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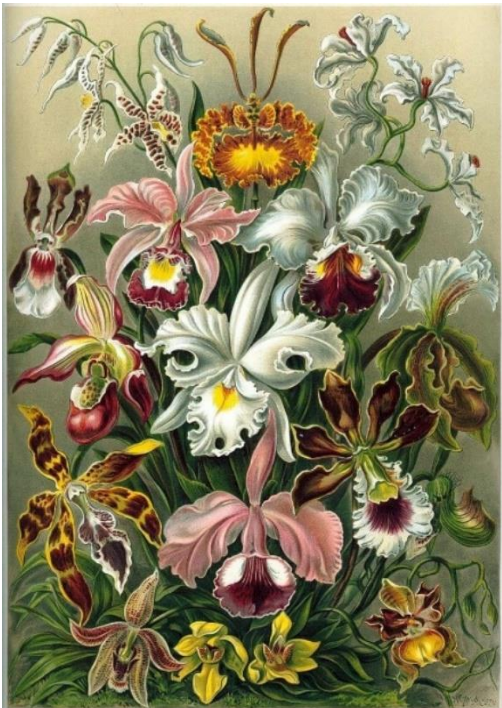


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Newsletter – February 2025



Well, here we are in February, and it hasn't been very long since I was writing the January Newsletter, as our AGM & February General Meeting has been brought forward a week to the 15th February this month's newsletter is much earlier than usual. 68

Nominations have now closed for the Executive Positions but there will still be committee positions and other roles that nominations will be taken from the floor, please consider putting your hand up and help with the running of the Society. Maxine has decided she no longer wishes to be the Grower's Group Co-ordinator, for this to continue we will need someone to take on this role. So please give it some thought.

2025 is a big year for us and also a very important year as the Society celebrates it's 70th Anniversary, being formed in 1955, the strength of the club is testament to the leadership and members who have held various positions over the years of operation.

Our current president Jeff Bloxsom is in his 28th year in this position, taking on the role in 1998, and he does an exceptional job because of his excellent organisational skills.

For those members who have not paid their membership fees for 2025, they are due by the 15th February.

Members who are not financial are not eligible to vote at the AGM. For members who have not paid their dues by the end of March, they will no longer receive newsletters. So please renew your membership!

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 15th February 2025.

Doors Open 12.30pm and Meeting Starts at 1:30pm.

Plants must be tabled by 1.20pm at the latest.

Notice to Members: Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall after the meeting.

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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Saturday 25th January commencing at 1.30pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: #57 Peter Berry - #45 Robyn Murphy - #48 Jeanie Conachan

Visitors: Michelle Landry

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

Minutes of November 2024 monthly meeting as published in the newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Denis Ratcliffe

Seconded

Peter Rankin

Carried

Treasurer's Report – This was sent out with the Newsletter. Shirley Kuhl stood in as treasurer in Karen Carr's absence.

Shirley moved that the report be accepted

Seconded

Kay Ratcliffe

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 24th JANUARY 2025

IN –

- Newsletters –Blackwater Garden Club – Dec & Jan, Caloundra Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, NQ Orchid Society – Dec & Jan, Pine Rivers Orchid Society, Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society – Dec & Jan.
- Email from RRC My City re: 2025 Autumn Show
- Email from RRC My City re: 2025 Spring Show
- Email from Frenchville Sports Club re: \$500 Community Partnership funding to ROSI
- STOCQ Affiliation Invoice
- STOCQ Emails about Meeting in February
- Email from Michelle Miller with offer of a coffee van for our Autumn Show
- Email from AOC with a letter, minutes etc
- Email from Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society on the passing of their Patron Neville Spencer
- New Membership Application & cheque from Peter Berry
- Email from Michelle Landry with the Stronger Communities Program funding now open
- Email from Thea Shaughnessy about AOC magazine subscription now overdue
- Email from John Ress re: Stephen Lynch's resignation as Registrar General of Judging and his wife's resignation as Editor of Orchids Australia.
- Email from Michelle Landry to advise she will be attending our AGM on 15th February

OUT –

- Newsletters from other clubs to members
- Email to Michelle Landry advising her acceptance of Patron will be ratified at February AGM and her ability to attend this meeting

Sandra Rowcliffe moved that the Inwards correspondence acknowledged as received and outwards correspondence endorsed as sent.

