



# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Newsletter – August 2024

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Well, here we are only a month away from our Spring Show on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September, plans are already well underway as usual under the careful planning of President Jeff and the committee. Our Show Dinner will be held at the Rockhampton Jockey Club at Callaghan Park Racecourse - names and payment of \$40.00 each for our Show Dinner will need to be made at our August meeting as this is the last meeting before our show. We require volunteer names for our show roster, so all members please assist when you can.

The PROPA Bus trip to Mackay is going ahead and there are still a few seats available for anyone who would like to participate. Details of this are in this newsletter. With a large subsidy from the Society at the most it will cost \$200.00 twin share or \$400 Double. A \$50.00 deposit needs to be paid to our Treasurer Karen at our August Meeting to secure your seat/s.

In this newsletter I have photos from our recent midyear social held at Kershaw Gardens. A very enjoyable day was enjoyed by all attendees, the barbecue lunch was delicious and our monster multidraw raffle was huge.

We were fortunate to have a floral arranging Demonstration at our July Meeting by Fiona Hayes which was very interesting and there are some photos of this.

Our last Grower's Group Meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at Kerrie & Dave Clarke's home was well attended by almost 40 members. The weather though overcast made the afternoon more enjoyable. We all admired their beautiful yard and Kerrie's very tidy greenhouse, thank you to them. Ray Bills did a repotting demonstration on Cattleyas which was well received by all, lots of questions asked, and the newly potted plants then went into the raffle, and these went very quickly. 23

**Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 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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**Plant Commentary:** Jeff Glover did the plant commentary, he mentioned that with the cold weather had brought on good flowering of Cattleyas. He also mentioned that soft cane dendrobiums should now be budding. He said a lot of orchids respond to a cold winter and that the Phalaenopsis definitely love the colder weather.

A presentation of floral arranging was delivered by Fiona Hayes, for those who don't know, Fiona judges our Show floral entries when she is available. Members enjoyed watching her create a beautiful floral arrangement and many asked questions. We thank Fiona for her time.

**Lucky Number:** #35 – Margaret Warren

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** #110 – Tony March

**General Raffle** – Daphne Jenkinson, Linda Schulz, Ray Bills, Jeff Bloxsum, Mary Semple, Kerrie Green, Jenny Price, Jan Hogan, Y'vonne Manning, Gay Bills, Deb Simpson, Pam Walker, Leanne Dawes, Marg Handley.

**Next General Meeting** – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**Next Committee Meeting** – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at Karen Carr's residence.

**Meeting closed at 4.05pm**

*Jeff Bloxsum*

President

*Sandra Rowcliffe*

Secretary

**Members July Meeting Listening to Plant Commentary**



**Jeff Glover giving Plant Commentary**



**Member Ian Faye Taken Gladstone Bunnings Where GOFs did a presentation**



## Annual Competition – July 2024 Results

### Judges Choice

<i>Ionopsis utriculariodes</i>	T & J March
<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle ‘Chian-Tzy Golden No. 3’	J Scott
<i>Rhyn. gigantea</i> ‘Orange’	J Scott

### Popular Vote

#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 78)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Blc. Waianae</i> Leopard ‘Ching Hua’	T & J March
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Rlc. Dal’s</i> Reign	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> White Unknown (Tie)	J Scott
	<i>Vanda</i> Azure	J Scott
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>Angcm. Crestwood</i> ‘Tomorrow Star’	J Scott
Oncidium	<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle ‘Chian-Tzy Golden No. 3’	J Scott
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Ya Ya</i> Victoria	J & N Glover
Catasetinae	<i>Fdk. After</i> Dark ‘Baker’s Black Hole’	J & P Bennett
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. St. Swithin</i> ‘Brown Bird Bini’	J & P Bennett
Species - Rhynchostylis	<i>Rhyn. gigantea</i> ‘Orange’	J Scott
Species – Any Other	<i>Ionopsis utriculariodes</i>	T & J March
Miscellaneous	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Breathless ‘Brilliant’	J & P Bennett

