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Editors notes

The Society conducted its Annual General Meeting on 25th February and all positions were declared vacant and then members were elected to positions. Our management committee remains the same.

As advised in the last newsletter Jeff Glover has stepped down as Newsletter Editor, he no longer has the time to devote to our monthly Newsletter. Jeff is assistant STOCQ registrar/panel leader and spends time tutoring and conducting meetings for judges; combined with his love of fishing he is extremely busy. Jeff has mentioned that he will still continue with his article each newsletter on "Species of the Month".

We thank Jeff for his contribution since March 2018, and look forward to his articles



As there were no nominations for the editor's position, in the interim I have stepped back into this role. It doesn't feel that long since I wrote my last newsletter in February 2018, my how times flies. As I am also the Society's Treasurer and Promotions Officer it would be great if we could get another member to fill this role soon, but for now I will keep the newsletter rolling.(88)

Our committee currently has six members plus our executive committee of four. There are two committee positions that can still be filled by any member who would like to assist with the running of the Society. It involves attending an extra meeting each month, usually the Tuesday following the General Meeting. It is held at various committee members' homes and the evening concludes with a supper provided by the host. This year will be busy, but nothing compared to 2019 when we hosted the STOCQ Conference in September. This was extremely successful, made possible through good organisation by our President Jeff and the assistance of many members.

Our upcoming trip to Bundaberg for the triennial Field Days 4th & 5th April is getting closer. As we need to give firm numbers and meal payments to the Bundaberg Society by no later than the 16th March it would be great if members could direct deposit the \$150/single or \$300/couple cost direct into our account.

BSB **807 009** ACCOUNT **100516491** ACCOUNT NAME – **Rockhampton Orchid Society** Inc and please put your **SURNAME** as the reference. Full payment can be made at our March meeting. The money paid to Bundaberg is non-refundable to ROSI, so if you need to cancel it will need to be a dire emergency and not just a change of mind, otherwise there will be no refund.

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 April 2020; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Editor*.



<u>March</u> General Meeting Tuesday 24th Growers Group Saturday 28th

April General Meeting Tuesday 28th Growers Group Saturday 2nd May

<u>May</u> General Meeting Tuesday 26th Growers Group Saturday 30th

June General MeetingTuesday 23rd Growers Group Saturday 27th

<u>July</u> General Meeting Tuesday 28th Growers Group Saturday 1st Aug.

August General Meeting 25th Growers Group Saturday 29th

<u>September</u> General Meeting Tuesday 22nd Growers Group 3rd October.

<u>October</u> General Meeting Tuesday 27th Growers Group Saturday 31st

<u>November</u> General Meeting Tuesday 24th Growers Group BBQ <u>To be confirmed</u>

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSITIONS FILLED

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General Meeting Tuesday 25TH FEBRUARY 2020

Attendance: As per register Apologies: As per register New Members: Nil Visitors: Nil Lucky Number: No Lucky Number Next General Meeting – 24th March 2020

Minutes of November monthly meeting as published in the February newsletter were approved as correct and accurate Carried

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IN – NEWSLETTERS Blackwater & District Orchid Society Inc. Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. Calliope Orchid & Foliage Society Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc. Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc. Mid-Murray Orchid Club Inc. Nightcliff Orchid Society Inc. Noosa and District Orchid Society The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc. Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society – more information on the triennial field day – 4/5 April 2020 Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. – invitation to their Orchid & Foliage Show – 28/29 March 2020 Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.- flyer for Easter Orchid & Foliage Show – 10/11 April 2020

Letter of resignation from R.O.S.I. from Bernhard & Helen Hilse Letter of apology from Leona Shepherd – not able to attend AGM Aardvak Self Storage – account and receipt for rent of shed for 2020 John Rees – Minutes etc. from OQI & STOCQ meetings in Gympie on 8/2/2020

- Information regarding Association Liability Insurance from Trident Insurance Group
- two Quotations for Association Liability insurance Steadfast NSG Insurance Group
- A request for numbers of registrants, plants exhibited, number of exhibitors and so on from Our Conference in September 2019.

Australia Post – Account for P O Box renewal MyState Bank – statement Annual return of association request Orchids Australia magazine and subscription renewal notice Accessories Catalogue from Rosella Orchids

<u>OUT</u>

Sympathy card to Marie Alexander

Read and moved by the secretary that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outwardcorrespondence endorsedSecondedD HughesCarried

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe Seconded T Ahern Carried

Growers Group Coordinators Report: Marg Handley delivered her report. Next grower's group meeting at the home of Mary & Steve Gilliot on Saturday 29th February at 2.00pm.

