



# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Newsletter – May 2024

One show down, now planning is underway for our Spring Show on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September. What a great event our Autumn Show was. There was trepidation with the change of venue, with a few teething problems it still ended up a great show. One concern - that the public would not find us was not an issue with over 70 more visitors through the doors on the two days than at our last show held at the Frenchville Sports Club. With a bit of tweaking our Spring Show should be as successful at this venue. Still no news when the Frenchville Sports Club renovations will allow us to move back there for our shows.

Our thanks must go to our President Jeff who probably visited the venue dozens of times trying to work out the planning and layout for the show. Thanks also to our Vice President Tony who was roped in for most of these visits, (a very patient man), and to Tony for organising the working bee in the lead up to the show, thanks to Bob & Shirley and Rosemary Wines and Margaret Warren for giving their time preparing our merchandise stock for the show. Being able to set up the tables and merchandise on the Thursday afternoon allowed members more time to drop off their show entries and sale plants earlier on the Friday. Sadly, the months leading up to the show which had endless hot and humid days coupled with the rain prior to the show knocked back a number of show entries, but the plants tabled were still amazing. A great job by our members. Many thanks for all who assisted in the planning and those who worked in the lead-up, during and after the show.

The plant sales went well but a change of layout is being considered before our next show as the vendors missed out on sales Saturday morning due to the long line of customers waiting with their plant purchases blocking the door to the Vendor Sales area. We are glad John Jenkinson is on the mend after his unfortunate show accident.

We circulated by email a Wrap-up on the Autumn Show I compiled which contained results, photos etc., as it would have made the newsletter too large, if you are one of the members who receive newsletters by mail, if you can supply me an email address of maybe family or friends, we can email this to them to print out. 94

**Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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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### General Business:

- The bus trip to the PROPA Field Day is still on the cards. Looking at the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October. Decision on this will be made at our June Meeting. Cost would most likely be \$200 per person (with a \$50 Club Subsidy). Jeff is waiting to hear back from their president.
- Mid-year social Barbecue is at Kershaw Gardens on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The committee decided to do a barbecue instead of buying in lunch which should reduce costs to maybe \$5.00 each member. The committee will discuss this at their next meeting. There will be the usual large multi-draw raffle on the day. Games & activities will also happen, Jeff asked if anyone would like to put forward ideas on this. Will require attendance numbers by our June meeting.
- Autumn Show postmortem - Sandra compiled a show wrap-up that was emailed out to members and also our sponsors and refreshment providers. Jeff said that the overall feedback from the show was excellent. Shirley Kuhl asked how the food people went. Daphne asked how the vendors did out the back. Dennis Ratcliffe mentioned some people reckoned that the venue was claustrophobic. Some members mentioned that Chaos Coffee ran out of food around 11.00am on the Sunday. Our next show looks likely to be again held at the old Art Gallery. Shirley Kuhl commented about looking at the voting pavilion at the Showgrounds, but Jeff said he had looked at it, but it was not available.
- Jeff said that there were two instances of plant theft that occurred at our busiest time on the Saturday morning, the value was almost \$400 of plants not paid for, members were still paid for the plants, the club just wore the costs.
- We are still to set our Show Dates for 2025.
- The STOCQ Meeting will be held at the Calliope Garden Club in Archer Street Calliope on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Jeff suggested some of our members may wish to attend. There is the STOCQ Meeting followed by Lunch, Raffle and Greenhouse visits to the Fraser's, Cornale's and Jenni Scott. We need to know numbers by the May Meeting, Sandra will put the details in this newsletter.
- The committee will discuss the change of rules to come in on the 1<sup>st</sup> July with regards to Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- Jenni Scott is having a sales day on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Plant Commentary:** Completed by Jenni Scott and Trish Craig.

**Lucky Number:** #28 - Jessica Dawes – not present – plant added to the raffle.

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** #70 – Kerrie Clarke

**General Raffle** – Daphne Jenkinson, Mary Semple, John Jenkinson, Y'vonne Manning, Jan Rawlings, Tony O'Connor, Carolyn Roberts, Jeff Bloxsom x 2, Jana Bennett, Karen Carr, Trevor Rawlings, Jenny Price, Denise Philp.

**Next General Meeting** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Next Committee Meeting** – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at Karen Carr's residence 113 Plahn Street North Rockhampton.

