

# GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

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## Message from the President:

Small clubs like ours are only as good as its members, and the way a club gets on as a whole determines its success. But sometimes conflicts occur to derail a club. Conflicts arise when people in clubs can't get along, or a club member feels hard-done-by, or for lots of other different reasons. Either way, conflict in a club is detrimental to all, even if you are not involved.

There are certainly some issues that warrant 'constructive conflict' among members, to challenge the status quo, to strive for bigger goals or to make important decisions for the club. But nobody needs to hear why someone should be excluded or criticised for not doing what you think they should do.

No one has ever joined a club for the sole purpose of ruining that club. However, people have ended up ruining clubs by digging their heels in over petty issues, or conflicts that have spanned years. To be blunt, the types of fights that can tear clubs apart are simply a waste of time.

What does it really cost when club members spend all of its time fighting? All of the examples above have festered and escalated because the people involved have been so busy living in the past that they can't see the damage they are doing in the present nor the opportunities they are missing for the future.

If you find yourself embroiled in a battle over what somebody said about someone else last week, last year or even three decades ago, you'll have no time left to build a strong foundation for future growth and viability.

We are all involved in this Club because of our love of orchids. Please remember that.

## Message from the Editor

Our annual show is next weekend, so please don't forget:

- all plants to be tabled for judging on Friday between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.
- drop off cakes/slices either late Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning.

The Indoor Bowls Club are looking for new members to stay financial, so if you are interested in joining, please phone Phyllis on 0428 826 015,

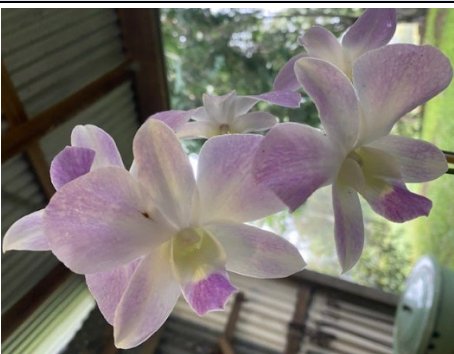
Our Prize money for the show has increased from previous years. As agreed at today's meeting, it will be broken up as follows: **Grand Champion Orchid** \$150, **Reserve Orchid** \$100, **Species** \$50, **Best Specimen** \$50.

