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CULTURAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7.00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Buderim Men's Shed 34 Advance Road Kuluin

Plants are to be tabled by 6.45 pm for judging

THE NEXT CULTURAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 06 MAY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was an early start for everyone on our bus trip to the Eastern Districts Orchid Show on Saturday 5th April. It was worth it thought, as we arrived right on opening time and joined the crowd raiding the orchids in the sales area. After spending money, it was calming to view the display. There were many interesting orchids on display with several large specimens of the Liparis genus. The bulbophyllum display was also interesting. The visit to Fame Orchid Nursery added to our orchid benches but lunch at the Hoya Garden Plaza was disappointing.

The Mother's Day Show at the Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall on Saturday 10th May is the next show that we are working towards. Desiree has already done much of the planning. Set up will be the day before; door unlock at 6am and doors open to the public at 8am.

The Society's Newsletter has been a bit hit or miss lately. The editor, Roger, has been very busy. Rosemary has been helping with the newsletter and has offered to be the editor so that members get the news when they can't get to meetings. Rosemary would like contributions from members about their favourite orchid, how they got into orchids or any article to share. If you can help Rosemary, please let her know.

Congratulations to Loraine for her orchid of *Gongora grossa* being awarded Grand Champion of the Sunshine Coast / Caloundra Orchid Society Show on 11th and 12th April. The plant was also awarded on the judging night. WELL DONE.

KATHY HOWATSON
MOS President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thank you, Kathy, for organizing the MOS bus trip on Saturday 5th April on which we were joined by some members from the Sunshine Coast Orchid Society.

First stop for the day was the Eastern Districts Orchid show for some lovely blooms and lots of plants for sale. Kathy and Desiree were also given a demonstration of how that club used a barcoding system for plant sales. The next stop was Fame Orchid Nursery who had a very nice selection of orchids and plants for sale and provided excellent quality raffle plants.

Thank you all for hanging in there while I was preoccupied with technical issues recently, concerning our old email, our old Microsoft Office subscription, and impending changes across operating systems and Microsoft. Have I bored you enough? I'm putting that all in the rear-view and now things are operating efficiently and effectively again.

Please keep your plants looking good for our Mother's Day Show at Bli Bli. All of the eftpost handsets are now the better modern ones, and we also have 2 new banners for this event. I'm looking forward to your participation in the lead up and on the day, thanks to our bunch of volunteers. I think for a fairly small membership, we always have a good display and a good show for the public who attend.

I would like to mention the excellent presentation on spider mites by Mr. Charlie Truscott at our March meeting. We will have an article on this in the May Observer for those who missed out.

