



Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Newsletter - January 2021

Happy New Year 2021 to all our R.O.S.I. members and their families! With a year like most of us having not seen before now behind us, thanks to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, here's to hoping that in 2021 our Orchid growing and exhibiting calendars return back to resembling something close to normal. This being said, our current state of social freedom can easily return to lockdown conditions, so I remind everyone to maintain the recommended social distancing requirements and maintain a high standard of personal hand hygiene.

A COVID-19 adjusted Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. Christmas Party and Awards Night for 2020 was held at the Frenchville Sports Club, which was attended by of our Club Patron, Neil Fisher and wife Sherrie, along with 80 R.O.S.I. members. Our regular massive raffle was once again held, with over \$3300 in plants and prizes up for grabs. A reduced Awards ceremony laid way for an inaugural game of R.O.S.I. BINGO, with Trevor Handley demonstrating to everyone his BINGO playing prowess, winning the unique prize of first pick from the massive array of raffle prizes. Some photographs from the night are included later in this Newsletter.

Our **first General Meeting for 2021 will be on Australia Day, Tuesday January 26th**, with the [Annual General Meeting \(AGM\) being held on February 23rd](#). This is your opportunity as a financial member of the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. to nominate for a position in an Executive position or Ex-Officio Committee position, with all current positions being vacated at the AGM to allow for nominations to be elected. If you have considered a specific position, or feel you could contribute to the governing body of the Club, then please complete a nomination form and submit it to the Secretary no later than 2 weeks prior to the AGM. Nomination forms are included in this Newsletter.

This is also a timely reminder to ensure that your Annual R.O.S.I. membership dues have been paid prior to the AGM. Your membership fees not only contribute towards the printing of this Newsletter, they also contribute towards subsidising field trips and events throughout the year for you to enjoy. Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer / Direct Deposit are preferred, with the [new R.O.S.I. Bank account details](#) included later in this Newsletter. If you'd prefer to pay in person with Cash, please ensure that you have the correct amount and see our Treasurer, Sandra Rowcliffe, at a Tuesday Meeting.

With the Orchid calendar of events for 2020 being nullified due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are hoping to kick start 2021 off with the Bundaberg Bus Trip (*postponed from 2020*) which is scheduled for 13th-14th March 2021. Full details of this trip are located in this Newsletter.

Unfortunately, due to the chaotic year of 2020, our muchly enjoyed Growers Group gatherings were not held, therefore there is no Growers Group news to report. Growers Group gatherings for 2021 will hopefully be back on, with the first gathering possibly in March 2021. If you'd like to host a Growers Group, please approach our Growers Group Co-Ordinator and discuss a possible date for the year.

-Editor.

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

Special Meeting Tuesday 10TH NOVEMBER 2020

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Minutes of February monthly meeting as published in a previous newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved M Maunder Seconded P Rankin **Carried**

Correspondence:

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NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid Society Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc.

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Bundaberg Orchid Society – invitation to Field Day on 6th & 7th of March 2021.

John Rees – Show Dates for 2021.

MyState Bank – statements.

Orchid Australia magazines.

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Email to John Rees with our show dates for 2021.

Invitation to R.O.S.I. Christmas Party – Neil & Sherrie Fisher.

Read and moved by the secretary that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward correspondence endorsed Seconded J Glover **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe Seconded S Kuhl **Carried**

Growers Group Coordinators Report:

Marg Handley delivered her report on the gathering on 29th February 2020 which was the only one for 2020.

The tabled plant competition took a different format for this meeting only. As each exhibitor was only allowed three plants there were no categories. Popular choice was for the best orchid overall.

General Business:

Secretary to send acceptance to Bundaberg Orchid Society regarding the Field Trip to Bundaberg in March 2021.

Orchid Shows – 2021. (Provide COVID rules/restrictions allow)

R.O.S.I. Autumn Show - 10th & 11th April 2021

R.O.S.I. Spring Show – 25th & 26th September 2021

Christmas Party – Saturday 5/12/2020 commencing at 6.30pm. As published in the newsletter the committee, at the committee meeting on 7/10/20, decided to limit the cost per head to \$ 25.00 for members. The society will subsidise the rest of the cost. There will be tables of ten people where possible. Names of people wishing to sit together to be given to Jeff Bloxsom as soon as possible.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch commented on the plants exhibited.

