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Newsletter – July 2024

A very sad start to the month of July for our Society with the passing of our Patron Neil Fisher on the 1st July following a long battle with cancer and other recent health problems, Neil is now free of the pain and suffering, but his loss will be felt strongly by many people within the community. A tribute for Neil follows in this newsletter.

On a happier note our midyear social is fast approaching on Sunday 21st July at Kershaw Gardens, Dowling Street entrance, I have included details again in this newsletter for those who may not have kept the June newsletter.

Our Spring Show is now just two months away on the 14th & 15th September, where is the year going? Planning is well underway by Jeff and the committee. Again, this show will be in the old Art Gallery, a firm date for when the Frenchville will again be available is still uncertain.³⁵

At our June meeting plants tabled were down but we still had a very good variety of quality orchids tabled. Attendee numbers of members were also down with quite a few away due to health issues, we hope everyone stays healthy over the colder months and those not so well recover quickly.

Best wishes are extended to Paxia Lucke who has been battling some health issues for a while and we hope she is on the mend.

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT OUR JULY MEETING – FLORAL ART CLASS

Fiona Hayes who judges our floral art entries at our shows will be presenting a Floral Art Class for members following the meeting. We encourage our members to stay back and enjoy this presentation.

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 27th July 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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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Saturday 22nd June commencing at 1.27pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Popular Vote – Members completed their popular orchid voting.

Minutes of May 2024 monthly meeting as published in the June newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Jeni Scott **Seconded** Dennis Ratcliffe **Carried**

Treasurer's Report – This was sent out with our June Newsletter.

Karen moved that her report be accepted **Seconded** Ken O'Brien **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 2024

IN –

- Newsletters – Blackwater Garden Club, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Gympie, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Maryborough Orchid Society, North Qld Orchid Society, Townsville Orchid Society.
- Emails from RRC MyCity re: updating Show Advertising.
- Emails from My Community Services re: updating Information

OUT –

- Copies of various clubs' newsletters sent to members.
- Additional invoices sent to Rockhampton Regional Council re: grant acquittal
- Updating My City – Spring Show Notice
- Updating My Community Services – Spring Show Notice

Sandra Rowcliffe moves that Inwards correspondence acknowledged as received and outwards correspondence endorsed as sent.

Seconded Sharyn Frisch **Carried**

Growers Group: Maxine Robinson thanked Mary & Robert Semple for hosting our June Grower's Group gathering. The next workshop will be at the residence of Kerrie and David Clark. It was suggested Karen does a flash email mailout to members advising of this gathering the week leading up to it. This is because the last two gatherings were poorly attended. The agenda for the next workshop is repotting and members are asked to bring a plant to repot. The club will supply potting medium, pots, stakes etc. Nothing too large as it takes too long to break up and repot.

Business Arising from the last meeting: Nil

General Business:

- Jeff mentioned that our patron Neil Fisher is not well. He was rushed to hospital following a stroke and also the cancer he had has returned. Our society members thoughts are with him.
- Sharyn Frisch is asking if anyone can caretake her plants while she sets up her greenhouse in her new home as she is wanting to get her old home ready for sale.
- Jeff mentioned that the STOCQ meeting at Calliope on 8th June was a good day. There was a hold up waiting for the registrar Royal Rea to arrive. A lot of our members purchased plants to bring home, and the club purchased plants for our midyear function raffle.
- Names were taken for those wishing to attend the midyear function, at this stage we have 60 names but quite a few members weren't at the meeting to put down their names. It will start between 9.00-9.30am. There was information on this in the June newsletter. It is on the 21st July, it will be a barbecue with steak and sausages and costs members \$5.00 each. Everyone is to bring a plate for morning tea, and a table and chair. Jeff mentioned that is quite a lot of shade where we will be.
- Jeff Glover did a presentation on Club Award Certificates; he mentioned that if a member's plant is assessed between 70 and 74 points it is eligible for a ROSI Cultural Award even if it does not have enough points for a AOC/STOCQ Award
- Jeff mentioned when purchasing a new plant, it is important to check the name tag to ensure it is correct, you can check this with Orchidwiz, Orchid Roots or RHS Websites. He said in the future it would be great to have a talk on nomenclature.

