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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 2 AUGUST 2022**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone.

A number of our members attended Billy Letcher's funeral to say our last goodbyes. His knowledge of species, particularly, will be greatly missed, as well as that of hybrids.

The show season is getting started. I'm writing this on Sunday 17 July and setup for the Caboolture Show is on Thursday 21 July. Where has July gone! I don't expect to have many flowers to take down, as the cold weather is holding flowering back. Our own Open Show is only two weeks later with set up on Thursday 4 August. If any of your plants may have flowers by then, start getting them ready now. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2 August and we'll talk a little about getting your plants ready and putting them in the show. Most of you have heard this before, but some people are new, and others may have forgotten. If I forget to bring this up at the meeting (as happens from time to time), please remind me.

Our preparations for our show and the AOCC Show at Logan are well advanced. The AOCC Show is set up on Wednesday 31 August and the show runs until Sunday 4 September. If it's airconditioned, this will dry plants out so they'll need misting at times. The people in charge allow this to occur. Our September meeting is after that show.

I hope I see you all at our August meeting. Until then, keep safe and well.

**DUNCAN McMARTIN**  
MOS President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

I'm really looking forward to our August Show at Buderim Uniting Church Hall. We start setting up on Thursday 4 August from noon onwards. Benching by our members is to be complete by 4.00 pm, then foliage by 5.30 pm, and visitors by 6.00 pm.

The show hours are:

- 8.00am to 4.00pm on Friday 5 August
- 8.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 6th August
- Presentations from 2.30 pm on Saturday 6 August

Shows are a great way to show off our floriferous and fragrant hobby to the community, and there's always lots of socialising, including with orchid growers from other clubs.

Thank you Christine and Jack for organising the shade house visit to Jim Evans in Gympie. It was a lovely sunny day and it's always great to see how someone grows their orchids. There are always tips to take home, and sometimes also orchids!

I'm after a few more ideas on what topics you would like to have covered at our monthly cultural meetings.

I love seeing the seasons pass, and the cycles in both the garden and our local wildlife in this beautiful part of Queensland. This week I discovered a crested pigeon has built a nest near our house. No surprise given they're very well fed from our chicken and duck food.

Stay warm, safe and happy everyone.

**DESIREE WATSON**  
MOS Secretary

## PLANT OF THE NIGHT

This 'unknown' Cymbidium was given to me by my cleaning lady approximately five years ago. We did a swap more or less; I gave her 3 or 4 pseudobulbs of my red Cymbidium and she gave me a few bulbs of this yellow/gold one in return.

The orchid has been growing in our front courtyard garden which is quite protected. It is relatively warm as it is north facing and therefore receives the sun most of the day. In the summer I grow my cymbidiums where they receive the morning sun but in the winter I move them to give them significantly more sun.

For the first few years the plant increased in size but there were no flowers, which was probably due to the fact it was virtually neglected and was just watered along with my other pot plants.

Last year I changed the fertilising routine for my Cymbidiums after reading an article by a grower who used Neutrog Strike Back for Orchids very successfully (8:3:10 + trace elements). I use a bag of Searles Cymbidium and Bromilliad mixed with a bag of Searles Orchid Mix when I repot them in Spring.

Once a month, I place a measured amount of Strike Back around the edge of the pot as well as some in the middle and water it in. I tend to water twice a week and occasionally give them some Seasol. All my cymbidiums seem to have improved in condition and have more flowers.

As a novice, I was thrilled to be awarded 'Plant of the Night'.

by Teddy



Teddy's Cymbidium (NOID) was our Plant of the Night

## LIBRARY

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

## 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 close up of Teddy's Cymbidium



## OUR JULY MEETING



Congratulations Royal for your AM from the STOC



Kathy pointing out the best parts of Teddy's Cymbidium



Roger walks us through the first benching for our growing comp



Graham teased about a special orchid he'll be benching soon

## IN BETWEEN FLOWERS



*Bulbophyllum makoyanum* x *Bulbophyllum Lion King*



*Spathoglottis Gold Tower*



*Vanda SW Starlight 'Golden Glow'*



*Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Snowdrift*

Thank you Barry for taking the time to capture some of the orchids in your collection for us to enjoy.

**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](mailto:tarundea@bigpond.com) or text them to 0404 175 172.

## SHADE HOUSE VISIT TO JIM EVANS



Jim Evans' shade house in all its glory

What beautiful weather for a drive to Gympie. We couldn't have asked for a better day! We were told Jim Evans has a massive *Cattleya* collection, and that he's won many awards over the years. His massive collection did not disappoint.

MOS members were impressed with the volume, variety, and quality of orchids on show. Further to this, the benching set up in his massive greenhouse was an eye opener for less experienced growers. Orchid bench tops were set on rollers to minimise walk through aisles and allow easy access throughout his massive greenhouse. A very smart way to maximise space.

