



# Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

## 'The Observer'

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### CULTURAL MEETING

The June 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.

### Let's talk about.....PESTS by Barry Woods

I have a nice plant of Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond that grew very well in its timber hanging basket for two or three years and flowered beautifully, then.....no new growth and roots that looks unhealthy. This went on for some time and eventually I gave it a drenching with Carbaryl and within a couple of weeks a new growth headed out and I thought problem solved....wrong.

For some reason I went out the other night with the torch to check it and found two tiny snails on the new growth. Garlic snails, never heard of them and didn't realise it could be a problem for my Orchids. What to do.....some research on the net gave me the information I needed to deal with them. Regular checking of my Orchids even at night with a torch can reveal many things.





I have since purchased some snail and slug pellets from Australian Orchid Nursery online. I was also advised of a product called Ficom but found it quite expensive. Ficom Wettable Powder 150g-cockroach spider, ants, pest and bug



I expect most long term Orchid growers are aware of the damage these snails and slugs can cause but growers that are new to Orchids might not be so aware hence this little write up. I ended up finding a snail and slug product from Australian Orchid Nursery online but expect most proprietary brands will do the same thing.

It really does pay to be vigilant.

### May Cultural Meeting Results

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
<b>CATTELYA</b>		
1	<i>Bc. Maikai</i>	<i>Rlc. Erin Kobayashi x Rlc. Ports of Paradise</i>
Member	Joe	Kathy
2	<i>Rlc. Fort Launadale Show x Rlc. Dream Trader</i>	
Member	John	
3	<i>Rlc. Mari's Song x Rlc. Karen's Sunrise</i>	
Member	Roger	
<b>DENDROBIUM</b>		
1	<i>Den. Airy Big Pink</i>	<i>Den. Airy Big Pink</i>
Member	Kathy	Kathy
2	<i>Den. Nippon Green Star</i>	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>Den. Coyote</i>	
Member	John	
<b>VANDA</b>		
1	<i>Aer. lawrencae x V. Captain Chor</i>	<i>Aer. lawrencae x V. Captain Chor</i>
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	<i>Aer. lawrencae x V. Captain Chor</i>	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>V. Suksamran</i>	
Member	Loraine	
<b>OTHER GENERA</b>		
1	<i>Cyca. Taiwan Gold</i>	<i>Cyca. Taiwan Gold</i>
Member	Kathy	Kathy
2	<i>Paph. Hilo Citron</i>	
Member	Joe	
3	<i>Cyc. Jumbo Cooper</i>	
Member		

<b><i>SPECIES</i></b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Paph. lienainum</i>	<i>V. testacea</i>
<b>Member</b>	John	Loraine
<b>2</b>	<i>V. testacea</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	
<b>3</b>	<i>Phrag. peareei</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Joe	
<b><i>FOLIAGE</i></b>		
<b>1</b>	Calathea	Nepanthes
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	Desiree
<b>2</b>	Anthurium	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	
<b>3</b>	Fiitiana	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	
<b><i>ONCIDIUM</i></b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i>	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i>
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	Loraine
<b>2</b>	<i>Odcdm. Porquet</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	
<b>3</b>	<i>Onc. Raspberry Chocolate</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	

<b><u>NOVICE</u></b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Lc. canariensis</i>	<i>C. unknown</i>
<b>Member</b>	Barry	Ron
<b>2</b>	<i>C. unknown</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Ron	
<b>3</b>	<i>Spth. Gold Tower</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Barry	



