



Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Newsletter – January 2025



Welcome to 2025, I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a nice break over the holiday season. Hopefully everyone got to relax because we have a big year coming up.

First up will be our 70th Anniversary Show in April and even though planning had already begun late last year, there is still so much more to organise so we can deliver the standard of show our visitors look forward to.

Our Christmas Dinner and Awards Evening was a great event and those who attended I am sure had a lovely time. There were lots of happy winners who took home prizes from our Hamper Draws, Lucky Door Draws and Multidraw Raffle. Laurie Lucke got to celebrate his 93rd Birthday with the members on the night.

The Society finished the year by presenting an excellent display at the Bunnings Christmas Event. Jeff organised three raffle prizes and we sold around 300 tickets in two hours. One lady purchased \$100 of tickets and luckily did take home a prize. Many thanks to Jeff Bloxsom, Tony March, Bob Jenkins, Shirley Kuhl, Karen Carr, Paul and Jana Bennett who assisted on the night, what a great effort and the display of orchids rivalled some Orchid Society Shows. The recent hot humid weather did not affect the many flowering orchids that the members displayed.⁴²

Sit back with a cuppa and enjoy this newsletter. I have included results of our annual competition, lots of photos and content relating to our upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 25th January 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.

Any original article contained in a Rockhampton Orchid Society Newsletter may be re-printed for educational or information purposes, if, the Author and Newsletter & Edition are referenced.

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Saturday 16th November commencing at 1.30pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: NIL

Visitors: NIL

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

Moved	Jeff Glover	Seconded	Jeni Scott	Carried
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Treasurer's Report – This was sent out with the Newsletter.

Karen moved that her report be accepted	Seconded	John Jenkinson	Carried
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CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2024

IN –

- Newsletters –Blackwater Garden Club, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caboolture Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Gympie Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Maryborough Orchid Society, NQ Orchid Society, Pine Rivers Orchid Society, Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society.
- Email from RRC My City re: 2025 Autumn Show
- Email from RRC My City re; 2025 Spring Show
- Email reply from Michelle Landry re: Patron position
- Email with thank you from PROPA for attending recent Field Days on 19th & 20th October
- Email from STOCQ with subscription email
- Minutes from November STOCQ Meeting
- Minutes from November OQI Meeting
- Email to Jeff from Bunnings re: Christmas Night on 5th December

OUT –

- Newsletters from other clubs to members
- Email and letter to Michelle Landry re: Patron EOI

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

Seconded	Marg Handley	Carried
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Growers Group: Nothing to report.

Business Arising from the last meeting: There were two motions passed at our October Meeting with suggested dates for our AGM in 2025. Jeff has been in contact with the people who put forward these motions, and they have rescinded them. It was decided at our last committee meeting that it would be suitable to move the AGM forward a week to the 15th February to allow the Secretary to be in attendance. Dennis Ratcliffe moved a new motion that the AGM be held on the 15th February, and this was seconded by Moyna Richardson, and all agreed.

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

General Business:

- Jeff spoke about the Society asking Michelle Landry if she would fill our Patron's role, Sandra sent her a letter and Michelle has said she would be pleased to take this position. Her appointment will be acknowledged at our AGM Meeting in February. Sandra to advise her our dates so she can put these in her calendar.
- Jeff spoke about the Bunnings Christmas Event, and it was decided that the Society would present a stand. Set-up from 4.30pm with the event to be held between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Members interested in assisting are Bob Jenkins, Shirley Kuhl, Marg & Trevor Handley, Peter Jenkinson, Sandra Rowcliffe and Jeff Bloxson. Jeff will organise a raffle for the night. It was decided any plants members will have for sale will not be charged a commission. Anyone else interested in assisting please contact Jeff. He will approach Bunnings for further information.
- The recent STOCQ Meeting at Buderim that was held in conjunction with the Species Show was discussed. There were donations being requested for orchid clubs to sponsor the Conference Classes at \$65.00 each. On the agenda was accepting the Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society membership. Jeni Scott said Ian Faye delivered a good spiel about the new society, Jeff welcomed the Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society into STOCQ.
- At the Nambour Species Show Jeni Scott took out the Grand Champion and Champion Specimen Awards. The plant has also been upgraded to a higher Award – HCC/AM. Jeni represented both Rockhampton and Port Curtis at the STOCQ Meeting.
- Jeff spoke about the Christmas Dinner – card only for the bar. About 80 members will be attending. Most of the table settings have been sorted out. There will be no large Christmas Hampers, Jeff is organising 10 smaller prizes valued about

\$70 each. Tickets at \$5.00 for this draw with only one ticket per member allowed. There will still be free lucky door prizes. All members agreed to this idea.

- 70th Anniversary Show – Jeff announced that the dinner will also be held at the venue, similar to previous show dinners, with catering by an outside caterer. Shirley Kuhl will be the kitchen co-ordinator. We will be offering Devonshire Teas with scones and sandwiches.
- We will start heavily promoting the show in early 2025.
- Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl have recently had two orchids awarded, Jeff presented one certificate, with the other one to be presented when the AOC Award Certificate arrives.

