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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 1 NOVEMBER

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone.

Our AGM has now passed into history and you have to put up with me for another year. Jack has now joined our management team as Vice President, and I hope you will all be kind and gentle with him. The planning for our Christmas lunch is well underway as we hurtle towards the end of the year.

The frenetic round of open shows is now behind us so we can catch up with repotting etc. The plants that are dormant for the Winter are starting to grow, although slowly in some cases, as we haven't had much warm sunny weather. If their new roots are already into the potting mix it's a bit late to repot, so start fertilising and watering. Considering the weather we've had over the last few months, you've all done a really good job with the quality of flowers at our meetings and shows.

Despite the weather, bugs are out and about, so be vigilant and ready to launch an attack at short notice. A friend of mine who used to do a bit of karate said the best form of defence is overwhelming attack. Dendrobium beetles are about as are tiny sucking things. When I took a picture of a Bulbo I saw some on it, but as I had already sprayed it with insecticide they were probably abandoning ship in the hope it would help with their bellyache.

Happy growing!

DUNCAN McMARTIN  
MOS President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thanks everyone for the good turnout at the October AGM.

Congrats to the newly voted in Management Committee members. It was also great getting a talk from Ian this month about Softcane Dendrobiums. He certainly has a beautiful wall of them when they're in flower.

We've already investigated a few places for our Christmas lunch as venues were booking up quickly. We chose the cosy Mountain Creek Tavern which has its own private room for us as well as a nice Christmas menu. **Save the date: 11.30 am on Saturday 10 December, at The Creek Tavern 172 Karawatha Drive Mountain Creek.**

It really has been open orchid show season most weekends of late. Our seasoned attendees were kept very busy and there were a lot of great outings for those just visiting.

We also had two great bush house visits. Firstly at Del and Richards', and then at Kathy and Bobs'. The feedback from all of you is that they were fabulous and very much enjoyed by all attendees. Spring is so full of garden wonders for all our green thumbs.

As Duncan says, it's time now to get back into potting up. My babies are a bit neglected but I'm hoping to turn the tide. This also allows me to give my orchids a good inspection for any scale etc. I'm also tending to my tree orchids as they're all growing new shoots and root tips. Time to plant more.

DESIREE WATSON  
MOS Secretary

## CONGRATULATIONS ROSEMARY



Rosemary received 2 awards this month. She won the First Flowering for both Round 1 & Round 2 of Plant Growing Competition 2022. Congratulations Rosemary!

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

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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## SUPPER ROSTER

**NOVEMBER** KEN J, SUE M

**DECEMBER** **EVERYONE TO BRING A PLATE**

## CHRIS DEMPSEY'S GARDEN

Chris O'Dempsey is the founder of the charity 'Heart Reach Australia' which provides medical aid in Viet Nam and other developing nations. Every year, he and his wife Angel open their garden, the Orchid Glade, to the public to fund raise for Heart Reach Australia.

Desiree went to the open garden this year and took the photos featured on pages 6 and 7. Thanks Desiree!

## VISITING DEL'S GARDEN



Taking a moment to appreciate this soft cane Dendrobium



Barry checking for Drop Bears (thanks Barry)



## KATHY'S BUSH HOUSE VISIT



In we go!



Dendrobium



Phalaenopsis



A lovely intergeneric Cattleya



Kathy showing us through her bush house



So much to see and learn...



## KATHY'S BUSH HOUSE VISIT (continued)



Semi-terete Vandas love the sun



Epidendrum



Growing like weeds!



Orchids in the garden



Great colour!



A cool Sedum run for the roots



The vegie patch doing well too





An orchid for every situation



Chysis sp.



Chysis sp.



Randia fitzlanii & a compact Catt



New Guinea Dendrobium



Getting creative!



Prosthechea cochleata hybrid



Thanks Christine for organising this bush house visit



## CHRIS DEMPSEY'S GARDEN



Interconnected water features help to create a microclimate



Phalaenopsis



A softcane Dendrobium



Another Phalaenopsis



Vanda tricolor



Phalaenopsis



Another Phalaenopsis



A novel use for all the retired rolling pins!



