



1971 - 2021

PO Box 382 Maroochydore QLD 4558

<https://maroochydoreorchidsocietyinc.com>

maroochyorchid1@optusnet.com.au

PATRON	ROSANNA NATOLI
PRESIDENT	DUNCAN McMARTIN 07 5448 5300
SECRETARY	KATHY HOWATSON 07 5448 4450
TREASURER	FAY MERCEICA 07 5479 2051
EDITOR	ROGER LODSMAN 0404 175 172
CO EDITOR	BARRY WOODS 0438 144 451

CULTURAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Buderim Men's Shed 34 Advance Road Kuluin
Plants are to be tabled by 7.00 pm for judging

THE NEXT CULTURAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 3 AUGUST 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone. Our 50th Anniversary Open Show is fast approaching, and I hope you'll have plenty of beautiful flowers to enter in it. Don't be deterred from entering your orchids if you think they're not good enough to win first prize. As long as they're fairly good, **you should enter them**. More on that later.

Caboolture Orchid Society just had their Open Show and said it was a big success. A number of our members entered plants in it and won lots of prizes. Some of their members said they appreciated us being there and that they'll be entering plants in our Anniversary Show. Our successful members were **Rod** (Reserve Champion, 1 x second place, and 1 x third place), **Lorraine** (6 x first place, 3 x second place, and 3 x third place), **Kathy** (1 x second place and 1 x third place), **John** (1 x first place, 2 x second place, and 2 x third place), **Ian** (1 x second place), and I got 1 x first place and 1 x second place.

I didn't expect any awards as they weren't top flowers. The first prize one was only ok as its normal flowering time is Summer and Autumn. It was the only one in its class, so, as I mentioned earlier, as long as they're fairly good, enter them.

Go out to your plants and check for buds that could be open in time for our show, nurture them and talk to them (some people believe they appreciate that or the positive feeling you exhibit when doing it).

Remember to **keep yourself and your plants healthy** and I'll see you at the next meeting.

DUNCAN McMARTIN
MOS President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

With our 50th anniversary show on the horizon, it was a busy meeting with lots to discuss.

Fiona Simpson MP has accepted our invitation and will open the show on Friday 6 August at 11.00 am followed by a morning tea with past presidents and life members.

New class cards and society flyers have been ordered from Kwik Kopy. New rosettes for awards have arrived. A friend of Fay's is making and decorating a cake for us. It was decided to print off the judging cards for Thursday night to have them ready. **We'll need a couple of scribes on Thursday night.**

Del, Jack and Christine, Desiree, and Peter have all been helping to advertise the show. Thank you to all the members who took signs to put out in the community. It all helps to advertise the show and make it a success. Several members are planning to write an article about our show to be published in the *Orchids Australia* magazine. The article will showcase the amazing job we do as a society and the great variety of orchids that are grown in this area.

Desiree will send out a roster for all the jobs on the days of the show. Many hands sure do make for light work.

It was suggested that we visit members' homes to see how they grow their orchids. A great idea which we'll implement.

The Nambour Species Show will be on Saturday 23 October at the Uniting Church Hall in Buderim with set up on Friday night.

KATHY HOWATSON
MOS Secretary



50th ANNIVERSARY ORCHID SHOW

8.00 am to 4.00 pm
on Friday 6 August 2021

8.00 am to 2.00 pm
on Saturday 7 August 2021

Buderim Uniting Church Hall
Corner Gloucester Road and King Street Buderim

Benching from 4.00 pm on Thursday 5 August 2021
to be completed by 6.00 pm

Presentations from 2.30 pm on Saturday 7 August 2021

LIBRARY

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have an interesting article to share in the newsletter
please contact the Editor. See front cover for contact details.

DISCLAIMER

While the Editor endeavours to ensure the reliability of this
newsletter, neither the Editor nor Maroochydore Orchid Society
Inc. can assume any responsibility for the information or advice
given to readers of The Observer.



