

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Editors notes



Happy New Year to all and what a packed year we have planned for 2017, first our Tri-City Annual Field Days Bus Trip to Bundaberg in March, followed by our Autumn Show in April. June sees us making the trek to Townsville to attend the TQOC Conference and following that our Spring Show in September. In between some of us will be travelling to near and far centres for their Orchid Shows as well.

Our Christmas Awards Dinner was a fantastic end to 2016 with our attendees numbering around 110 members. A majority of us will have an additional plant or two from the Multi Draw Raffle and/or door prizes to add to our collections. Inside this newsletter are photos from our dinner and results from our yearly competition. (49)



Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in February and in this newsletter I have included the Nomination Form for Executive Positions which must be completed and forwarded to our Secretary, Trish Craig, prior to the AGM. Also included is the membership renewal form for 2017 with the \$30 fee due to be paid by 28-02-17, payment will ensure members are financial to enable them to vote at the AGM, the 2016 Minutes is included for you to read.



On a sad note my deepest sympathy to our member Carol McCabe and her family on the passing of her husband John on Christmas Day. Our thoughts are with you all at this very sad time.

As I write my notes we are experiencing some lovely rainy weather and everything looks lush and green, with lawns needing mowing. For me it means I don't have to water three of my greenhouses (just the solid roof one), and outside gardens and potted plants which allows me more time to get to repotting my orchids, something that is well overdue and taking much time catching up on especially when working full time, the weekends just don't have enough hours. I hope all members had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year Break and are looking forward to 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 27th January 2017 as I leave for holidays on 3rd February; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Ed.*

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With the closing of Webber's Retravision there is the opportunity for another business to be the sponsor of our Society. If you are interested & know someone who would be interested please contact the editor on svpsli@bigpond.net.au

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry, Jeff & Bernard

Assistants - Nat Lakey,
Peter Jenkinson, Doug
Chippendale

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 24/01/17
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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General Meeting Tuesday 22nd November 2016

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 71 - T & W Ahern

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

Moved Ellie Dean Seconded Zoe Kidman **Carried**

Correspondence:

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Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc.

Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc.

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Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Redcliffe District Orchid Soc. Inc.

EMAILS

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

MAIL

Statement from the Rock

Christmas card from City Printing Works

Thank you letter from Sharyn Frisch

OUT

Sympathy Cards to Pat March and Tony March and family.

Moved Trish Craig Seconded Margaret Lyons **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 B Hulse and seconded by Alan White **Carried**

New Growers Report:

Keith Marsden spoke about the BBQ and thanked Gwen and Terry Breingan for hosting it again. Fifty three members attended. Keith announced that he would be stepping down as new growers' leader. Gwen Breingan thanked Keith for all the time and effort he has put into the new growers over many years.

General Business:

The president proposed that, from now on, anyone who had been a novice grower member of the society for ten years would automatically become an advanced grower if they had not already progressed by attaining the highest points as a novice grower in a previous year.

Moved P Jenkinson Seconded T Ahern **Carried**

The STOCQ Meeting at Bargara on 12th November was attended by Jeff Bloxsom and Jeff Glover. At the conference the STOCQ ratified our application to hold the STOCQ Conference in Rockhampton in September 2019.

We have received an invitation from Alice Zeirk of Alice's Orchids in Townsville to attend a private opening and viewing of Alice's Orchids including dinner, drinks and free raffles when we are in Townsville for the 70th anniversary orchid show in 2017.

Monthly Competition Results – November 2016.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 48; Novice 16)

Judges Choice.

Vct. South East Pearl
(*Phal.* Hsinying Leopard x Sogo Cherry) 'Kaysie'
Encyclia Chiapas

T&E Dean
T&E Dean
R.Wines

Popular Vote, Advanced.

Cattleya
Vandaceous over 65mm
Vandaceous up to 65mm
Dendrobium
Phalaenopsis
Oncidiinae
Species
Miscellaneous

Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond 'Orchis'
V. Somsri Sunset
Van. Pine Rivers 'Chao Praya'
Den. Gold Mine ? (not registered)
(*Phal.* Hsinying Leopard x Sogo Cherry) 'Kaysie'
Onc. Ruth's Rainbow
V. *tessellata*
Zns. Cynosure 'Blue Birds'

M&S Rowcliffe
T&E Dean
J&M Bloxson
J&S Frisch
T&E Dean
J&S Frisch
K&R Smith
B&H Hilse

Novice

Cattleya
Miscellaneous

C. Dendi's Perfection 'Kaye'
Encyclia Chiapas

C.Christensen
R.Wines

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



< *Vct.* South East Pearl – T & E Dean

(*Phal.* Hsinying Leopard x Sogo Cherry) 'Kaysie' –
T & E Dean (below)
Encyclia Chiapas – R Wines >



New Growers Report



At our Christmas Barbecue held at Terry and Gwen's place in November our long serving New Growers Leader – Keith Marsden - announced that he would not continue in this position in 2017. Keith has admirably filled this role for around 37 years and this announcement was met with shock and sadness for the services given by Keith to the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc., have contributed towards making our Society a very strong and respected club. Keith has nurtured new novice members and with his assistance over the years they have progressed through to the ranks of Advanced Growers.