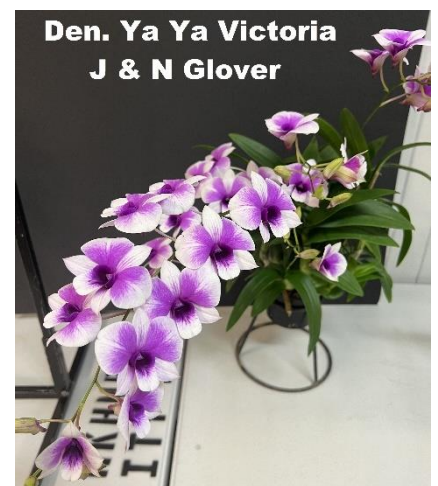
#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 30)

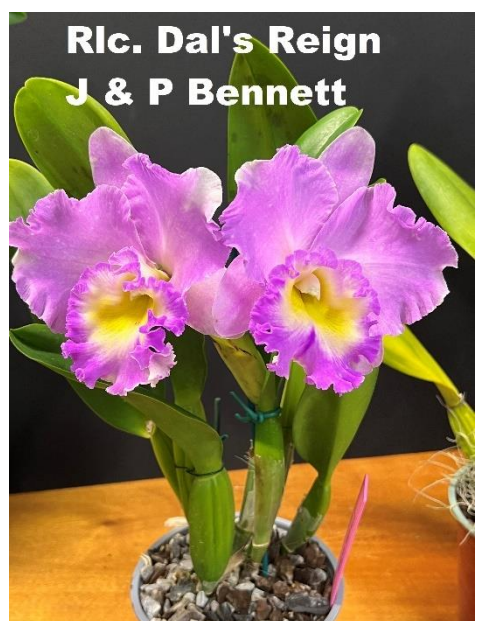
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C. Night</i> Sky ‘Topaz Purple’	J Price
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Cattleya</i> Unknown	M Semple
Miscellaneous	<i>Den. L D</i> Red	T O’Connor
Species	<i>Epi. stamfordianum</i> ‘Galaxy’	L Schulz

**JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – JUNE GENERAL MEETING**



**POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – JULY GENERAL MEETING**





## **TRIP TO PROPA SOCIETY IN MACKAY 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**



ROSI has arranged a weekend trip away to the **PROPA** field day in October

### **Details as follows:-**

Lock up car security at Lawrence Motors, Richardson Road

Meet and lock up car at Lawrence's Car Sales  
Scott St Entrance 7.30am

Coach will depart **8.00am sharp**, please do not be late.

We will be travelling on Keppel Coaches

We have had a personnel invite from Max & Sue Rawlings at Sarina to visit their Nursery, on the way up, and they will be supplying a light lunch for us to enjoy

This personal visit is for Rocky Members only

After lunch travel into Mackay and check into our motel

Will be staying at The Country Plaza Moror Inn, Nebo Road

The rest of the afternoon at your own leisure

Saturday night we will be going out to dinner with other members of PROPA

### **Venue yet to be advised**

Sunday start with a breakfast at the motel then head off to the various visits arranged.

There will be a Bar-B-Que lunch at the Mackay Show grounds

There could be a large multi-draw raffle arranged.

After farewelling our hosts, we will depart for home around 3.00pm

Your cost for this weekend with a substantial subsidy from ROSI

**Will be \$200 per person, twin share accommodation**

This includes all your travel, accommodation and meals (except Sat Night Dinner)

The coach holds 50 and at the moment we have 30 seats booked. Plenty of room for more if you are thinking of joining in a great weekend.

A deposit of **\$50 each** will be required by our August Meeting to secure your seat and full payment by our September Meeting.