**See you all at the Show!** ☺

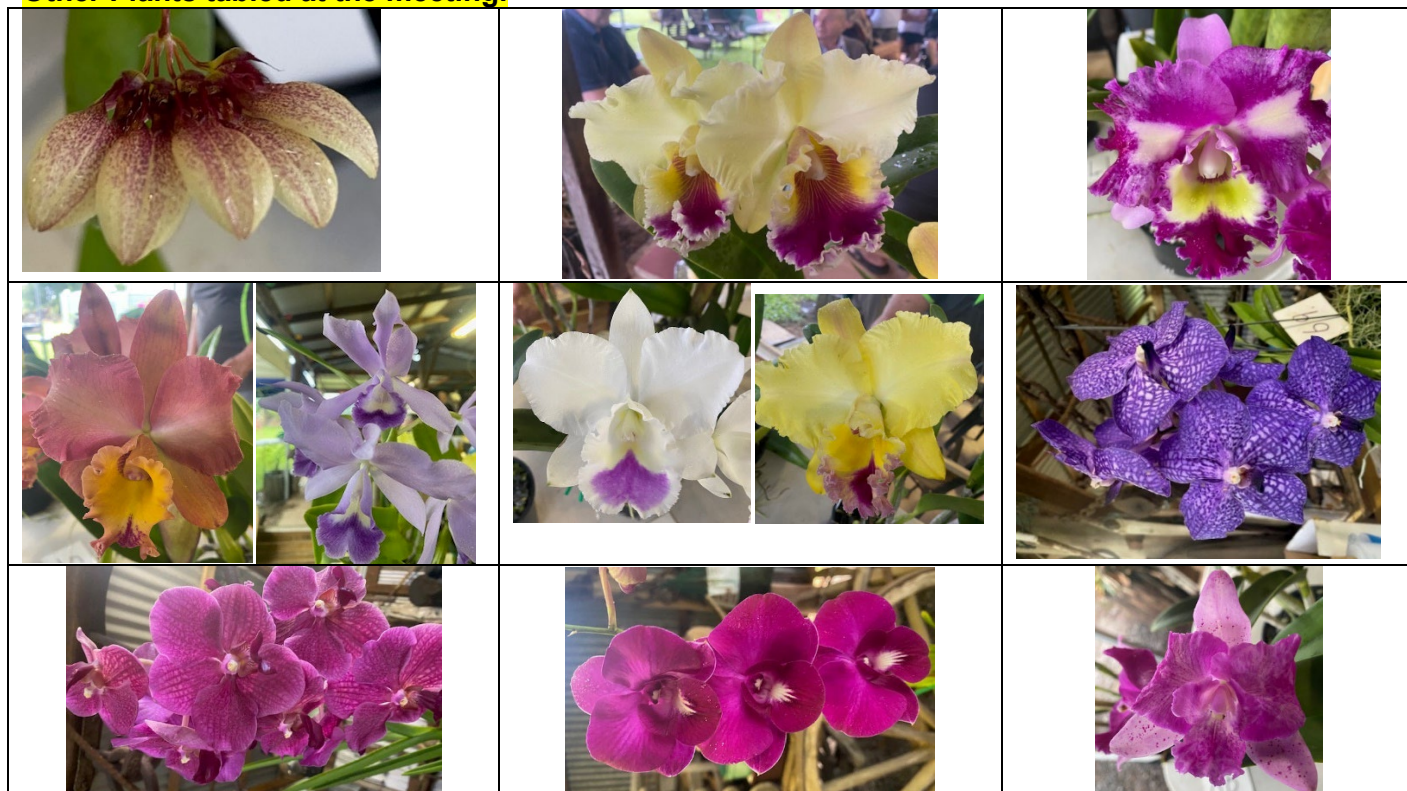
### Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

| GENRE             | Name                              | Owner of Plant          |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Cattleya</b>   | Rlc. Roy Maidment 'Kaye'          | Jim & Leanne Evans      |
| <b>Vanda</b>      | V. Louise Coffey                  | Mel & Judy Wheeler      |
| <b>Species</b>    | Den. bigibbum                     | Mel & Judy Wheeler      |
| <b>Dendrobium</b> | Den. Kevin Young                  | Larry & Shirley Downing |
| <b>Novice</b>     | Blc. Sangyang Ruby 'Grand Dragon' | Barry & Jen Grainger    |

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| <b>Cattleya:</b> Rlc. Roy Maidment 'Kaye'                                          | <b>Vanda:</b> V. Louise Coffey                                                     | <b>Species:</b> Den. bigibbum                                                        |
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| <b>Novice:</b> Blc. Sangyang Ruby 'Grand Dragon'                                   |                                                                                    | <b>Dendrobium:</b> Den. Kevin Young                                                  |

### Other Plants tabled at the meeting:



**Winners of the Raffles for the day were:** Christian Lenske, Kent Bartlett, Gary Walker, Phil Langridge and Jim Lenske. Congratulations to all raffle winners!

### **Editors Highlight – Improving Club Membership & Attendance** (excerpts from Orchids Aust Feb 2024)

Society has changed and to remain relevant, clubs must adapt to meet the challenge. Instead of waiting for new members to come to them, clubs now have to look for ways to broadcast the benefits of joining and ways of attracting and retaining membership. Listed below are some strategies to achieve this.

**Please have a read, and we can discuss at our next meeting to maybe implement a few of these ideas in our club.**

**Idea 1.** – No one is interested in formal business type meetings anymore and want more casual meetings. All clubs should have a Committee of Management (CoM) that run the business side of the society and monthly meetings should get on with the purpose the society exist – talking orchids! Teach orchids, discuss orchids and appraise orchids. Members attend an orchid club meeting to show off their latest flowering, learn about orchids and socialise. No one attends to listen to the correspondence or the treasurers report on this month's income and expenditure. If members are interested in these details, there can be print out that people can read. **If a member leaves an orchid club meeting without learning one new fact about orchids or orchid growing, that meeting was a FAILURE.**

**Idea 2.** – Prepare the schedule of orchid talks, demonstrations so far in advance that the upcoming topic can be publicised in advance and extend an open invitation to the general public to attend.

