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Newsletter - April 2021

This Newsletter reaches you after the Easter Break, so a belated Happy Easter to all our Members. I trust that everyone is safe and well and enjoyed an abundance of quality time with family and friends, and that those members amongst us with a sweet tooth didn't over indulge too much during this sugar rich time of year.



I am pleased to include in this Newsletter news of our first ROSI Growers Workshop for 2021, which is our first Growers gathering in over a year. I am sure that each and everyone of us welcome the return of our day time gatherings, and will put our full support behind Maxine, Gwen and Jan in their efforts.

-Editor.



Thw Dal's Emperor
'Michelle'



Rlc. Chomthong Fancy
"Classy Companion"



Ctsm. Susan Fuchs
'Capricorn's Ginger Snap'

**Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 27th April 2021.
Starts 7:30pm.**

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

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

General Meeting Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Leanne Jenkins

Lucky Number: 72 B & M Richardson (not at meeting)

Next General Meeting – 27th April 2021

Minutes of January monthly meeting as published in the March newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Y Manning

Seconded

M Maunder

Carried

Correspondence:

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NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society

Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc.

Mackay District Orchid Society Inc.

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

Nambour Orchid Society Inc.

North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc. has decided to go ahead with Mother's Day Weekend show – 7th to 9th May 2021.

Notice that the Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 55th Autumn Show will be held at the Brisbane International Shooting Centre, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont on 1st & 2nd May 2021.

John Rees – notice regarding Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. has set 6/11/21 to hold the November STOCQ meeting at Morayfield East State School, Graham Road, Morayfield: also notice that South Burnett Orchid Society Inc. will not hold a show this year.

Bendigo Bank – February statement

OUT

Nil

Read and moved by the secretary that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward correspondence endorsed

Seconded

S Frisch

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by D MacKenzie Seconded D Hughes **Carried**

General Business:

At the end of the AGM on 23rd February 2021 no Growers Group Coordinator had been appointed. Subsequently, society members Maxine Maunder, Gwen Brenigan and Jan Hogan have put their names forward to jointly run the group. Further to this, Maxine Maunder was elected as the sixth committee member of the Society for 2021.

The first 2021 Growers Group workshop will be held at Maxine & Graham Maunder's home on 1st May 2021.

As our previous treasurer had used her own computer for the treasurer's role it was proposed to purchase a laptop computer for the incoming treasurer. This computer would then be passed on with the treasurer position when it changes.

Proposed S Frisch Seconded T Craig **Carried**

Triennial Field Trip – 13th & 14th March - this was very successful and enjoyable. The president thanked member Jenni Scott for allowing us as quick a tour of her of her extensive orchid collection as time would allow. This gave rise to a suggestion that the society might organise a trip to Jenni's one day in the future.

It was also noted that Terry Dean had his eighth birthday recently. Everyone at the meeting wished Terry Happy Birthday and expressed the hope that he has many more.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch

Exhibitor's Raffle: L Lucke.

General Raffle: J Glover, L Dawes x2, L Humble, R Bills, S Eggleshaw, J Dawes, K Carr, K O'Brien, B Jenkins, T Craig.

Meeting closed 8.52pm.

Committee meeting at Peter & Toni Jenkinson's residence – Tuesday 30th March at 7.00pm.

J Bloxsom
President

Trish Craig
Secretary



GROWERS WORKSHOP

(formally Growers Group)

A Growers Workshop is to be held at the Maunder residence, 184 Stamford Street, North Rockhampton, on the 1st May from 1.30pm for a 2pm start.

This is a good opportunity for our newer members to come along to a more informal setting to meet friends you didn't know you had! Afternoon Tea will be followed by a demonstration & general discussion on the care of SOFT CANE DENDROBIUMS by our venerable KEITH MARSDEN. Keith will also be happy to address any questions you may have regarding these lovely plants. A raffle will be drawn during the afternoon, as well.

Bring a folding chair, hat, afternoon tea & mug. A donation to the raffle table will be welcomed but not essential. Items for the raffle MUST be healthy (if plants) OR worthy of being won.

We, The Bevy of Gwen Brenigan, Jan Hogan & myself, welcome you all in anticipation of a great afternoon! Offers of future venues for our Growers Workshop are most welcome.

