



# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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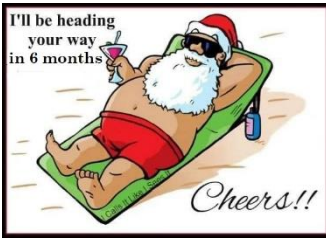


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## Newsletter – July 2023



Six months down and six more still to go for 2023. Where has the year gone? This month is busy for the society, by the time you read this newsletter a large group of members have attended our first Grower's Group Gathering at Robyn Bentleys home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, details and photos following. Our General Meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, and our Mid-Year Function is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. Payment for the function must be no later than our July Meeting.

For those attending the STOCQ Conference and staying at the Ramada by Wyndham at Hervey Bay payment needs to be made soon for the room cost as it will be paid for as a group booking through the Society. The room cost is \$215 per night including breakfast, those that need additional nights please advise Jeff Bloxson. The Society is paying for the Conference Dinner Meal Cost of \$45/head as a participation subsidy. This was decided on at our June General Meeting (full details in the meeting minutes following). 50

For this month's newsletter I will cover the genera *Liparis grossa*. Remember if there are any genera you would like me to cover, please advise.

Jeffrey Glover has compiled a great judging news article and mentions ROSI members who have all had plants awarded.

I am covering an article of noxious weeds in the "Weeds, Pests section" and have included a home made weed killer that will not affect bees, other insects, frogs etc., it is more environmentally safer than Round Up and does the job well. There is also a section on using Algacide for the treatment of algae, moss, sanitising etc., in orchid houses.

Remember if there is anything you would like me to include just drop me a line. For those on Facebook and did not know the society has its own page – Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc., and I am the administrator for another Facebook Group you may be interested in – Orchid Lovers Central Queensland.



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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc founded in 1955. It is made up of members of all grower levels.



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**Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.  
Starts 1:30pm.**

**Notice to Members:** Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall after the meeting.

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**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**  
**General Meeting Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 commencing 1.30pm**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** #19 – Tom Thorning

**Visitors:** NIL

**Lucky Number:** 11- Denise Philp

Next General Meeting – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Minutes of May 2023 monthly meeting as published in the newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

**Moved** Jan Rawlings

**Seconded**

David Eggleshaw

**Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

**IN –**

- Newsletters – Blackwater Garden Club Orchid & Foliage Society, Bribie Island Orchid Society, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caboolture Orchid Society May & June, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Gympie & District Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Nambour Orchid Society, North Queensland Orchid Society, Townsville Orchid Society.
- Orchids Australia Magazine
- Statement from Big Colour Works
- Invoice from Orchids Qld Inc for subscription renewal
- Minutes from OQI June Meeting
- Receipt for OQI renewal 2023/2024 subscription
- Email with STOCQ June Meeting Minutes
- Letter of resignation from Di MacKenzie for the position of the Treasurer's position

**OUT –**

- Copies of various clubs' newsletters sent to members.
- Apologies for ROSI nil attendance for June STOCQ Meeting.
- Revised Membership List

Sandra Rowcliffe moves that Inwards correspondence acknowledged as received and outwards correspondence endorsed as sent.

**Seconded**

Jan Rawlings

**Carried**

Treasurer's Report read and moved for adoption by Di MacKenzie.

**Seconded**

Robyn Bentley

**Carried**

**Growers Group:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> July the first Grower's Group Gathering for 2023 will be held at Robyn Bentleys home as 34 Hopkins Road Stanwell. Just past Stanwell it is a right-hand turn into Hopkins Road. The gathering will be from 10.30am to around 2.30pm. The club will supply a sausage sizzle for lunch.

