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Newsletter-November 2016

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Editors notes

Here is our last Newsletter for 2016, we still have two ROSI social functions before Christmas - our social BBQ on Saturday 19th November and our Christmas Dinner and Awards Functions on Sunday 4th December, further details following.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a very Happy and safe Christmas & New Year break and look forward to catching up with you all either before Christmas or sometime in the New Year.

As I write this we are experiencing a very warm day in Rockhampton with the expected temperature of 37 degrees, the same as it reached last Tuesday, very hard to believe that we are still in Spring, and probably does not bode well for a pleasant Summer, here's hoping we will see some good rainfall but hopefully no localized cyclones.

Next year we have two bus trips planned firstly in March to the Tri-Annual Field Days in Bundaberg and then our trip in June for the TQOC conference hosted by Townville Orchid Society Inc. My thoughts are also turning toward our upcoming 10 Night South Pacific Cruise on Explorer of the Seas in February which Michael and I are eagerly looking forward to, even better news is that Michael now has a job which he started about four weeks ago. (71)

In our last newsletter one of our Spring Show awards photos missed being included and it was our most awarded members Terry and Ellie Dean, so I am making sure it does not miss this newsletter by putting it on the front page.



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 5th January 2017; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. Ed.

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry, Jeff & Bernard

Assistants – Trish Craig and
Sandra Rowcliffe

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 24/01/17
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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**ROSI CHRISTMAS BARBECUE – SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER COMMENCING 5.00PM
AT GWEN & TERRY BREINGAN'S HOME 28 DOWLING STREET NORTH ROCKHAMPTON**

PLEASE BRING – MEAT (to cook on supplied BBQs), salads, plates and cutlery, nibbles if you desire, folding chairs and a small table (if you have one), prizes for free raffle (the more items donated the more prizes to win) your drinks and a dessert to share.



**ROSI AWARDS NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS DINNER – SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER COMMENCING
AT 6.30PM AT FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB.**

Punch and post mix softdrink supplied, canned softdrink and alcoholic beverages you buy. Cost is \$20 per head (subsidised), payable at the November meeting. Hot & Cold nibbles will be up first with dinner after 7.00pm. There will be a monster raffle with over \$2,000 in prizes, as well as two Christmas hampers – so don't forget to bring your raffle money. This year there is no Secret Santa.

Please note: If you put your name down and don't turn up you will still be required to pay the dinner costs.

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General Meeting Tuesday 25th October 2016

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Narelle Russell **74:** Kerrie Clarke **70**

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: **29** Doug Chippendale

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

Moved Ellie Dean Seconded Zoe Kidman **Carried**

Correspondence:

IN – NEWSLETTERS

Caboulture Orchid Society Inc.

Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc.

Gympie & District Orchid Soc. Inc. – September & October

Pioneer River O & P Assn.

Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc.

Mid Murray Orchid Club Inc.

Nightcliff Orchid Society

Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc.

The Orchid Society of NSW

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

EMAILS

Notice of Orchids Queensland Inc. and Sub-Tropical Orchid Council, Queensland meetings at Bargara on 12th November 2016.

MAIL

Statement and Term Deposit Certificate from the Rock

Statement – Big Colour Works

Orchids Australia – October

Australian Orchid Review – October/November

Letter of congratulation from Boyne Tannum O & F Soc. Inc. regarding our Spring Show

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Email to John Rees advising dates of our 2017 Shows.

Moved Trish Craig Seconded Alan White **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved by Bill Richardson Seconded Ken Smith **Carried**

New Growers:

Keith thanked Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe for hosting the new growers on 29th October 2016. The next new growers function will be the New Growers BBQ to be held at Terry & Gwen Breingan's home (28 Dowling Street, North Rockhampton) on Saturday 19th November 2016 commencing at 5pm. Please bring your own meat to cook on the BBQs provided, bring your own drinks, salad, cutlery etc. Again please bring own chairs etc. Please bring a raffle prize for the **free** raffle.

Bunnings Ladies Night – 9/11/16.

Keith moved that R.O.S.I. Have a small display and Question & Answer stand. Seconded Bev Powell **Carried**
Anyone prepared to help Keith that night please contact Keith directly.

