

# GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



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26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc.

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## Messages from the Editor - Information regarding our Show.

**This weekend is our big Show for the year.** Please take note of the following and assist if you can:

- If you can work in the Kitchen, please contact Shirley Downing (there is a roster) on 0428486087.
- If you can make a slice for the Show, please bring on Friday night to give to Shirley, or early Saturday morning. **Please do not cut up.**
- If you would like help with tags for your plants, please phone Leanne Evans on 54826962 (before Tuesday afternoon). Otherwise, ensure tags are legible and neatly printed.
- All plants need to be tabled strictly before 5pm on Friday – Judging commences at 6pm.

Looking forward to seeing all your plants and enjoying another successful Show! 😊

## Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

| GENRE                      | Orchid name                                                                          | Owner/s of Plant                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cattleya &gt;100mm:</b> | Rlc. Mem. Reg Dyson                                                                  | Gary & Julie Walker                                                                               |
| <b>Cattleya &lt;100mm:</b> | Ctt. Aussie Splash 'Topaz'                                                           | Larry & Shirley Downing                                                                           |
| <b>Cluster Cattleya:</b>   | C. Jungle Queen 'Glen lee'                                                           | John & Kay Green                                                                                  |
| <b>Dendrobium:</b>         | Den. Airy Crimson                                                                    | Sharne Toop                                                                                       |
| <b>Species:</b>            | Bulb. lepidum                                                                        | Gary & Julie Walker                                                                               |
| <b>Vanda:</b>              | V. Princess Mikasa 'White Princess'                                                  | Gary & Julie Walker                                                                               |
| <b>Cymbidium:</b>          |                                                                                      |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Bulbophyllum:</b>       | <b>TIE between:</b> Bulb. Medusae 'long whiskers' and Bulb. Sangaireopunctum 'white' | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garry &amp; Julie Walker</li> <li>• Glen Bell</li> </ul> |
| <b>Oncidium:</b>           | Colm. Wildcat 'blood shot'                                                           | Larry & Shirley Downing                                                                           |
| <b>Any Other:</b>          | Spathoglottis Pilcata 'Mellow Yellow'                                                | Gary & Julie Walker                                                                               |
| <b>Paphs / Phrags:</b>     | Paph. (venustum x Gael) X (Steve Waters 'Amberglow')                                 | Gary & Julie Walker                                                                               |
| <b>Novice:</b>             | Bulb, Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'                                                    | Trudy Bale                                                                                        |



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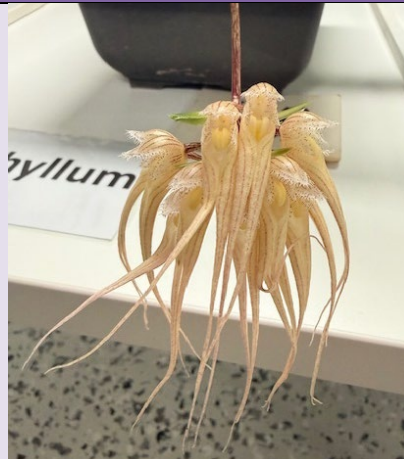
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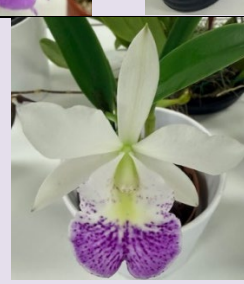
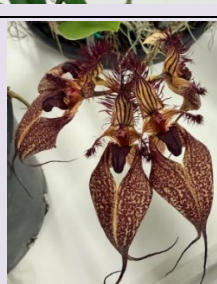
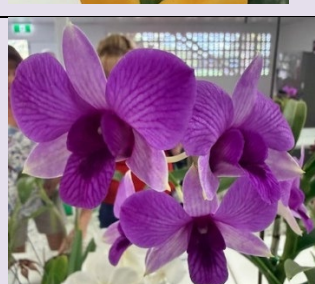
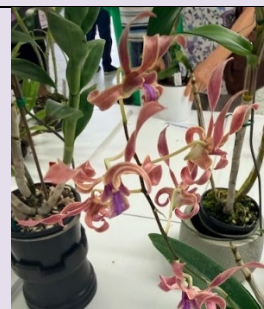
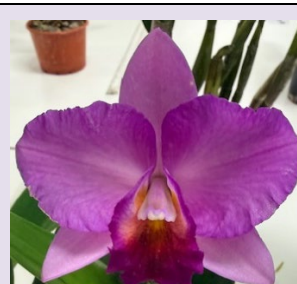


