

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



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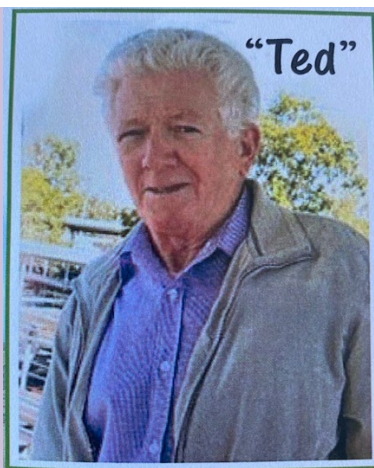
Message from the Editor

I'd like to start this newsletter to commemorate the passing of our Life Member (and previous Vice President, Editor and Judge) 'Ted' Edward Arthur Mann following a long battle with cancer.

Ted was a grower of a variety of different orchids that he was very proud of, especially when they were Awarded. Ted will be remembered by his strong commitment to the Club, love of his orchids, and his invaluable assistance in setting up displays at the Shows, assisting other members with taking orchids to Shows at different towns and having the orchid supply stand at the monthly meetings so other club members could purchase supplies easily.

All of the Club send their sincere condolences to Kay and the rest of the family, and we hope the memories you have of him bring you comfort at this time. Rest easy Ted.

Edward Arthur Mann



*3rd April 1941 –
9th July 2024*

Aged 83 years



Lynne Wilson did a beautiful job on the flower arrangement for Ted's farewell (shown below).



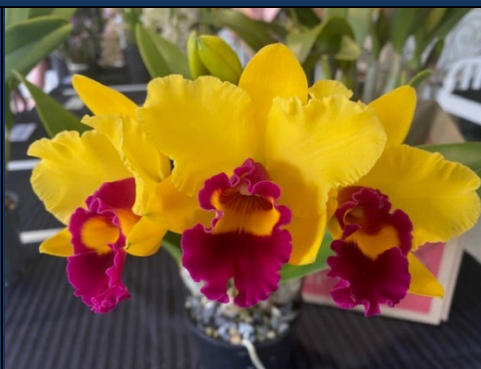
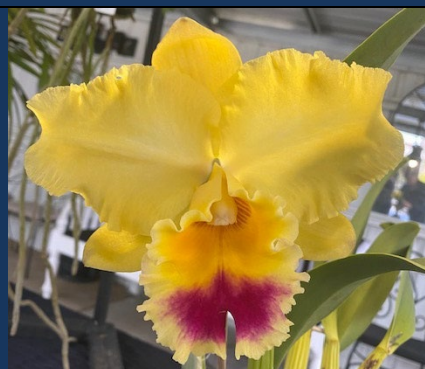
The Club were very happy to have John Green attend our monthly meeting as a Special Guest speaker and talk on 'everything orchids' which was very well received by our members.

John, we are grateful that you shared your expertise and kept our members engaged and entertained. There has already been positive feedback who found your insights informative and funny - not easily done! Once again, thank you for your time, effort, and expertise.



Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Name	Owner of Plant
Cattleya >100mm	Rsc. Goldenzelle m/c	Corrie Sheaffe
Cattleya <100mm	Rlc. Toshie's Magic 'Hsinying'	Gary Walker
Species	Rhy. gigantea 'Red'	Sharon Stretton
Any Other:	Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Sharon Stretton
Novice:	Den. Zip x Creamy Blood Stone 'Mini Gorgeous'	Shane Pope



Cattleya 100mm +
Rsc. Goldenzelle m/c

Cattleya Less than 100mm
Rlc. Toshie's Magic 'Hsinying'

Species:
Rhy. gigantea 'Red'

