

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## *Editors notes*

As I write this month's newsletter my thoughts are turning towards our upcoming 10 day South Pacific cruise leaving from Sydney on 4<sup>th</sup> February on Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. Three other couples from Rockhampton are also doing the cruise with us. Being the cyclone season I must admit my fingers are crossed for smooth sailing and lovely weather.

2017 is off to a flying start with January gone, looks like it is going to be another year where Christmas will come by quickly. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter we have a busy year ahead of us. When I wrote that newsletter I commented on the lovely rain we were experiencing, sadly it has become very dry again and we really need much, much more, with recent constant hot and humid days some touching on almost 40 degrees my lawn has become brown and crackly again and gardens and pots are requiring daily watering.

Frustratingly this time of year there seems to be many more pests that want to attack our orchids and one of these is the dendrobium beetle which is out in force at the moment, with my sacrificial crucifix and ground orchids planted outside of the greenhouses bearing the brunt of their onslaught. In this newsletter I have included an article on this destructive pest. My collection was also attacked by a cockroach invasion last year and on advice from Alice of Alice's Orchids I have put rat baits on the shelves and this is working as the baits are being eaten and again I have root growth on my Cattleyas. I must admit I was very disappointed with my orchids for our 2016 Spring Show with not having too many flowering plants as the cockroaches were also eating the flowers.

Reminder that our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and if you wish to nominate a person for an executive committee position that the form must be completed and lodged with our secretary Trish Craig no later than 14<sup>th</sup> February which is 14 days prior to the meeting.

Also for those members who have nominated to participate in our Tri Annual Field Day bus trip to Bundaberg you need to pay for your trip by the next meeting. For anyone who hasn't nominated and would like to go, please contact Jeff Bloxsom with your interest. Cost is \$160.00 which includes coach travel, accommodation, meals etc. Which is fantastic value with the society subsidising members for this trip.

**Membership Fees are now due. The fee is \$30 and must be paid by February meeting to remain financial and allow voting for positions.**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017; 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 - Nat Lakey,  
Sandra Rowcliffe, Doug  
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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 28/02/17  
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by  
7.15pm

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**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

**General Meeting Tuesday 24th January 2017**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** 79 Dianne Thomas, 80 Shirley Kuhl, 87 Bobby Kuhl

**Visitors:** Nil

**Lucky Number:** 49 C Christensen

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

Moved Ellie Dean                      Seconded Maxine Maunder                      **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**IN – NEWSLETTERS**

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. –December 2016

Bankstown Orchid Society – October, November, December 2016

Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc. – December 2016

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. – December 2016

Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. – December 2016

Mid Murray Orchid Club Inc. – December 2016

Nightcliff Orchid Society – January 2017

The Orchid Society of NSW – January 2017

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc. – December 2016

Townsville Orchid Society Inc. – January 2017 & advertising for the Orchid Spectacular in June 2017

Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. – January 2017

**EMAILS**

Notification of STOCQ general meeting, AGM and OQI general meeting at Gympie on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017: also a list of show dates in STOCQ area for 2017.

AOC - Minutes of AGM and minutes of BOM held on 22th October 2016 via Skype.

The Orchid Society of NSW – fund raising idea for AOC 21<sup>st</sup> Orchid Conference in July 2018

**MAIL**

Orchids Australia magazine

Australian Orchids Review magazine

Rock - statements

Thank you card from Pat March and family

**OUT**

Sympathy Cards to Carol McCabe (husband), Nicholson family – Townsville (husband - Wal), Rod Shoesmith – Mackay (mother)

Moved Trish Craig                      Seconded Margaret Kydd                      **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:**

In the treasurer's absence the Treasurer's report was read by Jeff Bloxsom. The motion to approve the report was moved by Jeff Bloxsom

Seconded Alan White                      **Carried**

**New Growers Report:**

As Keith Marsden has stepped down from the position of new growers' leader and David Eggleshaw has not officially begun the 2017 programme, Keith thanked Sandra for the deserved words of praise in the January newsletter. He also reminded us that the first new growers gathering for 2017 will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Sandra will advise the venue and new starting time in the February newsletter.

