



Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

'The Observer'

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CULTURAL MEETING

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd 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.

March Meeting Presentation

Members were given a slide show presentation of the 2018 AOC Awards. During the presentation Kathy provided explanations of the various types of awards and how they differ. We also discussed the details related to each award and what the judges would be considering for various genera. Kathy explained the process members are required to follow if they wish to have one of their plants judged for an award. Many of us are now aware of the protocol to be followed.

Society News

Members are advised that the next major show that we will be participating in is the **Sunshine Coast Society Caloundra Orchid show** with set up on Thursday 11th April at 2.00pm at the Caloundra Uniting Church Hall Queen and Ulm Streets Caloundra. It is time now to get your plants ready by staking any inflorescence as they now appear. Please advise Kathy by Tuesday 9th April of the names of your plants so that labels can be written.

March Cultural Meeting Results

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
CATTLEYA		
1	<i>C. Fantasia</i> Jibara	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Dream</i>
Member	Kathy Howatson	John Salway
2	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Dream</i>	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>C. Royal Beau x C. Lyn Beau</i>	
Member	John Salway	
DENDROBIUM		
1	<i>Den. Blue Angel</i>	<i>Den. Chattachack</i>
Member	John Salway	Lorraine Hocking
2	<i>Den. Blue Angel</i>	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>Den. Chela Color</i>	
Member	John Salway	
VANDA		
1	<i>Van. Bankok Sunset</i>	<i>V. Thai Classic</i>
Member	John Salway	John Salway
2	<i>Van. Janice Allison</i>	
Member	John Salway	
3	<i>Aer. Robsons Gem</i>	
Member	Kathy Howatson	
OTHER GENERA		
1	<i>Ctsm. (Bloodstone x Ctsm. Kay Love) x (Ctsm. cristata x Ctsm. cristata x Ctsm. Penang)</i>	<i>Ctsm. (Bloodstone x Ctsm. Kay Love) x (Ctsm. cristata x Ctsm. Penang)</i>
Member	Kathy Howatson	Kathy Howatson
2	<i>Bulb. Wilma Galaxy</i>	
Member	Duncan McMartin	
3	<i>Phrag. Denis Khenback</i>	
Member	Peter Hessler	
SPECIES		
1	<i>Gram. scriptum</i>	<i>Gram. scriptum</i>
Member	Fred / Marg Lenz	Fred / Marg Lenz
2	<i>Phal. bellina</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
3	<i>Phal. bellina</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
FOLIAGE		
1	Calathea	<i>Agloamena</i>
Member	Lorraine Hocking	Lorraine Hocking
2	<i>Agloamena</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
3	Glass bowl of Fittonia	
Member	Desiree Watson	
ONCIDIUM		
1	<i>Onc. Sugar Baby</i>	<i>Milt. Honolulu</i>
Member	Lorraine Hocking	Lorraine Hocking
2	<i>Milt. Honolulu</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	
3	<i>Onc. Alosuka</i>	
Member	Lorraine Hocking	

NOVICE

1	<i>Den. chrysanthum</i>	<i>Den. chrysanthum</i>
Member	Barry Woods	Barry Woods
2	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	
Member	Jo- Anne McLoughlin	
3	<i>C. unknown</i>	
Member	Jo- Anne McLoughlin	

March Plant of the Month

Orchid Name: Cattleya Fantasia Jibara. (It was labelled C. Fantasy Jibara on the tag when I bought it.)

History of the plant: I bought this plant 29/6/2001 from Brighton Orchids for \$6. It must have been on a bus trip organised by the society. It is C. Chocolate Drop x C. guttata hybrid. I can't remember how long it took to flower for me but when it does flower, the inflorescence is always a good size and shape. Usually there is only 1 inflorescence, but this year there are 2. The fragrance is also a noticeable bonus. Just beautiful.

On a subsequent bus trip I bought another C. Fantasia Jibara from Brighton, but the flower on it is the same shape but a darker red/maroon with no spots at all.

Growing Procedure: I grow it in my 7.5metre x 4metre shade house with the high roof under 50% black shade cloth. It gets watered every 2 to 3 days in summer and maybe once a week in winter. I have repotted this plant several times but I must admit, only do it when I have to. 2004, 2006, 2012, and 2016. It does not make many side shoots so in all this time, I have only been able to get 2 extra plants out of it. It gets fertilized with all the other cattleyas, mostly Horticultural Solutions-22 for growing (Spring-Mid Summer) and Horticultural Solutions-12 for flowering (Mid-Summer-Autumn-Winter). It tends to put on a really good flower display every 2 years.



