



GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



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23rd March 2024

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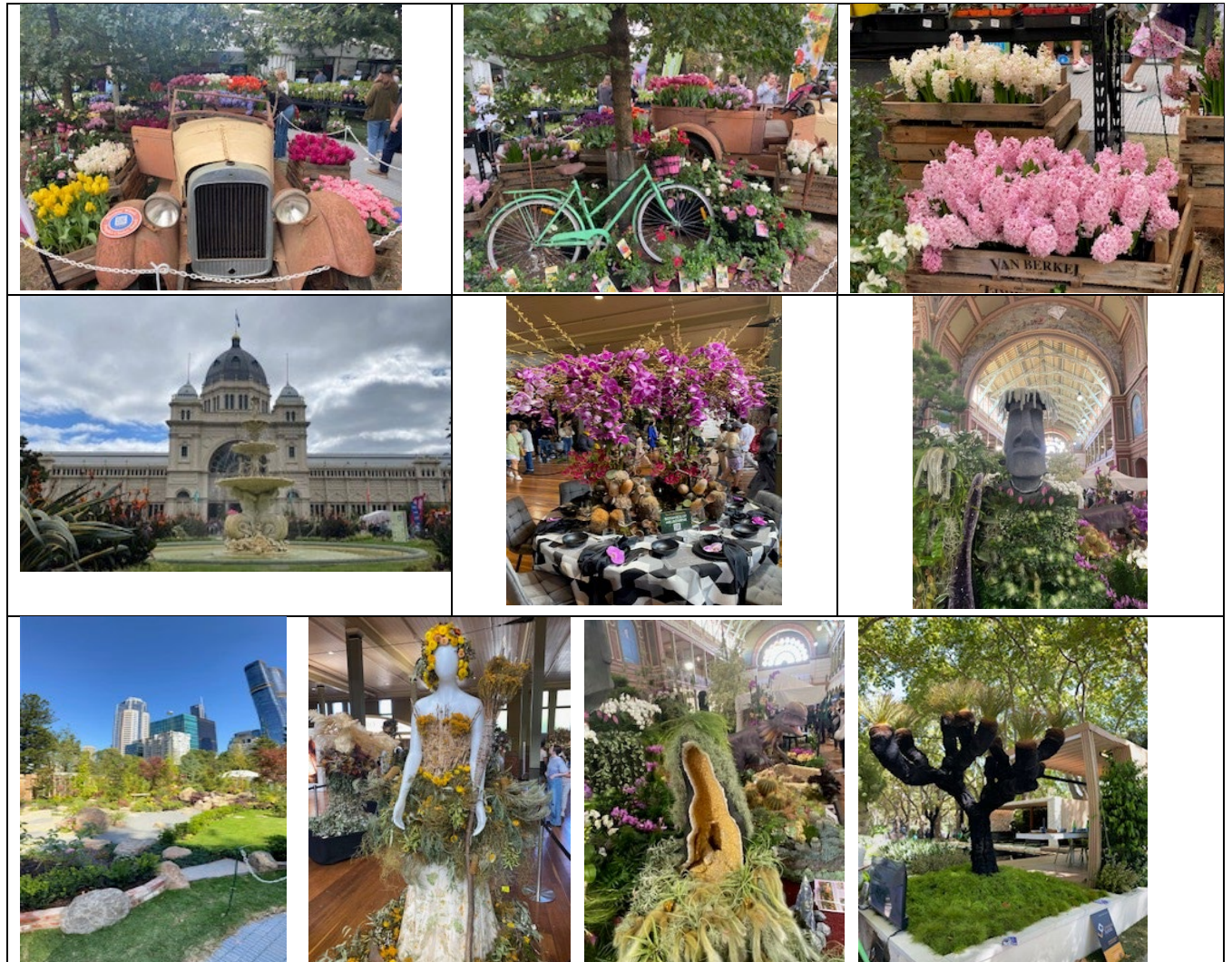
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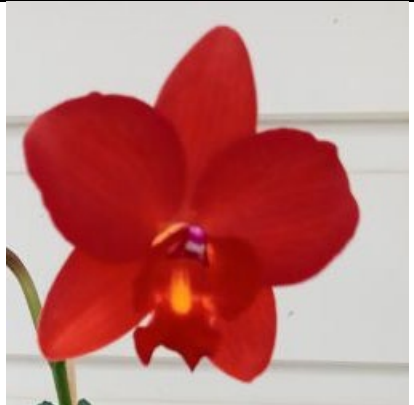
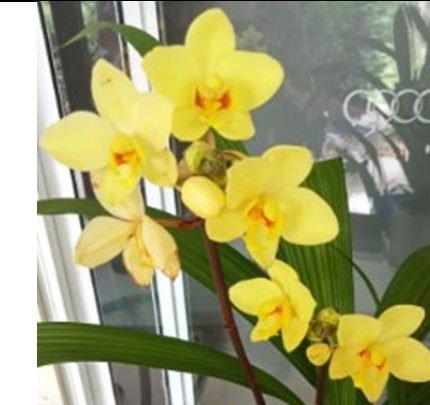
Message from the Editor: Thank you to Phil Langridge who took the photos and a list of all the winners for this month's Popular Vote, because I was away attending the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. I have added some photos from when I was there (below). If you are thinking of attending, I highly recommend you do so. It was just spectacular for all of us lovers of plants.