Exhibitor's Raffle: No exhibitor's raffle.

General Raffle:

A much larger raffle than usual for a monthly meeting due to the fact that, with no meetings, there were no raffles during most of the year.

After the raffle everyone was invited to enjoy a more Christmassy supper.

Meeting closed 10.30pm.

Committee meeting at Jeff Glover's residence – Tuesday 17th November at 7.00pm.

J Bloxsom – President

Trish Craig – Secretary



Please note that at the Committee Meeting held in November 2020 it was decided to retain the originally scheduled General Meeting date of **Tuesday January 26 (Australia Day)**, due to the close time frame between the January General Meeting and the February Annual General Meeting.



**Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 26th January 2021.
Starts 7:30pm.**

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

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 25th February 2020

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

Minutes of previous AGM meeting were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Y Manning Seconded S Eggleshaw **Carried**

No business arising from the minutes.

President's Report: The president, Jeff Bloxsom, commented that his annual report for 2019 had been published in the February newsletter so did not read it out in full.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Sandra Rowcliffe (as per report distributed at the meeting). Sandra mentioned that our books have been audited and that she has a letter to confirm that. Sandra moved that her report be accepted.

Seconded M Kydd **Carried**

Grower's Group: The group coordinator, Marg Handley, gave her report on the activities of the group during 2019.

Election of Officials: President Jeff Bloxsom thanked committee members for all the good work during the year as well as all members whose participation at meetings, shows and trips have kept the club strong.

All positions were declared vacant.

Jeff then handed the Chair over to Peter Jenkinson who read out the nomination for president. As there was only one nomination for president, Jeff Bloxsom was re-elected unopposed. Jeff Bloxsom then resumed the Chair and read out the remaining nominations.

Patron: Neil Fisher - Elected unopposed

Vice President: Peter Jenkinson - Elected unopposed

Secretary: Trish Craig - Elected unopposed

Treasurer: Sandra Rowcliffe - Elected unopposed

Committee: 1. Jeff Glover - Elected unopposed

2. Tony March - Elected unopposed

3. Terry Dean - Elected unopposed

4. Bob Lakey - Elected unopposed

5. Bill Richardson - Elected unopposed

6. Nat Lakey - Elected unopposed

Librarian: Yvonne Manning - Elected unopposed

Editor: No nomination - Sandra Rowcliffe volunteered to publish the newsletter until a permanent editor is available

Assistant Editor: Karen Carr - Elected unopposed

Growers Group Co-ordinator: Marg Handley - Elected unopposed

Publicity Officer: Sandra Rowcliffe - Accepted

Registrar: Terry Dean - Accepted

Technical Advisors: John Frisch - Accepted

Jeff Glover - Accepted

Provedore: Maxine Maunder - Accepted

Door Monitor/Hostess: Lorraine Weaver - Accepted

Property Officers: Faye & Barry English - Accepted

Plant Caretaker: Terry Dean - Accepted

Web Master: Bob Lakey - Accepted

Facebook Administrator: Doug Chippendale - Accepted

At the conclusion of the election the president, Jeff Bloxsom, closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Jeff Bloxsom – President

Trish Craig – Secretary

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Jewel Orchids 'Back in Fashion'

by Jeff Glover

To say that collecting orchids can be 'fashionable' would be considered by many long-time orchid growing hobbyists as an understatement. In my 40 years of experience in collecting orchids, the popularity of orchid genera seems to continually wax and wane. Just like the orchids once known as Mini-Oncidiums or Equitant-Oncidiums, and now known as Tolumnia, are back in fashion; the genera collectively referred to as Jewel Orchids are also presently going through a resurgence of popularity. Surprisingly, to a great extent it is not the collector's market that is the driver of orchid-fashion in most cases, but what can be marketed and sold on-mass to the general public as the main consideration for fluctuating attractiveness.



Ludisia discolor

For example, plant-fashion can also often be seen in the general nursery trade where a 'New Release' will be no more than a mass-produced cultivar of a well-established shrub or tree. However, the extraordinary climate created by Covid 19 at the moment is now a strong contributing factor. Many people have found themselves with more time at home than usual and hence, have turned to their hobbies while confined. As such, in the case of 'plant hobbyists' this has caused an explosion in demand and of the desire to have more orchids and foliage plants to add to their collections.

