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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 03 MARCH

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2026 and another year of orchid growing, sharing information and camaraderie in the Maroochydore Orchid Society. Welcome also to our new members.

A reminder that the meetings on the first Tuesday of the month begin at 7.00pm. All plants need to be tabled before 6.45pm as the judges need to finish judging before the meeting begins. The many high quality vandas tabled by John and Loraine at the February meeting made a very impressive display. They made picking first place very difficult.

Thank you to Charlie for his presentation explaining how to stake orchids and how to present them well at shows. The thin, green tie wire he recommended will help with presentation.

Please keep ideas flowing in about what topics you are interested in at our monthly cultural meetings. Charlie is a great resource for these, and we also hope to mix it up a bit as we get other contributors.

At this stage the committee has not organised any bus trips or bush house visits, but we will be looking into this as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead. I hope your orchids do the right thing and flower well just in time for the shows. Thanks again Rosemary for being editor in 2025 and welcome back on deck Roger for 2026.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I'm looking forward to a fun year with all our MOS members. We have three shows this year and the first one is close.

- 21st March 2026 One day show Buderim (public hours 8.00 am to 3.30 pm)
- 9th May 2026 One day show Bli Bli (public hours 8.00 am to 2.30 pm)
- 14th and 15th August 2026 Open show Buderim, benching on Thursday the 13th

I am hoping for strong participation from our members at our shows - there are signs to put out, setup and packdown duty, boosting MOS on the show floor, working the sales benches and cafe service. This is all 'work' but also fun, where you get to know other members better.

On behalf of all of us, we would like to sincerely thank Cheryl Basic and her husband for their many years of generous support in hiring tables for our three shows each year. They are an essential component in holding our public shows; we need many more than we can own and store ourselves. I am thrilled we now have a new supplier and look forward to that ongoing relationship.

A personal thank you to contributors to our monthly Inbetweeners presentations. Happy orchid growing all, and see you all on the email.

KATHY HOWATSON
MOS President

DESIREE WATSON
MOS Secretary

SUPPER ROSTER

FEBRUARY	Jay, Peter H
MARCH	Alfie, Del W
APRIL	Joe & Fay, Ian W
MAY	Marlene D, Mitzi
JUNE	Olivia E, XX
JULY	Gerry, Teddy
AUGUST	Del W, XX

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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All the little things that keep MOS ticking



John runs us through the winners on the night

JUDGING RESULTS – February 2026 MEETING

CATTLEYA

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| 1 | Rhyntonleya Gaia's Shy Angel | John S |
| 2 | Rhyntonleya Gaia's Shy Angel | John S |
| 3 | Rhyntonleya Swan's Shy | John S |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Rhyntonleya Gaia's Shy Angel | John S |
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DENDROBIUM

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| 1 | Dendrobium Blackstone Stormy Dragon | Gerry S |
| 2 | Dendrobium igneoniveum x tobaense | Gerry S |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Dendrobium Blackstone Stormy Dragon | Gerry S |
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VANDA

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| 1 | Perreiraara Marilyn Broeman | Loraine H |
| 2 | Vanda Boonyarit Little Flame | John S |
| 3 | Vandachostylis Gabrielle's Delight | Loraine H |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Perreiraara Marilyn Broeman | Loraine H |
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ONCIDIUM

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| 1 | Gomesa Alosuka | Loraine H |
| 2 | Oncidium NOID | Gerry S |
| 3 | Aliceara Pacific Nova 'Okika' | Peter H |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Gomesa Alosuka | Loraine H |
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PAPHIOPEDILUM & PHRAGMIPEDIUM

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| 1 | Phragmipedium Noirmont | Peter H |
| 2 | Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern | Joe M |
| 3 | Paphiopedilum Nathaniel's Kunzite | John S |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern | Joe M |
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ANY OTHER GENERA

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| 1 | Lycaste Kelvin Grove | Peter H |
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POPULAR VOTE

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| Lycaste Kelvin Grove | Peter H |
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SPECIES

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| 1 | Trichocentrum lanceanum | Loraine H |
| 2 | Paphiopedilum godefroyae | John S |
| 3 | Dyakia hendersoniana | John S |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Trichocentrum lanceanum | Loraine H |
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NOVICE

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| 1 | Procatavola Key Lime Stars | Mitzi |
| 2 | Gombrasiltonia Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' | Teddy |
| 3 | Cattleys NOID | Teddy |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Gombrasiltonia Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' | Teddy |
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FOLIAGE

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| 1 | Caladium | Desiree |
| 2 | Caladium | C & J |
| 3 | Fern | Marlene |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Caladium | Desiree |
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UNREGISTERED HYBRIDS ARE **BOLDED**

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

THE BENCHES



The Cattleya alliance



Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium



The Vanda alliance put on quite the show on the night



The Oncidiums



The Species section



There is always plenty to talk about at our meetings

CATTLEYA



Rhyntonleya Gaia's Shy Angel



Rhyntonleya Gaia's Shy Angel



Rhyntonleya Swan's Shy

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Rhyntonleya Gaia's Shy Angel

Rly.Gala's Shy Angel was bred by Jim Evans of Gympie. The parents used were pollen from my awarded Rly. Swans Shy 'Ruth' onto Rth.Angel Flare 'Cynthia'. Jim gave me a flask of this cross and I have flowered several of these so far and all have been outstanding. I have lots more that should flower this year.

I am growing these and all my Cattleyas in a mixture of jumbo perlite with a very small percentage of fine coconut. I use calcium nitrate from mid September to mid January and change to Peters Flower Booster mid January to mid September. I have Mag Amp filters on all taps and only use rain water. I water early in the morning in the summer months and only on warm summer mornings in the winter months.

by John Salway



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VANDA



Perreiraara Marilyn Broeman



Vanda Boonyarit Little Flame



Van. Gabrielle's Delight

ONCIDIUM



Gomesa Alosuka



Oncidium NOID



Aliceara Pacific Nova 'Okika'

SPECIES



Trichocentrum lanceanum

OTHER GENERA



Lycaste Kelvin Grove



Paphiopedilum godefroyae



Dyakia hendersoniana



Lycaste cruenta



Charlie showed us a few tips and tricks for staking plants



Phalaenopsis Allura 'Mini Mina'



Straightening wire with a cordless drill and a bench vice

PAPHIOPEDILUM, PHRAGMIPEDIUM

NOVICE



Phragmipedium Noirmont



Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern



Paph Nathaniel's Kunzite



Procatavola Key Lime Stars



Kathy had everyone's attention



Gombrasiltonia Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'



...even Desiree's frogmouth was listening in on Skype



Cattleys NOID

FOLIAGE



Caladium



Fern



Tillandsia



Caladium

DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium Blackstone Stormy Dragon



Dendrobium igneoniveum x tobaense



Renanstylis Bangkok Beauty

VANDAS IN THE 'ALSO RAN' SECTION



Renanstylis Azimah x Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset



Waironara Tango Fire