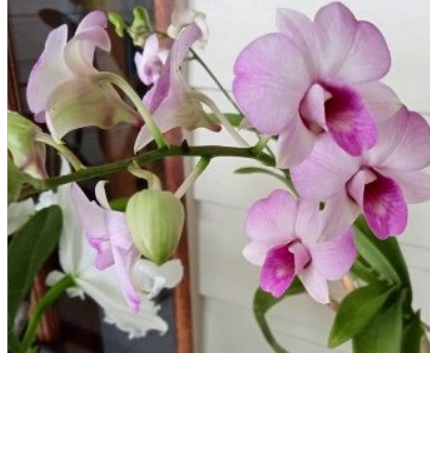
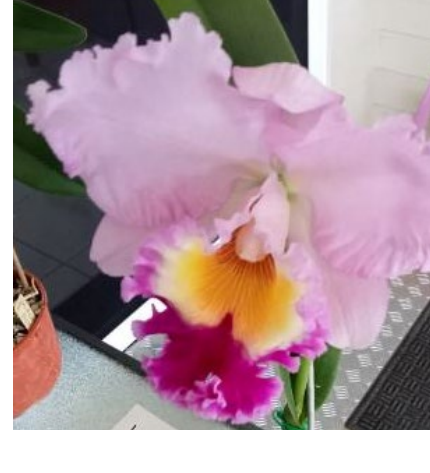
Photos from the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show – March 2024



Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Name	Owner of Plant
Cattleya	Slc. Precious Stones	Jim Evans
Vanda	V. Somsri Beauty	Mel Wheeler
Species	Spath. Plicata Yellow	Mel Wheeler
Any Other	Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star	K & K Christensen
Dendrobium	Den. Edos Fifty Years	Mel Wheeler
Novice	C. Daydream Trader Treasurer	Barry Grainger

		
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Winners of the Raffles for the day were: Sharn Toop, Vera Grady and Juliana Toth. Congratulations to all raffle winners!

Editors Highlight – Slipper Orchids (Paphiopedilum (Paphs) & Phragmipediums (Phrags))



POTTING - Frequent potting is beneficial as slipper orchids like fresh mix, but no more than twice a year. However, healthy and mature plants can confidently be left in the same pot for two years.

Suitable materials for potting include bark, coconut chips, perlite, shell grit and gravel. Particle size should not exceed 15mm of any ingredient (small grade as the plant likes to stay moist). It is important for the mix to be moist, but never wet.

It is worth remembering that most Paphs die from over-potting. The smallest pot possible should be used to comfortably fit the roots. Overly long roots are best 'spiralled' into the pot, by turning the pot until the roots are wound in.

LIGHT – Paphs require a much lower light intensity than cattleyas, dendrobiums or cymbidiums. An easy light test is to move your hand about 50cm above the foliage on a sunny day. If a noticeable shadow is cast on the leaves, apply more shade. Most people who say they don't have much luck with slipper orchids, have them either with sun hitting them or grow them in pots too large. When growing outdoors, shade cloth with a density of 70%-90% is recommended.

TEMPERATURE – The optimum temperature for most Paphs is around 26°C during the day and relative humidity of around 50%-60%. Paphs are however, quite tolerant to extremes. Even 40°C and just short of freezing for short periods will do no harm, but prolonged extremes will slow down growth and eventually kill. Draughts or strong winds, especially on hot days will desecrate the leaves. Air movement or fans are not required.

