Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

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Editors notes

Well here we are into our second month already and only a few weeks until the Tri-annual Field Day Weekend on 10th & 11th March. Our annual Autumn Show then comes up four weeks later on 14th & 15th April.

The Annual General Meeting is on the 27th February and yearly memberships must be paid by that date to enable members the right to vote at the meeting. I have again included the membership renewal form for 2018 with the \$30 fee due to be paid by 27-02-18. Fees can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer, a Bank Deposit (bank details on form) or cash at the meeting. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DEPOSIT**



This month is the last newsletter I will be compiling. I have decided to step down from the role of Newsletter Editor. I have held the position for three years and felt I needed a change with my new job involving up to nine hours a day on the computer; my eyes were feeling the strain from so many hours in front of the screen, and as I am working a longer working day it means I was working on the newsletters quite late at night. I will still be kept busy though working on grant submissions and promotion for our upcoming STOCQ Conference in 2019, not compiling the newsletter will also allow me additional time to devote to these tasks. I wish the new editor well.

As mentioned at our January General Meeting David Eggleshaw has stepped down from the position of New Growers Leader. David did an excellent job and ably filled the role after he replaced Keith Marsden, it is sad to see him resign and we thank him for his drive and enthusiasm while in this position. What happens next with the New Growers will be up for discussion at our General Meeting and I am sure all members agree that this is an essential gathering for our members, not only learning new things about orchids and their care but also enjoying the social aspect of these meetings with other members. (24)



It is with much sadness that I report that Ellie Dean is no longer able to compile Ellie's Corner for our newsletter. Sadly Ellie's health has deteriorated considerably and she was moved into the Catherine Macaulay Ward on 1st February. Ellie and her husband Terry have been with the Society since its inception and they have both contributed greatly in many roles and ways. It is a very sad and stressful time for Terry and I am sure all members wish him well and would kindly offer any assistance should he require it. The photo to the left was taken of Ellie and Terry at our Christmas Awards Dinner on 10th December 2017.

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 $6^{\rm th}$ March 2018; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. Ed.



R.O.S.I MEETING DATES 2018

General Meeting Tuesday 23rd **January** AGM & Gen. Meeting Tuesday 27th **February New growers Saturday 3rd March** 3pm - This is to be confirmed General Meeting Tuesday 27th March New growers Saturday 24th (Due to Easter on 31st March) 3pm - Venue to be advised General Meeting Tuesday 24th <u>April</u> New growers Saturday 28^t 2pm - Marsden's Home **General Meeting Tuesday 22nd** May New growers Saturday 26th 2pm - Venue to be advised General MeetingTuesday 26th June New growers Saturday 30th 2pm - Venue to be advised General Meeting Tuesday 24th July New growers Saturday 28^t 2pm - Venue to be advised General Meeting 28th August New growers Saturday 1st Sept 2pm - Rowcliffe's Home General Meeting Tuesday 25th September No New growers Due Spring Show General Meeting Tuesday 23rd October New growers Saturday 27^{tl} 3pm - Venue to be advised General Meeting Tuesday 27th November New growers Saturday 24^t 3pm - Venue to be advised

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General Meeting Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Attendance: As per register **Apologies:** As per register

New Members: Christa Tollner, Rodney & Mirriam Black, Eric Lewis

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 63 – not claimed as member not at meeting.

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

Moved M Lyons Seconded P Rankin Carried

Correspondence:

IN – NEWSLETTERS

Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Soc. Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc. Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

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Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc. Inc. Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Soc. Inc.

Emails re:

Australian Orchid Council: Minutes of 57th AGM & minutes of 25th Board of Meeting held on 28/10/17

Request from Qld Orchid Soc. for Society details - 2018 Field Day Mackay & District Orchid Soc.: 10th June 2018

AWZ Orchids: Information regarding plants available at AO Conference in Sydney 2018

Mail:

The Rock: Statements
Orchids Australia

Australian Orchid Review

OUT

Reply to Qld Orchid Soc.

Motion that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence endorsed:

Moved T Craig Seconded Z Kidman Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by B Richardson Seconded K Smith Carried

General Business:

Autumn Show

Displays: There are not enough people able to do large displays any more. A motion to do away with large and small displays and replace them with one size - 1.5m x 1m and to award 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings in this category was moved by J Glover & seconded by B Lakey.

Carried

It was agreed that there will be no theme for the displays.

AGM

Annual fees are due before the AGM on 27th February 2018

Nominations for Executive positions must be in the hands of the Secretary in writing at least two weeks prior to the AGM. Nominations for other positions may be taken from the floor at the AGM.

Triennial Weekend – 10th & 11th March 2018

Acceptances from Bundaberg, Gladstone, Boyne Island, Agnes Water Clubs; possibly Hervey Bay as well.