**Meeting closed at 3.10pm.**

*Jeff Bloxsom*

President

*Sandra Rowcliffe*

Secretary

## JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – APRIL GENERAL MEETING



## Annual Competition – April 2024 Results

### Judges Choice

<i>Cattleya</i> Jungle Queen	J Scott
<i>Coelogyne velutina</i> Pink Form	B Jenkins/S Kuhl
<i>Coelogyne trinervis</i>	T March

### Popular Vote

#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 67)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Cattleya</i> Jungle Queen	J Scott
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Rsc.</i> Chief Emperor ‘Carmen’	B Jenkins/S Kuhl
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Van.</i> Marissa’s Little Doll ‘Baby Pink’	J Scott
Vandaceous 65mm & over	Tie-V. Kulwadee Fragrance x <i>V.</i> Roslyn’s Best	J Scott
	Tie-V. Jairak Craft	J Scott
Oncidium	<i>Onc.</i> Sherry Baby ‘Taida’	J Scott
Dendrobium – Combined	<i>Den.</i> Burana Emerald	T & M Handley
Catasetinae	<i>Cyc.</i> Jumbo Puff	J & P Bennett
Species	<i>Coelogyne velutina</i> Pink Form	B Jenkins/S Kuhl
Miscellaneous	<i>Bulb.</i> Elizabeth Anne Buckleberry	B Jenkins/S Kuhl

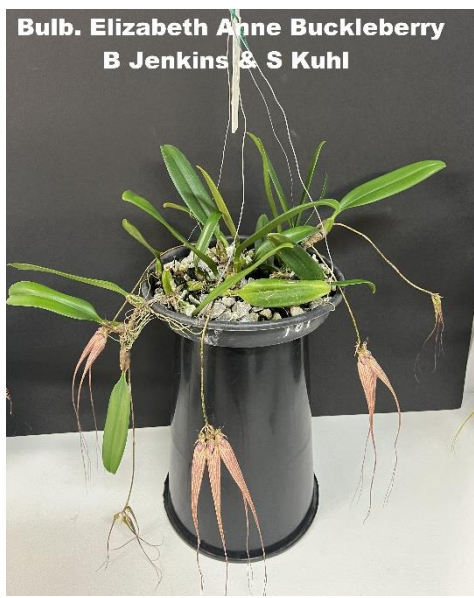
#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 24)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C.</i> Elusive Dream ‘Rose’ AM/AOS-Q05	L Schulz
Cattleya 100mm and over	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Storm ‘Midnight’	D & K Ratcliffe
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Burana Stripe	L & K Bauman
Oncidiinae	<i>Deg.</i> Pinot Princess	M Black
Miscellaneous	<i>Ascda.</i> Susan Ong Ah Mooi x <i>V. coerulea</i>	K & D Clarke

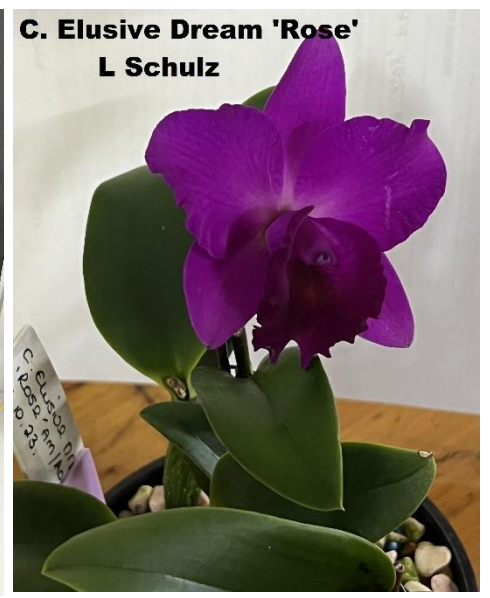
**POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – APRIL GENERAL MEETING**



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V. coerulea - K & D Clarke**