Plant Commentary: Jeff Glover presented the plant commentary. He said even though plant numbers were lower than usual that there was still a beautiful array of orchids tabled.

Lucky Number: #66 – Trish Craig

Exhibitor's Raffle: #80 – Bob Jenkins

General Raffle – Shirley Cantwell, Jan Rawlings x 2, Shirley Kuhl, Leanne Dawes x 2, Trevor Rawlings, Dennis Ratcliffe, Jana Bennett, Karen Carr, Tony O’Connor x 2, Jeff Glover, Trish Craig, Kay Ratcliffe, Margaret Warrant, Daphne Jenkins, Lind Schulz, Graham Schulz

Next General Meeting – Saturday 27th July 2024.

Next Committee Meeting – Maxine Robinsons residence – 8 Banksia Place Kawana commences at 6.30pm. The agenda will be the midyear function and ROSI’s 70th Anniversary in 2025.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm

Jeff Blossom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

Member Photos & Articles off Facebook

Norma Glover at Mackay Show

Norma was invited to judge the Foliage/Fern sections of the Horticultural Display at the Mackay Agricultural Show . This is the plant she awarded champion, a huge Caladium. It was also awarded best overall exhibit of the Horticultural Section.



Carolyn Roberts at Rocky Show

After entering into the cooking section for over 20years, I finally took out overall champion, with 16 x 1st, 16 x 2nds, and 5 x3rds, so very happy



 **ABC Capricornia** 
6 h · 

Miriam Black wins at Bowls



Rockhampton Bowls Club

3 h · 

Winners of PBL played this morning at RBC, Rod, Miriam Black and Jeff Slater, 4 teams in the competition with RBC team Peter Hindmarsh, Frank Jenner and Ian Lester coming in runner up



Annual Competition – June 2024 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Cattleya</i> Dendi's Perfection	J Scott
<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	J & P Bennett
<i>Bllra.</i> Tropic Lily 'Hilo Spaceship'	T O'Connor

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 62)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rth.</i> Rosella's Precious Buddy	J Scott
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Rlc.</i> Memoria Gordon Vallances – Tie <i>Rlc.</i> Chia Lin 'New City' - Tie	K & P O'Brien J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Viboon Velvet	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>V.</i> Thonglorsand x <i>V.</i> Pimchai Beauty x <i>V.</i> Lenavat	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Oncidium	<i>Oncidium</i> Gold Dust	S & M Rowcliffe
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Warringah Purple Heaven	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Catasetinae	<i>Fdk.</i> Darkest Desire	T & M Handley
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child	J & P Bennett
Species	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Miscellaneous	<i>Phal.</i> Shan Feng Jing 'Red Peach'	T & M Handley

Novice (Plants Tabled: 24)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Cattleya</i> Dendi's Perfection	L & G Schulz
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Rlc.</i> Nadia Song	L & K Bauman
Miscellaneous	<i>Paph.</i> Vanguard	T O'Connor

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Paph. Prime
Child
J&P Bennett



Cat. Dendi's Perfection - J Scott



Blira. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Space Ship'
T O'Connor



POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – JUNE GENERAL MEETING

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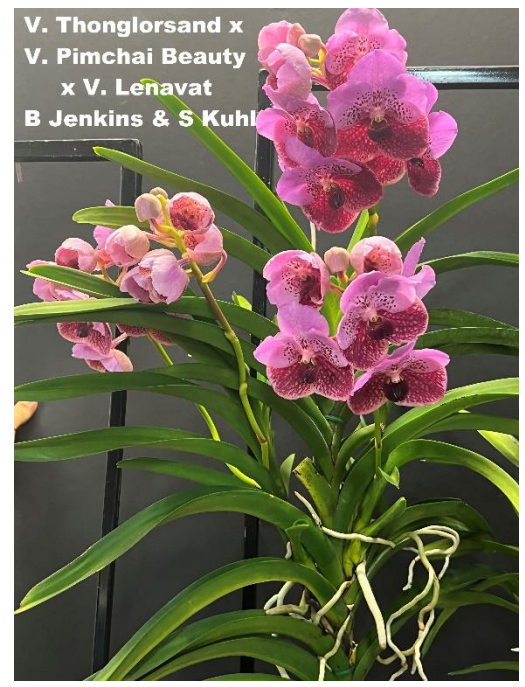
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B Jenkins & S Kuhl



