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Editors notes

Welcome to spring and not too long before our upcoming show on the 1st & 2nd October. On the subject of shows on the 14th August a group of our student judges – Nat Lakey, Doug Chippendale, Trish Craig and myself, accompanied by our president Jeff Bloxsom and Doug's Aunt Phyllis (who did a great job of taking our group photos) attended the first Agnes Water Orchid Show. Jeff and Norma Glover were also intending to attend, but sadly Jeff's back was giving him grief. (61)

A fantastic effort was put in by the Agnes Water's members for their inaugural show with beautiful displays put together by the various clubs in their region. The quality of plants entered was great and there were several vendors offering a good array of plants and plant needs. The Grand Champion was won by Bob Shields and Reserve Champion was John Hughes who are both Bundaberg Orchid Society members. There are photos from this trip following in the newsletter. The group then travelled to the Town of 1770 and from the lookout we were able to see whales in the distance, Jeffrey took a photo on his phone but you would need much imagination to see them, obviously they had dived, lunch was at the 1770 hotel which wrapped up a great trip.

Our member profile for September is yours truly, I could not find a member this month who would share their orchid experiences - as a recently elevated advance grower I am still on a very steep learning curb as far as knowledge and experience and encourage all of our Novice Growers to consider doing a monthly profile article, it is not always about advanced experiences but more of sharing your growing experiences and stories.



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 October 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

Assistants – Sandra
Rowcliffe & Trish Craig

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 27/09/16
at 7.30pm
Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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General Meeting Tuesday 23rd August 2016

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Norma Florey **21:** Alison Ramm **42**

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: There was no lucky number this month

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

Moved Ellie Dean Seconded Alan White **Carried**

Correspondence:

IN - NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District O & F Club Inc.

Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc.

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The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

The Orchid Society of NSW:

EMAILS

RRC – 2016 Tropicana – Tropical & Sustainable Garden Festival

John Rees – Orchids Queensland Inc. – meeting 6/8/16 – minutes, financial statements etc.

John Rees – Acknowledgement of our application to hold 2019 STOCQ Conference and Show

MAGAZINES – Orchids Australia – August: Australian Orchid Review – August/September

OUT

Email to John Rees, STOCQ – Application to hold 2019 STOCQ Conference.

Letter to John Webb, Coordinator Major Events, RRC – Hire Robert Schwarten Pavilion & dates – STOCQ Conference 2019

Moved Trish Craig Seconded Sharon Frisch **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved by Bill Richardson Seconded Jeff Glover **Carried**

New Growers:

Keith Marsden welcomed our two new members and thanked David and Sue Eggleshaw for hosting the last new growers at their home. The next meeting will be a repotting workshop at the home of Graham and Maxine Maunder. Please bring something for afternoon tea and your own chair as usual.

General business:

The triennial trip in 2017 will be to Bundaberg and will be a one night stay in March.

Another possible trip would be to Townsville in June 2017. The Townsville Orchid Society Inc. will celebrate its 70th Anniversary by hosting the 52nd Annual TQOC Conference & Show from 9-11 June 2017. This would be a three night stay, leaving Rockhampton on the Friday and returning on the Monday.

Spring Show: set up 12 noon on Friday 30th September, display set up – 2 pm (possibly 1 pm) until 8 pm.

The lights will be turned off and the hall locked at 8 pm.

Displays: Large – 2.4 m table (1.8 m table is acceptable), Small – 1 square metre table, Container – 50 cm x 50 cm space.

All displays will be judged by Orchid Judges.

Dinner on Saturday night: Cost is \$20 a head. A motion to subsidise the dinner and keep the cost to members to \$15 a head was moved by Margaret Kydd and seconded by Alan White. The motion was **carried**.

At the next general meeting Jeff Glover will give a talk on orchid nomenclature and orchid plant staking.

Plant Commentary: Jeff Glover gave an informative talk on the large number of plants tabled.

Exhibitor Raffle: B & S Peters

General Raffle: M Richardson x 2, J Glover, J Rawlings, J Bloxsom, M Kydd, M Handley, S Rowcliffe.

Meeting closed at 9.36pm.

The next committee meeting will be held at David & Sue Eggleshaw's home on Tuesday 30th August commencing at 7.00 pm.

Jeff Blossom (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF THE ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY-PRESENTATION NIGHT



Our Christmas Party- Presentation night is on Sunday 4th December. Venue will be the Frenchville Sports Club Clifton Street North Rockhampton. More details will be in future newsletters.



