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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 TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

We are deeply saddened this month to lose our long-term member Bill Letcher. **Our thoughts are with Bill's friends and family** who will miss him. We will be able to say our farewells at Bill's funeral being held at 11.00 am on Friday 8 July at Gregson and Weight, Nambour.

I hope you are managing to avoid flu and Covid, and if not, I hope you get well soon. Others spare a thought for those who have been ill as many have.

On a more pleasant note, our planning for **our August Show** and our spot at the **Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show** are both coming along well. Our July meeting will be a lot about our show and getting ready for it. Plants that may be flowering for the show will need a little extra care. In country areas mice are looking for somewhere warm as well as nice buds and new growths to munch, so keep a look out for them.

Also, **for our July meeting remember to bring your competition plants for a progress check and to compare notes with each other and our more experienced growers.** Even longtime growers don't grow every Genera and so don't know everything.

Keep safe and warm and I'll see you at the next meeting.

DUNCAN McMARTIN
MOS President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Along with Duncan and all of Bill Letcher's friends in our Society, I am sad to say goodbye to this friendly cheeky guy. Even as his health prevented him from getting out and about of late, he remained in touch with friends till the end. Vale Billy.

There are a few things to put in your diary this month. **Remember to bring in your Orchid Growing Competition plants, labelled with your name, to the cultural meeting on Tuesday 5 July.** The meeting will be fairly informal as we have so much going on in early August.

Seeing how we are all keen gardeners you may be interested in the **Queensland Garden Expo** at Nambour Showground from 8 to 10 July.

Plans are progressing for **our August Show**, and I'll have signs and fliers at the cultural meeting for those who can put them up in the community. Plans are also well underway for the **22nd AOC Conference & Show** display. Del and Kathy have some creative display pieces they will show you all.

This year we have had lots of notable weather, lots of rain, and now it is both cold and rainy. My bush-house suffers a bit with the cold wet nights, leading to some fungus and die back in some plants. I'll try to combat this with some preventative fungicide. The good news is that we are past the shortest day of the year and can look forward to longer and eventually warmer days from now on.

DESIREE WATSON
MOS Secretary

BUSH HOUSE VISIT TO DOUG WANKA

We had a great morning at Doug's place, roaming among his orchids, talking culture, and generally shooting the breeze. There were plenty of choice plants for sale and some stunners for the early birds.

Doug has been in the game for a good many years and is a treasure trove of cultural information. Picking his brain and listening in when he talks orchids with our more experienced members in these informal gatherings is an opportunity not to be missed.

Our pot luck morning tea selection, both sweet and savory, was delicious.

Thanks again to Jack and Christine, our socials team for organising this calendar of bush house visits.

LIBRARY

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

IN BETWEEN FLOWERS

If you have a plant that's flowering beautifully in between shows and meetings, send a photo or two and a description under 100 words. Send your in between flowers by email to tarundea@bigpond.com or text them to 0404 175 172.

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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A sea of orchids to roam about in



A constant flow of seedlings



Innovative growing solutions



Doug has some stunning orchids



Another innovative growing solution

BUSH HOUSE VISIT CALENDAR

Saturday 9 July

Hosted by Jim Evans (Gympie Orchid Society) in Gympie

Saturday 20 August

Hosted by Joe Mercieca (MOS Member) in Mooroochydore

Saturday 1 October

Hosted by Del Whittaker (MOS Member) in Buderim

Saturday 15 October

Hosted by Kathy Howatson (MOS Member) in Rosemount

Saturday 12 November

Hosted by Lionel Kirby (MOS Member) in Newport

All shade house visits start at 10.00 am.

We ask all people wishing to participate in the visits to stay for a social get together over a cup of tea/coffee after seeing the plants. We'll have time and opportunity to fellowship and share knowledge.

All participants are asked to bring a small plate to share. Please RSVP to Christine and Jack if you wish to attend (check your email inbox regularly for updates).



Lionel enjoying Dougie's orchid wonderland



It takes a lifetime to grow some of these specimens



Christine on the hunt



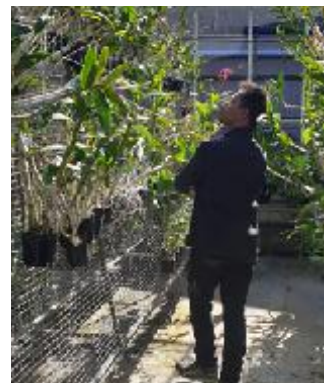
Epicattleya Fireball



Oncidiums well represented in Dougie's collection



An intermediate Den hybrid



Roger was very impressed

VALE BILLY LETCHER



Billy Letcher on front door duties at an MOS show

We are a community of orchid enthusiasts who share in one another's lives. The power of a person's life is the love and stories they leave behind.

