



Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Newsletter – January 2026



I hope no one had their orchids eaten by reindeer over Christmas, but sadly with the rain around the Dendrobium Beetle is out in numbers. I hope you are managing to keep them out of your greenhouses.

Here we are now in the 71st year of the Society, I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing break over the holiday season. In the lead up to Christmas we had a few of our members suffering health problems and I hope they are all recovering and fit and ready for a busy 2026.

I have included photos from our Christmas Awards Evening in this newsletter. Wasn't that a lovely evening with great company, yummy food and an amazing array of prizes. A great job with the organising and decorating of our venue. The folded serviettes done by Linda Schulz looked amazing. The Rockhampton Bowls Club was a great venue for our final social event of the year. Shirley & Karen did an tremendous job selecting the prizes for our ten lucky door prizes, they

looked amazing. Thank you to Mirriam and the Bowls Club Members for their assistance during the night.

As we start 2026 our next Show is on the 21st & 22nd March which is now less than three months away. Planning for this will kick off quickly this year. We also have a AGM in February and again if you would like to assist with the running of the Society please put your hand up. Membership Fees are now due - \$30 per family/single, they can be paid by direct transfer or cash at our January Meeting. Please remember you have no voting rights at our AGM if your membership has not been renewed.³⁹

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 24th January 2026.
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 22nd November commencing at 1.32pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: NIL

Visitors: Pat Lorraway (Pat's husband Ron was an original ROSI member with Terry Dean)

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

Minutes of October 2025 monthly meeting as published in the November newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Sue Eggleshaw

Seconded

Peter Rankin

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2025

IN –

- Newsletters – Blackwater Garden Club, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & District Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Maryborough Orchid Society, Nambour Orchid Society, NQ Orchid Society, Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society
- Email from Marg Beckett Redcliffe Orchid Society wanted our 2026 Show Dates
- Email from STOCQ advising their next meeting in Gympie 14th February 2026
- Email from STOCQ with 2026 Show Dates
- Email from Jay Turner Mackay Orchid Society wanting our 2026 Show Dates
- Email from AOC

OUT -

- All Club Newsletters sent out to members
- Submission to Frenchville Sports Club for Community Partnership Grant First Round 2026
- Email to Mackay Orchid Society with our 2026 Show Dates
- Email to Redcliffe Society with our 2026 Show Dates

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

Seconded

Dennis Ratcliffe

Carried

Treasurer's Report – This was sent out with November Newsletter.

Karen Carr moved that the report be accepted

Seconded

Shae Tjerkstra

Carried

Karen had researched Term Deposits, and this will be discussed further in early 2026

Growers Group:

Jeff thanked Robyn for the effort she had put into being our Grower's Group Co-ordinator, especially taking it on in her first year with ROSI. Robyn replied that it was self-serving as she needed advice on orchid growing and felt it was important keeping the workshops going when no other member put up their hand to fill the role. She mentioned that the three workshops worked well and she aimed to organise the same number in 2026, looking at April, June & October. This will be discussed further in the new year. She mentioned she was happy to do the role again, enjoying the lovely socialising as well as extending her knowledge. Jeff mentioned that it was disappointing that we didn't see more of our newer members at these gatherings.

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

General Business:

- Jeff said that there was not a lot to discuss with our year coming to an end. He mentioned that 2025 was a good year for the society with our 70th Celebrations and a great year financially.
- Jeff then handed out the Club's Cultural Awards.
- There were 91 members for the Christmas Dinner, our Patron Michelle Landry and her daughter will be attending.
- Moyna mentioned that if the Bowls Club Carpark was full that there was parking across the road or in the Suncorp Carpark.
- Doors will open at 6.00pm for dinner at 7.00pm.
- Karen & Shirley have purchased and done up the 10 Lucky Door Prizes.
- Working bee to set up Dinner Venue will be 1.00pm onwards.
- Moyna suggested Jeff check with Mirriam about the arrangements for the keys.
- Jeff went through the awards for the year.
- Jeff thanked everyone for their attendance and assistance during 2025

Plant Commentary - Peter Jenkinson completed the plant commentary.