Rlc. Chai Lin 'New City'
J & M Bennett



Paph spicerianum
B Jenkins & S Kuhl



V. Thonglorsand x
V. Pimchai Beauty
x V. Lenavat
B Jenkins & S Kuhl

Vale Neil Fisher



It was with great sadness we were notified of the passing of our Patron Neil Fisher. Sadly Neil's battle with cancer and other recent health issues cut his life short, passing at 60 years of age. A very honourable and knowledgeable gentleman who devoted a enormous amount of time and effort to the community. He was a positive and happy person who served not only as a Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor for the Rockhampton Regional Council but he was very active with many gardening groups. Prior to becoming our Patron five years ago Neil promoted our Societies Orchid Shows for many years both in newspaper articles and on the Channel Gardening Segment. We offer our deepest condolences to his wife Sherrie, Children and Grandchildren. Neil will be remembered for the fantastic person he was and he will be a great loss to

so many people. Following is the eulogy presented at Neil's funeral on behalf of the Rockhampton Orchid Society.

The members of the Rockhampton Orchid Society would like to express their heartfelt sympathies to Sherrie and family on the recent passing of Neil, who was our patron for the last 5 years. Neil was an active participant in the society's functions when time allowed from his busy schedule. Without doubt he thoroughly enjoyed our two shows each year where he could have some time out and enjoy the other love of his life as he put it, talking about plants to other plant crazy people . He would often stay most of the day when he could, displaying his renowned people skills and having time for anyone and everyone; while saying the council knows where I am, over and over again, it seemed.

Likewise, he enjoyed our Xmas and Award night functions where after presenting the various prizes he and Sherrie would be amongst the last to leave, delayed again by 'talking plants'.

We will have lovely long-lasting memories of Neil as do many in the wider community , but more so especially amongst the CQ plant-enthusiasts community where he garnered lasting admiration for his extensive knowledge and skills and was considered one of us.



Neil, we will miss you but never forget you and may you now find eternal rest.

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 in Paph. concolor a species.


Orchid Species



smells like stinky cheese

Paphiopedilum concolor

Ecology



P. concolor growing on rock

inaturalist

Substrata: Among leaf litter on limestone rock in mixed forests
Light: Lightly to partially shaded conditions
Elevation: Sea level–1,000 meters or up to 3,280 feet
Temperature: ~~Hot~~ Day temps. 24–35°C or 75–95°F
 --Intermediate Night temps. 13–24°C or 55–75°F
Distribution: Cambodia, Southwestern China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Northern Vietnam
Biome: Wet Tropical Forests
Flowering: Spring-Summer

Paphiopedilum concolor

My Setup



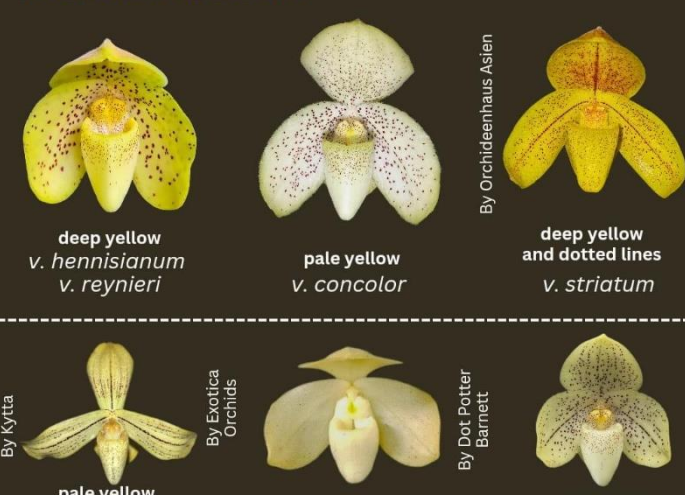
P. concolor growing in a calcined clay mix