## General Business:

The president gave an update on the trips to Bundaberg (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March) and to Townsville (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June). In the absence of the treasurer, the president collected payments for both trips and membership payments. As the AGM is next month the president reminded members to think about nominating for the various positions within the society. Nominations for executive positions need to be forwarded to the secretary fourteen days prior to the AGM.

The president also handed out an explanation/instruction sheet for the new plant labelling system which will be in place for the Autumn Show on 8th & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. A spirited discussion took place as members absorbed the information.

**Plant Commentary:** John Frisch gave an informative commentary on the plants tabled at the meeting.

**Exhibiter Raffle:** R & L Mann

**General Raffle:** T Craig, P Marsh, C Christensen, B Hilse, L Humble, K Smith, B Powell, J Glover.

Next committee meeting – Bill & Moyna Richardson’s home – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

*Jeff Bloxom* (President)

*Trish Craig* (Secretary)

## Monthly Competition Results – January 2017.

(Plants Tabled: Advanced 46; Novice 23)

### Judges Choice.

<i>Rnps.</i> Lion’s Splendor	J&M Bloxom
<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	K&R Smith
<i>Gram. scriptum f. citrinum</i>	M&S Rowcliffe

### Popular Vote, Advanced.

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>R/c.</i> Glenlee Charlotte	T&M Handley
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C.</i> Interglossa x <i>Bc.</i> Richard Mueller ‘Capricorns’ Star Performer’	J&S Frisch
Vandaceous over 65mm	( <i>V.</i> Tubtim Velvet x Ponpimol x Manuvadee) ?	J&T Jenkinson
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Rnps.</i> Lion’s Splendor	J&M Bloxom
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> “Airy Crimsom” (not registered)	M&S Rowcliffe
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	K&R Smith
Oncidiinae	<i>Brat.</i> ( <i>Mtssa.</i> ) Shelob ‘Tolkien’	B&H Hilse
Species	<i>Gram. scriptum f. citrinum</i>	M&S Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Ctsm.</i> Karen Armstrong ( <i>Ctsm. denticulatum</i> x Susan Fuchs)	B&N Lakey

### Novice

Cattleya	<i>Ctt.</i> Towering Inferno	C.Christensen
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> “Waterlily” (not registered)	R. Mac Master
Oncidiinae	<i>Brat.</i> ( <i>Mtssa.</i> ) Shelob ‘Tolkien’	R.Wines
Miscellaneous	<i>Gram. scriptum f. citrinum</i>	J.Howes

## JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS

< *Paph.* Prime Child – K & R Smith



*Gram. Scriptum f. citrinum* – M & S Rowcliffe  
(below)

*Rnps.* Lion's Splendor – J & M Bloxsom >



## New Growers Report



With Keith Marsden retiring from his role of New Grower's Leader, David Eggleshaw has agreed to fill this position. Left is a photo of David and his wife Sue at our recent Award's night. We thank David for ensuring that our New Grower's group will have a new leader. As I wrote in January's newsletter David would like assistance from our advanced, experienced growers to ensure these meetings are informative for our novice growers. David would also like host names for our 2017 meetings, so please give it some thought if you would like a meeting at your home and also what month would suit you. Months that we need names for our March, April, May, June, July, September and October.

The first new grower's meeting for February will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. It will be at the home of David and Sue at 49 Peppermint Drive North Rockhampton. The meeting will commence at 2.00pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea, folding chair and a raffle prize or two. For further details phone David on 4936 2293 or his mobile 0499 778 880.



## FEBRUARY MEMBER PROFILE JENNY & PETER MOORE

Our orchid journey started in Blackwater back in the 80's where Peter and I lived and raised our two daughters for 14 years. Back then I really didn't like orchids at all but a friend and a neighbour were determined to convert me and gave me a couple of orchids. These orchids then moved with us to Alton Downs and managed to survive for the next 14 years.

During the late 90's I started attending the Society's shows. I always stopped and listened to Keith's talks and bought an orchid or two. Keith always made it sound so easy to grow and flower orchids and this encouraged me to give it ago.

In 1998 I was a member of Tai Chi and became friends with Trish Craig. During a chat she mentioned her orchids and of course that was how we came to join our Society. She took me along to a New Growers afternoon and I was hooked.