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V. Fuchs Sunset
X Chtra. Keereebon



Rlc. Glenlee Magician 'Glenlee'



Phal. Ox Golden Star



Den. Emma Mckinney Moller

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BUNDABERG FIELD WEEKEND 13TH/14TH MARCH 2021

Well what a fantastic weekend was had by everyone who attended. I think because of the lack of shows and inter club visits, it just made the weekend all the better. In addition, we had not seen a lot of the other club members since our Conference in September 19.

Even though our numbers were down on previous field weekends we still had 25 of our members participate. We started very early with lock-up car parking at Lawrence's Holden and departed by 5am. We are still lucky in this respect that this facility is still available to us. Our first stop was at Jenny Scott's place to pick up 9 members from the Calliope Orchid and Foliage Society and then a further 2 stops to pick up 3 more from Calliope and then 3 members from Agnes Waters. This made for a much fuller bus.

After a convenience and coffee stop at Miram Vale we then took the back road to Bundaberg. We arrived at the president of Bundaberg Society's residence – Bob & Debra Shield around 9.30. Just in time for morning tea. Here we were able to look over Bob & Debra's beautiful collection and as well some of the other society members had tables set up with sales plants. Their new purpose-built tunnel house for their extensive Phalaenopsis collection was the centre of attention. We had to hold everyone back until after morning tea as the Gladstone coach had arrived previously and were waiting for us.

The next port of call was at John & Bethel Hughes residence. John & Bethel have been members of Bundy for many years and have quite a large and varied collection. Many more plants were purchased to add to the ever filling compartments under the coach. We all then returned to the Shield's for a sausage sizzle lunch. Next a new collection we had not visited before was at Robert & Diana Ephraims at Branyan. They had converted some old horse stables into shade houses and very successfully I might add. From here we headed to Bob & Glenda Coster's residence. Bob had many small green houses with various genera in each, they were very interesting to see the advantage taken of the varying microclimates. The next place on our list was Rick & Bronwyn Emmerson's at Welcome Creek. Rick has a registered nursery Pacific Coast Orchids and specialises in Vandas. What an eye opener. I was in heaven. Rick has 4 large tunnel houses just full of beautiful flowering orchids. Many plants were purchased here and our coach just got fuller. Of course, we stayed here a little longer than intended; but then also managed a quick sight-seeing trip to Moore Park which was only 4 km away and got to our accommodation around 5pm. We only had a little time to relax and refresh before we had to be back on the coach around 6.15pm to head off to our evening dinner at "Rowers on the River" I think there was about 120 members at the dinner from the various clubs. A sumptuous alternate dinner was served, then followed by a huge multi draw rolling raffle. Quite a few plants were won by our members to add to their ever expanding purchases. After a lot of socialising and laughter as we headed back to our motel for some much needed rest and an early night's sleep.

Sunday morning saw us all meeting in the motel's restaurant for a yummy hot breakfast before heading off once again with our usual great coach captain and member John Jenkinson, and guide from Bundy, Ian who continued his very informative talk on the changing face of Bundy's agriculture. Today was not as hectic as Saturday as we only had 2 collections to visit. The first one was John & Leith Schouten's residence at Woongarra. A very large collection mostly all cattleyas from where many more purchases were made. From here we headed to Alwyn and Bev Heidke's place at Windermere. The Heidkes have quite a large farm where they grow potatoes and now macadamia nuts. Their place is always a delight to visit time and time again. A beautiful collection of varied genera. Again quite a few more purchases were made. From here we headed off for a beautiful lunch at The Gardens (Penny Lane) Branyan.

The picture below shows the members from all of the clubs who participated in the weekend at the front of the restaurant. It took a bit to get them all lined up but finally worked out.



After lunch, we had some speeches and thanked Bundaberg for hosting such a successful, wonderful weekend. I then invited all members present to visit us in Rockhampton in 2022 as it is our turn to host the field weekend. After some farewells we departed for our return trip home. ²⁷ When we dropped the Calliope group back to Jenny Scott’s residence, she invited us in for a special quick visit of her collection. We discussed the possibility of a field day down to Calliope where we could visit longer and more collections in this area.

