

# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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**Newsletter - October 2020**

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## *Editors notes*

Well we are now in the 10<sup>th</sup> month of 2020 with Christmas fast approaching, and Corona Virus (COVID19) still impacting our lives and social activities. Hoping 2021 will see this virus better managed with commonsense socialising by everyone and hopefully a vaccine will be available in the near future.

Apologies for no newsletters for August and September as there was minimal content to write.

On Wednesday night 7<sup>th</sup> October we held a management committee meeting and below are items that were discussed:-

- No October General Meeting
- We hope to hold a **November Meeting**, and this will be confirmed in the coming couple of weeks, if it goes ahead it will be on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** (NOT THE USUAL FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH). The **meeting will commence at 7.00pm** (NOT 7.30pm). A newsletter will be sent out early November to advise
- Jeff has spoken to the Lutheran Church director about their COVID requirements. Numbers will be limited to approximately 50 members (this should not be an issue).

On the top of the usual requirement of sweeping the floors, all tables and chairs will need to be sprayed and wiped with disinfectant. There will be hand sanitiser at the door and two registers for members to complete with their contact details (one for the church and the other for ROSI).

The meeting will also be a changed format and called a "SPECIAL MEETING". There will be no plants tabled so no plant commentary. The agenda will include discussions for our Christmas Dinner and activities for 2021. The club will supply light refreshments for the evening and the raffle will be larger than the usual general meeting raffle.

- Our Christmas Dinner is still on and further details are following in this newsletter.
- Club Library Books – if you have any books out of the Club's Library could you please return as soon as possible, give Jeff or Sandra a call to arrange where they can be dropped off.
- This is my last newsletter as interim editor, Tony March will take on the role as editor for our upcoming newsletters.

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## R.O.S.I MEETING DATES 2020

<u>January</u>	General Meeting Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>
<u>February</u> 25 <sup>th</sup>	AGM & Gen.Meeting Tuesday Growers Group Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>
<u>March</u>	CANCELLED
<u>April</u>	CANCELLED
<u>May</u>	CANCELLED
<u>June</u>	CANCELLED
<u>July</u>	CANCELLED
<u>August</u>	CANCELLED
<u>September</u>	CANCELLED
<u>October</u>	CANCELLED
<u>November</u>	Special Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> November <u>To be confirmed</u>

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## **MARTY GUNDER**

It is with sadness that I advise that a long standing member of 55 years has passed away on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Morthern Raymond (Mardy) Gunder was 87 years old and joined the Society in June 1965 with his wife June who passed away a number of years ago. Mardy (known by most of us as Marty) was also a local Judge and last judged in 2019.

He had been battling several health issues for quite a while.

His funeral was held recently.

< This picture was taken September 2016 Awards Dinner when Mel Wheeler presented Marty was presented a trophy.

## **UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS LIST**

We still have a few members who have not paid their 2020 Fees, previously we have published this list, and quite a few members have paid their fees, and some have advised they are not renewing. Payments can either be direct transferred or personally deposited into our Club Account at My State Bank, either at Stockland Rockhampton or the branch at Bolsover Street. (NOTE - please note the Rockhampton Branches close at the end of October and we are currently arranging new accounts at Bendigo Bank). Our current bank account details are:-

**BSB 807 009 ACCOUNT 100516491 NAME OF ACC. – R'TON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

**I have two member payments that I do not know who they are for, please check the below list and if your name is on it and you have made payment please advise Sandra**

- **18<sup>th</sup> February - \$30 cash deposit - deposited in a branch.**
- **27<sup>th</sup> July – \$30 direct deposit – deposited by transfer**

#2 - Alexander	#63 - Anderson	#68 - Chopping
#106 – Dawson/Fry	#58 - Dickenson	#98 – Gibson/Veinotte
#90 - Hopes	#64 - Ledwy	#78 - Lyons
#18 - March	#76 - McCabe	#105 McCartney
#81 - Perfect	#5 - Roberts	#79 Roberts
#108 - Rogers	#10 - Welch	#16 – White/Bertrand



## **CHRISTMAS DINNER – SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB**

**(Please note it is a Saturday night, NOT the usual Sunday Night)**

Jeff Bloxsom has spoken to Frenchville Sports Club and we are limited to a max number of guests of 120. Food will be served up as part of their restrictions. We are not sure if the bowls of punch will be available, at the meeting it was decided all non-alcoholic drinks would be free to members, with the alcoholic drinks to be purchased by members.