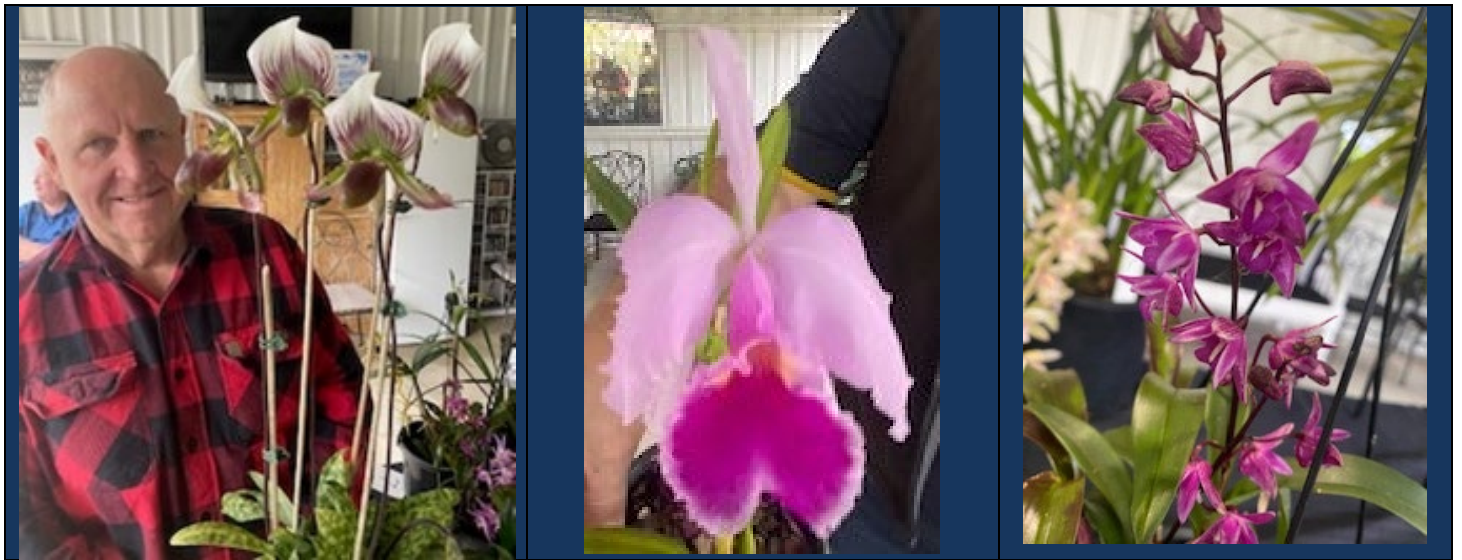


Novice:
Den. Zip x Creamy Blood Stone
'Mini Gorgeous'

Any Other:
Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'

Other Plants tabled at the meeting:





Winners of the Raffles for the day were: Lois Thornley, Larry Downing and Glen Bell. Congratulations to all raffle winners!

Editors Highlight – What does NPK stand for and mean?

Orchids require a balanced diet of nutrients to reach their full potential, and NPK fertiliser delivers precisely that. NPK in a nutshell stands for: Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K). These 3 elements are essential for your orchid's healthy and successful growth. Below you will find a brief overview of exactly what each does.

Nitrogen (N) is important for producing chlorophyll, which allows plants to turn sunlight into food. It is the most important nutrient for plant growth. Without nitrogen, plants cannot make chlorophyll, the green pigment that makes photosynthesis possible. Chlorophyll enables plants to produce carbohydrates and proteins needed for plant growth. Nitrogen stimulates thick, rich, green foliage growth of plants and is also used heavily in new shoots, buds, and leaves.

Phosphorus (P) encourages the growth and strength of stems, flowers, and roots. Phosphorus is critical to photosynthesis because it works with nitrogen to create proteins and enzymes that help the plant make energy from sunlight. The major function of phosphorus is to help a plant develop strong root systems and healthy leaves. Plants require more phosphorus than nitrogen or potassium because it is a structural component in plants. Phosphorus plays a crucial role in promoting strong root development, and early plant establishment. It aids in the transfer of energy within the plant and supports processes such as cell division and DNA replication.

