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Editors notes

Winter has now arrived in Rockhampton with many cold mornings of late, not being a fan of getting up early on these days I must admit it has been a bit of a struggle feeling motivated to leave my warm bed. Of course, as I have written earlier, our soft cane dendrobiums will be relishing this change and each day I am noticing more and more buds forming on their almost bare stems. Fingers crossed for a really great showing at our Spring Show.

In this month's newsletter we feature a photo below from the Orchid Conference and many thanks to Charlie McMonagle for allowing us to use his photograph. I also have a list of ROSI members who were fortunate to win places with their plants, both orchids and foliage. There are also photos taken from our trip which I hope you all enjoy, if you want a copy of your photo emailed to you please contact me. I am sure all who participated in the trip really enjoyed the experience and appreciate the enormous effort Jeff Bloxson, our president, puts into making these trips memorial.

As mentioned by Jeff at our last general meeting our society has been approached to host the next tri-annual conference in 2019. A show of hands at that meeting showed that the attending members were in majority in favour of hosting it. Further details will be discussed at our next and future meetings.

This month's member profile is by Marg and Trevor Handley and I thank them for sharing their life and growing tips and experiences on Phalaenopsis orchids. (50)

As I have written earlier I ask members who would like to share their story and experiences with growing orchids to please contact me. Even if you are a Novice and you feel you are not an experienced enough grower, you would still have a story and experiences that you could share.

It is with sadness I share that Webber's Retravison will be closing at the end of July with Doug Webber making a career change into real estate, which is no doubt attributed to the tough retail environment of late. I would like to extend to him the very best for his future and thank him for his support of the society for many years.



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 8th of July 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

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NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday. 26/07/16
 at 7.30pm**

**Plants to be tabled by
 7.15pm**

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General Meeting Tuesday 28th June 2016

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Ron & Jeanette MacMaster member no. 3 and Paul Devine member no. 9

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: 46 – Trevor and Marg Handley

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

Moved Jeffrey Bloxsom Seconded Ellie Dean Zoe Kidman Carried

Correspondence:

IN Newsletters from various clubs, not available for distribution at meeting.

Letter from Dot Rebetzke resigning from Society for personal reasons

Letter from Pioneer River Society inviting us to their show on 31st July.

OUT unknown

As secretary, Trish Craig, was absent from meeting some correspondence may not be listed. Any correspondence missed will be addressed in our July Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved Bill Richardson Seconded Allan White Carried

New Growers: Keith Marsden thanked Diane and Rod McKenzie for hosting our last meeting for the first time. It was a lovely venue. The next meeting is at the Marsden's Home at 463 Crane Avenue on Saturday 2nd July commencing at 2.00pm provided it is fine weather. Keith mentioned that Ted Page is moving and selling his whole collection and Keith will have heaps of bargains at the new growers meeting so advised members to bring a box.

General business:

Jeff Bloxsom spoke on the conference. He said it was different to our shows with just tabled plants and no displays. He mentioned during the conference dinner he was approached about whether our society would like to host the next tri-annual conference in 2019. He asked all members for their expressions of interest on this, and a show of hands indicated good member interest. With holding the conference it would take the place of our spring show and would be held in September. We would run it the same way as our shows but it would be an Open Show instead of our usual Closed Show. Mal Wheeler has suggested the 14th & 15th to work in with other southern society's shows. The committee will further discuss this and will submit our interest by the next STOCQ Meeting in November in Bundaberg.

At last committee meeting Jeff made members aware that he would be away prior to our next show on 1st & 2nd October only returning the Tuesday of show week. He has asked members for more assistance with the pre-setup of the show. We will need people to put on signage and help set up the hall. As it will be school holidays set-up can be done during the week. The theme of the next show was suggested as "Symphony of Orchids", all agreed and this was carried. He also mentioned about his concerns with the large displays getting harder for our older members, he had suggested cutting out large displays but member interest is that they still be done. Large displays will be limited to no longer than 2.4m long and either one or two tables deep. The small 1 metre displays will still remain, but he encourages those who have previously done small displays to consider doing a large display. Jeff will need to know if anyone needs a backing. There will also be some other changes to our show – * there will be a Grand Champion/Reserve Champion table with black backing and black table cloth to display the winning entries. * Sales area for floral art will be on Ellie's information table. * Small container displays will be judged by the orchid judges and not the floral art judges. * Moyna's job as chief steward will be to ensure all container displays comply with the show rules, and if not communicate this to the show marshal. If you want a plant judged in your container display it must be labelled but because of the size of the display, these labels will be a smaller size. Karen and Peter Carr have moved back to Rockhampton and Karen again will be in charge of the kitchen for the show.

