

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Editors notes

With our Spring Show just two weeks away, by the time members receive this newsletter I am sure they are now readying their orchids and compiling their lists as to what plants – both orchids and foliage - that they will consider entering into the Show. I have included the list of the registration persons again for those who can't find their August Newsletter. It is essential that all entries have barcode name tags not just orchids it now also includes all foliage plants. These lists must be given to the relevant person no later than Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Contact details for our registration persons are:-

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Our weather has again been very unpredictable we're still experiencing cool nights, but the daytime temperatures are now starting to feel almost like summer. It has been very confusing for our plants with softcane dendrobiums flowering earlier than usual; it will be interesting to see if there will be as many entries of this class for this show. My Catasetums are now showing lots of new growth and flower spikes forming, so maybe there will be a good number of entries in this class; it is a genera that is gaining popularity with members.

On a good note my forced retirement has ended and I commenced a new job on 28<sup>th</sup> August, my gardens and orchids houses benefited by the nine weeks I was unemployed, but my body was more than ready to return to an easier lifestyle.

We are still accepting items for our Spring Show Wheel Barrow raffle and these can be dropped off to Dave Eggleshaw at Ideal Electrical in Richardson Road prior to our show or take them to the Rockhampton High School hall on the Friday evening of the show. Contributions can be garden items, ornaments, potted plants, etc.

Table of Softcane  
Dendrobiums 2014  
Spring Show >



**Notice to Members - please assist with cleaning the hall after the meeting**  
**The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received**  
**by the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017; articles received after that date will be included in the**  
**following month. Ed.**

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry, Jeff & Bernard

Assistants - Nat Lakey,  
Trish Craig, Peter Jenkinson

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 26/09/17  
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by  
7.15pm

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**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**

**General Meeting Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** Nil

**Visitors:** Barbara and Peter Tutin from the Nambour Orchid Society.

**Lucky Number: 95** Y'vonne Manning

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

Moved E Dean                      Seconded M Maunder                      **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**IN – NEWSLETTERS**

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc.

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

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Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc.

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Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc.

The Orchid Society of NSW

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Emails re:

AOC AGM & BOM agendas, reports etc.

STOCQ & OQI meeting notices and subsequent amendments

Flyers for Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc. Orchid Extravaganza - 16 & 17 September 2017: Childers & Isis District

Orchid Soc. Spring Orchid Show – 1 & 2 September 2017

Thank you from Agnes Water Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. – participation in Expo – 11-13 August 2017

Orchids Australia - August

Australian Orchid Review – August /September

Australian Orchid Council Inc. – Letter re Combined Directors & Officers' Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance

Rock - Statements

**OUT**

Nil

Motion that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence endorsed:

Moved T Craig                      Seconded S Rowcliffe                      **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:**

No treasurer's report as the Bill is still away.

**General Business:**

Jeff Glover reported that he has booked a display stand for the society at the Spring Garden Spectacular Tropicana expo. This will be held at the Rockhampton Botanic Garden on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 9.00am.

Jeff Bloxson moved that two banners be purchased for general use, such as, at the Spring Garden Spectacular and Tropicana expo.

Seconded Sue Eggleshaw                      **Carried**

Repair of two of our large signs damaged by cyclone Debbie - cost \$212.

Moved P Jenkinson                      Seconded E Dean                      **Carried**

Show Dinner – cost \$ 20 per head. A White moved that the club subsidise the cost by \$5 per head.

Seconded S Rowcliffe                      **Carried**

Members cost will be \$15 per head for the dinner.

Displays – there will still be large displays and small displays as well as container displays.

Working Bee – will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Rockhampton High School from 2.00pm to set up the hall for the show.

Show Weekend - members will be able to set up their displays and table plants from 2.00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Sale plants can be brought in from 2.00pm as well. Lights will be turned out and doors locked at 8.00pm.

The price of sale plants must be in whole dollars only. Club commission is 20%.

There are new smaller plant sale labels available. These are green and cost \$1.00 for 20. The older pink labels can still be used if you still have some.