Substrata: A calcined clay and perlite mix
Light: 12–15 hours of medium-highish LED light
Humidity: 40–60%, Winter; 60–80%, Summer
Watering: Media is evenly moist and can approach dryness before its weeklyish watering, but it is never soggy
 The media is flushed with clean water once a month
Fertilizer: 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 × per year, Spring-Summer

Paphiopedilum concolor

P. concolor variations

Watch out for...



deep yellow
v. *hennisianum*
v. *reynieri*

pale yellow
v. *concolor*

deep yellow and dotted lines
v. *striatum*

pale yellow and long petals with dotted lines
v. *longipetalum*

pale yellow and without dots
v. *alba*

pale yellow and dotted lines
v. *chlorophyllum*

Paphiopedilum concolor

Next is an interesting article that was on the **Macarthur ANOS Group** Facebook page by Jon Cara, it is on *Dendrobium nindii*, a species that is found in Queensland (Daintree & Innisfail areas) and Papua New Guinea.



Dendrobium nindii W. Hill (1874)

Variations of 3 forms from Queensland and Papua New Guinea. I managed to collect *Dendrobium nindii* flowers from Dave Groffen, Rob Trost and Keith & Anne McGinn. Original true Australian *Dendrobium nindii* found in Innisfail was taken by Wallace Nicholls which painted of illustration *Dendrobium tofftii* F.M.Bailey (1890) in 1946. I asked and pick some flowers of Innisfail *Dendrobium nindii* from Dave Groffen at ANOS KABI meeting in June 2021. Very first dissected flowers and photographed of parts of the flowers and published on Australian *Dendrobium* plates.

Last year I asked Rob Trost's orchid collection of Australian *Dendrobium*, I pick 2 flowers of *Dendrobium nindii* in July 2023. They were dissected and photographed on parts of the flowers. Very old flowers I reckon be 6 - 8 weeks old shown the lips were nearly fade out.

This year I asked permission collected a spike of Papua New Guinea *Dendrobium nindii* from Keith & Anne McGinn at ANOS KABI meeting in April 2024. Very similar to Daintree *Dendrobium nindii* and different colours.



Original illustration of Wallace Nicholl's *Dendrobium tofftii* (synonym of *Dendrobium nindii*).



