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Newsletter November 2018

Editor's Notes

This will be the last Newsletter for 2018. Where has the year gone? The old adage of the older you get the quicker the years go by certainly seems to be true. We have had our Autumn and Spring shows which seem to come and go at regular intervals rather than the reality of the six months and five months that separate them. While we did not go away this year, we did however, welcome visitors to our club when we hosted the Tri-Annual Field Day. So next year we will visit Gladstone as it is their turn to host the event. And now it is almost Christmas!

Details of our annual festive get-together is included in this Newsletter.

For much of the year a lot of effort by the committee has gone into planning for our hosting the STOC Orchidfest Show and Conference next September. It will be here before we know it and much has been finalised, but there is still a lot more work to complete yet. Enquires are starting to come in and some bookings have already been taken by the venue, Korte's Resort. Advertising will begin in the Orchids Australia magazine from February through to August and it is expected registrations will be received soon after.

November's meeting will be the last for this year and the Growers' meetings likewise will also cease for the year. Results for the yearly competitions, Popular Vote, (Advanced and Novice), Judges Choice, Outstanding Achievement and Aggregate Show points will be announced at the Christmas Party. Word has it that most are a close call, right down to the wire. The results will also be in the January 2019 Newsletter; **remember there will be no meeting next month (December) as such; the Xmas Party takes its place, until the next monthly meeting, the first for 2019, on January 22nd.**

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletters I have written this year; I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Happy, Safe and Healthy Xmas and New Year

Jeff Glover

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Growers' Tip

Pots, there almost as many types as there are varieties of cars these days. Just like once there was virtually only Holdens and Fords, likewise, there were just black tall pots and not so tall, black pots, all designed as a general garden type of container. In addition, for Vandas there was teak raft type baskets and also terracotta pots. All had their advantages and disadvantages; for instance, to 'pot on' from terracotta pots required breaking the container and invariably damaging the orchid's roots. Then squat pots and dome pots arrived on the scene when local manufacturers realized there was a market for pots specifically designed for growing orchids. As growing orchids became more popular speciality containers arrived after some orchid nurseries decided to import these from Asian manufactures.

So, with all this range how do you choose the right type and size to suit the variety of orchids and their growing conditions. Remember, in the main we grow epiphytic orchids which naturally grow on a host; whether it is a tree or a rock. As a result, using a pot is just to replicate the host and contain the orchid to

make them easier to manage. We have all seen the roots thrive when they get past the edge of the pot, especially cattleyas. More orchids have died from over potting and over watering than any other growing problems. When selecting a pot, use the motto of the smaller the roots the smaller the potting mix, hence the smaller the pot. Sufficient drainage holes are very

important. When attending Shows be conscious of what type of containers the more well grown orchids are in and change your pots if necessary. 34

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Minutes : General Meeting Tuesday 25th October 2018

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Ken Adsett

Lucky Number: 36 J Moore (not at meeting)

Minutes of previous monthly meeting were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved	M Kydd	Seconded	Y Manning	Carried
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Correspondence:

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OQI – next meeting – Morayfield on 10/11/18

OQI – proposal to stage AOC Conference and Show in SE Queensland in 2021

STOCQ – next meeting – Morayfield on 10/11/18

- proposal to stage AOC Conference and Show in SE Queensland in 2021

- two newly qualified foliar judges

TQOC - NQ Orchid Fair – Townsville – 8th & 9th June 2019

*Rock – term deposit

*Orchids Australia magazine

Motion that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence endorsed:

Moved	T Craig	Seconded	Z Kidman	Carried
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Treasurer's Report:

Read and moved for acceptance by S Rowcliffe	Seconded	C Roberts
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Carried

Sandra has received verbal notification that the application for a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for \$5053.00 has been successful. This grant will enable the purchase of new computers, laser printer and other digital equipment in time for the conference in 2019.

Growers Group Coordinators Report: Marg Handley delivered her report.

President's Report: Committee Meeting – discussion regarding the upcoming Spring Show and the 2019 Conference.

General Business:

Tropicana – Jeff Glover gave a talk on local species orchids in the garden tent.

Christmas Party – 9/12/18 at Frenchville Club. There will be the usual Lucky Door prize – **no** Secret Santa. The dinner will be a two course buffet etc. The cost will be \$39-\$40 per head.