Numbers of those attending the Christmas Dinner need to be given to Jeff no later than 10<sup>th</sup> November (at November Meeting if held or phone/email him) and it was decided that the Society will offer a greater meal subsidy of around \$25 per person this year with the cost per attendee set at \$25 per head (\$50 couple).

The dinner will be limited to financial members only. Anyone wishing to renew their fees by 10<sup>th</sup> November will be able to attend.

There will be no award presentations on the night, but members who have had Judges Choice & Popular Vote winners early in the year will still receive the prize payment on the night.

With the time saved by not having presentations the committee discussed various activities to fill in this time. It was discussed Trivia, post the parcel, orchid questions etc., so members who have suggestions can advise either at the November meeting or by phone or email.

The usual bumper Multi-draw Raffle will still be conducted and drawn the usual way.

## **2021 ROSI SHOWS**

These dates are tentative and will depend if COVID Restrictions are in force.

- **Autumn Show – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Spring Show – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September**

To fill this newsletter I have included the following article from our March 2016 Newsletter, hope it is useful!



### **ALGINOX as a Disinfectant – Jim Brydie** (supplied by Keith Marsden)

Alginox is a liquid Swimming Pool algae control/sanitizer, for control of algae and bacteria in swimming pools. It has the same active ingredient as a popular, but much more expensive, orchid/plant disease control product called Physan. As far as I know, the guideline in the table below, were put together by a nurseryman on the North Coast of NSW about 20 years ago. The rates recommended are believed to be quite safe for all orchids and in fact, the experience a few local users suggests you might even want to slightly increase the suggested rates.

**However! As with the use of any chemical, you should proceed with caution. Use gloves, don't drink it or get it in your eyes, keep it away from children, etc., etc., etc. You also never know if some plants maybe more sensitive than others or if it effects in some circumstances may differ. Useage is at your own risk. Please read all directions the Alginox container before using it and test on samples in your own conditions before making any decision to use more widely.**

If you think Alginox might be helpful to you and you would like to try it, it has been available (mid 2007) in most Woolworth's supermarkets, in the pool chlorine section.

### **ALGINOX – SUGGESTED RATES AND APPLICATIONS**

USAGE	RATE	APPLICATION
Dividing Plants	15mls to 4 litres of water (ie: 3.75mls per litre)	Remove old compost, soak plant for five minutes before dividing with sterilised cutters. Trim the division and its roots, soak again for 5 minutes before repotting.
Seedlings from flask. Protect from damp off.	7 mls to 4 litres of water (ie: 1.75mls per litre)	Soak plants including agar, in Alginox solution for 5 minutes. Remove agar, soak compost in Alginox solution. Afterwards spray once per month or anytime disease is evident.
Adult Plants	50mls to 20 litres of water	Spray once a month or anytime disease is evident. Soak compost when disease is evident
Maintenance Dosage.  (Dendrobium cut flowers growers spray)	20mls to 20 litres of water (ie: 1ml per litre)	For specific problems such as rots or Botrytis, use the recommended dosage until under control. Then resume this maintenance dosage & spray once a month
Disinfectant – to kill virus, bacteria, Fungus, algae on contact	5mls to 1 litre of water	Wipe plant sap from the cutting edge first. Submerge cutting tool in Alginox solution before using again.
Rots such as black rot, brown rot, Erwinia etc	15mls to 4 litres of water (ie: 3.75ml per litre)	Remove compost, soak entire plant 10 minutes or more. Trim all rot from plant using sterilised cutter. Soak plant wounds 10 minutes or more. Repot using compost soaked with Alginox solution
Brown rots in Vandaceous Orchids	25mls per 10 litres of water (ie: 2.5ml per litre)	Spray weekly during rainy periods. Ensure the solution gets in and around the leaf bases. Do not omit spraying because it is raining.
Spraying walkways and under benches	15mls per 4 litres of water (ie: 3.75ml per litre)	Spray heavily under benches and on walkways

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Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding December) at Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Burnett Street, Nth. Rockhampton. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and plants must be tabled by 7.15pm

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**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**ROSI CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB**