

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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# Newsletter - May 2023

Welcome to May, our last month of Autumn as we slowly march towards our Winter months, and we have already had a couple of very cold mornings and cool days. Watering for our orchids decreases over the cooler months which in some ways gives more time for maintenance, eg: making sure weeds are cleared, dead heading etc. For me, I hope to start tackling the repotting of some of my foliage plants. Some growers will start wrapping their South-South/West walls of their greenhouses to protect their orchids against the cold winds, which I have done. Some genera do not appreciate the cold, Dendrobiums will drop their leaves leaving bare stalks. Some growers will spray Envy onto their plants to assist with the impact of the cold. Watering for Catesetums stops after their leaves drop off, they have gone into their winter dormant stage, I just splash water them as they still have a lot of dry winds to contend with in my greenhouse. Any growers who need advice on what they could do to assist their collections during the colder months please do not be afraid to ask our more experienced growers.37

Hard to believe that we are now one month on from our Autumn Show. How the year is flying. Lucky Winners from the show are: - Lucky Door Prize Joan Muller, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Ray & Gay Bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Jo Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Keith Marsden. (I included the photos in our April Newsletter). Di MacKenzie won the Cake Decorators Raffle. A big thank you to all who supported us.

Sadly, I have heard some grumblings about various things within our society of late, some members are not happy about certain things. All I wish to say is that all members that hold management and committee positions do so in a voluntary role, giving their personal time to the tasks required to run a club successfully, and from comments I have heard from other societies we are seen as a strong and friendly Society. As I have previously written in newsletters, the strength of the club is only possible by the input of its members. If any member feels they can do better, then I urge them to put their hands up for nomination at next year's AGM, or even for the Treasurer's position which will be vacant mid this year as sadly Diane MacKenzie will be leaving Rockhampton to be closer to family in Brisbane.

At our recent meeting we were asked about the selection of prizes for a multidraw raffles. The variety of prizes is purchased not just reflective of us as orchid growers but also partners and other members who maybe are interested in other plants as well. I feel that the range of orchids that were chosen as prizes was excellent, the addition of tillandsias, foliage plants and cactus were a trial to see what our members want in the raffles. I won one prize a lovely cactus, and I was happy to take it home to my collection. Maybe I would have taken an orchid if I had my number drawn earlier, but that is the luck of the draw. My one cactus was better than taking home nothing. So please everyone, some appreciation of what goes into getting the prizes together would be great.

## Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Starts 1:30pm.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 commencing 1.30pm

**Attendance:** As per register **Apologies:** As per register

**New Members**: #58 – Ann Oram #59 – Tom & Jackie Graham #62 – David Plumb #63 – Grace Bartolo

(Ron & Jackie Graham & Grace Bartolo attended the meeting and were given their new member packs)

Visitors: NIL

**Lucky Number:** 21 – Lorne & Kay Bauman Next General Meeting – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Minutes of March 2023 monthly meeting as published in the newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Margaret Dunbar Seconded Rod Green Carried

#### CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023

#### IN -

- Newsletters Caboolture Orchid Society, Blackwater Garden Club, Gympie & District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Bribie Island Orchid Society, North Queensland Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay & District Orchid Society, Townsville Orchid Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Calliope Orchid & Foliage Society, The Australian Orchid Foundation.
- Statement Notification from Bendigo Bank
- Gympie & District Orchid Society Show Poster & Show Schedule
- Square Notifications and statements
- Response from Livingstone Shire Council re: Banner
- Email from John & Lavina Rees about Rockhampton Spring Show change of dates
- Dianne Berrill membership renewal paid to Bendigo Bank on 29/03/23.
- Orchids Australia April 2023 Magazine
- Hervey Bay Orchid Society, asking for 2023 STOCQ Sponsorship by Clubs for classes, update on conference and poster on conference.

#### OUT -

- Email to Doblo's Fruit Market with copies of April Newsletters attached.
- Copies of various clubs' newsletters sent to members.
- Article on Autumn Show sent to Orchids Australia for their June Edition

Treasurer's Report read and moved for adoption by Di MacKenzie.

Seconded Kerree Green Carried

Growers Group: Nothing to report.