2017 TRI ANNUAL FIELD WEEKEND - BUNDABERG

Next year it is Bundabergs turn to host the Tri-Annual Field weekend. The date for this weekend is the 11th & 12th March. We will be organising a coach trip down for this weekend. It will be a one night stay. At the moment the estimated cost will be \$225 each twin share. This covers all costs – coach, accommodation, meals etc. The club may subsidise this trip so the cost could reduce.

2017 T.Q.O.C. CONFERENCE – TOWNSVILLE

The club is also looking towards a trip in June next year to the T.Q.O.C. Conference and the 70th Anniversary Townville Orchid Society Show. The dates for this weekend will be 9th to 12th June for three nights. It will be a great chance to finally visit Alice's Nursery while up there. At the moment an estimate of costs for this weekend will be \$535.00 each twin share. This covers coach and accommodation for three nights with buffet breakfast, registration to the conference, all evening meals and some lunches. Again with a subsidy from the club these costs will decrease. These costs are working on 40 members attending.

Monthly Competition Results – August 2016.

(Plants tabled; Advanced 60; Novice 25)

Judges Choice. *Ctt.* Gold Digger ‘Orglade’s Mandarin’
Ddc. cobbianum
Rhy. gigantea

B&S Peters
K&R Smith
B&N Lakey

Popular Vote – Advanced.

(Adjust July results - Dendrobium. - *Den.* Hilda Poxon

J&M Bloxsom)

Aug. Cattleya *Ctt.* Gold Digger ‘Orglade’s Mandarin’
Cattleya up to 100mm *Rlc.* Village Chief North ‘Green Genius’
Vandaceous *V.* Alicia Ono x *V.* Gordon Dillon
Dendrobium *Den.* Walnut Valley Star x *Den. speciosum*
Paphiopedilum *Paph.* Matchless ‘Balmoral’
Phalaenopsis *Phal.* Younghome Melody
Oncidium *Bllra.* Name unknown
Species *Ddc. cobbianum*
Miscellaneous *Epi.* Topaz Delight ‘Dumpy’

B&S Peters
M&S Rowcliffe
P&T Jenkinson
T&E Dean
T&E Dean
J&N Glover
M&S Rowcliffe
K&R Smith
B&S Peters

Novice.

Cattleya *C.* Mem. Robert Strait ‘Islander Delight’
Phalaenopsis *Phal.* Lianher Cranberry ‘Red Wine’
Miscellaneous *V.* Pachara Delight

P&J Moore
G&M Maunder
P&J Moore

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS

Ctt. Gold Digger ‘Orglade’s Mandarin’
B & S Peters

Ddc. Cobbianum- K & R Smith



Rhy. gigantea – B & N Lakey

New Growers Report

On Saturday 27th August the new growers had the pleasure of having their meeting at the home of Maxine and Graham Maunders. The members were welcomed by Maxine and invited to look over their beautiful gardens and orchid collection before afternoon tea. Their gardens are truly a credit to Graham and Maxine, a great way to start the afternoon.

The first part of the meeting was the trouble plant section giving the members a chance to overcome any concerns that they have had with their plants. We then moved on to the repotting workshop for the members who had a plant to repot. This gives the new members a chance to re-pot their plant with the help of an experienced member. Many thanks to all who helped with this.

The afternoon raffle completed the meeting giving the winners a plant or two to add to their collections. My sincere thanks to Graham and Maxine for having us again this year and thanks to all who donated to the raffle and helped in making the meeting so enjoyable.

You may receive this newsletter after the next new growers meeting but if not below are the details of it.

PLEASE NOTE:- SEPTEMBER NEW GROWERS MEETING WILL BE A WEEK EARLY AND IS ON SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AT THE HOME OF TREVOR AND MARG HANDLEY AT 16 FLINDERS CLOSE LAMMERMOOR (PREVIOUSLY CALLED COOEE BAY) COMMENCING 2.00PM

Keith Marsden

Paragraph accidentally omitted from Terry Dean's Profile in last month's newsletter.

(I had a bit of a shocker last newsletter, apologies to Terry for the omission.)

Also apologies for missing lucky member number as well, had a lot of people seriously looking for it.

Terry was treasurer 1968-1971 (4years) and Secretary 1972- 1983 (12 years) Vice President 2003-2013 (10 years), Cultural advisor on numerous occasions, some elected, some as a stand in, and Registrar for many, many years, even well before it became an elected position, or just a committee person for more years than he can remember. He assisted at his first orchid show in 1965 and has only missed a handful of shows due to holidays ever since. He enjoys showing his plants and doing his own individual displays for the shows.

