



The Observer

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Cultural Meetings

Meetings are held on the 1st 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

**ALL SOCIETY CULTURAL MEETINGS AND SHOWS
ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO
THE COVID - 19 VIRUS**

**THERE WILL BE NO MORE NEWSLETTERS UNTIL MEETINGS RE-
COMMENCE**

Society News from March Cultural meeting

President Duncan advised all members of his request that as many members as possible come along and help our March orchid show to be held in the Buderim Uniting Church small hall on Saturday 14th March starting set up at 6.00am. Members were asked to bring plants for benching displays and plants for sale. Helpers are required for plant sales, door entry, raffles, kitchen duties and orchid advice to the public. Cakes, slices, etc. would be appreciated for morning /afternoon teas

.Desiree advised members about the [Bush House visit](#) organised with Mr John Robertson - to **Robertson's Orchid Nursery** on Saturday **21 March** at **10.00 am** Heads up - It is

usually hot and humid in the bush house. Afterwards we will continue onto a venue for morning tea to be advised on the day.

Due to Australian Government advice this visit was cancelled.

Meeting Talk

Rod gave a very informative talk on general hygiene and different tools, and equipment and their uses that beginner orchid growers would need when working with and re-potting orchids. Various products and equipment were shown and how to care for them was explained. Members were shown how to stake orchid inflorescences to enhance the beauty, appeal and best presentation of that orchid.



Meeting Results

JUDGES CHOICE		POPULAR CHOICE
Cattleya		
1	<i>C.Caudabec Candy</i>	<i>Rlc. Toshie's Magic x Rlc. Dal's Monarch</i>
Member	Loraine	Bev & Col
2	<i>Ctt. Chongkolnee</i>	
Member	John S	
3	<i>Rlc. Toshie's Magic x Rlc. Dal's Monarch</i>	
Member	Bev & Col	
Dendrobium		
1	<i>Den. Fuch's Blue Angel</i>	<i>Den. Fuch's Blue Angel</i>
Member	John S	John S
2	<i>Den. Hidden Money</i>	
Member	John S	
3	<i>Den. Garish x Den. Chao Praya Sweet</i>	
Member	Fred & Marg	

Vanda		
1	V. Captan Chor x <i>Aer. lawrencea</i>	V. Captan Chor x <i>Aer. lawrencea</i>
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	<i>Aer.</i> Robsans Gem	
Member	Kathy	
3	<i>Van.</i> Precious	
Member	John S	
Oncidium		
1	<i>Odcdm. Other Side of Cool</i>	<i>Alicera</i> Sweetheart Jonel
Member	Loraine	Roger
2	<i>Onc.</i> Sweet Sugar	
Member	Loraine	
3	<i>Onc.</i> Sweet Sugar	
Member	Loraine	
Any other genera		
1	<i>Bulb. annandalei</i> x <i>frostii</i>	<i>Paph.</i> Snow Squall
Member	Duncan	John S
2	<i>Bulb.</i> Jersey	
Member	Duncan	
3	<i>Bulb. flabellum veneris</i> x <i>Bulb. mastersianum</i>	
Member	Duncan	
Species		
1	<i>V testacea</i>	<i>V testacea</i>
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	<i>Paph liemianum</i>	
Member	Peter H	
3	<i>Paph thaianum</i>	
Member	John S	
Novice		
1	C. Roebling	C. Roebling
Member	Christine	Christine
2	<i>Cyc</i> Jumbo Cooper	
Member	Greg D	
3	<i>Ctsm</i> Susan Fuchs	
Member	Grede D	
Foliage		
1	Aglaonema	Aglaonema
Member	Loraine	Loraine
2	Tillandsia	
Member	Loraine	
3	Aglaonema	
Member	Loraine	

() Colour shading indicates not registered with Orchid wiz

Meeting Winners



C. Caudabec Candy



Den. Fuch's Blue Angel



V. Captan Chor x Aer. Lawrencea



Odcdm. Other Side of Cool



V testacea



Bulb. annandalei x frostii



Aglaonema



Cyc Jumbo Cooper

Plant of the Month by Christine Lasko

We bought this plant; C. G. Roebling 'Blue Indigo' in 2017 whereupon we potted it into rocks—as you do in Cairns. It was not thriving and I repotted it in June of 2019 into a mix of bark and Orchid potting mix over rocks. We had been in the process of relocating our collection from the west side to the east side of the house under the Avocado tree where they get a good breeze but not quite enough light for some. This change in location and potting mix has been well received by all our collection although the Cattleya's may be reluctant to bloom. 'Blue Indigo' immediately put out 4 new starts, three of which had bloom sheaths, very balanced around the plant with very little encouragement from me. We fertilize fortnightly with a weak solution of Dynamic lifter (as suggested by Barry at a previous meeting) and Plantacote Plus 6mth. We water when required. Everyone seems really happy but it seems, because we are on top of the hill, in a very breezy place and under the Avocado tree it is about 10' cooler, so our plants seem to mature about 4 weeks behind other collections we see.



