

# GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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## Message from the Editor

Spring is here! It's that time of year when all the speciosum are coming into flower. See a photo below of Doug Wilson's Dendrobium speciosum with 48 inflorescences. Just magnificent. Well done Doug!





Above are some photos of Don Ellms collection of speciosum. Just lovely!



Above are some of Corrie's speciosum.

*Dendrobium speciosum*, commonly known as the King orchid or rock orchid is a species of highly variable Australian orchid. Its varieties can be found in a range of habitats as epiphytes (on branches or trunks of trees) or lithophytes (in or on rocks).

It has a continuous distribution along the east coast of Australia and in distinct populations along the Tropic of Capricorn. As a lithophyte, it forms gigantic spreading colonies on rocks and cliff faces, often exposed to full sun, with its roots forming dense, matted beds across the rock that anchor the plant. The flowers vary in colour from white to bright yellows and there is considerable variation in the length of the flowering raceme, the number of flowers on it and the size of the flowers.

Flowering occurs between August and October for most varieties, but some flower as early as May and others as late as November.

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

| GENRE                      | Name of Orchid                    | Owner of Plant                  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Cattleya &gt;100mm:</b> | Rlc. Burdekin Dream 'Nadia'       | Gary Walker                     |
| <b>Cattleya &lt;100mm:</b> | Rlc. Toshies Magic                | Jim, Michelle & Cristian Lenske |
| <b>Species:</b>            | Rhy. gigantea 'Spots'             | Mel & Judy Wheeler              |
| <b>Vanda:</b>              | V. Pachara Delight 'Pink'         | Gary Walker                     |
| <b>Dendrobium:</b>         | Den. Star Sapphire                | Corrie Sheaffe                  |
| <b>Any Other:</b>          | Paph. maudiae                     | Gary Walker                     |
| <b>Novice:</b>             | Rlc. Hisnging Catherine 'Hakucho' | Barry Grainger                  |



**Cattleya** 100mm +: Rlc. Burdekin Dream 'Nadia'

**Cattleya** Less than 100mm: Rlc. Toshies Magic



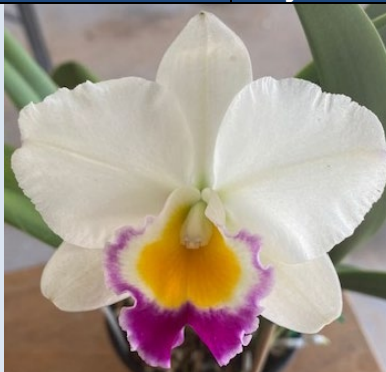
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**Vanda:** V. Pachara Delight 'Pink'



