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## Newsletter – April 2024

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I am writing this newsletter just two weeks out from our Autumn Show, hasn't that come up quickly. Today I went to Gladstone to assist with the judging at the Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Easter Show. There were several judges and student judges who attended from Rockhampton to assist. The hall was full of beautiful orchids and amazing foliage plants. I must admit a couple of orchids and some bromeliad mini neo pups may have hitch hiked back to Rockhampton with me. Thank you to the Gladstone Society for the lovely morning tea they provided for the Judges and Stewards to enjoy.

In May's newsletter I will cover everything from our Autumn Show, with the results, photos of entries and also photos from our awards presentations which will take place at the Show Dinner to be held at Coco Brew on the Saturday night.

In this newsletter I have selected *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* as the genera for Orchid of the Month. This species and many other similar ones have clusters of flowers coming out of the plant spikes. The one that Trevor & Margaret Handley tabled was very well grown and received a popular vote award. I have also included an article on intergeneric orchid hybrids, Jeff Glover touched on this during his plant commentary at our March Meeting, please if there were anything you would like me to cover just drop me a line and I will do my best to source the information.<sup>28</sup>

Planning at this stage is well underway for our Show but with a new venue and a smaller floor plan it is hopefully still going to be a great show. Until next newsletter I am now going to get my orchids ready for the show.

**Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.  
Doors Open 12.30pm and Meeting Starts at 1:30pm.**

**Plants must be tabled by 1.20pm at the latest.**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> March commencing 1.30pm**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** NIL

**Visitors:** NIL

**Popular Vote** – Members completed their popular orchid voting.

Minutes of February 2024 monthly meeting as published in the newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

<b>Moved</b>	Peter Rankin	<b>Seconded</b>	Kay Ratcliffe	<b>Carried</b>
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**Treasurer's Report** – This was sent out with our March Newsletter.

Karen moved that her report be accepted	<b>Seconded</b>	Kerrie Clarke	<b>Carried</b>
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**CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024**

**IN –**

- Newsletters –Blackwater Orchid Society, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, North Qld Orchid Society, Pine Rivers Orchid Society, Townsville Orchid Society.
- Email from RRC MyCity re: Show Advertising – this has been updated.
- Emails from Frenchville Sports Club re: Community Grant
- Email from Woolgoolga Orchid Society with details on 2025 AOC.
- Email from Annie Houston on 2025 AOC Details
- Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show Flyer
- Caboolture Orchid Society Show Flyer
- Bundaberg Orchid Society Show Flyer
- Rockhampton Regional Council – notification of a Zoom course on volunteer management on 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Notification of Aurizon Community Grant
- Email re: change of address of the Dories.

**OUT –**

- Copies of various clubs' newsletters sent to members.
- Several emails to Frenchville Sports Club re: event sponsorship grant

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

<b>Seconded</b>	Miriam Black	<b>Carried</b>
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**Growers Group:**

Maxine thanked all who attended the March Workshop of the Rowcliffe's on 9<sup>th</sup> March, she said it was disappointing with the low numbers as a very good demonstration was given by Bob Jenkins on deflasking orchids. Everyone enjoyed afternoon tea and the usual raffle concluded the day.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Mary & Robert Semple's residence at Glenlee, Keith Marsden will be the speaker at this workshop.

**Business Arising from the last meeting:**

Jeff mentioned the possibility of the bus trip to PROPA Field Day on 20<sup>th</sup> October. He is looking at making it a two-day trip – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October. Coach Cost is \$5,000. It would be roughly around \$250 per person for accommodation & coach travel. He will look into it further after our Autumn Show.