WATERING – Needs to be kept moist, but not wet. Water heavily from now until about June and once a week over Winter. Best to use the weight method (pick it up after watering, that is how heavy it should be). Once it feels 'light' it needs to be watered. Keep an eye on your environment to work out how often you need to water.

FERTILISER – Most fertiliser brands including Thrive, fish and seaweed products for indoor plants are suitable and ideal is half-strength of recommended every week, and less frequently during Winter and extremely hot weather.

Upcoming Events Schedule: (Please note highlighted changes)

MARCH 2024	
23 rd March 2024	Maroochydore Orchid Society closed show, Uniting Church Buderim
29 th , 30 th & 31 st March 2024	Gladstone OFS Show, Bill Robertson Toyota, Hanson Rd, Gladstone (Setup 28 th of March)
29 th – 30 th March 2024	Bribie IOS Show (Setup 28 th of March)
APRIL 2024	
5 th – 6 th April 2024	Sunshine Coast OS Show (Setup 4 th of April)
12 th & 13 th April 2024	Childers Isis District OS show set up 11 th .
13 th & 14 th April 2024	Rockhampton OS Show, Old Art Gallery, Cnr. Victoria Pde & Cambridge St, Rockhampton
20 th April 2024	South Burnett OS Show, Diggers Club, Wondai
26 th , 27 th – 28 th April 2024	Gympie & District Orchid Society Show (Set-up 26 th of April) - at Indoor Bowls Club, 35 Graham Street, Gympie
MAY 2024	
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th May 2024	Caboolture Closed Show, The Square, Kings Street, Caboolture
10 th , 11 th , 12 th May 2024	Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre set up 9 th May.
11 th & 12 th May 2024	Noosa Closed Show
11 th May 2024	Maroochydore Orchid Society closed show, Uniting Church Bli Bli
JUNE 2024	
8 th June 2024	STOCQ Meeting, hosted by Calliope O & FS
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 8 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: Sunday, 21st April 2024
ADDRESS: 50 Diamondfield Road, Amamoor
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.



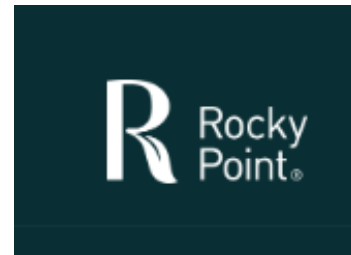
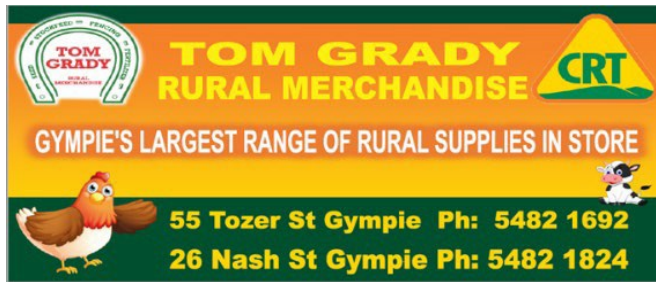
NOTE: Please think about what month you would be able to host a monthly meeting and advise Sharon Stretton to include below.

Club meeting	Meeting to be held at Club members residence:
21 st April 2024 (Sunday meeting)	Barry & Jennifer Grainger's – 50 Diamondfield Road, Amamoor
25 th May 2024	Sharon Stretton – 16 Watt Street, Gympie
29 th June 2024	Lois & Kevin Thornley – 3683 Tin Can Bay Road, Wallu
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: sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au

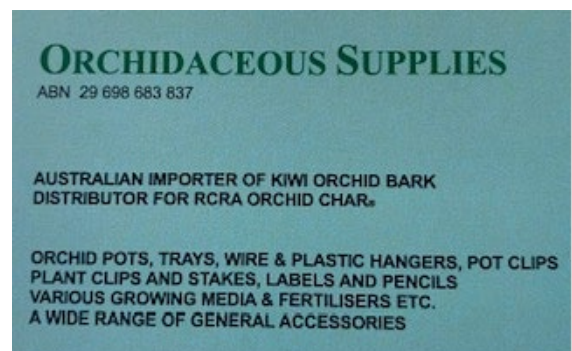
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