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Editors notes

Where did the first third of this year go? As I write this it is less than five weeks until our trip to Townsville. I must admit I am looking forward to the break away and attending the conference. And the opportunity to buy more orchids for my ever growing collection, also catching up with members from other societies.



On a good note I am also over half way through repotting my Cattleyas which was well overdue by about two years. I must admit the enormous root ball each plant now has is a bit of a challenge as per photo.

Since November when the hot weather set in there were not many favourable weekends for repotting with temperatures in the high 30s and low 40s, so hopefully I will get them all finished before the cold sets in, that is if we get a cold winter this year, with last winter quite mild.

During 2016 a lot of weekends were spent helping my husband Michael constructing the remaining greenhouses which are now all finished and slowly filling up. So this year I have a lot more time for maintenance of my plants and I am hoping they appreciate the attention, with very minimal flowering plants for last year's Spring Show it would be nice to have a lot more for this year's Show. (78)

I have included several photos from our Autumn Show in this newsletter & there will be more next month.

For those travelling to Townville on the bus it will be leaving Lawrence's Holden at 3.00am SHARP on Friday 9th June.

There will be a short comfort stop at Waverly Creek, the breakfast & lunch stops are still to be confirmed, the expected time into Townsville approx. 2pm



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 2nd June 2017; articles received after that date will be included in the following month. *Ed.*

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Sponsors of the Rockhampton Orchid Society

Judges for the Meeting

Terry, Jeff & Bernard

Assistants – Nat Lakey,
 Sandra Rowcliffe, Doug
 Chippendale

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday. 23/05/17
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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General Meeting Tuesday 25th April 2017

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Jeff Knowles (secretary of Townsville Orchid Society), Carmen Deluce (guest of Sue Eggleshaw).

Lucky Number: 100 D Hughes

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

Moved E Dean Seconded B Peters **Carried**

Correspondence:

IN – NEWSLETTERS

Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. - March

Childers & Isis District Orchid Soc. Inc. – March & April

Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. – February & March

Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. – March & April

Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. - April

Mid Murray Orchid Club Inc. - March

Nightcliff Orchid Society - March & April

The Orchid Society of NSW – March & April

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc. – March & April

Townsville Orchid Society Inc. - April

Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. - March

EMAIL

Townsville Orchid Spectacular update

Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. – flyer for 10th Annual Show – 3 & 4 June 2017 (this has been cancelled)

Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. – invitation via John Rees to attend a talk by Fred Clarke at the Ipswich June general meeting.

STOCQ 2018 dates – 10th February 2018 at Gympie and 10th November 2008 at Caboolture.

MAIL

Orchids Australia magazine

Australian Orchids Review magazine

Rock – statement

FM 98.5 – 4YOU – receipt

Subs payment – Beryl Ledwy

Australian Orchid Foundation – April 2017 newsletter, Orchid Species Seed & Protocorm Bank price list and request form for donation to Australian Orchid Foundation

OUT

Sympathy Card to Bev Powell

Moved T Craig Seconded Z Kidman **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was read and moved by B Richardson Seconded M Kydd **Carried**

Business Arising from Correspondence:

In response to the request from The Australian Orchid Foundation for donations, Bill Richardson moved that the Society make a donation of \$1000 to the Foundation. This was seconded by Terry Dean. Motion was carried

General Business:

The president mentioned that Jean Wust had passed away as had Bev Powell's father. Life Member Fred Rosel has been moved to Brisbane by his daughters after he was attacked and seriously injured in his home some weeks ago.

One couple has pulled out of the trip to Townsville but this vacancy was filled by the end of the meeting. Jeff Knowles gave us an update on the Townsville Orchid Spectacular. He encouraged members to enter their plants as the prize money is substantial. No doubt the competition will be strong for that very reason.

New Growers Report:

David Eggleshaw thanked Graham & Maxine for hosting the most recent new grower's event. The next meeting will be held at Ray & Gay Bill's home in Emmerson Drive, Glenlee on Saturday 29th April commencing at 2.00pm.

Plant Commentary:

John Frisch gave an informative commentary on the large number of plants, particularly Cattleyas, tabled at the meeting. John commented that the Cattleyas have responded well to the cooler weather.

Exhibiter Raffle: J Hogan

General Raffle: C. Deluce (visitor) x2, M Kydd, S Peters, Z Kidman, J Bloxsom, C Swaffield.

Next committee meeting will be held at David & Sue Eggleshaw's home on Tuesday 2nd May commencing at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Jeff Bloxsom (President)

Trish Craig (Secretary)

Monthly Comptition Results – April 2017.