Foliage plants to be judged will require a Unique Number label as well this time.

### **New Growers Report:**

New grower's co-ordinator, David Eggleshaw, thanked Peter & Shae Tjerkstra for hosting the previous new grower's event. The next one will be at Michael & Sandra Rowcliffe's home on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 2.00pm.

### **Plant Commentary:**

Jeff Glover gave an informative commentary on the plants tabled.

John Frisch discussed the treatment of thrips as one of our members contacted him with a problem. A product called 'Success' was tried as it is not supposed to damage the flowers. The member reported that it seems to work.

**Exhibiter Raffle:** T March

**General Raffle:** S Khule, T Dean X 2, M Kydd, J Howes

Next committee meeting will be held at Jeff and Norma Glover's home on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 7.00pm.

*Jeff Bloxson* (President)

*Trish Craig* (Secretary)

### **Monthly Competition Results – August 2017.**

(Plants tabled: Advanced 47; Novice 35.)

#### Judges Choice

<i>Den. Tancho 'Crystal'</i>	J&S Frisch
<i>Den. teretifolium</i>	J&M Bloxson
<i>V. (Neost.) Pinky</i>	R.Wines

#### Popular Vote- Advanced.

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>C. (Lc.) Orglade's Grand 'Tien Mu'</i>	J&S Frisch
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Ctt. (Lc.) Fire Gem 'Capricorn's Clockwork Orange'</i>	J&S Frisch
Vandaceous	<i>V. Fuchs Sunset x V. Keereeboon</i>	T&M Handley
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Tancho 'Crystal'</i>	J&S Frisch
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Shin-Yi Heart</i>	K&R Smith
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. I-Hsin Sun Beauty</i>	T&M Handley
Oncidiinae	<i>Rrm. (Rdcm.) Molly</i>	K&R Smith
Species	<i>Den. teretifolium</i>	J&M Bloxson
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym. Oriental Legend</i>	K&R Smith

Novice.

Cattleya over 100mm  
Cattleya up to 100mm  
Vandaceous  
Dendrobium  
Miscellaneous

*Rth.* Sunstate's Ted-and-Alice 'Passion'  
*C.* Taida Swan 'Orchis'  
*V.* (Neost.) Pinky  
*Den.* "Coral Orange" (name not registered)  
*Ludisia discolor*

P&T Moore  
C.Christensen  
R.Wines  
T.March  
Y. Manning

**JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS**



< *Den.* Tancho 'Crystal –  
J & S Frisch

*Den. teretifolium* –  
J & M Bloxsom >



*V.* (Neost.) Pinky – R Wines >



# **New Growers Report**

## **David Eggleshaw**

Thank you to Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe for hosting the last new growers meeting, everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Sandra has a very large collection of orchids, ferns and bromeliads, which are housed in very well built green houses constructed by Michael. Everyone had plenty of time before and after the meeting to look through the green houses.

The usual afternoon tea and raffle was held and we spoke about our upcoming orchid show on the 23rd and 24th of September. We also spoke about the orchid plants that were de-flasked at Sandra's place 12 months ago and the use of Alginox in and around your green house.

Our next meeting will be held at Richard and Lynne Mann's home at 9 McArthy street, Gracemere on the 30th of September commencing at 2 o'clock .Please come along and bring a chair, a plate for afternoon tea and a plant or other item for the raffle if possible.

If you have any topics or articles that you would like covered at our meetings please email me.

Until the next meeting - happy growing.

*David Eggleshaw* (New Growers Leader)



The Rowcliffe's largest greenhouse which is 8m x 8m and has a frosted white polycarbonate roof and walls of 90% shade cloth. All greenhouses are constructed of 50mm square galvanised steel.