His informative repotting workshops conducted at our two annual shows are very well received by the attending public and have created a strong interest in our society and also assists boosting our club sales. His wealth of experience and information has expanded members' knowledge in the growing and care of their orchids.

Prior to each New Growers Meeting Keith has ensured that all the essentials are delivered to that host's house as well as many other tasks he completes to ensure the smooth running of our New Growers Meetings. He writes the New Growers Report for our monthly Newsletters. Keith's dedication to the role has been enormous and I am sure all will wish to thank him for his efforts and we all hope that he still joins us at these meetings; at least he will have an opportunity to sit down with Pam and enjoy the afternoon tea.

David Eggleshaw has offered to fill this position and we sincerely thank him for this. As David is fairly new to orchid growing his knowledge and experiences is currently not as extensive as Keith's so he is hoping to have the assistance of our knowledgeable advanced growers to ensure these meetings continue to deliver to members a very informative social afternoon.

The first new grower's meeting for February will be held on Saturday 4th March. At our January Meeting David will ask members if and when they will host a meeting during 2017 and I will include the hosts' address details for the February Meeting in the next Newsletter. It had also been discussed that the meetings commence a bit later for the summer months, and any time change will also be advised in the next newsletter.

Thank you Keith for the fantastic job you have delivered over the many years you have held the position!!!!



NOVEMBER MEMBER PROFILE **MOYNA RICHARDSON**

My parents moved to Brisbane from Melbourne when I was one year old. I am the middle child of three daughters. I grew up in Brisbane and graduated as a Home Economics teacher in 1969. I taught for a year in Brisbane, before being transferred to Rockhampton in 1971 to teach at North Rockhampton State High. I met my husband, Bill, in 1971 and we were married in 1972 in Brisbane. We lived on the family cattle block at Marlborough, where our son, Alex was born then moved to a grain farm at Ridglands where our daughter, Kathlene was born. We have two beautiful granddaughters, Jasmyn and Melissa.

My very first garden, as a teenager, was a cacti garden in a bicycle tyre. Unfortunately my mother made me incinerate them when my niece was born so she would not hurt herself. This is still a sore point. I now have cacti and succulents as well as orchids.



My love affair with orchids began early. I had white Cattleya orchids in my wedding bouquet and I put some orchids on my cake. I moulded them over plastic bases. The one orchid that I was given died in the 70's and I said I would not have any more until I had a greenhouse to put it in. When we moved to town in the 90's, I started with a 6 x 8 foot one. I started going to the orchid shows and buying a few orchids.

John and Marie Alexander lived close by and I taught their son, John at Rocky High, they invited me to a new grower's afternoon. John had a huge Phalaenopsis collection in those days. In 1997 I joined the Rockhampton Orchid Society. I taught at Rockhampton State high school for 23 years before retiring in 2008 when Bill retired.



We have been members of the Cancer Council Queensland for 23 years. I took up lawn bowls when I retired and did my coaching certificate and now work with the juniors when we have some.

My father was Chinese so I am an active member in the Rockhampton Chinese Association. We are members of the Friends of the Gardens but are not as active as we were in the 90's. The friendships we made are what keep us involved. We last helped with re-establishing the Bromeliad garden after cyclone Marcia.



After back surgery in 1994, I returned to ballroom dancing, after 30 years, as a way to keep fit. I found it a great way to de-stress after a day with hormonal teenagers. I still love it, but unfortunately Bill refuses to come with me so I go alone.

I have three smallish shade houses. The smallest and first has my dirt plants and a few orchids. No covering other than shade cloth, my Tillandsias and Latourea dendrobiums live here. The second one has most of my Cattleyas.. I mostly have the smaller crosses - Sofronitis and B. nodosa types. The nodosa type grows very well with extra light. I hang them from the roof of the bush house but make sure they have sufficient water. My Phalaenopsis grow here too but lower down. This one has some solid roof and walls on the southern and western aspect. The last one holds my Dendrobium and Vandae collection and has polycarbonate on the roof on the southern side permanently - where the Vandas live. The dendrobiums are only covered in winter. Over recent years the Vandas have been claiming more and more of the space. I find they are easier to manage. I am just not very good at staking the dendrobiums.



Moyna was awarded STOCQ Orchid Hybrid Award of 2014 and this was presented to her by Frank at judging at the 2015 Autumn Show

My soft cane dendrobiums are outside but have shade cloth on the top for summer protection. In winter I move them out into full sun to promote better flowering. The kiekies that I pot up in spring spend the summer in the Cattleya house but very close to the roof for good sunlight.

