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Newsletter – March 2025



As I start this newsletter it is the evening of 15th February, and I have just completed the minutes from the AGM & General Meeting. Because I am going overseas on holidays from the 21st February to the 8th March, I am getting a head start on the newsletter as I will have to finish it in the week I return with our March Meeting on the 22nd March. It was great to see such a good turnout for our meeting today, and seeing most of the positions filled. Sadly, we have vacancies for the Property Officer and Grower's Group Coordinator, our committee will discuss this at our upcoming meetings and formulate a plan to address this.

Well, luckily, I did make a head start on the newsletter, Cyclone Alfred delayed our return home from Singapore with Brisbane Airport closed on the date we were to return, we ended up spending another 6 days in Singapore (first available flight) and returned to Rockhampton today 14th March, so my first task is to complete the newsletter this weekend and get it off to the printers.

Karen will be emailing out the Autumn Show Schedule, rosters etc., in a separate email, so these will not be included in this newsletter. From today 14th March our Autumn Show is only six weeks away so organising is now progressing quickly, and we remind all members that any help in any role for our Show will be most appreciated, especially with us returning to Devonshire Teas, and I have taken many inquiries already as to whether we will be having them at our new venue. So please put up your hand to assist. 25

REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 22nd March 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.

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:

- Several proxy votes were received.

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	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.
General Meeting Saturday 15th February commencing at 2.10pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: NIL

Visitors: Jo & Vicki Hong and Ryan Curcoat (apologies if names spelt incorrectly)

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

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

Moved	Dennis Ratcliffe	Seconded	Keith Marsden	Carried
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Treasurer's Report – This was sent out with the Newsletter.

Karen moved that the report be accepted	Seconded	Jan Rawlings	Carried
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CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2025

IN –

- Newsletters – Blackwater Garden Club , Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Gympie Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, NQ Orchid Society, Pine Rivers Orchid Society, Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society
- Email from Thea Shaughnessy re: AOC Renewal Due
- Email from Frenchville Sports Club requesting invoice for Grant Payment
- Email from John Rees re: STOCQ Meeting 10th February
- Email from Frenchville Sports Club outlining Grant Requirements
- Email from Nette Meggetto requesting ROSI Show Dates for AOC
- Statement and Invoice from Aardvark for Storage Rental
- Email from Blackwater Garden Club advising change of email address
- Email from Lucy Chay RRC about grant information
- Email from Frenchville Sports Club with Grant Remittance Advice

OUT –

- Newsletters from other clubs to members
- Reply to Nette Meggetto

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

Seconded	Kerrie Clarke	Carried
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Growers Group: As there was no interest from the floor for the position of Grower's Group Coordinator, it will be placed in recess. Maxine thanked both Gwen and Jan for their assistance. Jeff Bloxsom mentioned that the committee would discuss what we can do to still offer the opportunity to learn more about orchid growing.

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

General Business:

- Jeff showed the certificate we received with our funding through the Frenchville Sports Club Community Partnership Grant.
- We only have one more meeting prior to our Autumn Show, so the plans will be discussed at that meeting.
- The April Meeting was on the same weekend as our Autumn Show, there will be no General Meeting in April.
- A special show meeting will be held with the Committee and organisers as our Show prior to the Show. The details will be announced at our March Meeting.
- Jeff said that as Devonshire Teas will again be on offer that more workers will be required to assist at the show.
- We have booked the Robert Schwarten Pavilion for Thursday 24th April, so the layout and tables can be set out, then on Friday members will be able to bring in their plants. Start time for workers on the Thursday will be 8.00am.
- We have hired the outdoor portion of the pavilion for the Saturday and Sunday for member parking and the parking for the three buses that have indicated will be attending. To cover some of these hire costs, members will be charged \$5.00 per day to park their vehicle under cover. There is a separate entry gate for the cars to come into the showgrounds. Parking will not be for the general public.
- The Show Entry Fee will remain the same - \$5.00 Adults & Children Free
- Show Dinner will be at the Pavilion, catering will be by an outside caterer and the cost is about \$35.00 per head. There will be discussion as to whether we offer members a subsidy on the meal costs, as this show expenses will be more than usual.

- To acknowledge the contribution of Frenchville Sports Club to our Society there will be five gazebos set up for the vendors.
- With more room, members can possibly have up to two sales tables
- There has been some mention that members would need to have their name on the roster if they wish to sell at the show, but Jeff said this needs to be further discussed. We do implore members who can devote some time at the show to assist with the various tasks, it does not have to be all weekend. Jeff said that show workers will be entitled to a free lunch (for those assisting around the lunch period).
- Jeff mentioned about our Anniversary Show Orchid Dendrobium ROSI Platinum Jubilee, there will be plants for sale to our members on the Friday afternoon, with some of the plants used as prizes at our Anniversary Dinner
- The Robert Schwarten Pavilion is also booked for our Spring Show.
- Jeff said with the increased venue size he would like to see more container displays entered, as well as Floral Entries.
- The club display will be full sized again. Moyna and Marg are organising this and will need helpers to assist on the Friday morning.

Plant Commentary – In the absence of Jeff Glover, Peter Jenkinson presented the commentary. He thanked all members who brought in plants, he said tabled plant numbers were down but was to be expected for several reasons.

