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**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
HAPPY NEW YEAR**
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND OTHER SOCIETY FRIENDS



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CULTURAL MEETING

The December meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd at 7.30pm.

The 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.

Summary of Phalaenopsis Presentation by F Lenz

Shadehouse

- In a rectangular shaped shadehouse, the longest sides being the north and south facing.
- The south, east and west sides and the top covered with two layers of 50% shade cloth separated by solarweave.
- The northern face has two layers of 50% shade cloth only.
- A gable roof allows air movement upwards thus providing good plant transpiration.
- Hygiene the most important thing to consider in the maintaining of healthy plants.(no other plant under the benches)
- Where possible use clear plastic pots (so you can see the condition of the roots).

- **POTTING MIX**

- Orchid bark - small plants 5mm, other size- medium.
- Jumbo size perlite
- The above mixed together when wet.
- Polystyrene chips are placed in the bottom of the pot to allow drainage.

- **WATERING**

- Early morning- winter before 10am, summer before 9am.
- I water the plant allowing water to run through the pot, **but not the top leaves or crown**. I use a soft spray from a hand wand. This is done once a week.
- In summer an additional two waterings are done with fertiliser added. Winter only one watering with a fertiliser added.

- **FERTILISING**

- Twice a week in summer, spring and autumn and once a week in winter.
- Alternate between different NPK ratings.



- A higher N rating and a lower K rating are used November to March and these are reversed April to October
- An organic fertiliser can be an added help several times during the growing period.

- **MAINTENANCE**

- Fungal and insecticide damage is devastating for Phalaenopsis plants and the inflorescence.
- Regular preventative measures are necessary to ensure healthy plants.

- **RE-POTTING**

- A general rule is to re-pot Phalaenopsis every two years, but this can alter due to circumstances such as excessive roots outside the pot, disease problems and damage due to falling off the bench.
- Treat plant with fungicide and later a hormone prior to re-potting.
- **Phalaenopsis ARE LIKE US THEY NEED FOOD AND WATER TO GROW AND SURVIVE AND GENERALLY LIKE TO BE DRY.**
- **Phalaenopsis PROBLEMS OCCUR IN PLANTS DUE TO LACK OF FOOD, WATER AND SUN AND PROLONGED WET.**



Purchasing Phalaenopsis

Check the AOC Judging Rules (online) so you are aware of the characteristics of a good phalaenopsis flower. Always buy plants from reputable growers and ensure that they are labelled.

Good reading Check out the recent articles relating to Phalaenopsis in the recent newsletters of Hervey Bay OS and North Queensland OS.

NOVEMBER MEETING RESULTS

JUDGES CHOICE		<u>POPULAR CHOICE</u>
<i>CATTLEYA</i>		
1	C. Chian Tzy Guiling	C. Chian Tzy Guiling
Member	Kathy	Kathy
2	Bc. Marg Putman x C. Lucky Charm	
Member	Loraine	
3	Rth. Shinfong Little Sun	
Member	Del	
<i>DENDROBIUM</i>		
1	D. Big Alex x D.spectabile	D. Big Alex x D.spectabile
Member	Col & Bev	Col & Bev
2	D. Gatton Sunray	
Member	Kathy	
3	D.unknown	
Member	Loraine	

VANDA		
1	V. Bangyikhan Gold x V. <i>miniata</i>	V. Pure's Wax
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	<i>Aer. Lawrencea</i> x V. unknown	
Member	Loraine	
3	V. Pure's Wax	
Member	Loraine	
OTHER GENERA		
1	<i>Phal.</i> Mem. Francis Hunte	<i>Epi</i> Bees KNEES X <i>Encylia alata</i>
Member	Fred & Marg	Joe
2	<i>Paph</i> Ruby Peacock x <i>Paph</i> unknown	
Member	Joe	
3	<i>Epi.</i> Burdekin Bumble Bee x <i>Enc.</i> cordigera	
Member	Roger	
SPECIES		
1	<i>Den. friedericksianum</i>	<i>Coel.</i> Burfordiense
Member	Joe	Col & Bev
2	<i>Ansellia africana</i>	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>Phal. chibae</i>	
Member	Fred & Marg	
FOLIAGE		
1	Maidenhair Fern	Maidenhair Fern
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	Maidenhair Fern	
Member	Christine	
3	Calathea	
Member	Desiree	
ONCIDIUM		
1	<i>Milt.</i> Bert Field	<i>Milt.</i> Bert Field
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	<i>Odma.</i> Pacific Pagan	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>Meinra</i> Yellow Star	
Member	Col & Bev	
NOVICE		
1	<i>Oncidium</i> Jungle Monarch	<i>Phal</i> unknown
Member	Desiree	Desiree
2	<i>Onc.</i> unknown	
Member	Desiree	
3	<i>Phal</i> unknown	
Member	Desiree	

Please Note Any names in **colour** have been altered to the correct spelling or correct name.