A very tired coach of members returned to Rockhampton at around 6.30 to unload all of their treasures they had purchased over the weekend, and head for home for a much-needed rest. The field weekend was a huge success and everyone could not compliment it more. Hopefully, on our next field trip away, many more of our members will be able to participate. Perhaps, a one-day field trip to Calliope could be a strong possibility in the middle of the year.

Jeff Blossom - President

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- Officials**

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SPECIES OF THE MONTH

by Jeff Glover

The species of the month is *Spathoglottis plicata*; known by its common names as the Chinese or Philippine Ground Orchid. As the common names suggest it is quite prolific in both the afore mentioned countries,



Spa. plicata

and also that it is a terrestrial orchid (grows in the ground). While it is widespread throughout southeast Asia, surprisingly, its distribution even extends down through New Guinea to Northern Australia. It is found from Cooktown in Queensland through the tropical coastal belt, north along Cape York to the Jardine River. Hence, it can be classified as an Australian native orchid. It derives its name from the Latin derivative *ply-kah-ta*; meaning to fold or pleat which is indicative of the plant's distinctive pleated-leaves.

The Genus *Spathoglottis* contains approximately 40 species and is allied to other terrestrial and semi-terrestrial members of the sub-tribe *Phaiinae* such as,

Calanthe and *Phaius*. (Hawkes, 1965). These orchids are so close in genetic structure that there have been many intergeneric hybrids produced. The terrestrial habit of *Spathoglottis* has seen their hybrids become very popular as they are suitable for both pot and garden-bed culture. In the last 20 years, crosses of *Spa. plicata* and another equally as showy member of the genus, the yellow *Spa. aurea*, has seen breeders of this genus produce some very showy cultivars. There is a particular retail line of *Spatoglottis* presently available in nurseries that have a group of about 6 very showy plants with names such as, Mellow Yellow, Purple Plum and Cabaret. They produce masses of flowers and develop into large specimens and are easily grown in pots in a sheltered, well-lit position in the garden.



Spa. Hybrid (Unknown)

Spa. Plicata is quiet hardy and when grown in pots it



Spa. Hybrid (Cabaret)

requires a mixture with some moisture

retention. This can be obtained by adding cocoa peat, or black peat and or perlite to a traditional small bark and fine charcoal substrate. It has small black pseudobulbs that will grow to be semi-submerged in the potting mix or ground and are quiet crowd in mature specimens. The thin pleated, board leaves which can be up to four per bulb, emerge from the top of the pseudobulbs. The flowers stalks emanate from the side basal shoots and can be up to 75 cm long. Flowers are variable and range from bright purple to mauve or white. The species and their hybrids flower spasmodically throughout the year but are more profuse in Autumn and Winter in Central Queensland. Slow-release fertilizer is a good regime to adopt for feeding as they require regular feeding to produce their best. As

mentioned previously, they will grow very well in garden-bed situations and have become popular with landscapers. However, in my opinion as they will readily grow into large specimens, they are best managed in large shallow pots in the garden where they can be easily divided into clumps and acclimatised to produce their best. The only draw-back is, dendrobium beetles adore the flowers. But, a very worthwhile addition to your collection especially if you like orchids in your garden.

References: Encyclopedia of Cultivated Orchids. Alex D. Hawkes, 1965.

JUDGING NEWS

The Sub Tropical Orchid Council Northern Panel Judges held their first meeting for 2021 last month. We try to have at least two meetings each year alternatively in Rockhampton and Gladstone, along with the Shows, and as required, convened plant-judging meetings in normal times. Judges who hadn't yet submitted their choices for the Queensland awards chose their selections at the meeting. Mostly, all were very close in each category with little variation. Judges get to submit a choice for their state awards for, Cultural Award of the Year, Species of the Year, Hybrid of the Year, and Award of Distinction. The winners then go forward to represent their state for the Australian annual awards; once finalized judges again get to vote for the national awards.

There has been some interest from members of clubs in the Gladstone area for a student judge course. This is dependent on numbers; should any Rockhampton members have an interest in becoming a judge please advise me and it may be viable option.

At the meeting we also celebrated fellow judge and past panel Registrar, Terry Dean's 80th Birthday. Terry is our longest serving judge and most likely also has the longest membership of the Rockhampton Orchid Society. Congratulations Terry!