No numbers of attendees have been received yet. Details of the programme for the weekend will be published in the newsletter.

STOCQ Conference 2019

There is a possible change of venue. This will depend on costings – we do not have firm quotes yet.

Plant Commentary:

John Frisch welcomed everyone to the new year and gave an interesting and informative commentary on the orchids tabled.

As the members of the novice section are tabling a greater number of orchids at general meetings Terry Dean moved that the Novice Cattleya section be divided into large and small categories in line with the Advanced Growers; and in the advanced section Catasetinae orchids no longer be included in Miscellaneous but will be exhibited in a separate section of their own.

Seconded Sue Eggleshaw Carried

Exhibiter Raffle: T March

General Raffle: R & J Crosland, R Wines, J Bloxsom, C Christensen, M Handley, Z Kidman, M Black, L Humble.

Meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Next committee meeting will be held at Trish Craig's home on Tuesday 30th January commencing at 7.00pm.

Jeff Bloxsom (President) 7rish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results – January 2018 (Plants tabled: Advanced 35; Novice 21)

<u>Judges Choice</u>.

Aer. Korat Koki x V. Bigness

Phal. Jiuhbao Fairy x Phal. Carmela's Wonder

Phrag. Brysa

J&N Glover

T&M Handley

B&H Hilse

M&S Rowcliffe Popular Vote – Advanced. Thw. Chief Sweet Orange ? P&T Jenkinson Cattleya up to 100mm С. Esmeralda V. Percy's Red Beauty Vandaceous over 65mm J&M Bloxsom T&E Dean Vandaceous up to 65mm V. Fuchs Spotted Cat Dendrobium Den. "Twisted Blue" (name not registered) J&S Frisch **Phalaenopsis** *Phal.* Jiuhbao Fairy x *Phal.* Carmela's Wonder T&M Handley Miscellaneous Ctsm. Double Down **T&M Handley**

Novice.

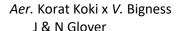
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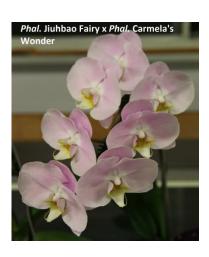
JUDGES FOR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Jeff Glover - Bernard Hilse - Nat Lakey

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS







Phal. Jiuhbao Fairy x Phal. Carmelo's Wonder T & M Handley



Phrag. Brysa B & S Hilse

R.O.S.I SNIPPETS

Compiling this is difficult for me as this is the area of the newsletter that has delivered Ellie's Corner for many years, if any members have some news to share could you please email or post the details to the Editor. Sharyn Frisch has kindly sent in news to include this month.



<Photo of John & Sharyn presented with their Awards by Jeff Bloxsom</p>

The reason John & Sharyn weren't at the ROSI Christmas dinner is because they left for a 2 week sojourn on Great Keppel Island with ALL their family - 6 adults and 4 kids!

This all came about as their son Ashley needed to continue with one of his research projects. Ten years ago, Ashley collected data on Clown Fish and their symbiotic partners, Anemones. He was back 5 years later and this year he needed the ten year data set to complete the project. So it was decided that as it was school holiday time, they would rent a house and they would ALL go. Hiking, snorkeling, swimming, sailing, fishing and lots of board games in between kept them all very busy.

It was at this time Ashley received some great news. His research paper about the function and ecological importance of sharks on coral reefs, which was published in the science journal "Coral Reefs" was recently awarded "paper of the year" by the International Society for Reef Studies. A very well deserved award, not only for his and his team's determination and focus, but also for their contribution to science itself, especially in light of the Global Warming effects on our reef.

Christmas was enjoyed at the Frisch Family home - this won't happen again for at least 2 years.



Happy Birthday to those members celebrating in February.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Ellie at this difficult time in her life, such a positive lady who valiantly fought health issues for many years. Her devotion to bringing happiness and smiles to so many people in a totally unselfish manner is something I have always admired and cherished.

R.O.S.I. TRI-ANNUAL FIELD WEEKEND – 10TH/11TH MARCH 2018



IT IS OUR TURN AGAIN TO HOST THIS WEEKEND

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND IS AS FOLLOWS

WE WILL COMMENCE WITH A MEET & GREET FOR OUR VISITORS AT THE ROCKHAMPTON BOWLS CLUB- VICTORIA PARADE - WITH A LIGHT MORNING TEA AROUND 10.00AM

FROM THERE THEY WILL VISIT ONE COLLECTION IN R'TON THEN WILL HEAD OFF TO THE CAPRICORN COAST FOR THE AFTERNOON. THERE ARE 3 BUSH HOUSES TO VISIT AND A SIT DOWN SERVED LUNCH AT THE CAPRICORN TAVERN — SCENIC HIGHWAY TARANGABA