MEETING WINNERS



C. Chian Tzy Guiling



D. Gatton Sunray



V. Bangyikhan Gold x V. *miniata*

***Milt.* Bert Field**





Phal Francis Hunte



*Den.
friedericksianum*



Onc Jungle Monarch



Maidenhair Fern

PLANT of the MONTH by Col & Bev Haack

We've had ***D. Big Alex x D.spectabile*** for about four years. Last year it only had one spike so the display this year was fantastic. The flowers never had any fragrance until this year. The pseudobulbs are about 250mm - 300mm tall with leaves extending above that. They are easy to grow and flower well. We reduce watering in winter because the mix does not dry out as fast. We only water when the mix dries out. We pot in the same mix as our other dendrobiums. The flowers last up to 7 weeks. The flowers have three lobed lips and a prominently raised callus grows on the top of the spikes that emerge from the apex of club shaped pseudobulb. Each pseudobulb may produce one or two spikes among the leaves that grow at the top of the pseudobulb and each spike will produce a few full flowers.



Christmas Lunch at Rivershore Resort

- **When** Saturday 14th December
- **Location** Rivershore Resort, David Low Way, Diddillibah
- **Time** 11.30am
- **Where** Driftwood Cafe, Restaurant and Bar
- **Cost** \$22 per person, choice of mains and a set desert
- **Drinks** Purchase your own at the Bar
- **RSVP** To Desiree **no later than 3rd December**



DECEMBER MEETING



Come and enjoy our final fun meeting for the year. Please bring a plate of festive time food for all to share. Don't forget to bring your Banana money or Orchid Recession Dollars for our plant auction.



2020 STOCQ CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	SET UP	SHOW DAYS/TIMES
STOCQ & OQI meetings	Albert Park Bowls Club Gympie	N/A	Saturday 8 th February
Maroochydore Orchid Show (closed)	Buderim Uniting Church Hall (small)	Saturday 14 th March 6.00am	Saturday 14 th MARCH 8.00AM
Boyne Tannum OS Show	St. Francis Primary School Tannum Sands	Friday 27 th March	Saturday & Sunday 28 th , 29 th March
Bribie Island OS Show	The Orchid House First Avenue	Thursday 9 th April	Friday & Saturday 10 th , 11 th April
Gladstone OSFS Show	Tba	Thursday 9 th April at 5.00pm	Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 th - 12 th April
Sunshine Coast OS Caloundra	Caloundra Uniting Church Hall cnr. Ulm & Queen St's	Thursday 16 th April 2.00pm	Friday, Saturday 17 th , 18 th April
Caboolture OS Show (closed)	TBA	Thursday 30 th April	Thursday 30 th April, Saturday 2 nd May
Maroochydore OS (Closed) Mothers Day Show	Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall	Saturday 9 th May 6.00am	Saturday 9 th May 8.00AM
Noosa OS Show (closed)	Cooroy CWA Hall	Saturday 9 th ,	Saturday 9 th , Sunday 10 th May

STOCQ & OQI meetings	Childers Isis District OS	Tba	
Caboolture OS Show	Morayfield Community Centre	Thursday 23 rd July	Friday 24 th to Sunday 26 th July
Maroochydore OS Show	Buderim Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 6 th August 2.30pm	Friday 7 th , 8.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 8 th August 8.00am – 2.30pm
Agnes Waters O & FS Show	Agnes Waters Community Centre	Friday 7 th August	Saturday 8 th . Sunday 9 th August
Nambour OS Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 3 rd	Friday 4 th , Saturday 5 th September
Maryborough & DOS Show	Tba	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th – Saturday 19 th September
Noosa DO & FS Show	Cooroy Memorial Hall	Thursday 17 th September	Friday 18 th – 19 th September
Glasshouse OS Show	Beerwah Community Hall	Thursday 24 th September 2.00pm	Friday 25 th – Saturday 26 th September
Hervey Bay OS Show	Tba	Thursday 24 th September 2.00pm	Friday 25 th , Saturday 26 th , Sunday 27 th September
Bribie Island OS Show	Orchid House First Avenue	Thursday 8 th October	Friday 9 th , Saturday 10 th October
Caboolture OS Mini Show (closed)	Tba	Wednesday 14 th	Wednesday 14 th to 17 th October
Nambour OS Species Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 22 nd October	Friday 23 rd , Saturday 24 th October
STOCQ Meeting South Burnett OS	Tba	NA	Saturday 14 th November

