

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



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30th May 2026

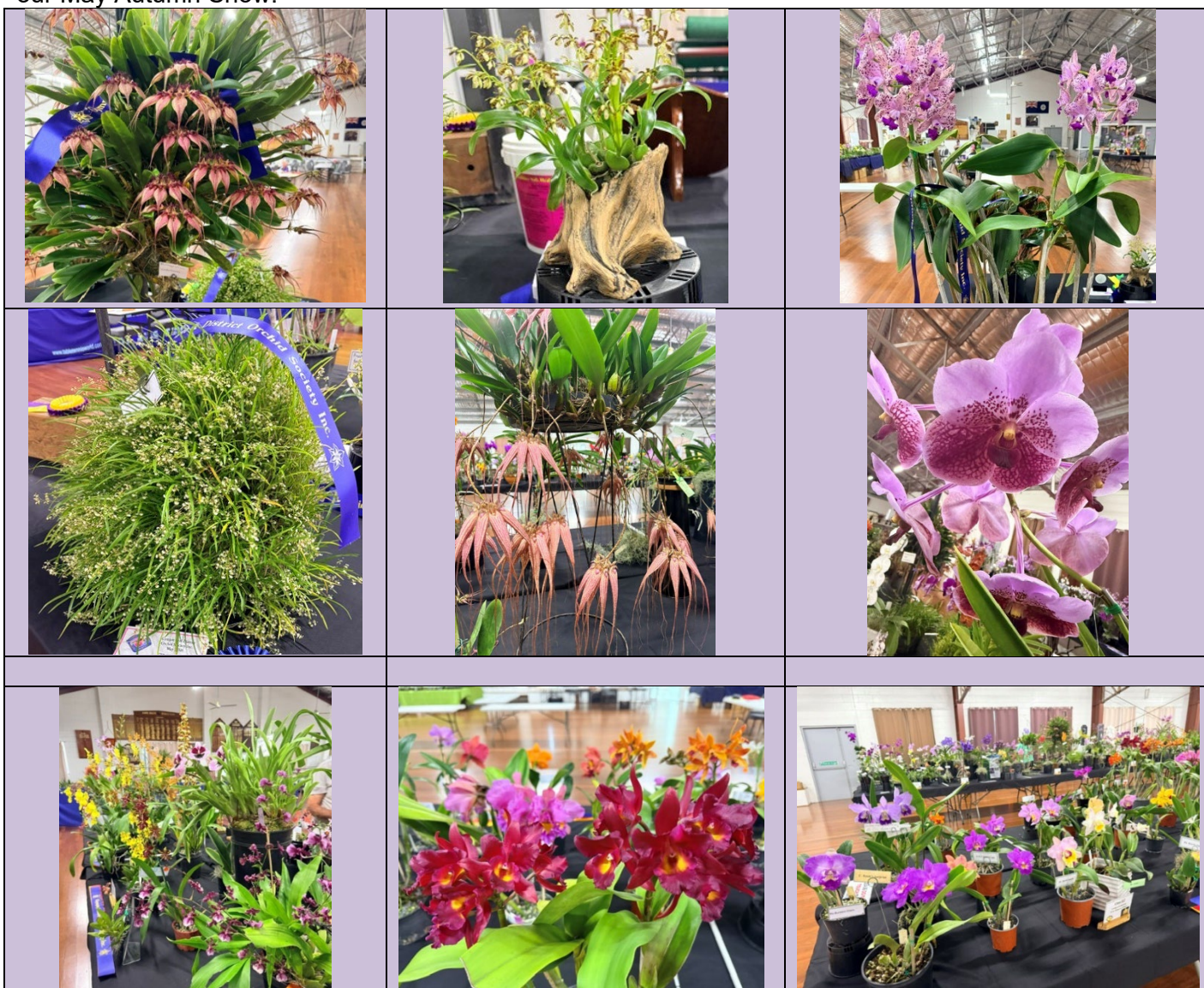
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Messages from the Editor – May 2026 Show

As we all know to have a successful Show, sponsorship, supporters and our club members are so important. We are sincerely grateful to the other Orchid Clubs competing their plants, our Gympie sponsors donating for our raffle, and of course, our club members for their time generosity, which culminated in a very successful Show. Below are only a few of the beautiful and unique orchids tabled at our May Autumn Show.



Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Orchid name	Owner/s of Plant
Cattleya >100mm:	Blc. Chia Lin 'New City'	Lenske Family
Cattleya <100mm:	C. Jungle Gem 'Kelsey'	Barry & Jen Grainger
Cluster Cattleya:	Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'	Gary & Julie Walker
Dendrobium:	Den. Burana Jade 'variegated'	Gary & Julie Walker
Species:	C. trianae	John & Kay Green
Vanda:	V. Charungraks X Ascda. Kultana Sunrise	Shane Pope
Cymbidium:	Cym. Gowlings Gem	Corrie Sheaffe
Bulbophyllum:	Bulb. Meen Nora Fingers	Glen Bell
Oncidium:	Bakerara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	Lenske Family
Any Other:	Phal. Harper Seven	Gary & Julie Walker
Paphs / Phrags:	Phrag. Living Fire 'Lakeside Joy'	Gary & Julie Walker
Novice:	Unnamed Paph	Kay Morrison



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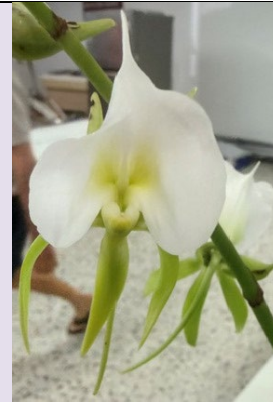


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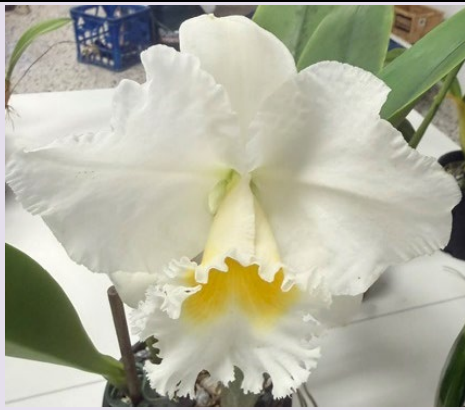


Cymbidium: Cym. Gowlings Gem

Other Orchids tabled at the Meeting









Raffle Winners

Winners of our monthly raffle were Ray Turner, Sharon Stretton and Joe & Vicki Motta. Congratulations to all winners!

JUNE Winter (Closed) Orchid Show - Please note the following for our Show on the 20 June 2026

- Orchids can be tabled Friday afternoon (between 4.00pm to 5.30pm), OR Saturday morning from 6.30am. Note that Judging is at 8.00am, so **all plants to be tabled before 7.50am.**
- Donations of Slices and scones can be brought along on Saturday morning to the Kitchen.
- We will need volunteers on Saturday, so please come along and assist where you can.

Cluster Cattleyas - Article supplied by John Green

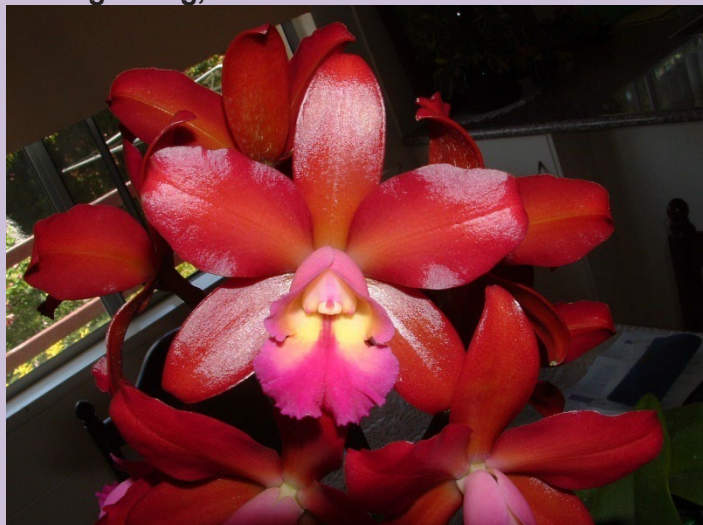
I enjoy the flowering time for cluster and spotted Cattleyas. I look forward to this each year. The ones I grow are hybrids and I find them easy to cultivate in our conditions. Like all orchids they appreciate new potting mix, which I endeavour to do every second year.