General Business:

Christmas Party – Sunday 4th December 2016 at the Frenchville Club. Doors open at 6.30pm, dinner to commence at 7-7.15pm. Alan White moved that the society subsidise the night so the cost to members will be \$20 per head. Seconded – Sue Eggleshaw **Carried**

This covers pre dinner nibbles, punch and buffet dinner. To save congestion at the door please pay for your dinner at next society general meeting. Members pay for own alcohol and canned soft drinks.

There will be a table in the dining room where members can purchase raffle tickets when they come in. There will be about \$2000 worth of prizes.

To shorten the duration of the night there will be **no Secret Santa** this year. There will however, be the usual hampers and lucky spot prizes.

STOCQ Meeting – 12/11/16 at Bargara

Jeff Bloxson and Jeff Glover will be attending and will represent R.O.S.I.

Bundaberg Trip – 11-12/3/17

At this stage, if the society subsidises the trip, the cost to members would be approx. \$175 per head. This depends on numbers of members interested in participating.

Townsville – 9 to 12/06/17

This is a three night stay. Cost to members will depend on numbers attending. Currently with society subsidy the cost could be approx. \$435 per head.

Judges Choice at monthly general meeting

Darryl Humble moved that one Judge's Choice be awarded to an orchid in the Novice section at each general meeting. No seconder – motion **lapsed**.

Plant Commentary: Terry Dean gave a brief and concise commentary on the plants tabled at the meeting.

Exhibitor Raffle: K & R Smith

General Raffle: N Lakey, T Ahern, S Eggleshaw, J Martin, K Marsden, C Christensen

Meeting closed 9.25pm.

Next committee meeting – Jeff Bloxsom’s home – Tuesday 1/11/16.

Jeff Bloxsom (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results – October 2016.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 60; Novice 17)

Judges Choice

Den. Farmeri - *Thyrsiflorum*
Paph. Magic Lantern ‘Kaysie’
Alcra. Tropic Lily ‘Ice Palace’

B&N Lakey
T&E Dean
D.Hughes

Popular Vote – Advanced

Cattleya over 100mm
Cattleya up to 100mm
Vandaceous
Dendrobium
Paphiopedilum
Phalaenopsis
Oncidiinae
Species
Miscellaneous

C. Cariad’s Mini-Quinee
Grt. Why Not ‘Round & Red’
V. Boonyarit Red ‘Thai Ruby’
Den. Farmeri - *Thyrsiflorum*
Paph. Saint Swithin ‘Ellie’
Phal. Brother Little Hatter
Brs. Starex ‘Chiapis’
V. curvifolia
Ctsm. tenebrosum ‘Ellie’

W&M Richardson
J&S Frisch
T&E Dean
B&N Lakey
T&E Dean
T&E Dean
T&E Dean
T&E Dean
M&S Rowcliffe

Novice.

Cattleya
Vandaceous
Oncidiinae
Miscellaneous

C. Calico Spots
V. Robert’s Delight ‘Blue’
Alcra. Tropic Lily ‘Ice Palace’
Zns. Cynosure ‘Blue Birds’

D.Hughes
T&J Rawlings
D.Hughes
D.Hughes

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



< *Den. Farmeri* – *Thyrsiflorum* –
B & N Lakey
Paph Magic Lantern ‘Kaysie’ – T & E Dean
(below)
Alcra Tropic Lily ‘Ice Palace’ – D Hughes >



New Growers Report

On Saturday 29th October the new growers had the pleasure of having their final meeting for this year at the home of Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe at Olive Estate. On arrival the members had the chance to look over the gardens and orchids that Sandra and Michael have established and collected and you wonder how they keep up with the looking after such a large collection. The building of the 4 orchid houses and just keeping up with the watering would be enough to keep anybody busy.

The de-flashing of orchids was the main agenda for the afternoon as requested by the members early in the year. The afternoon tea was next then we had the trouble plant discussion giving the members a chance to receive the answers to their concerns. Next we moved onto the de-flasking of orchids giving the members the chance to be involved. We then completed the afternoon with the drawing of the raffle.