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

## **General Business:**

- Tony advised that there were 742 visitors through the door at our Autumn Show, down on numbers from last year's Autumn Show.
- Di MacKenzie mentioned that someone said the posies for sale were fantastic.
- Moyna Richardson mentioned about packing up her plants before 2.00pm on the Sunday of the show. Moyna mentioned that as they volunteer the use for their ute at the show that she needs to pack up early, and that she had been allowed to pack up early when the shows were held in the high school hall. Sandra mentioned that the show now finishes an hour earlier and that we should still have sale plants available as there were still some visitors coming in between 1.00 & 2.00pm. Tony said this would be discussed at the committee meeting and thanked everyone who donates their vehicles for the show.
- Plants must be tabled by 1.30pm sharp for future meetings, it delays the judging if plants are not ready for judging at 1.30pm and disrupts the meeting.
- Unfinancial members will need to renew their membership before the May General Meeting otherwise they will not receive June newsletters onwards.
- Paul Bennett asked if there was a specific committee responsible for what plants are purchased for the multi-draw raffles.
   He specifically was not pleased with the cactus plants. Sandra Rowcliffe spoke up saying that the purchase of the cactus' was to give a variety to the prizes, but due to their unpopularity for several members Jeff Bloxsom had already said that we will not get cactus again.
- Following the request from Hervey Bay for sponsorship assistance for the upcoming STOCQ Conference, Shirley Kuhl motioned that ROSI give sponsorship support to the value of \$120. This was seconded by Jeni Scott and carried.

- Tony mentioned to expedite the tabling of plants at meetings the committee had discussed commencing a system where growers just write their name and tabled plant number on form, and that the plant marshals would write in the names of the winners. If the plant owners have issues with the marshals removing their plant labels to write down the names, then the owner will assist.
- Moyna Richardson said she didn't agree with all the plant names not being on the sheets, she said that she often checks
  the plant names prior to judging just to see what the name of plants she likes are. Tony suggested for any she may be
  interested in she could approach the owner. Moyna replied that this was not practical for her.
- Jeni Scott brought in 10 rolls of tie wire for sale at \$5 each which proved popular.
- Jeff Glover spoke about the Show Schedule where he has been approached as to why more sections could not be
  included, he said it was not viable to include everything and it would add to the show's expenses. He said if higher
  numbers were received of a miscellaneous classed variety that perhaps a separate class could be formed.

#### Plant Commentary: Jeff Glover

- Kerree Green mentioned that one of her plants tabled had originally had three buds, but one was broken off by a visitor to her greenhouse, it was a green tree snake.
- Sandra Rowcliffe brought three Cattleya leaves off the same plant, all with different defects. Jeff Glover spoke on this. Discussions were held where it could have been many reasons plant stress due to care, one of the leaves possible viral and the one with the hole in it either chewed or maybe the hole left after a heat lesion.
- Miram Black asked if Orchids were suspectable to cucumber virus, Jeff Glover said he didn't feel so.
- Tony March did a presentation on two of his hanging Dendrobium plants. He spoke about experimenting about fertilising,
  the plant that received the most fertilising showed that the genera were heavy feeders during their growing season. Not
  only did it improve its number of shoots, and the length of the shoots but it also increased the flower size. The difference
  of 6.5cm across on the one without additional fertilising compared to 9.5cm across on the one cared for more.

Exhibitor's Raffle: Jeni Scott

**General Raffle:** Lyn Hopes, Pam Walker, Judy Dore, Daphne Jenkinson, Grace Bartolo x 2, Terr Dean, Laurie Lucke, Marg Handley, Margaret Warren, Dennis Ratcliffe, Anthony Thorne x 2. (Sorry if I missed any)

Meeting closed at 3.12pm for afternoon tea.

Next Committee meeting 7.00 pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Jeff Bloxsom's Residence 12 Harden Street North Rockhampton. Bring a plate for supper.

Tony March
Acting President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

# New Members





# **Annual Competition - April 2023 Results**

# **Judges Choice**

C. Glenlee Candy	T March
Rlc. Donna Kimura	R Wines
Cycd. Jumbo Puff	T & M Handley

# **Popular Vote**

# Advanced (Plants Tabled: 68)

Cattleya up to 100mm	Rlc. CRB's Future 'Bethel'	J & P Bennett
Cattleya over 100mm	Rlc. Sangyung Ruby 'Crowned Dragon'	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm & Vandaceous over 65mm	V. Suksamran Sunlight	J Scott
Dendrobium	Den. Peach	T & M Handley
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Transvaal B &	
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Lianher Cranberry T & M Har	
Catasetinae	Cycd. Jumbo Puff T & M Handley	
Oncidiinae	Pyp. Mendenhall	J Scott
Species	Ctsm. pileatum	T & M Handley
Miscellaneous	Stanhopea Olulata	J & P Bennett

# Novice (Plants Tabled: 31)

Cattleya up to 100mm	leya up to 100mm Bc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'	
Cattleya over 100mm	Rlc. Black Cat	K & D Clarke
Vandaceous	Vanda Alice's Annie	T Monks
Miscellaneous	Den. Burana Stripe	L & K Bauman







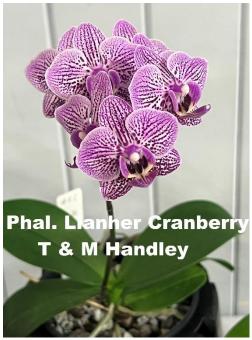












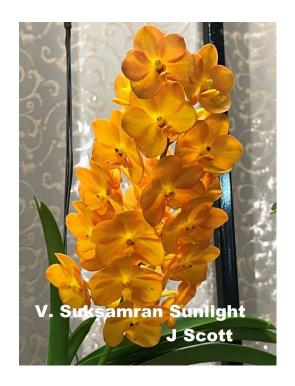














# Christmas in July

# ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY MID YEAR FUNCTION SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

10.00am TO 2.00pm

VENUE WILL BE KERSHAW GARDENS
DOWLING STREET ENTRY (NEAR BREINGAN'S HOUSE)
MORE DETAILS ADVISED IN JUNE NEWSLETTER





# STOCQ Orchidfest Bus Trip 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Rockhampton Orchid Society will be attending the 2023 STOCQ Orchidfest in Hervey Bay. The Society will be taking down a coach to this event. There will be up to 50 seats available, if you wish to attend and travel down on the bus, please give your name to Jeff Bloxsom as early as possible. Jeff has booked 25 rooms at the Ramada by Wyndham at Hervey Bay. This is all the rooms that were available at this venue. It has an 8.1 rating out of 10.

The trip will involve leaving on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and driving to Hervey Bay. Two nights accommodation with breakfast each day. Attendance at the Conference Dinner on the Saturday Evening. Drive back on Rockhampton on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Costing will be advised at the next meeting. Based on 40 attending it worked out to approximately \$770/Couple without club subsidy, but Jeff will have more accurate costing at the meeting. This is excellent value for a great weekend away.

As per usual our trips away are very social weekends with lots of interaction with other orchid growing individuals. There will also be multiple vendors at the conference to stock up our greenhouses with more purchases.

So, if you wish to attend, please give your name to Jeff. The cost and payment date cut-off will be advised in our next newsletter.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

# This is some confusion about the times of our Monthly General Meetings. Below are the details: -

- Doors Open by 1.00pm
- Plants must be tabled by no later than 1.30pm

The earlier they are tabled the better as this allows time for the plant stewards to make sure plants are tabled in the correct area. Therefore, the tables are ready for the judges.

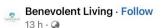
Meeting commences at 1.30pm

As mentioned in the editors notes the Society will be looking for a new treasurer shortly as our current treasurer Diane MacKenzie is leaving Rockhampton to be closer to her family. If you have some computer accounting experience and would be able to take on the role the books are done using Reckon. Training would be provided to whoever can take on the role. We will all be sad to see Di leave.



The final of the State District 8" was played at RBC yesterday with the final coming down to the wire in the Men's Pairs game. RBC only needed the win to be crowned winners for 2023 over Yeppoon. Well Phil and Tony got over the line to achieved that very goal. The team was Mirriam Black Jean Graff (Ladies Pairs) Phil Robinson Tony Zonca (Men's Pairs) and Fours Bev Johnston Marion Dobbs Mike Browning and Jeff Slater. The final score was 73-68. Rockhampton District will play Port Curtis in the next round on the 28th May.





Today we had the privilege of visiting the Southside Rockhampton Fire Station

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Last week we had a little incident during our baking morning (no one was hurt!) but a burnt cake did mean the firies paid us a visit.

To thank the gents for being so nice to our bakers they got together to bake them a thank you cake (with no burnt bits)!

We also got a tour through the station and even into the Communications Room which the ladies loved.

Thank you to everyone for being so accommodating to our ladies!





To Clem Magee on winning the Champion of Champion Men's Singles for 2023 defeating Wayne Wilson 25-5



Sometimes when I have a spare space, I will add bits about our members. Two of our members are bowlers and had recent success – Mirriam Black and Clem Magee. And the middle Facebook post includes a post from Benevolent Living and includes our member, Lorraine Weaver

# **RESULTS: Autumn Show 2023 ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

Laeli	inae		
Class 1	.01	Laeliinae, Standard shape, over 110mm, predominately White	
1st 2nd		aphat Diamond aphat Diamond	B & N LAKEY J SCOTT
Class 1	.02	Laeliinae, Standard shape, over 110mm, predominately Mauve	e/ Pink shades
1st 2nd		na Kimura na Kimura	J SCOTT J SCOTT
Class 1	.03	Laeliinae, Standard Shape, over 110mm, predominantly Yellow	ı/Orange
1st 2nd		arnabhumi Delight 5 Joyance	S FRISCH T & J MARCH
Class 1	.04	Laeliinae, Standard Shape, over 110mm, any other colour coml	bination
1st 2nd		of Journey Ong Guu Swan	M WARREN J & N GLOVER
Class 1	.06	Laeliinae, Standard Shape, 75mm to 110mm, predominately M	auve/Pink shades
1st 2nd	C. Dal's ( Rlc. Haw		J SCOTT J & J HOGAN
Class 1	.07	Laeliinae, Standard Shape, 75mm to 110mm, any other colour	combination
1st 2nd		dekin Passion us Taiwan	P & M BENNETT T & M HANDLEY
Class 1	.08	Laeliinae, Standard Shape, under 75mm, any colour	
1st		conut Ice	J SCOTT
2nd	Ric. Gler	nlee Magician	P & M BENNETT
Class 1		Laeliinae, Cluster, not less than 5 blooms per stem	
1st 2nd	Ctt. Port Lc. Blue		P & M BENNETT S FRISCH
Class 1	.10	Laeliinae, Non-Standard, any other	
1st 2nd	Bc. Ther Bc. Bino	esa Ricci sa	T MONKS R & G BILLS
Vand	leae (e	xcluding Phalaenopsis)	
Class 2	.01	Vandeae, Standard shape, blooms size over 70mm	
1st		idee Fragrance	K & R SMITH
2nd \$ 5	v. Lenav	at x V. Pakchong New Land	R JENKINS
Class 2	.02	Vandeae, Standard shape, blooms 35mm up to 70mm	
1st		n's Delight	D CHIPPENDALE
2nd \$ 5	van. 11e	n's Delight	J SCOTT

Vandeae, Standard shape, blooms size under 35mm

J & N GLOVER

T & N CRAIG

2nd

1st

**Class 2.03** 

V. Wacharin

Van. Viraphandhu White

Class 2.04 Vandeae, non-standard blooms size over 70mm

1st Aranda. Woleco J SCOTT

Class 2.05 Vandeae, non-standard shape, bloom size 35mm to 70mm

1st V. Super Cooper T DEAN

2nd V. Super Cooper P & M BENNETT

**Dendrobium** 

Class 3.01 Dendrobium, Phalaenanthe type, predominately white

1st Den. Fraser's White x Den. Autumn Splendor T & M HANDLEY
2nd Den. Mitzuao White T & M HANDLEY

Class 3.02 Dendrobium, Phalaenanthe type, predominately purple/mauve

1st Den. Brighton Pansy R JENKINS

2nd Den. Burana Stripe T & M HANDLEY

Class 3.04 Dendrobium, Phalaenanthe - peloric (Pansy or Ekapol type)

1stDen. SoniaT & J MARCH2ndDen. UnknownR JENKINS

Class 3.05 Dendrobium, Intermediate type

1stDen. Speewah PixieD CHIPPENDALE2ndDen. PeachT & M HANDLEY

Class 3.06 Dendrobium, Spatulata type

1st Den. Cherub D CHIPPENDALE

2nd Den. violaceoflavens x Den. Adrian Lonne J SCOTT

Class 3.07 Dendrobium, Any other type

1st Den. Adora Nishii M & B RICHARDSON

2nd Den. Phil's Candy T DEAN

**Oncidiinae** 

Class 4.01 Oncidiinae, Tolumnia/Zelenkoa type characteristics (ie. Miniature growing)

1stZlm. LizM & B RICHARDSON2ndZlm. LizM & B RICHARDSON

Class 4.02 Oncidiinae, Gom. (Onc.) varicosum type characteristics (Dominant yellow lip)

1stOncsa. Sweet SugarR JENKINS2ndOnc. MayfairT & J MARCH

Class 4.03 Oncidiinae, Brassia type charactistics (long narrow petals)

1stBrsdm. Golden GamineR JENKINS2ndBrsdm. Golden GamineJ SCOTT

Class 4.04 Oncidiinae. Any other type not included in the above

1stMilt. UnknownR JENKINS2ndPyp. MendenhallR JENKINS

Paphiopedilum / Phragmipedium

Class 5.03 Paphiopedilum, Brachypetalum / Parvisepalum type characteristics

1st Paph. Envy Green T DEAN
2nd Paph. Dellaina T DEAN

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Class 5.04 Paphiopedilum, Multi-floral type

1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Vanguard T DEAN \$ 10

Class 5.06 Phragmipedium

1st Phrag. Calurum T DEAN

**Other Genera** 

Class 6.01 Phalaenopsis hybrid

1stPhal. Purple GemS & M ROWCLIFFE2ndPhal. pulcherrima x Paph. PacificS & M ROWCLIFFE

Class 6.02 Catasetinae hybrid

1st Cycd. Taiwan Gold T & M HANDLEY
2nd Fdk. After Dark T & M HANDLEY

Class 6.08 Any other hybrid

1st Spa. Star Burst J & N GLOVER

**Species** 

Class 7.01 Laeliinae species (Cattleya, Laelia, Sophronitis or Brassavola only)

1st C. walkeriana var. flamea J SCOTT

2nd Gur. bowringiana J & N GLOVER

Class 7.02 Vandeae species (excluding Phalaenopsis)

1st Aer. quinquevulnera B & N LAKEY

2nd Aer. quinquevulnera M & B RICHARDSON

Class 7.03 Phalaenopsis species

1st Phal. pulcherrima T & M HANDLEY

2nd Phal. pulcherrima R JENKINS

Class 7.04 Dendrobium species – Australian

1st Den. superbiens T & J MARCH

2nd Den. bigibbum var. compactum J SCOTT

**Class 7.05 Dendrobium species -- Exotic** 

1st Den. phalaenopsis var. schroderianum J & N GLOVER

**Class 7.11 Any other Exotic Species** 

1st Gga. grossa A & L DAWES 2nd Psh. cochleata B & N LAKEY

Foliage / Fern

Class 8.01 Anthurium (var. andreanum or schizeraenum)

1st Anthurium Black Beauty J SCOTT
2nd Anthurium Black King J SCOTT

Class 8.02 Bromeliad, miniature growth habit (including Cryptanthus)

1st Bromeliad, miniature growth habit (incl. Cryptanthus) S FRISCH

2nd Bromeliad, miniature growth habit (incl. Cryptanthus) M & B RICHARDSON

Class 8.03 Bromeliad in flower

1st Billbergia Domingos Martins Hybrid J SCOTT

2nd Bromeliad in flower S & M ROWCLIFFE

Class 8.04 Bromeliad any other

1stBromeliad any otherJ & N GLOVER2ndBromeliad any otherS & M ROWCLIFFE

Class 8.05 Tillandsia small growing type (ie. ionanthe, stricta etc.)

1st Tillandsia small growing type M & B RICHARDSON

2nd Tillandsia fuego J SCOTT

Class 8.06 Tillandsia any other (large growing type)

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{1st} & \text{Tillandsia large growing type} & \text{T \& N CRAIG} \\ \text{2nd} & \text{Tillandsia large growing type} & \text{T \& N CRAIG} \\ \end{array}$ 

**Class 8.07 Succulent** 

1st Succulent M & B RICHARDSON

2nd Succulent B & N LAKEY

Class 8.08 Cactus

1stParioda Scopa (Snowball Cactus)J SCOTT2ndNotocactus magnificusJ SCOTT

Class 8.09 Bonsai

1st Bonsai J & N GLOVER

2nd Bonsai (Hong Kong Cumquart) J SCOTT

Class 8.10 Any other foliage – over 200mm diameter pot size

1st Any other foliage - over 200mm pot size B & N LAKEY
2nd Any other foliage - over 200mm pot size M WARREN

Class 8.11 Any other foliage – up to 200mm diameter pot size

1st Any other foliage - up to 200mm diameter pot size S FRISCH 2nd Any other foliage - up to 200mm diameter pot size S FRISCH

Class 8.12 Adiantum (Maiden Hair Fern)

1st Adiantum (Maiden Hair fern) J & N GLOVER

2nd Maiden Hair Fern R WINES

Class 8.13 Phlegmariurus (Tassel Fern)

1stPhlegmariurus (Tassel fern)C & M DAHLER2ndTassel FernR JENKINS

Class 8.14 Any other Fern

1stAny other fernT & M HANDLEY2ndAny other fernJ & N GLOVER

**Floral Art** 

Class 9.01 Arrangement - using predominately orchid blooms with embellishments.

1st JEFF BLOXSOM 2nd JEFF BLOXSOM

Class 9.02 Corsage - using predominately orchid blooms.

1st MOYNA RICHARDSON

2nd ROSIE SMITH

# **Container Displays**

Class 10.01 Container Displays

1st JEFF BLOXSOM 2nd JAN HOGAN



# Champions



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S.A. Van. Tien's Delight D CHIPPENDALE

**Class 11.02 Reserve Champion** 

S.A. Cycd. Taiwan Gold T & M HANDLEY

Class 11.03 Best Specimen

S.A. Gga. grossa A & L DAWES

**Class 11.04 Best Exotic Species** 

S.A. Gga. grossa A & L DAWES

**Class 11.05 2nd Best Exotic Species** 

S.A. Psh. cochleata B & N LAKEY

**Class 11.06 Best Australian Species** 

S.A. Den. superbiens T & J MARCH

Class 11.07 2nd Best Australian Species

S.A. Den. bigibbum var. compactum J SCOTT

Class 11.08 Best Orchid by Novice Grower

S.A. Gga. grossa A & L DAWES

Class 11.09 2nd Best Orchid by Novice Grower

S.A. Rlc. Chief Journey M WARREN

Class 11.10 Best Overall Foliage/Fern

S.A. Tillandsia large growing type T & N CRAIG

Class 11.11 2nd Best Overall Foliage/Fern

S.A. Any other foliage - up to 200mm diameter pot size S FRISCH

# **Class Champions & Runner ups**

Class 12.01 Class Champion Laeliinae

S.A. Bc. Theresa Ricci T MONKS

Class 12.02 2nd to Class Champion Laeliinae

S.A. Rlc. Donna Kimura J SCOTT

Class 12.03 Class Champion Vandeae (excluding Phalaenopsis)

S.A. Van. Tien's Delight D CHIPPENDALE

Class 12.04 2nd to Class Champion Vandeae (excluding Phalaenopsis)

S.A. V. Super Cooper T DEAN

**Class 12.05 Class Champion Dendrobium** 

S.A. Den. Cherub D CHIPPENDALE

Class 12.06 2nd to Class Champion Dendrobium

S.A. Den. Speewah Pixie D CHIPPENDALE

Class 12.07 Class Champion Oncidiinae

S.A. Brsdm. Golden Gamine R JENKINS \$ 2

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Class 12.08 2nd to Class Champion Oncidiinae

S.A. Oncsa. Sweet Sugar R JENKINS

Class 12.09 Class Champion Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium

S.A. Paph. Vanguard T DEAN

Class 12.10 2nd to Class Champion Paphiopedlium/Phragmipedium

S.A. Paph. Envy Green T DEAN

**Class 12.11 Class Champion Other Genera** 

S.A. Cycd. Taiwan Gold T & M HANDLEY

Class 12.12 2nd to Class Champion Other Genera

S.A. Spa. Star Burst J & N GLOVER

S.A. Brsdm. Golden Gamine R JENKINS

**Class 12.08 Class Champion Oncidiinae** 

S.A. Brsdm. Golden Gamine R JENKINS

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# Table of our Rosettes presented at our 2023 Autumn Show



# Orchid of the month

For this month's newsletter I cover the species *Vanda* (ascocentrum) garayi. Jeni Scott tabled one of these at our April meeting. It is often confused with *Vanda* (ascocentrum) miniatum, explained below.

Source - www.wikipedia



**Vanda garayi**, or **Garayi's ascocentrum** is a small monopodial epiphytic orchid native to semi-deciduous and deciduous dry lowland forests<sup>[]</sup> of Thailand, Laos, and Sumatra.

# Description

Vanda garayi is a small (rarely larger than 15 cm) epiphytic orchid with numerous, long, thick, fleshy aerial roots and a stout, erect stem with persistent, distichous leaf bases. Its thick, straight, rigid leaves are apically toothed, distichous, ligulate, and conduplicate and often sprinkled with purple spots. Golden orange flowers about 1.3 cm across appear in compact, erect, conical 10–25 cm racemes in late spring to early summer. The narrow spur contains copious nectar and the flowers, like most species formerly classified as Ascocentrum, lack fragrance or nectar guides. A dark brown anther cap protects the pollinia.

Two factors contribute to frequent mislabelling of *Vanda* garayi in cultivation. Firstly, following the publication *Genera* 

Orchidacearum volume 6 in 2014, all Ascocentrum species are included in the genus Vanda. In trade many specimens are sold under their former genus. Secondly, Vanda garayi is often confused with the rarer Vanda miniatum. Thus, Vanda garayi is often labelled as Ascocentrum miniatum. V. garayi and V. miniatum are definitively distinguished by their flowers and thus a bloom must be observed, though their leaves differ as well. V. garayi's flowers are solid golden orange with rounded petals and sepals and a straight lip. V. miniatum's flowers are slightly transparent, reddish, and noticeably veined, its petals and sepals are narrower, and its lip is recurved. V. garayi's leaves are usually shorter and thicker.

# Distribution

*Vanda garayi* is found growing epiphytically on deciduous trees in warm to hot climates between sea level and 1000 meters in Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Sumatra, Thailand, Vietnam, and the foothills of the Himalayas.

# Cultivation

*Vanda garayi* has long been popular among orchid growers for its colourful blooms, small size, and ease of culture. The species thrives in very bright light and can tolerate full sun, developing purple anthocyanin spots in these conditions. While abundant water is beneficial, it must be allowed to dry quickly. Outdoors, it is often grown on wooden slats or in baskets to allow rapid drying after heavy rains. Indoors, clay pots partially filled with bark, charcoal, or wood are ideal. Strong and regular air movement mitigates soggy media. Temperatures are best kept between 15 °C and 30 °C as growth slows or stops below 10 °C and above 34 °C. Weekly to bi-weekly fertilising is recommended with heavier feeding during the spring and summer.

## -CULTURE-

Temperature:	Intermediate to warm for the commonly cultivated species.	
Light:	Very bright conditions. The plants will adapt to full sun. Under very high light, upper leaf surfaces will show darkly pigmented spots and freckles.	
Water- Humidity:	Water regularly and maintain high humidity and good air circulation.	
Fertilizer:	Feed weekly with balanced fertilizer during spring/summer; biweekly during fall/winter; high P formula ("bloom booster") every fourth feeding.	
Potting:	Wooden slat baskets or mounts are best. If humidity is high in the growing area, no additional potting medium is necessary in baskets; plants produce an abundance of fleshy aerial roots which attach to the basket or hang free.	
References:	<ol> <li>David L. Grove, 1995. Vandas and Ascocendas. Timber Press, Portland, Oregon</li> <li>Gunnar Seidenfaden and Tem Smitinand, 1963. The Orchids of Thailand. Part IV, pp. 595-599. The Siam Society.</li> </ol>	
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### Ascocentrum

Schlecter 1913 (now Vanda R. Brown)

# **Pronunciation:**

### **As-koe-SEN-TRUM**

Tribe: Vandeae Subtribe: Aeridinae

**Ascocentrum** is a genus of epiphytic monopodial orchids. The plants are typically compact and resemble miniature vandas. With the publication of *Genera Orchidacearum* volume 6, <u>all</u> *Ascocentrum* species are now included in the genus *Vanda*. Affected hybrid names are explained on the website. These species produce upright, densely flowered inflorescences in shades of bright golden yellow to orange-red or fuchsia pink. Bloom season is usually late spring.

The genus name is derived from the Greek words for "bag" and "spur", denoting the distinct spur at the base of the lip, and was originally described by Schlechter. The species, notably *Asctm. curvifolium*, have been used extensively in hybridizing with other vandaceous genera.

Commonly grown species: *Asctm. curvifolium, Asctm. ampullaceum, Asctm. garayi* (correct name for plants often sold as *Asctm. miniatum*, with which it can be confused, or as *Asctm. miniatum* var. *garayi*, a synonym for *Asctm. garayi*).

#### **NUMBER OF SPECIES**

Previously there were 13 species of *Ascocentrum*, and 2 subspecies of *Asctm. aurantiacum*. These are all now included in the genus *Vanda*.

# **AUTUMN SHOW PHOTOS**





























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Afternoon tea 3pm to 3.30pm. Judging of orchids and foliage 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Dinner 6pm to 7.30pm (Free to Orchidfest registrants, judges and helpers)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Free entry to the orchid show for Orchidfest registrants from 8.00am (each day).

Lecture program for Orchidfest registrants 10am - 3.30pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Free day to enjoy Hervey Bay sightseeing (Orchid House entry free for registrants),
Perhaps visit K'gari, go whale watching, or just attend the orchid show
[Evening Dinner at Hervey Bay RSL at cost - approx \$45 per person]

Sunday 24th - Lecture program 10.00am - 12.30pm, Prize presentations 1.30pm (Close 2pm)

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# 2023 Show Dates

As Supplied by John Rees.

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#### May

13<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore one day show Bli Bli 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> – Bundaberg OS Show set up 11<sup>th</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Noosa DO&FS Closed Show Catholic Church Hall Moorindil St Tewantin

#### June

10<sup>th</sup> - STOCQ meeting hosted by Sunshine Coast Orchid Society, Caloundra in CCSA Hall. 30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July - Caboolture OS show at the Morayfield East State School Hall on Graham Road, Morayfield. Set up 29<sup>th</sup> June (Caboolture relocated - community hall is unavailable)

#### **August**

4<sup>th</sup>& 5<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore OS show set up 3<sup>rd</sup>. Buderim 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Agnes Water - cancelled 15tth to 19<sup>th</sup> August – APOC in Singapore

#### **Septemb**er

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Childers & IDOS show set up 31<sup>st</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - September 2023 Nambour OS show 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Glasshouse Country OS show

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> -Maryborough OS set up 13<sup>th</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Noosa DO&FS Show Cooroy Memorial Hall Maple Street set up 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

30<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> October – ROSI Spring Show set up 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### October

12th & 13th - Bribie IOS show, judging 12th.

#### **November**

11<sup>th</sup> Nambour Species Show Buderim Hall set up 10<sup>th.</sup>



#### December

9<sup>th</sup> - ROSI Christmas Awards Dinner Rockhampton Leagues Club

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