



Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc. presents, *'The Observer'*

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The August cultural meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st at 7.30pm **Guest speaker Wayne Harris.**

CULTURAL MEETING

Cultural Meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Girl Guide Hall, Beach Road, Maroochydore, 7.30pm. AGM will be held at October meeting. Members and visitors are welcome. All plants to be tabled by 7.30pm for judging.

JULY MEETING talk by DUNCAN McMartin

A number of society members at recent shows have asked me about imported Chinese honey. At a recent Queensland Beekeepers Conference the following information was gathered. Australia produced 13000 tonnes of honey in 2106, exported 4000 tonnes and imported 9000 tonnes of Chinese honey. Back in the eighties Australia produced 30000 tonnes of honey, but drought and dwindling access to forests had taken its toll. The Capilano Company believes this figure is too low as they bought 10000 tonnes of local honey. Most major packers and smaller packers are using Chinese honey, much of which is going into generic brands.

Chinese honey is now regarded as very clean as everybody is testing it. It is said not to have a single grain of pollen in it. Capilano brand honey is 100% Australian but they have imported honey in their Allowrie brand possibly Chinese or Argentinean. They import canola honey from China, blend it with Argentinean and Australian and sell it back to the Chinese for baby food. If you would like to try Chinese blend, some stores have it.

I also heard about Bell Miners destroying patches of forest. The bellbirds are not pecking trees to bits, but are contributing to large increases in psyllids. Psyllids suck the sap from tree leaves and produce honey dew. This hardens into a shell around them. Bellbirds love this and eat it. In plantations of single species there are less small birds to eat the psyllids, so they breed up providing more food for bellbirds which flock like noisy miners and chase the other birds away. With low predators left the psyllids breed up until they are sucking all the sap in the leaves and the trees die slowly.

MAROOCHYDORE ORCHID SHOW

Members are required for set up Thursday 3rd August from 12 midday, Open Friday and Saturday 4th and 5th August. **YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED**

To ensure we have a successful show and at the same time have a good social time your assistance would be appreciated in the following areas for the duration of the show.

Setting up show and plant sales tables, admission, raffle sales, plant sales, providing finger food for Thursday night meal, catering for duration of the show, kitchen duties, security, wherever help is required and final day pull down and cleaning.

Supper Roster for 2017

Please put 2 names beside each month. This makes sure we have supper even if someone is away.

August: Loraine Hocking, John Salway

September: Kev Rimmington, _____

October: Del Whittaker, Marg Lenz

November: _____, _____

CULTURAL MEETING RESULTS

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
NOVICE		
1	C Momilani Rainbow x Blc Topaz Dancer	C Momilani Rainbow x Blc Topaz Dancer
Member	R Bryan	R Bryan
2	Lc Love Sound x Lc Deception Drop	
Member	R Bryan	
3	C unknown	
Member	J McLoughlan	
SPECIES		
1	Epi stanfordium	Epi stanfordium
Member	L Hocking	L Hocking
2	Rhy gigantea	
Member	L Hocking	
3	Bulb lasiachilum	
Member	D McMartin	

FOLIAGE		
1	Tillandsia stricta	
Member	L Hocking	
2	Aglomina	
Member	L Hocking	
3	Dieffenbachia	
Member	J McLoughlin	
CATTELYA		
1	Rth Free Spirit x Renea Marcus	Blc Dal's Grace x Pot Dal's Moon
Member	L Hocking	F & M Lenz
2	Rlc Goldenzelle	
Member	B Letcher	
3	Houska Sagodoll	
Member	L Hocking	
DENDROBIUM		
1	D Angel Baby	D Angel Baby
Member	J Mercieca	J Mercieca
2	D glomnesatum x D subuesii	
Member	K Howatson	
3	Limited entries	
Member		
ONCIDIUM		
1	Col Sharry Baby	Onc Twinkle
Member	P Henssler OAM	P Henssler OAM
2	Onc Twinkle	
Member	P Henssler OAM	
3	Bllra Morvick	
Member	L Hocking	
VANDA		
1	V Gordon Dillion	V Gordon Dillion
Member	L Hocking	L Hocking
2	V Kultana Gems	
Member	L Hocking	
3	V Pachara Delight	
Member	K Howatson	
OTHER GENERA		
1	Bulb Wilberchang	Bulb Wilberchang
Member	L Hocking	L Hocking
2	Cym Nip	
Member	K Rimmington	
3	Lyc Atlantis x Lyca Gyra	
Member	P Henssler OAM	
OVERALL WINNER Vanda Gordon Dillion L Hocking		

Sale plants at cultural meetings

Members may bring plants to sell at meetings. So be prepared and bring little extra cash if you are interested in buying.

