



# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Newsletter – February 2023

Hard to believe that we are already in the second month of 2023, Christmas does not feel that long ago. This year the society has a lot of events planned and as I mentioned in January newsletter, we would appreciate it if most members could pitch in with any of the tasks or roles required.

As our Annual General Meeting is not too far away and membership is due for 2023, could you please make payment before by direct deposit or at the meeting in cash to our Treasurer, please ensure that it is in an envelope with your name on it.

For our field day weekend attendance numbers must be finalized by our next meeting, and meals paid for in full, so if you are attending, please pay by direct deposit or again by cash at the next meeting, (again in an envelope with your name on it and what it is for).

I don't generally feel comfortable asking for help but with the upcoming Field Days and my greenhouses being on the visiting list I desperately need some help getting the greenhouses into shape.

Michael and Scott have been helping with watering and assisting me while I am repotting the orchids but wondering if there were any members who might be able to assist with a tidy up sometime in the two weeks prior to the visit.

My wheelchair is difficult to move in three of the greenhouses due to the stones on the floor. Orchids would need deadheading by someone who knows how, (Michael cuts off new shoots thinking they are dead), some weeding and just generally making sure the plants are best presented. I should have a large percentage of my orchids repotted by then as I am busy each weekend. Any help would be very appreciated as I will still be in a wheelchair at that time. Michael & Scott will be busy making sure gardens & lawns are tidy.



And I am happy to put on refreshments for those who may help.

**Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.  
Starts 1:00pm.**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** 51 Tony O'Connor; 49 Jenni Price; 33 John & Estelle Lindsay (not at meeting)

**Visitors:** Nil

**Lucky Number:** 48 - Member not present

**Minutes** of previous monthly meeting were approved as correct and accurate.

**Moved** Y Manning **Seconded** J Dawes **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**IN – NEWSLETTERS**

Blackwater Orchid & Foliage Club Inc.

Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc.

Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Society Inc.

Mackay Orchid Society Inc.

North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Orchids Australia magazine – December 2022

Payment of subscription (cheque) – Isobel Rideout

Orchids Australia -Subscription renewal notice.

**OUT**

Updated information on R.O.S.I. Triennial Field Weekend in 2023 to :

Bundaberg. Gladstone, Calliope, Agnes Water, Mackay, Pioneer River and Blackwater Orchid Societies/Clubs.

Correspondence read and **moved** T Craig **Seconded** M Handley **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Read and **moved** by Treasurer, D Mackenzie **Seconded** M Black

**Carried**

**General Business:**

R.O.S.I. Field Weekend: K Clarke moved that the cost of the weekend be subsidised by \$20 per head for any member wishing to participate in any meals provided bringing the cost down to \$50 per head. **Seconded**

S Rowcliffe **Carried**

Discussion arose regarding the starting time for monthly general meetings. Some members suggested that a start time of 2.00pm would be more suitable however it was decided to leave it at 1.00pm for the present.

**Plant Commentary:** J Glover

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** K Clarke

**General Raffle:** As it was our first meeting at the new venue, we had a larger general raffle than usual so winners names were not recorded. This was a one-off event so we will return to the normal general raffles at future meeting.

**Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January commencing at 7.00pm at Jeff Bloxsom's residence.

Meeting Closed at 3.17pm.

*Jeff Bloxsom*

President

*Trish Craig*

Secretary

# New Members



Our first meeting for 2023, was our first meeting held in the Fred Fox Band Hall at the corner of Gladstone Road & William Street on the Southside. The larger hall allowed the separation of the plant tables which were organised around three of the walls. This made judging and viewing for the popular vote much easier with plants not bunched too close together. Also a few of our members who can no longer drive to night meetings turned up which was very pleasing. Welcome Norma Glover to your first meeting in over 30 years.

We were pleased to welcome two new members – Jenni Price and Tony O'Connor. We welcome them to our society and would appreciate if members would make them welcome and help them with any questions, they may have on orchid growing and care.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Following out upcoming AGM/General Meeting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February all members who are involved with our upcoming Field Days – Visit Hosts and Helpers, members helping with morning tea/catering etc. are asked to stay back for a briefing to finalise preparations for the weekend.**

## Annual Competition – January 2023 Results

### Judges Choice

<i>Ctt.</i> Gerard Nappert	J Scott
<i>Gom.</i> Moon Shadow 'Tiger's Tail'	J Scott
<i>Cyc.</i> Arita 'Mervyn James'	T & M Handley