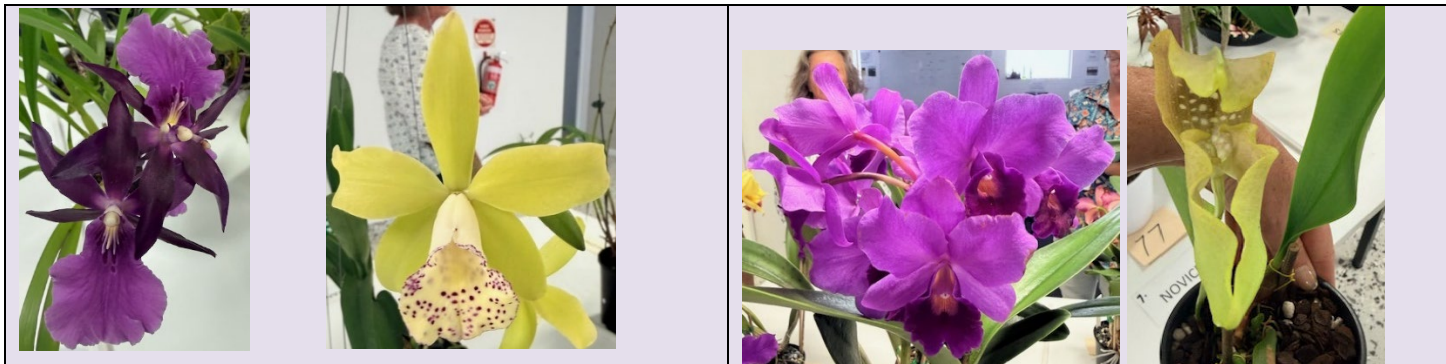
**Bulbophyllum (TIE):** Bulb. Medusae 'long whiskers'



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### Other Orchids tabled at the Meeting





### Raffle Winners

Winners of our raffle for April were Sharon Stretton and Gary Walker.

### VIRUSES - Article supplied by Gary Walker

Throughout the world some 25 viruses have been listed as infecting orchids. A lesser number of these have been detected in Australia and with latest testing, several more have been detected. The most important viruses are Odontoglossum Ring Spot Virus (ORSV) and Cymbidium Mosaic Virus (CyMV). Viruses are the smallest yet most destructive type of plant pathogen.

**Diagnosis:** - Leaf Symptoms are extremely variable in disease diagnosis and the grower should be familiar with some of these symptoms, EG; Ring Spot Virus causes roundish red lesions, chlorotic areas and brown necrosis surrounded by bleaching on leaves of various genera. Mosaic Virus can cause necrosis, striations and ring like markings as well as Diamond shape markings. Virus passes into different plants a number of ways, mechanical transfer through leaves touching, using contaminated tools when repotting or general maintenance on the plants and insect transfer. There is a high probability that aphids are the main transmitter of virus with Dendrobium beetle, grasshoppers and snails also prime suspects. Seed and pollen transmission is also possible, especially if the pods are green when germinated.

**Control:** - Diagnosis is the first line of defence and you don't need to know what virus it is and whether the symptoms are virus or not.

**Sanitation:** - Good sanitation within your orchid house is essential. The most stable viruses, ORSV and CyMV can survive well on cutting tools, benches and pots. More fragile viruses tend to have insect vectors.

**Recommendations:** - Cutting tools should be washed to remove any plant debris and then soaked in a solution of trisodium phosphate. TSP can be bought in a powdered form and mix it up with hot water. The solution should be kept in a coloured container, not a Clear Container and preferably sealed as the solution deteriorates quickly when exposed to air and lights. The tools should be soaked in this for 20 minutes at least before using again. Work benches should be cleaned between plants when repotting and wash hands thoroughly also. Controlling insects in your orchid house as a must as well.

**Conclusion:** - Obtaining a virus free collection does not come easy, but it can be achieved by following these steps –

1. Keep tools and benches clean and soak tools in TSP.
2. Wash hand between each repotting procedure.
3. Destroy virus-infected plants.
4. Do not reuse potting media.
5. Control insects.
6. Space plants – avoid overcrowding.
7. Avoid handling other growers' plant and then yours.
8. Buy your plants from reputable nurseries and growers.