This project is proudly supported by
Sunshine Coast Council's grants program

Layout design by **Mika Lodsman**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Maroochydore Orchid Society 50th Anniversary Show
Fri 6 and Sat 7 August with set up on Thu 5 August
Buderim Uniting Church Hall

CANCELLED: Agnes Waters Show
hosting Subtropical Orchid Council Queensland
Sat 14 and Sun 15 August

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Show
Fri 27 and Sat 28 August with set up on Thur 26 August

SEPTEMBER

Nambour Orchid Society Benched Spring Show
Fri 3 and Sat 4 September with set up on Thu 2 September

Maryborough District Orchid Society Show
Thur 16 to Sat 18 September with set up Wed 15 September
St Paul's Church Hall, 178-202 Adelaide St Maryborough

Noosa District Ochid and Foliage Society Show
Thur 16 and Fri 17 September with set up on Wed 15 September

Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show
Fri 24 and Sat 25 September with set up on Thur 23 September
Beerwah Community Hall, 25 Peachester Rd Beerwah

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show and Garden Spectacular
Fri 24 to Sun 26 September with set up on Thur 23 September

Rockhampton Orchid Society Spring Show
Sat 25 and Sun 26 September

OCTOBER

Caloundra Orchid Society Show
Fri 1 and Sat 2 October with set up on Thur 30 September
Uniting Church Hall, corner Queen St and Ulm St Caloundra

Bribie Island Orchid Society Show
Fri 8 and Sat 9 October with set up on Thur 7 October

Caboolture Orchid Society Closed Show
Thur 21 to Sat 23 October
Morayfield Shopping Centre, 171 Morayfield Rd Morayfield

Nambour Species Show
Sat 23 October with set up on Fri 22 October
Buderim Uniting Church Hall

SUPPER ROSTER

AUGUST JOHN S, LORAIN H

SEPTEMBER JOE M, IAN W

OCTOBER KEN J, BARRY W

NOVEMBER SHARYN P, DESIREE W

DECEMBER **EVERYONE TO BRING A PLATE**

NAMBOUR GARDEN EXPO

by Barry Woods

I expect a few of you would have braved the weather and joined the throngs at the Nambour Garden Expo which was held on 9, 10, and 11 July. It was a great show and an excellent turnout.

Some were keen enough to go on the Friday. I heard it was a bit wet and sloshy. On Saturday we had that cutting sou-westerly blowing but that clearly wasn't enough to dry the showgrounds in time for the last day which is when we went. The weather was a little kinder though a warm jacket was still required as was a keen eye for soft wet mud. All in all a good day for poking around the different stalls.

There were a lot of orchids for sale, but I noticed prices seemed to be up quite a bit on 2019. Even the in flower Twinkle Oncidiums were \$22.50 each.

One orchid stall that seemed to have done very well was Orchids Mackay. There wasn't much left on the bench by Sunday with just a few stragglers in the Vanda area.

I bought a few things and was pleased with one stall on the oval selling lots of potting supplies, especially for orchid growers, including wire hangers, lots of Coir (including in blocks), and timber baskets in various shapes and sizes. The beauty of these was not being required to buy a set of large, medium, and small meaning I could get exactly what I wanted. I needed three small

octagonal baskets which were priced at three for \$20 – not worth making them myself at that price!

They also had something I'd never seen before, namely, flat back hanging baskets designed to hang against a wall. These were priced at three for \$40.

The name on my receipt is Aussie Environmental (19 Central Park Drive Yandina – phone 07 5315 5431) in case anyone's interested.

I only bought two orchids at the Show, both from Kurt at Red Fox Orchids: a Dendrobium Hilda Poxon and Phaius Lady Ramona Harris 'Here's Looking at You' with two flower spikes.

The Sundowner stall with shade and orchid houses was also interesting and it seemed to me that their prices had come down over the last three or four years, though I may be mistaken. They're all great units with a size to suit any budget.

Something to remember, they often come up on Facebook Marketplace. They're nearly always half the price though you'll need to arrange to collect them yourself (disassemble and reassemble). Not many come up on the Sunshine Coast but there are often ones in Brisbane.

Another great Expo and I'm already looking forward to next year.



Hexagonal teak basket from Aussie Environmental in Yandina



Wall hanging basket from Aussie Environmental in Yandina

PLANT OF THE NIGHT



John's Paphiopedilum venustum 'alba'

HONOURABLE MENTIONS



Spiralling golden rain on this Dendrochilum

PAPHIOPEDILUM VENUSTUM

By John S

I purchased this Paph. venustum 'alba' approximately 4 to 5 years ago as a single growth small plant from Darrel Banks at one of our Society's one day shows.

It's grown with the rest of my Paphs all in one shade house under 50% shade cloth with an Alsynite cover on top and a 30% shade cloth over that for added shade in summer.

The potting mix I use is Orchidaceous Seedling Mix soaked in Dolomite and I only repot my Paphs during winter. In terms of fertiliser, I use Calcium Nitrate for growth in warmer months and apply Peters Flower Booster in cooler months on a weekly basis.

Several days before our July Cultural Meeting, this plant was awarded an AM/AOC 80.4 at a convened panel of judges.

