



# Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

## 'The Observer'

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### CULTURAL MEETING

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Cultural Meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at **St Peter's Anglican Church Hall, Church & Beach Roads, Maroochydore** at 7.30pm. All plants are to be tabled by 7.00pm for judging. Members and visitors are most welcome.

The society AGM is held at the October cultural meeting.

### February Meeting Presentation

The guest speaker for our meeting was member Barry Cheeseman. As a talented photographer Barry's excellent presentation was titled "Tips when photographing Orchids ". Hopefully we will now be better able to photograph our own orchid collections.

#### **Tips when Photographing Orchids.**

1. Choose an area with even light broadcast, preferably with low angle of light.
2. Avoid using flash unless you possess a ring flash unit.
3. If necessary, use a diffuser to even out the light distribution over the subject.
4. Where possible set up a background to complement the flower or foliage otherwise shorten the depth of field to create background blur.
5. Try and place the plant in a position that creates good composition within the image frame.
6. Try and avoid using the camera on automatic settings. Learn how to have more control over the result by using manual or aperture priority.
7. Avoid photographing indoors under artificial light.
8. Avoid photographing when there is a breeze as this may affect your focus.
9. Where possible always use a tripod to steady the camera.

10. Also use a cable release to eliminate camera shake as much as possible.
11. Avoid using large apertures as this may restrict the depth of field and the amount of the foliage in focus.
12. Do not place the plant too close to the background as this avoids shadows being cast by the plant onto the background.
13. When photographing foliage plants, an image can be enhanced by a light spray of water on the foliage before photographing.
14. Take your time in setting up the photo or the set in which you are taking your photos.
15. Sometimes a white piece of cardboard or foam can be used as a reflector to direct light into the shadows of your image.
16. Always attempt to have the camera at the same level as the orchid flower or foliage plant.
17. Consider using your images as gift cards for friends and family. You are proud of your plants so why not develop a coffee table book of your most prized or cherished blooms or foliage.
18. Ever thought of developing a data base of your plant stock and including an image of each item.
19. Thoroughly read your camera manual and be aware of its capabilities, let alone its knobs and buttons.
20. Do not be afraid to experiment with your photography. Making mistakes is the best way to learn.
21. Fill the frame with what you consider the most important part of your orchid plant/flower.

### **Society News**

- The committee has decided to move our **August Orchid Show** from the Millwell Rd. Hall Maroochydore to another venue at the **new Buderim Uniting Church Hall cnr. King St and Gloucester Rd. Buderim**. Ample access and parking is available at this venue.
- Maroochydore Orchid Society has indicated its support for the Orchidfest to be held in Rockhampton in September this year. Information relating to this show is able to be accessed on their web site, from the information in this newsletter or from the committee.
- At the February STOCQ meeting societies were advised that a committee of nine members is conducting meetings to organise to host the Australian Orchid Council Conference in South East Queensland in 2021. Locations being considered are on the north or south sides of Brisbane and Caloundra.
- Please note on your calendar the society's mothers' day orchid show will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May in the Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall.

## February Cultural Meeting Results

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
<b>CATTLEYA</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Rlc. Glenlee Treasure</i>	<i>Rlc Burdekin Charm</i>
<b>Member</b>	John Salway	John Salway
<b>2</b>	<i>Lctna. Tubtim Thai</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Bill Letcher	
<b>3</b>	<i>Lc. Mari's Surprise x Lc. Dal's Capri</i>	
<b>Member</b>	John Salway	
<b>DENDROBIUM</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Den. Post Printing x Den. Gerald McGrath</i>	<i>Den. Jade Classic</i>
<b>Member</b>	John Salway	Kathy Howatson
<b>2</b>	<i>Den. Jade Classic</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Kathy Howatson	
<b>3</b>	<i>Den. Blue Planet</i>	
<b>Member</b>	John Salway	
<b>VANDA</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>V. Gordon Dillion</i>	<i>V. Gordon Dillion</i>
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	Lorraine Hocking
<b>2</b>	<i>V. Fuchs Royal Dragon</i>	
<b>Member</b>	John Salway	
<b>3</b>	<i>Van. Janice Alison</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	
<b>OTHER GENERA</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Paph. Lindley Kooperwitz</i>	<i>Bulb. phalaenopsis x Bulb. longissimum</i>
<b>Member</b>	Joe Mercieca	Duncan McMartin
<b>2</b>	<i>Zygonisia Cynosure</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	
<b>3</b>	<i>Bulb. phalaenopsis x Bulb. longissimum</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Duncan McMartin	
<b>SPECIES</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Maxillaria schunkeana</i>	<i>Rhy. retusa</i>
<b>Member</b>	Bill Letcher	Lorraine Hocking
<b>2</b>	<i>Rhy. retusa</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	
<b>3</b>	<i>Paph. niveum</i>	
<b>Member</b>	John Salway	
<b>FOLIAGE</b>		
<b>1</b>	Fillonia	Caladium
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	Vonnie Young
<b>2</b>	Fern	
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	
<b>3</b>	Peperomia	
<b>Member</b>	Desiree Watson	
<b>ONCIDIUM</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Onc. Alosuka</i>	<i>Onc. Alosuka</i>
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	Lorraine Hocking
<b>2</b>	<i>Milt. Estrelita</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Hocking	
<b>3</b>	<i>Onc. unknown</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Kev Rimmington	

