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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 TUE 1 FEBRUARY 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all, the end is nigh. Of the year that is, not the world (I hope). Our second year of Covid is nearing an end and hopefully next year will be much more open.

In the hope that they can come, Dark Star Orchids and Orchid Species Plus have booked their spots at the International Orchid Fair at Belmond on 25-26 February next year.

I also hope that there will be no more shutdowns of our shows. Despite our big show being shut down this year, we still came through the year very well. I thank you all for making this happen.

As usual, watch out for bugs. There are lots of tiny ones after new shoots, buds and flowers. There are still a few large grey grasshoppers around, and also, small pointy headed green ones are about in fairly large numbers. I haven't got weed matting in the large bush house and when I went to pull a juicy leafed weed out, I saw three pointy headed grasshoppers munching on it. It will stay there now to attract them for easy catching! There are also very small green chunky grasshoppers about.

In ending this, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy and good growing New Year. May all your flowers be magnificent. Happy orchid growing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

December was a busy month for our Society. We had our 50th Anniversary Christmas Lunch at Maroochy Surf Club, followed closely by the last cultural meeting for the year. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in organising the anniversary lunch, in particular Fay. 50 years is something to be very proud of. We're still interested in capturing any historical photos and stories and sharing those. Please let the Editor and Committee know if you have stories to share. The December cultural meeting was very relaxed and we had a chance to mingle and share some Christmas fare while admiring each other's December blooms.

As it heats up many of us are looking forward to a break from meetings and shows to focus on our orchids, which are growing great guns in this heat and humidity. I'm keeping an eye on new growths. I hope to stake them early and regularly as they have a mind of their own and like to reach at angles – against my will! They also like to outgrow my green wire ties and I don't want to ringneck them.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1 February from 7.00 pm at the Buderim Men's Shed. We had a great show of hands for a growing competition and we'll get started with this in February. We'll also start planning for our first 2022 show which will be held on Saturday 19 March at the Buderim Uniting Church Hall.

DUNCAN McMARTIN
 MOS President

DESIREE WATSON
 MOS Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE JANUARY 2022 EDITION OF THE OBSERVER

We don't have a January meeting, but we do have a January edition of The Observer so please send through all those photos of your summer orchids. The Stanhopeas, Laelia anceps hybrids, many Catts, and other orchids that flower on new growths always miss the meetings because they flower 'at the wrong time'.

Please send a photo or two together with the name of the orchid and a description under 100 words for each of your January flowers. **Send your January 2022 flowers by email to tarundea@bigpond.com.au** Email works best as it doesn't compress and degrade the quality of the photo.

Anything else orchid related that happens for you over the summer is also welcome, such as a repotting extravaganza, a shade house refurbishment, an orchid (or orchids) that is having a particularly standout growth cycle, a special orchid Christmas present.

Some of you haven't been able to attend our cultural meetings for a range of reasons including your health and the pandemic. We miss you and wish you the best of health and happiness. Keep in touch.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2022

STOCQ AGM/OQI

Sat 12 February
The Albert Bowls Club, River Road Gympie

International Orchid Fair

Friday 25 and Saturday 26 February
Belmont Shooting Complex

MARCH 2022

Maroochydore Orchid Society Closed Show

Sat 19 March
Buderim Uniting Church Hall, corner King St and Gloucester Rd

APRIL 2022

Childers and Isis Orchid Society Charity Show

Fri 1 and Sat 2 April with set up on Thu 31 March

Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Benched Show

Sat 9 and Sun 10 April with set up on Fri 8 April
Caloundra Uniting Church Hall, corner Ulm and Queen Streets

Rockhampton Orchid Society Show

Sat 9 and Sun 10 April with set up and judging on Fri 8 April

Bribie Island Orchid Society Show

Fri 15 and Sat 16 April with set up on Thu 14 April

Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Show

Fri 15 to Sun 17 April with set up from 5.00 pm on Thu 14 April and judging from 7.00 am on Fri 15 April
Toyota Hansen Road, Gladstone

Caboolture Orchid Society Closed Show

Thu 28 to Sat 30 April
Morayfield Shopping Centre

Gympie and District Orchid Society Show

Sat 30 April to Sun 1 May
Albert Bowls Club, Bruce Highway/River Road, Gympie

AUGUST 2022

22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show

POSTPONED until Wed 31 Aug – Sun 4 Sept 2022
Check www.aocc2021.org for up to date information