(Plants Tabled: Advanced 68; Novice 42)

Judges Choice	Lc. "Korat Blue" (not registered) Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' Rlc. Donna Kimura	J&S Frisch T&M Handley R.Wines
<u>Popular Vote, Advanced.</u>		
Cattleya over 100mm	Lc."Korat Blue" (not registered)	J&S Frisch
Cattleya up to 100mm	Rth. Burdekin Imp x Rlc. Burdekin Velvet	P&T Jenkinson
Dendrobium	Den. Burana Pearl	K&R Smith
Oncidiinae	Milt. Sandy's Cove	T&E Dean
Species	B. subulifolia 'Lilly'	J&M Bloxsom
Miscellaneous	Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'	T&M Handley
<u>Novice.</u>		
Cattleya	Rlc. Donna Kimura	R.Wines
Vandaceous	Tie V. Swissthai Blue Ubon (##) (##) (V. Bangsai Queen x V. coerulea) registered as V. Swissthai Blue Ubon)	R&L Mann (tie)
	Tie V. Name unknown	R&L Mann (tie)
Dendrobium	Den. ?? Rose	D&S Eggleshaw
Oncidiinae	Oncsa. Lemon Heart	T.March
Miscellaneous	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	D. MacKenzie

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS



Rlc. Donna Kimura – R. Wines >

*< Fdk After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'
T & M Handley*

*Lc. 'Korat Blue' J & S Frisch
(Below)*



New Growers Report

David Eggleshaw

Our April new growers meeting was held at the home of Ray and Gay Bills, after everyone enjoyed a look through Ray's very impressive orchid house we all enjoyed afternoon tea and Ray gave us a very informative talk on growing Cattleya orchids. Ray has many years of experience growing and breeding Cattleya orchids.

Ray made some very good points about growing orchids. What works for Ray may not work for other growers for a variety of reasons:-

- Shade houses can have different aspects of sun or light levels
- Different potting mediums could be used
- Plants could be watered at different times of the day and with varying amounts of water
- Different types of fertiliser are used and also the regularity of fertilising could differ

There is not one rule that suits everyone. Ray suggested that the plants next door are not always greener. One of the most interesting things that I learnt from Ray was the time it takes to breed and flower new crosses of Cattleya orchids. It takes anything up to 7 years.

It was also brought up by Ken Smith that when buying orchid plants from nursery growers that you are better off buying more advanced plants even though you might pay a bit more for these you will flower them quicker and you lessen the risk of losing the plant before you see the flower. If you add the cost of keeping a small plant for 2 or 3 years it makes more sense to buy an advance plant.

On our upcoming Townsville Bus Trip Ken also advised that if you are looking to buy plants you could email the nurseries in advance and pre-order the orchids that you want in the larger pot sizes as most vendors take smaller plants to sell.

Our next new growers meeting will be held at Rosemary Wines place at 53 Angela Road Rockyview. Rosemary's house is the first driveway on the left after the white picket fence, it's a gravel driveway.

Thanks to Ray and Gay for a great afternoon. Happy growing *David Eggleshaw* (New Growers Leader)

MAY MEMBER PROFILE

RICHARD & LYNNE MANN



Richard descended from a Pioneering family who settled in Benaraby in 1875. Their property was situated on both sides of the Boyne River. The Boyne River Bridge was recently renamed to “Turich Mann Bridge” in honour of his Great Grandparents that married into each family. His 4 cousins are currently building a \$300,000,000 retirement village on the property. Lynne & Richard departed Gladstone after 35 years of wedded bliss & arrived in Gracemere in May 2004 with approximately 30 orchids. After visiting the many

displays over the years, they gradually got hooked on Orchid Mania, though they knew nothing about how to care for the many varieties of Orchids. Fortunately for them, they met Kenny Smith at a Display who said “you want to join our Orchid Club don’t you?” They could not help but say “YES!” and at that stage neither had any idea what it would lead to.

They now have 5 shade houses plus 2,000 or so orchids over many genera. Richard’s favourite have always been Cattleyas because of the fragrance and beauty. Next they admire Phalaenopsis for their long flowering, of which they have 100 + a few. Others genera in their collection are soft & hard-cane Dendrobiums. All of their plants are special and receive the same treatment of TLC. Though at times they can get neglected, they still manage to survive the hazards of fertilising and bug spraying. They thank all of their Friends in the Rockhampton Orchid Society for the knowledge and love shared with them.

