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Newsletter - July 2021

Last month an almost full bus of ROSI members enjoyed the hospitality of the Calliope Orchid and Foliage Society with the field trip visiting several of their members residences who graciously opened up their shade houses for us to look at. A few of our members acquired a new addition or two for their collection as a souvenir of this trip, while a few other members acquired quite a few souvenirs of this trip. 😊 Despite the inclement weather experienced, I am sure that everyone enjoyed getting out and stretching their legs ... and not just to step over a puddle or two.

The next ROSI function for our members to enjoy is the "Picnic in the Park" at Emu Park. Details of this event later in this Newsletter.

All things COVID staying in check, we will have our Spring Show upon us before we know it. It will be 2 years since our last Show, with the last ROSI "Show" being the 'STOCQ Conference and Show' back in September 2019. There will be some minor changes to our usual Show Schedule and plenty of opportunity for members to volunteer in assorted roles to assist in making this event a success. Full details of our upcoming Show will be published in the next Newsletter.

Accompanying this Newsletter is a flyer of items that are available from our ROSI Stores. For our newer members who might not have known, your Club makes Orchid related growing materials available locally for members at reasonable prices, with all proceeds returning to the Club. This service is kindly operated by Faye and Barry English, with an article in each Newsletter. Please ring to make an appointment prior to attending.



Ctt. Freya's Jungle Sunset

-Editor.

**Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 27th July 2021.
Starts 7:30pm.**

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

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General Meeting Tuesday 22nd June 2021

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Lucky Number: Winner did not attend meeting - plant prize was added to raffle plants.

Next General Meeting – 27th July 2021

Minutes of May monthly meeting as published in the June newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved M. Maunder

Seconded Y. Manning

Carried

Correspondence:

President Jeff advised there would be no Inward or Outward Correspondence tabled as Secretary T. Craig was absent.

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by D MacKenzie

Seconded

P. O'Brien

Carried

Growers Workshop:

Gwen Brenigan and Jan Hogan reported that a successful workshop was held at the residence of Moyna and Bill Richardson on Saturday 29 May. They thanked the Richardsons for hosting the afternoon and Moyna for demonstrating the way she pots small orchid plants. Moyna then added additional information relating to the Anti Rot Fungicide that she had discussed on Saturday 29th.

General Business:

President Jeff discussed the TV interview done recently by Neil Fisher where both the Club and the Spring Show were promoted.

Coach Trip to Calliope Saturday 26th June 2021.

Lock up Parking at Lawrence Motors. Be there by 6.30am for 7am departure. Currently 46 booked to travel on bus. As there will be plants for purchase, Members will be allowed 2 boxes each on the bus. Members were urged to write their names on tags and put on purchases and store plants in their box to avoid confusion when unpacking on arrival back in Rockhampton.

Jeff also informed that he would use this opportunity to purchase raffle plants.

Reserved signs would be placed on front seats of the bus to accommodate members who needed these seats. Members must let Jeff know if they need a seat towards the front of the bus. This trip is The Growers Workshop Group function for June.

Mid-Year Function

The Mid Year Function will be a Picnic in the Park with a catered packed lunch.

Venue - Bell Park at Emu Park. Numbers for this event are needed at the next meeting for catering purposes.

Date- Sunday 8th August.

Members are requested to bring a folding chair and if possible, a small table. BYO drinks and a small plate of sweets for Afternoon Tea.

Arrive from 11am onwards and drive through the gates towards the area close the Rotunda.

The lunch is to cost the Club \$14.50 a head. Discussion followed on how much Members would pay.

Motion - Members pay \$10.00 for the lunch. Moved: M. Maunder Seconded: S.Kuhl **Carried.**

A Raffle will be held at the Picnic.

Spring Show

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th September 2021 at The Frenchville Sports Club.

Planning in progress. Jeff is negotiating the change from 2020 to 2021 on the Rosettes.

No Devonshire teas and no potting demonstrations.

Judging will take place on the Friday night.

Sale tags are available for members to purchase.

Sites are being booked for pre advertising with banners.

Comments on the recent Agricultural Show which has a Horticultural section. It was suggested that in future Club members might choose to enter their orchids in the Orchid Section of the Ag Show.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch

Exhibitor's Raffle: M Richardson

General Raffle: T. Brenigan, K. Clarke, S. Eggleshaw, M. Campbell, J. Bennett, L. Humble, T. Brenigan, J. Bennett, M. Campbell.

Jeff advised that he will not be attending the July Meeting.

Meeting Closed 9.02pm

The next Committee Meeting will be at the residence of K. Carr - Tuesday 29th June at 7pm.