General Business:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Friday 21st February 2020 – Made \$ 574.00

One disappointing thing was the fact that the previous group using the barbeque equipment did not clean up properly, so some time was wasted putting things right. However Bunnings, to their credit, provided a \$50 voucher which will be used to purchase items for the wheelbarrow prize at the next show.

We have obtained some free advertising in the Morning Bulletin for our Autumn Show as part of the paper's community engagement programme. The ads will run on 26/03, 3/04 and 11/04. A duty roster for members' participation will be circulated at the next meeting.

The date and venue for the Christmas Party has been set. The party will be on **Saturday** night 5/12/2020.It will be at the usual venue – the Frenchville Sports Club.

Jeff Bloxsom informed the meeting that long time member, Tony Welch, has passed away.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch commented on the plants exhibited.

Exhibitor's Raffle: K & R Smith **General Raffle:** T March, L Lucke, S Eggleshaw, T Breingan, J Bennet, L Humble and D Hughes

Meeting closed 9.52pm.

Committee meeting at Peter Jenkinson's residence – Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm.

Jeff Bloxsom (President)

Trish Craig

(Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results – February 2020. (Plants tabled: Advanced 43; Novice 10)

Judges Choice.

<u>Popular Vote, Advanced</u>. Cattleya over 100mm Cattleya up to 100mm Vandaceous Dendrobium Catasetinae

Oncidiinae Species Miscellaneous <u>Novice.</u> Cattleya Dendrobium Miscellaneous Van. VeerapholK&R SmithCyc. AritaG&M MaunderCyc. AritaT&M Handley(Cyc.Arita = Cyc. Jumbo Cooper x Jumbo Legend)

Rlc. Deception Magic C. Monte Elegante 'Orchis' Van. Veeraphol Den. Sonia 'Earsakue' tie Cyc. Arita Tie Cyc. Arita Odcdm. Catatante ' Kilauea Karma' Phal. pulcherrima Mps. Up Country Puna ' Keaau Star'

C. Chocolate Drop *x Rlc*. Lemon Drop *Den.* Mem. Joan Laffey *Phal.* name unknown B Jenkins & S Kuhl K&R Smith K&R Smith M&S Rowcliffe G&M Maunder T&M Handley J&S Frisch T&M Handley B Jenkins & S Kuhl

L&KBauman D&L Humble M.Kydd



Van. Veeraphol – K & R Smith

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



Cyc. Arita – T & M Handley



Cyc. Arita – G & M Maunder

R.O.S.I Growers Group

30 members attended the first Growers Group for 2020 which was held on Saturday 29th February at Mary and Steve Gillott's residence in Norman Gardens. Mary, a recent member of our group, doesn't have a large orchid collection but since buying the house 3 years ago, has transformed the garden and hopes to include more orchids on trees and throughout the very picturesque garden and entertainment area. The topic for the afternoon was 'Orchids in the Garden' including fragrant orchids to add to any collection. Thanks go to Mary and Steve for inviting us to share their garden.

Proposed dates for Growers Group for 2020 are 28 March, 2 May, 30 May, 27 June, 1 August, 29 August, 3 October, and 31 October.

Our next Growers Group will be held on Saturday, 28 March at 2pm, at the residence of Leone and Darryl Humble at 9 Bells Court Rosslyn, Yeppoon.

Remember to bring the usual - chair, plate of food to share for afternoon tea and hat. Donations to the raffle table are always welcome.

On the homeward journey, members are invited to drop by our house at **16 Flinders Close**, **Lammermoor** (if interested). Even though we will host the Growers Group in early October, different cohorts of plants are blooming now.

Margaret Handley

Dendrobium Beetle: (Stethopachys Formosa)

At Saturday 29th February growers meeting which was held in Mary and Steve Gillott's beautiful gardens, grower's group coordinator Margaret Handley presented a talk on "Orchids in the Garden and Some Known Fragrant Orchids" and of course the bain of all orchids grown in the open, the dreaded Dendrobium Beetle was discussed. Margaret had photos of these for attendees to view. Following the rain they appear to be about in big numbers and are decimating outside orchids, and also the ones that slip inside greenhouses can wreck havoc on our collections. For those who are not sure of what the Dendrobium Beetle is like below are photos. I have also included a receipe for home made spray that discourages them landing on plants. Some growers use Diazonon for an instant kill of the grubs, followed by Confidor Pills to stop re-infection, then use Carbaryl Spray over leaves and blooms to stop the adult beetles eating them. I have also included an article by Hymn which was previously published in the July 2015 Newsletter.