Motion: that the society subsidise the cost of the dinner to limit the member cost to \$25 per head.

Moved D Eggleshaw Seconded S Tjerkstra **Carried**

STOCQ – 10/11/18. No members available to attend.

2019 Conference – Jeff Bloxsom has contacted Chloe from Bunnings with regard to doing some sausage sizzles as a fundraising option.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch

Exhibitor's Raffle: J Hogan

General Raffle: P Jenkinson x 2, K O'Brien, A Mikklesen, E. Lewis, K Smith, T Dean, Y Manning.

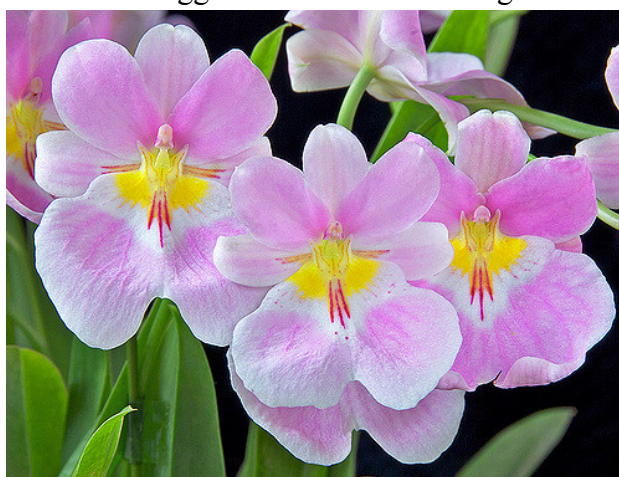
Meeting closed 9.13pm

Jeff Bloxsom
President

Trish Craig
Secretary

Species of the Month

The species for this month is *Miltoniopsis vexillaria*. I have chosen this species after some really well grown and flowered Miltoniopsis hybrids were exhibited at last month's general meeting by Peter Jenkinson. These plants will grow here but struggle with our heat and high humidity and this was one of the best displays of these hybrids at our meetings for many, many years. Miltoniopsis were once part of the *Miltonia* genus until they were separated into their own genus based on their distinct growth pattern, structure and where they grow when comparisons were made with other groupings within the genus. Moreover, what really made this distinction occur was that *Miltoniopsis* can be declared as 'cool growing' while many other *Miltonias* can be categorised as hot to temperate growers. *Miltoniopsis vexillaria* along with *Miltoniopsis roezli* and *Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis* are the main species from which most *Miltoniopsis* hybrids have been developed.



Miltoniopsis vexillaria

Why they struggle in our conditions is obvious when some data on where and how they grow is researched. *Mps. Vexillaria* is found in mountainous regions of the western Andes ranges in Colombia and further south through to Ecuador. Its hosts are trees that occur in the



Miltoniopsis roezli

Miltoniopsis vexillaria has 111 registered primary hybrids and 2637 total hybrids that contain *Mps. Vexillaria* in their background. Obviously, a difficult species to grow in our conditions and not for novices. However, if you can keep both the species and their hybrids cool, well-watered and protected in Summer; especially from hot dry winds which will readily collapse the flowers and dry out the plants causing quick fatalities, the blooms in Spring are very beautiful and rewarding as shown by Peter. If you are tempted to give them a try; use the same potting mix combinations as for varicosium type Oncidiums. Good Luck!

montane forests of these ranges that grow at altitudes between 3,500 feet to 7,300 feet. Compare this with Mt Archer at 1982 ft. The hybrids bred from these species such as, the classic *Mps. Bert Field* registered in 1965, as shown at our last meeting are widely grown and collected throughout the world in temperate to cool areas such as our southern states especially in the cooler areas of NSW such as the Blue Mountains and Victoria. A check on Orchidwiz, shows that

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Sub Tropical Orchid Council Qld. Inc.