**Business Arising from the last meeting:** Nil

**General Business:**

- The Society has purchased \$3,200 worth of Terry Dean's Orchid Collection to be used for raffles throughout the year.
- The June General Meeting raffle contained quite a few of these plants, future general meetings won't have as many raffle prizes. Thanks to Bernard Hilse for bringing along pumpkins for the raffle.
- The numbers for the bus trip to the STOCQ Conference were too low to go ahead with the coach component. There were only 12 names received with a minimal of 30 required. The coach booking will be cancelled. There are over 20 members driving down to the conference. Some going down on Thursday for judging & entering plants.
- Rooms are still booked for the conference at the Ramada by Wyndham at Hervey Bay, those wishing to take a room must advise Jeff Bloxsom soon, so the rooms not required can be cancelled. The room cost is \$215 each which includes breakfast each morning.
- As the Society was going to give a subsidy of \$50 per member towards the coach/car travel, Sandra Rowcliffe moved that the subsidy is paid in way of payment for the STOCQ Dinner Cost of \$45.00. David Eggleshaw seconded this and all agreed. The Club will reimburse all members who have pre-paid their dinner cost in their Conference Registration. All members are encouraged to attend as Hervey Bay strongly supported the STOCQ Conference we hosted in September 2019.
- Mid-Year Function Names were at 60 and Jeff passed around the clipboard for members to include their names if they haven't already done so. It will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 10.00am. Cost is a subsidised price of \$10 per head (\$16.50 full price) and must be paid by the July Meeting, no money will be taken on the day.

- Jeff has checked with Frenchville Sports Club about their renovation timeline and advises that our Spring Show will still be able to proceed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.
- Shirley Cantwell wishes to thank the support she has received from members since Terry's passing. There will be a Garage Sales including the remainder of Terry's orchids on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

**Plant Commentary:**

- Jeff Glover advised everyone that recently a beautiful Cattleya grown by Jana & Paul Bennett received an AOC/HCC Award. He also went onto list the names of ROSI members who have had awarded plants. There were 16 all up, with some being awarded AOC & QOC Orchids of the Year.
- Jeff asked if any members would like to comment about their orchid collections. Jenni Scott and Sandra Rowcliffe have wrapped their greenhouses for winter. Mary Semple mentioned that she is having a thrip problem. Leanne Dawes spoke of the expansion of her green house. Leanne asked about fertilising over winter. Denise Philp asked if it was possible to over fertilise. It was discussed about light requirements, Jeff mentioned that if the leaves are very dark green the plants possibly need more light. Paul Bennett asked what is winter, (currently the weather has almost been spring like with cool nights and reasonably warm days).
- Jeff then proceeded with the plant commentary. He mentioned that the Cattleyas were flowering well with both the advanced and novice tables brimming with plants in a spectacular range of colours. He spoke about breeding where splashes are on the labellum and petals.

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** Tony March

**General Raffle:** Y'vonne Manning, Di MacKenzie, Denise Philp x 2, John Jenkinson x 3, Ray Bills, Jana Bennett, John Lowrey, Jeff Glover, Robyn Bentley, Ken O'Brien, Karen Carr, Sandra Rowcliffe, Leanne Dawes x 4, Tony O'Connor, Mary Semple, Jenni Scott, Miriam Black, Kay Bauman, Terry Breingan.

Meeting closed at 3.08pm for afternoon tea.

Next Committee meeting 6.30 pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Jeff Bloxsom's Residence 12 Harden Street North Rockhampton. Bring a plate for supper.

*Jeff Bloxsom*  
President

*Sandra Rowcliffe*  
Secretary

# New Member

## CATLEYAS GALORE – JUNE MEETING

Top photo - Advanced Table and Bottom photo – Novice Table.



**Jeff Bloxsom with Tom Thorning**



## Annual Competition – June 2023 Results

### Judges Choice

Sc. Dal's Tradition 'Helen'	T March
C. Winter's Lace x Rlc. Dundas	K & P O'Brien
Den. Her Majesty	T & M Handley

### Popular Vote

#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 65)

Cattleya up to 100mm	Rc. Alyssa Valmadre 'Clifton'	B Jenkins
Cattleya over 100mm	Rlc. Barbara Jewel	S & M Rowcliffe
Vandaceous up to 65mm	V. Marissa's Little Doll 'Baby Pink'	J Scott
Vandaceous over 65mm	V. Lourdes Apostol	B Jenkins
Dendrobium	Den. Her Majesty	T & M Handley
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Hsinying Web x Paph. Hung Sheng Bay	S & M Rowcliffe
Catasetinae	Fdk. After Dark	T & M Handley
Oncidiinae	Onc. Sweet Sugar	J Scott
Species	Paph. spicerianum	B Jenkins
Miscellaneous	Calanthe Bryan	K & R Smith

#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 25)

Cattleya up to 100mm	Pot. Burana Beauty	J & D Jenkinson
Cattleya over 100mm	Blc. Chia Lin 'New City'	J Graham
Dendrobium	Den. Kiki Orange 'Kermit'	T Monks
Miscellaneous	Ascda. Susan Ong Ah Mooi x V. coerulea	D & K Clarke





