



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

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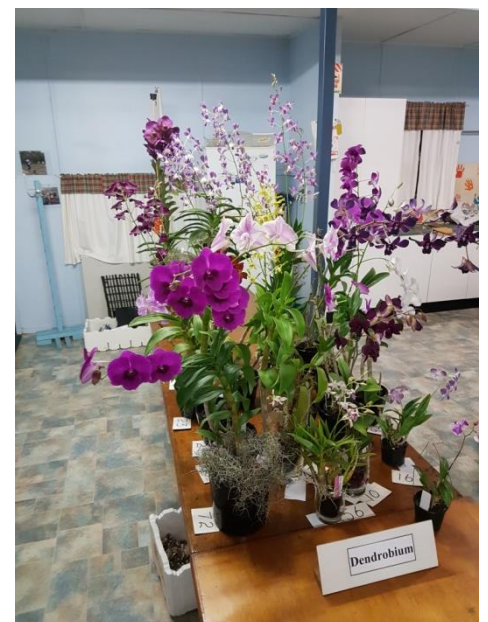
**The next cultural meeting is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

## **June Cultural Meeting Talk**

### **Topic: Growing Hard Cane Dendrobiums by John Salway**

**The** three types of hard cane dendrobiums are spatulata, intermedia and phalaenanthé. Growing these types of orchids requires warmth in cooler months, bright light 50% shade cloth covered with either clear solar weave or clear alsynite sheeting, whilst others may use white solar weave. It is most important that the roof should be situated well above the orchid foliage and flower spikes. Conditions should mimic the environment from where the dendrobiums are naturally located. Most phalaenanthé dendrobiums like a resting period during the cooler months, therefore watering is greatly reduced. Spatulata, intermedia dendrobiums require a little more watering as they still continue to grow slowly.

Re-potting for most hard cane dendrobiums occurs only around September and October just as the new growth appears.



Watering is then increased and I change to Calcium Nitrate fertiliser 15.5%N, Ca 19% when the new growth is approximately 25mm long so that you get maximum growth to produce strong spikes in the New Year. As the new growth develops I spray every three weeks with Yates Rose Shield to control Red Spider and or carbendazim to prevent fungal attacks which won't appear till the following autumn. Once I see the first flower spike in Dendrobium bigibbum around early January I change to Peters Professional Blossom Booster 10% N, 30% P, 20%K + 2% Mg +Fe as you want flowers not growth. I soak Kiwi bark No3 in water with a small amount of dolomite added or I use Orchiata Power 12mm to 18mm straight out of the bag. Small pots are placed in aluminium hangers suspended from barbed wire.

All watering and fertilising is done by hand because the roofs are covered all year. The watering hoses are fitted with Mag-Amp Nutriflow fertilising systems. In warmer months I water early, every second morning. I fertilise every week and in cooler months only on warm days which have lots of sunlight between 9.00-10.00am. Watering in cooler months depends on weather conditions.

### JUNE CULTURAL MEETING RESULTS

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
NOVICE		
1	<i>Den. Topaz Dream x Den. Sophie Domro X Den Doreen</i>	<i>Den. Topaz Dream x Den. Sophie Domro X Den Doreen</i>
Member	Joanne McLoughlin	Joanne McLoughlin
SPECIES		
1	<i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i>	<i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i>
Member	Fred & Marg Lenz	Fred & Marg Lenz
2	<i>Den bigibbum</i>	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>Bulb. lasiochilum</i>	
Member	Duncan McMartin	
FOLIAGE		
1	Aglaonema	Aglaonema
Member	Loraine Hocking	Loraine Hocking
2	Fittonia	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
3	Maidenhair Fern	
Member	Desiree Watson	
ONCIDIUM		
1	<i>Onc. Alosaka</i>	<i>Onc. Alosaka</i>
Member	Loraine Hocking	Loraine Hocking
2	<i>Onc. Wildcat</i>	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
3	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
DENDROBIUM		
1	<i>Den. Banyodt Pints</i>	<i>Den. Banyodt Pints</i>
Member	John Salway	John Salway
2	<i>Den. Masaka Taka</i>	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>Den. Blue Foxtail</i>	
Member	Joe Merieca	

CATTLEYA		
1	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Storm</i>	<i>Rlc. Wainanae Leopard</i>
Member	Fred & Marg Lenz	Lorraine Hocking
2	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Charm</i>	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>Rlc. Wainanae Leopard</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
VANDA		
1	<i>Vanda</i> Catherine McCarthy x <i>V. Bitz Heartthrob</i>	<i>Vanda</i> Catherine McCarthy x <i>V. Bitz Heartthrob</i>
Member	John Salway	John Salway
2	<i>Vanda</i> Banghuntian Gold x <i>V. miniatum</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
3	<i>Vanda</i> Kulwadee Fragrance	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
ANY OTHER GENERA		
1	<i>Glpm</i> (Giant x Arthur Elle)	<i>Glpm</i> (Giant x Arthur Elle)
Member	Lorraine Hocking	Lorraine Hocking
2	<i>Cal. Viesta</i>	
Member	Ian Walker	
3	<i>Paph. Leeaunum</i>	
Member	Barry Cheeseman	
OVERALL WINNER <i>Oncidiun. Alosaka</i> Lorraine Hocking		