Below - The smallest of their four greenhouses which is 5m x 5m and completely clad in 90% shade cloth



**TRISH CRAIG - RA****BARRY ENGLISH - RB**

MEM NO	MEMBER NAME	MEM NO	MEMBER NAME
71	AHERN	83	BREINGAN
12	BLOXSOM	39	BILLS
7	CARR	49	CHRISTENSEN
29	CHIPPENDALE	19	CONNOLLY
66	CRAIG	109	EGGLESRAW
122	CROSLAND	84	ENGLISH
7	DAHLER	13	FRISCH
27	DEAN	17	GLOVER
63	GRAY	28	GUNDER
50	HILSIE	46	HANDLEY
57	HOWES	37	HOGAN
100	HUGHES	90	HOPES
120	I'ANSON	34	HUMBLE
43	JENKINSON	9	LAKEY
22	KIDMAN	64	LEDWAY
86	KYDD	67	LUCKE
78	LYONS	4	MARSDEN
107	MANN	95	MANNING
110	MARCH	18	MARCH
33	MARTIN	60	MIKKELSEN
118	MAUNDER	102	POWELL
36	MOORE	119	RANKIN
61	McKENZIE	121	ROWCLIFFE
8	PETERS	26	SMITH
96	RAWLINGS	56	SMITH
72	RICHARDSON	30	SORENSEN
40	WEAVER	11	TJERKSTRA
94	WINES	103	WALKER
		16	WHITE

**NB. If your name is not on the above lists and you have a plant to enter into the show – please contact either of the above organisers (contact numbers in Editor’s Note). You are no longer able to just put a plant in without registering same. You cannot print your own labels.**

## SEPTEMBER MEMBER PROFILE

### **SHAE TJERKSTRA**



Shae has been married to Pieter for 20 years. Pieter has 3 sons.

*< photo taken 2016 STOCQ Conference at Kawana*

She was originally from Emerald, and her family moved to Rockhampton when she was 11. Shae lived 2 doors down from Ellie's parents in Berserker Street

Shae is a working girl and has been employed with KDF Accountants for 7 years as their administration/reception person. Prior to this she worked 34 years with Woolworths in all areas of their business including stores, area office and the regional office in a range of administration, training and project roles.

Shae became a member of ROSI about 3 years ago. Friend David Eggleshaw was interested in orchids and had decided to join the club, so when Sue & David Eggleshaw asked Shae if she would like to join the club she said "yes" – the new growers group was of interest to Shae to help her learn more about caring for orchids not just the watering them.

She has always been interested in orchids and once had a small greenhouse - but the extent of her expertise of growing orchids was to water & fertilise.....

Shae's love of orchids came from her grandmother who had a large collection.

Shae's has only a small range of genera but has an interest in species orchids. She is still making up her mind as to what type she will eventually grow in her collection, she likes small delicate orchids and orchids that are different. A pipe dream is Australian natives.

She only has a small greenhouse area and does not plan to enlarge her collection until she has retired, either when she & Pieter have relocated or settled down in their current location.

Shae enjoys going into her orchid collection and finding when a plant has starting to send out a flower stem.

She enjoys the new growers group and the trips away – it gives her opportunities to find ideas for her garden. She also loves learning about other plants from growers and the fact that the club members are not totally focused on just orchids and are always happy to share ideas.





## Ellie's Corner



Hello everyone. Welcome to Ellie's Corner for September 2017.

Ray and Gay Bills have a new addition to their family – a fur baby (4 months old Border Collie). She is called Bindi and is white and caramel in colour, and is short haired. Her hair is growing darker as she gets older. She is growing very quickly and is just simply adorable. Bindi is a lucky puppy going to such a happy home and will bring the family much joy.

I have been talking to Zoe Kidman. She had a fall at home on 31<sup>st</sup> July and this meant she had to have her right hip replaced at the Base Hospital. Zoe has been in considerable pain but said she has greatly appreciated the visits, texts, phone calls etc. from friends in our Orchid Society. She looks forward to being discharged in the near future when she will go to her daughter Angela at Moura to recuperate. Our love and prayers are with you Zoe.