I have known Bill since I joined the Society in February 2017. Some of our members go way back further. Here are a few words and short tales from some of us.

Desiree Watson

I'd known Billy for quite a few years. When I first met him, he was still teaching school. He was an orchid judge and very knowledgeable about orchids, especially species, which he grew a lot of. He was always ready to share his wisdom and his mind remained sharp up to the end. He was fond of a joke and was pleasant company. Those of you who are new to our pastime (addiction) may not have met him as he has only been out once or twice since the original Covid lockdown. He will be sadly missed in the orchid world.

As an after-note, Billy always said that Doug Wanka was his best friend. Doug has had a serious crash leaving him with injuries including broken ribs. Some of you visited his place as the last bush-house visit.

Duncan McMartin

Bill attended the 12th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference (APOC) with me in March 2016. The theme in 2016 was "Orchids and Human Beings". Bill was thrilled to have a photo taken with Professor Rapee Sagarik, founding member and 'Father of Thai Orchidology'. I took this photo and Bill said it was a real life highlight for him. Bill was wrapped. This was one of many fun trips Bill had with other local orchid enthusiasts, to both Thailand and Taiwan, for orchid adventures and conferences.

I have known Billy since school days when he went to school in Nambour with my sister Glenda. He had an impressive memory of orchid knowledge, helped no doubt from being a science teacher, and his knowledge of species was remarkable. Bill became an orchid judge in the 90's and his knowledge of species orchids has always been amazing.

John Salway

Thanks for all your help and encouragement with orchid growing and judging Billy. Your species knowledge was exceptional. We will all miss you, especially all your friends from the orchid trips and conferences to Thailand and Taiwan. You encouraged all of us to come home loaded with flasks from markets and nurseries. Most of those orchids are flowering now.

You will be sadly missed by everyone in the orchid world. Rest in peace Billy.

Loraine



Billy with Professor Rapee Sagarik at APOC in March 2016



Billy enjoying a cup of tea at the 12th APOC



Billy with the Sunshine Coast delegation to the 12th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference (APOC) in March 2016



The theme of the conference was "Orchids and Human Beings"

I first met Billy when I joined the Maroochydhore Orchid Society in the middle of 2018 although some members have known him since school. It wasn't until my first trip to the Beenleigh Orchid Show in 2019 with him and two others that friendship moved along quite quickly, and we became firm friends. We had many laughs and conversations about Orchids and their culture at my place over many morning teas and special Birthday gatherings and many coffees and conversations at his place right up until the Saturday before he passed away. My orchid collection has swelled over the past three years as we bought a lot of Orchids together online and swapped divisions of ones we didn't have.

So knowledgeable about species, it is a sad loss for the Orchid growing community, a sad loss for those who were his friends, sorrow for his daughter in Brisbane and his son Joe and his wife Alyce and his adored granddaughter Penny, who lived with him until his death.

Happy growing in the afterlife Billy, will miss you. Fond memories always.

Barry Woods

JUDGING RESULTS – JUNE 2022 MEETING

CATTLEYA

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| 1 Rhyncholaeliocattleya Rosella's Victory 'Sensational' | Lionel K |
| 2 Epidendrum Marine Valley x Pacific Mulberry | Ian W |
| 3 Rhyncholaeliocattleya Karen's Sunrise | Ian W |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Rhyncholaeliocattleya Home Hill 'Sunshine' | Greg D |
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DENDROBIUM

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| 1 Dendrobium Captain Junior | Lionel K |
| 2 Dendrobium Speewah Pride | Joe M |
| 3 Dendrobium Visa Peach | Lorraine H |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Dendrobium Visa Peach | Lorraine H |
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VANDA

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| 1 Vanda Pedro Bonetti | Lorraine H |
| 2 Vanda Doctor Anek | Christine and Jack |
| 3 Vanda Fuchs Royal Dragon | Lorraine H |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Vanda Doctor Anek | Christine and Jack |
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ONCIDIUM

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| 1 Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' | Lorraine H |
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POPULAR VOTE

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| Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' | Lorraine H |
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ANY OTHER GENERA

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| 1 Phalaenopsis NOID | Peter H |
| 2 Paphiopedilum Hsinying Market x charlesworthii | Lorraine H |
| 3 Zygopetalum Kiwi1 x Mishima Goddess | Nev D |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Zygopetalum Kiwi1 x Mishima Goddess | Nev D |
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SPECIES

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| 1 Dendrobium bullenianum | Duncan |
| 2 Bulbophyllum frostii | Lorraine H |
| 3 Dendrobium polysema | Duncan |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Dendrobium stratiotes | Kathy H |
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NOVICE

