



# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Newsletter - February 2021

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Another lap around the Sun has passed which means it is Annual General Meeting time! As a member of ROSI you can influence how the club operates and have a say in what you feel the club could do to benefit its members. If you are the kind of person who sits in the crowd grumbling and criticising the decisions and actions put forward by the few who take on a voluntary role to organise and oversee events and day-to-day agendas for the operation of our Orchid Society, then **your club needs you!** Without our members contributing their time and efforts to the daily operation of our Orchid Society, there would not be a club. **Become an active member!!** If our club isn't supported by its members then the club as we know it will change and we might not have the same activities, rewards or social interactions that we presently enjoy and take for granted. Consider fulfilling one of the many positions within the club and giving something back. If you aren't sure what a position involves, or feel that you may not be able to fulfil the role expected from the position, come and speak with one of the Executive, or the current position holder you are interested in and you will likely find that you are capable of doing the job. Remember we all chose to join the Rockhampton Orchid Society because of 1 thing ... we all have an interest in growing, flowering, competing, or just admiring ORCHIDS. As such we all should consider contributing something back to the Club for not only our own benefit, but the benefit of our fellow Orchidists. All non-executive positions can receive nominations from the floor at the AGM, with no prior application necessary. **Consider your clubs future!!**

A reminder that your 2021 Annual R.O.S.I. membership fees are now due. If not already paid, information regarding payment can be found later in this Newsletter.

It has been over 1 year since the first reported case of COVID-19 was reported and the effects of this potentially deadly virus are still affecting our daily lives. The Rockhampton Orchid Society, like other Orchid Societies, is not immune and as a result our **Autumn 2021 Show has been cancelled**. The decision to cancel the Show was through a majority vote by members who attended our January General Meeting. The extra costs and requirements associated with hosting a public event, not to mention the potential risk to our members as well as patrons who attend, meant that it was logistically not a feasible option for our club.

The Club is still supporting the Tri-Annual weekend with the Bus Trip to Bundaberg going ahead at this stage, with all COVID Safe recommendations for travel and attendance at locations being adhered with. Further information regarding the Bus Trip can be found later in this Newsletter.

For those new members, or members who don't have one, Name Badges are available to order for a cost of \$15 each. The badges use a magnetic "pin" to hold them in place, so no nasty pin spikes. Once ordered and paid for they are normally available for collection at the next General Meeting. Please approach our Treasurer, Sandra Rowcliffe if you would like to order one.

***-Editor.***

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I have great pleasure in presenting my report for 2020 and oh! what a year this has been. I am sure we will always remember 2020 as the year that never was. One great consolation was that our hosting of the STOCQ Conference was at the end of 2019 and not 2020. What a disaster this would have been. We started off the year in great confidence after the outstanding success of the conference and then the hammer fell in February when this horrible pandemic started to spread all around the world. All meetings and shows had to be cancelled to comply with government regulations in their effort to control the spread of the virus in Australia.

I know it has been a difficult year for most of us with all the restrictions, but I think we have been very lucky to have had to only put up with these inconveniences as such, not to have had to cope with the horrible excesses of COVID like the rest of the world. It is only now in the New Year that we may see some light at the end of the tunnel and even this remains tentative; however, we can only try and move forward and once again prosper as a club.

It was great to have been able to hold our Christmas party night at the Frenchville Club in December. Numbers were down a little on previous years, which was to be expected and while there were no presentation of trophies and prizes for the year, all who attended had a great evening. The bingo was very popular. We have already started the year with our January Monthly Meeting to be followed by our AGM in February, so hopefully the semblance of normality continues.

The triennial field weekend in April 2020 to be hosted by Bundaberg had to be cancelled, and is now re-scheduled for 13/14 March 2021. I think COVID is still having its effect on these trips as so far, our potential attendees are well down on our previous visits.

2020 was my 23<sup>rd</sup> year as President. It has been very rewarding but also very trying at times. Most clubs have a time limit on their serving President and executive such as, no longer than 4 consecutive years. I think this is a factor we should consider in future.

So, in closing I would like to thank all my executive and committee members for the support and help during this trying year. A successful happy society is only what you the members make it. All the best for 2021 and happy orchid growing.

*Jeff Bloxson* - President ROSI

### Office Bearers - Executive:

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# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

## General Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>TH</sup> January 2021

**Attendance:** As per register.

**Apologies:** As per register.

**New Members:** Mary & Barry Campbell **65**, Leanne & Alan Dawes **75**, Shirley Cantrell **77**,  
Allan Cunningham **112**, Tania Clifton **113**.

