



Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

'The Observer'

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CULTURAL MEETING

The June meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th 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.

Boisduval Scale

Many of us like to go on the internet to look up orchid information; maybe to buy orchids, maybe for orchid care, or some of us like to join in online communities of fellow enthusiasts. I was recently doing some internet research on an insect scale pest called Boisduval Scale. Boisduval scale insects will seriously debilitate and kill an orchid if not controlled quickly. The Australian Orchid Nursery calls it 'coconut scale' because it looks like sprinkled desiccated coconut on the leaf of your orchid. I found some very helpful online resources and have included three links below. The first link is to a very readable piece by the Australian Orchid Nursery. Check out the title and take note: 'possibly the world's worst orchid pest'. Dire stuff.

The second link is to Sonoma Country Orchid Society in the USA and the article is a simple and quick read. The third link was the most detailed and informative that I found. It is an article written by Mr Paul J. Johnson Ph.D called 'Boisduval Scale on Orchids' and it was published in the American magazine 'Orchid Digest' (July, Aug, Sept) 74(3): 170-177 in 2010. The pdf article is hosted on this link to the Logan and District Orchid Society Inc. I loved that it listed off specific insecticides.

I found these articles helpful in identifying this pest and eradicating it and hope it helps you too.

(1)<https://www.australianorchids.com.au/blogs/blog/73549253-boisduval-scale-possibly-the-worlds-worst-orchid-pest> (2)http://sonomaorchids.com/?page_id=2571 (3)<http://www.lados.org.au/Boisduval%20Scale.pdf>

By Desiree Watson –Novice grower

May Cultural Meeting Results

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
CATTLEYA		
1	<i>Rlc. Petch Soyam</i>	Ctt. Volcano Treat
Member	John	Loraine
2	<i>Hawkinsara Koolau Sunset "Hawaii"</i>	
Member	Ian	
3	<i>Rlc. Chushan</i>	
Member	Bev & Col	
DENDROBIUM		
1	<i>Den. Airy Crimson</i>	<i>Den. unknown</i>
Member	John	Loraine
2	<i>Den. Follleys Pink</i>	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>Den. Ubon Classic</i>	
Member	John	
VANDA		
1	<i>V. Fuch's Royal Dragon</i>	<i>V. Srilak X V. sanderiana</i>
Member	Loraine	
2	<i>V. Boonyarit Little Flame</i>	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>V. Kulwadee Fragrance</i>	
Member	Loraine	
OTHER GENERA		
1	<i>Bulb. unknown</i>	<i>Bulb. unknown</i>
Member	<i>Duncan</i>	Duncan
2	<i>Paph. Jogjae</i>	
Member	Bea & David	
3	<i>Bulb. lepidium x Bulb. gracillimum</i>	
Member	Duncan	
SPECIES		
1	<i>V. luzonica</i>	<i>Bulb. rothchildianum</i>
Member	John	Bev. & Col
2	<i>Caderta taylorii</i>	
Member	Rod	
3	<i>Epi. stenopetalum</i>	
Member	Rod	
FOLIAGE		
1	Fern	Tillandsia & anthurium
Member	Loraine	Loraine & Richard
2	Fittionia	
Member	Desiree	
3	Anthurium	
Member	Richard	
ONCIDIUM		
1	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i>	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i>
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	<i>Onc. Sweet Ears</i>	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>Will. Space Mine</i>	
Member	Bev. & Col	

NOVICE		
1	<i>Bulb. medusae</i>	<i>Bulb. medusae</i>
Member	Barry	Barry
2	<i>Psychp. Mendenhall</i>	
Member	Barry	

3	<i>Rth.</i> Burdekin Fireball x <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Storm	
Member	Barry	