**General Business:**

- Midyear function will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Again, it will be at Kershaw Gardens but will be in a different part of the gardens with entry off Dowling Street near where the Breingans live. Further discussions will occur following our Autumn Show.
- Jeff has finalised the dinner arrangement at Coco Brew. Cost of the buffet dinner will be \$49.00 per head. Jenni Scott moved a motion that the society subsidises this by \$10/head with the dinner cost of \$39.00 per person. This was seconded by Sharyn Frisch and approved by all.
- Jeff went through Show Roster positions. Karen Carr will email the list out prior to the Show.
- Jeff asked who would have entries in container displays and floral art.
- Jeff Glover has organised all the judges, Doug Chippendale will be the Foliage Judge with two stewards assisting.
- The members sales tables have been finalised and at this stage there will be three club tables.
- Jeff mentioned about donations for the raffle.
- He mentioned that we have the advantage of early set up on Thursday afternoon at the old Art Gallery. Tables and Merchandise area will be set up between 12.00pm & 5.00pm on the Thursday. This will give the assistants more time on the Friday to work on their own show entries/sale plants etc.

**Plant Commentary:**

- Jeff Glover did the plant commentary, before he commenced, he presented Jenni Scott with her certificate for her awarded plant at the Hervey Bay STOCQ Conference in September.
- Jeff spoke about - intrageneric & intergeneric.
- He talked about Catesetums could flower more as the weather gets cooler, but with global warming it might change.
- He spoke about the *Oncidium bluntii* which is a natural hybrid, and it is classed as a species at shows.
- He spoke about the appeal of yellow flowers commenting on the yellow Vanda that was tabled.

**Lucky Number:** #6 - Not claimed, plant went into the raffle.

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** #70 – Kerrie Clarke

**General Raffle** – Kay Bauman, Y'vonne Manning x 2, Terry Breingan, Lyn Hopes, Denise Philp x 3, Tony O'Connor x 2, Trevor Rawlings x 3, Leanne Dawes, Jessica Dawes, Kerrie Clarke and Karen Carr.

**Next General Meeting** – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Next Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at Jeff Bloxsom's residence. (changed to Wednesday)

**Meeting closed at 4.03pm.**

*Jeff Bloxsom*

President

*Sandra Rowcliffe*

Secretary

**JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – MARCH GENERAL MEETING**



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## Annual Competition – March 2024 Results

### Judges Choice

<i>Den.</i> Jade Valmadre 'Clifton Green'	J & P Bennett
<i>Vanda</i> Krisett Sunshine	J Scott
<i>Clo.</i> Steven R. Polmanter	T & M Handley