Many thanks to Sandra and Michael for again having us this year. My thanks to all members who donated to the raffles through the year and helped in so many ways. Your help has made my job so much easier. The end of year Barbecue is at Terry and Gwen's home and I would like to thank them for giving us the pleasure of finishing the year at their place.

Keith Marsden

NOVEMBER MEMBER PROFILE – BOB & NAT LAKEY



We married in 1982. We have two children, grown and leading their own lives, three grand kids so no escape!

We lived on the Gemfields for 20 plus years where I was involved with gem-cutting, making jewelry and heat treating sapphires. Nat started working for Woolworths at this time. We had a couple of years overseas in Laos, back to Emerald for a while then Rockhampton. We both retired this year.

We joined ROSI just over ten years ago after visiting a couple of the orchid shows. Nat grew a few orchids when we were still in Emerald, when we got to Rocky they grew much better so we got a few more, we joined ROSI to learn a bit more about growing them and now after 12 years we have approx.

2000 orchids. We grow a mixed collection of Cattleyas, soft cane and hard cane Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis, Catasetums, Oncidium and Vandas and a few Bulbophylums.

We have three shade houses, one partly covered, a shaded section for our Vandas, also an insulated house for the Phalaenopsis. My favorite orchid has to be Phalaenopsis, easy to grow and flowers are long lasting. For Nat it's Vandas and Catasetums.

All our orchids get much the same treatment, except that the Phalaenopsis are kept a little moister and kept warmer in winter.



Phal. amabilis

As for potting medium, there isn't much we haven't tried, from expanded clay pebbles for the semi hydroponics (best results of all mediums used) peat and perlite, coconut husk, bark and polystyrene, and combinations of all of these. I like to trial different medium mixes, mainly to try to mimic the results I had with the semi hydroponic system, maybe one day.....At the moment most plants are in a bark, coconut and polystyrene mix.

We fertilise by hand with every watering because we have a variety of pot sizes, so doing it by hand we can control the amount of water/fertilizer each pot gets. When it comes to re-potting, it usually gets done when it is absolutely necessary. We will re-pot any time the

plant is showing signs of new root growth.



Because our shade houses are very well protected and don't get a lot of breeze our main pests are scale and spider mite so we spray as soon as they appear. Usually we spray with Confidor and a soap such as Hitman works but you have to keep at it. Also use Triforene and Mancozeb for fungal problems.

There is a lot of pleasure to be gained by growing an orchid from a seedling and to see it flower, and by being a member of ROSI we have received a lot of help, all you have to do is ask..... and we also have the opportunity to visit other growers and see how they do it.

Some of Bob and Nat's Phally collection below.





Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone – welcome to Ellie's Corner for November/December 2016. It is incredible to think that we are all in the midst of Christmas functions already and it won't be long till our Christmas Dinner and Awards Evening on December 4th. It will be a fantastic event with lots of Christmas cheer and, of course, the MONSTER RAFFLE. (No, we are not raffling a monster but lots and lots of orchids and other plants)!!

I was delighted at a recent Meeting to see Norma Florey come along as a new member. I have been friends with Norma for many years. Norma and her husband Jim have one daughter, Wendy, who is Deputy Principal of All Hallows School – a very prestigious position. Norma loves the garden and flowers of all kinds but has a special affection for orchids and roses. Alison Ramm, who is a friend and neighbour of Norma's also joined at the same meeting. Alison and her husband Alf, have two children. Their son Richard lives in Brisbane and daughter Tracey lives in Katharine N.T. Alison and Alf have 5 grandchildren. Alison enjoys playing golf twice a week. They belong to a Caravan Club and have lots of outings and good times.

Clarry Smith and family and Dawn Adams celebrated his grandson, Andrew Bachelor's marriage to Kiri Richards from Alton Downs. Andrew is the son of Clarry's daughter, Leanne. The wedding was at Fern's Hideaway on 1st October and a great time was had by all.

Two days after our Spring Show, Margaret and Trevor Handley flew to Singapore for an 11 day holiday. They met up with friends from Brisbane whose son and daughter work in Singapore. Top of the list of sights visited were the National Orchid Garden and the Gardens by the Bay. While there, Trevor's Birthday was celebrated at the restaurant on the top of the Marina Sands complex. On their return to Brisbane, Marg and Trevor stayed with their son Ian and his wife and spent special time with their latest Granddaughter, Amal Nadia.

