

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

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Messages from the Editor – Schedule for October meeting

For our **31st October meeting**, John and Lavina Rees have kindly offered to host our monthly meeting at their residence and provide lunch. The meeting day will include visits to nurseries where you'll be able to purchase some orchids. Carpooling is recommended. For any further details relating to addresses, please contact Gary Walker. Rough details are below:

- 9.00am – Arrive at Robertson Orchids
- 10.00am – Steve Flood residence to look at foliage and morning tea (bring a plate to share)
- 11.30am – John & Lavina's residence – will be doing a Tolumnia mounting and sausage sizzle lunch and meeting following that.

Please note that our next meeting (for September), has been moved to the 3rd of October instead (due to multiple Orchid Shows). It will be held at the Gympie Hockey clubhouse.

Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting

GENRE	Orchid name	Owner/s of Plant
Cattleya >100mm:	Rlc. Mem Gordon Vallance 'Lolly Pink'	Leanne Evans
Cattleya <100mm:	Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnet 'Smile'	Leanne Evans
Cluster Cattleya:	Ctt. Trick or Treat x Sib	Barry Grainger
Dendrobium:	Den. Thongchai Gold 'Pinwattana'	Barry Grainger
Species:	Rhy. gigantea	Sharon Stretton
Vanda:	V. Rumrill	Gary Walker
Cymbidium:	Cym. Go Salinas	Monica Baumgartner
Bulbophyllum:	--	--
Oncidium:	Onc. Howeara Chian-Tzy Lovely 'CT Moon Beauty'	Gary Walker
Any Other:	Coelogyne flaccida 'Lisa Turville'	Monica Baumgartner
Paphs / Phrags:	Paph. Pat Hart x Winston Churchill	Monica Baumgartner
Novice:	Den. canaliculatum	Ken & Kaye Christensen

PHOTOS OF MONTHLY WINNERS



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PHOTOS OF ALL OTHER TABLED PLANTS





Raffle Winners

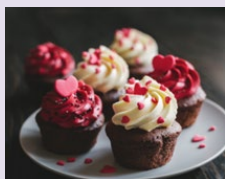
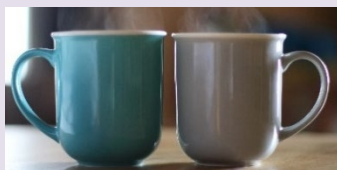
Winners of our monthly raffle were Ramona Clark and Julianna Toth. Congratulations to all Winners!

Next Meeting:

DATE: 3rd October 2026 (not Sept due to Orchid Shows) – this meeting will also be our AGM
ADDRESS: Gympie Hockey Club (corner of Power Road & Woolgar Road)
TIME: Benching of plants commences from 1.30pm
JUDGING: Voting of benched orchids will be held prior to meeting (between 1.45pm – 2.00pm)

MEETING: Commences at 2.00 pm

Please bring: your flowering orchids, cup and a plate (to share) for afternoon tea.



Editor Special – Dendrobium speciosum



Northern Queensland to south-eastern Victoria as a lithophyte or an epiphyte



Dendrobium speciosum is a lithophyte (growing on rocks) or an epiphyte (growing on another living plant, but not parasitic in nature).

Pseudobulbs are up to 45 cm long, erect or spreading, thickest near base and often tapering towards the apex. There are usually 2 to 5 thick leaves at the top of each pseudobulb.

Flowers occur on long stems in large clusters which may consist of over 100 flowers per stem. They are usually pure white to creamy yellow with purple dots on the labellum. Flowers are seen from late winter to spring.

Den. speciosum is easy to grow in tropical to temperate climates. It can be grown on branches of trees or on rocks where it receives nutrients through the breakdown of leaf litter that accumulates around its root system.

While the plant is establishing its root system, it may need to be fixed into position by wire or twine. Eventually new roots will form which will grip the substrate firmly.

It can also be grown as a container plant in a coarse medium, but it may require frequent re-potting.

It should not be grown in dense shade or flowering will be discouraged.

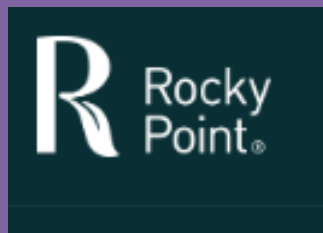
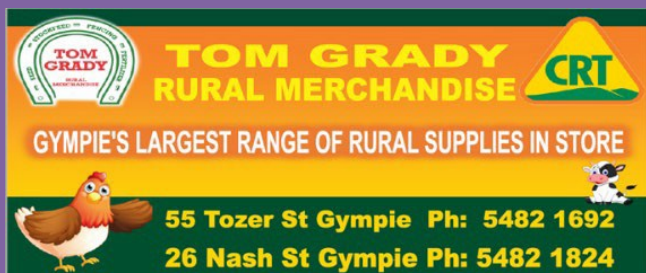
Application of liquid fertilizer during the growing season (spring – summer) will promote healthy growth. Watering should be kept to a minimum during winter.



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

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!



2026	
4 th & 5 th September 2026	Nambour OS show, Uniting church hall; set up 3 rd .
10 th , 11 th , 12 th September 2026	Maryborough District OS show set up on 9 th .
18-19 September 2026	Noosa DO&FS show; set up Thursday 17 th September
25 th , 26 th September 2026	Glasshouse Country OS show; set up Thursday 24 th September
25 th , 26 th , 27 th September 2026	Hervey Bay OS show, Xavier College. Set up 24 th .
26 th , 27 th September 2026	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
9 th , 10 th October 2026	Bribie OS show; set up Thursday 8 th .
14 th November 2026	Nambour Species show, Buderim Hall, set up 13th
21 st November 2026	GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall
28 th November 2026	GDOS Christmas Party at Graham Street Hall.
2026 POSTERS	

Hervey Bay Spring Orchid and Garden Spectacular 2026

Fri 25 Sept - 8am to 4pm
Sat 26 Sept - 8am to 4pm
Sun 27 Sept - 8am to 12pm



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



Proudly supported by:



- ❖ Large Display of Orchids
- ❖ Garden Club Display
- ❖ Bromeliad Display and sales
- ❖ Foliage competition
- ❖ Orchid sales and supplies
- ❖ Plant sales and supplies
- ❖ Potting workshops
- ❖ Plant Cloakroom
- ❖ Raffles – Great Prizes!

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NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY

2026 SPRING

ORCHID & FOLIAGE SHOW



COOROY MEMORIAL HALL 23 Maple St

Friday 18 SEPT 8.30am - 4pm Saturday 19 SEPT 8.30am - 1pm

\$10 Hands-on Orchid Potting Workshops: We supply everything including the orchid; you get to take it home



- * \$5 admission, \$1 raffle tickets
- * Beautiful orchid & foliage display
- * Experienced orchid growers' advice
- * EFTPOS available
- * Members, growers plants for sale
- * Orchid fertiliser for sale

Info: Trevor Cook 0419 431 008

2027

13 th February 2027	STOCQ AGM hosted by Gympie & DOS at Indoor Bowls Club, Graham Street, Gympie
3 rd April 2027	Glasshouse Country Orchid Society closed Show at Glasshouse Community Hall
9 th , 10 th April 2027	Sunshine Coast OS show at Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Queen and Ulm Streets, Caloundra; set up Thursday
1 st , 2 nd May 2027	Gympie & DOS show, Indoor Bowls Hall set up 30 th April
7 th , 8 th , 9 th May 2027	Bundaberg OS show Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. University Drive, Branyan
12 th June 2027	Tentative - STOCQ meeting hosted by Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society
24 th , 25 th September 2027	Glasshouse COS show, Beerwah Community Hall.
23 rd October 2027	Noosa District O&FS host STOCQ meeting in Timbeerwah Hall.

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