**Bulb. Elizabeth Anne Buckleberry  
B Jenkins & S Kuhl**



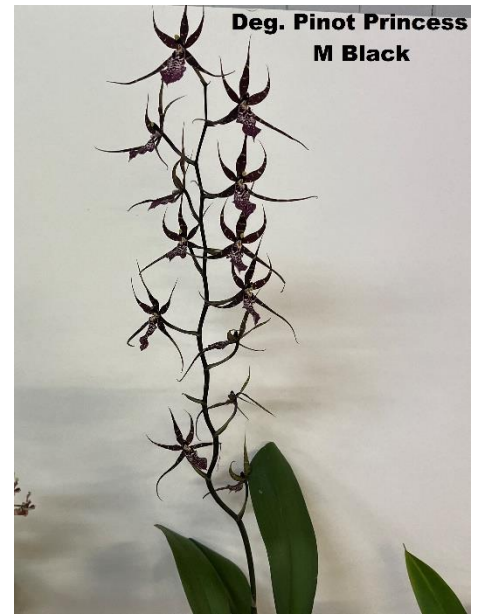
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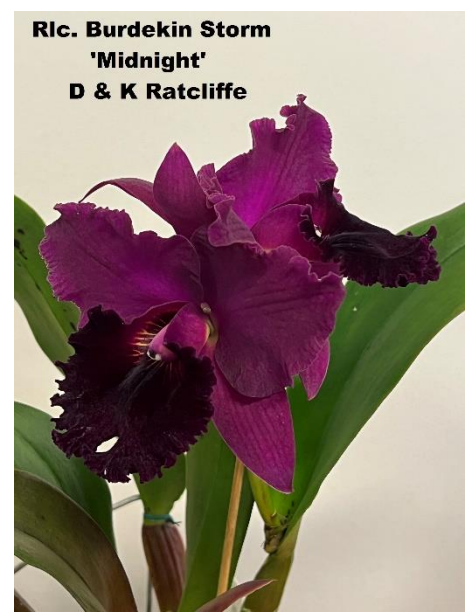
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'Midnight'  
D & K Ratcliffe**



**Vanda Jairak Craft - J Scott**



**V. Kulwadee Fragrance  
x V. Roslyn's Best - J**



**V. Marissa's Little Doll  
'Baby Pink' - J Scott**



**Jeff Bloxsum & Tony March**



**Jeff Bloxsum & Tony O'Connor**



**Jeff Bloxsum, Jana  
& Paul Bennett**

*Show Winner – Austalian Species*

*Tony March*

*Show Winner - Best Novice Grower*

*Tony O'Connor*

*Show Winners- Best Specimen Plant*

*Jana & Paul Bennett*

## NEW MEMBERS



Show Winners - Best Exotic Species Bob & Nat



## Orchid of the month

This month I am covering a couple of species orchids – there were four amazing plants in this section tabled at the April General Meeting. One of them, *Coelogyne trinervis*, was put forward for award judging.

**PLANT 1 – *Ceratostylis retisquarna* – owned by Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl**



## CERATOSTYLIS

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

Blume 1825

Pronunciation: **se-rat-oh-STY-lis**

Tribe – Podochileae

Subtribe – Eriinae

Carl Blume established this genus, of mainly miniature, sympodial species, in 1825. The generic epithet is from the Greek kerato = horn and stylis = style and refers to the fleshy column. There is no designated type species for this genus. The most commonly seen species, in cultivation, is the very attractive *Ceratostylis retisquama* (hor. *Ceratostylis rubra*) from the Philippines. Any other species in cultivation from this genus are in specialist collections.

**Number of species** – The World Monocot Checklist contains 152 accepted names (9/2007)

**Distribution** – India, throughout Southeast Asia, New Guinea, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

### --- CULTURE ---

<b>Temperature:</b>	Intermediate to cool.
<b>Light:</b>	Filtered, diffuse light, no direct sun.
<b>Water-Humidity:</b>	Keep evenly moist and maintain high humidity. Constant air movement is also beneficial.
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	Half-strength balanced fertilizer weekly during the growing season. Twice a month in cooler months.
<b>Potting:</b>	Does well in sphagnum moss that must not be allowed to dry out. Will prosper on mounts if they are in a humid atmosphere.
<b>References:</b>	1. Schultes R.E. and Pease A.S. 1963. Generic Names of Orchids. Their Origin and Meaning. Academic Press.  2. Banks D.P. 2001. Growing Orchids. Kangaroo Press.  3. Cootes J. 2001. The Orchids of the Philippines. Times Editions, Singapore
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**PLANT 2 – *Coelogyne velutina* Pink Form  
owned by Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl**

### COELOGYNE VELUTINA

Source – [www.selinawamucii.com](http://www.selinawamucii.com)

Year – 1992

**Common Names** – *Coelogyne velutina*, Velvety Coelogyne & Velvety Orchid

**USES AND BENEFITS** – *Coelogyne velutina* is used in traditional medicine to treat fever, inflammation, and other ailments. It is also used as an ornamental plant due to its attractive flowers.