Society Shirts

If you would like to obtain a society shirt for wearing to society functions, shows and meetings, then call into the supplier (business card attached) and tell them you wish to try on a Maroochydore Orchid Society shirt to ensure you get the correct size. You can have a pocket (men only) and name if you wish. Payment is by you to the supplier.

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SUPPER ROSTER FOR 2020

May	Loraine H	John S
June	Desiree W	Barry W
July	Bev & Col H	Zac K
August	Ian W	Joe M
September	Del W	Roger
October	Richard B	Peter H
November	Sharyn P	Ron S
December	EVERYONE	BRING A PLATE

THE FOLLOWING SHOWS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID - 19 VIRUS

- North Queensland Orchid Fair 2020
- Gympie Orchid Show and Garden Expo 1-2 May
- SCOS Caloundra Autumn Show 17-18 April
- Bundaberg Orchid Show 8-10 May
- Redcliffe & Pine Rivers Anniversary Show 18-19 April
- Ipswich Garden Spectacular 18- 19 April
- Lockyer Valley Orchid Show 7-9 May
- South Burnett Orchid Show 18 April
- Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid Show
- EDOS Autumn Orchid Show 21-22 March
- ANOS Kabi group Show 4 April
- Rockhampton Orchid Society Autumn Orchid Show and Meetings April, May and June
- Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society Orchid Show 28-29 March
- Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Easter Orchid Show
- Aspley Orchid Society Mothers Day Show

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Letter From Orchidaceous Supplies

Hi to the Secretary

Orchidaceous Supplies is proposing to trial a stock run to Brisbane to deliver orders along the way and in Brisbane. This is on the condition that things do not worsen and we are limited to no travel.

It would allow us to help those members who want bark or charcoal, those heavy and bulky items that are expensive to post/freight while helping postage costs for some of the smaller items.

HOW IT WOULD WORK

It would be appreciated if you could kindly email your members to advise them of our intention.

We would prefer to deliver to a couple of "Drop off Points" for each society to minimise the number of stopping points -- as you can imagine -- if we are delivering to a number of clubs -- door to door delivery would be a logistic nightmare.

The members could place their orders direct with us via email, via order form on our website or by phone and payment would have to be by credit card (phone us with card details) or electronic funds transfer.(details below)

We would then make the trip -- possibly over 2 days -- and deliver to the nominated locations.

To be able to have no delivery charge, it will be necessary to limit orders to a minimum of \$20.00

If the trial run is acceptable in the outcome and does not pose too many problems logistically, we would like it to become a monthly event until the current situation changes for the better and life again becomes normal and our orchid shows return.

We would like to make the first run late in the week ending 5th Apr -- we will advise everyone as the date nears.

Email supplies@orchidaceoussupplies.com.au Website www.orchidaceoussupplies.com.au

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Regards Grahame and Margaret Muller

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2020 STOCQ CALENDAR (changes may occur without the Editors knowledge)

EVENT	LOCATION	SET UP	SHOW DAYS/TIMES
Gladstone OSFS Show	Tba	Thursday 9 th April at 5.00pm	Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 th - 12 th April
Caboolture OS Show (closed)	TBA	Thursday 30 th April	Thursday 30 th April, Saturday 2 nd May
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
Rockhampton OS Show	TBA	TBA	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)	Rockhampton State High School	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 Show / Conferences

- 24th WOC Show/ Conference Perth, Australia 2023
- AOC Conference / Show “ Love of Orchids” 1st-5th September 2021 @! Logan Metro Sports & Events Centre, Brisbane Qld. To receive updates contact aocc2021@gmail.com with your name and email address.

March Orchid Show at the Buderim Uniting Church small hall

Saturday 14 March saw an early morning hive of activity as members set up for the annual MOS Buderim show. In view of developments in Australia since then, the efforts have been even more rewarded as this will most likely be our only show for 2020.

Attendance was only slightly down on last year, but all aspects of the show – sales plants, raffles, kitchen takings – were a success.

As usual, a wonderful array of home baking along with delicious sandwiches kept everyone well nourished for the day, and many happy visitors were seen walking out carrying plants that they just couldn't resist.

To all the members who helped in any way, you deserve a pat on the back for your contribution. Stay safe as we navigate our way through the next few months of this virus.





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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Amidst the disruption of the Covid-19 virus we wish all members and friends the best of good health, happiness and safety as our nation works towards returning to our normal way of life again.