### Popular Vote

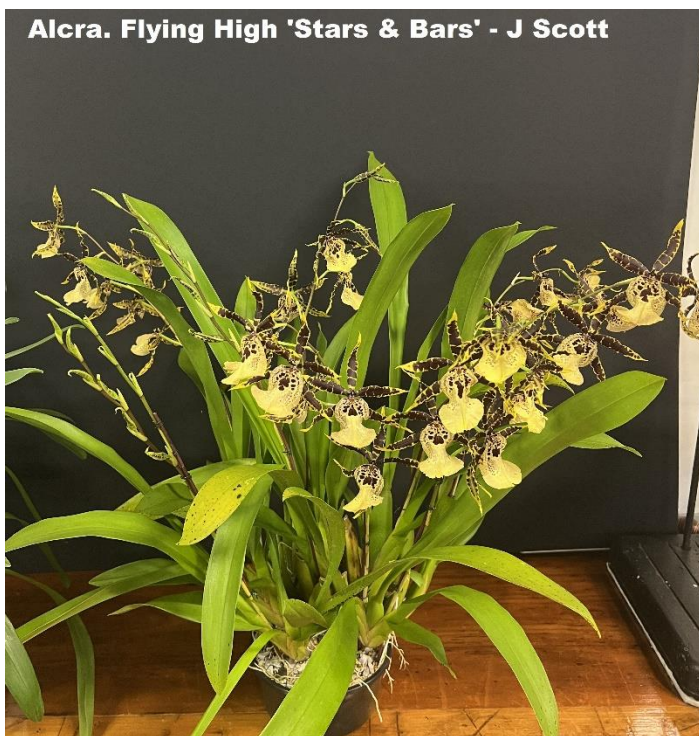
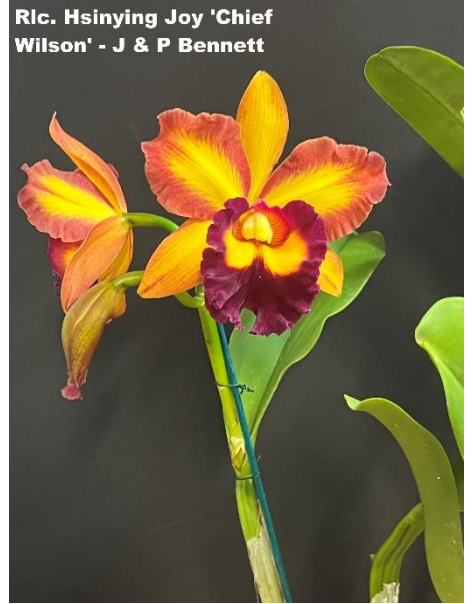
#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 63)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Bc.</i> Island Charm 'Sugar'	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Rlc.</i> Hsinying Joy 'Chief Wilson'	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Krisett Sunshine	J Scott
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>Vanda</i> Kee Yong Wee	J & P Bennett
Oncidium	<i>Alcra.</i> Flying High 'Stars & Bars' HCO	J Scott
Dendrobium – Phalaenathe	<i>Den.</i> Enobi Purple 'Splash'	J Scott
Dendrobium – Intermediate & any other type	<i>Den.</i> Jade Valmadre 'Clifton Green'	J & P Bennett
Catasetinae	<i>Clo.</i> Steven R. Polmanter	T & M Handley
Species	<i>Den. goldschmidtianum</i>	T & M Handley
Miscellaneous	<i>Phal.</i> Name Unknown	T March

#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 27)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Blc.</i> Binosa Kirk	L Schulz
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Cattleya</i> Ann Cleo 'Liana'	J & D Jenkinson
Dendrobium	<i>Dendrobium</i> Airy Crimson	M Black
Vandaceous	<i>Vanda</i> Boonyarit Red 'Bright Red'	T O'Connor
Species	<i>Vanda lamelatta</i>	T O'Connor
Miscellaneous	<i>Paph.</i> Hsinying 'Larry' x Hsinying 'Yahoo' x <i>charlesworthii</i>	T O'Connor

**POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – MARCH GENERAL MEETING**





Den.  
goldschmidtianum  
T & M Handley



Paph. Hsiying 'Larry' x Hsiying 'Yahoo'  
x charlesworthii - T O'Connor



Vanda lametta - T O'Connor



V. Kee Yong Wee  
J & P Bennett



Vanda Boonyarit Red 'Bright Red'  
T O'Connor



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'  
J Scott



Clo. Steven  
R. Polmantek  
T & M  
Handley



Vanda Krisett Sunshine - J Scott

## Orchid of the month

This month I am covering the genus *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum*, Trevor and Marg Handley tabled one of these unusual flowering Dendrobiums which was awarded Popular Vote in the Species Section at our March Meeting.

Source – [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) – American Orchid Society



*Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* is one of our favourite orchids because of ease of growth and the showy display it puts on every Christmas. Even better than that, it follows that December blooming with a slightly lesser one 6-8 weeks after that and can push flushes of flowers throughout the year. Flower colour ranges from intense purple-violet to soft pink. Long known as *Dendrobium miyakei* Schltr., the species is a member of the Pedilonum section of Dendrobium which to this grower's mind, does not have any bad orchids. The Pedilonum section has many showy orchids in a rainbow of colours and wide range of temperature tolerances to suit any grower's conditions. See the Orchids AtoZ section of this website for other species.