Plant Commentary – Jeff Glover commented on the beautiful display of orchids tabled in November covering a variety of genera. Jeni Scott mentioned her sales day on the 23rd November at Calliope commencing at 8.00am.

Lucky Number: #3 – Member not at meeting

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

General Raffle – Linda Schulz, Tony O'Connor, Jeff Bloxsom, Dennis Ratcliffe x 2, Denise Philp, Trevor Rawlings, Kerrie Clarke x 3, Karen Carr, Jan Rawlings, Terry Breingan.

Next General Meeting – Saturday 25th January 2025.

Next Committee Meeting – Finished for the year.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm

Jeff Bloxsom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Annual Competition – November 2024 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Asoda</i> , Pine River 'Wasana'	J & N Glover
<i>Dendrobium</i> Touch of Gold	T & M Handley
<i>Maxillaria teruifolia</i>	R Wines

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 89)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Hknsa</i> . Sogo Doll 'Little Angel'	J & P Bennett
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc</i> . Nakornchaisri Red	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Frank's Best	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>Vanda</i> Panchara Delight 'Blue'	J & P Bennett
Oncidium	<i>Oncidium</i> Aka Baby	J Scott
Dendrobium - Phalaenante	<i>Dendrobium</i> Airy Crimson	J & P Bennett
Dendrobium – any other	<i>Dendrobium</i> Touch of Gold	T & M Handley
Phalaenopsis up to 60mm	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Allura Hydra	J & P Bennett
Phalaenopsis over 60mm	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Juihboa Venus	T & M Handley
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Joan Sanders	T & M Handley
Species	<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i>	M & B Richardson
Miscellaneous	<i>Epicattleya</i> Burdekin Shona	R Jenkins & S Kuhl

Novice (Plants Tabled: 22)

Cattleya up to and over 100mm	<i>Cattleya</i> Elizabeth Calov	L & G Schulz
Miscellaneous	<i>Oncidium</i> Aka Baby	L & G Schulz
Species	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i>	T O'Connor

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING





Jeff Glover presenting the Plant Commentary at the November Meeting



Rockhampton Orchid Society 2025 Annual Competition Results

Advanced Growers	Plants Tabled	Meetings Tabled	Popular Votes	Judges Choice	Total Points
BENNETT - J & P	103	11	30.5	5	46.5
SCOTT - J	126	10	24.5	10	44.5
JENKINS - R / KUHL - S	206	11	22.5	3	36.5
HANDLEY - T & M	84	11	13	2	26
MARCH - T	69	10	6.5	4	20.5
GLOVER - J & N	25	8	5	3	16
ROWCLIFFE - S & M	43	11	3.5	1	15.5
BLOXSOM - J & M	32	9	2	1	12
WINES - R	9	8	1	1	10
RICHARDSON - M & B	28	8	1		9
LUCKE - L & P	11	9			9
SMITH - K & R	9	3	2	1	6
HOGAN - J & J	13	6			6
RANKIN - P	5	5			5
O'BRIEN - K & P	12	4	0.5		4.5
LAKEY - B & N	5	2	1		3
JENKINSON - P & T	5	2			2
CRAIG - T & N	2	2			2

Novice Growers	Plants Tabled	Meetings Tabled	Popular Votes	Judges Choice	Total Points
O'CONNOR - T	41	9	11	1	21
SCHULZ - L & G	19	9	9		18
CLARKE - K & D	14	7	5	1	13
RATCLIFFE - D & K	46	9	6		15
BAUMAN - L & K	18	9	3		12
BLACK - M & R	13	7	4		11
MANNING - Y	33	10			10
JENKINSON - J & D	11	5	4		9
THORN - T & A	17	6	3		9
SEMPLE - M	10	6	2		8
CUNNINGHAM - A	2	2	1		3
PRICE - J	2	2	1		3
DAWES - L	7	3			3
WARREN - M	1	1	1		2
CANTWELL - S	1	1	1		2
ROBERTS - C	4	2			2
DAWES - J	10	4			1
GRAHAM - J & T	3	1			1
OLSEN - M	1	1			1
DORE - J	1	1			1
BENTLEY - R	1	1			1
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS			POINTS ALLOCATION		
Popular Vote Trophy - Advanced - J & P BENNETT			1 POINT EACH MEETING PLANT/PLANTS Tabled		
Popular Vote Trophy - Novice - T O'CONNOR			1 POINT FOR POPULAR VOTE		
Judges Choice Trophy - J SCOTT			1 POINT FOR JUDGES CHOICE		
Outstanding Achievement Trophy - J SCOTT					

Congratulations to all our members!

Jeff Bloxsom presenting Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl with their ROSI Certificate for *Brassia* Eternal Wind



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Club Member - Tony O'Connor



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Thank you Post 🌸 🙌

CAA would like to thank Tony at Tiki cafe in the Northside Plaza for his generous donation of puppy biscuits, kitten biscuits and a cage.

He also has CAA donation boxes on his counters to collect spare change.

Please support those who support us. 🐾



Orchid of the Month

This month I am covering the genera *Bulbophyllum*. We had three different plants tabled at our November Meeting.