Lucky Number: #49 – Jenni Price – not in attendance, plant added to raffle

Exhibitor's Draw: #88 – Jana Bennett

General Raffle – Rosemary Wines, Sue Eggleshaw, Jeff Bloxsom, David Eggleshaws x 2, Karen Carr x 2, Pam Walker, Peter Jenkinson x 3, Denise Philips x 3, Jan Rawlins, Sandra Rowcliffe x 2, Allan Cunningham, Moyna Richardson, Trevor Rawlings.

Next General Meeting – Saturday 24th January 2026

Next Committee Meeting – will be following January 2026 Meeting
Meeting closed at 3.15pm

Jeff Blossom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Annual Competition – November 2025 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Dendrobium</i> Touch of Gold	T & M Handley
<i>Paph.</i> Prime Child 'Shadowfax'	T & M Handley
<i>E. Bee's Knees</i> x <i>E. tempensis</i>	T March

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 74)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Volkertara</i> Lipa Elizabeta Zelenko	J & P Bennett
Cattleya over 100mm	Tie – <i>Rlc.</i> Chief Journey Tie – <i>Rlc.</i> Fong Yuan Beauty	B Jenkins & S Kuhl J & P Bennett
Oncidiinae	<i>Brs.</i> Eternal Wind	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>V.</i> Crownfox 'Golden Dawn'	J & M Bloxsom
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>V.</i> Lenavat x <i>V.</i> Pakchong Newland	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Dendrobium – Combined	<i>Den.</i> Aridang Blue	T March
Species – All Genera	<i>Dendrobium gratiossimum</i>	T March
Phalaenopsis up to & over 60mm	<i>Phal.</i> Sogo Lawrence 'Sogo F1839'	T & M Handley
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Lady Rothschild	S & M Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Ctsm.</i> Mark's Red Hermosa	T March

Novice (Plants Tabled: 13)

Cattleya up to and over 100mm	<i>C. C. G.</i> Roebling 'Blue Indigo' x <i>C. violacea</i> fma. <i>coerulea</i>	Y Manning
Miscellaneous	<i>Den.</i> (Toshiko Blue x Izumi)	D & K Ratcliffe
Species	<i>Aer. flabellata</i>	D & K Clarke

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Volkertara Lipa Elizabeta
Zelenko J & P Bennett



Rlc. Chief Journey -
B Jenkins & S Kuhl



Rlc. Fong Yuan Beauty
J & P Bennett



Brs. Eternal Wind - B Jenkins & S Kuhl



V. Crownfox 'Golden Dawn'
J & M Bloxson



V. Lenavat x V. Pakchong
Newland B Jenkins & S Kuhl



Den. Arindang Blue
T March



Den. gratiosissimum - T March



Phal. Sogo Lawrence 'Sogo F1839'
T & M Handley



Paph. Lady Rothschild
S & M Rowcliffe



Ctsm. Mark's Red
Hermosa - T March



C. C. G. Roebling 'Blue Indigo' x C.
violacea fma. coerula - Y Manning



Den. (Toshiko Blue x Izumi)
D & K Ratcliffe



Aer. flabellata - D & K Clarke



At our November Meeting we had the privilege to welcome Pat Lorroway, wife one of the Societies original members Roy. Sadly, Roy has passed. Roy & Pat joined at the same time as Terry & Ellie Dean. Shirley Cantwell & Pat have remained friends over the years, and Shirley invited her to our meeting. Pat mentioned that she was still caring for Roy's Orchids with some plants over 60 years old.

Club Cultural Award Certificates Presented.



Club Cultural Awards were presented at our November Meeting to Marg Handley, Jana & Paul Bennett and Peter Jenkinson. Congratulations on their achievements.

Orchid Seed Photos

Source – Carter & Holmes Orchids

I have never seen such a clear boundary between seed and chaff before. This pod split about 6 weeks or more ago. I wrapped it tight in a paper towel, eggroll style and left it to dry in my office. While drying, the pod split and seed began to filter out but couldn't really move. I unwrapped it today, and you can see the fertile seed came out at the anther end, the chaff was at the other end. I tested the seed under a microscope. The brown was almost 100 percent viable. The white was the opposite. Almost all dehydrated husks with the occasional viable seed that sifted through. Usually if something appears to be low viability, we will extract a sample from right near the anther end, in case the pollen tubes don't grow very far. Sometimes the only viable seed will be in the one location inside the pod.



