

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



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Welcome message from the Editor

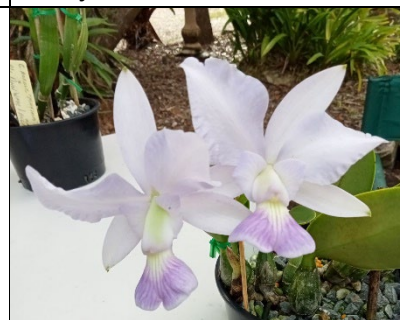
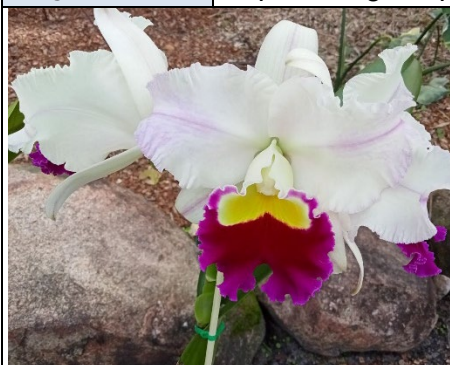
Sorry for the delay with the newsletter – I have been jet-setting around the countryside in warm Townsville! Bit of a shock to come back to the cooler temps, so welcome to the June newsletter and Winter. A big Thank You (again) to Phil Langridge with taking all the information I needed from the last meeting to put into this month's newsletter!

Winter can get a bad rap – sure it gets cold, so cold that all you want to do is burrow under a blanket. Not to mention the sun sets far too early, but it's not all doom and gloom. The season is an opportunity to find warmth (literally and figuratively) in a variety of ways.

A nice cup of coffee in the morning sun, surveying your garden that now needs less mowing (that's always a good thing). Whatever you choose, the important thing is that you take a moment to appreciate winter and all its splendour before it goes away again. 'What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness'.

Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Name	Owner of Plant
Cattleya	Rlc. Deception News 'Eljay'	Jim & Leanne Evans
Vanda	V. Kulwadee Fragrance Blackspot M/C	Corrie Sheaffe
Species	C. Walkeriana AZUL Perfecta	Jim & Leanne Evans
Dendrobium	Den. Warringan 'Sara' X Den. Speciosum 'Windermere'	Gary Walker
Novice	C. Horace 'Maxima X Blc. Ann Wade Leucadia	Barry Grainger
Any Other:	Paph. Hsing Leopard X Doya You Beautiful	Gary Walker



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Other Plants tabled at the meeting:



Winners of the Raffles for the day were: Larry & Shirley Downing (flowering orchid), Gary Walker (vanda), Elaine Reid (bag of bark). Congratulations to all raffle winners!

Editors Highlight – Orchid care in the Winter months.

Orchid care during the winter months is very important for healthy development. Orchids love the summer months because they are tropical plants, but that doesn't mean your orchid can't continue to thrive now that the temperatures have dropped.

Here are some simple tips for orchid care in winter months to keep your orchid happy, healthy and beautiful.

- 1. Give your orchid enough light:** Make sure it is getting enough light during shorter winter days. Try moving your orchids around in the orchid-house to ensure certain orchids are getting enough light as the sun changes during winter.

2. **Check your orchid roots:** For orchid care in the winter months, check to see if your orchid roots are dry and gray. If that's the case, your plant may need more water. You should also take a close look at your plants leaves. If they're wrinkled, it probably needs a little more water. You can either increase the amount of water you're using or the frequency. When your roots turn green and plump, you'll know your plant is healthy.
3. **Increase the humidity:** Your orchid loves humid environments. You can increase the humidity around your orchid by making a humidity tray. Fill a shallow tray with pebbles and some water, and then place your orchid on top. You can put a humidifier in the orchid-house or mist your plants with water.
4. **Watch for freezing drafts:** If you notice your orchids buds falling off, there's a good chance you're exposing it to an extra cold draft and may need to put up some plastic over the winter months to shield them.
5. **If you are in an area that experiences frost,** you can try the below, which I have used successfully in my orchid-house during really cold periods when I was worried about frosts. (I also have plastic over my roof, which definitely helps!)



Upcoming Events Schedule: (Please note highlighted changes)

JULY 2024	
11 th , 12 th & 13 th July 2024	Caboolture OS Show, Morayfield Community Hall, 298 Morayfield Road, Caboolture
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 (Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Saturday, 27th July 2024
ADDRESS: 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.

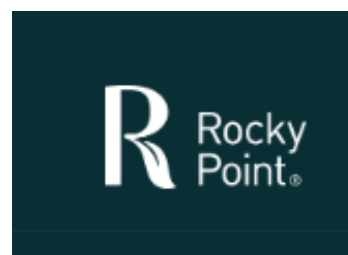
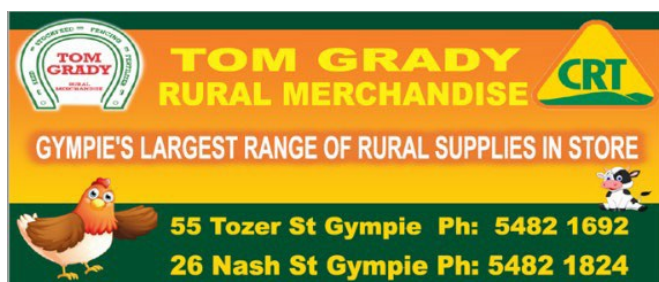
Future Club meetings	Meeting to be held at Club members residence:
27 th July 2024	Sharon Stretton – 16 Watt Street, Gympie
31 st August 2024	Gary & Julie Walker – 26 Palmer Court, The Dawn
28 th September 2024	AGM meeting - Venue TBC
26 th October 2024	Kent & Sharon Bartlett – 6 Tailor Street, Tin Can 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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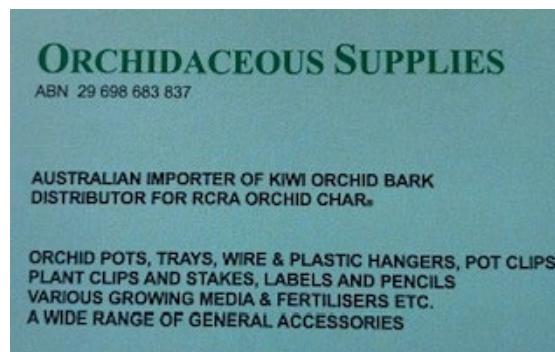
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