

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting: 7th June 2025 (May meeting)

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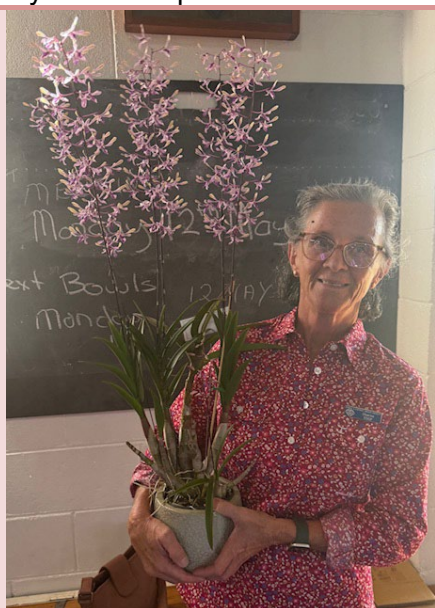
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Message from the Editor – GYMPIE ORCHID SHOW 2025

Another very successful orchid show was had on the 3rd and 4th of May. Thank you to everyone who helped make the show a success! Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

A very big congratulations has to go out to two Gympie club members.

- Sharne Toop who won the trifecta with her Den. Gloucester Charm. Sharne won Novice, Champion Orchid and then had it Awarded. This is a magnificent achievement.
- Gary Walker for his stunning Bulbophyllum Vindobona which won Champion Specimen and is always a crowd pleaser.



**Sharne with her Champion Orchid
Dendrobium Gloucester Charm**



**Gary Walker's Champion Specimen
Bulbophyllum Vindobona**

- **The Gympie Closed Winter Show** will be held 21st June (this month). Benching of orchids will strictly be between 7.00am to 8.00am on the day, with judging at 8.15am. Doors will open at 9.00am to the public.
- Please let Leanne Evans know your plant names (so she can do the labels up) by Wednesday 18th June.
- If you can bring along a Slice/s – that would be most welcome for the kitchen sales.
- Plants for the sale table are to be dropped off between 3.00pm to 4.00pm, Friday 20th June.
- Please bench as many flowering orchids or foliage as you can to make this Winter Show worthwhile.

Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Name of Orchid	Owner of Plant
Cattleya >100mm:	Rlc. Home Hill 'Majestic'	Barry & Jen Grainger
Cattleya <100mm:	Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'Ch Super'	Barry & Jen Grainger
Species:	Dendrochilum uncatum	Ken & Kaye Christensen
Vanda:	V. Pures Wax 'Blue'	Don Elms
Dendrobium:	Den. Asternova Eclipse	Barry & Jen Grainger
Any Other:	Cymbidium tracyanum	Gary & Julie Walker
Novice:	Nil tabled	



Cattleya 100mm +: Rlc. Home Hill 'Majestic'

Cattleya Less than 100mm: Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'Ch Super'