**Calanthe Bryan - K&R  
Smith**



**V. Lourdes Apostol  
B Jenkins**



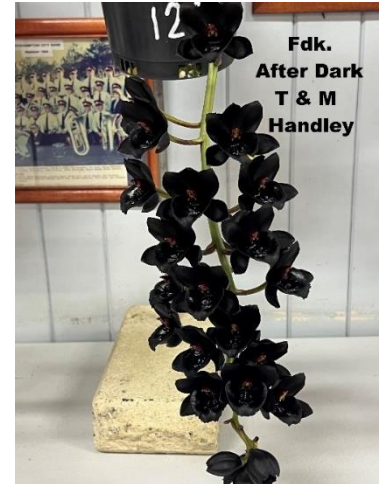
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x V. coerulea  
D&K Clarke**



**Rlc. Barbara Jewel  
S & M Rowcliffe**



**Paph. Hsining Web x  
Paph. Hung Sheng Bay  
S Rowcliffe**



**Fdk.  
After Dark  
T & M  
Handley**



**Rc. Alyssa Valmadre  
'Clifton' - B Jenkins**



**Onc. Sweet Sugar - J Scott**



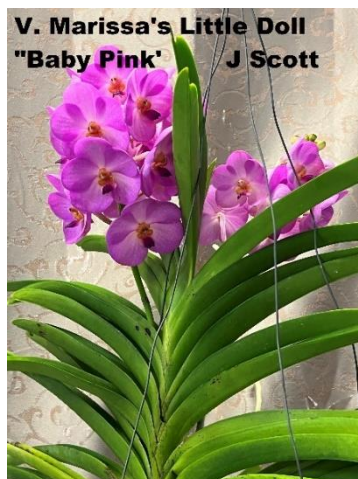
**Paph. spincerianum  
B Jenkins**



**Den. Kiki Orange 'Kermit'  
T Monks**



**Pot. Burana Beauty  
J Jenkinson**



**V. Marissa's Little Doll  
'Baby Pink'  
J Scott**



**Blc. Chia Lin 'New  
City' - J Graham**

## Orchid of the month

For this month's newsletter I will cover the genera *Liparis*. A well grown plant *Liparis grossa*. was tabled at our June Meeting. Though this plant did not receive any awards, I think its unusual qualities makes it a great genus to cover. I love purchasing unique orchids and species so I will be looking out for a plant of this variety in the future to add to my collection.



Source - [www.orchidweb.com/orchids/other-orchids/species/liparis-grossa](http://www.orchidweb.com/orchids/other-orchids/species/liparis-grossa)

*Liparis grossa* - A warm growing epiphyte found in low elevation forests from Myanmar to the Philippines. This species has a very short rhizome, so the plump, rounded pseudobulbs are close-set, making for an attractive, compact growth habit. Each spike produces multiple very small orange flowers.

Source - [www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-l/liparis.aspx](http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-l/liparis.aspx)

### Liparis

Rich. 1817

**Pronunciation** – LIP-per-ris

Tribe: Vandeae

Subtribe:

Louis C. Richard established this cosmopolitan genus in 1818. The generic epithet is from the Greek *liparos* = greasy or shining and refers to the shiny leaves of many of the species. Type species for this genus is *Liparis loeselii*. There are two distinct growth habits in this genus, terrestrial and epiphytic. The terrestrial species usually have a single large leaf on a single stem whereas the epiphytes have pseudobulbs, which are unifoliate. Commonly grown species are *Liparis condylobulbon*, *Liparis latifolia*, *Liparis nutans*, and *Liparis viridiflora*.

Number of species: The World Checklist of Monocotyledons recognises more than 500 species and their variety forms. (2007)

Distribution: Found throughout the temperate and tropical areas of the world.