I aim to repot in early spring but this does not always happen. I try not to do it in full summer as it is too hot for me let alone the plants. I only repot when in active growth or when changing medium in a new plant. I water by overhead sprayers and the entire bush house gets done at once. Only the Vanda and dendrobium house is split in two for winter watering.



My potting mix varies. At present, I use coconut fibre in most of my mixes. The size and percentage varies depending on the type. I use perlite in all mixes and various size barks as well. I put foam or rock in the base for drainage. I still use sphagnum moss for my softcanes with some coconut added for the larger pots. Slow release 8-9 month fertiliser is my main one. Very occasionally, I liquid fertilise. I would get more flowers if I did it more regularly.



During my time in the club, I have been a committee member and have been Chief Steward for a few years. Over the years, I have gathered a great pool of members to be stewards at our shows.

Moyna pictured with Trish Craig and Sharyn Frisch.



I have been doing a small display for about 15 years. Trish Craig joined about 10 years ago and it was not many years before we started doing a combined display. It is so much easier for two people than one. For the first time last show, Trish and I won the small display section. Finally!

What keeps me with ROSI, is the wonderful people who make up this club. We all learn a lot from each other and support each other too. We regularly have great trips away thanks to the organisational skills of our president. Next year, 2017, will be my 20th year with the club. What makes this club great, is the fact that every member works hard in whatever capacity that they can. This is not always the case in many clubs. With any luck I will be around for many years to come.



Ellie's Corner



Happy New Year and welcome to Ellie's Corner for 2017. I do hope you all had a wonderful festive time with your family and friends and I wish that 2017 will bring much happiness, good health, and successful orchid growing. Now that's really a great wish!!

Our Christmas Party and Awards night was the usual happy and exciting time with all present having fun. We missed Bill and Moyna Richardson. Bill underwent keyhole surgery for bowel cancer on November 30 in Brisbane, and is now recovering well. He has to undergo chemo half an hour per week for six months. Bill told me that their son Alexander and granddaughter Jasmyn came from Canberra for a fortnight during the holidays. Alexander's wife stayed in Canberra because her parents were visiting from China. We wish Bill a full recovery. He does a wonderful job as our treasurer & Moyna contributes greatly with her time & talents.

Jeff and Norma Glover had a very happy Christmas and New Year with their children and grand- children (3 boys and 1 girl), as well as other family members. Jeff's beloved father joined them from Leinster Place. He is a lovely gentleman and turned 91 years on 9th December. Best wishes from us all. Happy Birthday Norma for January 10.

Diane Hughes is a lovely, bright lady who was thrilled to have all her family together for the festive celebrations (3 children and 4 grandchildren). Diane is a Novice Grower and, at our October Meeting, her plants gained three Popular Votes and one Judges' Choice. Congratulations.

Terry and Wendy Ahern celebrated Christmas in Rockhampton at their son's home and had great fun watching their three little grandsons unwrapping presents and playing in the pool. Their youngest grandson aged two wanted to dance to music all the time with "Gran" (Wendy). Wendy is certain to have a very happy birthday on January 9 surrounded by family.

Jill and Don Howes travelled to Brisbane for Christmas and spent time with their daughter Jodie, son-in-law Rod and daughter Kristy. Their granddaughter Addi came back to Rockhampton with Jill and Don for New Year.

Bernard and Helen Hilse spent Christmas at home with five of their eight grandchildren. A great time was had by all.

We welcome Kerrie and David Clarke as New Members. They joined our Society in October. They have two adult children and three grandchildren who all live locally so they all enjoyed a happy celebration time together. Kerrie told me that they are a pair of happy retirees. She loves the garden and David is her No.1 assistant. Kerrie said that they moved from Sydney to Queensland twenty years ago and she brought ONE orchid with her. It was a Paph. owned by her parents. She still has it and it flowers loyally every year for her!! David loves restoring cars and they belong to the Capricorn Historical Motor Club.

Sandra Rowcliffe was a busy girl before Christmas painting some of the interior of her home. Michael's parents visited for Christmas and a lovely time was had by all. Sadly on the 28th December Michael and Sandra's dog Shakira was put to sleep by the vet. They had adopted her aged 7 months, 11 years ago from Capricorn Animal Aid. She was a beloved member of their family. Michael built a raised garden bed for them to bury her in and Sandra planted desert roses in the bed. Their loyal and loving friend will live forever in their hearts. Then very sadly on the 5th January another one of their much loved Shai Pei dogs, Mia, had to be put to sleep as well. Michael built another raised garden bed for her as well. This has caused great grief for them. It seems too sad to bear. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.