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER WILL BE AT THE ROCKHAMPTON LEAGUES CLUB CAMBRIDGE STREET 7.00PM START - A SIT DOWN ALTERNATE CHOICE DINNER OUR USUAL LARGE MULT-DRAW RAFFLE – DOOR PRIZE

SUNDAY WILL START AT 8.00AM WITH A VISIT TO OUR ROCKHAMPTON HERITAGE VILLAGE MARKETS
THEN ON TO VISIT A NUMBER OF COLLECTIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE.
WEEKEND WILL FINISH WITH A FAREWELL LUNCH AT THE NORTH ROCKHAMPTON BOWLS CLUB
GLENMORE ROAD AROUND 1.30PM

THE TOTAL COST OF THE WEEKEND IS \$70.00 EACH

SATURDAY LUNCH – CAPRICORN TAVERN - \$15.00 SATURDAY DINNER – LEAGUES CLUB - \$35.00 SUNDAY LUNCH – NORTH ROCKHAMPTON BOWLS CLUB - \$20.00

YOU MAY ATTEND ALL OF THE MEALS OR ONLY SOME - WE DO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY DINNER AT THE LEAGUES CLUB AND THE SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE NORTH ROCKHAMPTON BOWLS CLUB YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS FIELD WEEKEND ENSURES THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE A COUPLE OF COACHES VISITING AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ON THEIR COACHES INSTEAD OF HAVING A LINE OF VEHICLES FOLLOWING AROUND – IF YOU WILL BE USING YOUR OWN VEHICLE – PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT ANY OF THE HOSTS BUSH HOUSES UNTIL THE COACHES HAVE ARRIVED AND PARKED. ALSO ALLOW OUR VISITORS FIRST AT SALES PLANTS

NUMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED AT OUR NEXT MEETING- WHICH IS THE AGM 27TH FEBRUARY

MEALS MUST BE PAID FOR AT THE MEETING.

TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO ATTEND A \$5.00 SUBSIDY WILL APPLY FOR THE SATURDAY DINNER

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHOW OUR VISITORS YOUR SUPPORT

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2018



I have great pleasure in presenting my report for 2018

Once again our Society has had a very successful and progressive year. Our current financial situation is very healthy and quite adequate to cover the annual needs of our Society. This is mainly due to the profits from our shows and various raffles run throughout the year.

Our two shows – Autumn Show in April and Spring Show in September once again proved very successful and enjoyable to all members and the public alike, with almost 1000 people attending both shows. After all, our shows are mainly organised for the public, hence the format of our shows, individual displays and our popular plant sales.

Last June our Society attended the TQOC Conference in Townsville with over 60 members making the trip, we had an almost full tour coach and a few members travelled up in their own vehicles. Several of our Judges and our Student Judges assisted with the judging at the conference. Some of member's enjoyed success with their tabled plants. The weekend was a great success and very enjoyable for all participants.

This year in March we host the Tri-annual field weekend for C.Q. Societies. A great social weekend should be enjoyed by all involved. Rockhampton hosts the event every three years with 2017 Bundaberg's turn and Gladstone's hosted it in 2016.

Once again we attracted several new members and it is good to see. Bob Lakey created a new website for the Society and has done a wonderful job, the content and photos are excellent. Sandra Rowcliffe is currently working on a Facebook page which will be required for the STOCQ Conference Event Page we are hosting in September 2019. This year the committee will work on sourcing grants and sponsorships for this event. I am able to confirm that the venue will be Korte's Resort on the Bruce Highway at Parkhurst.

The success of any club is governed by its members and that is the reason why our club has been so successful over the years and I am sure will continue for many more years to come. We have a great membership which supports and organises our various shows and functions year after year.

In closing this report, I would just like to offer my personal thanks to my hard working executive and committee for their support and help during this year in helping with the many things that are necessary to maintain a successful Society such as ours. Also to all members, the life blood of any Society, a big thank you for your support in making our Society what it is today.

To all a happy, healthy growing year enjoying your orchids.

Jeff Bloxsom President

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

<><<<MEETING NIGHT - ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES>>>>>

The monthly popular vote competition is divided into two groups.

ADVANCED AND NOVICE

Upon joining the society, if you have had no experience in growing orchids – you will be placed in the novice group. If you have had extensive previous experience in orchid culture – you will be placed in the advanced group. The winner of the novice group each year will automatically advance to the advanced section. If you are still in the novice section after a period of 10 years membership you will also automatically advance to the advanced section.