--- CULTURE ---

<b>Temperature:</b>	Warm to cool.
<b>Light:</b>	Warm to cool.
<b>Water-Humidity:</b>	Keep evenly moist with high humidity. Constant air movement is also important.
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	Once a week with a balanced fertilizer when plants are actively growing. Twice a month in the cooler weather.
<b>Potting:</b>	They grow very well in pots of sphagnum moss. Some species will prosper on mounts provided the mounts do not dry out.
<b>References:</b>	1. Schultes R.E. and Pease A.S. 1963. Generic Names of Orchids. Their Origin and Meaning. Academic Press. 2. Banks D.P. 2001. Growing Orchids. Kangaroo Press 3. Cootes J. 2001. The Orchids of the Philippines. Times Editions, Singapore.
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<b>E-mail:</b>	



## Mid-Year Function



**DATE -** SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
**WHERE -** KERSHAW GARDENS -CARPARK ENTRY OFF DOWLING STREET  
**TIME -** 10.00AM TO 3.00PM - *(Members can leave earlier if they so wish).*  
**COST -** \$10.00 (\$16.50 before subsidy) includes cold meat & salad lunch, Tea/Coffee, Cold Fruit Punch and Cold Water will be supplied. Lunch around 12.30pm. We currently have over 60 names down. Final numbers and payment required by 22<sup>nd</sup> July for catering.  
**PAYMENT -** *Payment prior to day by transfer (include Member No.) or cash at July Meeting*  
**WHAT TO BRING -** Chair, Small Table, Plate for Morning Tea, Something sweet for dessert, coffee cup, cutlery, hat, sunscreen, raffle money.  
**THERE WILL BE PERGOLAS FOR SHADE.**  
**FUN GAMES AND COMPETIONS, AND A VERY LARGE MULTI DRAW RAFFLE.**  
**COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT SOCIAL DAY WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!!!**

## ***Dendrobium Anthony Albanese***

Fan or not of our current Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, the below photos should interest all orchid growers. On a recent trip to Singapore the Prime Minister was presented with a floriferous flowering Dendrobium named in his honour. I am sure it is an orchid that a lot of us might look for to add to our collection.

## **Herald Sun**



Anthony Albanese during his official visit to Singapore.





# Judging News

By Jeff Glover

The Northern Regional STOCI panel met recently on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June at the residence of Paul and Jana Bennett at Glenlee; to assess a first flowering seedling which had been vetted earlier and deemed worthy to proceed to full panel assessment. Thus, a panel of 9 judges including 3 who travelled from the Gladstone/Calliope area completed the Award Judging process. Requiring a score of 75 for an award, they considered the plant worthy of a Highly Commended Certificate scoring 77 points. Needless to say, Jana and Paul were delighted as this was their first award and I think the first of many more to come. The plant was bred by Ray Bills, and I understand was a gift to Jana and Paul. Jana and Paul have decided to recognise Ray in its name which yet has to be registered with the Royal Horticultural Society.



The hybrid profile is Rth. Emperor's Chiffon x Rlc. Dal's Horizon.

Pending RHS registration it will be registered as *Rhyncattleanthe* Jana and Ray's Beauty 'Silva'. The cultivar name 'Silva' is from Jana's sister. Congratulations Jana and Paul!

## **Rlc. Jana and Ray's Beauty. 'Silva' HCC/AOC**

It was good to see the Judges from Gladstone and Calliope attend, travel is costly these days and it was much appreciated. Thank you to Jana and Paul for the lovely afternoon-soirée they provided for the panel. It was a great afternoon and many of us enjoyed looking at their ever-expanding collection.

On a sadder note, we were all conscious of the absence of Terry Dean who until his recent passing was our most senior judge. However, we all felt that he was definitely there with us in spirit.

While processing Jana and Paul's Award I decided to do some research regarding just how many ROSI members had received awards over the years. There are now 16 members who have awards for their orchids and are as follows alphabetically: Bennett, Bloxsom, Bills, Chippendale, Dean, Frisch, Glover, Gunder, Handley, Logan, March, O'Brien, Reeves, Scott, Shelton, and Smith.

Amongst these awards are 1 Australian Orchid of the Year and two Queensland Orchid of the Year awards. Quite impressive for a society our size especially when we have only had the required 5 qualified judges periodically over the last 25 years. Thanks to those members who put in the hard yards and became judges we can now give our members' plants the recognition they deserve.



Jeff Glover, Assist Registrar, Northern Panel STOCQ.

# Members Out and About

A few photos of some of our members taken while they were out and about. The ones on the left and middle were Jeff and Marilyn Bloxsom and Sharyn Frisch attending a function with the U3A. The one on the right hand side is Marilyn Bloxsom taking part in the Rocky River Run.