In 2000 we moved into Rockhampton and all my orchids and plants came with us. I have been blessed that Peter has always built me a lovely green house at every house we have lived in. He has put in an enormous amount of time and effort in building the two orchid houses I now have and is always making any changes I want as my orchid needs change. Peter loves his vegetable gardens and fruit trees and we both like to spend time in our yard.

We have 8 beautiful grandchildren who are a total delight to us both and certainly keep us very busy. They all love going with us down to the veggie gardens and always want to help Granddad pick something, even when there is nothing to pick. However, they all learn very quickly that those 'special flowers' are not to be picked .



My favourite orchid has to be the Vanda. In fact the very first orchid I bought at a show was a Vanda which is still going strong. I gained an enormous amount of knowledge from Peter Shelton when I first became interested in them and will always be grateful to him. I also love the hard cane Dens. and of course no collection is complete without Cattleyas. After all these years I think I have finally worked out what I want in my collection and am having a bit more success with growing and flowering, however I have so much more to learn and we look forward to many more years of friendship and orchid growing with everyone in our Society .



Below I have recycled this article on the Dendrobium Beetle, being that it is a pest that is always present and is the scourge to all orchid growers. I have included photos of the beetle, a pair of mating beetles and the subsequent larvae that they produce.

### Dendrobium Beetle: (Stethopachys Formosa)



This pretty little beetle is one of the curses of the orchid grower, we have many pests that try to eat, suck and do other dastardly things to our babies. But the Dendrobium beetle is one you definitely don't want in your bush house.

Some people say that they only like our Dendrobiums to eat but I have found over the years that they might have a preference for Dens but really aren't fussed too much what genera of orchid they eat. The female lays her eggs on the new growths or buds and flowers, but you will mostly find them on new growths and when the eggs hatch out in approximately 10 – 12 days time, the larvae will then tunnel its way into the centre of the stem which will cause the whole stem to die back.

They pupate in a white – waxy substance that resembles poly styrene, which is designed to protect the larvae until it becomes adult, this takes around 15 days. The beetle is detectable by its gold stripe with a black band across the base and 3 black markings in the shoulder region. The larvae is a creamy colour short and dumpy and covered in a slimy goo, then when they advance in the stage towards adult hood they produce a whitish foam and are generally found at the base of your orchid. They are then at their most destructive stage the adults will eat any flowers, and can decimate new growths as well as new leaves, this can happen in a very short space of time.

Control, first make sure your bush house is insect proof, I consider this is a must to boost your chances of having a grand champion. Some of the learned people will tell you that any spray suitable for beetles will bring about their demise but I have found the block A block B method to be the best. If you find one on a plant, place your hand beneath the beetle and try and grab the little sucker, if you miss him (or her), you'll find that they drop vertically and take it from me if they land on the mix or floor it's virtually impossible to find them. Hopefully they'll lob in your hand, you then decapitate them.

Hymn



## Ellie's Corner

Welcome to Ellie's Corner for February 2017. It was great to catch up with everyone last week at our first meeting for the year.

We were all saddened to learn that John McCabe passed away on Christmas Day at 7 am. Carol said that John had suffered a stroke two weeks' before and she felt that God was kind in taking him home to heaven as he would have hated being in a nursing home. John was 74 and had previously enjoyed good health – this was his first time in hospital. John and Carol celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last year. Our love and prayers go to Carol, their two daughters Judith and Susan and son Mark and their families. Carol is a loyal and loved member of our Society,

Another sad loss on Christmas Day was Diane Hill, who is Terry Breingan 's sister. Gwen told me that Diane had been ill for some time. Our thoughts and prayers are with Terry and Gwen and family.

Pat March told me at our last meeting that she is moving in to a lower more modern home with a smaller garden, which is located closer to her son and his family. Pat's husband Owen died 11th November aged 74 years. Owen was a very helpful and cheerful person who enjoyed helping at our Shows. He is greatly missed by so many of us.

We welcomed Clive and Narelle Russell as new members of our Society in October. Narelle has a small orchid collection. She works at Shalom Nursing Home on a casual basis and Clive is retired. They have three adult children – daughter Kate and her husband Graeme who live in Rockhampton, son Daniel in Brisbane, and son Mark who lives near Yandaran and has five children. Narelle celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

We send our love and sympathy to John and Jan Hogan on the loss of their son, Bradley on 16<sup>th</sup> January in Brisbane. He had been very ill for four years and he suffered further complications from the drugs he was treated with. He was 45 and will be remembered and missed by all who loved him. Our prayers are with you John and Jan.