Daintree *Dendrobium nindii*



Daintree *Dendrobium nindii*

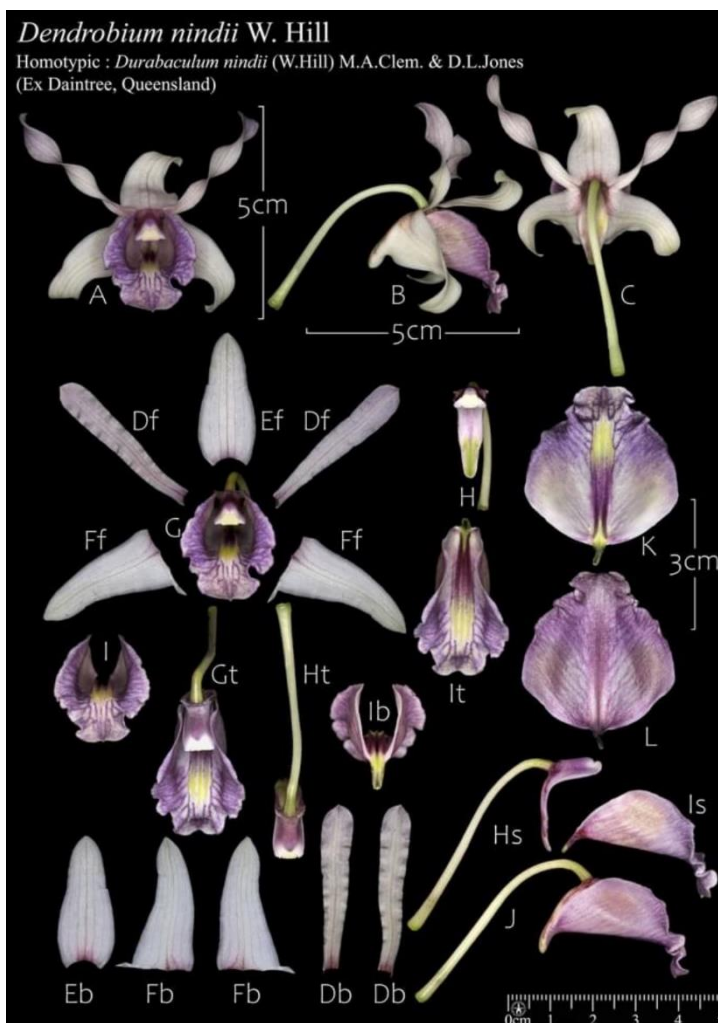


Plate of Daintree *Dendrobium nindii* from Rob Trost's *Dendrobium* collection



Innisfall *Dendrobium nindii*

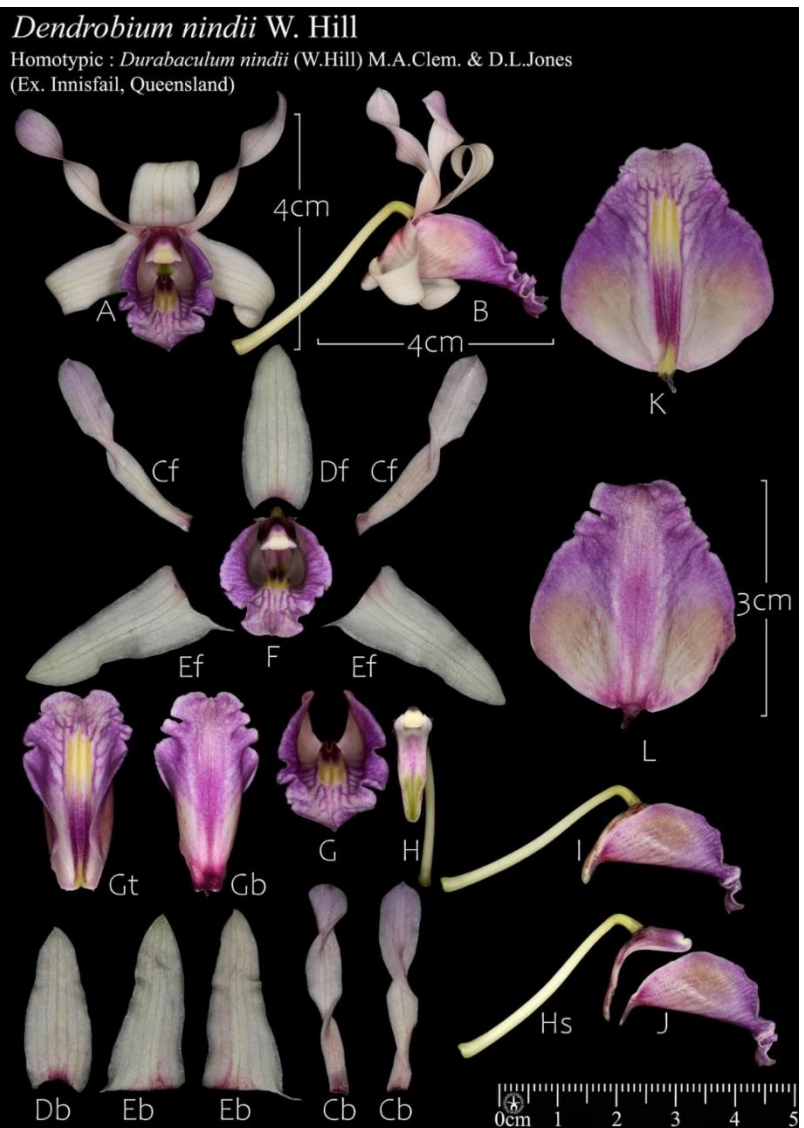


Plate of Innisfall *Dendrobium nindii* belong collection of late Dave Groffen



Innisfall *Dendrobium nindii*

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Growers

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Workshops

Our upcoming Growers Group workshop is

Saturday 10th August

Clarke's Residence

35 Schlencker Drive Glenlee

Subject – Repotting



Papua New Guinean *Dendrobium nindii* (probably from Rigo, Papua New Guinea was collected by Phil Spence)



Papua New Guinean *Dendrobium nindii* (probably from Rigo, Papua New Guinea was collected by Phil Spence)

We appreciate this information as without the research of people like Jon Cara who has documented and shared his findings on *Dendrobium nindii*, thus enabling other interested growers the knowledge of this species which is part of the amazing and complex flowering plant family Orchidaceae.