J Bloxsom
President

M. Handley
Minutes Recorder

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GROWERS WORKSHOP (/CALLIOPE BUS TRIP)

Although rain greeted us on Saturday morning, it didn't dampen our enthusiasm for a day trip to Calliope. We all must've been "Bright Eyed & Bushy-tailed" for everyone arrived in ample time for the Coach boarding & set off a little ahead of time.

After a brief 'comfort stop' at Jenny Scott's (for those of us who didn't need one at Mt Larcom), we continued on to new member Michelle Butler's place, guided by Jenny.

A most sumptuous morning tea was laid out for us & we did our best to show our appreciation for the effort Calliope club members had obviously gone to. Michelle's shade house & collection of plants was lovely (though, gazing into my Crystal Ball - I foresee bigger things to come 😊).

Onward then to Richard & Diane Cornale's extended shade house, plus one new addition since last I was there. Fabulous. A good many of our group purchased plants to add to their own collections.

Returning to Jenny Scott's, where some folk could quite easily have spent much more time viewing the vast array of plants in her various shade houses, more sales were added to the boxes beneath the Coach.

Lunch at the Bowls Club was a lively affair with lots of chatter while the two course meal was served (helped down with a glass or two of 'soft drink' 😊). Following lunch, a rolling raffle was held with loads of prizes to choose from (none of which came MY way!). Many fared well, though. From the Bowls Club, with expanding waistlines, scurrying under umbrellas to avoid the rain, we boarded the Coach for our next stop.

The penultimate visit was to David & Tien Donpon's place. Always a treat to see their garden & collections. More purchases added to the boxes heading back to Rocky. ⁹⁵

The final visit for this trip was to Bill & Dianne McKenzie's incredibly beautiful garden. Such a lot of work, time & effort has really paid off to create a vision splendid! Again, more sales were made.....who could resist?

Speaking of resistance, it didn't seem to be a problem for most of us when yet MORE food was presented for afternoon tea! I'm sure the extra weight on the Coach wasn't all attributed to the plant purchases!!

A massive THANK YOU to Calliope Club members for organising a great day. The benchmark has been set high for a reciprocal visit! THANK YOU also to Jeff Bloxom for your part in organising this trip. An especial THANK YOU to our Coach Driver, John, for yet another smooth, comfortable & courteous journey. Lovely to have Daphne along with us too.

In conclusion, despite the inclement weather, I'm sure a jolly good time was had by all.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL MEMBERS CELEBRATING IN JULY 🎂

Maxine, Gwen & Jan.

NEXT GROWERS WORKSHOP to be held 31st JULY 2021 - 1.30pm for 2pm start
Rosemary Wines residence – 53 Angela Road, Rockyview.
Bring along: Chair, Hat, Mug, Afternoon Tea & Prize for Raffle (if desired).
Hope to see you all there!

Annual Competition - June 2021 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Epi.</i> Comet Valley 'Flash'	J&S Frisch
<i>Fdk.</i> Kimberley Ariel	T. Dean
<i>C.</i> Glenlee Candy	T. March

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 51)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Ctt.</i> Freya's Jungle Sunset	T&M Handley
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>tie Rlc.</i> Chia Lin 'New City'	J&S Frisch
	<i>tie Rlc.</i> Village Chief Armani 'Red Dragon'	J&S Frisch
Vandaceous (Combined under/over 65mm)	<i>Van.</i> Tien's Delight	J&M Bloxsom
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Genting Lipstick	W&M Richardson
Catasetinae	<i>Cycd.</i> Jumbo Erebus 'Jumbo Kitty'	J&N Glover
Oncidiinae	<i>Bllra.</i> Peggy Ruth Carpenter	T. March
Species	<i>Cyc.</i> warscewizii	T&M Handley
Miscellaneous	<i>Epi.</i> Comet Valley 'Flash'	J&S Frisch

Novice (Plants Tabled: 20)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rth.</i> Ubon Crown Belle {Note: (<i>Ctt.</i> Ploenpit Crown x <i>Rlc.</i> Sierra Belle) = <i>Rth.</i> Ubon Crown Belle}	J&P Bennett
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Lc.</i> Starting Point x <i>Blc.</i> Dream Trader	J&P Bennett
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Aussie's Sweetness	D&L Humble
Miscellaneous	<i>Cycd.</i> Taiwan Gold 'Orange'	J&P Bennett



Epi. Comet Valley 'Flash'



Cycd. Jumbo Erebus
'Jumbo Kitty'



Rlc. Chia Lin 'New City'

R.O.S.I. MID YEAR SOCIAL FUNCTION

The intent to hold a mid-year bar-b-cue social day for the club was well received.

