

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Editors notes

Another month has passed and for me it has flown by very quickly. Sadly our lives, especially our social lives, are still being affected by the COVID19 Virus. I am sure all of our members are the same as me and missing the social interaction with other members. The benefits of me having extra time at home means that my gardens are getting their much overdue attention, this week I have weeded, planted new ixora plants and flowering seedlings, fertilised and mulched four gardens and I must say that they look great. Once the gardens are finished, then it will be onto maintenance of the greenhouses - so always heaps to do.

Our Orchid Supplies Store is still operational, **BUT BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. You must ring and arrange a time to call. They do not want multiple people there at the same time. So please be respectful of this requirement, otherwise it may be forced to shut again.

In this newsletter Jeff Glover has submitted an informative article on bi-foliate Cattleyas and we thank him for his well-written article.

**Some Members Memberships are now overdue.** I know most would pay at meetings or grower's group which have not been held, but payments can either be transferred or deposited into our Club Account at My State Bank, either at Stockland Rockhampton or the branch at Bolsover Street. Our bank account details are:-

**BSB 807 009 ACCOUNT 100516491 NAME OF ACC. – R'TON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

I still have two bank deposits from February who I don't know who they are for:-18 February Cash Deposit \$30 and 20 February Transfer which only says Membership 2020 \$30

If one of these is yours please advise Sandra so the membership records can be updated. As an update no one has advised me if either of these payments is theirs.

Our general meetings are still suspended and at this stage our first meeting won't be until August at the earliest. Our September Show possibly will not be held this year as there are still so many uncertainties when virus restrictions will be lifted to allow events like our shows to happen, it is too difficult to plan around these restrictions at this stage.

Suggestions have been put forward about organising a social event for members later in the year after September, this will need to be discussed at our next committee meeting prior to our general meeting to see what we could possibly do.

**The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Editor.***

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## R.O.S.I MEETING DATES 2020

<u>January</u>	General Meeting Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>
<u>February</u>	AGM & Gen.Meeting Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Growers Group Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>
<u>March</u>	CANCELLED
<u>April</u>	CANCELLED
<u>May</u>	CANCELLED
<u>June</u>	CANCELLED
<u>July</u>	CANCELLED
<u>August</u> TBC	General Meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> - Growers Group Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>
<u>September</u>	General Meeting Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Growers Group 3 <sup>rd</sup> October.
<u>October</u>	General Meeting Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Growers Group Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>
<u>November</u>	General Meeting Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Growers Group BBQ <u>To be confirmed</u>

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## UPDATE ON ZOE KIDMAN



I have been notified that Zoe's recovery is still progressing but sadly she will not be returning to her home and will need to go into care after leaving rehab. Our thoughts are with Zoe and her family and the challenges and changes that they are facing. We all hope Zoe a good recovery.

## Bi-Foliate Cattleyas - The Old and The New

By Jeff Glover

Bi-foliate Cattleya is as you could imagine a very wide ranging and encompassing term. I first encountered it in a Show Schedule many years ago when starting judging. Despite it causing some judges much consternation and regardless of several suggestions to be more specific with this class, the society in question persisted in keeping it in its schedule for decades.



Taken literally, this meant that any Cattleya hybrid intergeneric or intrageneric, providing it had 'two leaves' could be judged within this one section/class. Most of the 'bi-foliate hybrid Cattleyas', grown and benched those days where of what I consider as the 'leggy' or taller growing type, stemming from species such as *C. intermedia*, *C. amethystoglossa*, *C. skinneri*, and *C. bowringiana*.

Consequently, they could be slotted within the desired 'bi-foliate' section and in reality, many plants often shown 20-30 years ago did indeed fit this descriptor. They included primary hybrids such as, *C. Interglossa*, (*C. Intermedia* x *C. amethystoglossa*), and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation hybrids such as *C. Penny Kuroda*, *C. Chocolate Drop* and *C. Caudebec*, which interestingly all share *C. guttata* in their profile.

### C. Interglossa

The problem was, that while acceptable to be grouped collectively under this classification, there were vast variations in colour, flower size and floriferousness. The only saving grace for the judges in this particular show schedule was that there was also a Cattleya-cluster section which allowed some leeway to manoeuvre.