Bulbophyllums

Source – en.wikipedia.org

Bulbophyllum is a genus of mostly epiphytic and lithophytic orchids in the family Orchidaceae. It is the largest genus in the orchid family and one of the largest genera of flowering plants with more than 2,000 species, exceeded in number only by *Astragalus*. These orchids are found in diverse habitats throughout most of the warmer parts of the world including Africa, southern Asia, Latin America, the West Indies, and various islands in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Orchids in this genus have thread-like or fibrous roots that creep over the surface of trees or rocks or hang from branches. The stem is divided into a rhizome and a pseudobulb, a feature that distinguished this genus from *Dendrobium*. There is usually only a single leaf at the top of the pseudobulb and from one-to-many flowers are arranged along an unbranched flowering stem that arises from the base of the pseudobulb. Several attempts have been made to separate *Bulbophyllum* into smaller genera, but most have not been accepted by the World Checklist of Selected Plant Families.

Description

Plants in the genus *Bulbophyllum* are epiphytic or lithophytic sympodial herbs with thread-like or fibrous roots that creep over the surface on which they grow. The stem consists of a rhizome and a pseudobulb, the latter with one or two usually fleshy or leathery leaves. The flowers are arranged on an unbranched raceme that emerges from the pseudobulb, usually from its base. The dorsal sepal is free from the lateral sepals which themselves may be free or fused to each other. The petals are also free from each other and smaller than the lateral sepals. The labellum is often fleshy, curved and hinged to the base of the column.

Distribution & Habitat

The center of diversity of this genus is in the montane forests of Papua New Guinea (more than 600 species) which seems to be the evolutionary homeland, though the genus is pantropical and widespread, occurring in Australia, Southeast Asia (with over 200 species in Borneo), India, Madagascar (with 135 species, some endemic), Africa and in tropical central and South America.

Taxonomy and naming

The erect to pendent inflorescence arises laterally from the base of the pseudobulb. The flower form has a basic structural blueprint that serves to identify this genus. But this form can be very diverse : compound or single, with few to many flowers, with the resupinate flowers arranged spirally or in two vertical ranks. The sepals and the petals can also be very varied : straight or turned down, without footstalk or with a long claw at the base. They are often hairy or callous. There are two to four hard and waxy pollinia with stipes present or absent. The fruits are beakless capsules.

Evolution and biogeography

The genus *Bulbophyllum* was first formally described in 1822 by Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars in his book *Histoire particulière des plantes orchidées recueillies sur les trois Iles Australes d'Afrique, de France, de Bourbon et de Madagascar* in which he described eighteen species of *Bulbophyllum*.

There are now more than 2,800 records (accepted names and synonyms) for this genus. This large number and the great variety of its forms make the genus a considerable challenge for taxonomists: 120 sections and subgenera have been listed.

The genus name (*Bulbophyllum*) is derived from the Greek *bolbos* meaning 'bulb' and *phyllon*, 'a leaf', referring to the pseudobulbs on top of which the leaf grows.

In 2014, Alec Pridgeon and others proposed merging the genus *Drymoda* with *Bulbophyllum* in the *Genera Orchidacearum* and the change is accepted by Plants of the World Online and the World Checklist of Selected Plant Families. The former species of *Drymoda* included *D. digitata* (now *B. digitatum*), *D. gymnopus* (now *B. gymnopus*), *D. latispala* (now *B. capillipes*), *D. picta* (the type species of *Drymoda*, now *B. drymoda*), and *D. siamensis* (now *B. ayuthayense*).

Molecular phylogenetic studies place the origin of the orchid genus *Bulbophyllum* into the early Miocene. Biogeographic analyses and ancestral area reconstructions identified the Asia-Pacific region as the ancestral area of *Bulbophyllum* and suggest an early-to-late Miocene scenario of 'out-of-Asia-Pacific' origin and progressive (east-to-west) dispersal-mediated diversification, resulting in three additional radiations in Madagascar, Africa and the Neotropics, respectively.

Sections

In 2019 *Bulbophyllum* were separated into four clades - Neotropics, Africa, Madagascar, and the Asia-Pacific.

Polination

Many *Bulbophyllum* species have the typical odor of rotting carcasses, and the flies they attract assist in their reproduction through pollination. Nevertheless, some species with mild and pleasant floral fragrance attract Dacini fruit flies (particularly *Bactrocera* and *Zeugodacus* species) via methyl eugenol, raspberry ketone or zingerone that also act as floral reward during pollination.

To facilitate pollinarium removal and pollinia deposition, this group of orchids, particularly those that attract Dacini fruit flies, possesses a highly modified dynamic lip mechanism - either hinged or see-saw or spring lip (kept either in a close- or open-position depending on resupinate or non-resupinate flower, respectively). When an attracted fly has aligned itself to the opened lip, further probing, feeding and movement towards the lip base result in the lip to snap close, thereby, forcibly tipping the fly in to the column cavity to initiate pollinarium removal or pollinia deposition.

Use in horticulture

Bulbophyllum (abbreviated **Bulb.** in the horticultural trade) includes species that have been the focus of orchid collectors for over a century. The plants require high humidity combined with good air movement and most of them are ever-blooming - flowering continuously throughout the year. They grow best at moderate light levels, but do not thrive in deep shade. They are considered moderate-to-difficult to cultivate and require a controlled growing

environment to achieve some degree of success. They are not typically suitable as houseplants, and most will not thrive in a Wardian case unless they receive adequate air movement.

