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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 05 NOVEMBER

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for placing their trust and confidence in my ability to carry out the role of president of the Maroochydhore Orchid Society Inc. I am looking forward to working with our secretary, Desiree, and treasurer, Bernard, and the committee members.

On behalf of the society, I would like to thank Duncan McMartin for his service to the society by being the president for over 15 years. Duncan took on the responsibility of president and carried out the role in a diligent and consistent manner. His thorough and extensive knowledge of orchids will be an ongoing feature of the meetings, and it is appreciated by all members of the society.

The Maroochydhore Orchid Society Inc. has a record of holding 3 successful shows a year. This is due to the members who work together by contributing orchids for display, selling orchids, working in the kitchen, working on the entry table, selling raffle tickets and sharing their expertise with the public. This year the society has offered to host a meeting of the STOCQ. This is an important part of being a society in Queensland and Australia.

I hope to promote a society where all members are welcome and to enhance the knowledge of orchids and orchid growing.

I look forward to the year ahead.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

I wish to congratulate Kathy in being nominated the Society President. I also wish to second her thanks to Duncan who has selflessly volunteered in this role for so many years. I have enjoyed my time working with Duncan and regularly chatting about Society matters: I have found his knowledge of the history of our club, the region, and of orchid culture on the Sunny Coast has provided me with much insight.

Congratulations to all those voted onto the management committee and other roles at the October AGM. Here is to a successful year ahead.

On the 9th of November we will be hosting a series of meetings at The Buderim Men's Shed in Kuluin: the OQI AGM, STOCQ meeting, and Central Queensland Area Judging Panel Meeting. These will start with lunch at 12.00 midday and conclude at 3.00 pm. Set up and catering will be earlier, and we look forwards to members chipping in to make the day a success.

Many of you have responded to the survey regarding your preferences for the timings of our monthly meetings, keep those coming and we can share results at the November meeting.

Lastly, a reminder for everyone to Save the Date for our Christmas lunch, to be held at Headland Golf Club on Sunday the 15th of December 2024.

Happy gardening.

KATHY HOWATSON  
MOS President

DESIREE WATSON  
MOS Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM

Hi Everyone,

Another year has passed. Every year seems to go faster than the one before. It has been a successful year, with our shows doing well. Congratulations and thanks to everyone for making it so. We have increased our prize money from 5, 10, 15 dollars to 10, 15, 20 and pay it at our one day closed shows also. Polish up your plants and put them in to make them good shows for the public who attend.

If you think your plants are not quite good enough to win a prize, put them in anyway to make a top display. Weather is not confined to your back yard and others get it too. If it looks like rain and you have flowers near to opening, particularly pale or white ones, get them under cover as rain can spot them. Bulbophylums have been a bit sparse this year and I had none for two shows this year, the first time in about ten years. Perhaps all the cloudy weather had something to do with it. We grow things under shade cloth but that is the shade they need if the sun is shining.

I would like to now thank everyone for their efforts throughout the year. You are this society. Special thanks to our secretary Desiree for all the hours and hours of hard work she has put in. (There seems to be more and more paperwork and red tape every year.)

Thanks to Rosemary for helping Desiree. Thanks to Fay for handling our finances early in the year and to Bernard for taking it on with Fay incapacitated. A big thanks to Del, our Queen of the kitchen, the word Providor doesn't seem good enough for the mighty effort she puts in. Thanks to Joe for looking after the library and carting our tables to our shows. Thanks to Loraine, our raffle ticket seller at meetings and Peter our webmaster. Thanks Roger for being the editor of our newsletters. Thanks to the rest of the Management Committee for their efforts to help us make decisions. Thanks to our Judges who give us some insight into what makes a good flower and represent us at all the open show in the region. Thanks to the people who check people in and sell raffle tickets at our shows, and those who take the sale plant money. If I have forgotten anyone it is not intentional and I apologise for that.

Now we must look forward to the next year, so, happy growing and may bugs spare you.