DESIREE WATSON
MOS Secretary

THE EASTERN DISTRICT ORCHID SHOW

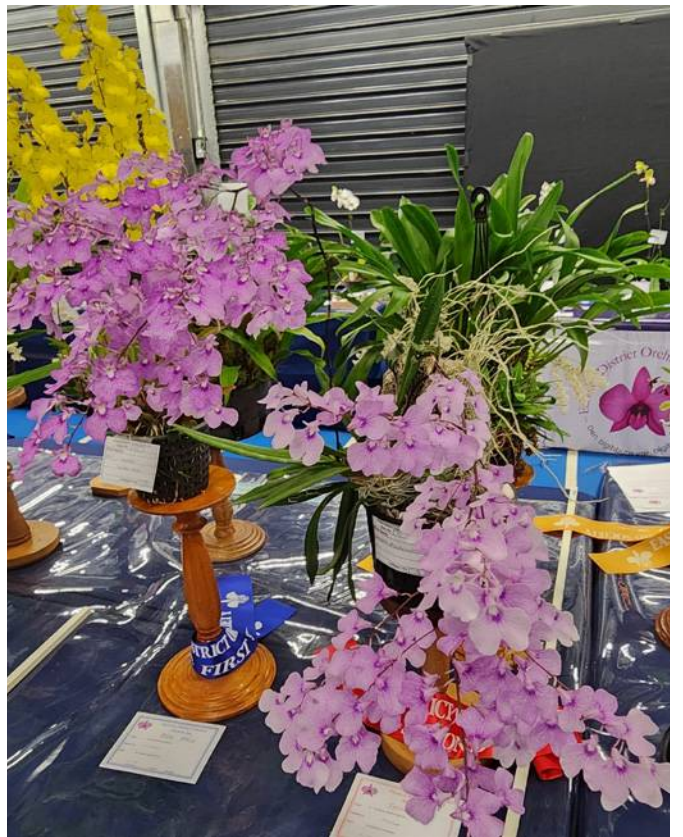


There was a lot to see at EDOS



The bigibbums certainly turned it on





PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Catasetum saccatum

At last year's world conference, I saw a *Catasetum saccatum* in flower and decided to see if I could track one down in Australia. To my surprise I found that Max and Sue at MnS orchids in Sarina had seedlings out of a flask, so I purchased a couple.

They arrived in March in 70mm pots, so I just potted them into a larger pot. They were in spag, and I added coconut fibre to the external. They are fast growers and to my surprise they decided to flower.

I fertilize regularly with Campbells, and they love Katek every couple of weeks. Red spider mite and snails can be a problem, both of which are easily controlled with regular spraying.

by GREG D



Lots going on in these wierdly wonderful flowers

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.

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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Gotta be happy with that, aye Greg

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2025

Gympie & District Orchid Show
Sat 3rd - Sun 4th, setup on Fri 2nd
Indoor Bowls Hall, Graham Street, Gympie

Caboolture Orchid Society Mother's Day Show
Fri 9th - Sat 10th, closed show
Caboolture Square, 60-78 King St, Caboolture

Noosa District Orchid and Foliage Society Mother's Day Show
Fri 9th - Sat 10th, closed show
Cooroy Memorial Hall, Maple Street, Cooroy

Maroochydore Orchid Society Mother's Day Show
Sat 10th, closed show
Orchid Society Mother's Day Show
Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall, 10 Lefoes Road, Bli Bli

JUNE 2025

STOCQ meeting hosted by Bundaberg OS
Sat 14th

Gympie & District Orchid Show
Sat 21st, closed show
Indoor Bowls Hall, Graham Street, Gympie

SUPPER ROSTER

MAY	Peter H, Danny
JUNE	Gerry, Teddy
JULY	John & Fay, Ian W
AUGUST	John S, Loraine H
SEPTEMBER	XX, XX
OCTOBER	XX, XX
NOVEMBER	XX, XX
DECEMBER	EVERYONE TO BRING A PLATE

IN BETWEEN FLOWERS



Cattlianthe Varut Startrack



A lovely Brassavola novelty



JUDGING RESULTS – MAY 2025 MEETING

CATTLEYA

1	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Charm	John S
2	Rhyncattleanthe Sunny Sword ¹	Loraine H
3	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Liu's Joyance	Greg D

POPULAR VOTE

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Charm	John S
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ANY OTHER GENERA

1	Phalaenopsis Fuller's 3545	Peter Y
2	Phalaenopsis Mount Lip	Peter Y
3	Phalaenopsis NOID	Peter Y

POPULAR VOTE

Phalaenopsis Fuller's 3545	Peter Y
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DENDROBIUM

1	Dendrobium Buttercup ²	John S
2	Dendrobium Pop Eye ³	Joe M
3	Dendrobium Seree x Triangel ⁴	Loraine H

POPULAR VOTE

Dendrobium Seree x Triangel	Loraine H
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SPECIES

1	Catasetum saccatum	Greg D
2	Vanda lamalata	Loraine H
3	Paphiopedilum spicerianum	John S

POPULAR VOTE

Catasetum saccatum	Greg D
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VANDA

1	Aeridovanda Luang Prabang	Loraine H
2	Vanda Boonyarit Spots	John S
3	Waironara Tango Fire ⁵	Loraine H

POPULAR VOTE

Vanda Boonyarit Spots	John S
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NOVICE

1	Dendrobium Dal's Jewel x Patricia Ward	Teddy G
2	Dendrobium Aridang Blue	Teddy G
3	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Thaksina ⁸	Bernard C

POPULAR VOTE

Dendrobium Aridang Blue	Teddy G
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ONCIDIUM