May Plant of the Month

Bulbophyllum medusae

I purchased this species as a small three bulb plant 4 years ago from Cape Oasis Orchids I believe and it has just powered on. I moved it from a small pot to the basket it is in now 2 years ago with a lining of sphagnum moss and a fill of small to medium bark and perlite. It flowered last year for the first time throwing three nice flowers. This year seven buds, five progressed and opened, the other two are still at 1 inch bud size. I suspect all seven didn't flower together because of a lapse in culture maybe and the weather we had over March and April, last year it was in full flower on 11th April, this year full flower on 7th May. It is hanging in my shade house area under 50% cream shade cloth and is open to the weather so gets watered when it rains and gets morning to mid-afternoon sun through the cloth. As the new growths send out roots, I fertilise half strength Manutec 'growth' every week and change over to Manutec 'bloom' once flower buds appear. Even though the flowers only last maybe a week, they make a really lovely display.....a favourite in my collection.



Barry Woods

Judges' Choice for May



Hawkinsara Koolau Sunset "Hawaii"



Rlc. Petch Soyam



Rlc Chusan

V. Fuch's Royal Dragon



V. Boonyarit Little Flame



V. Kulwadee Fragrance



Den. Follies Pink

Den. Ubon Classic





Den. Airy Crimson



Onc. Sweet Sugar



Onc. Sweet Ears



Will. Space Mine



Bulb. unknown



Paph. Jogjae



Bulb. lepidium x Bulb. gracillimum

V. luzonica



Caderta taylorii



Epi. stenopetalum



Maidenhair Fern



Fittionia



Anthirium

Supper Roster 2019

June : Desiree Watson Richard Bryan

July : Joe Mercieca Bill Letcher

August : John Salway Loraine Hocking

September : Kev Rimmington Del Whittaker

October : Kev Johnson Barry Cheeseman

November : Royal Rea Bev & Col Haack

December : Everyone bring food

2019 STOCQ CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	SET UP	SHOW DAYS/TIMES
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
NMQOC Charity Spectacular Show	Auditorium Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-ha	Friday 21 st June @2.00pm	Saturday and Sunday 22 nd – 23 rd June
Agnes Waters Orchid & Foliage Show	Agnes Waters Community Centre Springs Rd.	Friday 9 th August	Saturday 10 th Sunday 11 th August
Maroochydhore 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
Hervy 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 Maroochydhore O.S. participates in.

Caboolture Orchid Society Annual Winter Show

Set up Thursday 25th July. The show runs for 3 days, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July.

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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Australian & World Orchid Shows/Conferences

2023 24th 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 14th Sept 9am to 4pm - Sunday 15th Sept 9am to 3pm

Guest Speakers
Free Door Prize
Admission \$5
Children Free

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

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Orchid Sales

Capricorn Region Bonsai Society
Display & Sales

The Rockhampton Cake Decorators
Demonstrations

Refreshments Available

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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.



Bli Bli Mother's Day Show

Orchid Nursery Visit

Hello MOS members. I like organising outings to get me out and about in our beautiful region. An orchid nursery visit - or orchid trek - is planned for Saturday 15 June 2019 to Red Fox Orchids at Landsborough. I've never been to Landsborough. This a SELF DRIVE Car Pool outing, so please consult with fellow members, or let me know if you need help with organising a car pool.

Here is a link to **Red Fox orchids** web page. <https://redfoxorchids.com.au/about/>

Jennifer and Kurt Ison are the owners and managers, I have been looking at their on line orchids for sale, and saw their stall at the Bribie Is show.

We are booked for **10.30 am Saturday 15 June.**

The address is **42 Gattera Rd, Landsborough QLD 4550.**

It is 30 minutes drive from Diddillibah to their address.

The plan is then to have lunch at **Buck's Bakery, 26 Cribb St, Landsborough.**

<https://www.bucksbakery.com.au/>

Then make your own way home.

Can you please reply with your attendance email or call Desiree on 0431 435 181

Bring family and friends if you wish.

Happy gardening everyone. I have a few spikes peeping out now so am excited that most will be the first flowering for me.

Cheerio

Desiree