Kathy Howatson



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Den. Blue Angel

Den. Chela Color



Van. Bankok Sunset



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Gram. scriptum



Phal. bellina



Onc. Sugar Baby



Milt. Honolulu





Ctsm. Bloodstone x Ctsm. Kay Love



Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy



Calathea



Foliage Bowl



Onc. Sharry Baby



Den. chrysanthum

The 2019 March Mini Show at Buderim Uniting Church (mini) Hall

On Saturday 16th March after a night of welcome torrential rain our mini show opened to a dull, humid morning. At 8am as the doors opened the rush of patrons began, with a major rush to the plant sales area. For the rest of the morning a steady number of people came to see and admire the blooms on the display benches and to also sample the “goodies” in the catering area and to listen to Darryl’s interesting potting demonstration and talk. Many willing members were readily available to give advice on plant culture, to assist in the kitchen, the sales area, entry and raffles and security. It was also a super time for members to socialise and communicate on our favourite hobby, orchids.



Buderim Mini Show

2019 STOCQ CALENDAR

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

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

Australian & World Orchid Shows/Conferences

2023 24th World Orchid Show / Conference Perth

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
Sub Tropical Orchid Council Qld. Inc.
Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019 Conference and Show
Saturday 14th Sept 9am to 4pm - Sunday 15th 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 Display & Sales The Rockhampton Cake Decorators Demonstrations

Guest Speakers Free Door Prize Admission \$5 Children Free Refreshments Available Venue

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KORTES RESORT

The Bulletin



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

SUPPER ROSTER 2019

April:	Bill Garner, Peter Henssler OAM	September:	Kev Rimmington, Del Whittaker
May:	Fred & Marg Lenz	October:	Ken Johnson, Barry Cheeseman
June:	Desiree Watson, Richard Bryan	November:	Royal Rea,?....
July:	Joe Mercieca, Bill Letcher	December:	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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Maroochydore OS TREK

In February, MOS members were treated to an orchid trek adventure. The society regularly organises Bush House visits, often to our own members' homes, but on this occasion we were visiting further afield to the Deception Bay area, a beautiful region of the coast just north of Brisbane. It is an exciting prospect to go to an orchid enthusiast's Bush House, look at their collection, their culture, and talk to them in a friendly open environment about how they go about growing orchids. No two Bush Houses are the same and there is always so much to take in. Members enjoy the camaraderie of these visits, which are quite social, and also the individuality and variety of growing methods and arrangements. They promote a lot of discussion amongst us.

Stage one of the trek was to Doug and Kathy Wanka's home close to Deception Bay. They have been orchid enthusiast for many years and their mature and fabulously laid out collection was a sight to behold. There were many genera to look at, and clearly time and experience has resulted in different species being cultured in different microclimates. Our hosts were fabulous in answering our many questions. Different MOS members had different things they enthused in; of note was Duncan's love of Bulbophyllums, ... and I was pretty agog at how tall the hard cane Dendrobiums were, and how fabulous their flowers in size, colour and form. I did not know they grew that big. Thank you, Doug and Kathy, for hosting a wonderful morning tea and welcoming us into your home.

Stage two of the trek was to Arambeem Orchids in Deception Bay not far off the Sunshine motorway. Ross and Liz Maidment have a large orchid nursery with many varieties, many seedlings for sale. The collection included Vandaceous, Cattleyas, various hybrids, Dendrobiums, and more. Our society members enjoyed trolling through these high quality plants and talking culture with Ross. Both extremely advanced and new members to orchid culture were all a bit like a child in a lolly shop; it is one of the things that unites orchid lovers – we all want to continue to grow our collection. And experienced horticulturists keep on bringing us advanced hybrids and proven plants. It was fabulous to sit and chat with Ross over lunch and hear a few stories from his wealth of experience. Arambeem regularly have an Orchid Growers Group get together at the nursery on the first Saturday afternoon of the month each month. Anyone interested in learning about, and how to grow orchids is welcome to attend. The meeting is 1:30pm to 4:00 pm on the first Saturday of each month (except January) so please look at their website for more information - <https://www.aranbeemorchids.com.au>. On the website there are also links to informative Newsletters.

We are so fortunate to live in the Maroochydore sub-tropical climate which is so conducive to the culture of many tropical orchids. So many local private orchid enthusiasts love to share their orchid culture enthusiasm and experience, and also orchid nursery professionals are on standby to support orchid society addictions to adding that next perfect addition to our collection.

Once again, thank you to our two sets of hosts in making the orchid trek stage one and two a thoroughly enjoyable and informative day

Desiree Watson