**Dendrobium:** Den. Star Sapphire

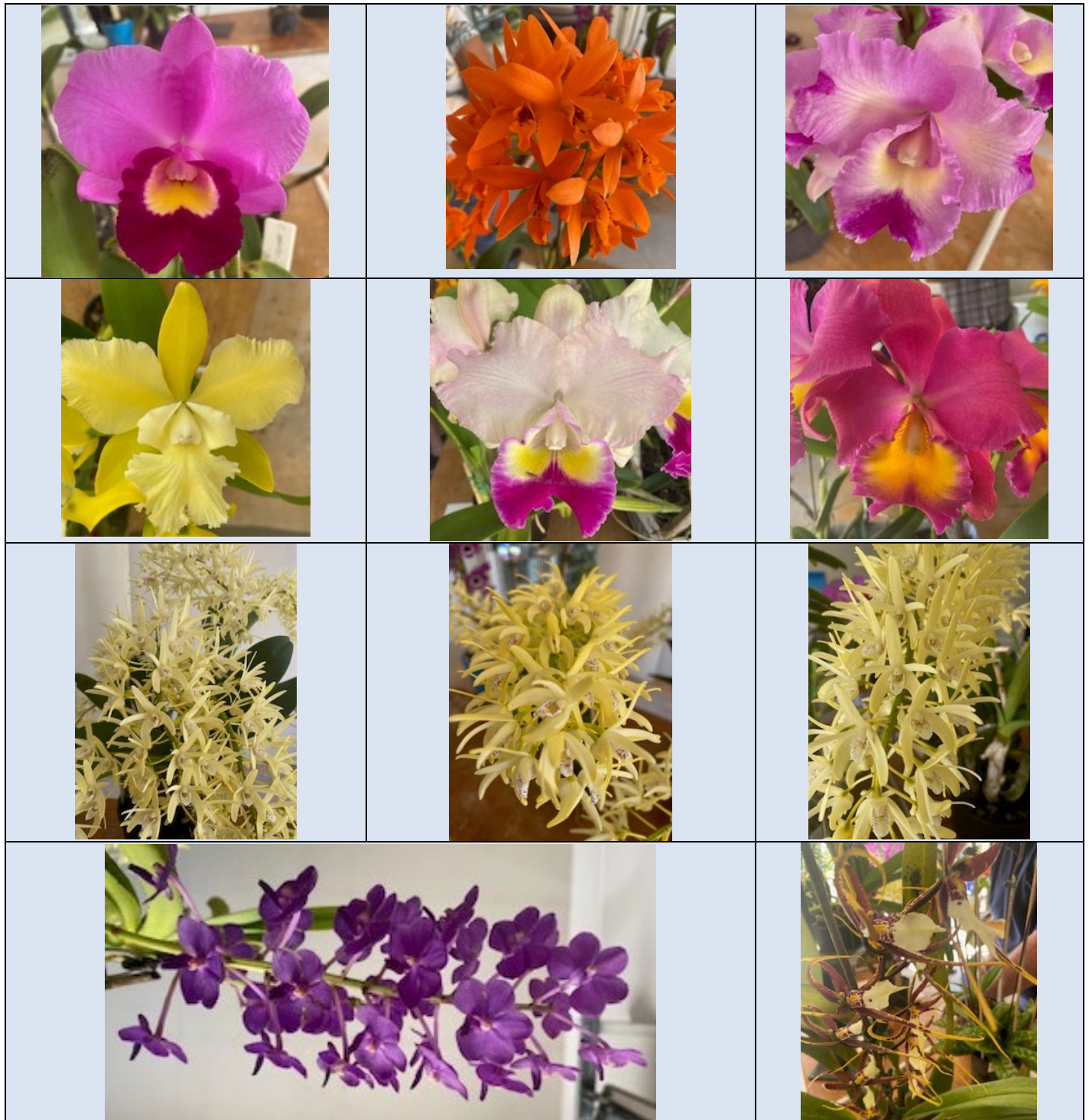
**Any Other:** Paph. maudiae



**Novice:** Rlc. Hisnging Catherine 'Hakucho'

**Other Plants tabled at the meeting:**





**Winners of the Raffles for the day were:** Phil Langridge, Corrie Sheaffe and Gary Walker who all took home an orchid, also Phil Langridge and Jen Grainger who won a bag of bark each. Congratulations to all raffle winners!

#### **Editors Highlight – Orchid Awards – Why do they affect you?**

The term 'orchid grower' encompasses a very wide range of personalities with a great variation in degree of enthusiasm. For example, there are the avid exhibitors who put all their effort into winning prizes at shows; there are commercial types who love orchids but are interested mainly in how much money they can make with them, the casual hobbyist who just likes to have a few orchids or the keen amateur who is on the way to becoming one of the above three. There are other classes too and, no matter what heading fits you; knowledge of orchid judging and awards is essential to the greater enjoyment of the hobby.

Orchid awards are given in recognition of outstanding improvement in any section of the Orchidaceae, towards the theoretical ideal. They can also be given for outstanding merit in some particular characteristic of any orchid or they can be given to a grower for a particularly good effort in the culture of growing a plant.

In the first section, orchid blooms are allotted points for the excellence of their properties, including shape, colour & texture, substance, habit of spike and in the case of cluster type orchids, their floriferousness. The total of possible points for all awards is 100. Three awards are available as follows: 75 to less than 80 points qualifies for a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC); 80 to less than 85 points qualifies for an Award of Merit (AM) and 85 points and greater qualifies for a First Class Certificate (FCC). A bloom may qualify for an Award of Distinction (AD) if not having the overall perfection to qualify for one of the above three awards it has an extremely outstanding attribute such as intensity of colour. This award may be granted in conjunction with the above awards.

Three cultural certificates are available: these are applicable to plants which have been exceptionally well grown, showing evidence of culture above the ordinary. The plant needs to be flowering freely, preferably better than its normal type, and the condition of flowers, pseudobulbs and foliage must be excellent, taking into account the hybrid or species being shown and its natural characteristics. The Award of Cultural Commendation (ACC) is given for plants receiving 75 to less than 80 points, the Award of Cultural Merit (ACM) for plants receiving 80 to less than 85 points, and the Award of Cultural Excellence (ACE) for plants receiving 85 point or more.

A Certificate of Botanical Merit (CBM) is granted, once only, to any species orchid which is new and/or rare in cultivation in Australia and which has been cultivated well and is a good example of its type. The award is used as a benchmark for future awards of this species. No allocation of points is made. Hybridisers are encouraged by the Award of Special Recognition (ACR); an award granted to a person for the advancement of a particular line of breeding, in hybrid development or in line-breeding of species orchids. A minimum of twelve plants of the development being assessed are required to be shown at the same time. Flowers need not be of award quality but must be of consistently high standard. A statement from the hybridiser is required, which outlines the strategies (parents, timeframe etc.) used in the production of the sub-mitted plants.