The plants' growth habit produces widely spaced pseudobulbs along cord-like rhizome sections, and most of these plants are best accommodated on plaques. Some species in this genus can get very large, but most are small to medium-sized epiphytes from warm, moist, humid tropical forests. They can grow continuously year-round with no apparent dormancy period if they are kept warm, are moderate feeders in cultivation, and must be kept moist all the time. They can tolerate dryness for short periods, but they have fine root systems which require moist conditions all the time.

Some of the smaller species do well in pots with small-diameter bark substrate. The plants produce very fine roots generally, and the roots are easily damaged. The plants react poorly to disturbance of their roots. They are easy to maintain once a good environment is established with high humidity and a fresh, buoyant, lightly circulating atmosphere being critical. Most of these species cannot tolerate cold temperatures or freezing.

The flowers produce various odors resembling sap, urine, blood, dung, carrion, and, in some species, fragrant fruity aromas. Most are fly-pollinated and attract hordes of flies. *Bulbophyllum beccarii* in bloom has been likened to smelling like a herd of dead elephants and both this species and *Bulbophyllum fletcherianum* are variously described as making it difficult to walk into a greenhouse in which they are being cultivated if the plants are in bloom because of their overpowering floral odors.



B. baileyi var. *alba*



B. falcatum



B. flabellum-veneris



B. putidum



B. translucidum



B. pectenveners

Judging Notes January 2025

by Jeff Glover

What a year 2024 was for our Judging Panel . By my calculations we granted 11 Australian Orchid Council (AOC) awards which included 4 x Highly Commended Certificates (HCC), 2 x Awards of Cultural Commendation (ACC), 2 x Award of Merit (AM) , 1 x Award of Cultural Commendation (ACM) and 2 x Award of Cultural Excellence (ACE) all to ROSI members; two being their first awards, which is always a great to see. Our best yearly total ever, and I feel it is therefore somewhat appropriate that now after 10 years as the Northern Panel Registrar and along with this timely achievement; to stand down and not re-nominate for the position at the forthcoming STOCQI AGM in February 2025.

Under my watch, 5 Rockhampton Orchid Society members qualified as Judges. This is something that we can all be proud of , as it was always my goal when taking on the position, that along with the existing regional judges; extra judges would give us more than enough to remain autonomous and to be able to continue the awarding of CQ's grower's plants. (Minimum required for an award is 5 Judges) I also started another round of student judges this year and all 7 have completed their first year . It is a big commitment , as it takes 5 years minimum to become a qualified judge and for a lot of people it takes longer. In addition, and perhaps the highlight of my tenure was one of the Panel's awards went on to receive a Queensland Hybrid of the Year award for its ROSI owners.



Hence, I feel my legacy is complete and I believe that on-going change is good for all entities, so it is with great pleasure I can announce that after unanimous endorsement at the recent convened panel meeting by the members present, Peter Jenkinson has agreed to nominate for the position. I will support Peter in the transition and in conjunction with him continue the training responsibility for the panel's Student Judges to attain Associate Judge status; and be happy to take a back seat when he is comfortable in the position. I am sure all panel and societies' members will support him in what can sometimes be a demanding and thankless role, but can also be one of great pleasure. I feel I have done my best and am happy with my decision. I would like to thank my fellow judges and members of the now 4 societies, with the recent inclusion of Port Curtis Orchid and Foliage Society into the STOCQI , that make up our Northern Panel, for their support over the past 10 years.

As well, at the convened panel meeting on the 19th November 2024, which could be considered fitting as it was my last as Registrar, a plant of mine was awarded an AM. *Paphiopedilum* Bell Royal 'Krisett-Darryl' AM/AOC 82.2 points pictured below. As this plant was awarded after the November monthly meeting, as per the ROSI rules, it will now be countered for inclusion in the Outstanding Achievement Trophy for 2025.

Wishing you good growing for the forthcoming year ,

< ***Paphiopedilum* Bell Royal Krisett-Darryl AM/AOC 82.2 points**



MONTHLY MEETING – ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES

The monthly popular vote competition is divided into two groups: **ADVANCED** and **NOVICE**. Upon joining the society members can elect which group to enter. However, if you have minimal experience in orchid culture, you will be placed in the novice group (*default joining group*), if you have considerable-extensive experience in orchid culture you *may* be placed in the advanced group. The winner of the novice group each year will automatically advance to the advanced section. If you are still in the novice section after a period of 10 years continuous membership you will also automatically advance to the advanced section. Plants can be tabled in the advanced and novice groups under the following sections:

ADVANCED SECTIONS

Cattleya – up to 100mm	Vandaceous – up to 65mm	Species (All Genera)
Cattleya – over 100mm	Vandaceous – over 65mm	Paphiopedilum
Phalaenopsis – up to 60mm	Dendrobium	Catasetinae
Phalaenopsis – over 60mm	Oncidiinae	Miscellaneous

NOVICE SECTIONS

Cattleya – up to 100mm	Oncidiinae	Species (All Genera)
Cattleya – over 100mm	Vandaceous	Miscellaneous
Dendrobium	Phalaenopsis	

Plants must be owned and grown by the member for **at least six months** prior to being tabled at a meeting. Plants must be tabled by the owner of the plant/s (eg: - A & B Blogs – either of these people can table the plants- BUT no proxy entries). Each section requires a minimum of three plants, except in the miscellaneous section. In the event of a section not having three plants, then, if in any of the two Cattleya sections, or any of the two Vandaceous or Phalaenopsis sections they are combined, in any other section they are moved to miscellaneous. On recommendation from the Registrar and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, sections may be increased or altered to suit flowering orchids tabled.