In October, 2 Mammams and their gals that is Sharyn Frisch, her sister-in-law Ruth and their daughters Shelley & Heidi embarked on a trip to China. They spent almost 3 weeks discovering the National Treasures in that country - among them were the Terracotta Warriors in Xian and conquering The Great Wall near Beijing. Climbing to the top of the wall was no mean feat!!! 4 days were spent cruising up the Yangtze and inspecting the amazing 3 Gorges Dam. The food was wonderful and the experience was fantastic but because of the smog and the crowds, there is no desire to go back!! A few days in lovely Hong Kong visiting the Big Buddha atop Ngong Ping on Lantau Island, the flower markets and all manner of markets was enjoyed on the return trip. They had such a good time together that they (minus 1 gal) have booked another trip for the middle of this year.

ALL the Frisch clan gathered for a wonderful Christmas at their daughters, Shelley's and Kim's because they have not only a huge covered barbecue area, but also a pool and air-conditioning!! Their son Ashley with wife Katie and their new born Riley Paige drove from Townsville to introduce their new baby to her cousins in Emerald. Katie's Mother from Colorado and her sister from Perth accompanied them. I think Riley was more popular than Santa!! There were 12 of them in the house and 2 extras came for Christmas lunch.



Happy Birthday to those celebrating in March: David Eggleshaw 1<sup>st</sup>; Clarry Smith and Patricia I'anson 6<sup>th</sup>; Helen Hilse and Di Cornale 7<sup>th</sup>; Richard Cornale 8<sup>th</sup>; Gwen Breingan 10<sup>th</sup>; Jeff Bloxsom, Lynne Mann and Maxine Maunder 11<sup>th</sup>; Bob Lakey 12<sup>th</sup>; Sandra Rowcliffe 13<sup>th</sup>; Michael Rowcliffe 14<sup>th</sup>; Terry Dean 21<sup>st</sup>; Alan Mikkelsen 23<sup>rd</sup>; Fred Rosel 24<sup>th</sup>; Daphne O'Brien 27<sup>th</sup>; Gloria Wakefield 29<sup>th</sup>; Joy McCartney 30<sup>th</sup>.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

*Ellie*

Below are some popular vote winners from January Meeting





**ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR EXECUTIVE POSITION**

We the undersigned, financial members of the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc

Hereby nominate: .....

For the Position of: .....

Proposer.....Signature.....

Secunder.....Signature.....

I, .....Being a financial member of the Society

Accept the nomination.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE .....

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## **Your 2017 ROSI Orchid Diary**

- 11<sup>th</sup> February – STOCQ AGM & OQI Meeting Gympie  
**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March – Bundaberg Bus Trip**  
18<sup>th</sup> March – Childers and IDOS Show  
**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April – ROSI Autum Show**  
8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April – Sunshine Coast Orchid Show  
14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April – Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Club Easter  
Display and Plant Sales  
15<sup>th</sup> April – South Burnet Orchid Show - Wondai  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May – Gympie & DOS Show & Garden Expo  
12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May – Bundaberg Orchid Society Show  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June – Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Show  
**9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June – Bus Trip to Townsville Orchid Spectacular  
& TQOC Conference**  
21<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Caboolture Orchid Show  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August – Maroochydore Orchid Show  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August – Agnes Water Orchid Show  
12<sup>th</sup> August – STOCQ Meeting Agnes Water  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Nambour Orchid Show  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Childers Orchid Show  
14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September – Maryborough Orchid Show  
**23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September – ROSI Spring Show**  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Glasshouse Country Orchid Show  
27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October – Nambour Species Show  
4<sup>th</sup> November – STOCQ Meeting – hosted by Glasshouse  
Country Orchid Club  
8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November – World Orchid Conference Ecuador
- Date to be advised – ROSI Christmas Barbecue**
- Date to be advised – ROSI Christmas Dinner & Award  
Evening**

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Meetings are held on the fourth  
Tuesday of each month (excluding  
December) at St Stephens  
Presbyterian Church Hall, Burnett  
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