With regard to the renewed interest in jewel orchids, the genus and species of Jewel Orchids most commonly collected and once widespread in collections in Central Queensland is *Ludisia discolor*, synonym: *Haemaria discolor* and is colloquially spoken of as 'The Jewel Orchid'. 'Ludisias' is the collective group name for these orchids and while not 100 percent correct nomenclature wise; like 'Cattleya' it is collectively used for ease of description. For example, 'Cattleya' as a family contains genera like Laelia and Brassavola; whereas this group contains genera such as Marcodes, Anoectochilus, Dossinia, and Goodyera. Of late, more Jewel Orchid genera and their species have become available from nurseries in SE Asia where the group are endemic. Today, social media is also a main instigator that drives plant – fashion and recently Jewel Orchids including *Ludisia discolor* were reported on the social media 'Group Pages' such as, the 'Rare Plant Collectors' page, as being available for sale at the Red and Green national chain of stores in their nursery section. They were selling for nearly \$40 for a small 50 mm seedling.

I have it on good authority that these plants were very popular and sold quickly. Prior to this I saw them being sold for similar prices and size at the Beenleigh Orchid Sales event in February and as one vendor remarked to me, he had to hide the few he had left, such were their popularity.



Marcodes petola

Without doubt *Ludisia* are grown for their striking foliage rather than their generally insignificant flowers which are mostly white and produced in small/medium racemes, that emanate from the centre and/or leaf axils. *Ludisia discolor* is by far the most commonly grown and has the best flowers; its relative ease to grow belies the difficulties that will be experienced with growing many others in the group. Most of these are marketed as 'terrarium plants', which really is an apt description when considering their needs to be grown successfully. They grow naturally in the lower, heavily shaded areas of tropical rainforests such as the forest floor or on moist rock crevices. Hence, they require low level light, a moist growing-substrate and constant high humidity. Unless you can provide these growing conditions or are able/willing to maintain these conditions you will have problems with trying to cultivate these orchids. With such delicate plants finding a suitable fertilizing regime is also challenging. Staying on a diluted liquid fertilizer solution weekly, or similarly a weaker standard high growth granular fertilizer is best; as remember it's the leaves that are the feature of these plants not the flowers



Anoectochilus burmannicus

A small-particle potting medium with the addition of black peat and/or cocopeat should suffice. Good luck if you try them, as noted above with the exception of *Ludisia discolor*; they're not the easiest orchids to grow but the fascinating foliage make it certainly worth the experiment if you can purchase them for a sensible cost.

The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the **6th February 2021**; articles received after that date will be included in the following month.

-Editor.

2021 Show Dates

As Supplied by John Rees.

February:

13th - **STOCQ AGM etc.**

March:

19th, 20th - **Childers & IDOS** show
(setup 18th).

April:

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

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

10th, 11th - **Rockhampton** OS Autumn show.

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

May:

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

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 - **Nambour** Orchid Society show (setup 26th).

27th, 28th - **Childers & IDOS** show (setup 26th).

September:

1st - 5th - **AOC conference and show ~ Crestmead, Brisbane.**

16th, 17th, 18th - **Maryborough** DOS show ~ St. Paul's Hall (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:

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

29th, 30th - **Nambour** species show (setup 28th).

October/November:

Caboolture will host STOCQ meeting.

Plants Awarded for 2020

Like all orchid related activities such as shows and monthly meetings; convened judging panel meetings were affected by Covid-19 last year. Judging was allowed to resume in September. One of our members Jenni Scott decided to take advantage of the resumption of judging and in somewhat of a flurry of activity had three orchids awarded in the space of 6 weeks during October and November. Without doubt Jenni is one of the best growers in CQ and has a fine collection. Her cultural skill was recognised with two of the orchids receiving cultural awards. For the first two plants the meetings were convened at her residence in Calliope with a number of Rockhampton members of the panel in attendance. It was really good to see the panel together again and