### **Reasons for Awards**

Awards are a very necessary feature of orchidology. The original purpose for them was, as has been stated, to give recognition to an outstanding flower. This purpose, of course, is the same today and we find that through such events as the World Orchid Conference, orchid awards throughout the world are standardized. Therefore, awards help orchid buyers and a person in England can quite confidently purchase a division of an awarded plant from Australia knowing that the flower will be up to a particular standard. Of course, awards are the goal sought after by the orchid hybridist and these people are continually striving, through research, to produce better and more consistent crossings. This continual advancement in orchid hybridization means that orchid judges also must advance their ideas of plant 'perfection'. It can, therefore, be seen that orchid judges must have a considerable experience in orchidology and are continually increasing their knowledge in this field to keep up with current breeding trends.

It is obvious that the awards standards must also progress. For example, an orchid bloom which received an award ten years ago might be hard-pressed to achieve an equivalent award today. For this reason, it is important that all award citations should be followed by the year in which the plant was granted the award in catalogues, lists and labels - e.g. *Cymbidium Wallara* 'Wondabah' AM/AOC (1964).

Awards are not, and cannot, be distributed indiscriminately. Compared with the many thousands of new plants which are introduced into cultivation here each year, few awards are granted in Australia. Therefore, it can be seen that a bloom must be outstanding to achieve this distinction. In summary, orchid awards encourage growers to greater efforts and provide a goal to aim for, they provide a standard of values throughout the orchid world, and they are an incentive which makes the hybridist use all means at their disposal to strive for better things.

Through the Australian Orchid Council, we have a judging system that has evolved; orchids gaining awards in the past are used as benchmarks for the present and through the use of these a continuum has developed. As a result of the establishment of the AOC Judging & Awards Standing Committee, comprising the registrars of each region, we find that, throughout the country, judging is standardized, and all states have a voice in awarding orchids for their degree of excellence.

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## Upcoming Events Schedule:

| SEPTEMBER 2024                                                        |                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2024                      | Nambour OS Show (set up 5 <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                                                                                                                |
| OCTOBER 2024                                                          |                                                                                                                                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2024                        | Bribie Island Orchid Society (Setup & judging Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of October)                                                |
| NOVEMBER 2024                                                         |                                                                                                                                   |
| 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                                              |
| 2025                                                                  |                                                                                                                                   |
| 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: September meeting is our club AGM

**DATE:** Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**ADDRESS:** 106 Pine Valley Road, Pie Creek  
**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.**



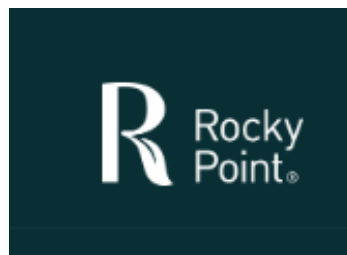
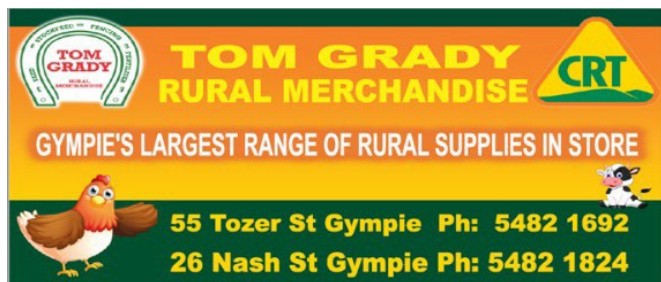
**NOTE:** Please think about what month you would be able to host a monthly meeting and advise Sharon Stretton to include below.

| Future Club meetings           | Meeting to be held at Club members residence:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 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> to be held at the Amamoor Public Hall, Busby Street, Amamoor.<br>Club will pay for the lunch, but <b>you will need to pay \$10 refundable deposit (paid back on the actual day to ensure attendance).</b><br>Arrive at 10am for activities and lunch will be at 12pm.<br>Please contact Shirley Downing regarding RSVP'ing your attendance and to pay the \$10. |

## 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)

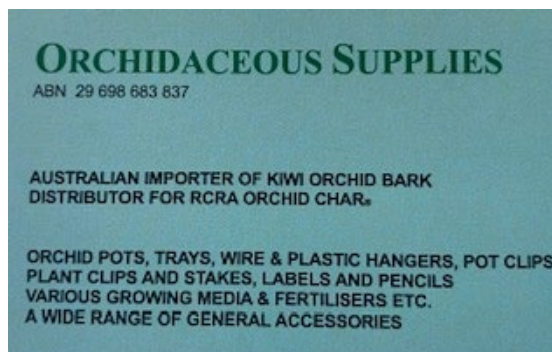
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### Vendors:



# Spring Orchid Show

For more information contact us at: [nambourorchids@gmail.com](mailto:nambourorchids@gmail.com)



# Orchid Show



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Rockhampton Orchid Society  
inc.

**Spring Show 14 &  
15th September**

Orchid Display – Orchid Sales – Foliage  
Sales

Vendors: Alice's Orchids – M&S Orchids  
Orchid Potting Supplies  
Decorated Cake Display

Show Raffle: Cart Full of Goodies  
Free Door Prize: Beautiful Flowering  
Orchid

Entry \$5 children free

## Hervey Bay Spring Orchid and Garden Spectacular 2024

Fri 20 Sept - 8am to 4pm  
Sat 21 Sept - 8am to 4pm  
Sun 22 Sept - 8am to 2pm



**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 Displays of Orchids
- ❖ Garden Club Displays
- ❖ Bromeliad Display and sales
- ❖ Foliage competition
- ❖ Orchid sales and supplies
- ❖ Plant sales and supplies
- ❖ Orchid Doctor and workshops
- ❖ Plant Cloakroom
- ❖ Talks and demonstrations
- ❖ Raffles – Great Prizes!



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## Toowoomba Orchid Society

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## Spring Show

Fri 20th - Mon 23rd September 2024

St Paul's Church Hall

Cnr James & Phillip Streets, Toowoomba

8.30am - 4.00pm (3pm Mon)

**ENTRY  
\$4.00**



Plant Sales, Merchandise Stall, Potting Demonstrations,  
Raffles, Light Refreshments, Comfort Stop - Disabled  
Access, Bus Accessibility, Craft Stall

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**Ph 0439 953 629**



### Pine Rivers Orchid Society Spring SHOW

Saturday 21st Sept 8.30am - 2pm

Sunday 22nd Sept 8.30am - 1pm

At Kallangur State School HALL

Entry on Old Gympie Rd, Kallangur  
(cnr Storey Rd and Old Gympie Rd)

- Large Orchid Competition - including foliage plants
- Bus and Tour Groups Welcome
- Plant Sales and Supplies - *pots, hangers, mix, fertilisers*
- Free Advice from experienced members
- Carpark/Street parking and Wheelchair friendly
- Tea and Cake available - with seating
- \$4 entry fee, kids are FREE 😊

*Rolin Orchids and Darryl Banks Orchids will sell orchids at this Show!*



- Our Spring Show is the BEST!
- It will be fragrant!
- It will be colourful!
- It will be sensational!



### IPSWICH GARDEN SPECTACULAR

28th September 2024

8:30am - 3:00pm

29th September 2024

9:00am - 1:00pm

Silkstone State School  
Prospect Street, Silkstone

Admission = \$5.00  
Under 18's = Free





## THE 2024 ORCHID SPECIES SHOW

Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens

28 & 29 September 2024



*You may never get to see a spectacular view of species orchids in the wild*



However, you can view orchid species from the wild on display at **The Orchid Species Show**

- ✿ Display of species orchids from Australia and other parts of the world, some rare and near extinction
- ✿ Orchid supplies, accessories, and cultural advice
- ✿ Plant sales – many species and other varieties for sale
- ✿ Charity stall: cards, crafts, gifts
- ✿ Comprehensive display of Orchid Species from around the World
- ✿ Raffle with quality prizes
- ✿ Morning and afternoon tea available at a nominal cost

**Saturday 28 September 2024, 8.30am to 3.00pm**

**Sunday 29 September 2024, 9.00am to 2.00pm**

**\$4**

Admission

The Orchid Species Society Inc. members are dedicated to protecting the biodiversity of species orchids worldwide and making sure that, due to the extensive clearing of forests throughout the planet, orchid plants and seed are acquired so that many of the species orchids will be available to future generation once they become extinct in the wild.

2024 Glasshouse Country Orchid Society's

# Spring Orchid Spectacular

**Friday September 20 - 8.30 am - 4.30 pm**

**Saturday 21 - 8.30 am - 2.30 pm**

**Beerwah Community Hall**

(Entrance opposite Shopping Centre)

- ✿ **Show Orchids and Foliage**
- ✿ **Plant Sales and Accessories**
- ✿ **Refreshments**
- ✿ **Expert Advice** ✿ **Raffle**



**Admission: Adults \$5 / Children Free**

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