



# The Observer

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## Cultural Meetings

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall, cnr. Church & Beach Roads, Maroochydore at 7.30pm. Plants are to be tabled by 7.00pm for judging. AGM is held at the October cultural meeting

Next cultural meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

## Society News

President Duncan welcomed all members to the first cultural meeting for 2020. Members were informed of the forthcoming shows and he explained what the society's involvement would entail, and that members should now be preparing possible plants for showing.

Desiree discussed the bus trip to the International Orchid Fair at Beenleigh and a proposed bus trip to nurseries on the south side of Brisbane.

**The society members posed for a happy snap (below) showing off the society's new shirts.**



## Meeting Talk

Kathy, assisted by Desiree, provided an informative presentation of the Orchidwiz database which the society recently purchased. Orchidwiz contains information on orchid hybrids and orchid species; photographs and illustrations of orchids; image references; orchid awards; and orchid-species culture sheets. OrchidWiz also lists orchid species by continents, regions, and botanical areas. Members were then given demonstrations on how to research information on the database of a few of the evenings benched orchids.

## Meeting Results

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
<b>Cattleya</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>C. Precious Jewel</i> x <i>C. Caudebec</i>	<i>Rlc Port Royal Sound</i>
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	Joe
<b>2</b>	<i>Rlc Port Royal Sound</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Joe	
<b>3</b>	<i>Lrn. Sea Urchin</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Kathy	
<b>Dendrobium</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Den Airy Blue</i>	<i>Den Airy Blue</i>
<b>Member</b>	Joe	Joe
<b>2</b>	<i>Den. Frosty Dawn</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	
<b>3</b>	n/a	
<b>Member</b>		
<b>Vanda</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>V. Somsri Gold</i>	<i>V. Somsri Gold</i>
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	Loraine
<b>2</b>	<i>V. Fuchs Spotted Orange</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Kathy	
<b>3</b>	<i>V. Gordon Dillon 'Black'</i>	
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	
<b>Oncidium</b>		
<b>1</b>	<i>Onc.. Sweet Sugar</i>	<i>Onc.. Sweet Sugar</i>
<b>Member</b>	Loraine	Loraine
<b>2</b>	n/a	
<b>Member</b>		
<b>3</b>	n/a	
<b>Member</b>		

Any other genera		
1	<i>Phal. Bamboo Baby</i>	<i>Bulb. longissimum x phalaenopsis</i>
Member	Fred / Marg	Duncan
2	<i>Bulb. longissimum x phalaenopsis</i>	
Member	Duncan	
3	<i>Paph. Dio de Citron</i>	
Member	Joe	
Species		
1	<i>Bulb.lobbii</i>	<i>Den.monophyllum</i>
Member	Duncan	Joe
2	<i>L. anceps</i>	
Member	Kathy	
3	<i>Den.monophyllum</i>	
Member	Joe	
Novice		
1	<i>Odcdm. Catotonte</i>	<i>Odcdm. Catotonte</i>
Member	Tracy	Tracy
2	<i>C. Lulu x C. Interglossa</i>	
Member	Desiree	
3	<i>Pcv .Golden Peacock</i>	
Member	Desiree	
Foliage		
1	Caladium	Caladium
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	Caladium	Caladium
Member	Loraine	Loraine
3	Peace Lilly	
Member	Desiree	

### Meeting Winners



*C. Precious Jewel x C. Caudebec*

*Onc.. Sweet Sugar*







V. Fuchs Spotted Orange

Den Airy Blue



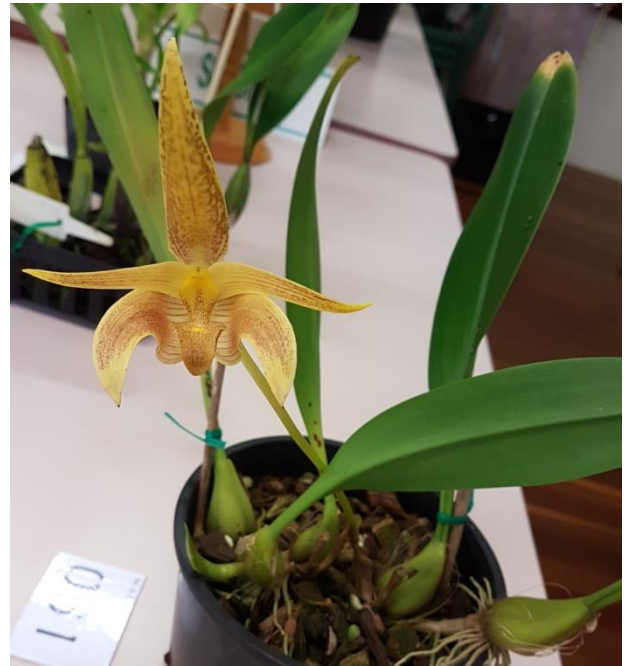
*Phal.* Bamboo Baby



Caladium



*Odcdm. Catotonte*



*Bulb.lobbii*

### **Plant of the Month V. Somri Gold by Loraine**

This vanda is grown in my shade house under 50% shade cloth with solar weave on top. It hangs high with the other vandas, light is a crucial factor in blooming most vanda orchids. This is the second flowering for this plant in the four years I have had it.