Pedilonum comes from the Greek word pedilon which means slipper or shoe. This refers to the long mentum, or chin like projection, formed by the joining of the sepals. There was much confusion in the section, with species being known by several

different names, until Dr. Elizabeth Dauncey's 1994 thesis which corrected much of the synonymy. There are about 47 species in the section with the center of distribution being Papua New Guinea.

*Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* is a lowland species found in a restricted range of southern Taiwan and Batan island in the northern Philippines. It reportedly has been seen growing as an epiphyte on branches of *Ficus retusa*. This fig tree is a popular subject for Bonsai.

Plants of *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* can be tall, up to 3 feet (.9m) or more, but they are space efficient horizontally. In other words, they do not take up much bench space, or more correctly, can be made to not take up much space. The Grand Champion at the 2007 Tokyo Dome show was a meticulously staked *Den. goldschmidtianum* that was considerably taller than the above measurement. These are orchids that typically bloom off of deciduous second-year canes, although some related species will continue flowering from old canes until they shrivel away to nothing.



One of the most frequent questions I am asked is "can I cut the old canes off?". You don't need to if they are still firm. Leave them be, they just may bloom again!

Although growth occurs all year, the main flush begins in the spring and continues through summer. New canes emerge upright and stay erect until the weight of the leaves begins to give them a lax attitude. Once the leaves drop in the fall the canes will display a nice arching effect. We like to keep plants tied upright until we see bud development. This keeps them confined to a space efficient footprint. When we untie them for flowering the plants become a nicely arched full plant.

The following culture suggestions are based on our experience growing plants in South Florida. Our warm and breezy outdoor growing conditions are perfect for optimum growth. These recommendations also apply to northern temperate growers, but you will likely see less vigorous results. *Den. goldschmidtianum* can be grown like vandas or Catesetums. Give them plenty of light, water, and nutrients when in active growth, which is spring through fall. If you are growing orchids in a cool, low-light northern greenhouse or windowsill you will want to moderate this regimen a bit because growth will be lessened by your conditions. If you can summer plants outdoors then by all means, do so. Small plants, 5-6 live canes under 12" tall, can be grown in plastic pots of your favourite potting mix. Keep plants in a bright spot and keep them evenly moist until autumn. Fertilize once a week while in growth. When temperatures begin to cool in the autumn, for us here in Florida that is around Thanksgiving but will probably be earlier in the northern tier of states, start to hold back water. Do not give plants any water unless canes begin to look excessively shrivelled. When you feel them, they should be firm. Give plants water only if the canes begin to really shrivel. DO NOT give plants any fertilizer at this time. In mid-winter buds should appear. After they are halfway developed you may resume watering but just enough to keep the media barely damp. In other words, plants are not in growth in the winter, so their water needs are less. Just give them enough water to mitigate the stress of flower production. Resume normal watering in the spring when temperatures begin to warm, and days lengthen.

If you have the right conditions and end up with a large 20-cane plant after a few years you may want to discard the conventional wisdom regarding underpotting dendrobiums. We grow this and related species in 6–10-inch baskets of sphagnum moss and find that the root system can fill a basket and "eat" the moss in a year or so. A vigorous plant of *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* can produce an extensive system of fine roots in a very short time if given the right growing conditions.

If you long for this species but feel your conditions may be too cool, too shady, or too small, consider other species in the Pedilonum and closely related *Calyptrochilum* and *Calcarifera* sections of Dendrobium. There are many excellent cooler growing and miniature orchids such as *Dendrobium alaticaulinum*, *Den. dichaeoides*, *Den. fulgidum*, *Den. lawesii*, and the beautiful *Den. victoria-reginae*.

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Greg Allikas, February 2009



## Grand Champion GOFs Easter Show

### Grand Champion – Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Easter Orchid Expo

*Vanda* Scotty's Spotted Gold  
Owned by Frank Mollenhauer



## Growers Group Workshops

Our upcoming Growers Group workshops are :-

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Semple's Residence Glenlee – Keith Marsden presenter
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Clarke's Residence Glenlee – Subject - Repotting

# Intergeneric Orchid Hybrids

Source – [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

Intergeneric orchid hybrids are fascinating creations resulting from the union of orchid species from **different genera**. These hybrids combine the genetic material of related orchids, resulting in unique offspring that exhibit a blend of characteristics from their parent species.

