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Newsletter – November 2023



I am pleased to publish my last newsletter for 2023, I now take a break until the January newsletter.

I hope you have all enjoyed the content this year and if there is anything you think would make it greater just drop a line to my email address. I wish everyone a very Merry & safe Christmas and enjoy your break over the festive season.

Our yearly competition ends at our November meeting, and I am busy creating the Achievement Certificates which will be presented at our Christmas Dinner & Awards Evening at the Rockhampton Leagues Club on Saturday 9th December (notice in this newsletter). The Club has agreed to offer members a \$20 per head subsidy for the dinner, so member's costs will be \$35 per head. This must be paid prior to the night as no money will be taken on the night, and if you have not paid prior there will be no seats booked for you.



Congratulations must go to Jeff Bloxsom and his committee for the enormous amount of effort devoted to running the Society and hosting our various events. Also, to the members who have assisted with working bees to assist Barry English with the orchid merchandise store, and to the members who have stepped up and assisted with various tasks during the year. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes.

Above are photos from our October Working Bee (masks are for the dust created with mixing the mediums).

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 25th November 2023.

Doors Open 1.00pm 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 28th October 2023 commencing 1.35pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: #78 - Skip and Kitty Wren

Visitors: Sue Engwicht from the Blackwater Orchid & Foliage Club

Lucky Number: #47 – Daphne & John Jenkinson

Next General Meeting – Saturday 25th November 2023

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

Moved Peter Rankin **Seconded** Paul Bennett **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023

IN –

- Newsletters –Blackwater Orchid Society, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caboolture Orchid Society (2 parts), Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Gympie & District Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, North Qld Orchid Society, Townsville Orchid Society.
- Email from John Rees – STOCQ Meeting Minutes & 2024 AGM Nomination Forms
- Email from John Rees – Invoice for Membership (this has already been paid)
- Email Michelle Landry – re: acknowledgement of Grant Expression of Interest
- Email from Michelle Landy – re: advising support of grant application.
- Email from Merv O’Neil – re: Show Dates for next year.
- Email John Rees re: more 2024 Show Dates
- Email Heather Stewart inquiring about plant hangers.
- Email from My City with regards to updating club information on RRC community pages
- Email from Stephen Lynch Editor Orchids Australia Magazine confirming receiving of Club Show News and informing that they will use in an upcoming edition.
- Orchid Australia October Magazine
- Statement from City Printing Works
- Notice from Office of Fair Trading sent to Jeff Bloxsom re: changes to the reporting thresholds for associations – we fall in the small category with assets below \$300,000 and total revenue less than \$150,000. Reporting requirements have remained the same and ROSI will still get our Annual Audit completed prior to our AGM in February

OUT –

- Copies of various clubs’ newsletters sent to members.
- Email to John Rees with ROSI Show Dates for 2024.
- Spring Show Article sent to Orchids Australia
- Spring Show Article sent to CQ Today

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

Seconded Judy Dore **Carried**

Treasurer’s Report read and moved for adoption by Karen Carr.

Seconded Jan Rawlings **Carried**

Growers Group: NIL

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

General Business:

- Our Spring Show went great and profit from the show was \$3,956.11.
- Next years’ shows will require a new venue with the renovations at Frenchville Sports Club. Karen Carr said that the plans for the renovations look schmick. To make things easier we will look at the same venue for both 2024 shows and return to the Frenchville in 2025.
- Consideration at holding it at the Robert Schwarten Pavilion is out as it is not available for the dates of our Autumn & Spring Shows.
- Schools are out as set-up cannot be done unless the shows are during the school holidays.
- There is consideration for Korte’s Resort. Jeff has spoken to the Rockhampton Leagues Club which now owns the property. They have quoted \$400 per day for the three days. Jeff had emailed them and was still waiting on their reply. Paul Bennett suggested he will follow this up with the GM of the Leagues Club. Dates of the shows are 12/13/14 April and 13/14/15 September. Paul rang the GM during the meeting, and they are waiting for their alcohol and food licences prior to them renting out the room. Paul also said that they were willing to give us a substantial donation.