**Visitors:** Julie (a friend of new member Tania Clifton).

**Lucky Number:** **109** members not at meeting to claim prize.

Next General Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

A.G.M. – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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

Moved P Rankin                      Seconded S Kuhl                      **Carried**

### Correspondence:

#### IN

##### NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid Society Inc.

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc.

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

Nambour Orchid Society Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society – change of date of Field Day to 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 and itinerary.

John Rees – 1. call to STOCQ & CQI AGMs and General meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in Gympie.

2. updated Orchid Society Show dates

a. Bribie Island Orchid Society – no Easter Spectacular but may hold Spring Show on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

b. Nambour Orchid Society - Spring Show rescheduled to 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021

c. proposal to defer AOC Conference to 2022

City Printing Works – statements, Christmas card, 2021 calendar and rainfall chart.

Orchid Australia magazine – December 2020 and subscription renewal notice.

#### OUT

Email acceptance of invitation to Triennial Field weekend in March.

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

Seconded Y Manning                      **Carried**

### Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe                      Seconded D Hughes                      **Carried**

### **Growers Group Coordinators Report:**

Marg Handley delivered her report. She announced that she would be stepping down as Growers Group Coordinator. Marg thanked all the members who had helped and had made their properties available during her term.

### **General Business:**

Jeni Scott will be the ROSI representative at the STOCQ & OQI general meetings and AGMs in Gympie on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

#### ROSI Membership Fees

The annual membership fees will remain at \$30. There will be no refund due to COVID19.

#### 2021 ROSI Autumn Show

Due to the current COVID19 restrictions the usual venue was deemed to be unsuitable. Given the short time frame to source a suitable venue and to alter all the advertising signage a motion to cancel the ROSI Autumn Show due to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was put to the meeting by Bill Richardson and seconded by Terry Dean. The motion was **carried**.

#### Triennial Field Trip

The bus trip to Bundaberg is still happening. The itinerary will be published in the February newsletter. Cost, with society subsidy, will be confirmed at the February meeting.

**Plant Commentary:** John Frisch.

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** J & S Frisch.

**General Raffle:** C Roberts, J Rawlings, B Jenkins, J Bloxsom, L Dawes, J Bennet, J Hogan.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

Committee meeting at Trish Craig's residence – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm.

J Bloxsom – President

Trish Craig – Secretary



Rlc. Chief Journey 'First Class'



Den. Burana Greenstar

## SPECIES OF THE MONTH

By Jeff Glover

This month's species is *Bulbophyllum medusae*; but first a little about the genus *Bulbophyllum*. Surprisingly, it is quite a large group of orchids with over 3000 members with 1000 of those being epiphytic species. It really is a diverse genus with species that have flowers ranging from minute foul smelling examples to types with 30cm flowers that have large 'flesh like' segments. While others even have 'hair like' components. Species are found in a wide range of colours, with various combinations of flaring, spotting and also alba forms. Interestingly, in a number of species the petals are larger than the sepals. Considering the range of these plants where many are of jungle origins, these strange adaptations are solely an attempt to attract insect pollinators. In addition to this imitation, some even have segments that vibrate in the slightest breeze using movement to attract a potential suitor. This truly is one of the most disparate family of orchids.

*Bulbophyllum medusae* is one of the easiest growing members of the genus and a good plant for starting a



collection of *Bulbophyllum*. If you are not familiar with the history of Greek mythology a quick search or 'Google' as is today's young generation's vernacular for finding out something; will show that Medusa was a Greek Gorgon/Goddess whose head was covered in writhing snakes and the myth was that anyone who looked at her would be turned to stone. Hence, as you can see in the associated picture, with a little imagination the structure of the flower can be portrayed as a crown of snakes and as such, has been given the name *Medusae*.

Being such a large Genus with a wide range of habitats, cultivation techniques are varied. However, most grown in CQ and Queensland for that matter are species with upright pseudobulbs growing close together and are grown in shallow pots and trays. *Medusae* belongs to the group with wider spaced pseudobulbs which lends it to being also able to be grown in hanging baskets; which is the preferred method in CQ. As well it can also be cultivated successfully on slabs of cork or timber. If grown in a pot the mixture should be a fine to medium substrate, free draining but able to retain adequate moisture with the addition of perlite for example.