Seconded

David Clarke

Carried

Growers Group: Maxine mentioned that our first grower's group will be in March at the home of Carol & Michael Dahler, date will be in the newsletter. Jeff asked for members to consider hosting a meeting at their homes, he suggested members give thought and get back to Maxine on this.

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

General Business:

- Membership Renewal is due by our AGM. If doing a direct transfer, please add name/member number.
- Reminder that the AGM has been brought forward a week to the 15th February. Jeff mentioned that all executive positions will stand down. Nominations for these positions must be in the hands of the secretary by the 1st February, if no nominations are received and a position is vacant nominations will be taken from the floor.
- Our Autumn Show at the Robert Schwarten Pavillion will be 26th & 27th April. We have decided to again offer Devonshire teas and we will be discussing this further at our committee meeting.
- Jeff is looking at the possibility of hiring the covered area attached to the Pavilion for the parking of vendors and members. It will depend on the availability and costings for this to proceed.
- Bob Jenkins has sourced some room dividers off marketplace, but we will need more dividers for the show.
- Our Society has purchased 100 Dendrobiums off Jana Bennett for our 70th Anniversary Show – The cross has been registered with RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) and is known as Dendrobium ROSI Platinum Jubilee. The crosses used

were Den. Charlie Donpon & Den. Brighton Pansy. As they are seedlings the plants will produce a variety of different coloured flowers.

- Jeff said that they has been interest in bringing coach loads of visitors from Mackay & Bowen for the show.
- More planning will be done at our committee meeting and February Meeting.

Plant Commentary – In the absence of Jeff Glover, Peter Jenkinson and Jeni Scott did the commentary. Peter thanked all for bringing plants, numbers were down but was expected for this time of the year and the absence of some of our members at the meeting.

Lucky Number: #3 – Not at the meeting to collect, this went into the raffle.

Exhibitor's Raffle: #15 – Dennis & Kay Ratcliffe

General Raffle – Carol Dahler x 2, Kerrie Green, Rosemary Wines, Ray Bills, Mary Semple x 2, Sandra Rowcliffe, Terry Breingan, Tony O'Connor, Kay Ratcliffe, Margaret Dunbar, Denise Philips x 2, Linda Schulz, Kay Bauman, Jeff Bloxsom, Michelle Landry.

Next General Meeting – AGM & General Meeting 15th February

Next Committee Meeting – Tuesday 29th January starting at 6.30pm. (this will be depending on whether there are storms)
Meeting closed at 3.08pm.

Jeff Bloxsom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

WATCH OUT FOR THESE PESTS – THE DENDROBIUM BEETLE & LARVAE



JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – JANUARY GENERAL MEETING



Vanda Tien's Delight - J Scott



Paph. Transvaal - T& M Handley



Ctsm. Melana Davison 'Bomb Shell' x Ctsm. dentigianum 'Excellence' J&P Bennett

Annual Competition – January 2025 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Vanda</i> Tien's Delight	J Scott
<i>Paph.</i> Transvaal	T & M Handley
<i>Ctsm.</i> Melana Davison 'Bomb Shell' x <i>Ctsm. dentigrianum</i> 'Excellence'	J & P Bennett

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 58)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Ctna.</i> Dal's Strike	T & M Handley
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Chief Journey 'First Choice'	P Rankin
Vandaceous up to 65mm	Tie – <i>Rnst.</i> Bangkok Beauty Tie – <i>Vanda</i> Janet Allison 'Coconut Ice'	J & M Bloxsom J Scott
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>Vanda</i> Varut Leopard	T & M Handley
Oncidium	<i>Banfieldara</i> Gilded Tower 'Sunburst'	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Dendrobium	<i>Dendrobium</i> Sonia Earsakul	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Transvaal	T & M Handley
Catasetinae	<i>Ctsm.</i> Melana Davison (remake)	J & P Bennett
Species	<i>Vanda (Christensonia) vietnamica</i>	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Miscellaneous	<i>Gptm.</i> Arlene Armour	K & R Smith

Novice (Plants Tabled: 16)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C. intermedia</i> var. <i>alba</i> x <i>C. aurantiaca</i> 'Golden Dew'	L & G Schulz
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Golden Diamon	L & G Schulz
Vandaceous	<i>Vanda</i> Goodwin's Glitzy Gala	L & K Bauman
Miscellaneous	<i>Vanda (Christensonia) vietnamica</i>	Y Manning

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Ctna. Dal's Strike - T&M Handley