In September Jeff and Marilyn Bloxsom holidayed in South Australia. They toured the Barossa Valley, staying at Angaston in a quaint little b & b. They visited some lovely wineries and then stayed at Murray Bridge. They enjoyed a Captain Proud paddle boat trip on the mighty Murray River; visited Mannum Museum and the National Motor Museum at Birdwood. Then they went to Robe on the limestone coast and saw some great caves. They went to Penola, the home of Saint Mary McKillop, Mount Gambia and the fabulous Blue Lake and the Umpherson sinkhole. The gardens were wonderful. They travelled to Adelaide sightseeing all the way, at Glenelg, Harndorf, Adelaide Hills, Victor Harbour, etc . They stayed at Maclarenavale for Marilyn's niece's wedding, which was held at K1 winery at Kuipito. Their new nephew-in-law is a winemaker! They missed all the bad weather which impacted South Australia during their holiday. Now, back home, Marilyn enjoyed her Birthday on November 2nd. All the family were there and then she and Jeff went out to dinner with friends the following Friday evening.

Ray and Gay Bills' granddaughter, Laura aged 10 years, is a promising athlete and was good enough to run in the 100m State Titles and placed in the Finals. All the family is very proud of her. Ray and Gay are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with all their children and grandchildren. Leah (who is their daughter Karen's daughter) is graduating from University in on 16th December. Ray and Gay hope to be at the Graduation Ceremony.



Richard and Lynne Mann went on holidays with their daughter and son in law, Julie and Richard Crosland on 23rd August to Singapore for 9 nights. They stayed in Central CBD. They visited all the highlights of this very clean city. They went to the Botanic Gardens, spent 5 hours viewing clusters of orchids in the magnificent Dome Building. Native plants, trees and exotic species from all over the world were featured. They went to Sentasia Island via cable car from Singapore's highest location – the 360 degree view was awesome. The Gardens by the Bay on the Island were fantastic with orchids and ferns

that were illuminated at night. They also visited The Jurong Bird Park and Zoo, China Town and Little India where they all bought a new wardrobe at best prices! They took 714 photos. WOW – what a lot of great memories. Richard and Lynne celebrated 55 years of happy marriage on September 2nd with a magnificent holiday to remember for the rest of their lives. May they enjoy many more happy years together.

Terry and I are very excited as my only sister, Kay and her husband, Rodger are arriving soon from Auckland NZ for a pre-Christmas visit of 10 days. We will have a wonderful time together.



Happy Birthday to those celebrating in November: Marilyn Bloxsom 2nd; Marlene Warry 14th; Rodney Russell 15th; Wayne Henney 20th; Lorraine Carter 21st; Beryl Ledwy 21st; Grahame Brooke 21st; Jenny Moore 22nd; Peter Shelton 22nd; Chris Hewitt 27th; Laurie Lucke 30th.

December: Ted Page 2nd; Cheryl Hannaway 4th; Jeni Scott 5th; Henry Wilson 9th; Jean Wust 9th; Kerry Wilson 10th; Alan Hine 13th; Jan Martin 14th; Jeff Glover 15th; Y'vonne Manning 18th; Ron Rowcliffe 19th; Rona Ninness 23rd; Pam Marsden 31st.

May all the blessings of this Holy Season be with you.

Till next time my prayers are with you.