Generally, all *Bulbophyllums* require high humidity, moderate warmth and lower level light, but importantly not shade, because as with most orchids if grown in shade they will not flower. To achieve these conditions many growers, place their *Bulbophyllums* under or to the side of their greenhouse benches. *Medusae* as previously stated is very suitable for basket culture which allows it to be placed around the greenhouse as seasonal conditions change to achieve the best conditions on offer. Be aware it can grow into a very large specimen if space is an issue. It is endemic to Thailand, ranging south through Indonesia, and on to the Philippines, basically across the SE Asian equatorial belt. The inflorescence may be up to 20 cm long with numerous white/cream mop-like heads of flowers with 15 cm long petals. Large plants are a spectacular sight when in flower; however, if there is one negative like a lot of species orchids the flowers are relatively short lived. No overhead watering while flowering will increase their longevity. There are quite a few collectors in CQ with this orchid and it is often seen on the sales bench at shows. Well worth having if just to say you have a *Bulbophyllum* in your collection or the species with which to begin your collection of *Bulbophyllums*.





Paph. Prime Child



Gram. scriptum f. citrinum

**Shows and Meetings  
- Officials**

**Show Marshal:** Jeff Glover (STOC)  
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**Chief Steward:** Moyna Richardson  
**Plant/Barcode Collators:**  
 Trish Craig & Barry English

The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the **7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**; articles received after that date will be included in the following month.  
**-Editor.**

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**Assistant Librarian:** TBA  
**Raffle Plant Caretaker:** Terry Dean  
**Property Officers:** Barry and Faye English



Ctsm pileatum X Ctsm. Jumbo Heart



Thw. Chief Sweet Orange 'Sweet Orange'



C. Chongkolnee



V. Crownfox Golden Dawn



Brs. Rex X Brat. Goodale's Gift



C. Deception Leopard

## Articles Wanted!



Your ROSI Newsletter is not only your source of information regarding what is happening in the Club, it is also an avenue for our members to share ideas, tips and tricks, and information on growing Orchids.

If you would like to write an article, or share something Orchid related with your fellow members, please write it down and send it in. <sup>8</sup> Our Newsletter is always looking for to publish Orchid growing related content to enrich your reading each month.

Send any original content to the Editor and it will be considered for publishing in a Newsletter.

***-Editor.***

## Monthly Competition Results - January 2021

### Judges Choice

C. Deception Leopard	T&M Handley
Cyc. Jumbo Cooper X <i>Cyc. pentadactylon</i>	T&M Handley
<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> X <i>Ctsm. Jumbo Heart</i> {Note- ( <i>Ctsm. Orchidglade</i> X <i>Ctsm. Bound for Glory</i> ) = <i>Ctsm. Jumbo Heart</i> }	J&P Bennett

### Popular Vote

#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 45)

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>R/c. Chief Journey 'First Class'</i>	J&S Frisch
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C. Chongkolnee</i>	K&R Smith
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>V. Yoshiko Ise</i>	J&M Bloxsom
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>V. Crownfox Golden Dawn</i>	J&M Bloxsom
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Burana Greenstar</i>	T&M Handley
Catasetinae	<i>Cyc. Jumbo Cooper X Cyc. pentadactylon</i>	T&M Handley
Oncidiinae	<i>Brs. Rex X Brat. Goodale's Gift</i>	J&M Bloxsom
Species	<i>Gram. scriptum f. citrinum</i>	T.March
Miscellaneous	<i>Paph. Prime Child</i>	K&S Smith

#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 11)

Cattleya	<i>Thw. Chief Sweet Orange 'Sweet'</i>	D&L Humble
Miscellaneous	<i>Ctsm. pileatum X Ctsm. Jumbo Heart</i>	J&P Bennett

**Next Monthly Meeting & AGM: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.  
Starts 7:30pm.**

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





Cyc. Jumbo Cooper X Cyc. pentadactylon



V. Yoshiko Ise

## Lucky Membership Number is Changing!



At the last Committee Meeting it was raised and agreed to change the current Lucky Member Number process. From the March 2021 Edition of the ROSI Newsletter the Lucky Member Number will no longer be drawn randomly from the entire Membership list, instead it will be drawn randomly from the list of Members who attended the previous General Meeting. Therefore, if you wish to be eligible for the Lucky Membership draw, you will now need to attend a General Meeting and write your Member number into the sign-in register when signing in.

## 2021 Show Dates

As Supplied by John Rees.

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

### February:

13<sup>th</sup> - **STOCQ & CQI AGMs etc.** - **Gympie.**

### March:

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> - **Childers & IDOS** show  
(setup 18<sup>th</sup>).

### April:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - **Gladstone** O&FS show ~ Bill Robertson Toyota, Hansen Road, Gladstone (setup 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm).

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> - **Sunshine Coast** OS show ~ Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Ulm and Queen St's Caloundra (setup 8<sup>th</sup>).

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> - **Rockhampton** - **CANCELLED.**

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

### May:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Gympie** ADOS show ~ Adrian McClintock Pavilion, showgrounds (setup 30<sup>th</sup> April).

### July:

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

### August:

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> - **Maroochydore** OS show (setup 5<sup>th</sup>).