**Rlc. Chief Journey 'First Choice'
P Rankin**



**Rnst. Bangkok Beauty
J&M Bloxsom**



**Vanda Varut Leopard
T&M Handley**



**Den. Sonia Earsakul - B Jenkins &
S Kuhl**



Gptm. Arlene Armour - K&R Smith



Paph. Transvaal - T& M Handley



**Banfieldara Gilded Tower
'Sunburst'
B Jenkins & S Kuhl**



**Vanda vietnamica - B Jenkins &
S Kuhl**



**Ctsm. Melana Davison (remake)
J & P Bennett**



**C. intermedia var. alba x
C. aurantiaca 'Golden Dew'
L & G Schulz**



Rlc. Golden Diamond - L&G Schulz



**Vanda Goodwin's Glitzy Gala
L & K Bauman**



Vanda vietnamica - Y Manning



**Vanda Janet Allison 'Coconut
Ice' - J Scott**



NEW MEMBERS – JANUARY

Jeff Bloxsom & Jeanie Conachan



Jeff Bloxsom & Robyn Murphy



**PETER BERRY
CHAMBERS FLAT QLD**



Livingstone Shire Council – Citizens of the Year

For this year's Australia Day Awards, two of our members Denis & Kay Ratcliffe were awarded Citizens of the Year.

We would like to congratulate them on this achievement as both are heavily involved with assisting in the community.



Livingstone Shire Council

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2025 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Today, we celebrated the heart of Livingstone Shire at the 2025 Australia Day Awards! The event at Yeppoon Town Hall honoured incredible individuals and organisations who embody the spirit of our community through their hard work, dedication, and generosity.

A huge congratulations to all recipients:

- 🏆 Citizen of the Year: Kay and Denis Ratcliffe
- 🏆 Young Citizen of the Year: Danielle Armstrong
- 🏆 Sport and Recreation: Elissa Rosemond
- 🏆 Environment: Maryanne Smith
- 🏆 Community: Kim Newcombe
- 🏆 Arts and Culture: Lindsay Palmes
- 🏆 Sport and Recreation (Group) - Capricorn Coast Toy Library
- 🏆 Community (Group): Haynes Family – Stanage Bay
- 🏆 Environment (Group): Konomie Island Environmental Education Centre P&C
- 🏆 Arts and Culture (Group): Sing For Health
- 🏆 Business/Innovation/Corporate Social Responsibility (Group): JRT Group

🌟 Special mentions:

- 🌟 Mayoral Award: Jason Field
- 🌟 Australia Day Achievement Award presented by SES: Brad Haynes
- 🌟 Recognition for Volunteering: Robert Batalin (Queensland Police Service)



Photo above is mayor Adam Belot, Denis & Kay Ratcliffe and Michelle Landry (MP)

Jeff Bloxsom & Michelle Landry



< Our incoming Patron Michelle Landry attended our January Meeting. She is pictured with Jeff Bloxsom (president)

Michelle will be ratified into this position at our Annual General Meeting on 15th February

Orchid of the Month

This month I am covering the genera *Vanda vietnamica*. We had two plants tabled at our January meeting, one in the Novice Section by Y'vonne Manning and one in the Advanced Section by Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl. Both won popular votes for their relevant sections. Well done to these growers.



Vanda vietnamica

Source – www.orchids.org

Vanda vietnamica is an orchid species identified by (Haager) L M Gardiner in 2012.

Genus – *Vanda*

Grex – *vietnamica* (name currently accepted by Key)

ORIGIN: A newly discovered genus and species that is found in Vietnam in semi-deciduous and deciduous dry lowland forests and savana-like woodlands at elevations of sea-level to 700 meters.

DESCRIPTION: Small to medium sized, hot to warm growing, monopodial epiphyte with a stem enveloped by leaf bearing sheaths carrying 2 ranked, leathery, praemorse leaves that blooms in the summer on a axillary, short to 4 [10 cm] long, to 7 flowered inflorescence.

FLOWER SIZE: 1 1/4 inch [3.2 cm] -- information provided by Jay Pfahl, author of the Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia (IOSPE).

