



Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc. presents, 'The Observer'

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The next cultural meeting is Tuesday 4th September

August Cultural Meeting Talk

A briefing by Duncan and Kathy relating to our forthcoming show highlighted the tasks required to set up for the show and explained the various sections and times when members assistance would be necessary to ensure a smoothly run show. A roster sheet was made available for members to indicate where and on what they could help.

AUGUST CULTURAL MEETING RESULTS

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
NOVICE		
1	<i>Phal.</i> unknown	<i>Phal</i> unknown
Member	Barry Woods	Barry Woods
2	<i>C.</i> Yellow Bird	
Member	Barry Woods	
SPECIES		
1	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	
Member	Loraine Hocking	<i>Rhy gigantea</i>
2	<i>V. testacea</i>	Loraine Hocking
Member	Loraine Hocking	
3	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	
Member	John Salway	

FOLIAGE		
1	Aglaonema	Aglaonema
Member	Loraine Hocking	Loraine Hocking
2	Fittonia	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
3	<i>Fern</i>	
Member	<i>Desiree Watson</i>	
ONCIDIUM		
1	<i>Ocdm.</i> Sunlight	<i>Ocdm.</i> Sunlight
Member	Loraine Hocking	Loraine Hocking
2	<i>Wils.</i> Tan Treasure	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
3	<i>Milt.</i> unknown	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
DENDROBIUM		
1	<i>Den.</i> Rosella	<i>Den.</i> Rosella
Member	John Salway	John Salway
2	<i>Den.</i> Golden Green	
Member	Joe Merciacca	
3	<i>Den.</i> Pewee x <i>Den.</i> Rutherford Starburst	
Member	John Salway	
CATTLEYA		
1	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Bells	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Bells
Member	John Salway	John Salway
2	<i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Monarch x <i>Rlc.</i> California Girl	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Storm	
Member	Fred/Marg Lenz	
VANDA		
1	<i>Ryps.</i> Dixie Delight	<i>V.</i> Susan Ong Ah Mooi
Member	Loraine Hocking	Loraine Hocking
2	<i>V.</i> unknown	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
3	<i>V.</i> Susan Ong Ah Mooi	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
ANY OTHER GENERA		
1	<i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean	<i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean
Member	Loraine Hocking	<i>Loraine Hocking</i>
2	<i>Cym.</i> Nip	
Member	<i>Loraine Hocking</i>	
3	<i>Paph.</i> Greenville	
Member	Loraine Hocking	
OVERALL WINNER <i>Rhy. gigantea</i> Loraine Hocking		

Plant of the Month of August by Loraine Hocking

This *Rhynchostylis gigantea* was brought back from a Thailand trip in flask a couple of years ago. It was purchased as being white but this one has a soft pink blush on the lip. It, like most of my rhynchostylis, has a special spot in my orchid house in a humid coolish spot, smaller ones on the bench and bigger ones hanging. Direct sunlight can burn the leaves. This year, as soon as the buds appeared, I brought them inside into the laundry hanging on the window sills, as some are susceptible to dropping buds in the cold. I think being inside in the warm did help, but it is a bit of extra work taking them out every second morning, putting them on a stand for watering and some early morning sun. I think it is worth the extra effort for this beautiful species.

Fertilizer is the same as everything else in the orchid house, Peters Flower Booster in the winter months and calcium nitrate in the summer. I fertilize twice a week, half strength. I find they can get a bit of fungus on the leaves so I keep a small sprayer with Mancozeb nearby to try and avoid this as much as possible. The blooms on the *Rhynchostylis* are beautifully fragrant. My whole house has the perfume wafting through from the laundry.

The potting mix I use is the large Orchidata bark with a little lime and slow release fertiliser, in baskets mainly so their roots can hang freely.

The *Rhynchostylis* are watered with the Vanda's especially on the roots most mornings in summer, less in winter, and less fertiliser in winter.

I think the *Rhynchostylis* is well worth having in your orchid collection. There are a large variety of colours to choose from, all stunningly beautiful, a favourite with me.