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION.

A grower is awarded **one point** for: – tabling a plant or plants; – on winning a popular vote from all attending members in each section. The member with the greatest number of points for the year is the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

JUDGES CHOICE COMPETITION

Judges will include all judges, and associate judges present on the day who are willing to participate in a Judging team led by the most senior or experienced judge in attendance. Each month the Judges will select three plants from all plants tabled (Advanced and Novice Sections) as being the outstanding blooms of the day and each plant will be awarded 1 Judges choice point. The grower receiving the greatest number of Judges choice points for the year shall be declared the winner. In the event of a draw the grower with the greater number of plants tabled for the year shall be declared the winner.

COMPETITION PRIZES.

In winning a voting section or judge's choice at each monthly meeting, cash prizes of \$5.00 per popular vote winner and \$10.00 per Judges choice will be presented at the annual ROSI Christmas function/presentation night. A perpetual trophy as well as a smaller trophy to keep will be awarded to the winners of the advanced and novice popular vote competition and the member gaining the most points in the Judges choice competition during the year.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY

Competition for this trophy commences December 1st and closes November 30th of the following year. This trophy is awarded to the member of a plant receiving the highest award/points for an orchid.

The highest award being an award from the AOC – STOCQ then followed by a ROSI club award. In the case where no plants had been awarded for the year then the trophy will go to the Grand Champion winner/s from that years' ROSI Shows. In the case of a draw the trophy will be shared between the winners. The trophy will be presented at our annual Christmas function/presentation night. (The allocation of the trophy in this section may be changed pending a decision by the ROSI executive members.)

CAVEAT: To enter any of the above competitions you must be an active (financial) member of the ROSI and have attended at least (3) official functions of the ROSI each calendar year. This includes monthly meetings, ROSI workshops or shows.



We Welcome Tony O'Connor, Lyn Hopes and Pam Walker into Advanced Growers in 2025.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All financial members are eligible to nominate for an Executive or Ex Officio position within the club. All members are encouraged to apply for a position if they feel that they could hold a position within the governing body of the club. If you have an interest in a position, or believe that you could fulfil a certain position, why not submit a nomination? New ideas and diversity are welcome and ensure a growing and prosperous club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your annual fees are due to be paid before the Annual General Meeting in February. Could you please complete and return the below nomination form when paying your fees, or once fees have been paid if paying by Electronic Funds Transfer / Bank Deposit. Completing this form and providing us with your contact details will enable us to check and update all your information. If paying by cash at the meeting, please put the money in an envelope with your name on it and hand to the Treasurer.

ROSI strongly endorses reducing paper printed newsletters, thereby all newsletters will be emailed to members' email addresses.

(ROSI Members who do not have email access can still request printed newsletters for the same membership fee, however this may be subject to change in the future. Please contact either Sandra Rowcliffe or Karen Carr.)

Fees can now be paid at a General Meeting or by direct deposit by Electronic Funds Transfer or by Bank Deposit into our Bendigo Bank account. The Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. has **a single membership fee per household** policy, which allows for a single fee apply for a Family/Couple or Single.

ANNUAL FEE \$30-00

BSB	Account Number	Account Name	Reference
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ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. AGM NOMINATION FORM FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

We the undersigned, financial members of the Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc hereby nominate:

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For the position of:

Proposer..... Signature.....

Seconder..... Signature.....

I, being a financial member of the Society, accept the nomination.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – 2025

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EMAIL (2nd Member)

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting Saturday 24th February 2024 commencing at 1.30pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

Minutes of 2023 AGM meeting, copy which was included in January newsletter, was approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Peter Jenkinson

Seconded David Eggleshaw

Carried

Business arising from the minutes – NIL.

Letter from Auditor: Karen Carr read out a letter from our Auditor - Luke Reid of CA Accounting Parkhurst. With the changes to the levels of Associations and our Society now considered a small club under \$300,000, the rules state that we are not required to get an annual audit. Jeff explained that all we are required to do was to keep the books correctly by the Treasurer and that the President can sign off on these. Jeff asked around the room the members consensus on whether we no longer get our books audited, the majority of members were in favour of this. The audit cost around \$400 which will be a cost saving.

Membership Fees: Jeff Bloxsom asked what members felt about membership fees, should they remain at \$30, or be raised. Dennis Ratcliffe moved that the members fee should be left at \$30, this was seconded by Jeff Glover and all agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Carr presented the treasurer's and auditor's reports.