- Our Christmas Awards Dinner is at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. It is approximately \$55 per head. “Tony March moved a motion that the Christmas Dinner be subsidised by \$20 per head, which means the cost to members will be \$35 per head, this was seconded by Pam O’Brien and all agreed.” The dinner cost must be prepaid before the night by either cash or transfer. If you have not paid by the night, there will be no seating booked for you.
- To assist Barry English with the merchandise sales the club has been doing working bees. The last working bee was for the mixing and packaging of potting medium. This was supported by Bob and Nat Lakey, Bob Jenkins and Shirley Kuhl, Jeff Bloxsom and Barry English. These working bees are to lessen the workload on Barry. Working bees will be held regularly and need about 4 to 5 persons assisting. If you wish to assist notify either Jeff Bloxsom or Tony March.
- Jeff gave out the engraved show trophies to members who were at the meeting.
- The November Meeting will be the end of our annual competition, Sandra is already working on the achievement certificates.
- Jenni Scott is having a sales day with five other members at her Calliope home on the 2nd December between 8am to 4pm.

Plant Commentary: Jenni Scott completed the plant commentary in the absence of Jeff Glover.

Exhibitor’s Raffle: #12 Jeff Bloxsom

General Raffle: Sandra Rowcliffe x 2, Trish Craig, Terry Breingan x 3, Miriam Black, Brenda Cramp, Jana Bennett, Kathy Zammit, Tony O’Connor x 2, Lyn Hopes, Linda Schulz, Robyn Bentley, Sue Eggleshaw.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm for afternoon tea.

Next Committee meeting 6.30 pm on Tuesday 31st October at Jeff Bloxsom’s Residence 12 Harden Street North Rockhampton.

Jeff Bloxsom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING



Annual Competition – October 2023 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Dendrobium</i> Touch of Gold	T & M Handley
<i>Oncidium</i> Golden Anniversary	T March
<i>Dendrobium polyanthum</i>	T March

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 74)

Cattleya up to and over 100mm	<i>Iwanagara</i> Apple Blossom 'H & R'	T March
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Tien's Delight	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Pure's Wax	K & R Smith
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Yu Pin 'Pink Butterfly'	J & P Bennett
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Kean's Baby (<i>Den.</i> Nestor x <i>Den. parishii</i> x <i>Den. parishii</i>)	T March
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Honey (<i>philippinense</i> x <i>primulinum</i>)	S & M Rowcliffe
Oncidiinae	<i>Oncidium</i> Golden Anniversary	T March
Species	<i>Dendrobium polyanthum</i>	T March
Miscellaneous	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Bay'	K & R Smith

Novice (Plants Tabled: 27)

Cattleya up to and over 100mm	C. Name Unknown	M Olsen
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Name Unknown	A & G Cunningham
Oncidiinae	<i>Zygobaptista</i> Dragon Kitten 'Purr'	T O'Connor
Species	<i>Encyclia cordigera</i> 'Pale' x self	D & S Eggleshaw
Miscellaneous	<i>Encyclia</i> Burdekin Bumble Bee 'Tricolor' x <i>Encyclia cordigera</i> 'Rossum'	D & S Eggleshaw



Vanda Pure's Wax
K & R Smith



Vanda Tien's Delight
B Jenkins & S Kuhl



Iwan. Apple Blossom 'H&R'

T March



Den. Kean's Baby
T March



Enc. cordigera 'Pale' x Self
D&S Eggleshaw



Zyg. Debbie De Mello
'Honolulu Bay'
K & R Smith



Paph. Honey
S & M Rowcliffe



Phal. Yu Pin 'Pink Butterfly'
J & P Bennett



Phal. Name Unknown
A&G Cunningham



New Members

*Skip & Kitty Wren presented their new member pack
by President Jeff Bloxsom*



*Sharyn Frisch presenting Tony March the inaugural
John Frish Memorial Trophy for the Best Soft Cane
Dendrobium at our recent Spring Show.*

Orchid of the month

This month I am covering the genus *Dendrobium polyanthum*. An exquisite flowering plant was benched at our October General Meeting that received both Judges Choice and Popular Vote achievements for Tony March.

Source – www.travaldo.blogspot.com

Dendrobium polyanthum, also called as The Many Flowered Dendrobium, *Callista cretacea*, *Dendrobium cretaceum*, is a species of the genus Dendrobium. This species was described by Nathaniel Wallich ex John Lindley in 1830.

Dendrobium polyanthum is native to the Himalayan region of northern India, from the Garhwal area near Debra Dum to the Lushai Hills along the border with Myanmar. The distribution area extends further east through Burma, Thailand and Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. They are also found on the Andaman Islands. These plants usually occur in open forests at height of 1000-1800 metres.



It is a small sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte, reaching 15-30 cm in height, with 6 to 12" (15 to 30 cm) long, clustered pendant ridged pseudobulbs that are whitish with purple strips and carry 6, oblong-lanceolate, leathery, deciduous, 5-10 cm long leaves.