2025 ROSI ANNUAL COMPETITON RESULTS

Advanced Growers	Plants Tabled	Meetings Tabled	Popular Votes	Judges Choice	Total Points
T & M HANDLEY	121	10	23.5	8	41.5
J & P BENNETT	121	10	23.5	4	37.5
B JENKINS & S KUHL	158	10	18	2	30
T MARCH	55	9	15.5	5	29.5
J & M BLOXSOM	44	10	6.5	2	18.5
J SCOTT	35	3	8.5	3	14.5
K & R SMITH	20	8	2	2	12
T O'CONNOR	24	8	3.5		11.5
M & B RICHARDSON	33	8	3		11
P RANKIN	10	7	3		10
P & T JENKINSON	7	5	1	2	8
S & M ROWCLIFFE	24	6	2		8
R WINES	5	4	2	1	7
J HOGAN	9	7			7
L & P LUCKE	5	5			5
T CRAIG	10	3			3
J & N GLOVER	4	1	0.5		1.5
M & C DAHLER	1	1			1
A & L MIKKELSEN	1	1			1
B & N LAKEY	1	1			1
Novice Growers	Plants Tabled	Meetings Tabled	Popular Votes	Judges Choice	Total Points
D & K RATCLIFFE	38	9	7.5		16.5
K & D CLARKE	13	7	7.5		14.5
L & G SCHULZ	27	6	7.5		13.5
Y MANNING	36	9	4		13
L & K BAUMAN	10	5	4	1	10
M SEMPLE	15	8	2		10
A & G CUNNINGHAM	5	4	2		6
R BENTLEY	5	4	1		5
M WARREN	4	4	1		5
M BLACK	12	4	0.5		4.5
J & D JENKINSON	4	3	1		4
K & P O'BRIEN	13	4			4
T & A THORN	2	1	1		2
S CANTWELL	1	1			1
J DORE	1	1			1
R MURPHY	1	1			1
L DAWES	1	1			1

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Popular Vote Trophy - Advanced - Tied
Trevor & Marg Handley and Jana & Paul Bennett
Popular Vote Trophy - Novice - Dennis & Kay Ratcliffe
Judges Choice Trophy - Trevor & Marg Handley
Outstanding Achievement Trophy - Jeff & Norma Glover

Congratulations to these members!



MONTHLY MEETING – ANNUAL COMPETITION RULES

The monthly popular vote competition is divided into two groups: **ADVANCED** and **NOVICE**. When 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 section 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	Catasetinae
Phalaenopsis – up to 60mm	Dendrobium – Phalaenanthé & Intermediate	Miscellaneous
Phalaenopsis – over 60mm	Dendrobium – Any other type	
Oncidiinae	Paphiopedilum	

NOVICE SECTIONS

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

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, the two Vandaceous, the two Dendrobium or the two 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; – and one point:- 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, associate judges and student 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 have been awarded for the year then the trophy will go to the Grand Champion winner/s from that year's 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 ROSI and have attended a minimum of (3) monthly meetings of the Society each calendar year.



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 nomination form below 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 it 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 that applies to a Family/Couple or Single Person.

ANNUAL FEE \$30-00

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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 – 2026

NAME/S

ADDRESS

..... POSTCODE

PRIMARY PHONE

SECONDARY PHONE (2nd Member)

EMAIL (Primary)

EMAIL (2nd Member)

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting Saturday 15th February 2025 commencing at 1.30pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

Minutes of 2024 AGM meeting, copy which was included in January newsletter, was moved as correct and accurate.

Moved Shirley Kuhl	Seconded Trish Craig	Carried
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Business arising from the minutes – NIL

Membership Fees: There has been a suggestion that our membership fee - \$30.00 (Family/Single) should remain the same.

Dennis Ratcliffe moved that the membership fee remain at \$30.00, this was seconded by David Clarke and all agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Due to unexpected trip away by Karen Carr for a family reason, Sandra Rowcliffe compiled an interim spreadsheet on income & expenditure for 2024-2025, to hand out at the meeting. It was brought to our attention that there was an error on one of the entries. Karen will present an accurate report at the March Meeting.