**Bank transfer preferred – Reference –“your name and PROPA”**

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*Come along and have a great weekend!*

## Member Posts off Facebook

### More bowls success for Mirriam Black



Mirriam Black

1h · 🌐



Runner up in the district pairs play at Gracemere



### Bill Richardson at 2024 Relay for Life



### Marilyn Bloxsom with U3A Walking Group on a very cold Saturday winter morning



### Sharyn Frisch with a few Biloela friends



### Congratulations Robyn Bentley on your success at NRHA – Oceania 2024 State Show



Robyn Bentley

45m · 🌐

Thank you [Teichmann Photography](#) for capturing these special memories at Maryborough NRHA - Oceania 2024 State Show,

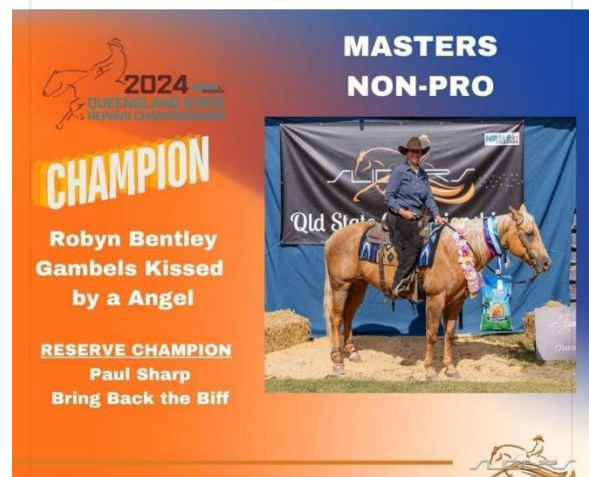
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Congratulations Robyn Bentley and Gambels Kissed by a Angel 2024 CSRHC NRHA QLD State Masters Non-Pro Champions.





# Orchid of the month

This month I am including copies of articles from Facebook pages. I enjoyed reading and learning from these articles and I hope you do so to. Many thanks to those who contributed to the posts. First up is *Brassavola nodosa*,

Source – Carlos J. Pasiche Lisboa – American Orchid Society

*Brassavola nodosa* is a species. It is an orchid that can flower more than once a year. The showy flowers are accompanied by a pleasant fragrance that becomes more apparent as night comes. This species tolerates cooler conditions (It grows well in Central Queensland). They like to be kept slightly drier than normal and enjoy high light.

**Orchid Species**  
fragrant between late afternoon and night



**Brassavola nodosa**

**My Setup**

*B. nodosa* growing in a bark mix topped lightly with moss

**Substrata:** A chunky bark mix topped with moss  
**Light:** 12–15 hours of medium-highish LED light  
**Humidity:** 40–60%, Winter; 60–80%, Summer  
**Watering:** Misted every other day during winter and up to twice a day during summer. The plant remains dry for most of the day  
**Fertilizer:** The media is flushed with clean water once a month  
 20-20-20 and Cal-Mag (180 ppm) weekly in summer and Cal-Mag (60 ppm) every third watering in winter  
**Temperature:** 12.5–24°C or 55–75.5°F, Winter  
 22–33°C or 72–92°F, Summer  
**Flowering:** 1–2(3?) × per year, Spring-Fall

**Brassavola nodosa**

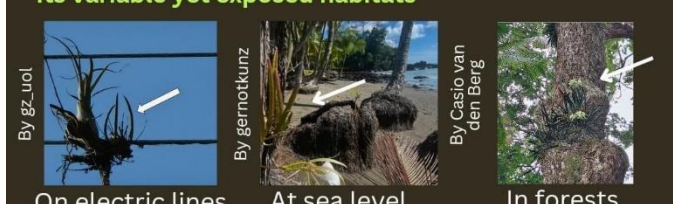
**Watch out for...**

**Fragrance**  
This species emits a pleasant citrus-potpourri fragrance in the afternoon and night, which seems to become stronger when the lights turn off

**Pests**

- Scale has been the only pest seen so far on this species
- Imidacloprid has been used successfully to manage the scale infestation

**Its variable yet exposed habitats**



On electric lines      At sea level      In forests

**Brassavola nodosa**

**Ecology**



*Br. nodosa* on rock in nature

**Substrata:** On rocks and trees in lowland forests  
**Light:** Full sun to partially shaded conditions  
**Elevation:** Sea level–500 meters or up to 1,640 feet  
**Temperature:** Day temps. 27–35°C or 80–95°F  
 Night temps. 18–24°C or 65–75°F  
**Distribution:** Some Caribbean islands, Central America, Mexico, and Northwestern South America.  
**Biome:** Tropical Forests  
**Flowering:** Spring-Fall (Free flowering?)

**Brassavola nodosa**

Next is an interesting sheet that was on Facebook about using Bugs to biocontrol pests. At a recent Bromeliad meeting some members were discussing about purchasing Lacewings to control Mealybugs and soft scales, one was trialling these in their green house. Might not be for most but an interesting concept.

# Bugs for Bugs **biocontrol solutions**



Thrips	Spider mites	Broad mite Rust mites	Whiteflies	Aphids	Hard scales	Mealybugs Soft scales	Caterpillars	Fungus gnats Shore flies

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Next up I will cover *ionopsis utricularioides*, an impressive plant owned by Tony March was tabled at our July Meeting and was awarded Judges Choice and also took out Popular Vote for Species Advanced Growers.

*ionopsis utricularioides* [Sw.]Lindley 1826

**Common Name** The Delicate Violet Ionopsis

**Flower Size** less than 1/2" to 3/4" [less than 1.1 to 2 cm]

They are found in Jamaica, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Leeward, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, Windward, French Guiana, Surinam, Venezuela Colombia, Ecuador, Galapagos, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil even being found rarely in Florida at elevations ranging from sea level to 1300 meters, where it blooms in the spring and summer, and is a miniature to medium sized, cool to hot growing epiphyte found at altitudes up to 1100 meters in humid forests and citrus groves. It is a small, scrambling plant with ellipsoid, compressed, 1/2" psuedobulbs that bear a single, apical, linear to oblong-elliptic,

acute leaf and 2 to 3, 6" linear or lanceolate, carinate, stiff and imbricate leaves that surround and enfold the rhizome and, a basal, erect, up to 3' long, branching panicle, terminating in densely numerous flowers that open in succession over months. The colour of the flower's ranges from white to pink, lavender to purple and are quite a sight in full bloom.

**Synonyms** *Cybelion pallidiflorum* (Hook. f.) Spreng. 1826; *Cybelion pulchellum* (Kunth) Spreng. 1826; *Cybelion tenerum* (Lindl.) Steud. 1840; *Cybelion utriculariae* (Sw.) Spreng. 1826; *Dendrobium utricularioides* [Sw.] 1799; *Epidendrum calcaratum* Sessé & Moc. 1894; *Epidendrum crenatum* Vell. 1827; *Epidendrum paniculatum* (Lindl.) Rchb.f. 1865; *Epidendrum sessei* Hoehne 1952; \**Epidendrum utricularioides* Sw. 1788; *Iantha pallidiflora* Hkr. 1824; *Ionopsis deliciosa* Linden & Rchb.f 1856; *Ionopsis gardneri* Lindl. 1851; *Ionopsis pallidiflora* Lindley 1836; *Ionopsis paniculata* Lindl. 1836; *Ionopsis pulchella* Kunth 1815; *Ionopsis pulchella* Lindley 1846; *Ionopsis tenera* Lindley 1836; *Ionopsis tenera* var *effusa* Lindley 1853; *Ionopsis tenera* var *tomentosa* Lindley 1853; *Ionopsis tenera* var *violacea* Lindley 1853; *Ionopsis utricularioides* f. *virginalis* (L.C . Menezes) Christenson 1996; *Ionopsis utricularioides* var. *latifolia* Cogn 1903; *Ionopsis utricularioides* var. *violacea* Lindl. 1852; *Ionopsis utricularioides* var. *virginalis* L. C. Menezes 1993; *Ionopsis zonalis* Lindley & Paxt. 1851; *Scaphyglottis pallidiflora* (Hook.) Lindl. 1839



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**GROWER'S GROUP PHOTOS**



# *Fiona Hayes Floral Arranging Display*



## 2024 Show Dates

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## 2025 Dates

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**August** 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 Maroochydhore OS

## 2024 ROSI MEETING DATES

- 24<sup>th</sup> August
- 28<sup>th</sup> September
- 26<sup>th</sup> October
- 16<sup>th</sup> November
- No Meeting in December

## 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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