bench has looked like it may have been infected with a virus, a sample of this was tested by Bob Lakey with a virus strip, and there was a negative result for the viruses tested.

Exhibitor Raffle: Sandra Rowcliffe

General Raffle: Alan White, Jeff Bloxsom, Keith Marsden x 2, Y'vonne Manning, Zoe Kidman, Carsten Christensen and Sandra Rowcliffe.

The next committee meeting will be held at the home of Bill & Moyna Richardson on 29-03-16 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Jeff Bloxsom (President)

Sandra Rowcliffe (Acting Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results – March 2016

(Plants tabled; Advanced 42; Novice 8)

Judges Choice

Rlc. Glenlee Charlotte

Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Capricorn's Ginger Snap'

Cl. russelliana x *Ctsm.* Orchidglade 'Yokohama'

T&M Handley (no 2 photo below)

J&S Frisch (no 1 photo below)

M&S Rowcliffe (no 3 photo below)

Popular Vote, Advanced

Cattleya over 100mm

Rlc. Chunyeah

M&S Rowcliffe

Cattleya up to 100mm

C. Caudebec

B&N Lakey

Vandaceous over 65mm

V. Blue Hawaii X *V. coerulea*

J&M Bloxsom

Vandaceous up to 65mm

V. Fuchs Spotted Cat

T&E Dean

Dendrobium

Den. Burana Candy x *Den.* Chao Praya Gem

'Delicate Dimensions'

J&S Frisch

Oncidiinae

Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'

M&S Rowcliffe

Miscellaneous

Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Capricorn's Ginger Snap'

J&S Frisch

Novice

Dendrobium

Den. Airy Crimson

G&M Maunder

Miscellaneous

Ctsm. Orchidglade

G&M Maunder

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS

(1)



(2)



(3)



New Growers Report.

The new growers were unable to have a meeting in March due to other commitments. It is not often that Easter and our Autumn Show follow our monthly meeting but it did happen this year.

The April meeting is being held on Saturday 30th April at the home of Terry and Gwen Breingan. Their address is 28 Dowling Street North Rockhampton starting at 2.00pm. It was suggested to me after our previous meeting that a later starting time during our hotter months may be better, possibly running 3.00 to 5.00pm. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and a folding chair. Also prizes, for those you can, for our afternoon raffle, (it does not have to be orchid plants). If you need more information please phone Terry and Gwen on 4922 8623 or me on 4928 2752.

Keith Marsden

ARTICLE ON DEFLASKING BY GREENMAN (Submitted by Hymn)



Greenman has changed his method of deflasking. He mainly does Cattleyas. He takes them out of the flask, washes off all the agar and pots them into tubes using Sphagnum Moss as his media. He names the plants and that is it.

He keeps the sphagnum moist at all times. He does not fertilise as sphagnum does not like chemical fertilisers. He also trialed some this year in community pots in a mix of 1 part granulated styro, 1 part super coarse perlite and 1 part peat. These plants were not big enough to go into tubes so that is why he trialed this. When he saw they were growing he then gave them a little slow release fertiliser. These plants are under cover so he can control the watering.

This is his way but every grower has a different idea. That is the fun of orchid growing, there is no right or wrong mix, just learning how to water and grow in that mix.

Greenman.



APRIL MEMBER PROFILE – JEFFREY GLOVER

My wife Norma and I are both from the area, me Rocky, and Norma, Raglan. We married in 1980 and have 2 children Kristy and Brett, you may have noticed 'Krisett' on some of my plants as a cultivar name. We now have 4 grandchildren as well, Kristy and her husband Tom (2 grandsons) and another grandson and granddaughter (Brett and his wife Kaitlyne).

We found we both had a common interest in plants, mine inherited from my mother whom I can remember helping in the garden when a small child. Norma and I joined Rockhampton Orchid Society in 1986 soon after the birth of our son Brett, prior to this we had been members of Capricorn Orchid and Foliage Club and amassed a large fern and foliage collection. Norma bought me my first orchid a Phalaenopsis in 1981 from Bambrick's Orchids of Koongal. You could say I was completely 'bitten by the orchid bug' and became a qualified judge in 1995 after starting classes in 1988. We moved to our present home and a smaller greenhouse in 1998, moving home was bad enough but with an orchid collection as well is something I recommend not to do too often!

We love belonging to ROSI and in 2006 I was honoured with Life Membership. I can't remember when I have not been on the committee. Going to meetings, shows and trips away with members with the same interest is the great bonus of growing orchids. In addition, we have made very valued life-long friendships through our membership of ROSI.

Originally I collected almost any plant that was an orchid. I now have a mixed collection of about 500 plants comprising Cattleya, Vanda, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Phalaenopsis, Catasetinae and Paphiopedilum. Over the last 10 years my interest has focused on Paphiopedilum and Catasetinae. My orchid-house is 5.4 m x 4.8 m with an opaque polyscrim roof with 70% shade cloth over the roof and sides.