*A majority of growers would have *Den. nindii* in their collections or have hybrids where this species would have been used as a parent plant.*

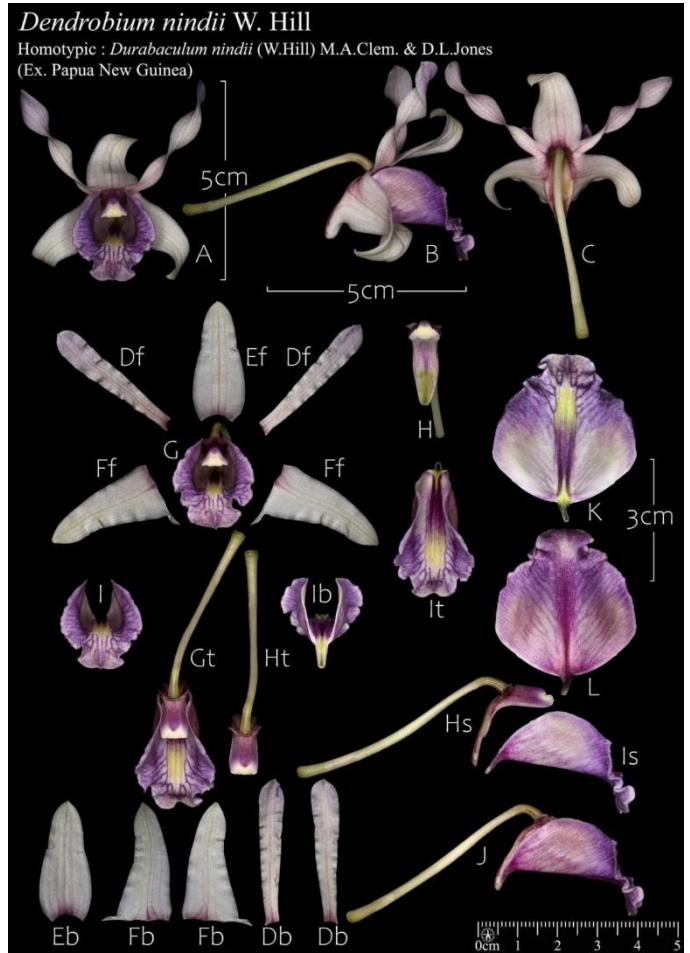


Plate of Papua New Guinean *Dendrobium nindii* from Keith & Anne McGinn's



Variations of 3 forms *Dendrobium nindii* from Queensland and Papua New Guinea.

➤ **Another post off Facebook by Gerry Walsh on Australian Native Orchids on *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *capricornicum* which grow in areas around Rockhampton. We thank Gerry for sharing this post.**

Below a post on using egg shells



Garden Tips & Tricks

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How to use Egg shells as fertilizer

Eggshells can be a great source of calcium and other minerals for your plants, and they can also help to deter pests such as slugs and snails.

Here's how to use eggshells as fertilizer:

🔵 **Collect your eggshells:** Start by saving your eggshells after cooking or baking. Rinse them out and let them dry.

🔵 **Crush the eggshells:** Once the eggshells are dry, crush them into small pieces. You can do this by using a mortar and pestle, a rolling pin, or by placing them in a plastic bag and crushing them with a spoon or the bottom of a cup.

🔵 **Add the crushed eggshells to your soil:** Sprinkle the crushed eggshells onto the soil around your plants. You can also mix the crushed eggshells into the soil before planting.

🔵 **Water the soil:** Water the soil after adding the eggshells to help the nutrients in the shells break down and become available to the plants.