August Judges Winning Selection



Rlc Burdekin Bells



Ryphs Dixie Delight



Oncdm Sunlight



Den Golden Green



Cym Sarah Jean

Supper Roster for 2018

September: Del Whittaker, Kev Rimmington

October: Fred & Marg Lenz

November: Joe Merieca, Peter Henssler

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL /AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES AND SHOWS

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>
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 Dve Eli Waters H/B	Thursday 27 th September	Friday 28 th September Saturday 29 th September Sunday 30 th September
Rockhampton Orchid Society Show	Rockhampton SHS Campbell St	na	Saturday 29 th September Sunday 30 th September
Bribie Island Orchid Society Show	Orchid House 156A First Avenue	Thursday 11 th 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	n/a	Saturday 10 th November
STOCQ 2019 AGM	Albert Bowls Club Gympie	na	Saturday 9th February 2019

Grey and **green** Shading indicates activities Maroochydhore O.S. participates in.

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

Maroochydore Orchid Society Annual Show 2018

The annual winter show of the Maroochydore Orchid Society was held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th August, 2018 at the Millwell Road Community Centre. After much planning and preparation it was pleasing to see so many people come through the door, even though parking proved to be a problem. However, with patience most were able to get a park. Thanks John and Joe.

Over 500 visitors were able to take in the vast display of benched orchids. Many of these visitors who are from interstate come every year to say hello and enjoy the orchids. Sales of raffle tickets was also very strong with the winners being very happy with their prize. Thanks Peter.

This year there was an abundance of sale plants, many of them in flower. This resulted in the best sales figures we have seen. Thanks to Duncan, Rod, Ian and Darryl. Darryl was as popular as ever when giving his potting demonstrations with many people asking question after question.

The judging on Thursday night went very well with Bill Letcher's plant of *Dendrochilum glumaceum* winning both Grand Champion and Champion Species. Congratulations Billy. Reserve Champion was *Cymbidium* Mary Green owned by Lorraine and David Lee. Champion Specimen was *Dendrochilum tenellum* owned by Ray McEwan. Thank you to Stan Walkley for judging the foliage. Our patron, Rosanna Natoli, always makes the presentation of prizes a most enjoyable affair. Thanks Rosanna.

The supper on Thursday night and the morning and afternoon teas are always devoured heartily and this is a credit to Del in the kitchen. Thanks Del. The members also enjoy the time to get to know each other better over a cup of coffee. Thanks also to Marg and Grahame Muller for donating the raffle prize for Thursday night. Loraine will definitely be able to use the bag of bark.

Many of the newer members participated in the setting up of tables, sitting at the admission table, washing up and helping to clean up. Thank you all.

The show went off very well. Hopefully next year the parking will no longer be a problem.

Kathy Howatson,

Secretary.



Secretary Kathy, President Duncan and Patroness Rosanna



Rosanna presenting Grand Champion to Bill Letcher





Grand Champion *Dendrochilum glumaceum* owner Bill Letcher



Reserve Champion *Cymbidium* Mary Green
owner Lorraine & David Lee



Specimen *Dendrochilum tenellum*
owner Ray McEwan

Maroochydore members results

Name	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
Bill Letcher - Grand Champion & Champion Species	1	1	-
Rod Aisthorpe	2	1	2
Loraine Hocking	4	4	3
Kathy Howatson	1	2	1
Fred/Marg Lenz	4	2	1
Duncan McMartin	1	—	1
Joe Merieca	1	1	1
Ian Walker	1	—	1
Mel/Judy Wheeler	—	—	1
Kev Rimmington	—	—	1
John Salway	2	2	2


Nambour Orchid Show 2018

The Maroochydore display was creatively erected by Kathy and Loraine ably assisted by Joe. A wide variety of orchid genera and colour were provided and this helped us win the Best Display of the Show. A big thank you to all attending members for helping erect the display stand and for bringing along a great range of plants.



Maroochydore Display

Nambour Orchid Society Inc.
Est. 1955



Spring Show Display Results
30th August 2018

Society	Arrangement & Effect 35 points	Quality 30 points	Variety 30 points	Labels 5 points	Total 100 points	Place
Caboolture	30	22	23	5	80	6
Glasshouse	34	26	26	5	91	2
Gympie	31	23	24	5	83	5
Maroochydore	33	27	27	5	92	1
Noosa	32	25	25	5	87	4
Sunshine Coast Caloundra	33	24	26	5	88	3

The President and members of Nambour Orchid Society takes this opportunity to thank your society for your display and contribution to the success of our Spring Show.

Display Results



Champion Australian Native

Grand Champion & Champion Species

Nambour Show Member Results

NAME	1ST	2ND	3rd
Loraine Hocking	2	2	-
Fred/Marg Lenz	1	1	1
Bill Letcher	1	1	1
Royal Rea	1	1	1
John Salway	2	2	2
Ian Walker	1	-	-

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