



Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc. presents, 'The Observer'

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CULTURAL MEETING TOPIC

The Procedure to be followed if you wish to have an orchid awarded, presented by Bill Letcher

Step 1 Contact a judge in the society who will organise 2 or 3 judges to come and look at the plant in question. We have several judges who can be contacted: Kathy Howatson, John Salway, Bill Letcher, Royal Rea, Rod Aisthorpe, Eric Ernest.

Step 2 If the plant is worth putting up for an award, those judges will contact the registrar and he/she will put out an email to all judges in the area to meet at a time and place suitable for the judging to take place.

Step 3 The judges that turn up for the judging are the judging panel. They will assess the plant and can give;

(a) **A Quality Award**, 85 points out of a possible for FCC, 80 points out of a possible 100 for AM, 75 points out of a possible 100 for HCC.

(b) **An Award of Distinction**, For a plant to receive an AD it must have some feature outstandingly distinctive.

(c) **A Certificate of Botanical Merit**, For a plant to receive a CBM it must be a species or natural hybrid that is rare or unusual in cultivation.

(d) **An Award for Excellence of Plant Culture**, For a plant to receive an ACC, ACM, or ACE the plant must exhibit excellence in culture.

Step 4 When the award is given, the registrar and owner will fill out necessary paperwork with size, colour and growing history. A minimum of 12 photos will be taken and attached to the award. This will be submitted to the Registrar-General of the Australian Orchid Council for ratification and a number will be given to the award. For the award to be registered with The Royal Horticultural Society, RHS, it will cost \$35. **Step 5** Wait for the certificate and the accolades.

Judges Cultural Meeting Results

Cattleya		Dendrobium	
1	C Precious Stones x C Caudebec	1	D. Airy Crimson
Member	Bill Letcher	Member	Joe Mercieca
2	Rlc Village Chief	2	D. Aree Dang
Member	Loraine Hocking	Member	Joe Mercieca
3	Lc Chunlong Smile	3	D. Aree Dang "Green"
Member	Loraine Hocking	Member	Joe Mercieca
Vanda		Oncidium	
1	V Rasri Gol x (Dr Anek x Fuchs Sunset)	1	Aliceara Pacific Nova
Member	Loraine Hocking	Member	Loraine Hocking
2	V Banghuentien Gold x miniatum	2	Com Alosuka
Member	Loraine Hocking	Member	Loraine Hocking
3	V Gordon Dillion	3	Onc Pacific Matriach
Member	Rod Aisthorpe	Member	Loraine Hocking
Any other Genera		Species	
1	Spathoglottis Lemon Kiss	1	Rhy retusa
Member	Ian Walker	Member	Loraine Hocking
2	Spathoglottis unknown	2	L kettiana
Member	Ian Walker	Member	Kathy Howatson
3	Paph Armeni White	3	C bicolor
Member	Royal Rea	Member	Bill Letcher
Foliage			
1	Pilea		
Member	Bill Letcher		
2	Fern		
Member	Loraine Hocking		
3	Fittonia		
Member	Loraine Hocking		



C Precious Stones x C Caudebec



Rlc Village Chief North



Lc Chunlong Smile



Den. Airy Crimson



Den. Aree Dang



V. Rasri Gold x (Dr Anek x Fuchs Sunset)



Rhy. retusa



Paph. Armeni White



Onc. Pacific Matriach



Spathoglottis Lemon Kisses

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.

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th at 7.30pm.

CONTROLLED RELEASE FERTILISER

Controlled release fertiliser will be available at the meetings for \$7 per kilogram.

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL /AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES AND SHOWS