With regard to Paphs, unfortunately they take some mastering in the heat of Rockhampton as they are a semi-terrestrial orchid rather than the majority of the other popular genera we grow which are epiphytic. Hence, they require more water and not to dry out completely. Balancing these requirements of watering in a mixed collection is the key to success. They also require repotting more often and I try to repot no later than 18 months (2 years max) for every plant. Early spring is the best time to repot, however, Paphs can be re-potted at other times, but avoid the cold period around June/July. The mix I use is 2 parts small bark, 1 part small charcoal and 1 part jumbo perlite. Remember, many paphs often do not flower until they 'clump' so getting a flower can be a timely process.

Good luck!

Ellie's Corner



Hello everyone. Welcome to Ellie's Corner for April 2016.

Our Autumn Orchid Show with the Theme "Disneyland of Orchids" took place over the past weekend. It was an amazing effort by one Society to create such a wonderland of orchids. The Disneyland Theme added an additional aura of enchantment. It was a huge amount of work with so many of our members helping in so many ways. Congratulations are due to every member involved. Our patrons were bowled over by the beauty of our Show and so many favourable comments were heard.

It was great to see Alice and Thomas with their Stall, and also Max and Sue, with so many beautiful orchids for sale for us all to choose from to upgrade our collections. Thomas told me that he and Alice had just returned from APOC (Asia Pacific Orchid Conference) in Bangkok at the end of March. They were only home three days and then packed and travelled to our Show. Even though it was mainly business, Thomas found his first international Conference to be very exciting. They bought 400 flasks and met up with some new suppliers. They met some very interesting people from all over the world. They visited some commercial orchid nurseries. One, a simply HUGE nursery of Vandas! Stewie stayed home and looked after everything. He now has a motor bike and side cart and he whizzes around everywhere on it!

We welcomed Rod Shoemsmith who lead a group of twelve from Mackay. They were a happy, friendly group and I hope they enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed seeing them.

Maxine Maunder looked great at the Show dressed as Minnie Mouse. President Jeff borrowed her Minnie ears for a little while, but he didn't look half as cute as Maxine!

I talked with Helen and Ron Rowcliffe (Michael's parents) at the Show. They have joined our Society and they are a lovely bright couple. They come from Sarina and, besides their son Michael, they have a daughter, Sandra. As their daughter-in-law is also called Sandra, there is cause for some confusion. Helen likes reading and gardening and Ron enjoys TV, Star Trek etc. They both love cruising and travelling and have been to England, The Continent, Canada, Alaska and New Zealand, to name a few. They have been married for 48 years.

Doug Chippendale joined our Society last September. He is a sales agronomist (checks farms for pests and diseases) - helps farmers with their crops and sells pesticides and chemicals. He works with Savage, Barker, and Backhouse. He grows orchids and broms and, when he was away from Rockhampton for 18 years his 96 year old grandmother cared for his plants - that's the sort of grandma to have! Doug is now a welcome addition to our Committee.

Congratulations to Gwen and Terry Breingan who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 12th March at the Frenchville Sports Club. Gwen told me it was a lovely surprise organised by their four children and enjoyed by their grandchildren, family and friends. There was a chocolate mud cake – Yummy! Gwen said it was a complete surprise and it was the actual date of their anniversary. All the best, Gwen and Terry.

Joy McCartney's 80th Birthday on March 30th was a cause for great celebration and was marked by three events. Her son, Scott organised a Surprise Party and Joy said it was such a surprise she went into shock! She soon recovered and had a great time. Then there was a family dinner at night with members coming from Bundaberg and Agnes Waters, at the Park Avenue Tavern. Joy's late husband, Bob, loved going there for lunch. The third party the next day was a luncheon with long standing beloved friends from Marlborough and Rockhampton. Joy is a lovely, kind lady and richly deserves the affection she was surrounded by.

Terry and I celebrated our 55th Wedding Anniversary on Easter Saturday, which was April 1st in 1961. This year on our Anniversary, Terry was very busy creating our Display, which left no time for partying!



Happy Birthday to those members celebrating in APRIL:

Ralph Warner 3rd; Ray Stegemann 5th; Val Hewitt, Terry Ahern, John Dahler 7th; Sue Robb 8th; Helen Rowcliffe 9th; Shirley Peters 10th; Rose Tregaea 17th; Jack Martin, Lyn Niven 25th; Bernie Peters 28th; Lyn Mikkelsen 30th.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie Dean

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Your 2016 Orchid Diary

16th April – South Burnett Orchid Society Show

30th April & 1st May – Gympie ADOS Orchid Show &
Gympie Garden Expo

6th to 8th May – Bundaberg Orchid Show

21st & 22nd May – Boyne Tannum Orchid Show

11th & 12th June – STOCQ Orchid Conference - Nambour
12th June STOCQ & OQI Meeting

22nd to 24th July – Caboolture Orchid Show

5th & 6th August – Maroochydore Orchid Show

13th & 14th August – Agnes Waters O & FS Show

1st to 3rd September – Nambour Orchid Show

1st & 2nd October – ROSI Spring Show

27th to 29th October – Nambour OS species show

November – STOCQ & OQI Meeting Bundaberg

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