Here's how the process of creating intergeneric orchid hybrids typically unfolds:

## 1. Selecting Compatible Parents:

- Orchid enthusiasts choose apparent orchid species from different genera that are compatible for hybridisation.
- These selected species serve as the genetic contributors to the new hybrid.

## 2. Cross-Pollination:

- Cross-pollination occurs between the chosen species.
- The pollen from one species is transferred to the stigma of the other species, leading to hybridisation.
- This process combines the genetic material from both parent species.

## 3. Naming the Hybrid:

- Intergeneric hybrids receive names that reflect their parentage.
- The genus name of the hybrid is a contraction of the two (or more) genera involved.
- Examples include:

**Vascostylis:** A hybrid of *Ascocentrum*, *Rhynchostylis*, and *Vanda*.

**Brassocattleya:** A combination of *Brassavola* and *Cattleya*.

**Odontonia:** A combination of *Miltonia*, *Odontoglossum*, and *Miltonia*.

## 4. Complex Hybrids:

- Some intergeneric hybrids involve three or more genera.
- These hybrids may end with the suffix **-ara**, indicating a blend of four or more genera.
- For instance:

**Potinara:** A hybrid of *Brassavola*, *Laelia*, *Cattleya*, and *Sophranitis*.

**Vuylstekeara:** A combination of *Miltonia*, *Odontoglossum*, and *Cochlioda*.

## 5. Horticultural Considerations:

- While the genetic composition of a hybrid genus provides clues about its cultural requirements, it's not always straightforward.
- For example, not all *Cattleya* hybrids containing *Laelia* are necessarily more temperature tolerant.
- Similarly, the influence of distant ancestors may not be immediately evident in the plant's growth habits.

In the world of orchids, intergeneric hybrids exemplify the exciting possibilities that arise when different genera come together to create something entirely new!

## 2024 Show Dates

Supplied by John Rees

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- April** 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Childers Isis District Orchid Show  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Rockhampton Orchid Society Show  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Pine Rivers Autumn Show  
20<sup>th</sup> South Burnett Orchid Show Wondai  
27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Gympie & District Orchid Show
- May** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Caboolture Closed Show  
11<sup>th</sup> Maroochydore Orchid Society Closed Show  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Noosa Orchid Society Closed Show
- June** 8<sup>th</sup> - STOCQ Meeting hosted by Calliope OFS
- July** 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Caboolture OS Show
- August** 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August Maroochydore Orchid Society Show  
30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Childers Isis District Orchid Show
- September** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Nambour Orchid Show  
12<sup>th</sup> Caloundra Closed Show  
12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Maryborough Orchid Show  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September Noosa Orchid Show  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Rockhampton Orchid Society Show  
20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Glasshouse Country Orchid Show  
20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Hervey Bay Orchid Show  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Pine Rivers Spring Show
- October** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Bribie Island Orchid Show
- November** 9<sup>th</sup> Nambour Species Show  
STOCQ Meeting hosted by Maroochydore OS

## 2025 Dates

- June** STOCQ Meeting hosted by Bundaberg Orchid Society
- September** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> STOCQ Meeting to be held at Nambour OS & STOCQ conference
- October** 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> – AOC Conference & Show Woolgoolga NSW

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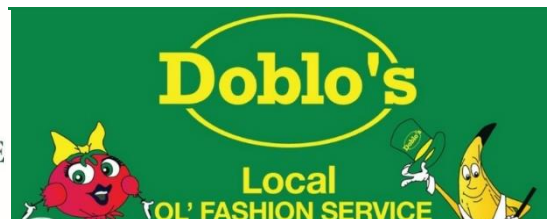
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