## Weeds, Pests Etc

A frustrating weed that most of us have found amongst our orchids is what is known as Kirkwood's Curse or Mackinney's Menace. Years ago, I purchased an orchid and not long after this beautiful white flowering plant came up, not knowing what it was like I didn't destroy it. I am now regretting my actions years later. This plant develops extremely long roots that are hard to remove from orchid pots without repotting. The best part is when the flowers open, they release hundreds of seeds that float amongst the greenhouse and garden and quickly propagate.



*Below is an article from Nambour Orchid Society  
Author – Charlie McMonagle.*

### **Pseudanthemum variable**

Few growers in this region are not plagued by this pest, variously known as Kirkwood's Curse or Mackinney's Menace after the two nurseries that have been blamed for introducing it to orchid collections. It is a plant native to the dry sclerophyll forests along the eastern coast of Australia. It is cultivated and sold by some plant nurseries as the "Butterfly Plant" because it is said to be attractive to four or more species.

The plants are fast-growing and commence seeding at an early stage. Seed capsules explode on maturity, scattering seed which can be wind-borne over a range of several metres. Once you have it, it will quickly spread through your orchid collection and throughout your garden. Orchid potting media provide the ideal hosts.

Plants have a long taproot, often bifurcated, usually similar in length to the height of the plant. Most attempts to pull plants out of a pot or the ground result in breakage at ground level, leaving behind the root system which will promptly re-grow. The only way to effectively remove the weed from potted orchids is to re-pot, removing all traces of the taproot from the plant's root ball. For plants with tightly matted roots, this can be difficult. An alternative, suggested by Wayne Turville at Australian Orchid Nursery (Melbourne), is to paint the leaves of the weed with concentrated (50%) Glyphosate. You would need to be very careful not to get any Glyphosate at this strength on your plant and watering should be withheld for at least 48 hours.

Plants containing this weed in the pot can be deemed to be not in "Show Bench Condition" as defined by the AOC Judging Handbook. To avoid the risk of spreading this pest to other growers, exhibitors at shows or meetings should ensure that all such plants are removed from pots beforehand.

***Author: Charlie McMonagle***



Another plant which is the bane of orchid growers is Oxalis. There are over 800 different species of this plant but the most common weeds of them are the yellowwood sorrel or the creeping wood sorrel. Both have grown in my orchid pots, the clumping one and the one that goes round and round the edges of the orchid pot. A few growers have used aeroguard to kill this pest, I haven't tried it as I normally just pull the plants out. Again, a careful brushing of Glyphosate to the leaves would probably work on killing this pest.

## **ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WEED KILLER**

- 4 litres white vinegar**
- 1 Cup of Salt**
- 1 tablespoon of dishwashing  
Liquid**

The following is reprinted from an article by Jim McBrydie.

### Using Algaecide to control moss, algae and bacteria in orchid collections

At our March meeting, a lively discussion took place with regard to controlling moss in orchid collections. Many growers found that rampant moss growth prevented water getting down into the orchid growth medium, particularly where automatic watering systems were in use. Based on the following article, put together by Jim Brydie (a Sydney grower), I have been using swimming pool algaecide for some time to successfully control algae and brown rots in my collection, and have noticed that it also reduces moss growth.

**Benzalkonium chloride** is used in swimming pool algaecides to control algae and bacterial growth (e.g. Alginox, Algitrol and many others). It is also the active ingredient in a number of products registered in Australia for control of algae, moss, lichen and liverworts in lawns, on paths etc. (e.g. Yates 'Surrender' and others). The Royal Horticultural Society recommends the use of algaecides based on benzalkonium chloride, where it's necessary to remove mosses and lichens. Benzalkonium chloride probably also has anti-viral properties, as it is the active ingredient in a number of medical anti-viral cleaning solutions, although at much lower concentrations.

The dosage rates in Jim Brydie's table below are based on swimming pool algaecides that have 150g/l benzalkonium chloride in them. Alginox, Algitrol and the other brands I've looked at, all use this concentration. There are plenty of brands to choose from, and the swimming pool algaecides are quite strong enough for orchid culture and safer to use (and cheaper) than the horticultural 'moss-killers' mentioned, which usually contain benzalkonium chloride at the much higher concentration of 500g/l. If you choose to use the more concentrated horticultural moss-killers, such as the Yates product designed for lawns, paths etc., you will need to adjust the concentration accordingly for use in orchid culture, and be much more concerned about safety. Do check the label to make sure that the product you use does not also contain Copper salts or Boron, as these are potentially harmful to plants in larger doses (if unsure, check the APVMA website, link below).