**Idea 3.** – Liaise with Bunnings or a plant nursery to stage a display or demonstration to promote our hobby. That is, take our hobby to a place where members of the public with similar interests are likely to congregate. Print out membership forms so they can join the club on the spot.

**Idea 4.** – Conduct a Mother's Day sale of flowering plants and seedlings at a local shopping centre. Once a purchaser has brought an orchid, the next question they will ask is "How do I keep it alive?" Also refer to **Idea 6.**

**Idea 5.** – Run a stall at the Markets to sell seedlings/plants and stage a small display. **Ditto as in Idea 4.**

**Idea 6.** – With every person buying a plant at any public sales event, give a leaflet inviting the purchaser to the club meeting. List the meeting dates, times and venue on the leaflet. Make sure that the leaflet has some colourful, eye-catching graphic. An appropriately worded piece of paper carries a lot more impact than a friendly verbal invitation (that can be forgotten).

#### **Example:**

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|  | <p><b>Gympie &amp; District Orchid Society Inc.</b></p> <p>Thank you for purchasing an orchid today!<br/>This leaflet entitles the bearer to attend one of our club monthly meetings.</p> <p><b>Want to know more about orchids?</b><br/>Please come along to our club meetings on the last Saturday of each month, starting from 2pm. Each meeting is held at a different member's residence.</p> <p><b>2024 meeting dates and venues:</b><br/>@@@@@@@@</p> |
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**Idea 7.** – Stage a public Open Day at a grower's orchid house to show how orchids are grown. Of course, the necessary media hoopla is a must.

**Idea 8.** – Introduce a Buddy System within the club so that new members (at their request) can be assigned to an experienced grower for personal one-on-one advice and mentoring. Create a tradesman / apprentice situation – it would benefit both parties. Regrettably in many clubs, there is a tendency for cliques to develop and older members unintentionally keep to their own. This can result in newer

members feeling isolated and not included. Club 'Hosts' may be one way of welcoming and absorbing new members into the club dynamic. The Buddy System is a great way of breaking the ice.

**Idea 9.** – Visit other orchid club meetings (bus trip) to broaden members orchid growing horizon.

**Idea 10.** – Create 'special interest groups' within the club to cater for those who want to explore orchids that are more difficult to grow. (eg. Paphiopedilum)

**These ideas can be adapted to suit any Orchid Club. It is a guide to start discussions with the members.**

### **Upcoming Events Schedule: (Please note highlighted changes)**

| <b>APRIL 2024</b>                                                     |                                                                                                                                   |
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| 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024     | Gympie & District Orchid Society Show (Set-up 26 <sup>th</sup> of April) - at Indoor Bowls Club, 35 Graham Street, Gympie         |
| <b>MAY 2024</b>                                                       |                                                                                                                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024          | Caboolture Closed Show, The Square, Kings Street, Caboolture                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre set up 9 <sup>th</sup> May.                                                                       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2024                          | Noosa Closed Show                                                                                                                 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2024                                             | Maroochydore Orchid Society closed show, Uniting Church Bli Bli                                                                   |
| <b>JUNE 2024</b>                                                      |                                                                                                                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                                             | STOCQ Meeting, hosted by Calliope O & FS                                                                                          |
| <b>JULY 2024</b>                                                      |                                                                                                                                   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2024      | Caboolture OS Show, Morayfield Community Hall, 298 Morayfield Road, Caboolture                                                    |
| <b>AUGUST 2024</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2024      | Maroochydore Orchid Society open show, Uniting Church Buderim                                                                     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024                       | Childers Isis District OS show (set up 29 <sup>th</sup> )                                                                         |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>                                                 |                                                                                                                                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2024                      | Nambour OS Show (set up 8 <sup>th</sup> )                                                                                         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024                                       | Caloundra OS Closed Show, Pelican Waters                                                                                          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 | Maryborough DOS Show (set up 11 <sup>th</sup> )                                                                                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2024                    | Noosa DOS Show (set up 12 <sup>th</sup> )                                                                                         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2024                    | Rockhampton Show, Old Art Gallery, Cnr. Victoria Pde & Cambridge St, Rockhampton                                                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2024                    | Glasshouse Country Orchid Society show, Beerwah Hall; (set up 19 <sup>th</sup> )                                                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 | Hervey Bay OS Show                                                                                                                |
| <b>OCTOBER 2024</b>                                                   |                                                                                                                                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                        | Bribie Island Orchid Society (Setup & judging Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of October)                                                |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>                                                  |                                                                                                                                   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                         | Nambour Species Show (set up 8 <sup>th</sup> )                                                                                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                         | STOCQ Meeting, Hosted by Maroochydore OS, Buderim Mens Shed, 38 Advance Road, Kuluin                                              |
| <b>2025</b>                                                           |                                                                                                                                   |
| March 2025                                                            | 15th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference & Show, Taiwan                                                                                |
| June 2025                                                             | STOCQ meeting hosted by Bundaberg OS.                                                                                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2025                      | STOCQ meeting hosted by Nambour OS in conjunction with STOCQ Orchidfest at 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                        | Australian Orchid Conference and Show at Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga NSW ( <i>Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea</i> ) |