Date was set for Sunday 8th August in place of the July Growers Workshop.

The Venue decided upon was Bell Park – Emu Park.

However due to the venue being booked for that weekend we have had to change dates

The function will now be held on **Sunday 22nd August**

Same venue **Bell Park – Emu Park**



Due to the difficulty of using the public Bar-B-Cues for a large no of people it has been decided to change the event to a Picnic in the park with packed lunches provided by outside caterer. The cost is \$14.50 each and at last General Meeting a motion was passed for members to pay **\$10 each** and the club subsidise the balance.

Start time will be 10am and finish around 5pm

Coffee & Tea will be available but BYO drinks

We are organising some events for the day which may be fun

As well there will be the usual large multi-draw raffle

If you wish to bring along a donation for the raffle please do so

Members are asked to bring along a plate for afternoon tea (eg. biscuits/cake/slices)

You will also need to bring along folding chairs & small folding table if you have one

There will be some tables provided

The club will set up our gazebos for some shade

The area booked is at the far end of park. Drive in to the far car park near the long rotunda, where you will be able to see the gazebos set up

As there will only be one more General Meeting in July before this event – you will need to put your name down and pay for the function at July meeting so we can arrange the catering

If you are unable to attend July meeting, please notify Jeff Bloxsom 0407995122 if you wish to come along to the event

Should be a great fun social event for the club – so come along and enjoy the day



The following article was written by Ross and Liz Maidment of Aranbeem Orchids which appeared in their July 2020 Newsletter and is reprinted here with their permission.

<https://www.aranbeemorchids.com.au/hello-orchid-growers-july-2020/>

Winter Care Tips for Your Orchids

Winter is a period when most of our orchids are in slower or dormant growth. This does not mean that we do not need to take necessary steps to ensure that they do not just endure this period, but come out of it performing better in the growing seasons to follow. Here are some tips for Winter care of your orchids.

Watering

Dormant and plants in slow growth require far less water in both quantity and frequency than those in active growth. Growing media takes a longer time to dry out between waterings in Winter. Overwatering will result in soft growth and rotting of root systems which are not taking up the water. This will then compound fungal and bacterial disease problems. It is very important to water only on days when the foliage will be dry by nightfall, particularly for the monopodial type orchids like Phalaenopsis, Vanda and Paphiopedilum. Orchids are just like us – they do not like to be cold and wet for prolonged periods and will feel the cold even more if their feet are wet!

Fertilizer

Yes, it is beneficial to fertilize many types of orchids in Winter as they are still growing but at a slower rate. Some types of orchids are totally dormant so will not require fertilizing, other types of orchids may be maturing growths or have new inflorescences developing. As orchids are generally not in most active growth in Winter they require far less Nitrogen. During these Winter months we should change our fertilizer type to ones of low Nitrogen, such as HSO 12, Grow and Flower, Campbells A, Peters Finisher Etc. Over fertilizing will result in weak growths, may inhibit flower formation and result in a build up of excess salts in the media as watering quantity and frequency is less. It will also compound fungal and bacterial problems. Fertilizing in Winter with fertilizers specifically formulated with higher Calcium (Ca) and Potassium (K) can lead to orchid growth being sturdier and more resilient to cold temperature.

Light

Orchids still require good light in Winter. They are still photosynthesising as required to maintain good healthy life. Some growing conditions find it beneficial to have reduced shade during the Winter months to maximize Winter light. Some types of orchids like Softcane Dendrobiums in dormancy may even be moved to positions of full sun during these months. It may be necessary to move some types of orchids around to maximize light exposure. This could be achieved by moving them higher or to a more exposed aspect. Low light in Winter can result in weak, soft growth and also inhibit initiation of flowering in some types of orchids.



Rth. Ubon Crown Belle



Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange'



Van. Tien's Delight

Humidity and Air Movement

Orchids like appropriate humidity and good air movement all year round including Winter. If you totally shut up your growing conditions due to cold temperatures you will then compound humidity and air movement problems. This will result in significant disease problems. Some types of fungal diseases such as Botrytis thrive in these conditions. Overwatering will compound excessive humidity problems. Opening up your growing areas on those warmer and sunnier days will help. Over crowding of plants will also compound the issue. For some growers it may be beneficial to install a fan to generate air movement.

