

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

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28th March 2026

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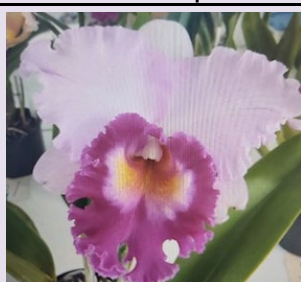
- There is an amendment to our May Show Schedule with the addition of 7B DEN. Hybrid Any Other. Amended Show Schedule has been emailed to all club members and societies.
- April meeting has been moved to **Sunday, 26th April** (as the Saturday is Anzac Day). Meeting will be at the Gympie Hockey clubhouse.

Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

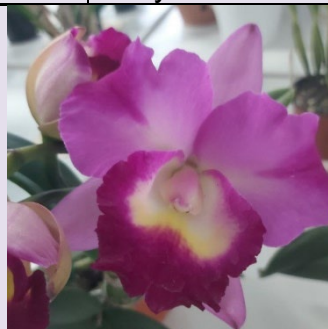
GENRE	Orchid name	Owner/s of Plant
Cattleya >100mm:	TIE between: Rlc. Dal's Monarch and Rlc. Burdekin Heights 'Rosella'	Leanne Evans (both)
Cattleya <100mm:	TIE between: C. PV Elusive Case and Lc. Mem Mason Taylor	Leanne Evans (both)
Cluster Cattleya:	TIE between: Ctt. Towering Inferno and Ctt. Portia.	Gary & Julie Walker Barry & Jennifer Grainger.
Dendrobium:	Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Larry & Shirley Downing
Species:	Enc. cochleata x Andrew Young	Larry & Shirley Downing
Vanda:	V. Somari Gold X Tubtim Velvet.	John & Kaye Green
Cymbidium:	Bakerara Sea Snake	Lenske Family
Any Other:	Spathoglottis	Gary & Julie Walker
Paphs / Phrags:	Paphiopedilum (venustum x Gael) x Steve Waters	Gary & Julie Walker
Novice:	Pot. Burdekin Imp x Rlc. Burdekin Sunset	Judy Ernst



Rlc Burdekin Heights



Rlc Dals Monarch

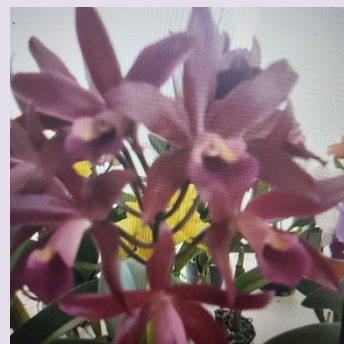


Cattleya < 100mm: Lc. Mem Mason Taylor 'Hannah'

Cattleya 100mm +: **TIE between:** Rlc Burdekin Heights 'Rosella' and Rlc. Dals Monarch



Dendrobium: Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'



Cluster Cattleya: TIE between
Ctt. Towering Inferno and Ctt. Portia



Vanda: V. Somari Gold X Tubtim Velvet



Species: Enc. cochleata x Andrew Young



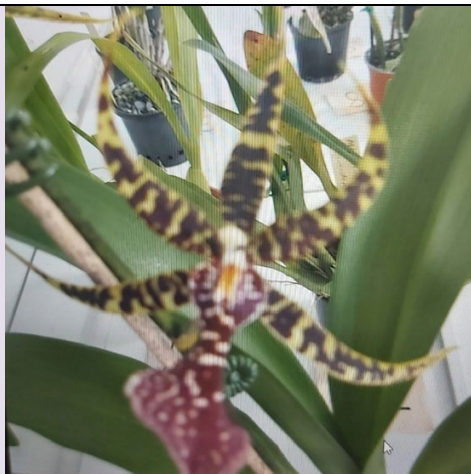
Any Other: Spathoglottis



Paph / Phrag: Paphiopedilum: (venustum x Gael)
x Steve Waters



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Cymbidium: Bakerara Sea Snake

Dendrobium bigibbum - Article supplied by John Green

Den. bigibbum (better known as the Cooktown Orchid) is the Queensland Floral emblem. I find it an easy orchid to cultivate, as long as you adhere to a couple of simple rules.

The plants require a wet, humid summer so I water every couple of days during spring and summer followed by a dry winter, as the plants are dormant. During winter I do not water at all.

I have an orchid friend in Townsville who has been growing for over 50 years and believes they should never be over potted; he never pots in anything more than a 100mm pot. The Den. bigibbum tends to develop rot and eventually dies when trying to grow them into specimen plants. There have been many hybrids made with Den. bigibbum and there is approx. 4000 progeny with the bigibbum genes. There is a natural hybrid often seen in collections Den. X superbien. Try growing a couple of these.



Next Meeting:

DATE: SUNDAY, 26th April 2026

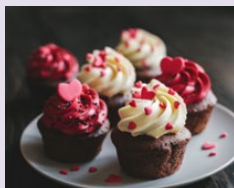
ADDRESS: Gympie Hockey Club (corner of Power Road & Woolgar Road)

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.

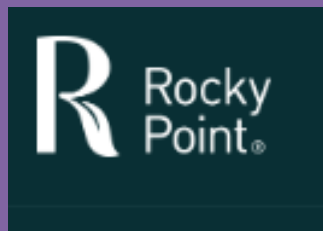
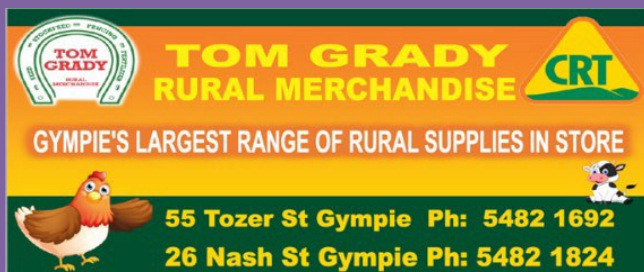


Newsletter snippets

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

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	
3 rd , 4 th April 2026	Gladstone OFS - with setup 2 nd April
11 th April 2026	Glasshouse Country OS closed show, Glasshouse Community Hall
17 th , 18 th April 2026	Sunshine Coast OS show, Uniting Church Hall, Queen St. Caloundra
26 th April 2026 (Sunday)	GDOS monthly meeting at Gympie Hockey Clubhouse
2 nd , 3 rd May 2026	Gympie & DOS show in Indoor Bowls club hall, Graham Street.
8 th , 9 th , 10 th May 2026 - (set up 7 th)	Bundaberg OS show at Bundaberg Recreational precinct Pavilion University Drive, Branyan
7-9 May 2026	Noosa Closed Orchid Show
9 th May 2026	Maroochydore OS closed show Bli Bli (public hours 8.00 - 2.30)
20 th June 2026	Gympie & DOS closed show, Indoor Bowls Club Hall, Graham St
17 th , 18 th July 2026	Caboolture OS show with set up 16 th .
1 st , 2 nd August 2026	Port Curtis O&FS hosts STOCQ meeting
7 th and 8 th August 2026	Maroochydore OS show Buderim, benching on Thursday the 6 th
17-19 September 2026	Noosa Orchid Show
25 th , 26 th September 2026	Glasshouse Country OS show; set up Thursday 24 th September
26 th , 27 th September 2026	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
November 2026	GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall
28 th November 2026	GDOS Christmas Party at Graham Street Hall.

2026 POSTERS



2026 GYMPIE ORCHID SHOW

Indoor Hall at 35 Graham Street

2nd and 3rd May 2026

Saturday: 8.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am – 2.00pm

- Huge display of bunched 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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