Full guide in the first comment 🗨️ 👁️ 🌱



Australian Native Orchids

Gerry Walsh

Den Speciosum var capricornicum is not well understood really. It only occurs on volcanic plugs and nearby rocky outcrops within 100 kms of Rockhampton - more likely the coastal side of the Bruce Highway. This area sits right on the Tropic of Capricorn. It differs from all other speciosum varieties (pedunculatum excepted) by the peduncle being from a third to nearly 50 percent of the raceme, as is this one. Also capricornicum is the only variety that frequently blooms outside of springtime. From April to September. This one is in bloom right now and I have another five or so about to open up.



Attendees at the June Meeting listening to Jeff Glover's Plant Commentary

Jeff Glover



Jeff Glover presenting Cultural Certificates to members



The lengths some members will go to get out of committee meetings.



At our June committee meeting at Maxine Robinson's house on Wednesday 26th June, the host decided to up the ante during the meeting. The day had been a miserable rainy day with lots of humidity and dampness around. While getting the supper ready for the meeting Maxine took a bad fall on the tiles which were slightly slippery and hit her forehead on the corner of the wall as she fell causing a gash in her hairline and the biggest bump on her forehead. Maxine felt she was OK, but the consensus of the committee felt it was best to call the ambulance to be sure. On the advice of the three lovely lady paramedics, they decided that she should go to the hospital and have scans just to be certain she was OK.

Maxine's last thought as she was driving away in the back of the ambulance being waved off by Jeff Bloxsom and Tony March is that she had just left a lot of people in her home. The committee decided to continue on with the meeting, enjoy the supper and then proceeded to tidy up Maxine's home, completing the washing and drying up.

Maxine spent the night at the hospital getting regular checks and was home around 5.00am.

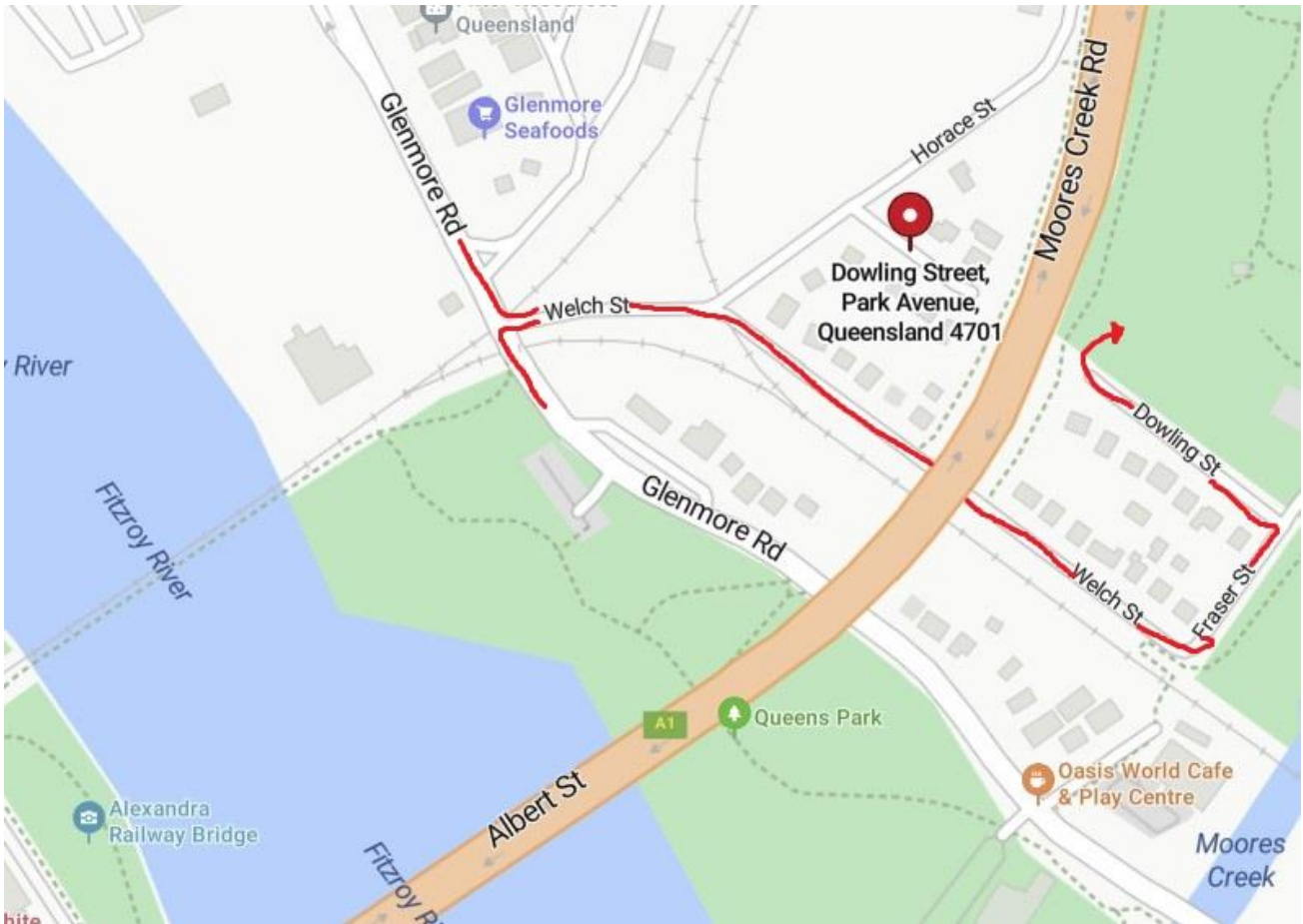
< The photo was taken quickly as she was leaving.