HOMEMADE DENDROBIUM BEETLE SPRAY

Mix 5 grams/mls of **PERMETTHRIN 25:75** (can be obtained from Nursery Outlets) to one litre of water and to this add about 8 drops of **EUCALYPTUS OIL** (can be obtained from supermarkets). After mixing decant into a plastic spray bottle and use as required. Spay onto entire plant, flowers and leaves about once a month or when needed. It costs around 60 cents per litre so is a very economical spray. Before each use remember to give the spray bottle a shake to mix the contents.

ARTICLE FROM JULY 2015 ROSI NEWSLETTER - Hymn

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 Dendrobium Orchids 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, 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 polystyrene, 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, *(or you can drop them in a bottle of metho.)*





TRI-ANNUAL FIELD WEEKEND – BUNDABERG

4th & 5th April 2020

We are having a field trip to Bundaberg on the above weekend. This is the annual field weekend shared between the Central CQ Orchid Societies on a 3 year rotational basis.

It is a great weekend of bush housing, socialising, feasting, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Arrival time is 9.30am (Therefore revised departure time Rocky)

Dep time 5.00am sharp rear car park (Scott St) Lawrences Holden (Lock up your car-4.30am)

As per usual we will be travelling with North's Coaches with John Jenkinson driving We will be staying at Econo Lodge Park Lane – 247 Bourbong Street – 07 4151 2341

WEEKEND AGENDA - SATURDAY

- 8.30am Morning Tea Avenell Heights Community Hall
- 9.30am 1230pm Shade House Visits
- 12.30pm Lunch Avenell Heights Community Hall
- 1.30pm 5.00pm Shade House Visits.
- 5.00pm Arrive at Motel Arranged by Groups/Individuals.
- 6.30pm Dinner Chinese Restaurant East Bundaberg Sports Club 21 Eastgate Street Bundaberg

SUNDAY

- 9.00am Start Shade House Visits leaving from motel/accommodation.
- 9.00am 1200 Shade House Visits
- 12.30pm Lunch HSG at the Gardens 57 Horlicks Road Branyan.

Will then depart for home – Estimated time arrival home 6pm

The total cost for the weekend including all travel, accommodation and meals is \$200 each A motion was passed to subsidy this weekend from our Sausage Sizzle & some Club funds to the value of \$2000

This brings the cost down **to \$150 each \$300 double twin share rooms** – a very affordable weekend which you should take advantage of. All you will need money for is drinks/raffles/plant purchases.

At the moment we almost have a full coach of 53 members participating on the weekend- so if you have not put your name down and wish to come along please notify Jeff Bloxsom as soon as possible. (0407 995 122)

We may run out of seats, first in - first booked

Full payment required by March Meet 24th

So come along and join in with your fellow members – these are great weekends!

Jeff Bloxsom President



Species of the Month

The species of the month is *Dendrobium lasianthera*. It is one of the giants of the orchid world and possibly the tallest growing of all dendrobiums. It is found exclusively throughout our nearest neighbour, the island of New Guinea where it grows in the hot humid lowlands up to a maximum elevation of 300 meters. An indication of its love of humid conditions is that in extended wet seasons there are reports of it growing with its roots submerged for months without any apparent ill effects. It, could be considered a 'first cousin' to our own 'lofty' Australian endemic Dendrobium, *Den. discolor*, which when unflowered are very had to tell apart except for one obvious feature; *Den. discolor* is dwarfed by its northern relative which can grow to 3 metres.

Inflorescences range from 30cm to 60cm in length with an average flower count of 10 to 15, rarely up to 30 flowers. It is often described as a 'showy' orchid with colours of its 6-8cm sized flowers consisting of shades of brown mixed with lavenders and purples and a touch of gold in its lip. Valued for its twisted petals and glistening colour, a check with Orchidwiz shows its extensive breeding resume consists of 220 primary hybrids, and



926 progeny of which it is a part of their profile. It grows well here in Rocky especially with the high levels of humidity we are currently experiencing. Traditional mixes of bark, charcoal and rock will suit it best as a growing medium. However, as previously noted you will need a lot of space to cultivate it successfully because of its height, and most growers prefer to grow its primary hybrids such as, *Den.* Bundy's Little Lassie which results when crossed with *Den caniliculatum* for example; a cross that shortens it considerably and makes it much more manageable for greenhouse culture.