Grey Shading indicates activities Maroochydore O.S. participates in. Green indicates MOS SHOWS

Australian and World Orchid Shows and Conferences

- TIOS SHOW Tainan, Taiwan 5th – 6th March
- WOC 23 Taichung Taiwan 9th -15th March
- 2023 24th World Orchid Show / Conference Perth, Australia

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Notes from the November meeting

Firstly Marg/ Fred has been researching new MOS shirts and at our December meeting Marg will have more information on colours, and hopes a short list can be whittled down to an agreed colour, and orders start to be placed.

Thank you everyone who has participated in 2019 Cultural meetings, setting up and packing up at meetings and shows, catering, banking, organising raffle prizes, doing talks, sharing culture experience, bringing in your orchids for us all to see. This year there has been a nice trickle of new members which is wonderful. Our Society is a mix of growers – everyone has their unique likes and experience – but we all enjoy the camaraderie of sharing our love of orchids.

Annual membership fees are now due. Members \$10, Couples \$15

Orchidwiz

The Society now has Orchidwiz software so we are now able to check plant names and determine if orchid crosses have been registered and renamed. The Secretary and the Editor each have a copy.

Bush House Visit by Desiree Watson

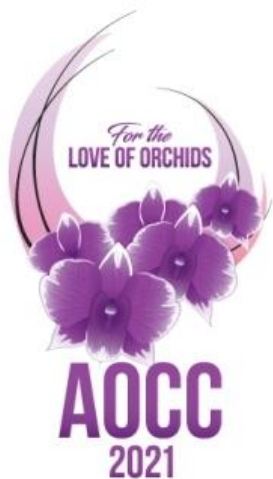


In October members had a bush house visit with Cath and Doug Wanka. It was a great day as Doug had lots of fabulous orchids to show us. Here are some notes on what Doug had to say about his orchid culture.

Doug used Campbells Diamond Special K Plus and Campbells NitroCal, fortnightly in summer. He uses a systemic fungicide monthly, Sprayfos, which does not spot the flowers. The media he uses is pine bark, which he boils. And while he doesn't get many insects due to the moist environment, he uses supracide (Methidathion). I asked him especially about his growing of soft cane dendrobiums. He grows the soft canes in coconut fibre as it is more moist. He uses a balanced fertiliser not a high nitrate fertiliser. They get lots of water in October while they are growing, to grow new canes to flower next year. They need lots of sun to flower well.



► **22nd AOC Conference and Show - For the Love of Orchids**



1 - 5 September 2021, South East Queensland: at the Logan Metro Sports & Events Centre, about 30 minutes by road south of the Brisbane CBD and airport.

The next AOC Conference and Show (AOCC 2021) is being staged as a joint venture by orchid societies of South East Queensland at the modern Logan Metro Sports and Event Centre in Crestmead, around 30 mins south of the Brisbane CBD and airport.

AOCC 2021 will begin for registrants with the Thursday (2 Sept. 2021) evening Opening Ceremony. Show patrons will be able to admire orchid displays and benched exhibits from the Friday through to the Sunday. Orchid enthusiasts wishing to add to their collection will be able to purchase orchids from the many Australian and international vendors.

All activities, including the Conference Dinner, are planned to be held at the Crestmead venue.

The show schedule, conference program and registrant application forms should be on the orchidsaustralia.com.au website soon.

It is anticipated that early-bird registrations will be available from 1 September 2019.

To receive *For the Love of Orchids* - AOCC 2021 updates, please provide your name and email address to: aocc2021@gmail.com

A range of accommodation types is available at nearby Springwood, Browns Plains and Calamvale.

Spending some time at the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, their delightful hinterlands, the Scenic Rim region, Tamborine and Toowoomba would make great AOCC 2021 add-ons.

LIBRARY

An orchid book library is available for all members to use. Please ensure borrowed books are signed out by our Librarian, Joe Mercieca.

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