However, much has changed since then and subsequent breeding began to see newer 'bifoliate Cattleyas' appear at shows. Most notable has been those that can be loosely described as the 'spotted types and indeed while still derived again from bifoliate species such as *C. guttata*, syn. *C. leopoldii*, but; by in particular the widespread use of *C. aclandiae* which is shorter in growth habit than the previously mentioned species, some true classics such as *C. Jungle Gem* have resulted.



***C. aclandiae***

Yet, while this cultivar has been the exception size-wise, in the main the outcome has been a new range of 'leggy-spotty Catts'. Hence, the need has arisen for inclusion of a class in show schedules by most societies to cover this type of Cattleya breeding as the old collective of 'Bifoliate' is definitely now too broad of a classification.

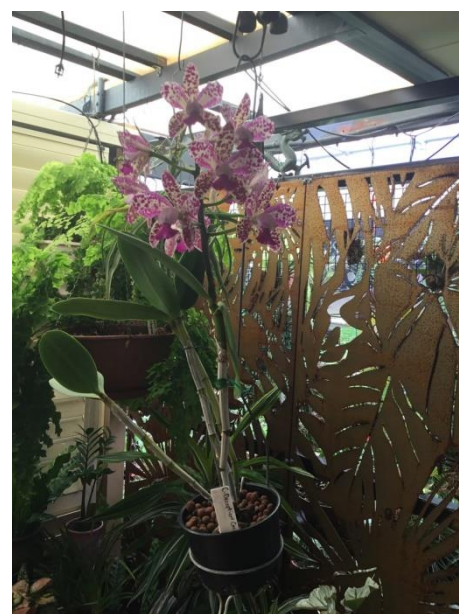


***C. Jungle Gem***

The arrival of these types heralded a booming interest in these eye-catching and relatively easy to grow and flower orchids. With many nurseries devoting whole breeding programs to this line of orchid. For example, the cultivars bred and registered by the Maidment family of Queensland's Aranbeem Orchids, are readily recognisable by their continuous use of the Grex Epithet of

'Deception \_\_\_\_\_', in almost all of their RHS registered plants .

This particular type of Cattleya is very easy and rewarding to grow and flower here in Central Queensland. They are heavy feeders and regular weekly fertilizing and watering during late Spring and Summer will produce strong canes and plenty of flowers through their extended flowering season of Autumn/Winter and early Spring. Regular mixes of bark and charcoal suit them best as a growing medium. Continuous breeding of new seedlings makes them readily available through nurseries, and divisions of mature plants from other collectors are often seen on the sales bench. One drawback if any, apart from the 'Jungle Gem' and other *C. aclandiae* derived hybrids, is their size; they do readily grow into large specimens and hence require a bit of space, which can be problematic. But I consider, regardless of this, well worth adding to your collection.



***C. Deception Cacique***

**PHOTOS OF GRAND CHAMPIONS FROM PREVIOUS ROSI SHOWS**



< 2015 Autumn Show

Jeff & Norma Glover

2016 Autumn Show

Jeff & Norma Glover >



< 2016 Spring Show

Terry & Ellie Dean

2017 Autumn Show

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< 2018 Autumn Show

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Terry & Ellie Dean >



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## **Your 2020 ROSI Orchid Diary**

BELOW CALENDAR COULD HAVE  
CANCELLATIONS OF SHOWS

6<sup>th</sup> June – STOCQ Meeting hosted by CIDOS  
24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July – Caboolture Orchid Show  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August – Maroochydore Orchid Show  
8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August – Agnes Water O&FS Show  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September – Childers & IDOS Show  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September – Nambour Orchid Show  
17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September – Maryborough Orchid Show  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September – Noosa DO&FS Show  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September – Glasshouse Country OS  
25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September – Hervey Bay Orchid Show  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October – Bribie Island Orchid Show  
14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October – Caboolture Orchid Mini Show  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October – Nambour Species Orchid Show  
14<sup>th</sup> November – STOCQ Meeting hosted by SBO

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding December) at Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Burnett Street, Nth. Rockhampton. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and plants must be tabled by 7.15pm

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**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**ROSI CHRISTMAS DINNER & AWARDS EVENING**  
**FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB**