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Newsletter - November 2022

Where has the last month gone? For those who have been busy this is probably what you are asking. For some, like myself, time has been going very slowly. Some of our members may know about my unfortunate accident on Saturday 17th September where I fell on wet floor and smashed the femur above my left knee. To get the knee repaired I spent 14 days in hospital recovering and returned home on Friday 30th September. All was going well, or so I thought, but on Thursday 13th October I woke with my leg wound oozing, so back into hospital that day and into surgery to open wound, flush, leave open and a leg pump drain inserted, I had three trips to the theatre in 7 days which involved flushing the wound, which was eventually closed on Thursday 20th October, when different drains were inserted. I spent 16 days in hospital during this stay, having IV antibiotics multiple times each day/night to treat the infection, a culture test was taken, and it was a low-grade infection which responded well to the antibiotics. I was finally released on Friday 28th October. I am now on oral antibiotics for another three months and no weight baring allowed on the leg until after Christmas, so my mode of transport is a wheelchair.

I for one will be happy to see the end of 2022 as it has been a tough year & hope 2023 is much kinder to all.



I would like to send a huge thank you to all our members who have visited me, either at home or hospital, phoned me, and sent wishes and words of encouragement. It has meant a lot to me. I am now on deck again, just not mobile, or independent yet.

Get well recovery wishes also to Jeff Glover as well as he has just returned to Rocky following surgery in Brisbane.

Our Christmas Dinner & Presentation Evening is just three weeks away on Sunday 4th December, last names will be taken at our November Meeting, If you are unable to attend meeting please contact Jeff Bloxsom. If you wish to book a table, please advise names for that table (tables of 10). Also, payment for the meal, a subsidised cost to members of \$25 needs to be paid before the date either in cash (please place in an envelope with your name on it) at our November meeting, or by direct deposit, details of the function in the newsletter with bank details. 118

In this newsletter I have included details about our move from nighttime to daytime meetings from January 2023 and subsequent change of venue details for the meetings. 2023 is looking like a very busy year for the society with our first event hosting the tri-annual field days 17th & 18th March. Followed by our Autumn & Spring Shows. I am looking forward to a busy year next year and urge other members who have the time to assist with tasks not to hesitate to offer to do so. The strength of our club is our members and their willingness to assist during our events.

This is the last newsletter for 2022 and I wish all a safe and joyful break over the Christmas Season.

The next newsletter will be in January 2023.

-Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 22nd November 2022. Starts 7:30pm.

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 Tuesday 25th October 2022

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

New Members: 45 Stephanie McKay 48 Jessica Clews

Visitors: Nil Lucky Number: 75

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

Moved M Maunder Seconded J Bennett Carried

Correspondence: IN – NEWSLETTERS

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Nil

As the secretary had left the correspondence at home it was not read at the meeting but is included here for members to read.

Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved by Treasurer, D Mackenzie Seconded D Philp Carried

General Business: 2023 Field Weekend:

The date for next year's Field Weekend will be 18th & 19th March 2023. Invitations to other clubs will be sent out soon.

Day time general meetings: A motion to change the monthly general meetings of the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. to daytime meetings from January 2023 to be held at the Fred Fox Hall, Cnr. Gladstone Road and William Street, Rockhampton was **proposed** by D MacKenzie and **seconded** by K Green. After some discussion the motion was **carried.**

Christmas Function: S Eggleshaw **moved** that the society subsidise the cost of the Christmas dinner so that the cost to each member would be \$25.00.

Seconded R Green Carrie

Anyone holding perpetual trophies is asked to return them by the November general meeting so that they can be readied for presentation to the new winners at the Christmas function.

Autumn Show: We will now be able to hold an Autumn Show in April next year as the renovations at the Frenchville Sports Club will not affect the area we use until later in the year. The date for the Autumn Show will be 15th & 16th April 2023. Spring Show: Due to the availability of dates at the Frenchville Sports Club, the Spring Show will be held on 9th & 10th September 2023.

Growers Group Report:

J Hogan reported on the last growers group meeting of the year at the home of members Tara and Anthony and thanked them for making their garden available.

Plant Commentary: P Bennett **Exhibitor's Raffle:** K & R Green

General Raffle: D Philp, B Jenkins, S Eggleshaw, K O'Brien, J Clews, A Cunningham

Committee meeting – Tuesday **8/11/23** at J Bloxsom's residence.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Jeff Bloxsom Trish Craig

President Secretary

Annual Competition - October 2022 Results

Judges Choice

Vanda Pine Rivers	M & B Richardson
Brassia Rex 'Sakata'	S & J Frisch
Den. secundum var. alba	B & N Lakey

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 84)

Cattleya up to & over 100mm	Lc. "Capricorn's Hot Lips"	S & J Frisch
Vandaceous up to 65mm	Vanda Pine Rivers	M & B Richardson
Vandaceous over 65mm	Vanda Gordon Dillon 'Blue'	J & M Bloxsom
Dendrobium	Den. Pink Butterfly 'Orchid World'	B Jenkins
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Sheena	T & M Handley
Oncidiinae	Ons. Wildcat (Tie) Brassia Rex 'Sakata' (Tie)	K & R Smith S & J Frisch
Species	Den. lindleyi	M & B Richardson
Miscellaneous	Paph. St Swithin	K & R Smith

Novice (Plants Tabled: 32)

Cattleya – up to & over 100mm	<i>Bpi.</i> Golden Peacock	D & S Eggleshaw
Dendrobium	Den. Impact	Tara Monks
Phalaenopsis	Phal. unknown	D & S Eggleshaw
Miscellaneous	Onc. unknown	D MacKenzie

The number of plants tabled at this meeting was enormous, just goes to show the later start of our hotter summer temperatures as well as recent rain, is favourable to our orchids and the fact that many of our growers are busily tending their plants to bring them to such floriferous displays.

January	- No Meeting	February – 51 Advanced & 4 Novice entries
March	47 Advanced & 22 Novice entries	April - 46 Advanced & 13 Novice entries
May	- 56 Advanced & 22 Novice entries	June - No Meeting
July	- 34 Advanced & 6 Novice entries	August - 45 Advanced & 16 Novice entries
Septembe	r – 68 Advanced & 19 Novice entries	October – 84 Advanced & 32 Novice entries































I have also included photos taken of the tables overflowing with orchids from the October meeting and thank Sue Eggleshaw for taking all the photos for me.







Growers Group News

By Maxine Maunder

The last grower's group gathering for 2022 was held at the home of Tara Monks and Anthony at Parkhurst and was a great afternoon. The weather was unpredictable on the day with heavy showers in the morning but thankfully came up with a dry afternoon.

Tara gave us an insight into how, when and what she fertilized their orchids with and although they only have a small greenhouse, some gorgeous flowers emerge. Tara brings the flowering orchids inside and the lounge room was like a flower shop.

The usual raffles were held (with the usual non-winners – namely me). Thanks to everyone who brought items in. The afternoon was a show of will power, particularly with Anthony's home-made delicious savory scrolls.

As that was the last growers group meeting for this year a big thank you to all who provided the venues, the delicious afternoon teas, and raffle prizes throughout the year – also a big thanks to the helpers each time. Many, many thanks.

Happy Birthday to all who have celebrated birthdays in October & November. Cheers Maxine

2023 MEETING VENUE

From January 2023 our general meetings will change from nighttime to daytime meetings. As our current hall is not available for daytime meetings the committee has had to look for a different option. Originally, we looked at a Northside Hall, but this was not suitable as they could not accommodate our two metal cabinets and only had a temporary ramp.

Jeff and several committee members then checked out a hall on the Southside, this was deemed suitable and from our first meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month Saturday January 28th. Our meetings will be conducted at the Fred Fox Hall cnr. Gladstone Road and William Street. The hall is much larger, has tables and chairs, a kitchen, room for our two cabinets, a permanent ramp into the building and air conditioning. The meeting will commence at 1.00pm, and we have booked the hall until 5.00pm. This timeframe will allow the conduct of our general meeting, tabling of plants, popular vote and commentary, time for a presentation and/or workshops and afternoon tea. It means our older members who have previously not been able to attend nighttime meetings will be able to attend. Further details will be published in our January newsletter. Photos of the hall below.













Welcome to our new members!

We welcomed two new members at our October Meeting. #45 – Stephanie McKay and #48 – Jessica Clews. We encourage them and other novice growers to ask as many questions as they need while they build their knowledge and experience with growing orchids. All our members are happy to share their knowledge and assist other growers, and no question is a silly question. It is the best way to further you knowledge.



Stephanie with Jeff Bloxsom



Jessica with Jeff Bloxsom

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Members are encouraged to submit articles/photos etc., for newsletters. Maybe you have a good story about how you came to be an orchid grower, maybe you would like to share your success stories or tips on how you grow your orchids. Please send these to the editor - svpsli@bigpond.net.au.

Submissions close the 5th of each month that a newsletter is printed.

Orchid of the month

Dendrobium secundum

Source – <u>www.orchidweb.com</u>

Native to Southeast Asia, Dendrobium secundum is also known as the "Toothbrush Orchid" for the fact that all its flowers appear on the same side of the stem, much like the bristles of a toothbrush.

This semi-pendulous, cane-like species is found in dry lowland forests and savanna-like woodlands. During its active growth period, this species enjoys high temperatures, humidity, and light levels. Water regularly, allowing the media to dry in between. Water less frequently in winter, as a dry rest paired with slightly cooler temperatures is necessary to stimulate flowering prior to the next summer's growth phase.

Prefers intermediate/warm temperatures, flowers in spring, prefers medium light, fragrant, colour pink.



Source - www.orchidspecies.com

Common Name The Purse-Making Dendrobium [Refers to the flowers all facing one direction]- in Indonesia - Anggerek sikat gigi or toothbrush orchid - In Thailand - Ueang praeng sifan - Khaw ngu hao - Ueang ngawn kai

Flower Size to 1/2" [to 1.25 cm]

Found in Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, penninsular Malaysia, Java, Sumatra, Borneo, New Guinea and the Philippines in semi-deciduous and deciduous dry lowland forests and savana-like hill woodlands at elevations of sea level to 700 meters as a semi-pendulous, medium to large sized, hot to warm growing, cane-like species is with erect or semipendulous, stout, tapering at both ends, sulcate stems with oblong to oblong-lanceolate, persistent, unequally bilobed apically leaves that bloom in the late summer through late spring on last year's mature pseudobulb with the 5" [12.5 cm] long inflorescence arising from near the apex of the leafless canes with many [50], waxy, glossy, fragrant flowers that do not open well.

This orchid should be mounted to accommodate the often-pendulous growth habit but if a pot is used it should be as small as possible and it should be allowed to dry out between waterings, and fertilizer lessened through the winter months resuming only after the initiation of new growth in the spring.

Dendrobium secundum var. alba

At our October meeting Bob & Nat Lakey's *Dendrobium secundum var. alba* took out a Judge's Choice award, this is the white variety of this beautiful orchid. Growing conditions are similar as previously mentioned.



Source of Below Photos off Pinterest





PRESIDENT'S NOTES ON FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023

Once again, we have come to the end of our Orchid year of events with our **Christmas Awards Night** at the Frenchville on Sunday 4th December. Final Numbers and tables with payment at our GM 22nd November. All details in this Newsletter.

Next year is going to be a very busy year for the Society. At the moment we will be holding our usual **Autumn Show 15**th **&16**th **April** and **Spring show 9**th **& 10**th **September**, as the Frenchville has put off the renovations of the conference areas until late September.

The ROSI tri-annual field weekend is now to be held on 18th & 19th March. With visits from the other CQ societies, planning is well underway. Final details will be published early in the new year. At the moment venues for the various lunches and dinners have been booked. There will be a meet and greet to start proceedings off, a lunch on Saturday and the Dinner on Saturday night, then finishing with a lunch on the Sunday. Est. cost to members for all meals with be around \$60 each. Before a club subsidy yet to be decided upon. Separate costings for each meal will be available.

STOCQ Orchidfest Conference hosted by Hervey Bay Orchid Society. Our club is organising a 2-day coach trip down to the Conference departing Rockhampton on Friday 22/9 and returning on Sunday 24/9. As this is school holidays and peak season in Hervey Bay, accommodation is at a premium. We must make bookings this far ahead to get accommodation.

We will not be registering for the Conference but attending the official presentation dinner on the Saturday night. We have had a quote on the Coach hire and the accommodation at the Ramada by Wyndham. It was very difficult to find some place that could accommodate the number of rooms we required. At present we have a holding booking on 25 twin share rooms at the Ramada. At the moment costs for this weekend can only be an estimate and will depend on how many of our members participate. If we can get around 40 the costs will be around \$400 each. This cost is before the club decides on what sort of subsidy we will apply. The above would be for the Coach, 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast, the official dinner and entry into the Conference. The Coach will hold 50 so the more that come the cheaper the weekend will be.

I have given you the above information, so you have time to think on the events you want to attend. I will ask for an indication of numbers at next GM meeting so planning and organising of these events can go ahead. If we don't get your support of course it is not worth the effort of organising same.

Move to New Hall

The next GM meeting for the year will be our last one for the year, and also our last nightly meeting in our existing hall. Next year we will be going to day meetings and have had to find another hall. So, our meetings will be held on the 4th Saturday afternoon of each month. Our first GM meeting for the year will be on Saturday 28/01/23 starting at 1pm in our new hall, The Fred Fox (Brass band hall) on Gladstone Road. Details in this newsletter. The Committee is trying to organise events for members for the year but can only succeed if supported. Hope all have a great year.

Jeff Bloxsom

President

Spring Show Photos











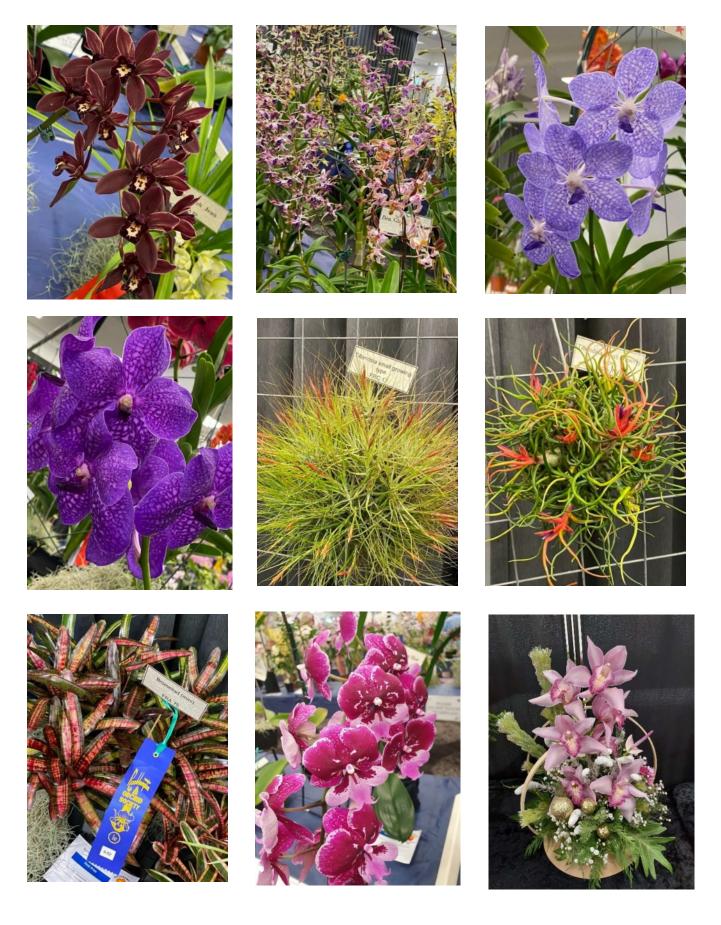












A big thank you to members who sent me the photos they took during the show!

I was disappointed at not being able to attend as I was still in hospital.



MnS Orchids Stand



Alice's Orchids Stand









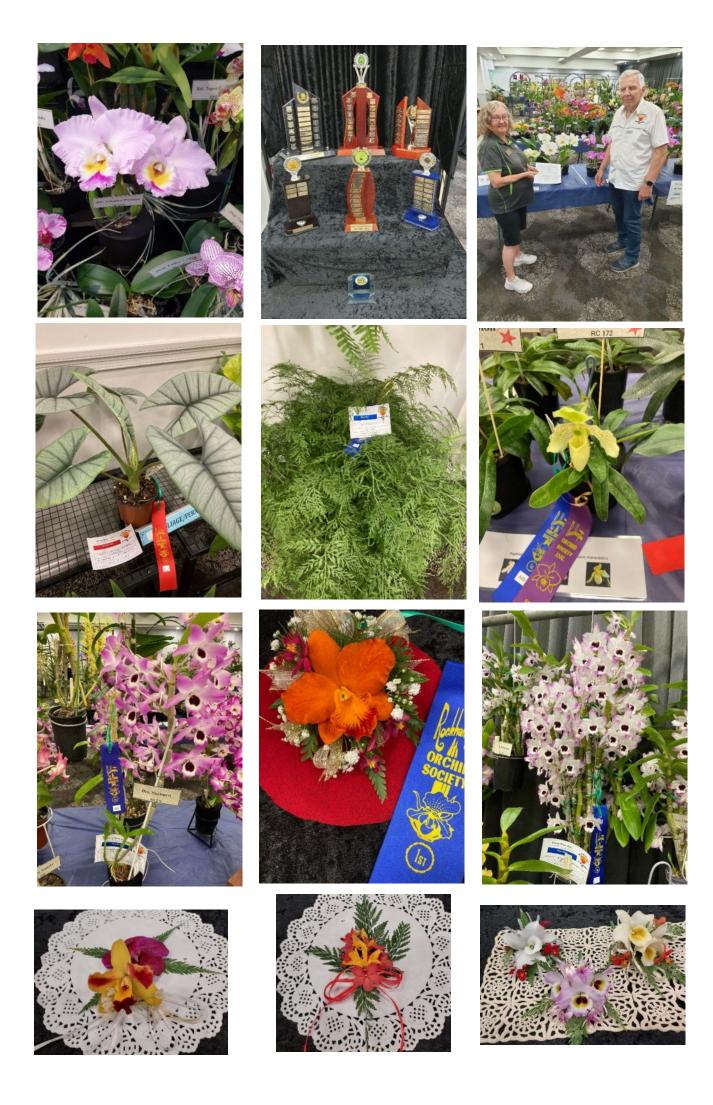












Judging News 2022

by Jeff Glover

It has been a lean year judging-wise for our panel, with no plants awarded at either the Rockhampton Spring or Autumn Shows or the Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Club's Annual Show. All Champion and Reserve Champion orchids were assessed but all were deemed not at that standard to proceeded to the next level i.e., from Showbench Judging to Award Judging.

Many growers often ask why is this so? The simple answer is orchids judged at a show are judged to be the best from what has been presented at the show at that time. Hence, they are judged and classified by what the individual society's schedule dictates. Most schedules adhere to the standard as prescribed by the Australian Orchid Council's exemplar, 'Show – Rules', which is the governing body to which most societies are affiliated. These rules can be accessed at the AOC website.

Once a Champion of Show orchid for example, is vetted by the attending panel and deemed worthy to proceeded to Award or Quality judging, it is then compared to what previous cultivars of this orchid have been awarded in the past. Prior to this the panel chairman will call for commentary from the attending judges as to whether any have familiarity with the winning orchid cultivar. For instance, has any seen better or worse of the type pending assessment? The records are then consulted on Orchidwiz to see if there have been previous awards and if the selected orchid compares to these. This is to ascertain if it is at the awarded standard or better. This is the procedure in its simplest form, there are other factors, such as if the plant in question is a species or mericlone that will come into consideration or will this be the cultivars first award. This is the crucial difference in the two types of judging. One is compared to the present across all genera represented at the Show; the same as the use of categories for a Monthly Meeting and one is compared to its peers. We are fortunate in that the judges in our panel are amongst the most widely travelled in Queensland and indeed Australia. It is a simple matter of geography, we have to travel to other locations to gain experience; and many of us do, at considerable personal expense.

However, two plants were awarded this year, both receiving a high AM (Award of Merit / Silver Medal). The first being Cycnoches Arita (Cyc. *cooperi x Cyc. warscewiczii*), belonging to Trevor and Margaret Handley. This plant was assessed by 5 judges who volunteered at the height of a COVID outbreak in January, while in fact and



unbeknown to some, there was a suspension on all judging in place. It was a shame more judges were not available to see this exceptionally well grown plant; it had two inflorescences with 32 and 35 flowers respectively. It really was a wonderful feat of timing to have them all out with no sign of flowers starting to fold. It was awarded an AM 82.6 points.

Cyc. Arita 'Mervyn James' AM/AOC 82.6

The second plant awarded was a Paphiopedilum belonging to Jeff and Norma Glover. This plant of Paph. Michael Koopowitz, (Paph. philippinense x Paph. sanderianum) was also awarded an AM (Award of Merit). It was assessed at a convened meeting in mid- October, that was also used as an opportunity for the panel to have an early end of year celebration. The plant was a well grown specimen of a cultivar that is now being seen more often as plants containing Paph. sanderianum can talk a long time to flower. It was first registered in 1993. Believe it or not

that is a relative short time for Paphiopedilums to come to fruition. The judges felt it was superior to many on record with an excellent shaped dorsal petal, with one judge marking it as FCC grade. It had two tall inflorescences with 3 flowers and 1 bud on each. It received an AM 83.6 points from the attending judges.