Right: Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Trader x (Cattleya Lana Coryell x Rhyncholaeliocattleya Bryce Canyon)



A cluster Cattleya hybrid putting on a great display



Dendrobium Banana Royal



A couple of Bulbos from Duncan's collection



A lovely Dendrobium hybrid



Vanda lamellata



Nigrohirsute Dendrobium



A basket full of Rhynchostylis



Reed-stem Epidendrum, Crucifix Orchid



Brassocattleya Yellow Bird

JUDGING RESULTS – JULY 2021 MEETING

CATTLEYA

	MEMBER	POPULAR VOTE	
1	Rlc. Ubon Silk D'or Rth. Ubon Silk D'or	John S	Rlc. Ubon Silk D'or Rth. Ubon Silk D'or
2	Rlc. Shellie Compton x Rlc. Persepolis C. Breen's Jenny Ann	Lionel K	
3	Rth. Sacks Trademark C. Sak's Trademark	John S	

DENDROBIUM

1	Den. Cherry Dance	Lionel K	Lionel K	Den. Cherry Dance
2	Den. Airy Aloana	Lionel K		
3	Den. Janya x sulawesiense	Kathy		

VANDA

1	V. Pure's Wax	Lorraine H	Lorraine H	V. Pure's Wax
2	V. Brighton's Gold Moon	John S		
3	V. Fuchs Joy x Rhy. coelestis	Lorraine H		

ONCIDIUM

1	Wils. Pacific Passage Onc. Pacific Passage	Lorraine H	Lorraine H	Oncosteple Masai Red Oncosteple Midnight Miracles
2	Vuylk. Fran's Nymph Oip (Oncidopsis) Fran's Nymph	Lorraine H		
3	Onc. Pacific Sunrise	Lorraine H		

ANY OTHER GENERA

1	Paph. Iluka Queen	Lorraine H	Lorraine H	Paph. Iluka Queen
2	Cym. Unknown	Lorraine H		
3	Phal. Unknown	Lorraine H		

SPECIES

1	Paph. venustum	John S	Lorraine H	Epi. stamfordianum
2	Epi. stamfordianum	Lorraine H		
3	Rhy. gigantea 'Peach'	Lorraine H		

NOVICE

1	Onc. Sweet Sugar Oncsa (Oncidesa) Sweet Sugar	Greg D	Greg D	Rlc. Mudjimba Magic
2	Cym. Unknown	Desire W		
3	Rlc. Mudjimba Magic	Greg D		

FOLIAGE

1	Dieffenbachia	Lorraine H	Desiree W	Calathea
2	Maidenhair Fern	Mitzi M		
3	Fittonia	Lorraine		

NAME CHANGES ARE IN ORANGE (please update your tags)