Margaret Lyons underwent surgery in Brisbane on 14<sup>th</sup> June to reattach the tendons back on her left hip. She is at home on crutches and when I spoke to her on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, she told me she was making progress. She sees her specialist in Brisbane on 19<sup>th</sup> September and we all pray she will be off the crutches, and on the way to a full recovery. Love and best wishes.

Comments on recent trip by members Trish & Neil Craig and Bill & Moyna Richardson. We all set off on this adventure in July by flying to Broome and spending a day there prior to start our 15 day APT coach trip in the Kimberleys. It's a vast area - from memory 3 times the size of Victoria - and not many inhabitants over much of the area. We were in 4WD Mercedes coaches specially built for rough roads and water crossings at rivers. At times the roads were very rough, but it was very comfortable on board - air conditioned and no dust. We travelled about 3100 kilometres all told with some days being early starts. The accommodation in three places was in special APT camps with very comfortable tents, with ensuites and hot showers. The food was great and we ate in a central, open air dining complex. These camps were sited in very isolated locations, often with a running creek in which we could swim (ie, no crocs). Any tidal rivers are full of crocs in the lower reaches.

We had a couple of cold nights especially in the Bungle Bungles as it borders the Tanami Desert. We saw indigenous art in caves and had some helicopter flights. Also we had a great, high-speed cruise on the Ord River from Lake Argyle to Kununurra. On returning to Broome we enjoyed seeing the "stairway to the stars" phenomenon with a full moon on the shores of Roebuck Bay. Next leg was a cruise on a small exploration-type ship (ie, 100 passengers) from Broome to Darwin over 10 days. It was more restful and we're glad we did it after the land trip. It's very special to see the Kimberley coast by boat as it's mostly inaccessible from the land. We spent many hours exploring gorges, reefs and coral atolls in zodiacs (ie, rubber dinghies which carried 8-10 people) with great guides. The geology of the coast is quite different to the land in many places and its very colourful and spectacular. We saw crocs, birdlife and marine creatures. All up, a great trip and so different to other parts of Australia and we all reached home safely. Thank you to Neil for this report.

Sharon Frisch writes "Late July after stocking the freezer with home-cooked meals and filling all the cake tins, Sharyn Frisch left with daughter Shelley and sister-in-law Ruth for 3 weeks in Scandinavia, Finland & Russia. A bus tour through the beautiful Norwegian countryside also allowed a trip on the Flam to the magnificent Sognefjord and a cruise along what is considered the most beautiful fjord in the country. A road trip included the beautiful towns of Bergen and Stavanger before crossing into Denmark.

*An opportunity to taste test both Whale meat and reindeer was declined. Colourful Copenhagen and its canals, Little Mermaid, Rosenberg Castle and the famous Tivoli Gardens were enjoyed. After finding the home where Hans Christian Andersen was born & raised in Odense, we found the house where he lived as an adult in Copenhagen. We wandered around the grounds of the Royal Palace, but Princess Mary was not home to receive us! From there a 5 1/2 hour trip on the fast train took us to Stockholm, Sweden. We wandered the Fjallgatan, the Old Town with its fascinating narrow cobblestoned alleys, the Royal Palace, wonderful harbour cruise and the recreational island Djurgarden to the fabulous Vasa Museum and the ABBA Museum where we sang with the virtual foursome!!! Of course we ate and enjoyed Swedish Meatballs, washed down with Pear Cider! In Stockholm we boarded a Russian ship to Helsinki, a lovely vibrant city full of parks and flowers. Overnight cruising got us to St Petersburg where we found Passport Control an experience to positively turn you off getting into Russia! The home of more than 600 palaces, every building is an architectural delight. Peter & Paul Fortress, the Faberge Museum, The Hermitage, the awe inspiring & unique Church of the Spilled Blood, dinner & Folk Show at the Nikolai Palace were certainly highlights. However nothing could prepare us for the overstated beauty & magnificence of Peterhof and the surrounding gardens. In spite of a bygone era of wealth and opulence, it was interesting to find that there is still no potable water reticulated to homes/apartments. Occupants have to buy their supply or drive to a well on the outskirts of town! All of these countries are very clean, boasting wonderful parks & gardens which were in full bloom when we were there. There was a notable absence of roadside litter and roadkill. From Helsinki on our last day, we made the 2 hour ferry trip across the Baltic to visit the old city of Tallin, the capital of Estonia. The long arduous flights are compensated by the wonderful sights and education these trips offer. It was our first experience on an A380-800 and we had seats on the upper deck - it's a miracle these aircraft get off the ground! We 3 girls had a wonderful trip with lots of laughs and chatter - there's nothing like travel for an education.*