Rth. Shion Free 'Little Boy' AM /AOC



Aer. rosea 'Jenni Scott' HCC-ACM/AOC

it was appreciated that Jenni was able to provide the material to get in some practice after the long break. The last plant was taken by Jenni to Rockhampton for assessment. The first plant was a mericlone *Rth. Shion Free 'Little Boy'* and as per the judging rules, an owner cannot have their own cultivar-name; hence, it remained 'Little Boy'. The second was a beautiful species specimen size plant of *Aerides rosea* (syn. *fieldingii*), which received an award of cultural merit (ACM) and a quality award (HCC) High Class Certificate. On this occasion with the plant not being a mericlone or division, or selfing of a previously awarded plant, Jenni was able to give it a cultivar name. She chose to name it after herself. ¹⁰⁹



Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' HCC-ACC /AOC

The third plant was another mericlone *Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'* which also received a cultural award (ACC) Award of Cultural Commendation and quality award (HCC) and again kept its registered clonal/cultivar name of 'Raspberry Chocolate'.

New Judges

Along with orchid club meetings the meetings of the Sub Tropical Orchid Council (STOC) were similarly cancelled because of Covid-19, the last one being the AGM in February 2020.

In the meantime, our Associate Judges accrued the time needed to qualify as full judges in November. As a result, and after the peer-review process (assessment at shows and demonstrating their willingness to acquire knowledge/experience through travelling to shows) it has been deemed that they be elevated to full judge status back dated to November. This will be ratified at the next AGM of STOC expected in February 2021.

Hence, congratulations are in order to Trish Craig, Doug Chippendale, Nat Lakey and Peter Jenkinson. This puts Rockhampton Orchid Society in the enviable position of having 8 judges as members who reside in Rockhampton. That means that should an occasion arise, plants will be able to be awarded at monthly meetings. Combined with the 5 judges in the Gladstone area this brings our panel (STOC Northern Panel) to 13 full judges. The required minimum for a convened panel to confer awards is 5 judges.

On a sadder note, throughout 2020 the panel lost two members with the passing of Neale Marxen (Boyne Tannum Orchid and Foliage Club) and as mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter also with the passing of ROSI member Marty Gunder. In Marty the panel lost a long serving judge. While not as active in the last ten years through health problems, Marty was a previous Assistant Registrar for the panel who had an extensive knowledge of Australian Dendrobiums and their hybrids which was often called upon at many shows.

Vale Marty Gunder

A long-time member of the ROSI, Marty Gunder passed away in November. Marty joined the society in 1965 during which time he served as Vice-President from 1998-2000. Marty was a long-time judge and one of the first five to complete the judging course in Rockhampton.

Marty and his wife June who pre-deceased Marty travelled widely; especially North Qld in pursuit of the hobby. He had a well-known extensive knowledge of Australian Dendrobiums and their primary hybrids. He was not as active in judging or with the society over the last 10 years or so mainly due to health issues. President Jeff Bloxsom and Judging Panel Assist Registrar Jeff Glover attended Marty's funeral. Marty was 87.

Jeff Bloxsom - President ROSI

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Shows and Meetings

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Plant/Barcode Collators: Trish Craig & Barry English

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 on Tuesday 23/02/2021. 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.

As of 2021 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

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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.....

Seconder..... Signature.....

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

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE



ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - 2021

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TRI-ANNUAL FIELD WEEKEND - BUNDABERG

13th - 14th March 2021



Due to COVID the 2020 tri-annual trip had to be cancelled and is now rescheduled for the above date. Hopefully we will be able to fill our coach to make this weekend a success.

This is the annual field weekend shared between the Central Queensland Orchid Societies. At this stage, after speaking with Bob Shields, Bundaberg have advised that they are trying to organise the weekend and will confirm with us early in the New Year. 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, some bush housing then lunch (BBQ – Avenell Heights Community Hall) – more visits to collections – afternoon tea and more visits – dinner that evening – *Venue to be advised.*

Sunday: Your accommodation includes a full buffet Continental/Hot breakfast in restaurant – then off to more visiting 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 to be determined after obtaining updated quotes, but was priced at around \$200 each. In early 2020 a motion was passed to subsidise this weekend from our Club funds. This motion will continue to be recognised for the rescheduled 2021 trip.