Jeff Glover – Asst. Registrar STOCI Northern Panel.



V. Super Cooper



Fdk After Dark X Ctsa.
Orchidglade Davie Ranches



V. Camano Beauty 'Pink'

Annual Competition - February 2021 Results

Judges Choice

Den (Burbank Sweet X Lady Gem)	J&P Bennett
Vanda Camano Beauty 'Pink'	J&N Glover
Thw Dal's Emperor 'Michelle'	J&N Glover

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 39)

Cattleya up to 100mm	Thw. Dal's Emperor 'Michelle'	J&N Glover
Cattleya over 100mm	Rlc. Chomthong Fancy "Classy Companion" {Note – (Rlc. (Haadyai Delight X Laddawan Beauty)) = Rlc. Chomthong Fancy}	J&S Frisch
Vandaceous up to 65mm	V. Fuchs Sunset X Chtra. Keereeboon	T Dean
Vandaceous over 65mm	V. Super Cooper	J&M Bloxsom
Dendrobium	Den. Emma McKinney Moller	M&T Handley
Catasetinae	Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Capricorn's Ginger Snap'	J&S Frisch
Miscellaneous	Phal. Ox Golden Star	M&T Handley

Novice (Plants Tabled: 17)

Cattleya up to 100mm	Rlc. Glenlee Magician 'Glenlee'	J&P Bennett
Dendrobium	Den. (Burbank Sweet X Lady Gem)	J&P Bennett
Miscellaneous	Fdk. Beverley Danielson {Note: (Fdk. After Dark X Ctsa. Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches') = Fdk. Beverley Danielson}	D&L Humble

NQ ORCHID FAIR



NQ Orchid Fair is on again 5th and 6th June 2021. Held at the Townsville Table Tennis Hall, Charters Towers Road, Townsville. Open 8am to 5pm Saturday 5th and 8am to 2:30pm Sunday 6th

12 vendors local and international confirmed with more to come on board. Huge range of orchids from flask to flowering size and foliage plants available.

\$2 entry fee and huge raffle available.

If staying overnight our preferred accommodation is the Banjo Paterson Motel. Ph: 07 47 252 333.

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Den. (Burbank Sweet X Lady Gem)

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2021 Show Dates

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

April:

29th, 30th - 1st May - **Caboolture** OS closed show ~
Morayfield Shopping Centre.

May:

1st, 2nd - **Gympie** ADOS show ~ Albert Park Bowls
Club (setup 30th April from 2pm).
7th, 8th - **Noosa** DOFS closed show.
7th - 9th - **Bundaberg** OS show (setup 6th).

July:

23rd, 24th, 25th - **Caboolture** OS Winter show ~
Morayfield Community Centre.

August:

6th, 7th - **Maroochydore** OS show
(setup 5th).
14th, 15th - **Agnes Water** show *and hosting*
STOCQ.
27th, 28th - **Childers & IDOS** show
(setup 26th).

September:

1st - 5th - **AOC conference and show ~**
POSTPONED TO 2022
3rd, 4th - **Nambour** Orchid Society show
(setup 2nd).
16th, 17th, 18th - **Maryborough** DOS show ~ St.
Paul's Hall (setup 15th).
16th, 17th - **Noosa** DOFS closed show (setup 15th).
24th, 25th - **Glasshouse Country** OS show ~
Beerwah Community Hall (setup 23rd).
24th - 26th - **Hervey Bay** OS show and Garden
Spectacular (setup 23rd).
25th, 26th - **Rockhampton** OS Spring show.

October:

1st 2nd - **Caloundra** OS show ~ Uniting Church
Hall, Queen Street, Caloundra (setup 30th).
8th - 9th - **Bribie Island** OS Spring show (setup 7th).
21st, 22nd & 23rd - **Caboolture** OS closed show ~
Morayfield Shopping Centre.
29th, 30th - **Nambour** species show (setup 28th).

October/November:

Caboolture will host STOCQ meeting.

The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the 14th May 2021; articles received after that date will be included in the following month.

-Editor.

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding December) at Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Burnett Street, North Rockhampton. Meetings commence at 7:30pm and plants must be tabled by 7:15pm.

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