Looking at the Australian safety data sheets, benzalkonium chloride is rated as non-hazardous in the concentrations used in swimming pool algaecides (150g/l), but hazardous in the concentrations used in moss-killers (500g/l) – with the potential to cause skin irritation & eye damage if splashed, and breathing difficulties if ingested. As Jim says, always take safety precautions - *don't drink it or splash it about, wear rubber gloves and wash hands after use.*

In his article, Jim Brydie mentions an alternative horticultural product called Physan, which includes the same active ingredient. It is marketed in the US as a "broad range disinfectant, fungicide, virucide, and algaecide which effectively controls a wide variety of pathogens on hard surfaces and plants". However, it is no longer registered for use in Australia. (As an interesting aside, one American grower using Physan to control algae in a hydroponics system noted in a blog that it left no harmful residue if the leaves were dried and smoked! I guess he wasn't growing orchids...)

For further info, see:

- <http://www.poolresources.com.au/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/02/MSDS-Algicide.pdf> MSDS for Algitrol algicide
- <http://www.yates.com.au/commercial/products/plant-protection/algaecides/surrender-mosskiller/> Yates 'Surrender' & MSDS: <http://msds.duluxgroup.com/pdf/shess-en-cds-020-000000021482.pdf>
- <http://blog.landscapedesign.co.nz/general/war-on-bryophytes-moss/archives/59/> Article on use of benzalkonium chloride to control moss, albeit in NZ with NZ safety info
- <https://portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris> Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicine Authority (APVMA) website (search for 'benzalkonium chloride' to bring up registered products containing bc – other active compounds will also be listed – check for Copper, Boron etc.)
- <http://www.physan.com/> Physan website



Many thanks to Jim Brydie for allowing us to reproduce his article, below, on the use of swimming pool algaecides. (Karen Groeneveld)

#### **ALGINOX as a Disinfectant - Jim Brydie**

Alginox is a liquid sanitizer used for control of algae and bacteria in Swimming Pools. It has the same active ingredient as a once popular, but much more expensive, orchid/plant disease control product called Physan (ie dimethyl benzyl ammonium chlorides, and ethyl benzyl ammonium chlorides). As far as I know, the guidelines in the table below were put together by a nurseryman on the North Coast of NSW about 20 years ago. The rates recommended are believed to be quite safe for all orchids and in fact, the experience of a few local users suggests you might even want to slightly increase the suggested rates.

**However! As with the use of any chemical, you should proceed with caution. Use gloves, don't drink it or get it in your eyes, keep it away from children, etc etc etc. You also never know if some plants may be more sensitive than others, or if effects in some circumstances may differ. Usage is at your own risk. Please read all directions on the Alginox container before using it, and test on samples in your own conditions before making any decision to use more widely.**

If you think Alginox might be helpful to you and you would like to try it, it is currently available (Jan 2012) in most Woolworth's supermarkets, in the pool chlorine section and in some K-Marts (Hornsby at least). A 2.5 litre container cost about \$10-\$12 so it is cheap as chips.

#### **ALGINOX - SUGGESTED RATES AND APPLICATIONS**

USAGE	RATE	APPLICATION
Dividing Plants	15 mls to 4 litres of water (ie 3.75mls per litre)	Remove old compost, soak plant for 5 minutes before dividing with sterilized cutters. Trim the division and its roots, soak again for 5 minutes before repotting.
Seedlings from flask. Protect from damp off.	7 mls to 4 litres of water (ie 1.75mls per litre)	Soak plants including agar, in Alginox solution for 5 mins. Remove agar, soak compost in Alginox solution. Afterwards, spray once per month or anytime disease is evident.
Adult plants	50 mls to 20 litres of water	Spray once a month or anytime disease is evident. Soak compost when disease is evident.
Maintenance dosage. (Dendrobium cut flower growers spray)	20 mls to 20 litres of water (ie 1ml per litre)	For specific problems such as rots or Botrytis, use the recommended dosage until under control. Then resume this maintenance dosage & spray once a month.
Disinfectant - to kill virus, bacteria, fungus, algae on contact.	5 mls to 1 litre of water	Wipe plant sap from the cutting edge first. Submerge cutting tool in Alginox solution before using again.
Rots such as black rot, brown rot, Erwinia etc	15 mls to 4 litres of water (3.75ml per litre)	Remove compost, soak entire plant 10 minutes or more. Trim all rot from plant using sterilized cutter. Soak plant wounds 10 minutes or more. Repot using compost soaked with Alginox solution.
Brown rots in Vandaceous orchids	25 mls per 10 litres of water (ie 2.5ml per litre)	Spray weekly during rainy periods. Ensure the solution gets in and around the leaf bases. Do not omit spraying because it is raining.
Spraying walkways and under benches	15 mls to 4 litres of water (ie 3.75ml per litre)	Spray heavily under benches and on walkways.