*Bc. Maikai*

*Rlc. Fort Launadale Show* x *Rlc. Dream Trader*



*Aer. lawrencae* x *V. Captain Chor*

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*Den. Airy Big Pink*



*Den. Nippon Green Star*



*Onc. Sweet Sugar*



*Odcdm. Porquet*



*Paph. Hilo Citron*



*Cyc. Jumbo Cooper*



*Paph. lienainum*

*Phrag. peareei*





*Lc. canariensis*



*C. unknown*



*Spth. Gold Tower*



Anthirium

## Plant of the Month

### Cycnodes Taiwan Gold 'Orange' by Kathy Howatson

I purchased this plant from Robertsons Orchids in 2016. It had been growing in the shade house but not flowering. I must admit, that I probably didn't water and fertilize it enough for it to reach its full potential. Last year at the Bribie Island Orchid Show in October, several people, including myself, were buying plants, namely Fredclarkearas, from MnS orchids from Sarina. An accomplished grower of these came along and a discussion on the growing of these plants followed. He said he used the "Grow" product on his plants twice a week in the growing season to get the bulbs as big as possible. So I repotted Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange' with a bit of dynamic lifter in the mix and watered it and fertilized it with the



“Grow” product. It grew beautifully and 1 bulb developed 3 flower spikes and the second bulb developed 2 spikes. In late April I cut off several of the lower leaves to expose the stem to the light and I hung the pot up high. Then I went overseas for 3 weeks, I did have a house sitter water the plants, and when I returned the 3 flower spikes were looking very good. The flowers have a very unusual fragrance which I quite like. With the proper care and attention given, this plant is very rewarding to grow.



## 2019 STOCQ CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	SET UP	SHOW DAYS/TIMES
Caboolture Orchid Society Winter Show	Morayfield Community Hall	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July
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
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
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 Maroochydhore O.S. participates in.**

### **Supper Roster 2019**

**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

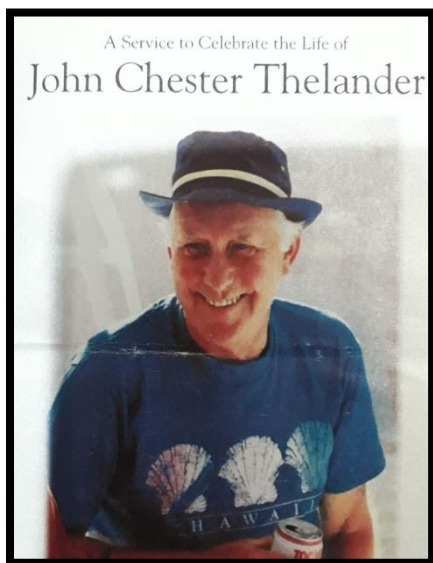
### **Yates Zaleton Dual Action Systemic Fungicide**

During winter especially when we are having cold showery weather, orchids can often suffer from Botrytis which is a mould causing flower spotting.

Zaleton from Yates is a dual action fungicide which can be used as a preventive or controlling spray for Botrytis.

To determine the advantages of using this product go to Yates website and peruse the uses of Zaleton. Yates also have an **Online Chat Service** where you can discuss any issue you have with its use.

### **“Vale John Thelander”**



John Thelander joined the Maroochydhore Orchid Society in the early 2000s when he moved from Sydney. He and his wife, Pat, became valued members of the society. John grew a variety of orchids including cattleyas, dendrobiums, oncidiums and vandas. He always contributed to the shows and displays put on by the society. Recently he received a special award at the Nambour show for his display of Tolumnias. They were spectacular. He will be sadly missed.



## Nursery Visit

Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful autumn morning for 12 members who visited Red Fox Orchids at Landsborough. The steep trek up to the bush houses did not seem to bother the enthusiastic members wishing to peruse and purchase the various species and hybrids of an array of genera on offer. Purchases of near flowering orchids were the highlight for several new society members wishing to grow their collection. A big thanks to owners Jennifer and Kurt.

From there we travelled to Buck's Bakery at Landsborough for a light lunch and social gathering. The food was exceptional and the dialogue between members was great. This was a memorable society outing, thank you so much Desiree for organising the day, may there be many more like this.





## **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 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

Guest Speakers

Free Door Prize

**The conference will be an open show exhibiting club displays & tabled plants**

**Visit our Website for Updates, Registration Form & Show Schedule**

Admission \$5  
Children Free

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Orchid Sales

Capricorn Region Bonsai Society  
Display & Sales

The Rockhampton Cake Decorators  
Demonstrations

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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.**