Jim had a separate green house set up full of orchids for sale. MOS members sifted and searched through these orchids and plenty of purchases were made. Our more experienced members had fun searching through the sales tables for particular flowering and breeding stock. Jim Evans has quite the reputation as a quality *Cattleya* breeder and 75% of his collection is his own breeding.

We then gathered for a casual exchange of ideas and growing tips on a lovely deck overlooking the dam and green fields.

Thanks everyone for making the drive to Gympie, and to Jim for hosting us. We all had a really good day!

by Christine & Jack



Inside the belly of the beast (Christine for scale)



Jim grows and breeds *Cattleyas*



Another beautiful flower



## SHADE HOUSE VISIT CALENDAR



### **Saturday 20 August**

Hosted by Joe Mercieca in Mooroochydore

### **Saturday 1 October**

Hosted by Del Whittaker in Buderim

### **Saturday 15 October**

Hosted by Kathy Howatson in Rosemount

### **Saturday 12 November**

Hosted by Lionel Kirby 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 share our interest and knowledge of orchids.

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).



Thanks for showing us around Jim



Good chats with good orchid people

## JUDGING RESULTS – JULY 2022 MEETING

### CATTLEYA

- |   |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Dreamland 'Tom'    | John S    |
| 2 | Rhyncholaeliocattleya California Girl x Good News | Greg D    |
| 3 | Sergioara Yokosuka Story                          | Loraine H |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Brassocattleya Yellow Bird | Barry W |
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### DENDROBIUM

- |   |                         |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Dendrobium NOID         | Loraine H |
| 2 | Dendrobium Albertine    | Joe M     |
| 3 | Dendrobium Bruce Gordon | Royal R   |

### POPULAR VOTE

- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Dendrobium NOID | Loraine H |
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### VANDA

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Vanda Pedro Bonetti         | Loraine H |
| 2 | Vanda Brighton's Ruby Jewel | Loraine H |
| 3 | Vanda Pure's Wax            | Loraine H |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Vanda Brighton's Ruby Jewel | Loraine H |
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### ONCIDIUM

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|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | Oncidium Space Mine                      | Loraine H |
| 2 | <b>Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'</b> | Loraine H |
| 3 | Oncidium Twinkle 'Yellow'                | Loraine H |

### POPULAR VOTE

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| Oncidium Space Mine | Loraine H |
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### ANY OTHER GENERA

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|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Phalaenopsis NOID       | Loraine H |
| 2 | Paphiopedilum Lai-Roong | John S    |
| 3 | Fredclarkara After Dark | Barry W   |

### POPULAR VOTE

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| Cymbidium NOID | Loraine H |
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### SPECIES

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|---|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Coelogyne convallariiforme         | Loraine H |
| 2 | Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Chatuchak' | Loraine H |
| 3 | Bulbophyllum skeatianum            | Duncan    |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Coelogyne convallariiforme | Loraine H |
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### NOVICE

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|---|---|---------|
| 1 | Cymbidium NOID                          | Teddy   |
| 2 | Rhyncholaeliocattleya Taiwan Chief Wine | Ron S   |
| 3 | Oncostele Catatante                     | Desiree |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|----------------|-------|
| Cymbidium NOID | Teddy |
|----------------|-------|

### FOLIAGE

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|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | Calathea | Kathy H   |
| 2 | Fittonia | Loraine H |
| 3 | Begonia  | Kathy H   |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|----------|---------|
| Calathea | Kathy H |
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UNREGISTERED HYBRIDS ARE **BOLDED**

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





The stunning variety of beauty of the Any Other Genera section



Some notable mentions on the novice bench



## CATTLEYA



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Dreamland 'Tom'

## DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium NOID



Brassocattleya Yellow Bird



Dendrobium Albertine



Rlc. California Girl x Good News



Sergioara Yokosuka Story



Dendrobium Bruce Gordon



## VANDA



Vanda Pedro Bonetti



Vanda Brighton's Ruby Jewel



Vanda Pure's Wax 'KBR'

## ONCIDIUM



Oncidium Space Mine



Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'



Oncidium Twinkle 'Yellow'



## SPECIES



*Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Chatuchak'



*Bulbophyllum skeatianum*



*Coelogyne convallariiformis*

## OTHER GENERA



*Phalaenopsis* NOID



*Paphiopedilum* Lai-Roong



*Fredclareara* After Dark



## NOVICE



Calathea (bottom left) and Oncostele Catatante

## FOLIAGE



Fittonia



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Taiwan Chief Wine



Begonia

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY 2022

#### **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

#### **Nambour Orchid Show**

Fri 9 and Sat 10 September  
Nambour Uniting Church Hall, 37 Coronation Avenue

#### **Maryborough District Orchid Show**

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

#### **Noosa District Orchid and Foliage Society Show**

Fri 16 and Sat 17 September  
Cooroy Memorial Hall, 23 Maple Street

#### **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

**AUGUST** LORAIN H, JOHN S

**SEPTEMBER** MITZI M, LORETTA F

**OCTOBER** KEN J, JAY M



## 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