1	Oncidesa Sweet Sugar	Loraine H
2	Miltonia Earl Dunn	Loraine H
3	Bratonia Penny Micklow ⁶	Loraine H

POPULAR VOTE

Miltonia Earl Dunn	Loraine H
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FOLIAGE

1	Caladium	Loraine H
2	Calathea	Desiree W
3	Calathea	Desiree W

POPULAR VOTE

Caladium	Loraine H
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NOTES

1. **Rhyncattleanthe Sunny Sword** - likely the wrong name, no Brassavola in its parentage in the OrchidWiz entry
2. **Dendrobium Buttercup** - likely the wrong name, OrchidWiz registration is for a soft cane Dendrobium
3. **Dendrobium Pop Eye** - likely the wrong name, type form of hybrid has pink flashing and a pink picotee
4. Dendrobium **Seree** x **Triangel** - Seree is unregistered, Triangel is one unhyphenated word
5. **Waironara** Tango Fire - hybrid name change, Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset x Renanthera storiei
6. **Bratonia** Penny Micklow - hybrid name change from Miltassia to Bratonia
7. Dendrobium **Aridang** Blue - Aridang is one unhyphenated word
8. **Rhyncholaeliocattleya Thaksina** - Thaksina is the hybridisers handle, second name identifying specific hybrid is missing

UNREGISTERED HYBRIDS ARE BOLD

NAME CHANGES ARE ORANGE (please update your tags)

THE BENCHES



The Cattleya alliance



The Dendrobiums



Lots of colours on the Vanda bench



Some beautifully presented Phals among all the other genera



The Oncidiums



Our Species bench



Some fine plants from the novices tonight



Kathy runs us through the winners

CATTLEYA



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Burdekin Charm



Rhyncattleanthe Sunny Sword



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Liu's Joyance

DENDROBIUM



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Dendrobium Seree x Triangel

VANDA



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ONCIDIUM



Bratonia Penny Micklow



Miltonia Earl Dunn



Oncidesa Sweet Sugar

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Vanda lamalata

OTHER GENERA



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Phalaenopsis N01D



Phalaenopsis Mount Lip

NOVICE



Dendrobium Dal's Jewel x Patricia Ward



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Thaksina

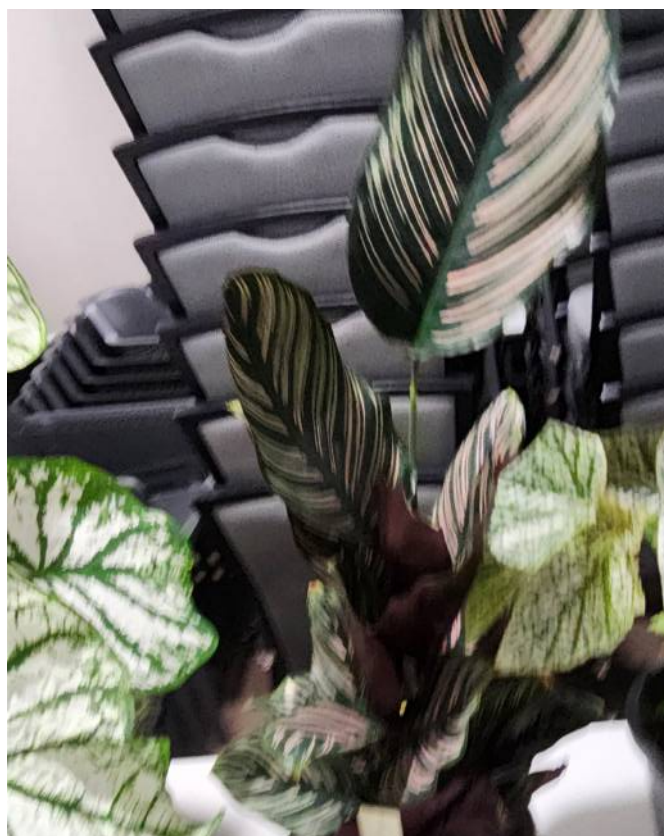


Dendrobium Aridang Blue

FOLIAGE



Caladium



Calathea