I water most days during the hot weather, early in the mornings if possible and mist occasionally later in the day. Vandas love water when growing, especially the roots. Mine are grown in large square vanda pots in a coarse medium bark so that the roots hang freely with as much air movement in the orchid house as possible. I water much less in the winter months or on cloudy days.

I fertilise weekly with Peters Bloom Booster and a growth fertiliser, mainly Peters Cal Mag in the warm months. Vandas love to be fertilised and also respond to an occasional dose of something organic, mainly on their roots.

I hope I have helped you think about growing a vanda orchid. You too can be rewarded with beautiful flowers like the Somsri Gold.







## **NOSTALGIA**

The love and enthusiasm for orchid growing starts an early age,

Long serving and hard working Maroochydhore Orchid Society secretary and past president Kathy Howatson and friend admire orchids at the 1969 Sunshine Coast Caloundra Orchid Show held at the old Caloundra School of Arts Building, Canberra Terrace, Caloundra.

## **SUPPER ROSTER FOR 2020**

<b>March</b>	Sandi L	Angela R
<b>April</b>	Joanne Mc	Claude B
<b>May</b>	Lorraine H	John S
<b>June</b>	Desiree W	Barry W
<b>July</b>	Bev & Col H	Zac K
<b>August</b>	Ian W	Joe M
<b>September</b>	Del W	Roger
<b>October</b>	Richard B	Peter H
<b>November</b>	Sharyn P	Ron S
<b>December</b>	EVERYONE	BRING A PLATE

## 2020 STOCQ CALENDAR

EVENT	LOCATION	SET UP	SHOW DAYS/TIMES
ChildersIDOS (Closed)	TBA	N/A	30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Maroochydore Orchid Show (closed)	Buderim Uniting Church Hall (small)	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 6.00am	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 8.00AM – 3.00pm
Boyne Tannum OS Show	St. Francis Primary School Tannum Sands	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday & Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Bribie Island OS Show	The Orchid House First Avenue	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday & Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Gladstone OSFS Show	Tba	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm	Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Sunshine Coast OS Caloundra	Caloundra Uniting Church Hall cnr. Ulm & Queen St's	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm	Friday, Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> . 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Rockhampton OS Show	Rockhampton State High School	TBA	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Caboolture OS Show (closed)	TBA	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Gympie ADOS Show as part of Garden Expo	Gympie Showgrounds	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Saturday & Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Bundaberg OS Show	Bundaberg Civic Centre	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday to Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Maroochydore OS (Closed) Mothers Day Show	Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 6.00am	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 8.00AM – 3.00pm
Noosa OS Show (closed)	Cooroy CWA Hall	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> ,	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
STOCQ & OQI meetings	Childers Isis District OS	Tba	
Caboolture OS Show	Morayfield Community Centre	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Maroochydore OS Show	Buderim Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 8.00am – 2.30pm
Agnes Waters O & FS Show	Agnes Waters Community Centre	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> . Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
Nambour OS Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Maryborough & DOS Show	Tba	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Noosa DO & FS Show	Cooroy Memorial Hall	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Glasshouse OS Show	Beerwah Community Hall	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Hervey Bay OS Show	Tba	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Rockhampton OS Show	TBA	TBA	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Bribie Island OS Show	Orchid House First Avenue	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Caboolture OS Mini Show (closed)	Rockhampton State High School	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> October

Nambour OS Species Show	Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
STOCQ Meeting South Burnett OS	Tba	NA	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November

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

### **Australian and World Orchid Show / Conferences**

- TIOS Show Tainan, Taiwan 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- WOC 23 Taichung Taiwan 9<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- 24<sup>th</sup> WOC Show/ Conference Perth, Australia 2023
- AOC Conference / Show “ Love of Orchids” 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ ! Logan Metro Sports & Events Centre, Brisbane Qld. To receive updates contact [aocc2021@gmail.com](mailto:aocc2021@gmail.com) with your name and email address.

### **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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