CULTURAL MEETING PHOTOS



V PACHARA DELIGHT



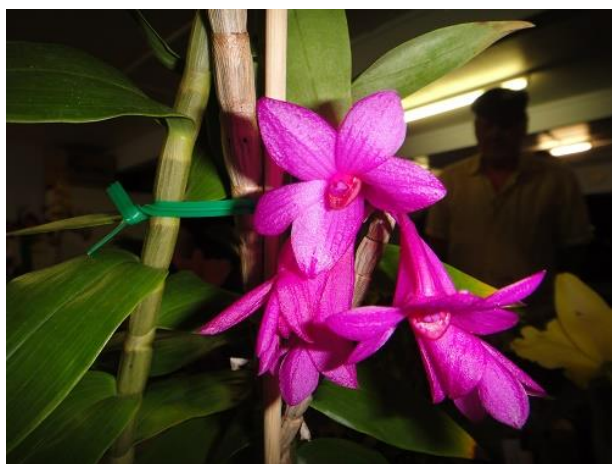
V GORDON DILLION



V KULTANA GEMS



Lyc ATLANTIS X Lyc GYRA



Den glomeaetum x sukuesii



Epi standfordium



Den ANGEL BABY



Rlc GOLDENZELLE

CABOOLTURE SHOW RESULTS

Maroochydore was placed fourth in the Display Results with 82.5 points. Congratulations to Kathy and Lorraine for the super effort in arranging our well laid out display. To improve for future displays we need to work on our variety, and labels.

Member prize winners:

NAME	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Duncan McMartin	1	2	1
John Salway	1	—	1
Fred & Marg Lenz	1	3	1
Lorraine Hocking	1	2	-
Kathy Howatson	-	-	1
Bill Letcher	-	-	1



OUR DISPLAY



CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

FOTORE INTERNATIONAL / AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES AND shows

- 2017 5 – 6 August WA Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show Rendezvous Hotel Scarborough
- 2017 8 – 11 November 22nd World Orchid Conference & Show, Guayaquil Ecuador
- 2018 18 – 22 July Orchids in the Foothills, 21st AOC Conference & Show, Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, South Windsor NSW
- 2019 14 – 15 September STOCQ Orchidfest Rockhampton OS

2017 CALENDAR

Society Show Dates: Bold indicates, _Maroochydore Shows

Maroochydore OS Show Benching Show	Millwell Rd Community Hall	Set Up Thursday 4.00pm Judging 7.00pm Show Friday, Saturday	3rd August 4th, August 8.30am to 4.00pm 5th August 8.30am to 2.30pm
STOCQ Meeting	Agnes Waters Community Centre	Saturday	12 th August
Agnes Waters O&FS Show	Agnes Waters Community Centre	Set Up Friday 11 th Saturday	12 th August
Nambour OS Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Set Up Thursday Friday, Saturday	31 st August 1 ST , 2 nd September
Glasshouse Country OS Show	Beerwah Hall	Set Up Friday, Saturday	21 st September 22 nd , 23 rd September
Nambour Species Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Set Up Thursday Friday, Saturday	26 th October 27 th , 28 th October
STOCQ & OQI meeting	Glasshouse TBA	Saturday	4 th November
Pumicestone OS Show	CT Williams Hall Caboolture Showgrounds	Saturday, Sunday	4 th , 5 th November

LIBRARY

An orchid book library is available at the Girl Guide Hall for all members to use. Please ensure borrowed books are signed out by our Librarian, Joe Merieca.

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CONTACT THE EDITOR**

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