### June Winners



*Rlc Burdekin Storm*



*Rlc Burdekin Charm*



*Rlc Wainanae Leopard*





***Den. Banyadt Pink***



***Den. Masaka Taka***



***Den. Blue Foxtail***



***V. Catherine McCarthy x V. Bitz  
Heartthrob***

***V. Kulwadee Fragrance***



***Onc. Wildcat***



***Onc. Sharry Baby***



***Glpm. (Giant x Arthur Elle)***



***Rl. digbyana***

***Cal. Viesta***







***Paph. Leeanum***



**Maidenhair fern**

**Plant of the Month of June grown by Loraine Hocking**

**Oncidium Alosuka**

This Oncidium is grown in my small bush house under 50% shade cloth with solar weave on the roof. The bush house is filled with mainly Oncidiums and some foliage plants under the benches. I water early every day in the summer, less in the winter depending on how dry the pots and bark become. At the moment it is twice a week. Grasshoppers seem to find a way into the bush house in the summer to chew on the juicy foliage, so I am on patrol often to look for them. I spray with Rose Shield every couple of weeks and fertilise once a week in winter with Peters Bloom Booster. In summer I rotate between calcium nitrate and Orchidaceous Supplies Growth fertilizer. Re-potting is done when necessary in a medium and fine mix purchased from Orchidaceous Supplies. When re-potting I sprinkle some Osmocote slow release fertilizer and a small amount of lime around the top. I have two or three plants of Oncidium Alosuka in my bush house. It is a favourite and never fails to impress with its eye catching blooms...a must for anyone wanting to have a go at growing Oncidiums.



## **Supper Roster for 2018**

June: Loraine Hocking & John Salway

July: Barry Woods & Barry Cheeseman

August: Kathy Howatson, Billy Letcher

September: Del Whittaker, Kev Rimmington

October: Fred & Marg Lenz

November: \_Joe Merieca, Peter Henssler

## **FUTURE INTERNATIONAL /AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES AND SHOWS**

2018 18 – 22 July Orchids in the Foothills, 21<sup>st</sup> AOC Conference & Show, Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, South Windsor NSW

2019 14 – 15 September STOCQ Orchidfest Rockhampton OS

## **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

## **Botanical Quiz**

Completed terms .

WORD	MEANING
ovate	Egg -shaped
petiole	The stalk joining a leaf to a stem or pseudobulb
xeric	Very dry; an environment with little moisture
concave	Bowl-shaped
apex	Tip or top
elliptic	Oval
greges	Plural of grex; hybrids
rhizome	The horizontal stem connecting growths of a sympodial orchid such as a cattleya
terete	Pencil-shaped

ARANBEEM ORCHIDS WINTER SALE 2018
Priests Rd Deception Bay
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 9am-4pm

## **2018 CALENDAR**

<u><b>EVENT</b></u>	<u><b>LOCATION</b></u>	<u><b>SET UP</b></u>	<u><b>SHOW DAYS/TIMES</b></u>
Caboolture OS Show	Morayfield Community Hall	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> July Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Combined Societies Workshop	Howard	n/a	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Maroochydore Orchid Society Show</b>	<b>Millwell Rd Community Hall</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>
Agnes Waters OS Show	Agnes Waters Community Hall	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Nambour OS Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Childers & Isis OS Show	Isis Cultural Centre, Childers	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Maryborough & District OS Spring Show	St. Paul's Church Hall, Corner Adelaide and Ellena Streets, Maryborough.	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Noosa Orchid & Foliage Society Show	Cooroy RSL Hall (if renovated)	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Glasshouse Country OS Show	Beerwah Community Hall	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Hervey Bay Orchid & Garden Spectacular	Xavier Catholic College 1 Wide Bay Dve Eli Waters H/B	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Rockhampton Orchid Society Show	Rockhampton SHS Campbell St	na	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Bribie Island Orchid Society Show	Orchid House 156A First Avenue	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
Nambour OS Species Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
STOCQ meeting Caboolture OS	tba	n/a	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>STOCQ 2019 AGM</b>	<b>Albert Bowls Club Gympie</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>

**IT'S OUR SHOWTIME in AUGUST**

### **Maroochydore Orchid Society Annual Show**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August (set up) ; Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Show open days**

Our annual show is coming; can you help during the show?

We will need numerous helpers each day of the show.

It will soon be time to prepare your plants for the show bench and get ready any plants you may wish to sell.

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

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