### Popular Vote

#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 65)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Ctt.</i> Gerard Nappert	J Scott
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Glenlee Charlotte	T & M Handley
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Aer.</i> Korat Koki	J Scott
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Kee Yong Wee	J & P Bennett
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Blue Horn x Samol Blue	B Jenkins
Catasetinae	<i>Cyc.</i> Arita 'Mervyn James'	T & M Handley
Oncidiinae	<i>Gom.</i> Moon Shadow 'Tiger's Tail'	J Scott
Species	<i>Aerth.</i> <i>grandiflora</i>	J Scott
Miscellaneous	<i>Paph.</i> Transvaal	T & M Handley

#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 23)

Cattleya up to 100mm and over 100mm combined	<i>Rlc.</i> Thaksina Gold	R & M Black
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> unknown	L & K Bauman
Species	<i>Van.</i> ( <i>Christensonia</i> ) <i>vietnamica</i>	K Clarke
Miscellaneous	<i>Brsdm.</i> Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	D & S Egglestarw





Cyc. Arita "Merwyn James"  
T & M Handley



Rlc. Glenlee Charlotte - T & M Handley



Aer. Korat  
Koki - J Scott



Brasdm. Golden Gamine "White  
Knight" - D & S Eggleshaw



Den. Blue Horn x Samol Blue  
B Jenkins



Den. Unknown - L & K Bauman



# Growers Group News

With a busy start to the year it is looking like our first Grower's Group will be a couple of months away. March is taken up with our Field Day Visits, and April we have our show. Maxine has again agreed to organise the group gatherings if no one else puts their hand up, but please consider assisting this group of ladies for the organising so the work does not fall onto the few. There maybe changes to the grower's group that will be discussed at a meeting.

They are still looking for homes to visit 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 meeting.

If you would like to help this group of ladies organise these gatherings, please put your hand up, any assistance would be greatly appreciated and assist them.

## Orchids of the month

For this month's newsletter I have included information on *Aeranthus grandiflora*. There was a plant of this genera tabled at our January meeting. Jenni Scott presented a lovely grown plant which received a Popular Vote.

### ***Aeranthus grandiflora***      Source [www.orchids.org](http://www.orchids.org)

*Aeranthus grandiflora* is an orchid species identified by Lindl. in 1824

Genus – *Aeranthus*

Grex – *grandiflora* (name currently accepted by Kew)

ORIGIN: A small to medium sized, hot growing epiphyte from Madagascar at altitudes up to 1200 meters in humid rainforests from the coast to the central plateau.

DESCRIPTION: A small to medium sized, hot growing epiphyte from Madagascar at altitudes up to 1200 meters in humid rainforests from the coast to the central plateau, with a very short stem and 5 to 7 distichous, narrowly oblong, coriaceous, unequally bilobed apically, broad leaves and has bizarre flowers that emerge in the late spring through summer from an axillary, 4 to 4' [10 to 120 cm] long, pendant spikes with sheaths covering the peduncle, and have 1 to 2, large, fragrant, long-lasting flowers at the apex. Never cut them off as they keep reblooming even if it seems dead.

FLOWER SIZE: 8 inches [20 cm] -- information provided by Jay Pfahl, author of the Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia (IOSPE).



Another beautiful species was on show at our meeting, with two plants tabled in the novice section. A beautiful plant of Kerrie Clarke received popular vote in the species class.

## ***Christensonia vietnamica***

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

*Christensonia vietnamica* is a small sized, renanthera like, climbing species. The flowers are about 1” in diameter and will last about two weeks.

Haager 1993 (now *Vanda* R. Brown)

Pronunciation – criss-ten-SO-nee-ah

Tribe: Vandaeae

Subtribe: Aeridinae

Distribution - Vietnam



It is interesting how some orchids must travel the globe to find their identity. It is even more unusual when it happens during our generation. This monotypic genus is represented only

by ***Christensonia vietnamica***. The plants were discovered by the Czech botanist Jiri Haager during a geological expedition in southern Vietnam. The genus was created in 1993 and named after Eric Christenson in recognition for his work with Vandaceous orchids of the subtribe *Aeridinae*. While this species shares characteristics with both *Aerides* and *Rhynchostylis*, with the publication of *Genera Orchidacearum* volume 6, it is now included in the genus *Vanda*. Affected hybrid names are explained on this website. This is a lowland species found around 100m elevation and requires warm temperatures.

Michael Coronado of RF Orchids offers the cultural suggestions listed below.

### --- CULTURE ---

<b>Temperature:</b>	Warm-growing
<b>Light:</b>	Bright, dappled shade, slightly less than conditions for strap-leaved vandas and ascocendas.
<b>Water-Humidity:</b>	High humidity; water daily if mounted on cork, every other day if on treefern.
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	High humidity; water daily if mounted on cork, every other day if on treefern.
<b>Potting:</b>	Best mounted on tree fern or cork



## R.O.S.I. FIELD WEEKEND 4<sup>TH</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> March 2023

The meet and greet for our visitors will be at 9.30am at our new hall.