“Rocky Round Up Orchidfest”

Conference and Show September 2019

Saturday 14th 9am - 4pm Sunday 15th 9am - 3pm

The conference will be an open show exhibiting club displays & tabled plants

Visit our Website for Updates, Registration Form & Show Schedule

Visiting Orchid Nurseries

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Display & Sales

The Rockhampton Cake Decorators

Refreshments Available

Demonstrations

Guest Speakers

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Addmission \$5 Children Free

Venue

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General Cultural Guide October/December

<i>* Information is general in nature and given in good faith.</i>	Watering/Weekly	Fertilizer Twice Weekly	Pest/Disease Control	Comments
Cattleya	2-3times weekly	Higher Nitrogen	Inspect for mealy bugs/Fungus control if necessary	Increase watering frequency as temperature rises to maintain humidity. Divide and re-pot mature plants
Dendrobium Hard cane	2-3times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level.	Inspect for mealy bugs and scale /Fungus control if necessary	Increase watering frequency as temperature rises to maintain humidity. Re-pot if overgrowing pot
Dendrobium Softcane	2-3times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level.	Inspect for scale Spray with white oil, Malathion	Remove and pot on Kiekies (plantlets)
Phalaenopsis	1-2 times weekly	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level	Use Preventative Fungicide Mancozeb	Increase watering frequency as temperature rises to maintain humidity. Re-pot if overgrowing the pot. Pot up seedlings.
Vandaceous	Water daily in hot weather every 2 nd day if cooler	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level	Ants / Scale and Mealy bugs. Inspect material in baskets. Spray with white oil, Malathion	Increase watering to once a day in very hot weather. Maintain humidity when possible.
Oncidium	In hot weather, every 1-2 weekly	Balanced fertilizer.	Fungal leaf-issues as humidity increases.	High nitrogen fertilizers encourage too much leaf growth in Varicosum types
Paphiopedilums	3 times weekly more if in hot weather.	Balanced (Less nitrogen) fertilizer	Preventative Fungicide Mancozeb	Do not let plants dry out in hot weather.
Catasetinae	At least 3 time weekly Increase frequency If new growths are starting	Increase fertilizer containing a higher nitrogen level	Spray Miticide monthly, more often in Hot dry conditions	Maintain a close vigil for Spider mites. These pests can devastate a collection.

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 27th November. Starts 7.30 pm.

Notice to Members: Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall after the meeting

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC
CHSTMAS PARTY PRESENTATION NIGHT



VENUE - FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB - FUNCTION ROOMS
DATE - SUNDAY 9TH DEC. - TIME - 6.30PM PRE-DINNER & NIBBLES
SEATED DINNER 7.30PM - 2 COURSE CHRISTMAS BUFFET
DRINKS SUPPLIED - FRUIT PUNCH & SOFT DRINKS
ALL ACHOLIC DRINKS AT OWN COST
THERE WILL BE THE USUAL LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
OUR USUAL - HUGE CHRISTMAS MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE
FINAL NAMES AND TABLES WILL BE REQUIRED BY OUR NOV MEET 27TH
YOU CAN BOOK ROUND TABLES OF 10 OR SQUARE TABLES OF 12
YOUR TABLE LIST OF NAMES ALSO REQUIRED BY NOV MEETING
THE COST OF THE EVENING IS \$40 EACH
WITH A SUBSIDY AS PASSED AT LAST MEETING YOUR COST IS ONLY
\$25-00 EACH
PAYMENT AT THE DOOR ON THE EVENING
COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS



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R.O.S.I Growers Group Report

On Saturday 27 October, the Growers Group enjoyed the lovely sea breezes, camaraderie and bush house viewing at the residence of Leone and Darryl Humble at Rosslyn, Yeppoon. Darryl (with the help of Leone and others) not only built his retirement house but also the roomy orchid house. Darryl gave a history of their living at Rosslyn and the development of his and Leone's interest in orchids. 56 members attended the afternoon. Thanks again to Darryl and Leone for hosting us.

The topic for the afternoon was a selection of Laeliinae species - *Rl. digbyana*, *Gur. bowringiana*, *C. intermedia*, *Gur. skinneri*, *C. walkeriana*, *C. purpurata*, *Rl. glauca* and *C. coccinea*. Most of these species are in the collections of some R.O.S.I members and are often seen displayed at our shows. *C. coccinea* maybe the exception, however, many of its offspring and progeny feature in our collections. Flowering plants of Ctt. Candy Ball (Offspring) and Ctt. Little Hazel (Progeny) were on display. In keeping with the topic, several plants donated to the raffle by our club were progeny of *Rl. digbyana*. Thanks to Terry Dean, the raffle also contained a plant of *Rl. glauca*.