Carefully planned pathways and stairs





Water is pumped to the highest of the interconnected water features



Ripsalis



A staghorn



Cymbidium



Scilla framing the compost bin



Bromeliads



A soft cane Dendrobium



Dendrobium hybrid



An Oncidium in the sun



Bromeliads and Bromeliads



## JUDGING RESULTS – OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

### CATTLEYA

- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| 1 Rhyncattleanthe Shion Free                     | Greg D  |
| 2 Laeliocatharthon Village Chief Parfum 'Orchis' | Kathy H |
| 3 Cattleya NOID                                  | Kathy H |

### POPULAR VOTE

- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| Laeliocatharthon Village Chief Parfum 'Orchis' | Kathy H |
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### DENDROBIUM

- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| 1 Dendrobium Buderim Cream x <b>Seigyoku 'Queen'</b> | Kathy H |
| 2 Dendrobium Pink Doll 'Elegance'                    | Kathy H |
| 3 Dendrobium Pink Doll 'Elegance'                    | Kathy H |

### POPULAR VOTE

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| Dendrobium Buderim Cream x <b>Seigyoku 'Queen'</b> | Kathy H |
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### VANDA

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1 Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue'      | C and J |
| 2 <b>Vanda cristata-coerulea</b> | Kathy H |
| 3 (no other plants entered)      |         |

### POPULAR VOTE

- |                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue' | C and J |
|---------------------------|---------|

### ONCIDIUM

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|---|---------|
| 1 <b>Bratonia</b> Phoenix Rising              | Gavern  |
| 2 <b>Oncidium Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'</b> | C and J |
| 3 (no other plants entered)                   |         |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Bratonia</b> Phoenix Rising | Gavern |
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### ANY OTHER GENERA

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 Phalaenopsis OX Queen               | Peter Y |
| 2 Phalaenopsis Fullers 3545 x OX King | Peter Y |
| 3 Miltoniopsis Breathless             | Peter H |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Phalaenopsis OX Queen | Peter Y |
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### SPECIES

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 Oncidium maculatum        | Joe M |
| 2 Paphiopedilum tonsum      | Joe M |
| 3 Dendrobium trilammellatum | Joe M |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|---------------------|-------|
| Boncidium maculatum | Joe M |
|---------------------|-------|

### NOVICE

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|---|------------|
| 1 Cattlianthe Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' | Desiree W  |
| 2 <b>Phalaenopsis</b> NOID                | Ron S      |
| 3 Cattleya NOID                           | Rosemary S |

### POPULAR VOTE

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|---|-----------|
| Cattlianthe Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' | Desiree W |
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### FOLIAGE

- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| 1 Tassel Fern | C and J    |
| 2 Syngonium   | Rosemary S |
| 3 Anthurium   | Loretta    |

### POPULAR VOTE

- |             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Tassel Fern | C and J |
|-------------|---------|

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



John runs us through tonight's judging sheet



## CATTLEYA



Rhyncattleanthe Shion Free

## DENDROBIUM



Den. Pink Doll 'Elegance'

## PLANT OF THE NIGHT

### Dendrobium Buderim Cream x Dendrobium Seigyoku 'Queen'

I won the original plant at a raffle in 2005. This is the best flowering I've had on this plant.

Buderim Cream was hybridised and registered in 1986 by Mrs B Mead of Buderim. She used Den. Highlight and Den. Yuzuki as parents. Den. Seigyoku was hybridised by Yamamoto in 1982. Parents are Den. Oberon and Den. Spring Wind. Den. Seigyoku was used in many of the Yamamoto hybrids in the 1980s and 1990s.

To get a good display of flowers, the plant has to be a couple of years old in the same pot. For this plant, I tied the old canes together in the middle and allowed the new canes to grow up on the outside. There was plenty of watering and fertilising starting late spring and into summer to make the canes grow and fill out. Tying the canes is the trickiest part. This has to be redone regularly during the growing season to ensure they don't become strangled by the tie. My shade house is 50% black shade cloth. I usually put my plants out into full sun after Easter but this depends on how hot the sun is at that time.

Come September, enjoy the flowers.

by Kathy H



Cattleya NOID



Dendrobium Stardust 'HnR'



Lcr. Village Chief Parfum



Guaritonía Why Not 'Hildos'



Kathy's Den. Buderim Cream x Den. Seigyoku 'Queen'



## ONCIDIUM



Bratonia Phoenix Rising



Onc. Space Mine



Wilhelmara Pinot Princess



Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue'



Vanda cristata-coerulea



Miltoniopsis Breathless



Phalaenopsis OX Queen



Phal. Fullers 3545 x OX King



## SPECIES



*Oncidium maculatum*



*Paphiopedilum tonsum*



*Dendrobium trilammellatum*



*Pholidota* sp.



*Dendrobium bilobum*



*Arpophyllum spicatum*



## NOVICE



Cattlianthe Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'



Bifrenaria harrisoniae



C. Cariat's Mini-Quinee



Phalaenopsis NOID



Phalaenopsis Chingruey's Goldstaff



Cattleya NOID



Cattleya intermedia var. orlata