DUNCAN MCMARTIN  
MOS President



Phalaenopsis NOID



Phalaenopsis NOID



## IN BETWEEN FLOWERS



Brassia Rex



Peristerchilus Olive Grace



Vanda tricolor



Papilionanthe Miss van Deun

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2024

Nambour Orchid Society Species Show  
Sat 09 November, setup on Fri 8th  
Buderim Uniting Church, 2-10 Gloucester Rd, Buderim

## SUPPER ROSTER

NOVEMBER	Ian W, Joe M
DECEMBER	EVERYONE TO BRING A PLATE



Cymbidium Australian Midnight 'Black Beauty'



## BUSH HOUSE VISIT AT GERRY AND LYNNE'S HOME

Rosemary paid Gerry and Lynne a visit to do a recce for this bush-house visit and also to conduct an interview for the Observer – she was glowing in her report. We saw for ourselves the neat and organised garden that Gerry and Lynne have created at their home, including growing areas in shade-houses alongside their house to cater for the diverse needs of the plants they grow. There is always a little competition between husband and wife gardeners and it is no different with Lynne and Gerry, with different ideas on what they want to grow and how, but these two have struck a happy balance in their garden.

Gerry's bush-house is 9m x 3.6m with a height 2.1m, going up to 3m at the pitch of the roof and is very well laid out. He shared his tips on culture and the value of a higher roof for additional hanging space and enhanced air movement. He kindly set up his propagation station to help some of us to become more organised. We were all impressed with how space was effectively used and the care the orchids were obviously receiving. Lynne let me know that Gerry's father was a tulip grower in Holland so clearly green thumbs run in the genes.

The small scale that Gerry uses is particularly good for accurately measuring out small quantities of fertiliser etc. I was so impressed I went online and bought a similar one on eBay – much better than my hit and miss approach to date. Some scales come with a small dish to put the ingredients in, but any small lightweight one will do. Don't forget to zero the scale and dish before weighing anything. Happy weighing!

It was a beautiful day to then share a cuppa and morning tea.

Thank you, Gerry and Lynne, for having us.

by Desiree & Rosemary



Gerry was a wonderful host today



His Phallies are always fabulous



...and there were plenty of other orchids in flower



Gerry and Lynne don't just grow orchids



There were plenty of other sub-tropical curiosities to look at







There were lots of wonderful orchids to see



A well grown Hoya hybrid



Zip ties to secure frame to pot



Gerry was on hand to answer all our questions



Fencing clips to make frames



Some innovative solutions to orchid growing problems



Orchids go to preschool too



Gerry is rightly proud of his setup



A tidy propagation station



## PLANT OF THE NIGHT

### Dendrobium Chet's Choice

This Dendrobium is a cross between *D. thyrsiflorum* and *D. farmeri*. We got this plant at the Harvey Bay orchid show four years ago. And I believe it came from the Bunderberg area.

Seems to be a very hearty plant as it survived our move very well. We've had this plant for four years and actually divided it into three parts three years ago. We sold one part last year, and these two that we kept grew wonderfully this year. Jack regularly fertilizes with a big handful of Ktec pellets. We supplemented with pulverized sterilized, eggshells and dolomite. This past year for eight weeks before our move they were fertilized weekly with a Thrive foliar feed and then just had to fend for themselves until we got settled.

by Christine L



Dendrobium Chet's Choice

## 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).

## 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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Vanda miniata

## JUDGING RESULTS – XXXX 2024 MEETING

### CATTLEYA

- |   |                                      |       |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Dream | Ron S |
| 2 | <b>Epidendrum Wedding Wine</b>       | Ian W |
| 3 | <b>Epidendrum Wedding Wine</b>       | Ian   |

#### POPULAR VOTE

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Dream	Ron S
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### ANY OTHER GENERA

- |   |                                 |          |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Paphiopedilum Haur Jih Lovers   | Joe M    |
| 2 | Phragmipedium Noirmont          | Duncan M |
| 3 | <b>Paphiopedilum Red Mirage</b> | Joe M    |

#### POPULAR VOTE

Phragmipedium Noirmont	Duncan M
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### DENDROBIUM

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|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Dendrobium Chet's Choice                                      | C & J |
| 2 | <b>Dendrobium Jairak Dawn</b>                                 | Joe M |
| 3 | Dendrobium Rosalind Quek Choon Lin x (Charelle x Brown Pixie) | Joe M |

#### POPULAR VOTE

Dendrobium Chet's Choice	C & J
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### SPECIES

- |   |                          |         |
|---|--------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Dendrobium thyrsiflorum  | C & J   |
| 2 | Dendrobium aphyllum      | Peter H |
| 3 | Dendrobium trilamellatum | Joe M   |

#### POPULAR VOTE

Dendrobium thyrsiflorum	C & J
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### VANDA

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|---|----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Papilionanda Carolyn Warne | Kathy H |
|---|----------------------------|---------|

#### POPULAR VOTE

Papilionanda Carolyn Warne	Kathy H
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### NOVICE