SUPPER ROSTER

JANUARY NO MEETING

FEBRUARY VACANCY

MARCH VACANCY

Please get in touch with Desiree (0431 435 181) if you'd like to sign up to the supper roster for early 2022.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING



Duncan prepares for the presentations



2021 Novice Champion



2021 Open Champion



2021 Foliage Champion

Congratulations to our 2021 Champions Loraine and Greg

Thank you Loraine for bringing the foliage bench to life at each and every meeting

And Greg, what a way to exit the Novice section!



Duncan preparing us for the Recessional \$ Raffle

CATTELYA



Catyclia Burdekin Honey 'Shona'



Catyclia Ubon Hatillo Bees



Ctyh. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'



Cat. Choc Gem x Ollies Folly



Cattlianthe Chongkolnee

DENDROBIUM



Den. Burmese Ruby 'J.G.'



Den. Fraser's Canary Twisted



Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut



Dendrobium De Pentecost



Dendrobium Mint Magic

ONCIDIUM



Ionmesa Popcorn 'Haruri'



A lovely Brassia intergeneric



Oncidium Sharry Baby



Oncostele Catatante



The Oncidiums

SPECIES



Brassia verrucosa

VANDA



Look at this purple leopard!



The Vandas standing proud



Prosthechea prismatocarpa



Bulbophyllum echinolabium



Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance



Bulb. corolliferum 'Yellow'



Catasetum pileatum var. imperiale



A lovely burnt orange hybrid

ANY OTHER GENERA



Bulbophyllum Wilmar Sheer Magic



Paphiopedilum Pigeon



Caladium



Bulbophyllum Wilmar Candy Stripes



Phalaenopsis Lioulin Red Lip



Peperomia caperata



Grammatophyllum scriptum 'Leopard' pops in to visit the neighbouring foliage bench for a catch up

OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



MOS President Duncan McMartin takes to the podium

As each year draws to a close, we get together for a Christmas lunch. This year we had a special Christmas lunch to celebrate the Maroochydore Orchid Society's 50th Anniversary.

The lunch was at Maroochy Surf Club. The view from the Surf Club was fabulous – we're so lucky to have such beautiful beaches close to home.

Guest speakers included Past Presidents Mr Peter Hessler OAM, Ms Marlene Deller, Mr Glenn Du Reitz, Mr Eric Ernst, Ms Kathy Howatson, and current President Mr Duncan McMartin.

Our sincere best wishes to Ron Haylock who was unwell on the day. Ron's been a member of our Society longer than any other of the Presidents in attendance at our 50th anniversary Christmas lunch.

It was nice to hear a bit of history of the society. Eric's photos and stories were especially good. We hope to turn some of these into articles for The Observer.

Peter recounted the story of how our Society was incorporated. At first the Committee was perplexed as to what it all meant, then they got friendly advice from solicitor Steve Houlihan to 'just sign it!' Peter also fondly tells the story of his Cymbidium competitor Bill Alcorn, a WWII veteran (RIP).

Glenn had a good tale about a certain dinner, but we'll keep the details under the Chatham House Rules!

Marlene was President when Kathy decided to start growing orchids. Del has also been a member since then. Kathy recalls Marlene was a very welcoming and inclusive President and made everyone feel part of the family.

All the speakers were unanimous in talking about the camaraderie they experienced as a member of our Society.

We brought in a few mementos for members to ponder. There was a vase for our 25th Anniversary, and it was suggested we get a memento for the 50th, perhaps a mug? Kathy has served as both Secretary and President over the years. Some of the mementos brought back very fond memories for her.

Special thanks to Fay for organising the lunch and our 50th anniversary cake. It was decided that Peter cut the cake as he's one of the longest serving MOS Presidents.

Thanks again everyone who was able to make time to celebrate with us. It was a wonderful afternoon. We hope you enjoy these photos of our 50th anniversary Christmas lunch. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!



President Duncan McMartin (2013 onwards)



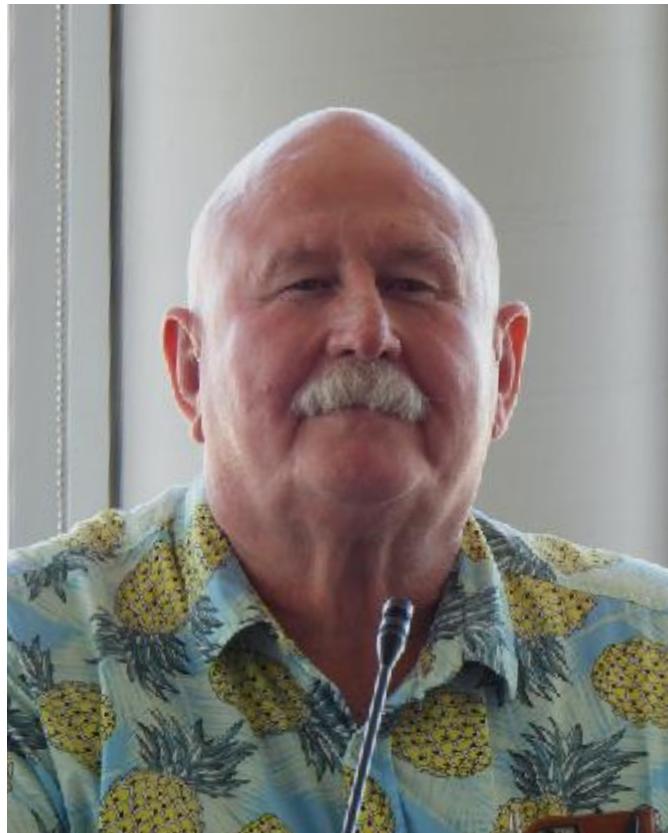
Past President Peter Hessler (1980-1982)



Plenty of time for us all to mingle and chat



Thanks Fay for organising our 50th anniversary cake as well as the lunch



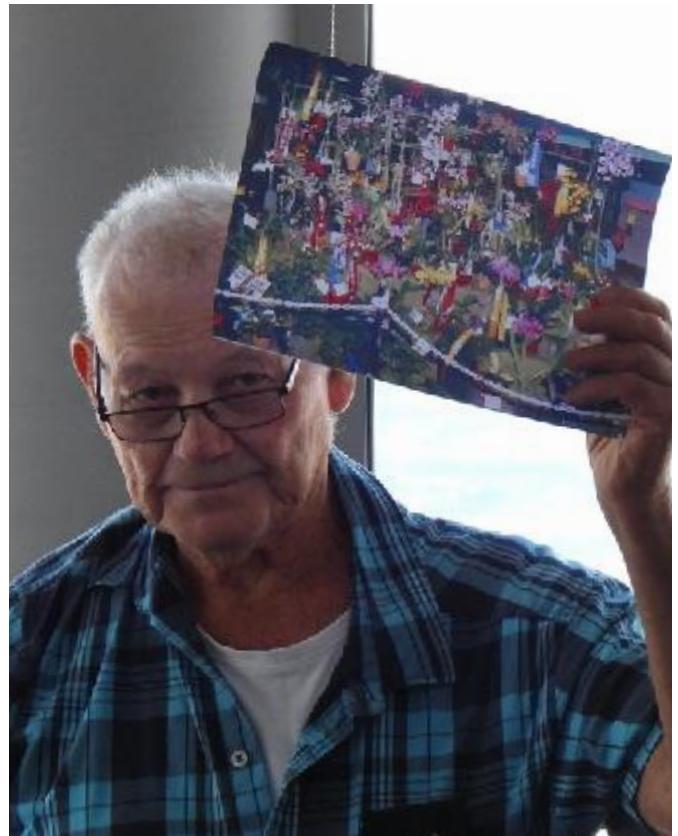
Past President Glenn DuReitz (1998-2000)



Past President Marlene Deller (2002-2004)



Past President Kathy Howatson (2006-2012)



Past President Eric Ernst (2005)



2021 Open Champion Loraine told Sharyn all her growing secrets



Eric and Peter guarding Del's fabulous hand painted sign



Leafing through MOS history



These four got a lot of pleasure out of sharing pictures



A cake fit for a golden anniversary



Thank you everyone for helping us celebrate our 50th anniversary