Jeff Glover

Judging News

The Sub Tropical Orchid Council Queensland Inc. Northern Panel had its first meeting of the year at the Gladstone Library conference room on Sunday 16th February. There was a good attendance of judges both from Rockhampton and the Gladstone area. Jeff Glover was again elected as Assistant Registrar/Panel Leader prior to the meeting at the STOCQI Annual General Meeting in Gympie on the 8th February. Judges brushed up on their skills on hardcane dendrobiums in anticipation of the forthcoming Autumn shows at which these orchids are a predominate feature. Attendees brought a plate to share and a very pleasant morning was had by all.

Jeff Glover

Popular Vote Winners – February Meeting











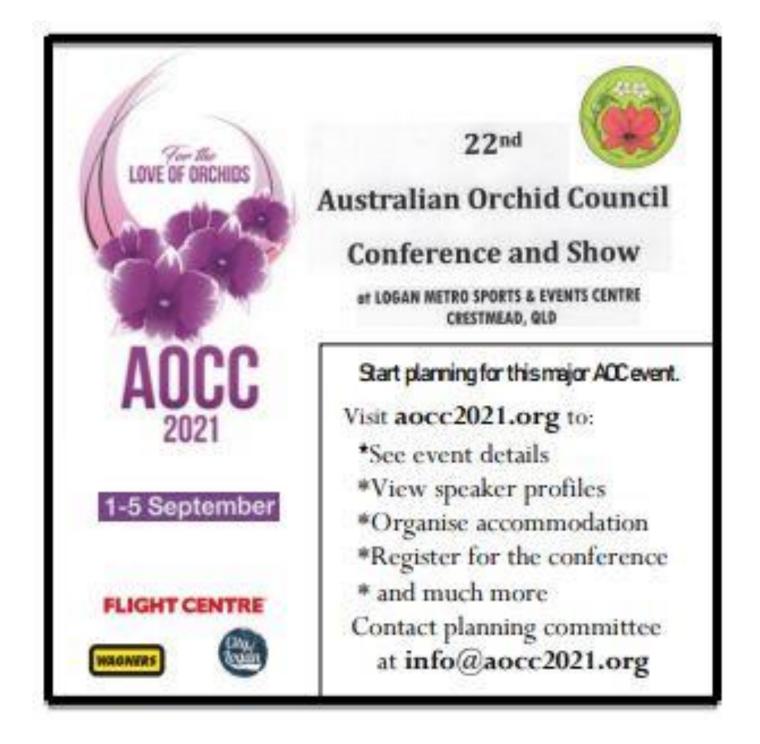








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Your 2020 ROSI Orchid Diary

28th & 29th March – Tannum/Boyne Island OS 30th & 31st March – Childers IDOS closed show 4th & 5th April – Triennial Field Day Trip - Bundaberg 10th & 11th April – Bribie Island Orchid Show 10th to 12th April - Gladstone O&FS Show 17th & 18th April - Sunshine Coast Orchid Show 18th April - South Burnett Orchid Show 18th & 19th April – Rockhampton Orchid Show 30th April to 2nd May Caboolture Orchid Show (closed) 2nd & 3rd May – Gympie ADOS Show 8th & 10th May – Bundaberg Orchid Show 10th & 11th May - Noosa DO&FS Orchid Show 6th June – STOCQ Meeting hosted by CIDOS 24th to 26th July – Caboolture Orchid Show 7th & 8th August – Maroochydore Orchid Show 8th & 9th August – Agnes Water O&FS Show 4th & 5th September – Childers & IDOS Show 4th & 5th September – Nambour Orchid Show 17th to 19th September – Maryborough Orchid Show 18th & 19th September - Noosa DO&FS Show 26th & 27th September – Rockhampton Orchid Show 25th & 26th September – Glasshouse Country OS 25th & 27th September – Hervey Bay Orchid Show 9th & 10th October – Bribie Island Orchid Show 14th to 17th October – Cabolloture Orchid Mini Show 23rd & 24th October – Nambour Species Orchid Show 14th November - STOCQ Meeting hosted by SBO

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER ROSI CHRISTMAS DINNER & AWARDS EVENING FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB

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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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