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|---|------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Phalaenopsis NOID      | Gerry S |
| 2 | Rhyncattleanthe Crikey | Gerry S |
| 3 | Lycaste cruenta        | Gerry S |

#### POPULAR VOTE

Lycaste cruenta	Gerry S
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### ONCIDIUM

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | <b>Oncidesa Golden Anniversary</b>   | Peter H |
| 2 | <b>Otorhynchocidium Cherry Fudge</b> | Peter H |

#### POPULAR VOTE

<b>Oncidesa Golden Anniversary</b>	Peter H
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### FOLIAGE

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|---|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Begonia masoniana | Mitzi     |
| 2 | Anthurium         | Desiree W |

#### POPULAR VOTE

Begonia masoniana	Mitzi
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UNREGISTERED HYBRIDS ARE BOLDED

NAME CHANGES ARE ORANGE (please update your tags)

## THE BENCHES



A reedstem posy bursting with colour



The Dens



All the other Hybrid Genera



A diverse Species section



Two bays for the Novices tonight



Reedstem Central with Ian



## CATTLEYA



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Dream



Epidendrum Wedding Wine



Epidendrum Wedding Wine



A super tall reed stem Epi

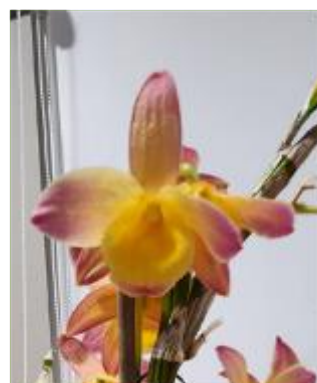


D. Love Memory 'Fizz'

## DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium Jairak Dawn



Lovely sunset colours



Dendrobium Chet's Choice



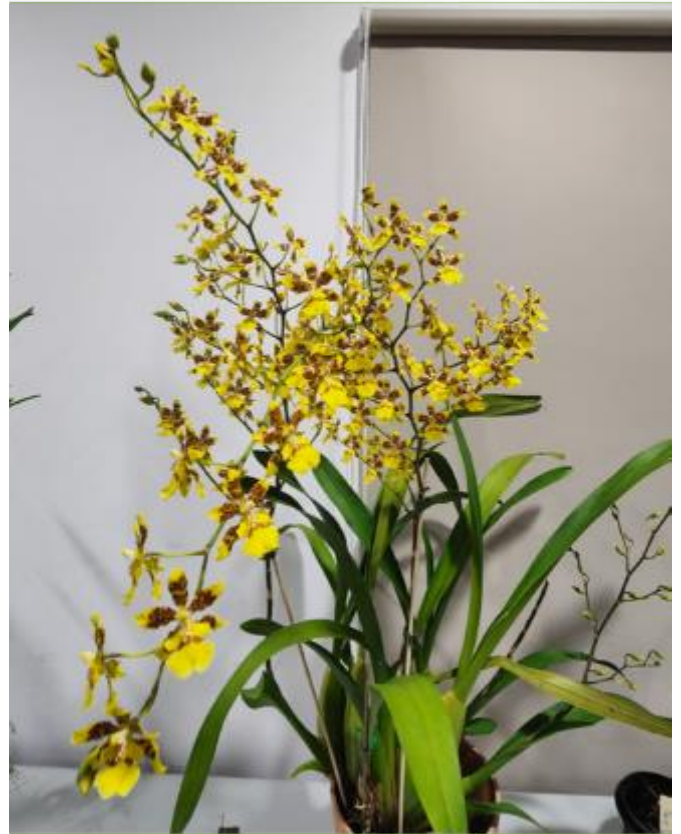
Dendrobium Rosalind Quek Choon Lin x (Charelle x Brown Pixie)

## VANDA



Papilionanda Carolyn Warne

## ONCIDIUM



Oncidesa Golden Anniversary



Paphiopedilum lowii



Otorhynchocidium Cherry Fudge



## SPECIES



*Dendrobium aphyllum*



*Dendrobium trilamellatum*



*Dendrobium thysiflorum*



*Dendrobium jenkinsii*

## OTHER GENERA



*Phragmipedium Noirmont*



*Paphiopedilum Red Mirage*



*Lycaste intergeneric hybrid*



*Paphiopedilum Haur Jih Lovers*



## NOVICE



Phalaenopsis NOID



Rhyncattleanthe Crikey



Lycaste cruenta

## FOLIAGE



Begonia masoniana



Anthurium



Gerry owned the Novice bench tonight



A pretty yellow softcane Dendrobium