

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Editors notes

Well our year is now half over and our winter has become warm again with days around 26 degrees and warm humid nights, tonight as I am typing my notes we are having showers and hopefully we will be fortunate to get some good rainfall.

Our initial bout of cold during May and June was enough to get soft cane dendrobiums thinking about flowering with a majority of my plants now having buds forming on them; hopefully they will still be around for our spring show on 23rd & 24th September.

On the morning we left for the Townsville Orchid Conference on Friday 9th June it was 5 degrees when we left at 3.00am, it was 4 degrees at Waverley Creek where we called in for a rest stop and it was still only 6 degrees when we stopped at Mackay for breakfast at 7.00am.⁽¹²²⁾ for someone who is not a fan of the cold I am quite happy that the temperature is again mild. The down side of our strange weather patterns are that it is confusing for our orchids which sees varieties flowering different times than usual.

For those of us fortunate to attend the conference in Townsville I am sure all will agree it was a great weekend. I have written a report in this newsletter on the trip and also included some photos as well.

Our next Spring Show is just over ten weeks away which will pass quickly. At the present time I still have lots of orchids to repot but the weather is just too unpredictable and there is the chance we could get some colder nights during July and August so at the moment my Bromeliads are getting repotted. As an avid gardener there is always some plant maintenance that needs to be done.

*Thomas, Alice and Stuart taken at their home in
Townsville on Friday 9th June.*



Notice to Members - please assist with cleaning the hall after the meeting

**The closing date for articles to be included in the next newsletter are to be received
by the 5th August 2017; articles received after that date will be included in the
following month. *Ed.***

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Judges for the Meeting

Terry, Jeff & Bernard

Assistants – Nat Lakey,
 Sandra Rowcliffe, Peter
 Jenkinson

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 25/07/17
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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General Meeting Tuesday 27th June 2017

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Marie Crone 23

Visitors: Nil.

Lucky Number: 90 not claimed as member not at meeting

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

Moved E Dean Seconded P Rankin **Carried**

Correspondence:

IN – NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc.

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. - July

Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc.

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. – May & June

Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc.

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc.

Mid Murray Orchid Club Inc. - May

Nightcliff Orchid Society

The Orchid Society of NSW

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society, Caloundra Inc.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

EMAIL

AOC Conference & Show update

Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Assoc. Inc. – invitation to their field day on Sunday 27th August 2017

MAIL

Australian Orchid Trust Fund – Receipt for donation to Australian Orchid Foundation.

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Rock – statements

Big Colour Works – statement

Orchids Australia – June

Australian Orchid Review - June

OUT

Nil

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

Moved T Craig Seconded J Rawlings **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Bill Richardson who moved that the report be accepted.

Seconder Nat Lakey **Carried**

Annual honorarium to President and Secretary: since this was omitted last year the Treasurer, Bill Richardson, moved that a cheque for \$400 be drawn for the President (\$200 for 2016 & \$200 for 2017), and a cheque for \$500 be drawn for the Secretary (\$200 for 2016 & \$300 for 2017) The increase from \$200 to \$300 for the secretary to cover the increasing cost of printing ink and paper. Motion seconded by Ellie Dean. **Carried**

Moyna Richardson moved that displays at this year's Spring Show would have an "own choice" theme.

Seconded Ken Smith **Carried**

Membership renewal: Kathy Perfect and Lyn Niven – newsletters to be restarted.

New Growers Report:

In the absence of David Eggleshaw, Keith Marsden thanked Rosemary Wines for hosting the May new growers meeting. Keith announced that the June meeting would be at his and Pam's home on Saturday 1st July at 2.00 pm. Keith also mentioned that the next Bunnings Ladies Night is on 16th August.

Plant Commentary:

Terry Dean gave an informative commentary on the plants tabled.

Exhibiter Raffle: Carsten Christensen

General Raffle: M Richardson x2, J Hogan, S Rowcliffe, S Kuhl, J Rawlings, A White.

Next committee meeting will be held at Bill and Moyna Richardson's home on Tuesday 4th July commencing at 7.00pm.

Jeff Bloxson (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Competition Results – June 2017

(Plants tabled: Advanced 50; Novice 25)

Judges Choice

<i>Paph. Prim 'n Proper</i>	B&H Hilse
<i>Bulb. echinolabium</i>	B&H Hilse
<i>Rlc. Mem. Gordon Vallance x Rlc. Burdekin Debutante</i>	C.Christensen

Popular Vote. Advanced

Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Village Chief Armani 'Red Dragon'</i>	P&T Jenkinson
Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Bc. Starfire</i>	K&R Smith
Vandaceous	<i>V. Thailand</i>	J&M Bloxson
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Fire Wings</i>	J&M Bloxson
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Prim 'n Proper</i>	B&H Hilse
Oncidiinae	tie(<i>Onc. Copper Scarab 'Brass Bretheren'</i>	J&M Bloxson
	tie(<i>Onc. Twinkle</i>	K&R Smith
Species	<i>Bulb. echinolabium</i>	B&H Hilse
Miscellaneous	<i>Ctsm. Melana Davison</i>	T&M Handley

Novice.

Cattleya	<i>Rlc. Mem. Gordon Vallance x Rlc. Burdekin Debutante</i>	C.Christensen
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Fire Wings</i>	R&L Mann
Miscellaneous	<i>Onc. Ruth's Rainbow 'Dark'</i>	R. Mac Master

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



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Bulb. echinolabium – B & H Hilse >

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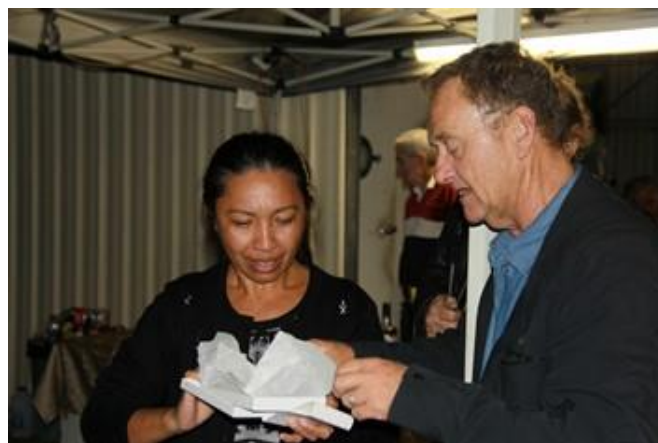
Townsville Conference Report

9th to 11th June 2017 by Sandra Rowcliffe

On Friday 9th June over 50 members set off from our Society to attend the Townsville 70th Anniversary Show combined with the TQO Conference. A good percentage of members travelled up by coach with the rest travelling up in their own vehicles. Some members had also left the day or so before, some even made a holiday of the trip with David and Sue Eggleshaw spending a couple of weeks extra up north.

As per usual Jeff Bloxsom did an excellent job organising this trip and our accommodation. The only grumble from some being the distance they had to walk to their motel rooms from where the vehicle parking was at the Mercure Resort, and also some did have “lack of hot water” issues with their showers, but apart from that the beds were comfortable, the rooms tidy and clean and the breakfast selections were lovely.

On the Friday evening we were invited to Alice, Stuarts and Thomas’s home for a very enjoyable function. Their hospitality was much appreciated and we all got to look over Alice’s nursery and most of us bought several new plants for our collections. The meal was sumptuous and the free raffle for the evening was a great surprise. On a plus we got to surprise Alice with a lovely gold necklace for her birthday which was the day before. I also baked and iced a rich fruit cake for them to enjoy. A very big thanks for our wonderful members, the Zierks for their hospitality, generosity and friendship.



Early next morning our society’s judges/student judges attended the show to assist with the judging, there was a vast variety of flowering plants on show. I was on Jeff Glover’s team and acted as the scribe and we judged other genera which included the Catasetums and similar genera, the Grand Champion *Cycd.* Taiwan Gold was in this class.

I was also fortunate to attend the talk later in the morning on these amazing genera by Fred Clark, his slide show was great and he explained in detail how the different varieties were produced by the crossing of different plants. I came away with lots more knowledge and increased appreciation on this genera.

Our conference registration included most meals - morning and afternoon teas, lunches and dinners and at all times the food choices were superb and ample. The dinners on the Saturday and Sunday nights were well planned and attended even though a lot of registrants had headed off early on Sunday afternoon so the numbers were down on that night. They finished the conference with a plant auction and over \$1500 were raised for TQOC. The lady who acted as the auctioneer did a fantastic job and kept the evening lively. **A very big thank you to the Townville Orchid Society** - their President Ted Boon, Jeff Knowles Secretary and their hardworking committee - **for the wonderful conference that they hosted.**



< Reserve Champion (Sorry I don't have the name)

Alice's Nursery below



New Growers Report

David Eggleshaw

The June meeting was held at Keith and Pam Marsden's home. I thank both of them for hosting the meeting at their home and a special thanks to Keith for doing the talk for the afternoon. Keith spoke about his green house and how it is built and how he would have changed the layout, Keith also spoke about his growing of both soft cane dendrobium and phalaenopsis orchids. Keith also showed us some new orchid pot hangers that he purchased from the Apple Tree Creek Markets and showed us how he makes them.

I thank you Keith once again for his interesting talk and if anyone else would like to give a presentation at any of our meetings please contact me and I will slot you in to my meeting schedule.

Our next new growers will be held at Shae and Pieter Tjerkstra 208 Etna Creek Road, The Caves.

Shae and Pieter own and operate Rockhampton Boarding Kennels and Cattery from their home so I ask that you park your cars on the front verge outside of their house and walk through their gate, leaving their car park available for their customers. Directions to their place is very easy turn left, past the old prison and follow Etna Creek road and Shae's house is first on the right. Shae would like us to give her some ideas on where she should build a greenhouse as she has not yet built a permanent greenhouse. So please come along and help Shae out with your ideas on where the greenhouse should go.

Please bring along a chair, plate for afternoon tea, and a plant of any type if possible for the raffle. Meeting date is Saturday 29th of July commencing at 2.00pm. Hope to see at this meeting.

Until the next meeting - happy growing.

David Eggleshaw (New Growers Leader)

Ellie's Corner



Hello everyone. Welcome to Ellie's Corner for July 2017.

Claud Swaffield recently joined our Society. Claud is married to Iris and they have 2 children and 3 grandsons. Many people will remember them from the Wandal Newsagency which they had for thirteen years. They retired to Yeppoon some years ago. Iris is a keen golfer and Claud loves to go fishing and he enjoys a game of bowls. He likes gardening and has built an orchid house for his collection. We welcome Claud and Iris to our happy group.

At our last meeting we welcomed Marie Crone as a new member. Marie's husband is Mark and they have 3 children, Josh 19, Tahlia 16 and Isaac 9. Marie is a Teacher's Aide at Frenchville State School. Mark is a supervisor in the mines. Marie comes to our Shows and wants to gain more knowledge about orchids and their cultivation. A warm welcome is extended to you, Marie.

Margaret Stegemann celebrated her 80th Birthday on Sunday 11th June, with a Birthday Luncheon at the North Rockhampton Bowls Club. She was surrounded with love and best wishes from her husband Ray, family members and close friends. It was a lovely event which Margaret thoroughly enjoyed. Congratulations from us all go to Margaret.

Bernie Peters had a right hip replacement on June 20th (a 4 hour operation with some bone grafting as well). He still managed to come home on 22nd June! Shirley told me Bernie is doing really well, due mainly to the nursing she is giving him!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Bernie as you continue to improve.

Many of you have been concerned about John Frisch's health in recent times. I spoke with Sharyn and she sent me the following e-mail. *"We drove to Townsville a week before the Orchid Conference so that we could have more time with Ashley (our son) on his days off. For the first 10 days John was as ill as he's ever been in the last 30 years. . We did make it to Alice's for the lovely barbecue on the Friday night. We went in to the show on the Saturday, but John was far too unwell to stay for the dinner. In fact that evening it became obvious that I couldn't help John anymore, so I called the ambulance. We spent the night at the hospital. I spent the next week begging and pleading for appointments with the radiologist, GP then a specialist Neurologist....finally with some success. There is always a silver lining- our extended stay with our son & daughter -in-law gave us more time to spend with our beautiful Riley who is now 7 months old. While we were there, she mastered sitting up and really got to love the solid food to which she was introduced. Every morning our little girl spent an hour or so in our bed so that Mummy could sleep in. It was a lovely bonding time for Vovo & Pa. John hasn't driven the car since he drove North. I took 2 days to drive home, breaking the trip in Mackay & staying with orchid friends. Since arriving home John spent a couple of nights in hospital for a completely unrelated matter – a hernia repair. John is still unwell with his other problem of unknown cause."*

We send our love and prayers to John and Sharyn at this very difficult time. John's wise advice is always appreciated by our members.

We met Laurie and Paxia Lucke on June 30th and they were off to lunch to celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to a lovely couple.

Sandra and Michael Rowcliffe also celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on June 30 at Korte's Resort. They enjoyed a delicious meal amid beautiful surroundings. It was their 16th Anniversary. May they be blessed with many more years of happy marriage together.



Happy Birthday to those celebrating in August. Have a wonderful day -.Mirella Sorensen 1st; George and David L'Anson 19th; Kerrie Clarke 24th; Keith Marsden 25th; Bill Richardson 29th.

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie

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Your 2017 ROSI Orchid Diary

21st & 23rd July – Caboolture Orchid Show
4th & 5th August – Maroochydore Orchid Show
12th & 13th August – Agnes Water Orchid Show
12th August – STOCQ Meeting Agnes Water
1st & 2nd September – Nambour Orchid Show
1st & 2nd September – Childers Orchid Show
14th, 15th & 16th September – Maryborough Orchid Show

23rd & 24th September – ROSI Spring Show

22nd to 23rd September – Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
27th & 28th October – Nambour Species Show
4th November – STOCQ Meeting – hosted by Glasshouse
Country Orchid Club
8th to 12th November – World Orchid Conference Ecuador

18th November – ROSI Christmas Barbecue

**Date to be advised – ROSI Christmas Dinner & Award
Evening**

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

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