Maxine would like to sincerely thank all the committee for the tidy state she found her home in on her arrival from the hospital. She is very appreciative of the great group of people in the committee. After a few hours' sleep she said she was feeling much better but ended up with a good shiner on left eye.

Mid-Year Function – Picnic in the Park

Sunday 21st July – Commencing 9.00 to 9.30am

Location – Kershaw Gardens – Dowling Street entrance. Turn off Glenmore Road near the Railway Boom Gates (coming from the Old Bridge – turn right just before railway lines if coming from Parkhurst area turn left just over the railway lines. Cross another set of rail lines, drive under the New Bridge to Fraser Street then turn into Dowling Street which leads directly into the Kershaw Gardens Car Park. To the right of the carpark under the spreading tress we will hold the event.



This year it is a Barbecue lunch (not a packed one as previously). We ask members to bring a plate for morning tea etc. BYO drinks - there will be coffee/tea/milk/sugar supplied. We hope to have some fun activities and games organised. A big multi-draw raffle will be as usual.

Cost will be \$5.00 each and payable prior to the day. Currently we have around 65 people down to attend.

Toilet facilities are close by. There will be some gazebos set up for shade but will not accommodate all.

ITEMS TO BRING – Folding Chairs – tables – coffee/tea mug, hat, plate for morning tea and of course raffle money.



These functions have been very well attended in the past and a great day enjoyed by all, so come along this year and join in all the fun!!!

2024 Show Dates

Supplied by John Rees

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

2025 Dates

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- July** 11th, 12th & 13th Caboolture OS Show
- August** 8th to 10th August Maroochydore Orchid Society Show
30th & 31st Childers Isis District Orchid Show
- September** 6th & 7th Nambour Orchid Show
12th Caloundra Closed Show
12th, 13th & 14th Maryborough Orchid Show
13th & 14th September Noosa Orchid Show
14th & 15th Rockhampton Orchid Society Show
20th & 21st Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
20th to 22nd Hervey Bay Orchid Show
21st & 22nd Pine Rivers Spring Show
- October** 4th & 5th Bribie Island Orchid Show
- November** 9th Nambour Species Show
STOCQ Meeting hosted by Maroochydore OS

2025 Dates

- June** STOCQ Meeting hosted by Bundaberg Orchid Society
- September** 6th & 7th STOCQ Meeting to be held at Nambour OS & STOCQ conference
- October** 1st to 5th – AOC Conference & Show Woolgoolga NSW

2024 ROSI MEETING DATES

- 22nd June
- 27th July
- 24th August
- 28th September
- 26th October
- 16th November
- No Meeting in December

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