This will bring the cost down **to around \$150 each \$300 double twin share rooms** – a very affordable weekend which you should take advantage of. I hope everyone will consider putting their name down for this trip as it is our first trip since 2019! (Thanks, Covid.) You will need to put your name down again at our next meeting in January or notify Jeff Bloxsom as soon as possible. (0407995122)

We may run out of seats, first in first booked!

Full payment required by February AGM Meet 23/02/21.

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



Jeff Bloxsom - President

Christmas Party



ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

MONTHLY MEETING - ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES

The monthly popular vote competition is divided into two groups: **ADVANCED** and **NOVICE**. Upon joining the society members can elect which group to enter. However, if you have minimal experience in orchid culture you will be placed in the novice group (*default joining group*), if you have considerable-extensive experience in orchid culture you *may* be placed in the advanced group. The winner of the novice group each year will automatically advance to the advanced section. If you are still in the novice section after a period of 10 years membership you will also automatically advance to the advanced section. Plants are able to be tabled in the advanced and novice groups under the following sections:

ADVANCED SECTIONS

CATASETINAE
CATTLEYA – OVER 100mm
CATTLEYA – UP TO 100mm
DENDROBIUM

MISCELLANEOUS
ONCIDIINAE
PAPHIOPEDILUM
PHALAENOPSIS

VANDACEOUS – OVER 65mm
VANDACEOUS – UP TO 65mm
SPECIES (All Genera)

NOVICE SECTIONS

CATTLEYA – OVER 100mm
CATTLEYA – UP TO 100mm

DENDROBIUM
MISCELLANEOUS
ONCIDIINAE

SPECIES (All Genera)
VANDACEOUS

Plants must be owned and grown by the member for **at least six months** prior to being tabled at a meeting. Each section requires a minimum of three plants, except in the miscellaneous section. In the event of a section not having three plants, then, if in any of the two Cattleya sections, or any of the two Vandaceous sections they are combined, in any other section they are moved to miscellaneous. On recommendation from the Registrar and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, sections may be increased or altered to suit flowing orchids tabled.

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION.

A grower is awarded **one point** for: – tabling a plant or plants; – on winning a popular vote from all attending member in each section. The member with the greatest number of points for the year is the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

JUDGES CHOICE COMPETITION

Judges will include all judges and associate judges present on the night who are willing to participate in a Judging team led by the most senior or experienced judge in attendance. Each month the Judges will select three plants from all tabled (Advanced and Novice) as being the outstanding blooms of the night and each plant will be awarded 1 Judges choice point. The grower receiving the greatest number of Judges choice points for the year shall be declared the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

COMPETITION PRIZES.

In winning a voting section or judge's choice at each monthly meeting, cash prizes of \$5.00 per popular vote winner and \$10.00 per Judges choice will be presented at the annual Christmas function/presentation night held by the ROSI. A perpetual trophy as well as a smaller trophy to keep will be awarded to the winners of the advanced and novice popular vote competition and the member gaining the most points in the Judges choice competition during the year.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY

Competition for this trophy commences December 1st and closes November 30th of the following year. This trophy is awarded to the member of a plant receiving the highest award/points for an orchid. The highest award being an award from the AOC – STOCQ then followed by a ROSI club award. In the case where no plants had been awarded for the year then the trophy will go to the Grand Champion winner/s from that years' ROSI Shows. In the case of a draw the trophy will be shared between the winners. The trophy will be presented at our annual Christmas function/presentation night. (The allocation of the trophy in this section may be changed pending a decision by the ROSI executive members.)

CAVEAT: To enter any of the above competitions you must be an active member of the ROSI and have attended a least (3) official functions of the ROSI each calendar year. This includes monthly meetings, ROSI workshops or shows.

Popular Vote Winners

The last general meeting held for 2020 was in November and was a “special meeting” which included a larger than usual raffle. The plant table competition had been changed for the special meeting night, which was different to the regular popular vote and judge’s choice format. Members were able to table a maximum of 3 plants into an open competition without Advanced or Novice categories. Those in attendance were able to submit a single vote only for their favourite plant on the night, with prizes going to the top 5 plants overall. The winners were:

**Phal. Young Home
'New York'**



Jenkins / Kuhl

**Onc. Raspberry
Chocolate**



K&R Smith

Paph. Saint Switer



K&R Smith

Brs. Eternal Wind



K&R Smith

Den. Silver Wings



J. Blossom

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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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