THE MEETING



Duncan gets the ball rolling with his President's address



The things we do to put our orchids on show

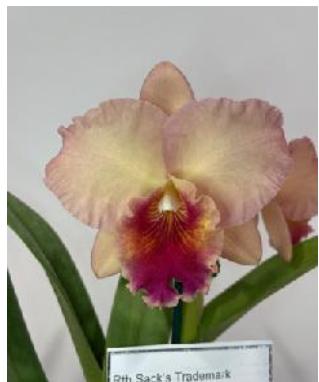
CATTLEYA



Rhyncattleanthe Ubon Silk D'or



Cattleya Breen's Jenny Ann

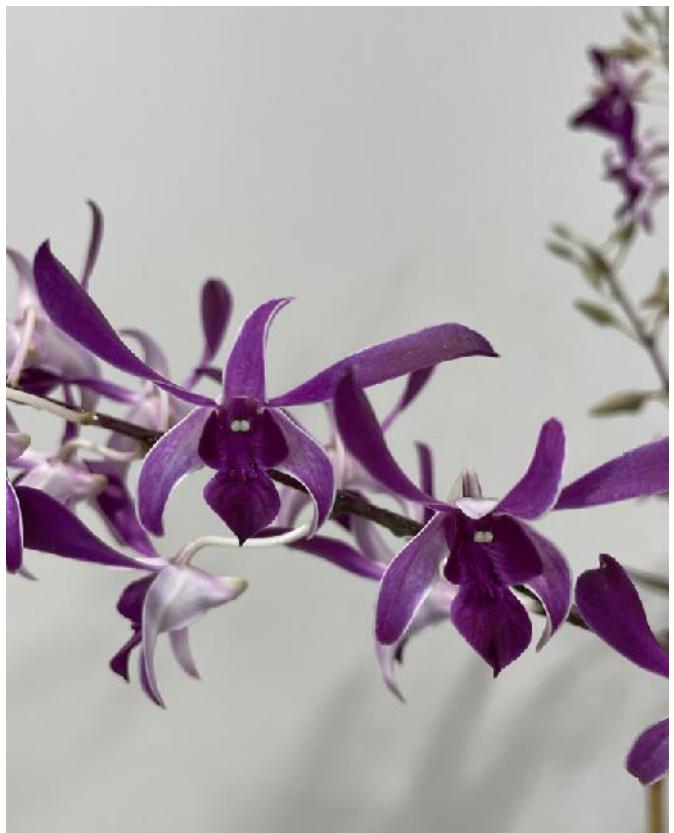


Cattleya Sak's Trademark



Dendrobium Airy Aloana

DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium Cherry Dance



Dendrobium Janya x sulawesiense

VANDA



Vanda Brighton's Gold Moon



Vanda Fuch's Joy x Rhynchostylis coelestis

ONCIDIUM



Oncidium Pacific Passage



Oncidopsis Frans Nymph



Oncidium Pacific Sunrise



Oncostele Midnight Miracles

SPECIES



Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Peach'

OTHER GENERA



Paphiopedilum Iluka Queen BC



Epidendrum stamfordianum



Cymbidium hybrid, NOID



Phalaenopsis, NOID

NOVICE



Oncidesa Sweet Sugar

FOLIAGE



Calathea



Maidenhair fern



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Mudjimba Magic 'Janelle'



Cymbidium, NOID



Diffenbachia

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month, we're getting to know

Roger Lodsman



Roger in his happy place (surrounded by acres of orchids).

How did you get the Orchid bug?

A visit to The Orchid Place, an orchid nursery in Engadine (now moved to Heathcote) in south Sydney showed me the fabulous variety of flower and form. The owner breeds Cymbidiums and Oncidiums. I fell in love with Brassidioms and Miltonidioms (now Aliceara, Arthurara, etc.) and they remain a style of orchid that I love to this day.

What was your first Orchid?

My first orchid was a Cymbidium Lowio-grandiflorum, a primary hybrid (C. lowianum x C. grandiflorum) that was made almost 120 years ago. It was a division from my neighbour's garden way back in the early 90s.

How long have you been growing Orchids?

I've been dabbling on and off since the early 90s and got serious after visiting the St Ives Show in 2016. Mika just realised she was already in the picture and could've stopped this madness.

What do you love about growing Orchids?

The sheer variety of plant form, flower shape, and colour has always amazed me.

What type of Orchids do you grow?

I mainly grow Australian Dendrobiums and novelty Cattleyas

(especially Brassavola, Laelia anceps and Guarianthe hybrids). I also have a few novelty Vanda intergenerics and those spidery Oncidium hybrids which Mika says look like witch doctors.

Do you have a favourite Orchid?

Dendrobium White Grace 'Sato' has to be my all-time favourite. The flowers last weeks, and it usually flowers twice a year. It combines Latouria species from PNG, D. bigibbum (the Queensland state flower), and D. speciosum (my other love).

What is the Orchid at the top of your wish list?

An orchid that I've bred myself and grown from flask to flowering.

Where do you grow your Orchids?

In our courtyard. Every visitor is amazed that I manage to pack so much into such a small space. It's all about making the most of microclimates.

Do you have a regular program for watering, fertilising, and pest control?

The plants and the weather dictate watering for me, and it's all done by hand. I try to give my plants a regular evening misting in summer and early autumn as I have a largely intermediate collection and seek to simulate the evening mists that these orchids encounter.

Fertilising is via slow release pellets for the warmer months and a Peters CalMag Finisher watered in all year round.

Pest control is via monthly fungal and insecticidal sprays.

Do you have a mentor or inspiration in the orchid community?

Most of my mentors are in the Australian Native Orchid growing community spread along the central and north coast of NSW. The Catts, Vandas and Oncids just seem to grow themselves.

Do you have other interests and hobbies you would like to tell us about?

Bushwalking and camping has always been a passion, especially when I find native orchids growing in the wild. Gardening has always been my love and I'm eagerly awaiting a bigger garden in a few years' time.

What's your highlight since joining Maroochydore Orchid Society?

Becoming Editor of The Observer sits well above everything else. I'm really enjoying showcasing our members' fabulous orchids and the knowledge of our more experienced growers.

What topics you would most like to hear a talk or presentation about at some stage?

- Growing orchids in the garden
- Growing native terrestrial orchids
- Growing Jewel Orchids

Thank you Roger, it was a pleasure chatting with you. Happy growing and flowering. Say hi to Roger at the next meeting.

Would another member please volunteer to answer these questions for the August edition of The Observer?