Winner of Large Display – 2015 Spring Show – Richard & Lynne Mann





Ellie's Corner

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

Alan and Adele (Dell) Rogers joined our Society in February at our Annual Meeting. They are both retired. Alan previously worked as a Ranger with E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency), doing good work in National Parks, the Berserkers etc. Dell retired from the Rockhampton Base Hospital. Her most recent position was in nursing administration. Alan has always been interested in native orchids and plants and is keen to learn more about their culture. Dell has been a dear friend of mine for many years and I shared a special bond with her beautiful gentle mother, Irene Keding. Dell cared very lovingly for her mother until she passed away. We know Alan and Dell will have many happy times with us.

At the recent New Growers Afternoon Meeting, held at Ray and Gay Bills' home, Laurie Lucke had an episode with his heart, caused by very low blood pressure. An ambulance was called to the scene. Laurie was rushed to the Base Hospital and spent the night there. A number of tests were performed and Laurie said "they turned out okay". Laurie and Paxia told me they are very grateful for all the care and attention shown to Laurie by members who were present at the Afternoon Tea. Laurie especially wanted to thank Dianne MacKenzie and Maxine Maunder. He greatly appreciated their efforts to help him. Laurie and Paxia are in our thoughts and prayers as we wish him a return to better health.

Bev Powell's dad Emra Marxsen OAM passed away on 18th April. Bev had cared for her father for 10 years. He recently was in hospital with pneumonia and then spent 5 days in Shalom prior to his death. He lived to the ripe old age of 95 years and 7 months! He was a real gentleman and I remember meeting him at Order of Australia functions some years ago. Bev is a very dedicated and kind lady and our thoughts and prayers are with her and the rest of the family.

It was good to catch up with Tony and Denise Welsh at our Autumn Show. Tony has been a member for over twenty years. They own a lychee farm but are semi-retired and their son Graeme is running the business.

In our March newsletter I wrote about the recent passing of Doug Wust. His beloved wife Jean died on 18th April aged 86. They were a devoted couple and became members of our Society in 1971. I like to think of them now reunited in heaven. Their son-in-law Jeff Knowles was at our April Meeting and it was great to catch up with him and also to be able to offer our condolences. He addressed our meeting and gave details about the forthcoming Townsville Show and Conference to be held in June. Many of our members are looking forward excitedly to attending the weekend and the visit to Alice's Nursery.

Thank you to Jeff Glover for supplying the following story.

"Recently Jeff and Norma Glover and Jeff and Marilyn Bloxsom visited Melbourne with the prime reason being to attend the Melbourne Garden and Flower Show held from March 29 to 1st April. Max and Sue Rawlings were also to accompany the group but cyclone Debbie had other ideas and the Mackay airport was closed the day they were to leave. It was very disappointing for them as the visit had been in the planning for years. The Garden Show was definitely the highlight, as it was just as it is portrayed on the Better Homes and Gardens TV show. The venue itself, the Royal Exhibition Building in the inner Melbourne suburb of Carlton is an attraction in itself and was filled with floral art and plant and flower displays. While in the courtyard there was a lot of trade displays and nursery stalls along with the designer gardens to inspect. As expected we had no problems spending an entire day there and probably the only disappointment was the lack of orchids. However, being able to see cooler growing plants such as Tuberous Begonias and Dahlias in massed flowering more than made up for the minimal amount orchids. While staying close to the Victoria Markets ensured there was many trips and purchases made; the night market with over 50 foods stalls was also an experience to remember. Similarly, hiring a car and driving in Melbourne with 3 navigators and two independent 'Navman' working at the same time was a memorable experience for Jeff G. We did however, get to the Dandenong Ranges and Collectors Corner which is a huge nursery/exhibition complex, which is also the company that among other things markets the orchids and bromeliads in the plastic cell-packs sold at Bunnings. Overall, it was a very enjoyable trip, despite having to cut it short by a day because of the flood and our own airport closing and although we did miss Max and Sue's company, it really was a little bit of plant and food heaven for a week."



Happy Birthday to those celebrating in June: Denise Welsh 1st; Don Howes 2nd; Diane Hughes 4th; Gay Bills 6th; Ken Smith and Barry English 8th; Michelle Lang 10th; Margaret Stegemann 11th; June Shelton and Nat Lakey 13th; Dianne MacKenzie 20th; Margaret Warner 21st; Julie Crosland 24th;

Till next time my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie



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Your 2017 ROSI Orchid Diary

12th to 14th May – Bundaberg Orchid Society Show

9th to 12th June – Bus Trip to Townsville Orchid Spectacular
& TQOC Conference

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

Date to be advised – 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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