

# GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.



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S/c. Dal's Buddy 'Bette'



C. Why Not Walk 'Leanne'

These were some of the plants flowering in Jim's shadehouse.

Welcome to our November newsletter for 2021. Our last meeting of the year was held on November 27th at Jim & Leanne Evans' place and started at 3pm.

President Jim Evans congratulated society members George and Deg on getting married and this news was met with a round of applause.

There was much discussion and support for a motion of Ted Mann's at our October meeting to donate \$1000 to a palliative care organization for terminally ill cancer patients. Little Haven based at Gympie General Hospital was proposed and Jim accordingly discussed the matter with Sue Manton at the hospital in the interim. He reported that the money would indeed be used for the benefit of folk in our region and would be spent on equipment such as wheel chairs and other equipment and that such items purchased would have a plaque attached in acknowledgement of our society's contribution.

The motion was spoken for by several members and opposed by none and was thus voted on and carried according to due process. The cheque is on its way.

Mel Wheeler suggested that as well as the 'Judge's Choice' winner for the year, tallies be kept for the Popular Vote Sections and winners announced for each section at the end of the year. This motion was met with approval and carried.

It was further suggested that the novice award be reinstated at meetings taking place at member's homes.

Jim reminded members of a proposed bus trip for the upcoming Queensland Orchid Society Fair.

The 2022 QOS Autumn Orchid Show will be held on the 28th & 29th May 2022.

Saturday 8.30am - 3.30pm; Sunday 8.30 - 2.30 pm

at the Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Rd Belmont

Subject to COVID19 Restrictions.

Our Xmas party followed with fine fare and a couple of clever quizzes devised and presented by Judy Wheeler. One was to match Australian slang terms with their actual meaning. Did you know that a 'hottie' refers to a hot water bottle! Now that's going way back in time past our present vernacular.

Jim Evans presented each family present with a full size plant from his orchid collection as has been his custom for some years now. Thanks again Jim.

Mel Wheeler presented Jim & Leanne with a thank you gift in appreciation of their efforts preparing the dinner and hosting our party.



C. Capricirn Charm X CRB'S Reward  
This flower is not fully open, but there is already much to delight the eye. This is a first flowering of one of Jim's more recent hybrids.

For further details:

<https://www.facebook.com/Queensland-International-Orchid-Fair-1200289463406289/>

The next S.T.O.C.Q. meeting, which will include the AGM and normal meeting of this council is due to be held on the 12th February 2022 in the Albert Bowls Club, Gympie.



C. Elusive Case 'Echo'

## Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote at our October meeting

<b>Cattleya</b>	<i>Rlc. Calico Treasure</i>	Mel Wheeler
<b>Dendrobium</b>	<i>Den. Chao Praya moonlight</i> 'Sweet Fragrance'	Doug Wilson
<b>Species</b>	<i>Vanda ampulaceum</i>	Mel Wheeler
<b>Any Other</b>	<i>Phal. unknown</i>	Larry Downing
<b>Judges' choice</b>	<i>C. Elusive Case 'Echo'</i>	Jim Evans



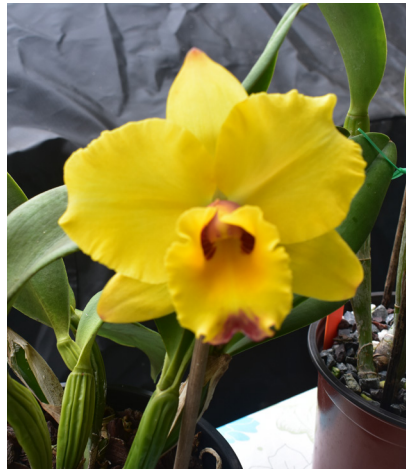
*Vanda ampulaceum*



*Den. Chao Praya moonlight 'Sweet Fragrance'*



*Phal. unknown (Hervey Bay)*

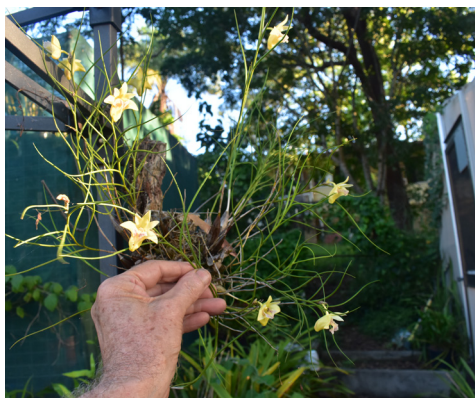


*Rlc. Calico Treasure*

Flowering at the moment, this plant was bought from Rosella Orchids Nursery several years ago. It has a lovely flat profile and vertical alignment with beautiful sepals and labellum. Just the tips of the petals are slightly recursive. It has a lovely fragrance. Its parentage is Cattleya Mem. Robert Strait × Rhyncholaeliocattleya Good News.



*Rlc. Memoria Anna 'Balmores'*



*Dendrobium junceum*: This species is native to the Philippines and was named by Lindley in 1842. The fragrant flowers last about 3 days.



Vanilla seed pods from October flowering.

**Our first meeting of the year 2022 will be at Michelle & Cristian Lenske's place on Saturday, January 29 th. The address is 303 Power Road, Widgee. The meeting starts at 2pm.**