Dendrobium polyanthum blooms in the late winter and spring from opposite the leaf on nodes of leafed and leafless stems and are 0.5" (1.25 cm) long and carry a single, fragrant, long-lasting flower. The flowers are 3-5 cm in diameter. The flakes of both whorls may be uniformly white to cream-white, often with yellow

tops. The almost round lip is light yellow with scarlet lines and a white edge. It is covered with a can, wavy and has curled edges.

DENDROBIUM POLYANTHUM CARE AND CULTURE

Cultural information should only be used as a guide and should be to be adapted to suit you. Your physical location, where you grow your plants, how much time you have to devote to their care, and many other factors, will need to be considered. Only then can you decide on the cultural methods that best suit you and your plants.

LIGHT

Dendrobium polyanthum needs a light level of 25000-35000 lux.

TEMPERATURE

The average temperature of the summer day is 27-31 degrees Celsius, night 21-22 degrees Celsius, giving a daily difference of 6-9 degrees Celsius. The average temperature of the winter day is 17-19 degrees Celsius, the night 9-11 degrees Celsius, and the daily difference is 8-9 degrees Celsius.

HUMIDITY

Dendrobium polyanthum needs average humidity of almost 90% in summer but drops to 55-60% for almost the entire period of winter. In the spring, just before the beginning of the rainy season, the humidity for almost 2 months is only 40%.

SUBSTRATE, GROWING MEDIA, AND REPOTTING

Due to their overhanging habits, it is recommended to mount *Dendrobium polyanthum* on tree-fern rootstocks or cork. When cultivating on rootstocks, you need to ensure high humidity and watering in summer at least once a day. If you have to grow them in hanging pots or baskets, these plants should be filled with any loose, quick drying ground. Repotting can be performed in any period as soon as new roots grow.

WATERING

Dendrobium polyanthum should be constantly moist during the period of active growth, but when the new growth reaches maturity in autumn, the amount of water should be gradually reduced.



FERTILISER

It is recommended to apply a 1/4-1/2 dose of orchid fertiliser weekly. From spring to mid-summer, high nitrogen fertiliser if preferred, and then until the end of autumn, go to the high phosphorus fertiliser.

REST PERIOD

There is a 5–7-month dry season, lasting from autumn until spring, after the rainy season in the natural habitat. In winter, the amount of water should be limited to plants. *Dendrobium polyanthum* should dry out between waterings, but they can not stay dry for more than a few weeks. Occasional morning fogging during bright sunny days will protect plants from

excessive drying. Fertilisation should be reduced or eliminated whenever the amount of water is limited.

Source – www.orchidspecies.com

Dendrobium polyanthum is very commonly cited as *Dendrobium cretaceum* but *Dendrobium polyanthum* has precedence.

(as you will see from the below photo, the lip of the *Den. cretaceum* is more pointed whereas the *Den. polyanthum* is more rounded.)



Dendrobium cretaceum (Syn. *polyanthum*) - OrchidWeb

Why join an Orchid Society?

Everyone has their own reasons why they join an orchid society. For most it is the ability to learn and care for our orchids tapping into the knowledge of other growers. Some are more knowledgeable growers and join as they wish to get together with like-minded members, others for the social interaction that a society affords members while learning more about their hobby. Whatever your reason joining a society affords members the ability to grow their knowledge and enjoy social interaction.

For myself, I joined the Rockhampton Orchid Society in February 2010. I had been growing orchids since the mid-80s, but sadly I had also lost a lot of plants due to my lack of knowledge on their correct care. I used to join the long line of customers queuing for the opening of the doors at both the Gladstone and Rockhampton Orchid Shows for many years. I would buy my fill of beautiful plants but sadly by the next show a lot of them had died. I have found that since joining ROSI my knowledge has grown almost as much as the size of my collection. The mastering of caring for a specific genus is also very rewarding. I admit that my love of Paphs and Phrags (Slipper Orchids) before I learnt to grow them properly saw many of these plants depart to plant heaven and was a very costly exercise as these plants are more expensive to buy.



As a new grower joining the society it is sometimes daunting to ask questions on orchid care, not only do you not know the members, you also don't know who to approach. While the society has the occasional workshops most of the knowledge is attained by just asking questions. Our knowledgeable members are happy to pass on their advice, you just need to ask. If you feel this is too daunting, how do you expect to learn? I can confidently say that we don't have any mind readers in the club, but we have many members who would gladly share their knowledge if you just asked. No question is too silly and should the person you approach not know the answer to your

question, they will direct you towards the member/members who may be able to assist.