## Next Meeting:

**DATE:** Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**ADDRESS:** Sharon Stretton – 16 Watt Street, Gympie  
**PLANTS:** Benching of plants will commence from 1.30pm – 1.45pm  
**JUDGING:** Voting will be held prior to meeting (between 1.45pm – 2.00pm)  
**MEETING:** Will commence at 2.00 pm

**Please bring your plants, chair and a plate to share for afternoon tea.**



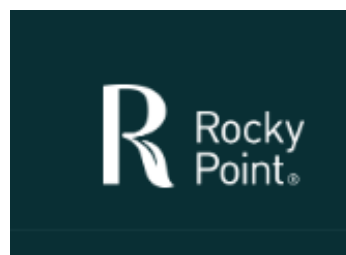
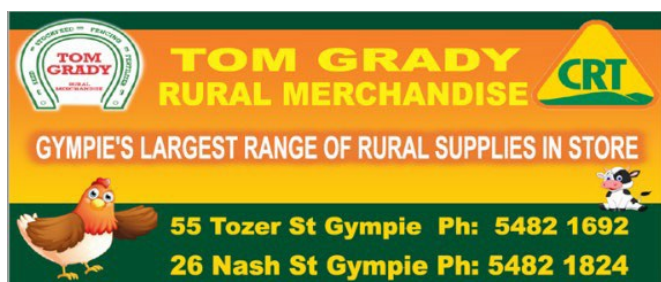
**NOTE:** Please think about what month you would be able to host a monthly meeting and advise Sharon Stretton to include below.

| Future Club meetings            | Meeting to be held at Club members residence:         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2024      | Lois & Kevin Thornley – 3683 Tin Can Bay Road, Wallu  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2024      | Sharon Stretton – 16 Watt Street, Gympie              |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024    | Gary & Julie Walker – 26 Palmer Court, The Dawn       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 | <b>AGM meeting</b> - Venue TBC                        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2024   | Kent & Sharon Bartlett – 6 Tailor Street, Tin Can Bay |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2024  | <b>Christmas Party</b> – Location to be confirmed.    |

## 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)

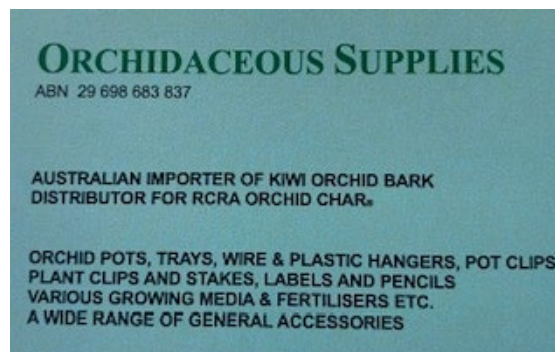
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