# Growers Group News

Our July Grower's Group Meetings was held at the home of Robyn and John Bentley at Stanwell on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, a lovely 30-minute drive out of Rockhampton. The meeting was held from 10.30am to 2.30pm and the Society put on a sausage sizzle for lunch. There were around 35 members in attendance. The weather was beautiful with a cool breeze blowing. Members enjoyed looking at Robyn's Greenhouse and yard, including the horse paddocks, all enjoyed a delicious morning tea prior to the informative meeting that followed. First up a friend of Robyn's, Tiffany James, presented an informative talk on mosaicking and had many examples of her artwork to show members. I believe quite a few members are now considering trying this beautiful art.



**Mosaicing Talk  
Tiffany James**

Tiffany's presentation was followed by lunch, then onto the rest of the afternoon. Marg Handley presented an informative talk on Epidendrums (Crucifix Orchids), she discussed her growing conditions and potting mediums. Marg was followed by Trevor who did a presentation on Catesetums and showed how he repotted them and gave watering advice for this time of the year which is their dormant season.



**Marg  
Handley**



**Trevor  
Handley**

Following this Bob Jenkins showed members how to straighten aluminum wire, that was taken from an aluminum electrical cable, using a battery drill, then showed how to make pot hangers from the wire and how to create pot plant stakes. He also showed how to cut up a very overgrown Cattleya owned by Robyn, which was most informative.



**Bob Jenkins**

A big thank you to Robyn and John for hosting the meeting and to all who assisted in making the day great.

Our next Grower's Group Gathering is: -

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Sandra & Michael Rowcliffe's home at 53 Constance Avenue Rockyview**



**Robyn Bentley, Kerrie Green & Bob Jenkins**



Maxine is still looking for homes to visit later this year, if you can open your home and greenhouse for a members visit, please give Maxine a call on 0439 206 576 or speak to her at the meetings.

## 2023 Show Dates

As Supplied by John Rees.

**\*\* ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\***

### August

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore OS show  
set up 3<sup>rd</sup>. Buderim

11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Agnes Water - cancelled

15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August – APOC in Singapore

### September

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Childers & IDOS show set up 31<sup>st</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - September 2023 Nambour OS show

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Glasshouse Country OS show

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> -Maryborough OS set up 13<sup>th</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Noosa DO&FS Show Cooroy

Memorial Hall Maple Street set up 14<sup>th</sup>.

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> - Orchidfest sponsored by Hervey  
Bay Orchid Society

30<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> October – ROSI Spring  
Show set up 29<sup>th</sup>.

### October

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Bribie IOS show, judging 12<sup>th</sup>.

### November

11<sup>th</sup> Nambour Species Show Buderim Hall  
set up 10<sup>th</sup>.



### December

9<sup>th</sup> - ROSI Christmas Awards Dinner  
Rockhampton Leagues Club

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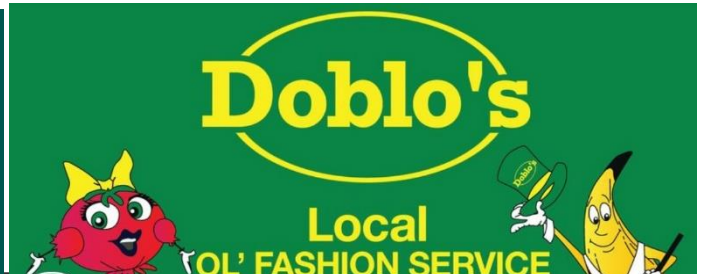
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