Doug Chippendale has advised that Savage, Baker and Backhouse in Dennison Street now have "Spectrum" (insecticide) in stock and it is approximately \$50 a container.

Plant Commentary: Jeff Glover gave a very informative talk on the orchids tabled at the meeting.

Lucky Exhibitors: Jeffrey Glover

General Raffle: Sandra Rowcliffe, Darryl Humble x 2, Pat March, Ray Bills x 2, Bob Lakey, Jan Rawlings x 2, Jeffrey Glover, Margaret Lyons x 2, Moyna Richardson x 2, Peter Jenkinson and Margaret Handley x 2.

The next Committee meeting will be held at Peter Jenkinson's home on Tuesday 5th July, Perrott Drive Rockyview.

The next General Meeting will be the 26th July.
Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Jeff Blossom (President)

Sandra Rowcliffe (Acting Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results – June 2016

(Plants tabled: Advanced 31; Novice 24)

Judges Choice

<i>C. Royal Beau</i>	K&R Smith
<i>V. Trevor Rathbone</i>	T&E Dean
<i>Dcd. convallariiforme</i>	T&E Dean

Popular Vote – Advanced.

Cattleya	<i>C. Royal Beau</i>	K&R Smith
Vandaceous	tie - <i>V. Trevor Rathbone</i>	T&E Dean (tie)
	tie - <i>V. Laksi 'Red Ruby'</i>	T&E Dean (tie)
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Zycleon</i>	J&N Glover
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Brother Lawrence</i> x <i>Phal. Brother Buddha</i>	M&S Rowcliffe
Oncidiinae	<i>Onc. name unknown</i>	M&S Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Mps. Breathless 'Florence'</i>	P&T Jenkinson

Novice

Cattleya	<i>Rlc. (Blc.) Pastoral 'Innocence'</i>	T&J Rawlings
Oncidiinae	<i>Onc. Wildcat 'Ocelot'</i>	D&L Humble
Miscellaneous	<i>Epi. name unknown</i>	R&L Mann

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS

Dcd. Convallariiforme – Terry & Ellie Dean

V. Trevor Rathbone Terry & Ellie Dean



Apologies to Ken and Rosie Smith, the photograph of their *C. Royal Beau* was not clear enough for inclusion.

New Growers Report

Saturday 2nd July the new growers met at our place for the June Meeting. The weather was great and Pam and I were very pleased to welcome the members to our place for the meeting. On arrival the members were able to enjoy the afternoon and the company of other members before and during afternoon tea.

The meeting gave me a chance to share with the members some of the helpful hints and experiences that I have acquired along the way. We had a chance to show the members some of the different styles of pot hangers and how to make the hangers out of aluminum wire. I was able to encourage some of the ladies to come up and have a go at making the hangers.

The afternoon raffle completed the meeting giving the members a chance to add a plant or two to their collections. My sincere thanks to all who donated prizes for the raffle and for helping in making the afternoon so enjoyable.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Sue and David Eggleshaw at 49 Peppermint Drive North Rockhampton starting at 2.00pm on Saturday 30th July. The usual plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair. Donations for the raffle, not necessarily has to be plants. If you are having concerns with a plant please bring it along for discussion in the trouble plant section.

Keith Marsden

JULY MEMBER PROFILE – TREVOR & MARG HANDLEY



Trevor and I met in 1976 in Mackay. At the time, Trevor was working at Peak Downs Mine and living at the PD Single Quarters while I was Teacher Librarian at Victoria Park Primary School in Mackay. Trevor was from Rockhampton where his gardening experience consisted of mowing the yard and trimming the bougainvillea hedge. (He passionately hates bougainvilleas.)

I grew up at Buderim when it was a market garden/small crops area. We always had a colourful garden and my Mother and Grandmother were great gardeners.

We married in December 1977 and I chose white Phalaenopsis for my bouquet.

Our newly built company house in Moranbah had no fences, no cement under the house and no driveway when we moved in. So our first gardening project was to grow lawn and then plant shrubs followed by a vege garden and rose garden. As we had a high set house, the area under the stairs became my spot for pot plants.



We visited Trevor's parents in Rockhampton regularly and occasionally our visits coincided with an Orchid Show which we attended. We bought our first orchid from Mr Bambrick – a Vanda followed by some Dendrobiums. We also discovered Robertson's Nursery at Woombye. On one visit in the late 80's, Mrs Robertson showed us Phalaenopsis plants and we bought some. We still have one Phal plant left dating from that era. I always liked to

have flowers in the house and orchids appealed to me because the flowers were long lasting - especially Dendrobiums and Phalaenopsis.