Paph. Michael Koopowitz

'Krisett-Norma' AM 83.6 points



The meeting was an excellent experience to see the application of a new rule in action regarding judging unnamed mericlones. Jeff Bloxsom asked for his plant of Rhynchorides Norma to be assessed. As far as he knew it was a seedling, (Jeff keeps meticulous records) he checked with Alice's Orchids from whom he purchased it and they confirmed it was indeed a mericlone, but unnamed. This now shone a different light on the circumstances for assessment in lieu of a change by the STOC on how mericlones are assessed. Unnamed mericlones are not to be assessed as it is felt there is no knowledge of the plants' lineage, for example, they could be mericlones of mericlones. In consultation with a well know grower, he acknowledged It now seems to be the practice of many overseas wholesale flask producers to list plants that are mericlones without the mericlone epithet (name) for sale along with seedling crosses on their lists.



However, Jenny Scott brought a large and beautiful example of her *Rhrds*. Norma 'Sweet and Vibrant', (unfortunately damaged in the trip up), which seems to be the dominant mericlone in local cultivation, for comparison. So, the event was certainly dominated by Norma's, including the hostess.

Panel members enjoyed catching up discussing the two conferences with those who attended, reviewing some aspects of show judging, each other's company, some great food, and some overdue assessment practice, which when combined, all turned out to be a lovely way to finish the year's judging duties.









MONTH	2023 SHOWS & MEETINGS DETAILS		
FEBRUARY	11 th – STOCQ Judges & AGM & OQI Meeting – Indoor Bowls Hall Graham St Gympie		
MARCH	18 th – Maroochydore one day show, Buderim		
APRIL	7 th to 9 th – Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Show Bill Robertson Showroom Hansen Roa – set up 6 th and judging from 7.00am on 7 th 7 th & 8 th – Bribie IOS Show		
	15 th & 16 th – Rockhampton Orchid Society Show Frenchville Sports Club – set up 14 th		
MAY	13 th – Maroochydore one day show Bli Bli		
JUNE	3 rd – STOCQ Meting hosted by Sunshine Coast Orchid Society – CCSA Hall Caloundra 30 th & 1 st July – Caboolture OS Show – Morayfield State School Hall Graham Road Morayfield – set up 29 th June		
JULY			
AUGUST	4 th & 5 th – Maroochydore OS Show Buderim – set up 3 rd 11 th to 13 th – Agnes Water Show		
SEPTEMBER	1 st & 2 nd – Nambour OS Show 8 th & 9 th – Glasshouse Country OS Show 9 th & 10 th – Rockhampton Orchid Society Show – Frenchville Sports Club – set up 8 th 22 nd to 24 th – 2023 Orchidfest sponsored by Hervey Bay Orchid Society		
OCTOBER	6 th & 7 th – Bribie IOS Show		

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VENUE – FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB – FUNCTION ROOMS

DATE – SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER – TIME – 6.00PM

SEATED DINNER 7.00PM – 2 COURSE CHRISTMAS BUFFET
DRINKS SUPPLIED – FRUIT PUNCH & SOFT DRINKS
ALL ACHOLOLIC DRINKS AT OWN COST
THERE WILL BE THE USUAL LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

MAYBE SOME LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL COMPETITION TROPHIES
ANNUAL AWARD CERTIFICATES & PRIZE MONEY

FINAL NAMES AND TABLE SEATING WILL BE REQUIRED
NO LATER THAN GENERAL MEETING ON 22nd NOVEMBER
YOU CAN ONLY BOOK ROUND TABLES OF 10
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A FULL TABLE I WILL PLACE OTHER MEMBERS ON YOUR TABLE
TO EVEN THE NUMBERS OUT
THE COST OF THE EVENING IS \$40 EACH
WITH A SUBSIDY AS PASSED AT LAST MEETING
YOUR COST IS ONLY \$25-00 EACH

PAYMENT FOR DINNER BEFORE FINAL GENERAL MEETING 22ND NOVEMBER YOU MAY DO A BANK TRANSFER TO OUR A/C – NOTE- XMAS & MEMBER NO

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