Protection from Cold

In the first instance, a strong healthy, appropriately watered and fertilized orchid will be your best protection. Unhealthy and weak orchids are more susceptible to cold. This is related to the factors that we have discussed already. In extreme periods of cold it may be necessary to move some orchids inside. Growing areas can be covered in removable plastic covers. In decades past old-time orchid growers would cover plants with sheets of newspapers. (This is probably not possible now all the print media Newspapers are being shut down!). When extreme cold conditions are expected we water the floors of the growing areas exposed in the evening and early morning to give some protection from frost damage.

Flowering

Winter flowering orchids are more susceptible to flowers being spotted by Botrytis fungus. As flower buds are developing move the plants to areas more protected from temperature extremes and also which have good air movement both day and night. Many types of orchids such as Cymbidiums, Phalaenopsis and Softcane Dendrobiums require a period of cooler temperature to initiate flowering, so all cold is not bad. Prepare for enhancing Spring flowering results by staking up canes of Softcane Dendrobiums. Stake emerging Cymbidium and Phalaenopsis inflorescences. This preparation will enhance your flowering result in the coming Spring months.

Pest Check

Winter is an ideal time to do a pest check and prepare to minimize problems that will come with the warmer growing season approaching. Though there is generally less insect pest activity, they are still preparing to cause you potential grief in future months if not attended to. Check for slugs and snails, scale, mealybug and Aphids in particular. It is easier to eradicate these in Winter than in the warmer months. If you start Spring with a clean orchid collection you will then have little future pest problems. Starting from a low pest population base means that you will end up dealing with only isolated "spot Spraying" as an incursion occurs not "wide spread devastation".



C. Glenlee Candy



Fdk. Kimberley Ariel



Cyc. warszewiczii

Weeds

Weed activity is at its lowest for the seasons. This is a perfect time to ensure you start the warmer months weed free. The lower the population of weeds that you have to seed in coming months, the less time consuming problem in the future. We use a stick with a cotton wood bud attached which is dipped in 3 parts Roundup / 1 part water. It is viscous enough to dab on the weed leaf without running off – one dab spot on weed leaf is enough. Keep the floor of the growing area and companion plants weed free. When the warmer Spring months approach weeds will flourish and provide a perfect lush breeding ground for mites and thrips. Eradicating weeds in Winter will also reduce your mite and thrip problems in your orchids in Spring and Summer.

Use your Wheelie Bin

Lets face it – we all have our problem plants! There are most evident in the Winter months. There are many reasons why these plants may be persistently underperforming. It could be the wrong type of orchid for your growing conditions, that it has an underlying pest and / or disease issue (eg. Virus, Fungal or Bacterial disease, Scale, Mealybug), or that it is inherently not vigorous. Some people thrive on “rescue” orchids but inevitably have low quality collections. If you aspire to have a high quality, healthy collection of orchids then use this Winter period to have a clean out. Your Wheelie Bin is the best place for these plants – it will save you time, money and result in a more rewarding collection of orchids.



Den. Genting Lipstick



Rlc. Village Chief Armani 'Red Dragon'

Shows and Meetings - Officials

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Lc. Starting Point x Blc. Dream Trader



Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter

The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received by the 10th August 2021; articles received after that date will be included in the following month.

-Editor.

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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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2021 Show Dates

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

July:

23rd, 24th, 25th - **Caboolture** OS Winter show ~ Morayfield Community Centre (setup 22nd).

August:

6th, 7th - **Maroochydore** OS 50th Anniversary show ~ Buderim Uniting Church Hall, King St, Buderim (setup 5th).

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

September:

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

16th, 17th - **Noosa** DOFS closed show (setup 15th).

18th, 19th - **Rockhampton** OS Spring show.

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

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

October:

1st 2nd - **Caloundra** OS show ~ Uniting Church Hall, Queen Street, Caloundra (setup 30th).

9th - **Bribie Island** OS Spring show (setup 8th).

23rd - **Nambour** Orchid Society species show ~ Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road Buderim (setup 22nd).

NEW DATE!

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

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

November:

6th - **Caboolture will host STOCQ meeting** ~ Morayfield Ease State School, Graham Road Morayfield.



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Spring Show 2021

Saturday 18th Sept Open 8am - Close 4pm

Sunday 19th Sept Open 8am - Close 3pm

Orchid Display - Orchid Sales - Foliage Sales

Orchid Potting Supplies - Decorated Cake Display

Vendors: Alice's Orchids - M&S Orchids

Entry: \$4 Children Free

Show Raffle: Garden Cart Full of Goodies

Free Door Prize: Beautiful Flowering Orchid

***** New Venue *****

Frenchville Sports Club

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