In 1983, I left teaching with the birth of our first child Ian. Trevor was eventually persuaded to build an Orchid house in the back yard for our growing number of orchids. In March 1986, when the Orchid house had been completed and I was expecting our second child,



Trevor applied for the position of Mechanical Engineer at Norwich Park Mine. One month later we moved to Dysart. Fortunately, the Orchid house was able to be welded to a trailer and transported to Dysart. Our second child, Kate was born 2 months later.



In 1990, we bought a small house in Yeppoon and used it as our beach house. We both retired in 2006 and moved to the 'beach house'. Prior to the move, we had transported our orchids and any other plants to Rockhampton where they 'existed' under a mango tree in the backyard of Ian and Kate's rented house at Allenstown. Trevor soon built a small kit Orchid house in the corner of our Yeppoon backyard. Eventually the beach house was relocated to new owners in Dingo and in 2010 our present house was built on the same block. The second Orchid house was built in the other corner of the back yard in 2013.

After retiring, we still attended the ROSI Orchid Shows where at one show, we met up with Alan and Diane Gilmore. Trevor had been Alan's Groomsman at their wedding. The Gilmores encouraged us to join the club which we did in 2009. We have enjoyed our time in the club, learnt a lot more about orchids and met many others interested in these wonderful plants.



Both our children are now married and Kate and her husband have 2 children while Ian and his wife are expecting a baby in September.

So on the orchid scene; I have become the main buyer and occasional potting assistant and Trevor the chief potter and carer!!

Over to Trevor.

Like most club members we have a mixed collection of orchids; however our Phalaenopsis have now almost taken over our smaller Orchid house. We find Phalaenopsis most rewarding because of their rapid growth and long lasting flowers. I usually repot all the Phals every year after flowering and before Christmas. Flowers remaining in December are cut. Repotting each year lets the root health be checked and the plants seem to respond to their new mix.



For mature plants, I am currently using 3 parts medium bark and 1 part perlite as the potting medium with slow release fertiliser applied. Liquid fertiliser is applied approximately weekly all year.

Watering is twice a week on average but can be increased to every second day in very hot conditions and extended to four or five days in winter. Last summer, a misting system was installed below the



benches which ran hourly (summer months) during the day for 2 minutes at a time. When watering or fertilising, I wet the entire plant and always in the morning so the leaves dry quickly. The Phalaenopsis house has 75% shade cloth on the roof and 50% on the walls. The eastern and northern walls are protected by 1.8m high fencing and the western wall has a second layer of 80% shade cloth all year. During the winter and flowering period, the roof is covered with clear solarweave. The solarweave is attached at the top of both sides with a blind arrangement that I drop to ground level on cold winter nights but it is always raised for air movement during the day.



During the hot summer, the solarweave is removed and a second layer of 80% shade cloth attached over the roof.

Phalaenopsis can be susceptible to bacterial and fungal infections. We always cut off infected leaves early as the plant will usually die if the infection enters the crown. My orchid cupboard has a wide selection of fungicides and insecticides which are applied when required. I also frequently add 1ml/L of Alginox to the mixing tank when fertilizing. We have grown Phals in a number of different types of medium and believe success depends mostly on getting the watering right for the potting mix used.

Most photos used were supplied by Marg and Trevor.



NAMBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

2016 "DIAMOND FESTIVAL OF ORCHIDS" - ROSI MEMBER WINNERS



Congratulations to our following members who were awarded places at the recent conference.

Class 9.01 Miscellaneous - Any other genera hybrid 3rd Fdk.After Dark J Glover ROS

Champion Specimen Bc. Morning Glory J Scott AWOS

Class 1.03 Cattleya hybrid exhibition shape - yellow/green over 110mm 2nd Rlc. Karen's Sunrise J Scott AWOS

Class 1.06 Cattleya hybrid miniature exhibition shape - under 75mm 3rd Rlc. Coconut Ice J Scott AWOS

Class 1.08 Cattleya hybrid any other novelty type 2nd Ppv. Golden Peacock J Scott AWOS

Class 2.01 Dendrobium Spatulata - excluding Aust. Native Dendrobium 2nd Den. Andrew Green J Scott AWOS

Class 3.02 Vanda 60-90mm 3rd V. Gordon Dillon J Scott AWOS

Class 3.03 Vanda under 60mm 1st V. Fuchs Orange Sparkler J Scott AWOS

Class 6.05 Oncidinae any other hybrids 1st Trt. Nathakhun J Scott AWOS

Class 8.01 Australian Native Dendrobium species 1st Dendrobium bigibbum J Scott AWOS