**FLOWERS, SEEDS, AND SEEDLINGS** – *Coelogyne velutina* has white, star-shaped flowers with a yellow centre. The flowers are arranged in clusters and have a sweet scent. The seeds are small, black, and round. The seedlings have two long, slender leaves.



**CULTIVATION AND PROPAGATION** - *Coelogyne velutina* is an epiphytic orchid that is native to Southeast Asia. It prefers bright, indirect light and high humidity. Propagation is by division of the clumps or by seed. Division should be done in Spring or Autumn. Seeds should be sown in spring or autumn and will germinate in 2 – 3 weeks.

**WHERE TO FIND COELOGYNE** – *Coelogyne velutina* is native to tropical regions of Southeast Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

### PLANT 3 – *Coelogyne trinervis* – owned by Tony March



Source – [www.coelognes.com](http://www.coelognes.com)

This *Coelogyne* comes from areas around Thailand where it grows on deciduous trees at around 100 metres. The trees become deciduous as the leaves drop off in the incredibly hot dry season – not from cold. These dry seasons in the tropics put an incredible strain on all plants and are then counter balanced by wet monsoonal deluges. Obviously, this orchid can survive these conditions, but this doesn't mean it has to be treated this harshly. Most orchids growing in nature look very tatty and awful and would never be entered in a competition.

*Coelogyne trinervis* has small flowers that grow very close to the base of the plant, which is not ideal for display purposes.

The 'fudge' colouring flows around the outside of the flower, which would normally add more attractiveness, fails in this case because it simply

further mutes the off-white colour of the rest of the flower. However, a few *Coelogyne*s that have the colouring on the outside all tend to have muted colours, except perhaps for the small patches of orange on the outside of *Coelogyne mooreana* 'Brockhurst'.

In Australia, it only flowers once a year and in late Autumn.

The name refers to three very prominent veins or nerves that flow along the leaf. Counting the veins in *Coelogyne* leaves is a cruel type of torture. I find it a very frustrating activity and decided a long time ago to ignore it. The veins range from large obvious ones that look like major leaf ribs to small, insignificant veins and these are more obvious on some leaves than others.

Sometimes sold as *Coelogyne rossiana*.

Varieties – There are a few variations but none of them named.

#### REGISTERED HYBRIDS

1. *Coelogyne* Caroly Sue (S Pruyn, 2001) – using *Coelogyne speciosa* as the pod parent.
2. *Coelogyne* Orchideengarten Anna – using *Coelogyne* Linda Buckley as the pollen parent (K Karge Orchideengarten – August 2015)



## PLANT 4 – *Anacheilum aemulum*



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

Kew currently accepted name is *Prosthechea aemula*.

*Anacheilum aemulum* is an orchid species identified by (Lindl.) Withner & P A Harding in 2004. Culture information and photos for this orchid are commonly detailed under the currently accepted name of *Prosthechea aemula*.

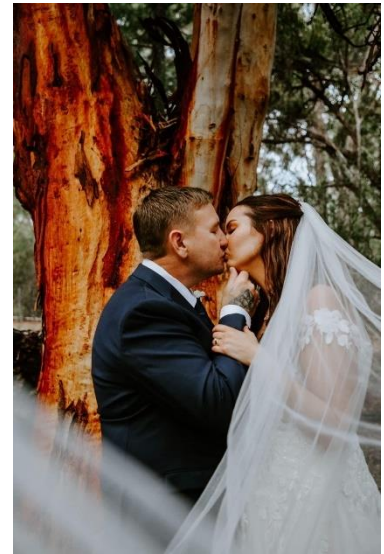
**ORIGIN** – Found in Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guiana, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago and Brazil in wet montane forests at elevations of 650 to 1800 metres.

**DESCRIPTION** – Medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte with pyriform pseudobulb carrying a single, apical, leaf and flooms in the fall and winter on a few (3 to 5) flowered inflorescences arising on a still maturing pseudobulb with non-resupinate, fragrant flowers.

