

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

22nd February 2025

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Message from the Editor

- ❖ Have you organised for your new club shirt yet? Visit Gympie Embroidery and the club will pay for the club logo to be embroidered. Hours of business are M-F 8am to 5pm, and Saturdays 8am to 12pm. Telephone Narelle Roberts to organise on 5483 8145.
- ❖ A bus trip to Bundaberg is now being organised for early July that will include visits to local growers (so you can purchase some new orchids), and a stop for a nice social lunch. Don't miss out! RSVP your intention on going to Sharon Stretton.



Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Name of Orchid	Owner of Plant
Cattleya >100mm:	Rlc. Tribute Independence Day X Rlc. Burdekin Bells	Gary & Julie Walker
Cattleya <100mm:	Cattlianthe Towering Inferno 'Ularie'	Gary & Julie Walker
Species:	Phragmipedium longifolium	Joe Tramacchi
Vanda:	V. David Donpon	Gary & Julie Walker
Dendrobium:	Den. Little Green Apples	Larry & Shirley Downing
Any Other:	Phragmipedium Noirmont 'Tracey'	Joe Tramacchi
Novice:	Rlc. Midnight Delight 'Eljay' X C. Dal's Choice 'Rudak	Barry & Jen Grainger
		
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Species: Phragmipedium longifolium

Other orchids tabled at the meeting:



Winners of the Raffles for the day were:

John Green (who then gave the flowering cattleya to Bernie Schuler) and Narelle Roberts who won the Vanda. **Congratulations!**



Photo of our raffle prizes

Highlight – Cluster cattleyas (article provided by John Green)

This time of year is when many cluster and spotted *Cattleyas* bloom. 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 two 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. These type of orchids are generally tall growers with some reaching one 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 (pictured below), as they fill in a void when there is not a lot of orchids flowering. Good growing, John Green.

			
Ctt. Netrasiri Fireball	Ctt. Gerard Nappert	Bc. Starfire	C. Caudebec Candy

Events Schedule:

2025	
8 February 2025	STOCQ meeting hosted by Gympie OS
March 2025	15th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference & Show, Taiwan
3 rd & 4 th May 2025	Gympie OS Show (to be benched 2 nd May)
June 2025	STOCQ meeting hosted by Bundaberg OS.
21 st June 2025	Gympie OS Winter Closed Show
6 th & 7 th September 2025	STOCQ meeting hosted by Nambour OS in conjunction with STOCQ Orchidfest at 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina
1 st – 5 th 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, 29th March 2025
ADDRESS: Lenske Family – 303 Power Road, Widgee
TIME: 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.



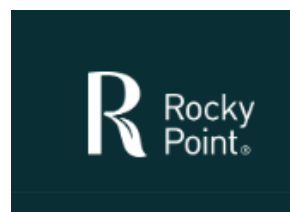
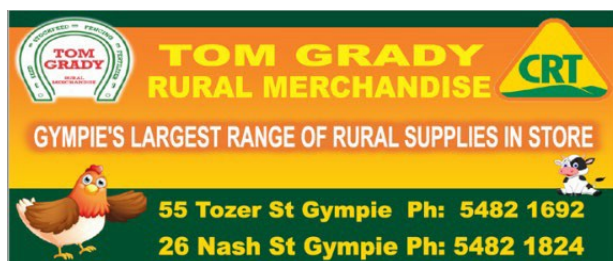
2025 Club Meetings

29 th March 2025	Jim, Michelle & Cristian Lenske – 303 Power Road, WIDGEE
26 th April 2025	Barry & Jennifer Grainger – 50 Diamondfield Road, AMAMOR
31 st May 2025	Sharon Stretton – 16 Watt Street, GYMPIE
June 2025	John & Kaye Green – 785 Mary Valley Road, Lagoon Pocket, GYMPIE
26 th July 2025	Sharon Stretton – 16 Watt Street, GYMPIE
30 th August 2025	Gary & Julie Walker – 26 Palmer Court, The Dawn, GYMPIE
27 th September 2025	AGM – Kent & Sharon Bartlett at 6 Tailor Street, TIN CAN BAY
25 th October 2025	TBA – If you would like to host for Oct, please advise Sharon Stretton
29 th November 2025	Club Christmas Party - TBA

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!



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2025 SHOW EVENTS

Aspley Orchid Society Inc.

Summer Show

8th FEBRUARY 2025

Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall
757 Gympie Road, Lawnton

SATURDAY 8.00am – 3.30pm



ORCHID PLANTS, POTS, LABELS,
FERTILIZER ETC. ON SALE

CULTURAL ADVICE

AMPLE PARKING & WHEELCHAIR
ACCESS

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$4-00

CHILDREN UNDER 16 years FREE

EFTPOS available for plant sales

ENQUIRIES – Roslyn Hunt: 3865 5615; Mob. 0402 156 448: aspley@y7mail.com
www.aspleyorchidsociety.com



Orchid Show BUDERIM

Saturday 22 March 2025

8.00 am to 3.30 pm

Buderim Uniting Church Hall

Corner Gloucester Rd & King St, Buderim

\$5 Entry \$1 Raffles

Lots of plants for sale:

Eftpos available

Light refreshments: Tea, coffee, cakes

For more information ring:

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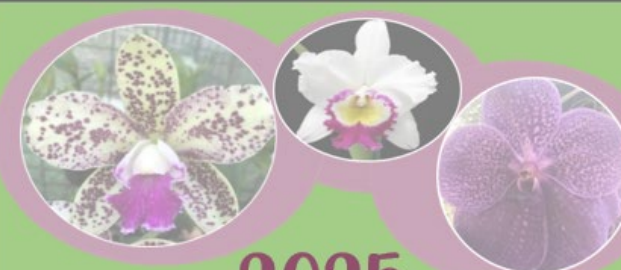


**ROSI 70th Anniversary
Autumn Show 2025**
Saturday 26th April Open 8am - Close 4pm
Sunday 27th April Open 8am - Close 2pm



Spectacular Orchid Display
Members Orchid & Foliage Sales
Alice's Orchids - M&S Orchids
Pacific Coast Orchids
Foliage Plus (Paul Smith)
Orchid Potting Supplies
Rockhampton Cake Decorators
Devonshire Teas
Show raffle: Garden cart full of goodies
Door Prize: A Beautiful Orchid - Entry \$5 Children Free

2025 Venue
Robert Schwarten Pavilion
Rockhampton Showgrounds



2025 GYMPIE ORCHID SHOW

35 Graham Street (Indoor Bowls Centre)

3rd and 4th May 2025

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)
- Assessable 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 CLOSED SHOW

Indoor Bowls Club

26 Graham Street, Gympie

Saturday, 21st June 2025

Plants to be tabled before 8.30am
Judging at 9.00am

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 9.30am – 3.00pm

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



Enquiries: Gary Walker (President) on 0407 640 516



Nambour Orchid Society
**SPRING
ORCHID
EXPO
2025**

6-7 September

Venue 114, 114 Sportsmans Parade,
Bokarina, Sunshine Coast

Entry only \$5 | Eftpos Available

- ✦ 15 Orchid Nurseries selling a wide range of orchids and orchid supplies
- ✦ Guest speakers
- ✦ Arts & Craft Sales
- ✦ Refreshments available

For more information please contact
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