During the plant commentaries at our General Meetings the speaker usually opens up the room to ask what members have been up to, if anyone has questions and then offering advice, so please don't be afraid to put your hand up. Our society also has many members who are masters of specific genera, if you take notice of what plants they table, go straight to them and ask any question you may have on those particular genera.

As with every club there are the minimal numbers of members who do the majority of the tasks, the quickest way to learn things is the take an interest in the tasks of the club, for example for our workshops Maxine and her assistants Jan and Gwen have been doing it for a couple of years and they would be happy for someone to take over the organising of our workshop gatherings. You don't need to have a lot of knowledge; you just need to be able to organise the event and you will find that others will help you if you ask. The more you do the more you learn.

So, if there is anything you would like to know about orchids and their care you just have to ask!!!

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC
CHRISTMAS PARTY PRESENTATION NIGHT



VENUE – ROCKHAMPTON LEAGUES CLUB - (GARDNER LOUNGE)

DATE – SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER – TIME – 6.00PM

SEATED DINNER 7.00PM – 2 COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER (ALTERNATE DROP)

DRINKS SUPPLIED – SOFT DRINKS & FRUIT JUICE

ALL ACHOLOLIC DRINKS AT OWN COST

THERE WILL BE THE USUAL LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

SOME LUCKY SPOT PRIZES

OUR ANNUAL MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL COMPETITION TROPHIES

ANNUAL AWARD CERTIFICATES & PRIZE MONEY

FINAL NAMES AND TABLE SEATING LISTS WILL BE REQUIRED

NO LATER THAN LAST GENERAL MEETING ON 25TH NOVEMBER

ROUND TABLES OF 10 PREFERRED BUT CAN DO SQUARE 12 IF NEEDED

**IF YOU DON'T HAVE A FULL TABLE - OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE PLACED ON YOUR TABLE TO EVEN THE
NUMBERS OUT – LIST AT NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

THE COST OF THE EVENING IS \$55 EACH

WITH A SUBSIDY FROM THE CLUB

\$35-00 EACH

PAYMENT FOR DINNER BEFORE FINAL GENERAL MEETING 25TH NOVEMBER

PLEASE DO A BANK TRANSFER TO OUR A/C – NOTE- XMAS & MEMBER NUMBER

BSB 633000 A/C 178258414 – CASH PAYMENT AT GENERAL MEETING

NO PAYMENT ON NIGHT – BOOKINGS ONLY

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

AND SEE OUT 2023 WITH A BANG



2024 Show Dates

Supplied by John Rees

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

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- February** 10th STOCQ AGM hosted by Gympie & DOS
23rd to 28th Tainan Taiwan TIOS & WOC
- March** 16th Maroochydore Orchid Society Closed Show
29th – 31st Gladstone & Foliage Orchid Society Show
29th & 30th Bribie Island Orchid Show
- April** 5th & 6th Sunshine Coast Orchid Show
12th & 13th Childers Isis District Orchid Show
13th & 14th Rockhampton Orchid Society Show
13th & 14th Pine Rivers Autumn Show
20th South Burnett Orchid Show Wondai
27th & 28th Gympie & District Orchid Show
- May** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Caboolture Closed Show
11th Maroochydore Orchid Society Closed Show
- June** STOCQ Meeting hosted by Calliope OFS
- July** 11th, 12th & 13th Caboolture OS Show
- August** 8th to 10th August Maroochydore Orchid Society Show
30th & 31st Childers Isis District Orchid Show
- September** 12th, 13th & 14th Maryborough Orchid Show
14th & 15th Rockhampton Orchid Society Show
20th & 21st Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
21st & 22nd Pine Rivers Spring Show
- October** 11th & 12th Bribie Island Orchid Show
- November** STOCQ Meeting hosted by Maroochydore OS

2025 Dates

- June** STOCQ Meeting hosted by Bundaberg Orchid Society
- October** STOCQ Meeting hosted by Nambour Orchid Society

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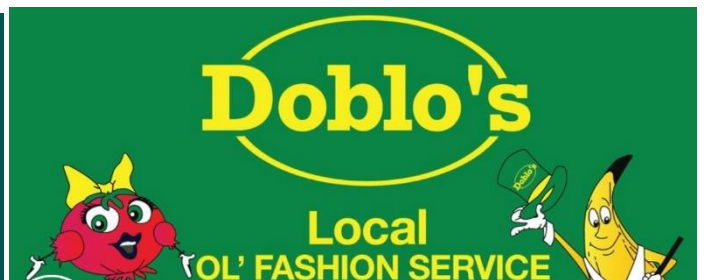
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