**FLOWER SIZE** – 1.6 inches (4 cm) – information provided by Jay Pfahl, author of the Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia. (IOSPE)

## Club Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Anthony Thorne. Members Tara Monks and Anthony Thorne were married on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April on Fraser Island.



Congratulations to Carolyn Roberts for being awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place for a Birthday Cake at the International Cake Show held in Brisbane the same weekend as our Autumn Show.



## Grant Assistance towards our 2024 Autumn Show

It was with much excitement and appreciation I read an email sent on Thursday before our show from the Rockhampton Regional Council with regards to our funding success through their Community Assistance Program. Sadly, I missed seeing the email until the Monday after the show due to the busy lead-up getting ready. The amount our Society was awarded was \$2,000, which lessens our show expenses considerably and we thank the RRC for their assistance. Their logo will also be displayed on our future newsletters.



**The Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. Autumn Show received funding assistance from Rockhampton Regional Council's Community Assistance Program.**

## Grant Assistance towards our 2024 Shows

We were also successful securing \$500 in grant funding from The Frenchville Sports Club Community Funding Program last month. The Frenchville Sports Club also loaned us the gazebos used for shading at our Autumn Show at the old Rockhampton Art Gallery allowing our visitors to sit, relax and chat while enjoying refreshments from Chaos Food/Coffee Van and Xpresso Coffee Van.

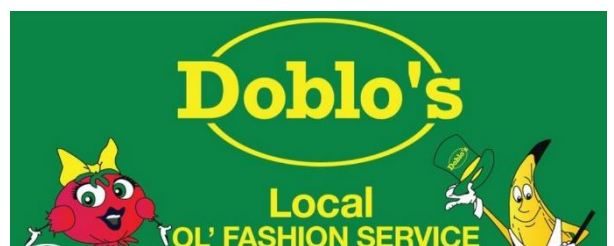


## Sponsors of our Autumn Show

We acknowledge the sponsorship support for our Autumn Show from Bunnings Warehouse who kindly donated a \$90 voucher.



We acknowledge sponsorship support for our Autumn Show from Doblo's Fruit & Vegetable market who kindly donated flowers and embellishments for our flower arrangements created at the show.



***We ask our members to please support these businesses who have given support to us.***

**2024 Autumn Show  
Champions Table**



**Grand Champions – Jeff & Norma Glover**



## CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID GROWER – Tony O'Connor



## "HORISING COWING AROUND"



## LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS (2 of the 4 winners)



# Growers Group Workshops

Our upcoming Growers Group workshops are :-

**Saturday 1st June – Semple’s Residence 17 Henty Drive Glenlee – Keith Marsden presenter**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Clarke’s Residence 35 Schlencker Drive Glenlee – Subject - Repotting**

## STOCQ June Meeting

**VENUE – CALLIOPE GARDEN CLUB – ARCHER STREET CALLIOPE**

**DATE – SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

- **9.00am – arrive at the venue**
  - **9.30am – Judges Meeting**
  - **10.30am – STOCQ Meeting**
  - **11.00am – Morning Tea**
  - **11.30am – Guest Speaker – Athol Gibson (speciality species orchids)**
  - **12.30pm – Lunch (numbers needed for this, and any special dietary requirements.) Cost is \$15.00 per head.**
  - **1.30pm – Raffle Draw**
  - **2.00pm – Visit to three member’s gardens – Frazer, Cornale & Scott**
- RSVP REQUIRED AT OUR MAY GENERAL MEETING**

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**LARGE RANGE OF ORCHID SUPPLIES**

### GRANT SUCCESS

I am pleased to advise that our Volunteer Grants Submission was successful. This allows us to purchase a colour laser printer for shows, 2 Square Terminals & a portable PA

## 2024 Show Dates

Supplied by John Rees

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

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

## 2025 Dates

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

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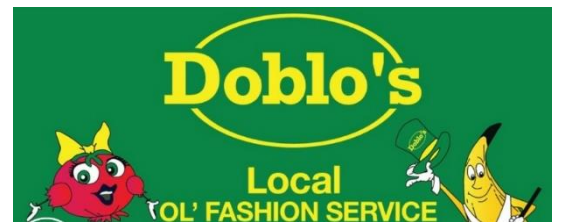
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