Potassium (K) is one of the three key nutrients that plants need to grow. It aids in supporting a plant's metabolism by regulating the movement of water, nutrients and minerals throughout the plant tissue. It helps to improve plant growth and boosts the rate of photosynthesis through its effect on chlorophyll production. Potassium contributes to overall plant health and resilience by regulating water uptake, improving drought tolerance, and enhancing disease resistance. It also plays a role in improving overall stress tolerance.



It is recommended for orchids to use a balanced fertiliser such as 20-20-20 in powder form to supply all the primary nutrients needed for flowering plants (which means 20% N, 20% P, 20% K).

To the left is only one example for 20.20.20 fertiliser.

Upcoming Events Schedule:

AUGUST 2024	
8 th , 9 th , 10 th August 2024	Maroochydore Orchid Society open show, Uniting Church Buderim
30 th & 31 st August 2024	Childers Isis District OS show (set up 29 th)
SEPTEMBER 2024	
6 th , 7 th September 2024	Nambour OS Show (set up 5 th)
12 th September 2024	Caloundra OS Closed Show, Pelican Waters
12 th , 13 th , 14 th September 2024	Maryborough DOS Show (set up 11 th)
13 th & 14 th September 2024	Noosa DOS Show (set up 12 th)
14 th & 15 th September 2024	Rockhampton Show, Old Art Gallery, Cnr. Victoria Pde & Cambridge St, Rockhampton
20 th & 21 st September 2024	Glasshouse Country Orchid Society show, Beerwah Hall; (set up 19 th)
20 th , 21 st , 22 nd September 2024	Hervey Bay OS Show
OCTOBER 2024	
4 th & 5 th October 2024	Bribie Island Orchid Society (Setup & judging Thursday 3 rd of October)
NOVEMBER 2024	
9 th November 2024	Nambour Species Show (set up 8 th)
9 th 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 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, 31st August 2024
ADDRESS: 26 Palmer Court, The Dawn
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:
28 th September 2024	AGM meeting - Jim & Leanne Evans, 106 Pine Valley Rd, Pie Creek
26 th October 2024	Kent & Sharon Bartlett – 6 Tailor Street, Tin Can Bay
30 th November 2024	Christmas Party – 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:

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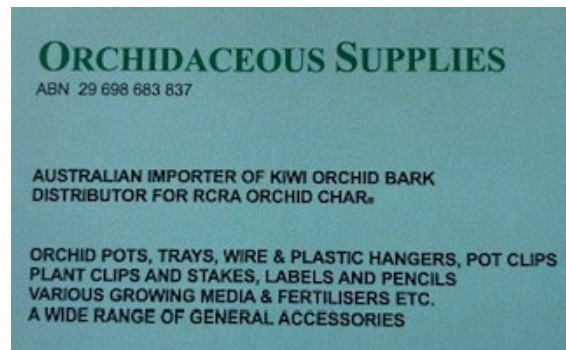
Our Sponsors: Sponsors are an important part of our Club. Their support allows us to pay the prizes we do at our Show. Please support our sponsors and let them know that we appreciate their support!



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Vendors:



Spring Orchid Show

For more information contact us at: nambourorchids@gmail.com

Orchid Show



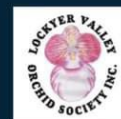
LAIDLEY
Spring
FESTIVAL

**REPOTTING
DEMO 12-1PM
EACH DAY**

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 8AM-3PM

Free coach parking | Shuttle bus available

laidleyspringfestival.com 



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58th Spring Show

7 & 8 September 2024

Saturday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am to 2.00 pm (*note new time*)

Brisbane International Shooting Centre

Belmont Shooting Complex

1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

(Entry off Old Cleveland Road)

An amazing display of flowering orchids on show

Thousands of plants for Sale (EFTPOS available)

Free advice from experienced Growers

Orchid Growing Accessories for Sale

Craft & Floral arrangements for Sale

Refreshments Available

Plenty of Parking

Entry Fee Adults \$4.00

Children Under 14 years Free



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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CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

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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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.

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