SEPTEMBER MEMBER PROFILE – SANDRA ROWCLIFFE



I was born in Gladstone the eldest daughter of Michael and Gladys O'Brien, and was followed by two sisters - Irene 20 months later and Vicki four years on. Mum was a keen gardener with beautiful gardens enveloping their corner block. Each Mother's Day she would get up very early and cut an enormous amount of chrysanthemum flowers which she sold. Being a low income family this was a great financial help for my parents. Mum also sold potted plants at the K Mart Markets for many years and had an extensive bromelaid collection. Mum still lives in Gladstone, sadly Dad passed away in 2010.

My interest in Orchids and Cake Decorating occurred after my mum won the Gladstone Orchid Club Easter Raffle which consisted of a box of Candy Easter Eggs, Marshmallow Rabbits and a beautiful flowering Cattleya. The photo shows my mum holding the prize box (it wasn't me who took the photo but dad who cut off Mums head), with my great aunt standing beside her and one of my sisters holding our beautiful but nasty white cat

called Twinkle. I was 14 years of age that Easter and I still remember the excitement of that win, the taste of beautiful candy easter eggs and the sweet scent of the orchid which was a beautiful dark mauve colour with a purple and gold throat.

In 1979 I was married for the first time at the age of 19 and my husband Jeffrey and I moved into our new high set four bedroom kit home that we built ourselves. My dad helped Jeffrey with the standing of the panels, Dad had built three homes himself even though he was not a qualified carpenter, the last one my mum still lives in. A lot of the work was done by exchange labour as Jeffrey was a plumber which meant there was lots of weekends after we built that we worked paying back the kindness to the cabinet maker, electrician, painter etc., my role was as TA. At first our kitchen cupboards had no doors until we could afford the materials to finish them. All of our furniture was second hand, there were no credit cards or interest free loans back then.

I started collecting orchids in the mid 80s, mainly cattleyas, each Good Friday attending the Gladstone Orchid Club Show that was combined with the African Violet Society which I also had a good collection of at that time.

I had learnt cake decorating with my sister Irene when I was 16 years old, and when I finished work at 22 years of age to have my two boys Brett and Scott, money became very tight so I commenced cake decorating as a home business which I did for twelve years. I also taught the Toolooa High School Home Economic Students, new Coles Bakery staff, and also did home classes, both beginner and advanced. I established the Gladstone Cake Decorators Group and got to know many Rockhampton Group members during workshops and conferences, one of them being ROSI member Carol McCabe.

I was extremely busy often doing twenty hour days most weeks to complete my orders, one September I had 13 weddings to bake and ice cakes for and my busiest Christmas I made and iced 86 cakes. I met Lynne Mann, (ROSI member), at wedding venues in Gladstone while setting up the cakes as she was a florist. After my brother-in-law died at 33 years of age (he was only 5 months older than me) I decided to give up the cake decorating for my health but took 18 months completing the advanced cake orders that I had taken.

I competed in shows with not only my iced cakes (both traditional and novelty) but also cakes, scones, biscuits, sweets and chocolates and won many prizes over the years. I also judged CWA Cooking Contests. I manufactured candy easter eggs which I marketed all over Queensland from Cairns to Mt Isa and down to Brisbane. I employed three ladies who used to help me for six months each year to produce the amount of eggs required to fill orders. I also did chocolate easter eggs using around 100kg of chocolate each year.

After living for 14 years in our first house we sold it and bought a 67 acre block of land at Beecher (just outside of Gladstone), initially constructing a shed which we lived in for several months, and then building a very large U Shaped home which I designed. Sadly within 18 months of moving into the home I decided that my marriage was not right. I was working for Tradelink as area sales manager then and they transferred me to Rockhampton in April 1996.

I have always participated in sports, ten pin bowling, water polo, swimming, hockey and squash and when I arrived in Rockhampton I started playing squash to fill the void suddenly becoming a part time mum to my two boys as they decided to stay in Gladstone with their Dad. It was through squash that I met my second husband Michael and we married in 2001 at the Rockhampton Heritage Village, I made and iced our wedding cake as well as doing all the floral arrangements, table decorations etc.

Early 2005 we bought Scottvale Park Squash Centre which we sold in February 2014 after nine years of ownership. We moved into the centre in 2006 to live and because I needed an interest outside of our business I starting growing my orchid collection for an outlet and then joined orchid clubs, initially it was the CQ Orchid & Foliage, and finally the Rockhampton Orchid Society about six years ago. When we sold the squash centre we bought a house on an acre block at Olive Estate so I could have some decent size orchid houses which I now have three completed and one partially completed, just waiting for the shade cloth put on.