## NOVICE

<b>1</b>	<i>Onc. hwuluduen</i>	<i>Onc. hwuluduen</i>
<b>Member</b>	Desiree Watson	Desiree Watson
<b>2</b>	<i>Hwera. China Tizy</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Bill Garner	
<b>3</b>	<i>Beallara Eurostar</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Bill Garner	



**Rlc. Glenlee Treasure**



**Lc. Mari's Surprise x Lc. Dal's Capri**



**V.Gordon Dillon**



**Van. Janice Alison**



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*Den. Jade Classic*



*Den. Blue Planet*



*Onc. Alosuka*



*Onc. hwuluduen*



*Paph. Lindly Kooperwitz*



*Zyg.Cynosure*



*Fittonia*



*Bulb. phalaenopsis x Bulb. longissimum*

## 2019 STOCQ CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	SET UP	SHOW DAYS/TIMES
International Orchid Fair	Beenleigh Showgrounds	na	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
STOCQ & OQI meetings	Albert Bowls Club Gympie	9.00am	Saturday 9th February
Maroochydore OS (Members only)	Buderim Uniting Church Hall	Saturday 16 <sup>TH</sup> March 6.00am	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
Childers & Isis OS Show	tba	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Boyne Tannum O &FS Show	St Francis Primary School Tannum Sands	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Show	Uniting Church Hall cnr Ulm &George Streets Caloundra	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2.00PM	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 9.00am-5.00pm Saturday13th April 9.00am-2.30pm
Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Show	tba	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Bribie Island OS Show	156A Orchid House First Avenue Bongaree	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
South Burnett OS	RSL Hall Wondai	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April (early)	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April Judging 8.00am
Gympie & District Orchid Show	Gympie Showground Pavilion	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Mothers Day Show (Members only)	Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 6.00am	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 8.30am 4.00pm
Noosa O &F Show (Members only)	CWA Hall Cooroy	tba	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Bundaberg OS Show	na	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May from 1.00pm	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Show (Members only)	Pelican Waters Shopping Centre	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 6.00 am	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June & Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Agnes Waters Orchid &Foliage Show	Agnes Waters Community Centre Springs Rd.	Friday 9 <sup>TH</sup> August	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Maroochydore Orchid Society	Buderim Uniting Church Hall Cnr. Gloucester Rd. & King St Buderim	Thursday 1 <sup>ST</sup> August 2.30pm	Friday 2 <sup>ND</sup> 8.30am 4.00pm Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8.30am 2.30pm
Noosa Orchid and Foliage Show	Cooroy Memorial Hall	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August
Childers & Isis OS Show	tba	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Nambour Orchid Society Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
STOCQ ORCHIDFEST Rockhampton Orchid Society	Kortes Resort	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Show (Members only)	Pelican Waters Shopping Centre	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 6.00 am	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Maryborough District OS	St Pauls Memorial Hall	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September & Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Glasshouse Country Orchid Society	Beerwah Community Hall	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Hervey Bay OS	na	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September , Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Bribie Island OS Show	156A Orchid House First Avenue Bongaree	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2.30 pm	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Nambour Orchid Society Species Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
STOCQ &OQI meetings Bribie Island OS	Orchid House 156A First Avenue Bribie Island	9.00am	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November

**Grey Shading indicates activities Maroochydore O.S. participates in.**

## Australian & World Orchid Shows/Conferences

2023 24<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Show / Conference Perth

**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.** Est: 1955

Sub Tropical Orchid Council Qld. Inc.  
Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019 Conference and Show  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am to 4pm - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am to 3pm

**The conference will be an open show exhibiting club displays & tabled plants**  
Visit our Website for Updates, Registration Form & Show Schedule

Visiting Orchid Nurseries Capricorn Region Bonsai Society The Rockhampton Cake Decorators  
Orchid Sales Display & Sales Demonstrations

Free Door Prize Refreshments Available Venue **KORTE'S** RESORT

Guest Speaker Admission \$5 Children Free

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**9<sup>th</sup> Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show**  
**'Get Going, Get Growing'**  
**21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**  
Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine, Qld.

### Material Safety Data Sheets (now known as Safety Data Sheets)

Member's attention is drawn to obtaining and reading product safety data sheets prior to using any insecticide, herbicide or fertiliser. These may be obtained from the supplier or accessed online.

They will provide information on the - Hazards of the chemical; how to handle it safely, including storage and disposal; physical and chemical properties of the chemical; as well as potential health and emergency response measures.

The following headings will provide additional details about the product.

- Identification: product identifier and chemical identity
- Hazard(s) identification
- Composition and information on ingredients
- First aid measures
- Fire fighting measures
- Accidental release measures
- Handling and storage, including how the chemical may be safely used
- Exposure controls and personal protection
- Physical and chemical properties
- Stability and reactivity

- Toxicological information
- Ecological information
- Disposal considerations
- Transport information
- Regulatory information
- Other relevant information.

### **SUPPER ROSTER 2019**

<b>March:</b>	Joanne McLoughlin, Barry Woods	<b>August:</b>	John Salway, Lorraine Hocking
<b>April:</b>	Bill Garner, Peter Hessler OAM	<b>September:</b>	Kev Rimmington, Del Whittaker
<b>May:</b>	Fred & Marg Lenz	<b>October:</b>	Ken Johnson, Barry Cheeseman
<b>June:</b>	Desiree Watson, Richard Bryan	<b>November:</b>	Royal Rea, ....?....
<b>July:</b>	Joe Mercieca, Bill Letcher	<b>December:</b>	Everyone bring a plate of snacks

### **LIBRARY**

An orchid book library is available 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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