Proxy Votes received for the AGM:

- Ian Fay and Michael Sanderson, Ron and Helen Rowcliffe, Jeff & Norma Glover, Sharyn Frisch, Jeni Scott, Tony March

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

- Thanked all committee members for their support and hard work during 2024.
- Thanked Tony March who is outgoing vice president who is not seeking re-election, for all of his assistance, Jeff mentioned that Tony was his right-hand man.
- Jeff thanked Karen (Treasurer) & Sandra (Secretary) for their support and contributions.
- Jeff 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 Sandra Rowcliffe (Secretary), in the absence of our Vice President, who announced our incoming Patron Michelle Landry and asked if she would like to come forward to say a few words. Michelle spoke that even though she did not possess the knowledge our previous patron, vale Neil Fisher possessed, that she has a keen interest in orchids and had attended many of our shows over the years.
- Sandra then 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	Michelle Landry	Jeff Bloxsom	Sandra Rowcliffe
President	Jeff Bloxsom	Daphne Jenkinson	Peter Jenkinson
Vice President	Bob Jenkins Jana Bennett <i>A secret ballot was held and Bob was voted in</i>	Tony March Tony O'Connor	Sandra Rowcliffe Fay English
Secretary	Sandra Rowcliffe	John Jenkinson	Shirley Kuhl
Treasurer	Karen Carr Paul Bennett <i>A secret ballot was held and Karen was voted in</i>	Daphne Jenkinson Tony O'Connor	Robyn Bentley Tony March
Committee #1	Peter Jenkinson	Jeff Bloxsom	Tony March
Committee #2	Shirley Kuhl	Peter Jenkinson	Tony March
Committee #3	John Jenkinson	Jeff Bloxsom	Robyn Bentley
Committee #4	Robyn Bentley	John Jenkinson	Tony March
Committee #5	Tony March	Daphne Jenkinson	Bob Jenkins
Committee #6	Maxine Robinson	Sandra Rowcliffe	Robyn Bentley
Committee #7	Trish Craig	Daphne Jenkinson	Sandra Rowcliffe
Committee #8	Paul Bennett	Tony O'Connor	Tony March
Committee #9	Jana Bennett	Tony O'Connor	Faye English
Club Registrar	Jeff Glover	Peter Jenkinson	Tony March
Librarian	Y'vonne Manning	Maxine Robinson	Daphne Jenkinson
Newsletter Editor	Sandra Rowcliffe	Shirley Kuhl	Bob Jenkins
Assistant Editor	Karen Carr	Shirley Kuhl	John Jenkinson
Growers Group Co-ordinator	Vacant		
Publicity Officer #1	Sandra Rowcliffe	Jeff Bloxsom	Peter Jenkinson
Cultural Advisor	Jeff Glover	Jeff Bloxsom	Sandra Rowcliffe

Provedore	Maxine Robinson	Shirley Kuhl	Bob Jenkins
Door Monitor/Hostess #1	Daphne Jenkinson	Robyn Bentley	Shirley Kuhl
Door Monitor/Hostess #2	Judy Dore	Kay Bauman	Maxine Robinson
Property Officers	Vacant		
Web Master	Bob Lakey	Jeff Bloxsom	Robyn Bentley
Facebook Administrator	Sandra Rowcliffe	Peter Jenkinson	John Jenkinson
Facebook Administrator	Robyn Bentley	Jeff Bloxsom	Sandra Rowcliffe

- Barry & Faye English have decided they no longer wish to be the property officers, Jeff asked for expression of interest from the floor of which there were none.
- At this stage the store will be closed to members until the committee decides what it will do. Jeff mentioned that Allan Mikkelsen has a stall at the Stockland Markets most Sundays and he sells orchid supplies.
- Robyn Bentley spoke that it was sad to see the Grower's Group go into recess because no one wants to be the co-ordinator. Jeff said that the Committee would discuss what we do next.
- There was to have been a meeting during March at the Dahler's house at Bajool but this would be cancelled until plans can be made. Robyn Murphy showed her interest and Jeff advised her to speak to Maxine of what the position entails.

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 28th FEBRUARY 2026

MEETING COMMENCES AT 1.30PM SHARP.