By following these steps, you will hopefully have a healthy virus free collection. *(acknowledgement of information from the University of Qld)*

### Next Meeting:

**DATE:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**ADDRESS:** Gympie Hockey Club (corner of Power Road & Woolgar Road)  
**TIME:** Benching of plants commences from **1.30pm**  
**JUDGING:** Voting of benched orchids will be held prior to meeting (between 1.45pm – 2.00pm)  
**MEETING:** Commences at 2.00 pm

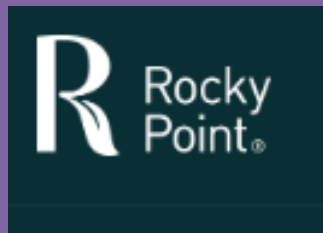
**Please bring: your flowering orchids, cup and a plate (to share) for afternoon tea.**



### Newsletter snippets

Club members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Please email Sharon Stretton for inclusion (prior to the upcoming meeting, otherwise they will be included the following month).  
Email: [sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au)

**Our Sponsors:** Sponsors are an important part of our Club. Their support allows us to pay the prizes we do at our Show. Please support our sponsors and let them know that we appreciate their support!



## 2026

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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026</b>                                                 | Gympie & DOS show in Indoor Bowls club hall, Graham Street.                                |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 -</b><br>(set up 7 <sup>th</sup> ) | Bundaberg OS show at Bundaberg Recreational precinct Pavilion<br>University Drive, Branyan |
| <b>7-9 May 2026</b>                                                                            | Noosa Closed Orchid Show                                                                   |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>                                                                 | Maroochydore OS closed show Bli Bli (public hours 8.00 - 2.30)                             |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>                                                               | Gympie & DOS closed show, Indoor Bowls Club Hall, Graham St                                |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>                                              | Caboolture OS show with set up 16 <sup>th</sup> .                                          |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026</b>                                              | Port Curtis O&FS hosts STOCQ meeting                                                       |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>                                           | Maroochydore OS show Buderim, benching on Thursday the 6 <sup>th</sup>                     |
| <b>17-19 September 2026</b>                                                                    | Noosa Orchid Show                                                                          |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>                                         | Glasshouse Country OS show; set up Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September                     |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>                                         | Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion                                              |
| <b>November 2026</b>                                                                           | GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall                                                |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2026</b>                                                           | GDOS Christmas Party at Graham Street Hall.                                                |

## 2026 POSTERS



### 2026 GYMPIE ORCHID SHOW

Indoor Hall at 35 Graham Street

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Saturday: 8.00am – 4.00pm**

**Sunday: 8.00am – 2.00pm**

- Huge display of benched Show Orchids & Foliage plants
- Multiple Vendors for sale plants & accessories
- Refreshments
- Expert Advice
- Raffle prizes (\$1 a ticket)
- Accessible to all



**Admission**  
Adults - \$4 each  
Children under 12 Free



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Phone President Gary Walker on 0407 640 516 for any questions

### GYMPIE WINTER ORCHID SHOW

**Indoor Bowls Hall  
35 Graham St**

**Saturday, 20th June 2026**

Plants to be tabled between 7.00 - 8.00am

Judging at 8.15am

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 9.00am – 3.00pm**

**FOR SALE: Orchids \* Tea \* Coffee \* Slices \* Scones**



Enquiries: Gary Walker (President) on 0407 640 516



### Hervey Bay Spring Orchid and Garden Spectacular 2026

Fri 25 Sept - 8am to 4pm

Sat 26 Sept - 8am to 4pm

Sun 27 Sept - 8am to 12pm



**Same great  
venue!**

**Save the date!**



**At Xavier Catholic College**

1, Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay  
Entry \$5 incl Devonshire Tea / Coffee  
Wheelchair-friendly / Plenty of parking

- ❖ Large Display of Orchids
- ❖ Garden Club Display
- ❖ Bromeliad Display and sales
- ❖ Foliage competition
- ❖ Orchid sales and supplies
- ❖ Plant sales and supplies
- ❖ Potting workshops
- ❖ Plant Cloakroom
- ❖ Raffles – Great Prizes!



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