Dendrobium: Den. Asternova Eclipse

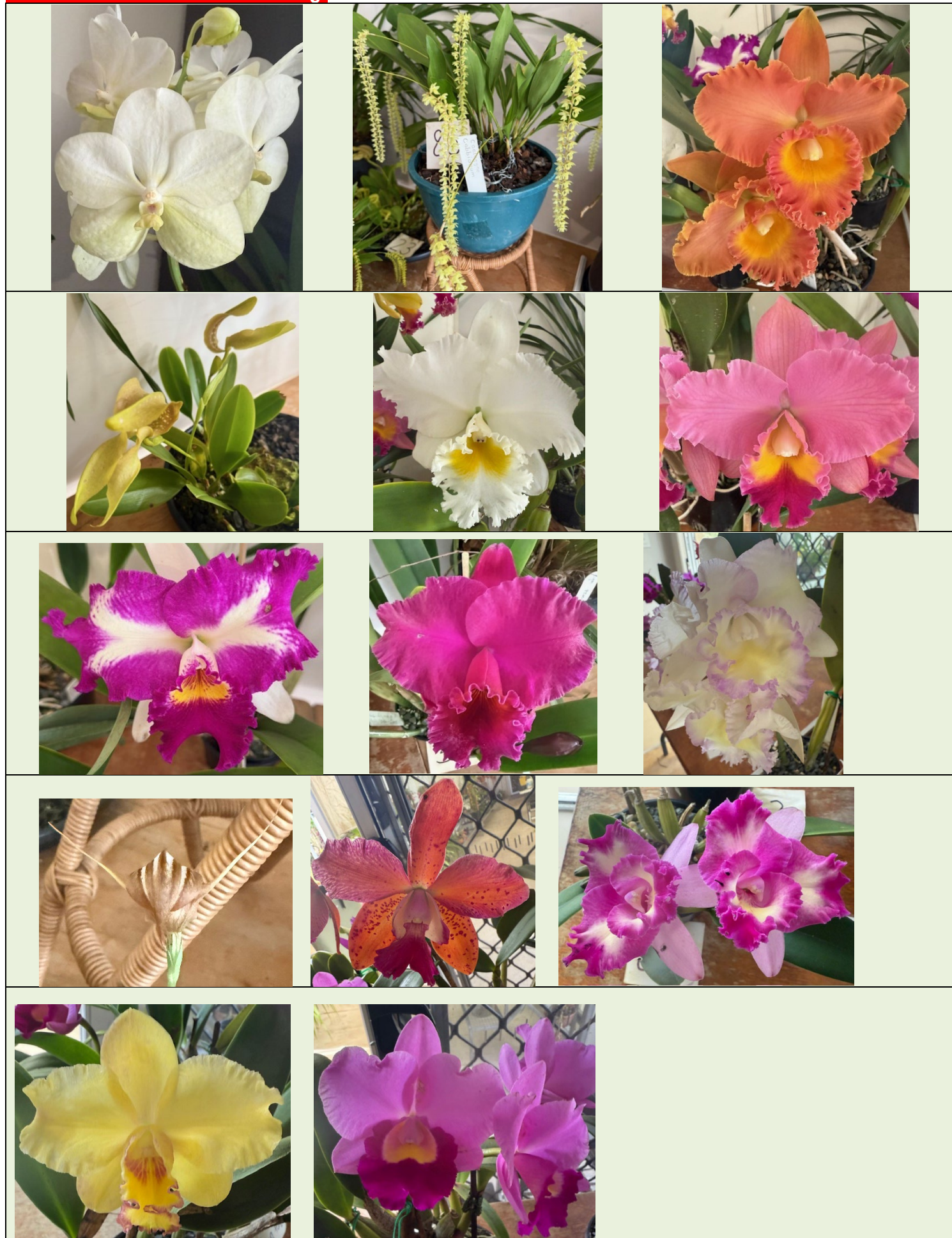
Species: Dendrochilum uncatum



Vanda: V. Pures Wax 'Blue'

Any Other: Cymbidium tracyanum

Other orchids tabled at the meeting:



Winners of the Raffles for the day were:

Raffle winners were Sharon Templeton, Kent Bartlett, Glen Bell and Ken Christensen. Congratulations to all of you!

Bus Trip to Bundaberg - LIMITED SEATS LEFT.

Phone Sharon Stretton on 0400168770 to reserve/confirm your seat/s. Don't miss out – only a couple of seats are left now. Our Club bus trip to Bundaberg has now been organised for **5th July 2025**, leaving at 6.45am from the Polley's Bus Depot.

Due to utilising the Gympie Bypass, pick-up locations will be:

1. 6.45am – Polley's Bus Depot at 56 Chatsworth Road, Gympie.
2. 7.30am - 26 Copenhagen Street, Tiaro (be there prior to this time); and
3. 8.00am - Caltex Service Station, 23532 Bruce Highway, Maryborough (at the Sexie Coffee shop), (be there prior to this time).

This will include four orchid house visits to local Bundaberg growers, and we will stop for a nice social lunch at Moore Park Tavern (to be paid by self). **Price of the bus will be \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.**

Editors Highlight – Fireants

Fireants are now located on the Sunshine Coast. Protect your family, friends and pets by treating your property for fire ants. Proactive and responsive fire ant treatment helps stop fire ants from building nests and infesting your property until eradication treatment reaches your area. If you're in our suppression area, you can self-treat fire ants on land you own or manage.

How do you identify fire ants?

Fire ant nests: • look like mounds or patches of loose soil • have no visible entry or exit holes.	Fire ants: Unlike the black garden ant, fire ants have a few distinguishing features. • 2-6mm in length • a mix of sizes in one nest • copper brown in colour, with a darker abdomen.
Where to look, residential: • lawns • footpath edges • around garden beds • near taps • utility pits.	Where to look, rural: • around dams • edges of cultivated land • cropland • along fence lines • in and around piles of organic matter.
How to check: • Gently poke the nest with a long stick. Don't touch! • Look for ants erupting from the nest. • Check the colour and size of the ants. • IMPORTANT: When checking suspicious ant nests gently poke the nest with a long stick and observe the ants that come out. Be careful not to get too close, as fire ants are aggressive. They swarm when disturbed and have a painful sting.	
Think you've found fire ants? Report them at: National Fire Ant Eradication Program, fireants.org.au or call 13 22 68 . Further information regarding treatment types, can be located at this link, https://www.fireants.org.au/	
	

Events Schedule:

2025	
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, 28th June 2025
ADDRESS: John & Kay Green - 785 Mary Valley Road, Lagoon Pocket, Gympie
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.



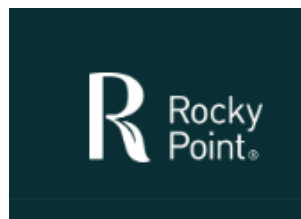
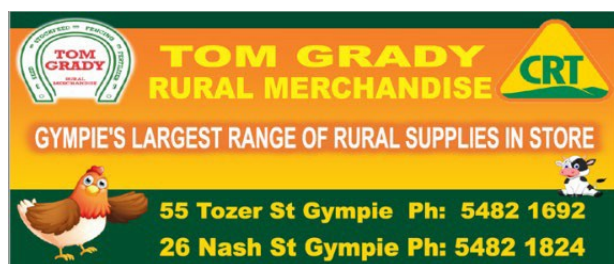
2025 Club Meetings

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

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

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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

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