**2025 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 2026, AFTER
THAT DATE NEWSLETTERS WILL NOT BE SENT TO UNFINANCIAL
MEMBERS.**



President's Report for 2025

I have great pleasure in presenting my annual report

Yet again another very successful year for our Society. This year marked our 70th anniversary year. It was with great pleasure to welcome our new Patron Michelle Landry MP.



To celebrate and mark our 70th anniversary we decided to make our first show in April our 70th Anniversary Show and dinner. With almost 1500 visitors, and around 160 for the official Show Dinner. Our new venue the Robert Schwarten Pavillion at the Rockhampton Show grounds proved a tremendous success. We were able to have four vendors as well as bring back our Devonshire Teas. We had a lot of positive feedback about our new venue and have decided to try and hold all our future shows here at the Show grounds.

To mark our 70th anniversary, a special orchid was bred by one of our members, Jana Bennett. From flask to seeding then mature plant, Jana looked after this plant until our Anniversary Show and managed to have over 100 plants in magnificent bloom available at the show. This plant was a beautiful Dendrobium, which we named *Den. ROSI Platinum Jubilee*.

We were able to hold our Show dinner also in the Pavillion amongst the beautiful Orchids on display. The whole 70th anniversary weekend was a tremendous success due to the efforts of many of our members.

Our Spring Show also held at Robert Schwarten in September and was equally successful.

Our Society did not have any trips away in 2025 but hope to be able to arrange something for this year. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

Our Year finished with our Christmas party and presentation night at the Rockhampton Bowls Club in Victoria Parade. The caterer supplied a sumptuous Christmas buffet enjoyed by all. Michelle Landry and her daughter Kirsten were able to attend and managed to take home some of the lovely prizes we had on offer. The huge multi draw raffle and some ten lucky door hampers were well received. Michelle assisted me in the presentation of our annual trophies and award certificates. A great night was had by all.

After 70 years of operation our Society has grown over the many years and is as successful and strong as ever due to the support and continued efforts of all our members. As you all know I have been your President for quite some time, being elected to this position in 1998. I have enjoyed this time and have seen many positive changes to our Club over these many years. I would personally like to thank all my executive and committee members for their hard work, dedication and support in maintaining our Society

I would like to wish all our members a prosperous, and healthy new year, and great success with orchid growing in 2026.

Jeff Blossom

President.

Christmas Dinner Photos





2026 Dates

February	14 th STOCQ Meeting – Gympie Bowls Club Hall
March	21 st & 22 nd ROSI Autumn Show (set up 20 th)
	21 st – Maroochydore OS closed show - Buderim
April	3 rd & 4 th – Gladstone OFS Show
	11 th Glasshouse Country OS closed show
	17 th & 18 th – Sunshine Coast OS Show – Caloundra
May	2 nd & 3 rd – Gympie & DOS Show – Indoor Bowls Club Hall
	8 th , 9 th & 10 th – Bundaberg OS Show – Bundaberg
	Recreational Precinct Pavilion University Dr. Branyan
	9 th May – Maroochydore OS closed show – Bli Bli
July	17 th & 18 th – Caboolture OS Show (set up 16 th)
August	1 st & 2 nd – Port Curtis O&F Show & STOCQ Meeting
	14 th & 15 th August – Maroochydore OS Show - Buderim
September	25 th & 26 th – Glasshouse Country OS Show (set up 24 th)
	26 th & 27 th ROSI Spring Show (set up 25 th)
November	GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall (moved from 13 th June)



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Providore: Maxine Robinson

Promotion Officer: Sandra Rowcliffe

Door Monitors: Judy Dore
Daphne Jenkinson

Librarian: Y'vonne Manning

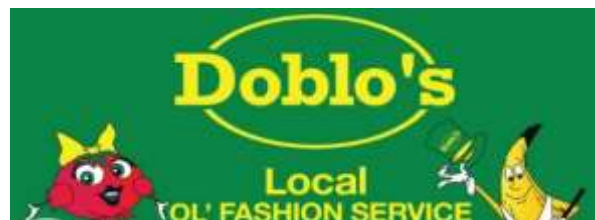
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Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month (excluding December) at Fred Fox Band Hall, Cnr. Gladstone Road and William Street, Rockhampton. Meetings commence at 1:30pm, doors open at 1.00pm and plants must be tabled by 1:20pm.

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