Ellie



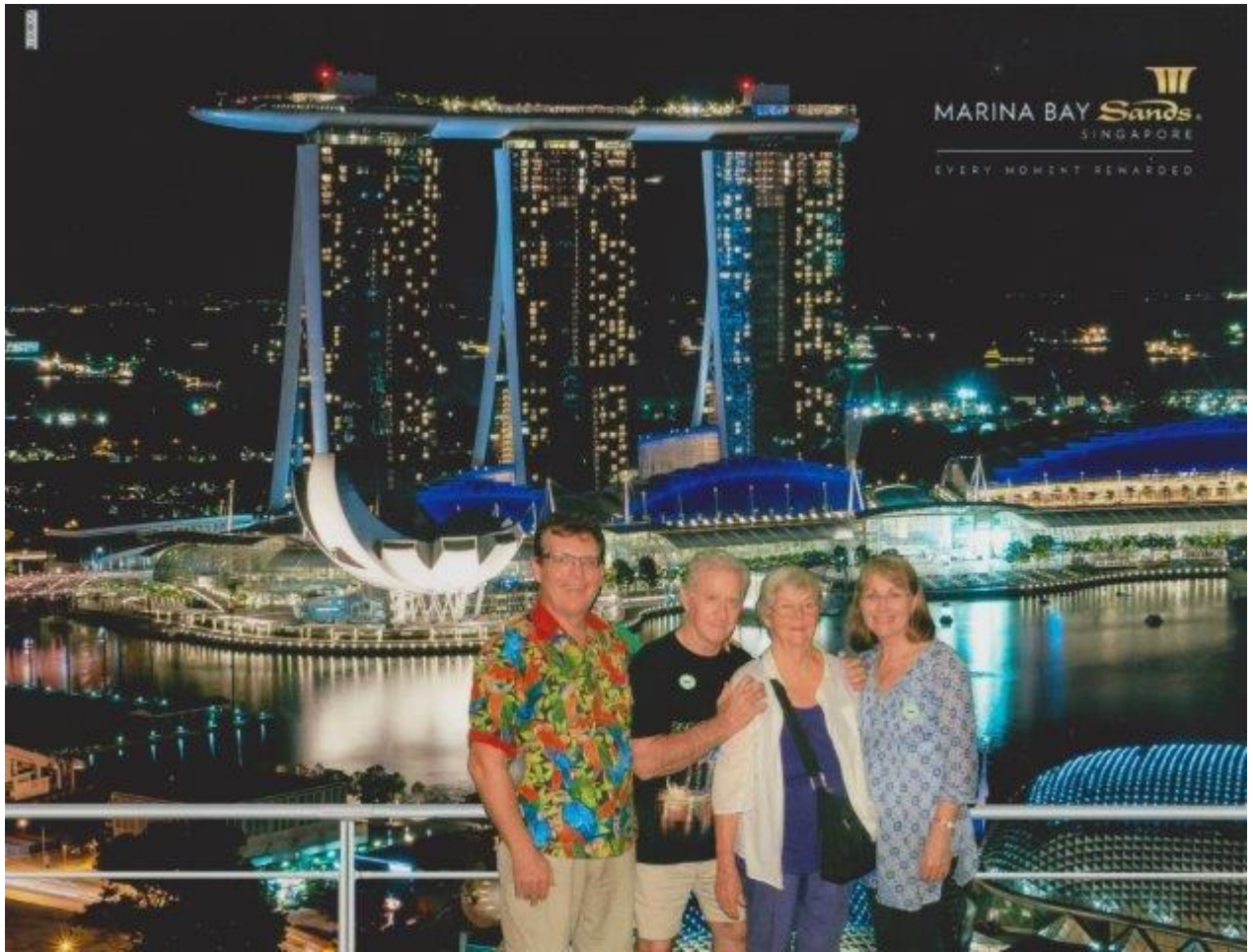


Photo above of Richard Crosland, Richard and Lynne Mann and Julie Crosland.

Floral Art Flower Arrangement Winning Entries for 2016 Spring Show – Both by Jeffrey Bloxsom



Floral Art Flower Corsages Winning Entries for 2016 Spring Show – Both by Moyna Richardson



Our hardworking ladies doing up the prize cards
Moyna Richardson, Sharyn Frish & Rosie Smith
(from left to right)



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Your 2016 Orchid Diary

12th November – STOCQ & OQI Meeting Bundaberg
at Bargara Community Centre 160 Hughes Street

19th November – ROSI Christmas Barbecue
Breingan's Home

4th December – ROSI Christmas Dinner & Awards Evening
Frenchville Sports Club

Your 2017 ROSI Orchid Diary

11th & 12th March – Bundaberg Bus Trip

8th & 9th April – ROSI Autumn Show

9th to 12th June – Townsville Bus Trip

23rd & 24th September – ROSI Spring Show

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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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