*With just enough time to recover from jet-lag, and refurbish the cake tins, Sharyn flew to Townsville for a couple of days to get her "Riley (granddaughter) fix". She is a delightful little girl, now 9months, who is now crawling and with her own unique little wave. It was important that she got some cuddles in before Katie (daughter-in-law) and Riley return to the States for 3 months to spend some time with the other Grandma. They will return just in time for a Great Keppel Island holiday and Christmas in Rockhampton". Thank you, Sharyn. What a wonderful holiday you enjoyed.*

We extend our condolences to John and Mirella Sorensen and family on the passing of John's beloved mother, Edna, recently. We also send our sympathy to John's brothers Noel, Kevin, and Robert and his sister Barbara and their families. Their mother was 86 and the youngest of 14 children and the last of her generation! What stories she could tell and what changes happened in her lifetime! Our prayers are with you John and Mirella.

Bill Richardson showed his dedication to our Society when he and Moyna came to our Committee Meeting on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. However he did have a candle on a cake and all present sang "Happy Birthday". Bill's family is going out to celebrate tonight with their daughter Kathleen whose Birthday falls today (2<sup>nd</sup> September).



Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in October: Monique Teghe 2<sup>nd</sup>, Peter Rankin 3<sup>rd</sup>, Trevor Handley 7<sup>th</sup>, Bryan Weaver 20<sup>th</sup>.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

*Ellie*

# Popular Vote Winners – September Meeting

V. Fuchs Sunset x V. Keereeboon - T&M Handley



Ludisia discolor - Y Manning



C. Orglade's Grand 'Tien Mu' -



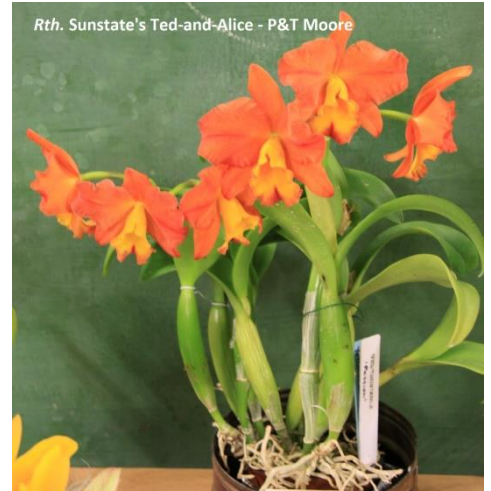
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Rrm. Molly - K&R Smith



Ctt. Fire Gem 'Capricorn's Clockwork Orange' - J&S Frisch



C. Taida Swan 'Orchis' - C Christensen



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### **Your 2017 ROSI Orchid Diary**

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September – Maryborough Orchid Show

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September – ROSI Spring Show

22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Glasshouse Country Orchid Show

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October – Nambour Species Show

4<sup>th</sup> November – STOCQ Meeting – hosted by Glasshouse  
Country Orchid Club

8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November – World Orchid Conference Ecuador

18<sup>th</sup> November – ROSI Christmas Barbecue

10<sup>th</sup> December – ROSI Christmas Dinner & Awards  
Evening – Frenchville Sports Club

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding December) at St Stephens Presbyterian Church Hall, Burnett Street, Nth. Rockhampton. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and plants must be tabled by 7.15pm

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