All of my green houses have been constructed by Michael, they are made out of 50 x50 square galv tubing and are all welded, not bad for an electrician. The first one is 8 metres x 8 metres and has a frosted white polycarbonate roof. In this one I grow my cattleyas, hard cane dendrobiums, catesetums, cymbidiums, phallys, phaphs and a few other varieties.



The second green house constructed was 5 metres x 5 metres and this one I use for my orchid and brom sale plants, the third one is 12.5 metres x 3.6 metres and in this one I have vandas and similar genera and also my onciea orchids as well as tassel ferns and broms. The last green house which is 7.5 metres x 5.6 metres which still has to have the shade cloth attached will be for ferns and foliage. On the outside of this green house will also hang my soft cane dendrobiums.

Up to now the only fertisiisng I have done is by slow release fertiliser and in the main orchid house I also have a nutriflow dispenser that I bought off Alice's Orchids for each watering. Recently I received an electric pump which we will set up on a small tank for regular soluable fertilising of my collections, I am hoping in the future this will see better flowering of my plants.



In my collection I love the catesetums and similar genera and also like to add unusual orchids to my collection. At the end of last year I was moved to the advanced growers and really appreciate the experience of competing against our exceptional, experienced growers.

For our Spring Show in 2015 I was considering entering my first display and was going to do a small display, but an abundance of flowering plants at the time changed my decision to doing a large display (pictured left)

I was also fortunate to receive the Champion Novice Orchid award in this show for my Phalaenopsis *Dtps. Fullers Sunset*.

I also did another display for the Autumn Show this year (pictured right). It was a bit

daunting at first trying to present a decent display but it really wasn't too hard to do.

I would encourage everyone to think about doing a display at our shows, the feeling of achievement is fantastic.



The Phallaenopsis to the left is *Dtps. Fullers Sunset* which was awarded Champion Novice Orchid at the 2015 Spring Show.

My advice to anyone new to orchid growing is to keep asking questions, the more information you have the better chances you have of caring for and growing great plants.

Thank you from Sandra

Recently my Aunt Eris Kirwin passed away. She was a Rockhampton Orchid Society Member who enjoyed attending our New Grower Meetings as well as our Show and Christmas Dinners.

Lynne Mann created a beautiful wreath for Auntie Eris's coffin which contained my orchid flowers as well as lovely roses (pictured at right). Many thanks also to the members who attended her funeral service and for the lovely Sympathy Cards.





Ellie's Corner

Ellie is having a break this month but promises Ellie's Corner in the October newsletter will have lots of great stories.



For our members celebrating their birthdays in September we wish you all the best and for those also celebrating an Anniversary – Congratulations.

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

With our Spring Show not far away below are a few guidelines for your information.

- Show Registrar is Jeffrey Glover and Head Steward is Moyna Richardson.
- A working group will organise the set-up of the hall on Sunday 25th September and are looking for more helpers please contact Peter Jenkinson or Doug Chippendale for time & information.
- Friday 30th September finalizing show set up will be around 12 noon
- Set up of Displays commence at 1.00 PM and must be finalized before 8.00 PM.
- Red Dots or a Red Star is to go on all Novice Grower Plant Labels for Judging Purposes
- **THE HALL WILL BE CLOSED AT 8.00PM THAT NIGHT WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS.** This will allow the committee members to have an earlier night in preparation for the big weekend.

PHOTOS FROM AGNES WATER ORCHID SHOW

Grand Champion – Bob Shields



Reserve Champion – John Hughes

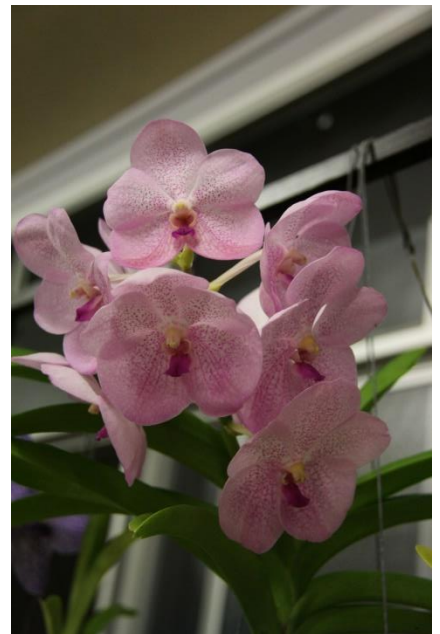




Winning Display – Jenni Scott >



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Your 2016 Orchid Diary

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

4th 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 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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