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

2018 CALENDAR

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SET UP</u>	<u>SHOW DAYS/TIMES</u>
Childers Isis District OS	Isis Cultural Centre, Childers	Friday 16 th March	Saturday 17 th March
Maroochydore OS Show	Buderim Uniting Church Hall King & Gloucester Rd's Buderim	Saturday 17th March 6am	Saturday 17th March 8am - 2pm
Bribie Island OS Easter Show	Orchid House 156A First Av Bribie Island	Thursday 29 th March	Friday & Saturday 30/31st March
Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Show	Bill Robertson Toyota Hanson Rd Gladstone	Thursday 29th March	Friday 30th March Saturday 31st March Sunday 1st April
Queensland Orchid Society Show	Auditorium Botanic Gardens Mt Cootha	na	Friday 30 th March Saturday 31 st March
Sunshine Coast O S Caloundra Show	Uniting Church hall cnr Ulm & Queen St	Thursday 5 th April	Friday 6 th April Saturday 7 th April
Rockhampton Orchid Society Show	Rockhampton State High School Campbell St	na	Saturday 14 th April Sunday 15 th April
South Burnett OS Show	RSL Hall Wondai	Friday 20 th & Saturday 21 st April before 8am	Saturday 21 st April
Gympie Garden Expo & Orchid Show	Gympie Showgrounds Pavilion	Friday 4 th May	Saturday 5 th May 8am -4pm Sunday 6 th May 8am – 3pm
Bundaberg OS Show	Bundaberg Civic Centre	Thursday 10 th May	Friday 11 th May Saturday 12 th May Sunday 13 th May
Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Show	CWA hall Cooroy (closed show)	na	Friday 11 th May Saturday 12 th May
Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Show	St Francis Primary School Francis Way off Hampton Drive Tannum Sands	Friday 25 th May @3.30pm	Saturday 26 th May Sunday 27 th May
Tweed District OS Show	Tweed City Shopping Centre	Wednesday 30 th May	Thurs/Frid/Sat 31/5,1/6,2/6
STOCQ MEETING Maryborough & District OS	St. Paul's Church Hall, Corner Adelaide and Ellena Streets, Maryborough.	na	Saturday 16 th June
Caboolture OS Show	Morayfield Community Hall	Thursday 19 th July	Friday 20 th July Saturday 21 st July Sunday 22 nd July
Combined Societies Workshop	Howard	na	Saturday 14 th July
Maroochydore Orchid Society Show	Millwell Rd Community Hall	Thursday 9th August	Friday 10th August Saturday 11th August
Agnes Waters OS Show	Agnes Waters Community Hall	Friday 10th August	Saturday 11 th August Sunday 12 th August
Nambour OS Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 31 st August Saturday 1 st September
Childers & Isis OS Show	Isis Cultural Centre, Childers	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 31 st August Saturday 1 st September
Maryborough & District OS Spring Show	St. Paul's Church Hall, Corner Adelaide and Ellena Streets, Maryborough.	Wednesday 12 th September	Thursday 13 th September Friday 14 th September
Noosa Orchid & Foliage Society Show	Cooroy RSL Hall (if renovated)	Thursday 13 th September	Friday 14 th September Saturday 15 th September
Glasshouse Country OS Show	Beerwah Community Hall	Thursday 20 th September	Friday 21 st September Saturday 22 nd September
Hervey Bay Orchid & Garden Spectacular	Xavier Catholic College 1 Wide Bay Drive Eli Waters H/B	Thursday 27 th September	Friday 28 th September Saturday 29 th September Sunday 30 th September
Rockhampton Orchid Society	Rockhampton SHS	na	Saturday 29 th September

Show	Campbell St		Sunday 30 th September
Bribie Island Orchid Society Show	Orchid House 156A First Avenue	Thursday 11th October	Friday 12 th October Saturday 13 th October
Nambour OS Species Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 1 st November	Friday 2 nd November Saturday 3 rd November
STOCQ meeting Caboolture OS	tba	na	Saturday 10 th November
STOCQ 2019 AGM	Albert Bowls Club Gympie	na	Saturday 9th February 2019

Supper Roster for 2018

March: Joanne McLoughlin, _____

April: Joe Mercieca, _____

May: Richard Bryan, _____

June: Loraine Hocking & John Salway

July: Ian Walker, _____

August: Kathy Howatson, Billy Letcher

September: Del Whittaker, Kev Rimmington

October: Fred & Marg Lenz

November: _____, _____

BUSH HOUSE VISITS (MOS members only)

HOSTS

- The home of Joe Mercieca Sunday 11th March @ 1.30 pm, 44 Glenlea Drive Maroochydore Waters. Tea and coffee will be available for afternoon tea.
- The home of Bill Letcher Sunday 15th April @10 am, 118 Mapleton Rd Nambour. We will go over the road to the cafe for coffee.

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 Mercieca.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING ARTICLE TO SHARE IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR

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