I pot them in a bark and charcoal mix in a pot, which allows enough growth for 2 years without getting too untidy. I always wait until the new growth on the plant has developed new roots before I repot. If the plants need dividing, I cut the rhizome in winter, which gives you a head start at potting time.

Because this type a generally tall growers with some reaching 1 metre, I water very regularly while they are growing to encourage good growth. I use slow release fertiliser on all my plants and not much else. Most of these plants have waxy flowers which give them long lasting qualities so you can have large heads of flowers for a couple of months.

One drawback is the size of the plants, which can be a problem if you have limited space but there are smaller growing cultivars. Try growing some of these as they fill in a void when there is not a lot of orchids flowering.

Good growing, John Green



Next Meeting:

DATE: 27th June 2026

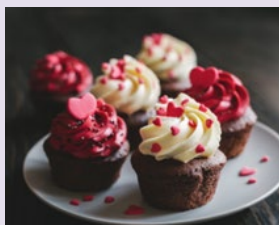
ADDRESS: Gympie Hockey Club (corner of Power Road & Woolgar Road)

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.

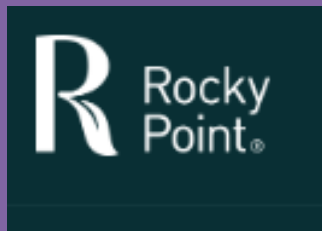
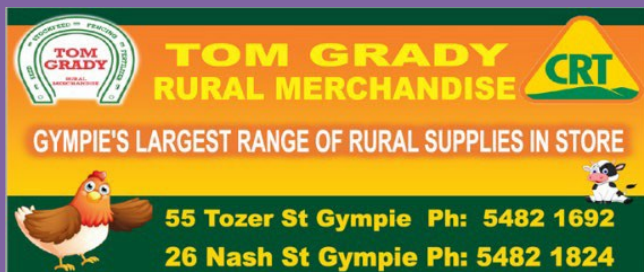


Newsletter snippets

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

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 August 2026	Port Curtis hosts STOCQ meeting at Wards Brewery
1 st , 2 nd August 2026	Port Curtis O&F Show
14 th & 15 th August 2026	Maroochydore OS show at Buderim, benching on Thursday the 13 th
15 th & 16 th August 2026	Kabi Show at Pine Rivers showground hall.
28 th & 29 th August 2026	Childers DIOS spring show with set up 27 th .
4 th & 5 th September 2026	Nambour OS show, Uniting church hall; set up 3 rd .
10 th , 11 th , 12 th September 2026	Maryborough District OS show set up on 9 th .
18-19 September 2026	Noosa DO&FS show; set up Thursday 17 th September
25 th , 26 th September 2026	Glasshouse Country OS show; set up Thursday 24 th September
25 th , 26 th , 27 th September 2026	Hervey Bay OS show, Xavier College. Set up 24 th .
26 th , 27 th September 2026	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
9 th , 10 th October 2026	Bribie OS show; set up Thursday 8 th .
14 th November 2026	Nambour Species show, Buderim Hall, set up 13 th
21 st November 2026	GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall
28 th November 2026	GDOS Christmas Party at Graham Street Hall.

2026 POSTERS

**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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2027

13 th February 2027	STOCQ AGM hosted by Gympie & DOS at Indoor Bowls Club, Graham Street, Gympie
3 rd April 2027	Glasshouse Country Orchid Society closed Show at Glasshouse Community Hall
9 th , 10 th April 2027	Sunshine Coast OS show at Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Queen and Ulm Streets, Caloundra; set up

	Thursday
1st, 2nd May 2027	Gympie & DOS show, Indoor Bowls Hall set up 30 th April
7th, 8th, 9th May 2027	Bundaberg OS show Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. University Drive, Branyan
12th June 2027	Tentative - STOCQ meeting hosted by Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society
24th, 25th September 2027	Glasshouse COS show, Beerwah Community Hall.
23rd October 2027	Noosa District O&FS host STOCQ meeting in Timbeerwah Hall.

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