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> - **Agnes Water** show **and hosting STOCQ.**

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> - **Childers & IDOS** show (setup 26<sup>th</sup>).

### September:

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - **AOC conference and show ~ REQUESTED POSTPONING TO 2022.**

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> - **Nambour** Orchid Society show (setup 2<sup>nd</sup>) - **NEW DATES.**

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - **Maryborough** DOS show ~ St. Paul's Hall (setup 15<sup>th</sup>).

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> - **Glasshouse Country** OS show ~ Beerwah Community Hall (setup 23<sup>rd</sup>).

24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - **Hervey Bay** OS show and Garden Spectacular (setup 23<sup>rd</sup>).

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> - **Rockhampton** OS Spring show.

### October:

8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - **Bribie Island** OS Spring show (*tentative*).

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Caboolture** OS closed show ~ Morayfield Shopping Centre.

29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> - **Nambour** species show (setup 28<sup>th</sup>).

### October/November:

**Caboolture will host STOCQ meeting.**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

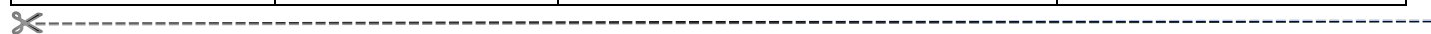
Memberships are now due! If you wish to nominate for a position as an Officer Bearer (*Executive or Ex-Officio*) or as a Committee Member, or to cast your vote at the AGM, you need to be a financial member. Please ensure that your personal particulars are up to date by completing the below nomination form and handing it to either the Treasurer – Sandra Rowcliffe, or the Secretary – Trish Craig.

Every ROSI Member is to complete a Membership Renewal Form when renewing their membership, regardless if their details have changed or remain unchanged.

Membership fees can be paid in person at the AGM, or anytime by Electronic Funds Transfer / Bank Deposit. The Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. has a **single membership fee per household** policy, which allows for a single fee to apply for a Family/Couple or Single.

### ANNUAL FEE \$30-00

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### ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - 2021

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## ROSI NEWSLETTER DIRECTION - PAPERLESS



No Paper you say!

Well only for Newsletters...

As mentioned in the January 2021 edition of the ROSI Newsletter, ROSI is strongly endorsing reducing paper printed newsletters. To elaborate on this, the club intends to move its newsletter publication completely to be via electronic means with no printed newsletters.

If you have an email address your Newsletter will be sent to you. This change has been discussed amongst the Executive and Committee, who feel that it is in moving with the times.

At present ROSI members can still request a printed newsletter for the same membership fee, however upon the Rockhampton Orchid Society going to paperless newsletter distribution a review of membership fees may occur for those members who receive a printed newsletter. Please contact either Sandra Rowcliffe or Trish Craig if you require a printed newsletter.

# TRI-ANNUAL FIELD WEEKEND - BUNDABERG

13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Revised Agenda and Costs for the Weekend.

It is a great weekend of bush-housing, socialising, feasting, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Arrival time is 9:30am (therefore revised departure time Rocky).

Departure time 5:00am sharp rear car park (Scott St) Lawrence's Holden (lock up your car – 4:30am).

As per usual we will be travelling with North's Coaches with John Jenkinson driving.

We will be staying at Econo Lodge Park Lane – 247 Bourbong Street – 0741512341.

As in previous field weekends –

**Saturday:** Arrive and start off with morning tea (Bob & Debra Shields residence), some bush housing then lunch (Bob & Debra Shields residence) – more visits to collections – arrive accommodation to book in then some R&R before dinner that evening (Rowers on the River).

**Sunday:** Your accommodation includes a full buffet Continental/Hot breakfast in restaurant – then off to visiting more collections before finishing with lunch at HSG the Gardens. We will then depart for home – Estimated time arrival home 6pm

The total cost for the weekend including all travel, accommodation and meals is around **\$235 each**. Last year a motion was passed to subsidise this weekend from our Club funds, as it the norm with our society trips. This motion will continue to be recognised for this trip.

After the Club subsidy, the cost will reduce to **\$185 each, or \$370 double twin share rooms** – a very affordable weekend which you should take advantage of.

To keep the cost down, we have 13 members from the Calliope Orchid Society joining us.

Seats are still available – but contact Jeff Bloxson as soon as possible. (0407995122)

**If not already paid, Full payment required by our AGM in February.**

Payment can be made via Electronic Funds Transfer / Bank Deposit. Please refer to the Clubs bank details located earlier in this Newsletter. Please ensure that you use reference 'Bundy' and your Surname or Member Number.

Come along and join in with your fellow members – these are usually great weekends



*Jeff Bloxson* - President

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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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