There will be a light morning tea supplied before departing for the various collections to visit. Helpers required to help prepare and serve morning tea.

As there are two coaches coming and a number of vehicles – The visits will be divided into two groups A & B.

The visits are arranged so the groups can switch around. There are two members greenhouses to visit in the morning before Lunch at Bob Jenkins/Shirley Kuhl place – 131 Grigg Rd., Rocky View. – 12noon to 1.30pm. The lunch will be a sausage sizzle. Members required to help in the preparation and serving. Members attending are asked to bring along a plate suitable for desert and are asked to bring along their own chairs. Other chairs have been hired for our visitors.



After lunch a trip down to the Capricorn Coast to visit Marg & Trevor Handley. If time permits some sightseeing for our visitors before returning to book into their accommodation in Rocky, and some R&R before dinner.

Saturday night dinner at the Rockhampton Jockey Club – Callaghan Park 7.00pm and as usual a large multi-draw raffle after dinner.

Sunday morning will start off at 8.00am for our visitors and will be visiting some 6 collections around Rocky, Glenlee and Rocky view.

All going well, the lunch and farewells will be from 1.30pm, also at the Callaghan Park Racecourse. Our members are encouraged to join in all the weekend's activities, especially the various lunches and Saturday dinner.

If you wish to visit the various collections on the schedule, you are welcome to do so but keep in mind you must follow the Coaches and not try and go ahead. You will need to wait while the Coaches park at the various places before you can park. As well you are not able to purchase sales plants before our visitors have finished. This is only courteous to our visitors.

The total cost of the weekend is \$70.00 each, but with a club subsidy for our members you only pay \$50.00 each for all meals. If you only wish to attend some of the meals – Cost is Saturday Lunch \$5.00, Saturday Dinner \$30.00 and Sunday Lunch \$15.00.

Schedule of visits will be available at the meet & greet.

Numbers attending the weekend will be required by our next meeting along with full payment. Please come along and make this weekend a great event and show our visitors how hospitable Rocky can be.

## AGM

All financial members are eligible to nominate for an Executive or Ex Officio position within the club. All members are encouraged to apply for a position if they feel that they could fulfil a position within the governing body of the club. If you have an interest in a position, or believe that you could fulfil a certain position, why not submit a nomination? New ideas and diversity are welcome and ensure a growing and prosperous club.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your annual fees are due to be paid before the Annual General Meeting in February. Could you please complete and return the below nomination form when paying your fees, or once fees have been paid if paying by Electronic Funds Transfer / Bank Deposit. Completing this form and providing us with your contact details, will enable us to check and update all your information. If paying by cash at the meeting, please put the money in an envelope with your name on it and hand to the Treasurer.

**ROSI strongly endorses reducing paper printed newsletters, thereby all newsletters will be emailed to members' email addresses.**

(ROSI Members who do not have email access can still request printed newsletters for the same membership fee, however this may be subject to change in the future. Please contact either Sandra Rowcliffe or Trish Craig.)

Fees can now be paid at a General Meeting or by direct deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer or by Bank Deposit into our Bendigo Bank account. 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

BSB	Account Number	Account Name	Reference
633 000	178 258 414	Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc	"Your Surname" OR "Membership Number"



## ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. AGM NOMINATION FORM FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

We the undersigned, financial members of the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc hereby nominate:

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For the position of: .....

Proposer..... Signature.....

Secunder..... Signature.....

I, ..... being a financial member of the Society, accept the nomination.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE .....



## ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – 2023

NAME/S .....

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EMAIL (2<sup>nd</sup> Member) .....

## 2023 Show Dates

As Supplied by John Rees.

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

### March

18<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore one day show, Buderim

### April

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Soc.  
Show Bill Robertson Toyota Hansen Road - set  
up 6<sup>th</sup> with judging 7.00am on 7<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> - Bribie IOS show

**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - ROSI Autumn Show set up 14<sup>th</sup>**

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - Gympie ADOS show, Indoor Bowls  
Graham Street, Gympie set up 28<sup>th</sup>.

### May

4th, 5th & 6th - Caboolture Orchid Society  
Closed Show outside Godfreys Morayfield  
Shopping Centre.

13<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore one day show Bli Bli

03<sup>rd</sup> - STOCQ meeting hosted by Sunshine Coast  
Orchid Society, Caloundra in CCSA hall

### June

30<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July - Caboolture OS show at the  
**Morayfield East** State School Hall on Graham  
Road, Morayfield. Set up 29<sup>th</sup> June (Caboolture  
relocated - community hall is unavailable)

### 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 show.

### September

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

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – ROSI Spring Show set up 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

### October

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Bribie IOS show

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