As it happened, we had a bulging raffle table and many members went home with additions to their collection – a couple of chocoholics enjoyed their stash of choes. Thank you to all who donated. **This was our last Growers Group outing for 2018.** Thanks everyone for your support and please put your thinking caps on for 2019 venues. Newer members, please

be assured that you don't have to have a large collection and many hosts benefit from ideas given by some of the experienced growers that regularly attend Growers Group. Shades can be provided by our club and hosting Growers Group always gives one incentive for a garden and orchid house spruce up!

Margaret Handley

Bunnings 'Ladies Night' Display

Rockhampton Orchid Society once again had a stand at the Bunnings Warehouse annual 'Ladies Night'. It was ably organized as usual by Keith Marsden who has been coordinating these events on behalf of the society for many years. He was supported by (L-R) Allan Mikkelsen, Jeff Bloxsom, Terry Beingan pictured below, and Peter Jenkinson (absent from picture). From all reports our raffle donations were very popular, there were many enquires and the night was well attended, including by a number of our own lady-members. We also took the opportunity to advertise the forthcoming Orchidfest Show and Conference. Bunnings have always supported us at our Shows and we are very happy to reciprocate at these occasions.



Monthly Competition Results – October 2018.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 55; Novice 42.)

Judges Choice

Paph. Saint Swithin ‘Ellie’

T.Dean

Phal. Sinica Sunday

T&M Handley

Mps. Bert Field ‘Leash’

P&T Jenkinson

Popular Vote Advanced.

Cattleya

Ctt. (Lc.) Fire Gem ‘Capricorn’s Topline’ J&S Frisch

Vandaceous over 65mm
Frisch

(*V.* Gordon Dillon x Pimporn) ‘Capricorn’s Blue on Blue’ J&S

Vandaceous up to 65mm

Van. (Rhctm.) Lilac Blossom ‘GJW’

T.Dean

Dendrobium

Den. Gold Mine

J&S Frisch

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Saint Swithin ‘Ellie’

T.Dean

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Sinica Sunday

T&M Handley

Oncidiinae

Onc. Jairak Sweet Pink

K&R Smith

Species

V. curvifolia

T.Dean

Miscellaneous

Mps. Bert Field ‘Leash’

P&T Jenkinson

Novice.

Cattleya over 100mm

Rsc. Haw Yuan Gold

L.Lucke

Cattleya up to 100mm

Rlc. (Blc.) Andean Treasure x *C.* Dal’s Good One

T.March

Vandaceous

V. Su Fun Beauty

Y.Manning

Dendrobium

Den. Little Green Apples

S.Kuhl &

B.Jenkins

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Lianher Happy Go

D&S Eggleshaw

Species

Phal. amboinensis

Y.Manning

Miscellaneous

Mps. Breathless Beauty

B.Jenkins



***Paph.* Saint Swithin ‘Ellie’**



***Phal.* Sinica Sunday**



***Mps.* Bert Field ‘Leash’**

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Your Orchid Diary 2019

9th February 2019: STOCQ AGM in Albert Bowls club
Gympie.
11th, 12th April: Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show
Uniting Church Hall, Cnr, Ulm & Queen
streets; set up 10th.
13-14th April ROSI Autumn Show
19th, 20th, 21st April: Gladstone O&FS show.
27th, 28th April: Gympie & DOS show with set up 26th.
10th, 11th May Noosa O&FS closed show in CWA Hall
Cooroy
10th, 11th August: Agnes Water O&FS show, Community
Centre, Springs Road, Agnes Water; set up
9th.
23rd, 24th August Noosa O&FS show in Cooroy
Memorial Hall with set up 22nd.
6th, 7th September: Nambour OS show set up 5th.
14th, 15th September 2019: STOCQ Orchidfest
Rockhampton
19th -21st September: Maryborough DOS show St Paul's
Memorial Hall, set up 18th.
27th, 28th September 2019: Glasshouse COS show with
set up 26th.
27th, 28th September: Hervey Bay OS show with set up
26th.
1st, 2nd November Nambour OS species show; set up
31st October.
16th November 2019: STOCQ and OOI meetings at The
Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bongaree hosted by
Bribie Island Orchid Society

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday
of each month (excluding December) at
St Stephens Presbyterian Church Hall,
Burnett St. Nth Rockhampton;
commencing at 7.30 pm. Plants must be
tabled by 7.15pm.

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