Other Names – Genus Name – *Christensonia* (Chri) - Grex Name *vietnamica* - Year 1993 - Author Haager

Vanda (Christensonia) Vietnamese - Care and characteristics

Unique species of the genus Christensonia, later included in the genus Vanda, Christensonia vietnamese was initially discovered by the Czech botanist Jiri Haager during an expedition undertaken in the south of Vietnam. The genus Christensonia was created in 1993 and named in honour of Eric Christenson, for his contributions to the research of vandaceae species from the subtribe Aeridinae. The species Christensonia vietnamica shares common characteristics both with the species of the genus Aerides and with those of the genus Rhynchostylis. The accepted synonym for this species is [Vanda vietnamica](#) (Haager) LMGardiner 2012

[Christensonia vietnamica](#) inhabits low areas, at altitudes from 100 to 700 m in the south of Vietnam, in forests with deciduous trees and forest-steppe areas, with a warm climate.

Species with monopodial growth, has a stem covered with nested sheaths formed by the base of the semi-hard leaves, with an alternate disposition and a hard, fleshy consistency. It blooms during the summer, on short, axillary stems of approximately 7 cm. **The flowers are medium-sized, approximately 3.2 cm in diameter, and are discreetly fragrant, with citrus or fruity notes .**

From the point of view of the growing conditions, it will be very close to those suitable for the Phalaenopsis genus, with the light radiation intensity of 15000 - 20000 lux, and a relative humidity of 65 - 80%, with higher values (80%) in the case cultivation on plates, or lower (65%) for cultivation in pots. The ideal culture medium is the mount on bark or cork plates.

Being a moderately thermophilic species, temperatures of 22 - 28 °C will be preferred for daytime values and 16 - 20 °C for night values.

Normally, irrigation will be carried out at intervals of 5-7 days or more frequently, preferably by immersion, but allowing the substrate to dry between two successive waterings. In the case of cultivation in pots, the ideal way to administer water is when you notice that the roots lose their green colour and become pearly.

[Fertilization](#) will be carried out throughout the year, at 2-week intervals, with balanced fertilizers, with a 30-30-30 NPK formula, at 25-50% of the dosage recommended by the manufacturer. More diluted and more frequent fertilizations are recommended.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ANNUAL FEE \$30-00

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Mealy Bugs are a frustrating pest to have in your orchid houses. Growers use a variety of methods to alleviate this annoying pest. As with all pests, they have a life cycle. I use a systemic spray, but it is also important to do follow up sprays if you want to get rid of it. Below are some other methods used. It can also hide in the potting medium and affect the roots too.



- Apply rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol) using a cotton swab directly onto the mealybugs.
- Use neem oil or insecticidal soap directly on the leaves, stems, and soil of the orchid.
- Soak the potting mix with the solution as well.
- Repot the plants.
- Prune the roots.
- Sterilize the potting soil.

FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT \$500 RECEIVED FOR 2025 – JEFF BEING PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATE



FRENCHVILLE
SPORTS CLUB

2025 Dates

**** ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

March 15th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference & Show Taiwan

8th – Maroochydore Orchid Show Buderim

20th, 21st & 22nd – Childers & Isis OS Autumn Show

April 11th & 12th – Caloundra OS Show

17th & 18th – Bribie Island OS Show

18th, 19th & 20th – Gladstone OS Show

26th & 27th Rockhampton 70th Anniversary Autumn Show

17th & 18th – Bribie IOS Show

May 3rd & 4th – Gympie & DOS Show

9th, 10th & 11th – Bundaberg OS Show

9th & 10th – Noosa DO & FS Show

10th – Maroochydore OS Show Bli Bli

June 14th STOCQ Meeting – Bundaberg Orchid Society

21st June – Gympie & DOS Show

July 18th & 19th – Caboolture OS Winter Show

August 2nd & 3rd Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society Show

8th & 9th – Maroochydore OS Show Buderim

28th, 29th & 30th – Childers & Isis OS Spring Show

September 6th & 7th STOCQ Meeting – Nambour

2025 Orchidfest – Nambour

11th, 12th & 13th – Maryborough DOS Show

13th & 14th Rockhampton OS Spring Show

19th & 20th – Noosa DO & FS Show

26th & 27th – Glasshouse OS Show

October 1st to 5th – AOC Conference & Show Woolgoolga NSW

10th & 11th – Bribie OS Show

November



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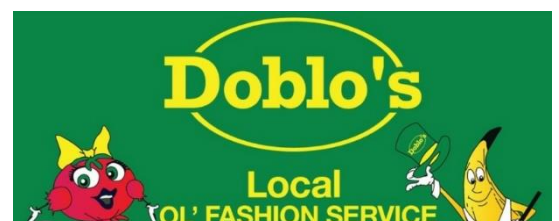
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