Plants are tabled in both the advanced and novice groups under the following sections:-

<<<ADVANCED SECTION>>>

CATTLEYA –OVER 100mm	DENDROBIUM	ONCIDIINAE
CATTLEYA – UP TO 100mm	PAPHIOPEDILUM	SPECIES ALL GENERA
VANDACEOUS – OVER 65mm	PHALAENOPSIS	MISCELLANEOUS
VANDACEOUS – UP TO 65mm	CATASETINAE	

<<<NOVICE SECTION>>>

CATTLEYA – OVER 100mm	DENDROBIUM	SPECIES ALL GENERA
CATTLEYA – UP TO 100mm	ONCIDIINAE	MISCELLANEOUS
VANDACEOUS		

Plants must be owned and grown by the member for at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to being tabled at a meeting. Each section requires a minimum of three plants, except in the miscellaneous section. In the event of a section not having three plants, then, if in any of the two Cattleya sections, or any of the two Vandaceous sections they are combined, in any other section they are moved to miscellaneous. On recommendation from the registrar and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, sections may be increased or altered to suit flowing orchids tabled.

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION.

A grower is awarded one point for tabling a plant or plants – on a popular vote by all members – a point is awarded to each winner in each section. The member with the greatest number of points for the year is the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

JUDGES CHOICE COMPETITION

Three members which will include two accredited judges and one associate judge will be nominated in the ROSI newsletter each month to select three plants from all those tabled as being outstanding blooms of the night. The grower receiving the greatest number of points for the year shall be declared the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater no of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

COMPETITION PRIZES.

In winning a voting section or judge's choice at each monthly meeting, cash prizes of \$5-00 per popular vote winner and \$10-00 per Judges Choice will be presented at the annual Christmas function-presentation night held by the ROSI. A perpetual trophy as well as a smaller trophy to keep will be awarded to the winners of the advanced and novice popular vote competition and the member gaining the most points in the Judges choice competition during the year.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY

Competition for this trophy commences December 1st and closes November 30th of the following year. This trophy is awarded to the member/owner of a plant receiving the highest award/points for an orchid. The highest award being an award from the AOC – STOCQ then followed by a ROSI club award. In the case where no plants had been awarded for the year then the trophy will go to the best prize winner of an orchid state conference/ROSI show in that order. In the case of a draw the trophy will be shared and also be presented at our annual Christmas/Presentation night. (The allocation of the trophy in this section may be changed pending a decision by the ROSI executive members.)

BEST ORCHID EXHIBITOR - ROSI - AUTUMN/SPRING SHOWS.

This trophy is awarded to the member who acquires the most points for plants exhibited at our combined two annual shows. Points are awarded as follows:- 2pts for a first and 1pt for a second regardless of that plant attaining a major prize at the show.

NOTE:

To enter any of the above competitions you must be an active member of the ROSI and have attended a least (3) official functions of the ROSI. This includes monthly meetings, ROSI workshops or show.

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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM – 2018

Your annual fees are due to be paid by Our Annual General Meeting 27/02/18

Fees can now be direct deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer or by Bank Deposit into our Rock account

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OTHERWISE UNNAMBED DEPOSITS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS DONATIONS TO ROSI.

Popular Vote Winners – January Meeting



















<u>CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER – PHOTOGRAPHS</u>





































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Your 2018 ROSI Orchid Diary

To be completed when I have all the Societies show dates.

10th & 11th March – Tri-Annual Field Days – R'ton 17th March - Childers and IDOS Charity Show 30th & 31st March Bribie Orchid Society Show 30^{th} March to 2^{nd} April – Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Club **Easter Display and Plant Sales** 6th & 7th April – Caloundra Autumn Show 14th & 15th April – ROSI Autumn Show 21st April - South Burnett Orchid Show - Wondai 5th & 6th May – Gympie & DOS Show & Garden Expo 11th & 12th May - Noosa DO & FS Show - Cooroy 10th to 12th May – Bundaberg Orchid Society Show 26th & 27th May – Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Show 16th June - STOCO Meeting - Maryborough 13^{th} to 15^{th} July – Qld Garden Expo - Nambour 18th to 22nd July 21st AOC Conference - Hawkesbury 20th to 22nd July - Caboolture Orchid Show 10th to 11th August - Maroochydore Orchid Show 11th & 12th August - Agnes Water Orchid Show 31st August & 1st September - Nambour Orchid Show 31st Aug & 1st Sept - Childers Orchid Show 14th & 15th September – Noosa O&FS Show ??????? - Maryborough Orchid Show TBA September - Caloundra Spring Show (closed show) 29th & 30th September – ROSI Spring Show 21st & 22nd September - Glasshouse Country Orchid Show 12th & 13th October - Bribie IOS Show

Date to be advised – ROSI Christmas Dinner & Award Evening

2nd & 3rd November - Nambour Species Show

10th November - STOCO Meeting Caboolture

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