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Newsletter - February 2022

Well January didn't start off so good with our January Meeting cancelled due to dreaded COVID being prevalent

in the Rockhampton Region. Hopefully the peak they keep saying we will reach, will occur quickly, so we can get back to a bit more normality. Hoping all our members are staying healthy and safe over these trying times.

I have included photos of our Christmas Awards Dinner in this newsletter, anyone wanting a copy sent to their email just send me a message to svpsli@bigpond.net.au.

There is no meeting minutes and competition results to include in this edition.

Jeff Glover has kindly submitted Judging News.

Memberships are also due; they must be paid prior to our Annual General Meeting to allow members the right to vote on nominations. There is details below for paying your membership by direct deposit, please ensure you list your name/member number as a reference, otherwise it makes it difficult for the treasurer to allocate.



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-Editor.

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 22nd February 2022. Starts 7:30pm.

Notice to Members: Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall after the meeting. **-Editor**.

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JUDGING NEWS

By Jeff Glover

Congratulations are due to Trevor and Margaret Handley.

Trevor and Marg recently received an award - 'Award of Merit' (AM), for another Cycnoches, which will add to their previous award for their Cyc. Bathiorum 'Pink Dove', gained a few years ago.

This plant was Cyc Arita (Cyc. Jumbo Cooper x Jumbo Legend); they chose the cultivar name 'Mervyn James'. Hence, it is now known as Cyc. Arita 'Mervyn James' AM/AOS (82.6points).



This was the first occasion an all ROSI resident-member judging panel were able to award a plant at a convened panel meeting. It takes a minimum of 5 judges for an award to be granted. This has been a long time coming, as previously, plants were only able to be awarded at Shows when enough judges were present, or when the full northern panel including judges from the Gladstone region have been able to attend a convened panel. This was not possible this time due to traveling restrictions due to COVID and in addition to a directive from the Queensland Registrar to cease all judging also due to COVID. Regardless, thanks to Jeff, Faye, Trish, Nat and Bernard who were willing to assess the plant under these difficult circumstances, we were able to get this outcome for the Handley's for which was an outstanding plant.

After this all ROSI judging event, I thought I would do some research to see just how many ROSI members do have awards. The following members or who were once members have all had plants awarded.

R & G Bills, J & M Bloxsom, J & S Frisch, T & M Handley, K & Y Logan, T. March, K & R Smith, P & J Shelton. T & E Dean, J & N Glover, J. Scott and D. Chippendale.

It's important to remember a couple of points with award judging namely;

- That not all members want their plants awarded.
- It is the plant that gets the award not the person, they are recognised as the owner/owners.

I will leave you to ponder on my research results. You too can also research who has what by using the 'Exhibitor Search' from the Home search screen in Orchidwiz, which has every Australian grower listed with each award their plants have received.



As I have said as recently as the last Newsletter there are now 8 judges who are resident members of ROSI, any of whom can be contacted to get a plant assessed. Remember, allow a minimum two days' notice; as it can take another 2 days to get a panel in place.

So, act sooner than later, as many plants don't have flower longevity on their side.

ROSI Resident Judges: T.Craig, T. Dean, F. English, B. Hilse, J. Glover, P. Jenkinson, N. Lakey S. Rowcliffe.

ROSI COMMITTEE MEETING

With the absence of our January General Meeting, the committee meeting still went ahead as there were still some points that needed discussing in the lead up to our AGM and April Show. This meeting was held on Wednesday 9th February at the home of Di MacKenzie.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter some of our members have had several years' service in management or committee positions and could possibly appreciate a break. With some of our newer members joining we thought some may be interested in taking on roles within the Society. While not putting the pressure on newer members this year to take on a role, we discussed that some of our younger members might be interested in learning what the roles entail with the possibility of them being interested in taking on a role in coming years. For the Society to function we do need members to step up and take on roles to ensure it continues to operate.

Another item discussed was what format we need to follow for our AGM. While there was some consideration to possibly making it an outdoor meeting the logistics of this were going to be a problem. Jeff has been in contact with the Calvary Lutheran Church, and they are happy with us still going ahead with the meeting in the hall, but we are required to follow the current health mandates for attendees.

- To participate in the meeting in the hall, members need to be double vaccinated.
- All members must wear masks.
- For those who are not double vaccinated we have discussed that those members could still attend and just sit outside near the door so they can still participate in the meeting.

We understand some of our older or at-risk members may choose to not attend this meeting.

Grower's Group will not hold a February Meeting, but we discussed the possibility of holding one in March maybe the same weekend our Field Trip would have been held on Saturday 12th March. This will be discussed at the AGM and a venue will be confirmed. If you are wishing to attend you may need to call any of the management or committee members for details if you are unable to attend the AGM as there will be no newsletter before.

Our April Show which was scheduled to be held on 8th, 9th & 10th April was discussed. Due to current COVID case concerns the committee thought it would be wise to extend the show by another two weeks. Our Autumn Show will now be on 29th & 30th April and the 1st of May. Our president Jeff has spoken to the Frenchville Sports Club and this later date is agreeable with them. Further details will be discussed at our AGM.

Other Items discussed at the committee meeting will be brought up in General Business at the AGM. We hope to see good member numbers at our AGM.

Our Society has a near new Brother Laser Printer that is redundant to our needs, if anyone is interested in buying this please discuss with Jeff Bloxsom and he can give you further details.

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The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter is the 5th March 2022; articles received after that date will be included in the following month.

-Editor.



Articles Wanted!

Your ROSI Newsletter is not only your source of information regarding what is happening in the Club, it is also an avenue for our members to share ideas, tips and tricks, and information on growing Orchids.

If you would like to write an article, or share something Orchid related with your fellow members, please write it down and send it in. Our Newsletter is always looking for to publish Orchid growing related content to enrich your reading each month.

Send any original content to the Editor and it will be considered for publishing in a Newsletter.



T & M Handley awarded Cycnoches





Photos from our 2021 Christmas Awards Dinner







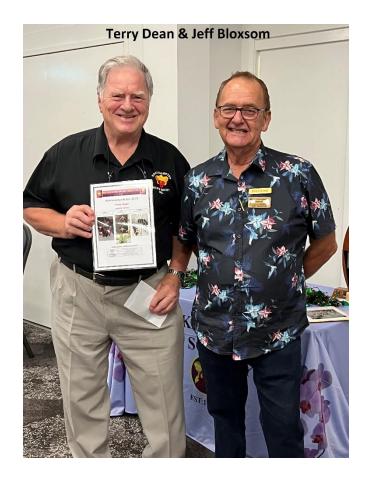


















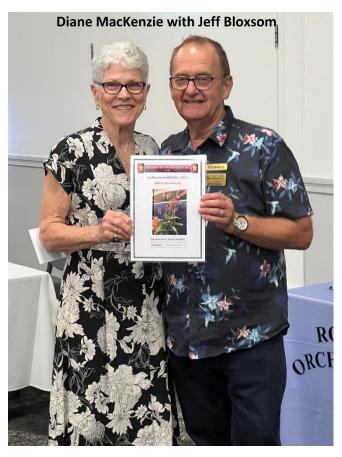




















Jenni Scott's Awarded Orchid She is shown above accepting her Award Certificate.



Photo above of part of our Spring Show Display



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