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| 1 Cymbidium NOID | Teddy |
| 2 Rhyncholaeliocattleya Thaksina Gold | Ron S |
| 3 Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Bells 'John' | Ron S |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Cymbidium NOID | Teddy |
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FOLIAGE

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| 1 Aglaonema | Lorraine H |
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POPULAR VOTE

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| Aglaonema | Lorraine H |
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NOTES

1. Kiwi is likely an incomplete name

UNREGISTERED HYBRIDS ARE **BOLDED**

NAME CHANGES ARE **ORANGE** (please update your tags)

THE MEETING



Gavin Smith delivers the judging results for the night



Eric and Duncan catch up



Constantly researching orchids



Ken, Jack, and Gavin shooting the breeze



The benches

CATTLEYA



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Rosella's Victory 'Sensational'



Epi Marine Valley x Pacific Mulberry



Rlc. Karen's Sunrise



Bc. Sadies Special



Another lovely Epidendrum



A cute little Epidendrum



A colourful bifoliate Cattleya



A lovely Epidendrum



Rlc. Flame Delight 'Margaret K'



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Home Hill 'Sunshine'

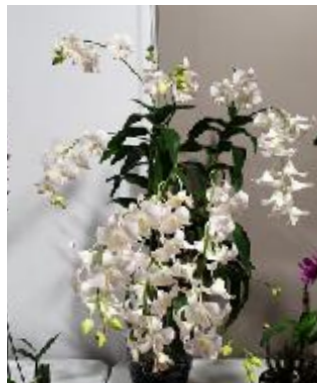
DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium Captain Junior



Dendrobium Speewah Pride



Dendrobium Visa Peach



Dendrobium Yaya Compact



Dendrobium Santi Fancy



Another striking Dendrobium

VANDA



Vanda Pedro Bonetti



Vanda Fuchs Royal Dragon

ONCIDIUM



Vanda Doctor Anek



Another pretty Vanda



Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'

SPECIES



Dendrobium bullenianum



Bulbophyllum frostii



Dendrobium polysema



Bulbophyllum coweniorum

OTHER GENERA



Phalaenopsis N01D



Paph. Hsinying Market x charlesworthii



Paphiopedilum Iluka Queen



Zygopetalum Kiwi x Mishima Goddess



Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite



Z. Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Bay'

NOVICE



Cymbidium NOID

FOLIAGE



Aglonema



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Thaksina Gold



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Bells 'John'

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2022

STOCQ AGM/OOI

Sat 16 July

Isis Cultural Centre, 49 Churchill Street Childers

Caboulture Orchid Society Show

Fri 22 and Sat 23 July with set up on Thu 21 July

Morayfield Community Hall, 298 Morayfield Road

AUGUST 2022

Maroochydore Orchid Society Open Show

Fri 5 Aug to Sat 6 Aug

Buderim Uniting Church Hall, corner Gloucester and King

Agnes Water Orchid and Foliage Society Show

Sat 13 and Sun 14 August

Agnes Water Community Hall, Springs Road

Childers and Isis District Orchid Society Show

Fri 26 and Sat 27 Aug

Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show

31 August to 4 September

Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre,

357 Browns Plains Rd Crestmead

The Committee have committed Maroochydore Orchid Society to put on a display at the AOC Conference and Show

SEPTEMBER 2022

Maryborough District Orchid Show

Thu 15 to Sat 17 September with set up on Wed 14 September

Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show

Fri 23 to Sat 24 September with set up on Thu 22 September

Beerwah Community Hall, 25 Peachester Road

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show

Fri 23 to Sun 25 September with set up on Thu 22 September

Rockhampton Orchid Society Show

Sat 24 to Sun 25 September with set up and judging on Fri 23
Frenchville Sports Club, 105 Clifton Street North Rockhampton

SUPPER ROSTER

JULY	MO, NEV, OLGA
AUGUST	LORAIN H, JOHN S
SEPTEMBER	MITZI M, LORETTA F
OCTOBER	KEN J, JAY M
NOVEMBER	VACANCY
DECEMBER	EVERYONE TO BRING A PLATE



ANNUAL SHOW

8.00 am to 4.00 pm

Friday 5 August

8.00 am to 2.00 pm

Saturday 6 August

Presentations from 2.30 pm on Saturday 6 August

**Buderim Uniting Church Hall
corner Gloucester and King**

Featuring a broad range of
orchids and foliage plants on show

Many orchids and foliage plants for sale

Repotting demonstration at 10.00 am

\$4 entry \$1 raffle tickets

Light refreshments available (tea, coffee, cakes)

CASH ONLY

Benching 4.00 to 6.00 pm on Thursday 4 August

For further information or enquiries please contact
Desiree on 0431 435 181 or Duncan on 07 5448 5300