2nd Dendrobium bigibbum J Scott AWOS

Class 10.02 Foliage - Foliage plant over 300mm 2nd Aglaonema J Scott AWOS

Class 10.06 Flowering Anthurium

2nd Unknown J Scott AWOS

Class 6.06 Oncidium and allied genera species 2nd Zelenkoa onusta R Cornale GOS

Class 10.05 Tillandsia 1st Tectorum R Cornale GOS 3rd Crocatax duratii R Cornale GOS



Ellie's Corner

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

Bryan and Lorraine Weaver's eldest son Ian and his wife Desley recently celebrated both their 60th birthdays with family and friends at the Yeppoon Sailing Club. Their Birthdays are only two days apart and they were both born at the Mount Morgan Hospital. Ian is the older (by two days) and Lorraine can still remember Desley's mother coming into the hospital the night Desley was born. (Desley's mother was in the bed opposite Lorraine). Ian has just retired and moved from Blackwater to Yeppoon leaving behind two daughters and one son along with five grandchildren. It was a great weekend as many family and friends travelled from afar to celebrate and catch up. Following a delicious lunch and cutting the cake and taking many photos they all moved to Ian and Desley's new home to continue celebrating.

Ray and Gay Bills celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4 June. They were married at the Campbell Street Methodist Church. They met at a dance at Parkhurst and Gay told me that it was love at first sight! They lived in Gladstone after their marriage and then they moved to Rockhampton and built their home at Rockonia Road. They moved to Glenlee 20 years ago. They have three children, Karen, Craig, and Amanda and eight grandchildren. They are a very happy, united and loving family. To celebrate their Golden Wedding Ray and Gay travelled south to inland New South Wales as far as Tamworth and then on to Newcastle and north up the coast. On the actual Anniversary they were with their daughter Karen and her family in Bundaberg. Their family bought Ray and Gay a lovely gold watch each, and Ray presented Gay with a beautiful gold bracelet. May they enjoy many more happy years together.

I am very happy to say that Karen and Peter Carr ARE BACK. I reported in last month's Newsletter that they went to West Australia in late May to seek job opportunities. Karen said that they found out in no time that WA was not for them, and they decided to return to Rocky. Welcome back and all the best in the future to you both.

When Maxine Maunder was on the coach trip to Nambour with our Society recently she was happy to meet up with her son Scott who lives at Buderim. He had a meal with the group on the Saturday evening. Maxine said she showed him off to all her orchid friends. He is a good looking single chap – very eligible – at least that's what his proud Mum tells me!



Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe recently celebrated their 15th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 30 June. To mark this occasion they went to dinner at Pacino's Italian Restaurant. Sandra's oldest son, Brett, who has recently returned from Amsterdam after residing there for five years joined them for dinner, and chauffeured, allowing both to have a few celebratory drinks. They were married in the Chapel at the Rockhampton Heritage Village by a long-time friend from Gladstone, with Sandra and her attendants arriving in a horse drawn carriage. Their Reception was in the Shearing Shed. Sandra made and iced the wedding cake and did all the bouquets and table decorations. The wedding was attended by 85 family and friends, the majority of friends were from Squash World. Michael and Sandra met through Squash World. One of Sandra's attendants was Michael's sister, who is also called Sandra Rowcliffe. They honeymooned for a week on Brampton Island. All the best for a long & happy future together.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to those members celebrating in July : Pauline Wilson 3rd; Kerry Ellis and Frank Foley 6th; Cheryle Henney 13th; Bernard Hilse 15th; Alice Mannion 18th; Kathy Russell 19th; Rod McKenzie 20th; Sharyn Dickenson 23rd; Jan Hogan 26th.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you all. *Ellie*

PHOTOS FROM THE 2016 STOCQ ORCHID CONFERENCE







Jeff Bloxom presenting Jeffrey Glover with certificate on bus



Passing of the baton????

Jenni Scott's Bc. Morning Glory



Foliage Display

Second prize winner floral art



Jeffrey Glover's Fdk. After Dark



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- 13th & 14th August – Agnes Waters O & FS Show
- 1st to 3rd September – Nambour Orchid Show
- 2nd & 3rd September – Childers & Isis DOS Spring Show
- 23rd & 24th September – Glasshouse Country OS Show
- 1st & 2nd October – ROSI Spring Show
- 8th & 9th October – Hervey Bay OS Show
- 15th & 16th October – Bribie Island OS Show
- 27th to 29th October – Nambour OS species show
- 5th & 6th November – Pumicestone O&FS Show Caboolture
- 12th November – STOCQ & OQI Meeting Bundaberg
At Bargara Community Centre 160 Hughes Street

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