Karen then moved they be accepted

Seconded Trish Craig

Carried

Prior to the declaring that all positions were vacant outgoing President Jeff Bloxsom -

- Thanked Tony March for his fantastic support and hard work during 2023.
- Thanked Sandra Rowcliffe for her effort in several roles – Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Facebook Administration & Promotions Officer.
- Thanked Karen Carr for taking over the Treasurers Job when our previous Treasurer Di MacKenzie left Rockhampton.
- Thanked all committee members for their support and hard work during 2023.
- Thanked all the members who assisted during the year for their effort and support.
- He declared all positions vacant.
- Jeff then handed the Chair over to Tony March (vice president) who read the nomination for President.
- After Jeff was re-elected in the role of President, he again took the Chair.

Election of Officials:

POSITION	NOMINATED & ACCEPTED	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY
Patron	Neil Fisher	Jeff Bloxsom	Tony March
President	Jeff Bloxsom	Jenni Scott	Peter Jenkinson
Vice President	Tony March	Sandra Rowcliffe	Maxine Robinson
Secretary	Sandra Rowcliffe	Robyn Bentley	Bob Jenkins
Treasurer	Karen Carr	John Jenkinson	Shirley Kuhl
Committee #1	Trish Craig	Karen Carr	Jeff Bloxsom
Committee #2	Bob Jenkins	Karen Carr	Maxine Robinson
Committee #3	Shirely Kuhl	Robyn Bentley	Tony March
Committee #4	Robyn Bentley	Sandra Rowcliffe	Shirley Kuhl
Committee #5	Peter Jenkinson	Karen Carr	Sandra Rowcliffe
Committee #6	John Jenkinson	Jeff Bloxsom	Sandra Rowcliffe
Committee #7	Maxine Robinson	Karen Carr	Robyn Bentley
Committee #8	Miriam Black	Moyna Richardson	Shirley Cantwell
Club Registrar	Jeff Glover	Jeff Bloxsom	Karen Carr
Librarian	Y'vonne Manning	Karen Carr	Sandra Rowcliffe
Newsletter Editor	Sandra Rowcliffe	Jeff Bloxsom	Karen Carr
Assistant Editor	Karen Carr	Jeff Bloxsom	Shirley Kuhl

Growers Group Co-ordinator	Maxine Maunder	Peter Jenkinson	Sandra Rowcliffe
Growers Group Assistant #1	Jan Hogan	Maxine Robinson	All in agreeance
Growers Group Assistant #2	Gwen Breingan	Maxine Robinson	All in agreeance
Publicity Officer #1	Sandra Rowcliffe	Peter Jenkinson	Jeff Bloxsom
Publicity Officer #2	Robyn Bentley	Peter Jenkinson	Sandra Rowcliffe
Cultural Advisor	Jeff Glover	Tony March	Bob Jenkins
Provedore	Maxine Robinson	Tony March	Karen Carr
Meeting Plant Monitor #1	Peter Jenkinson	Karen Carr	Jeff Bloxsom
Meeting Plant Monitor #2	Bob Jenkins	Jeff Bloxsom	Karen Carr
Meeting Plant Monitor #3	Tony March	Jeff Bloxsom	Robyn Bentley
Meeting Plant Monitor #4	Moyna Richardson	Jeff Bloxsom	Karen Carr
Door Monitor/Hostess #1	Daphne Jenkinson	Karen Carr	Jeff Bloxsom
Door Monitor/Hostess #2	Kay Bauman	Karen Carr	Sandra Rowcliffe
Property Officers	Barry & Faye English	Jeff Bloxsom	Tony March
Web Master	Bob Lakey	Jeff Bloxsom	Peter Jenkinson
Facebook Administrator	Sandra Rowcliffe	Shirley Kuhl	Peter Jenkinson

At the conclusion of the election the president, Jeff Bloxsom, closed the Annual General Meeting at 2.05pm.

Jeff Bloxsom
President

Sandra Rowcliffe
Secretary

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2025

MEETING COMMENCES AT 1.30PM SHARP.

**2024 AGM MINUTES IN THIS NEWSLETTER WITH RENEWAL FORMS AND
POSITION VOTING SLIPS WHICH MUST BE LODGED WITH THE
SECRETARY NO LATER THAN 1st FEBRUARY 2025**

MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE TO BE RENEWED!

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CUT-OFF DATE IS BY 30th MARCH 2025, AFTER
THAT DATE NEWSLETTERS WILL NOT BE SENT TO UNFINANCIAL
MEMBERS.**

President's 2024 Report

I am pleased to present my report for the above year of our Society

How time flies, another year has come and gone and now we are moving into our 70th year in 2025. I think this achievement alone attests to the success of such a large Society.

2024 was no exception with several events, functions and shows well supported by our members.

Our annual Spring and Autumn shows were held at the Old Rockhampton Art Gallery due to the unavailability of the Frenchville club being under renovation. A well-appointed and great venue but proved to be a little too small and dysfunctional for our large Shows. This year, however, we have been able to secure the Schwarten Pavilion at the show grounds to hold both our shows in. From one extreme to another, a massive venue to fill but I am sure we will accomplish this.

Tragically in July this year we lost our wonderful Patron CR Neil Fisher. Neil passed after battling a long illness with cancer. Neil was such a passionate plant enthusiast, a very caring and dedicated person whom we will all greatly miss.