Happy Birthday to those celebrating in January and February:

January: Pat March 1: Marion Wilson 5: Wendy Ahern 9: Norma Glover 10: Faye English 14: Lionel Reeves and Rosalie Smith 15; Jim Dickenson 20: Jack Dickenson and Paul Steer and Jodee March 21: Sharyn Frisch 24: Moyna Richardson 30.

February: Richard Mann and Zoe Kidman 2: Jeanette Macmaster 4: John Sorensen 6: Garry Perfect 11: Shae Tjerkstra 13: Kathy Perfect and Bev Powell and Ron MacMaster 16; Karen Carr and Carol Hine 18: Bill Gonch 21: Terry Breingan 27.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie





Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. Competition Results 2016

Growers	Popular Vote					Best Show Exhibitor		
	Plants	No. of	Popular	Total	Judges	Autumn	Spring	Total
	Tabled	meetings	Votes	Points	Choice	Show	Show	Points
ADVANCED								
T&E Dean	76	11	17	28	7	25	22	47
J&M Bloxsom	70	11	15	26	4	6	1	7
M&S Rowcliffe	55	11	11	22	3		1	1
J&S Frisch	33	8	11	19	3	4	9	13
K&R Smith	34	10	8	18	4		7	7
B&N Lakey	48	9	5	14	4	7	6	13
P&T Jenkinson	38	9	4	13	1		2	2
T&M Handley	31	10	2	12	2		3	2
B&H Hilse	25	10	2	12	1	2	3	5
W&M Richardson	34	8	3	11	1	5	5	10
J&J Hogan	14	7		7			2	2
N&T Craig	16	6		6			1	1
B&S Peters	5	2	2	4	1			
J&N Glover	4	2	2	4		8	8	16
J.Scott						21	28	49
R&G Bills						7	5	12
K&P Marsden						4	1	5
R&D Cornale							9	9
M.Gunder							4	4
NOVICE								
G&M Maunder	16	7	5	12				
R&L Mann	40	7	4	11		1		1
T&J Rawlings	20	8	3	11				
L Lucke	16	10	1	11				
R.Wines	14	8	3	11	1			
M&C Dahler	21	2	6	8		5		5
Z.Kidman	14	6	2	8			1	1
D.Hughes	7	3	5	8	1		2	2
C.Christensen	10	5	2	7				
P&J Moore	9	3	3	6				
D&S Eggleshaw	6	5	1	6			2	2
A.White	15	4	1	5				
T.March	11	5		5				
P.Rankin	6	5		5				
D&L Humble	8	4	1	5			2	2
Y.Manning	8	4		4				

Outstanding Achievements. : Awards.

07.11.15 - J&M Bloxsom: *Den. lindleyi* 'Marilyn' ACA/ROSI 79 points

01.05.16 - R&D Cornale : *Den. Calliope Purple* 'Diane' HCC/AOC 79.5 points

16.05.16 J&M Bloxsom : *B. subulifolia* 'Lilly' ACM/AOC 80 points

01.10.16 - T&E Dean: *Paph. Saint Swithin* 'Ellie' AM/AOC 80.3 points

01.10.16 - T&E Dean: *Paph. rothschildianum* 'Ellie' HCC/AOC 78.9 points

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.....

Seconder.....Signature.....

I,Being a financial member of the Society

Accept the nomination.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Your annual fees are due to be paid by Our Annual General Meeting 28/02/17

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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ANNUAL FEE \$30-00 (FAMILY/SINGLE)

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Your 2017 ROSI Orchid Diary

- 11th February – STOCQ AGM & OQI Meeting Gympie
11th & 12th March – Bundaberg Bus Trip
18th March – Childers and IDOS Show
8th & 9th April – ROSI Autumn Show
8th & 9th April – Sunshine Coast Orchid Show
14th to 16th April – Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Club Easter
Display and Plant Sales
15th April – South Burnett Orchid Show - Wondai
6th & 7th May – Gympie & DOS Show & Garden Expo
12th to 14th May – Bundaberg Orchid Society Show
3rd & 4th June – Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Show
**9th to 12th June – Bus Trip to Townsville Orchid Spectacular
& TQOC Conference**
21st & 23rd July – Caboolture Orchid Show
4th & 5th August – Maroochydore Orchid Show
12th & 13th August – Agnes Water Orchid Show
12th August – STOCQ Meeting Agnes Water
1st & 2nd September – Nambour Orchid Show
1st & 2nd September – Childers Orchid Show
14th, 15th & 16th September – Maryborough Orchid Show
23rd & 24th September – ROSI Spring Show
22nd to 23rd September – Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
27th & 28th October – Nambour Species Show
4th November – STOCQ Meeting – hosted by Glasshouse
Country Orchid Club
8th to 12th 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
Street, Nth. Rockhampton. Meetings
commence at 7.30pm and plants
must be tabled by 7.15pm

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