As we no longer hold the tri-annual field weekends, it was decided to visit PROPA for a field weekend in October. A great weekend of bush housing and social functions was enjoyed by all who attended.

This year we received some \$7322 from four grants thanks to the tireless efforts of our secretary Sandra Rowcliffe. Hopefully we will be able to procure some this year. We have started 2025 with a successful \$500 Frenchville Community Partnership grant.

In July we held our ever-popular social midyear event at Kershaw gardens. A great day of fun and fellowship was had by all.

In judging news, this year was our highest year for AOC awards given to various members. In all, 11 AOC awards were granted. One of our associate judges was elevated to full judge, congratulations Sandra Rowcliffe who now joins our existing 6 judges. Under the guidance of the NQ registrar Jeff Glover another 7 trainee judges completed their first year.

This year will be a big year celebrating our 70th anniversary. The main celebrations will be held at our Autumn Show on the 26/27 April at the Schwarten Pavilion, Rockhampton Show Grounds. With the advantage of such a large complex it should prove to be a huge success. Though at a previous General Meeting it was voted to keep all our shows as closed shows, ROSI members only, this includes our 70th Anniversary Show. We have also managed to secure this venue for our Show in September on the 20/21 as the Frenchville Sports Club will not complete their renovations until the end of the year.

In the latter part of 2024, we approached Michelle Landry MP to take on the position of our patron and she graciously accepted. Hence Michelle will be appointed our Patron from 2025 at our AGM.

In closing I would like to thank all my Executive and Committee for the outstanding support and hard work during the year. As well as to all our members for their continued participation and support of the various functions and events held over the year. A Club is only as good as the members want to make it.

I hope you all have a wonderful year and achieve your goals in 2025.

Jeff Blossom

President 2024

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MARG OLSEN & MIRRIAM BLACK

What an outstanding weekend bus trip to Mackay we had in October! Leaving Rockhampton at 8.00am, we arrived at Sarina at lunchtime. After a visit to the Sugar Shed, we were hosted by Max and Susan Rawlings at their home who put on a delicious lunch. It was very welcome after the long drive.

We also had a chance to view their greenhouses and check out any plants that maybe for sale the following day. We were given the opportunity to purchase some plants at Max and Doug's combined greenhouse, and then onto Doug's home before heading off to our motel in Mackay.

After a welcome rest to unwind, we were on the bus again heading to the Bowls Club where we all enjoyed an excellent meal and dessert. This was capped by our members scooping the pool in the raffle winning five of the six prizes.

The next day saw us visiting a number of homes where we were able to view the amazing variety of gardens with a range of orchids, bromeliads, begonias and other plants with a selection available to purchase.

In between these visits, we enjoyed the hospitality of the PROPA Society at the Mackay Showgrounds where we were provided with delicious food and an opportunity to win even more plants in the raffles.

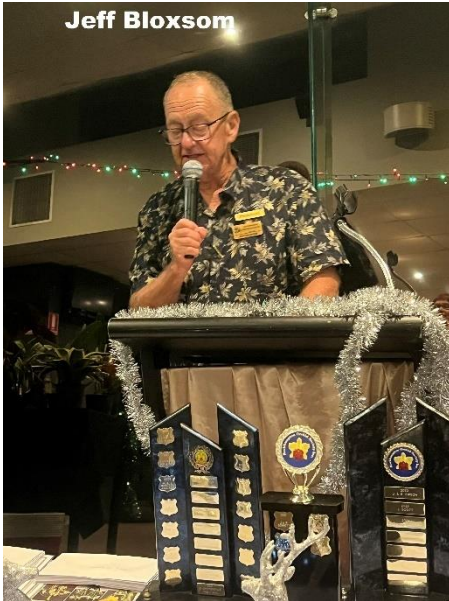
We certainly packed in a lot in before boarding the bus to head back to Rockhampton.

Many thanks to Jeff for organising this fun weekend. It was a great chance to see beautiful gardens, orchid houses and many other types of plants, as well as making new friends. It would be a great shame if this type of opportunity became unavailable so we would really encourage members to go on these trips if they can. They would certainly not regret going and it makes it possible for them to continue.

BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT PHOTOS



Christmas Dinner Photos



Jeff Bloxsom



Paul & Jana Bennett with Jeff Bloxsom



Jeni Scott & Jeff Bloxsom



Tony O'Connor & Jeff Bloxsom



Jeni Scott & Jeff Bloxsom



Jeff Bloxsom & Shirley Kuhl
& Bob Jenkins



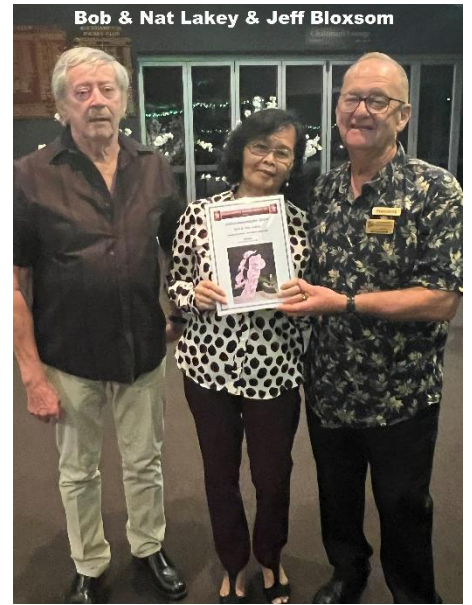
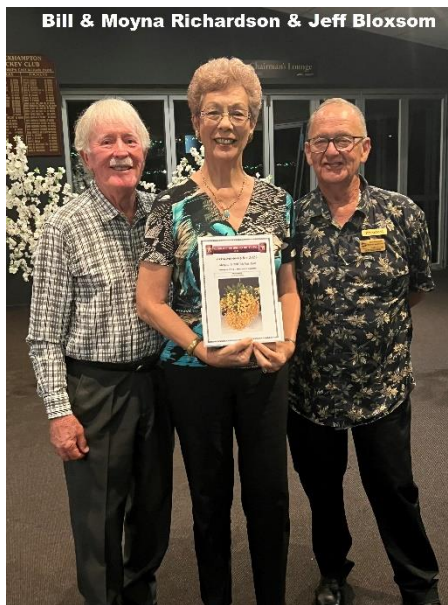
Trevor & Marg Handley & Jeff Bloxsom

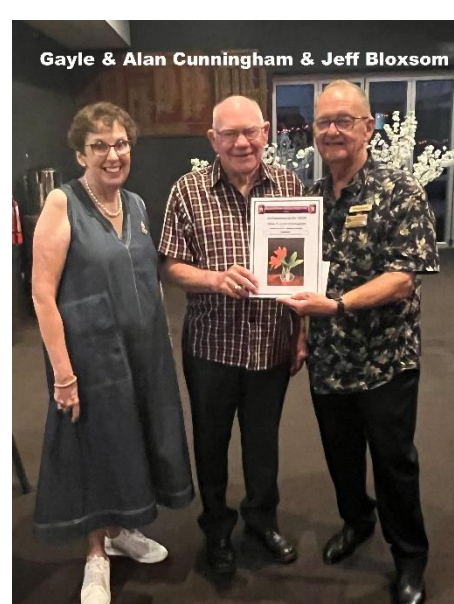
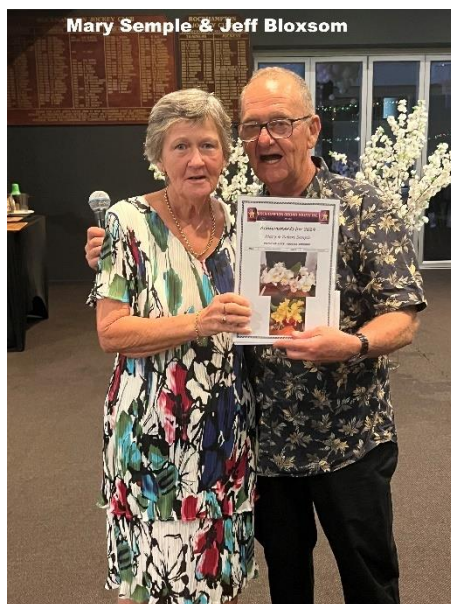


Jeff Bloxsom & Jodee & Tony March



Jeff & Norma Glover & Jeff Bloxsom

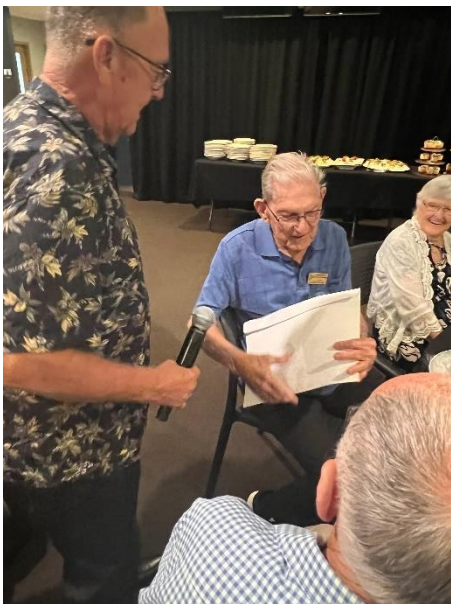




And the winner of this hamper draw is Jeff Bloxsom – check out Shirley when his name was announced.....



Laurie Lucke who celebrated his 93rd Birthday on the day is being presented with a large birthday card signed by the members and presented with a box of chocolates. We wish Laurie many more happy years to come.





Congratulations Tara & Anthony Thorn on the safe arrival of your daughter Mackenzie Lee-Ann, who was born at 5.20am on Tuesday 24th December.

She is absolutely adorable.

2025 Dates

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

- February** 8th - STOCQ AGM - Gympie
- 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
- May** 17th & 18th – Bribie IOS Show
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** 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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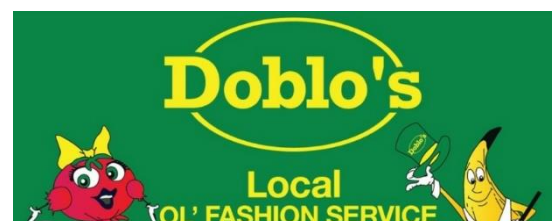
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