Lucky Number: #68 – Graham & Linda Schulz

Exhibitor's Raffle: #95 – Y'vonne Manning

General Raffle – Jenni Price x 2, Tony O'Connor x 2, Laurie Lucke, Sue Eggleshaw x 2, Jan Hogan, Michelle Landry, Kerrie Clarke, Deb Simpson and Rosemary Wines.

Next General Meeting – Saturday 22nd March 2025

Next Committee Meeting – The February Committee Meeting has been cancelled.

Meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Jeff Blossom

Sandra Rowcliffe

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING



Annual Competition – February 2025 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Vanda</i> Lenavat x <i>Vanda</i> Parkchong Newland	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
<i>Dendrobium</i> Jairak Rainbow	T & M Handley
<i>Paph.</i> Pinocchio x <i>Paph.</i> White Knight	K & R Smith

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 60)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Ploenpit Crown	P Rankin
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Glenlee Charlotte	T & M Handley
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Bangkok Sunset	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>Vanda</i> Lenavat x <i>Vanda</i> Parkchong Newland	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Oncidium	<i>Bllra.</i> Peggy Ruth Carpenter ‘Morning Joy’	J & P Bennett
Dendrobium	<i>Dendrobium</i> Jairak Rainbow	T & M Handley
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Name Unknown	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Catasetinae	<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> ‘Snow White’ x Jumbo Heart	J & P Bennett
Species	<i>Tygl. atropurpurea</i>	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Miscellaneous	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Debbie De Mellow ‘Honolulu Bay’	B Jenkins & S Kuhl

Novice (Plants Tabled: 15)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Cattleya</i> Caudebec Candy ‘Burgundy’ m/c	D & K Ratcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Blc.</i> Bryce Canyon x <i>Lc.</i> Janet ‘Southern Cross’	M Semple



POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

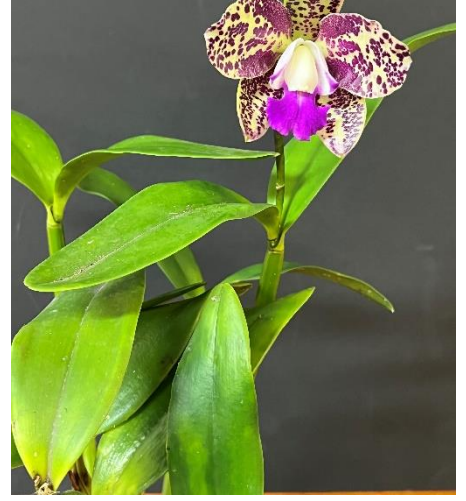
**Blc. Bryce Canyon x Lc. Janet
'Southern Croiss' - M Semple**



**Blira. Peggy Ruth Carpenter
'Morning Joy'
J & P Bennett**



**C. Caudebec Candy 'Burgundy'
D & K Ratcliffe**



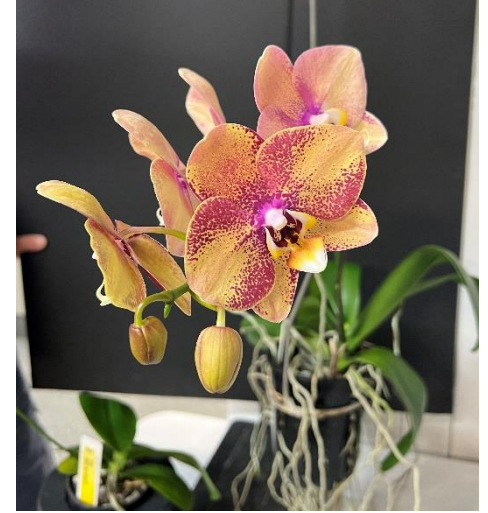
**Ctsm. pileatum 'Snow White' x
Jumbo Heart
J & P Bennett**



**Den. Jairak Rainbow
T & M Handley**



**Phal. No Name
B Jenkins & S Kuhl**



**Rlc. Glenlee Charlotte
T&M Handley**



Rlc. Ploenpit Crown - P Rankin



**Trgl. atropurpurea
B Jenkins & S Kuhl**





Introducing our new Patron – Michelle Landry MP



Growers Group Report for 2024

By Maxine Robinson

Firstly, I wish to thank those members who have made their homes and properties available for our Grower's Group Meetings during 2024.

These days are generally well attended and enjoyed by most.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank my two off-siders - Gwen Breingan and Jan Hogan for their support over the last four years.

Many thanks go to all who have helped me in any way – it has been very much appreciated.

I am standing down from this position and wish my successor all the best.

Orchid of the Month

This month I am covering the genera *Dendrobium nobile* – commonly known as the Soft Cane Dendrobium. And you might ask why I am covering this variety. It isn't in its flowering period which is normally in Spring (August to September/October).

Well, I have recently finished repotting my entire collection, a total of 110 plants and I was amazed at how well the plants were. But what a task it was, the pots were very full of roots, almost to the point of being root bound, and these plants still survived.



For people who are just starting their orchid journey this would have to be one of the hardiest plants around. Most of my plants had not been repotted for six years due to work commitments, then my incapacitations firstly due to time off while I recovered from the two knee replacement surgeries and then a very long period due to my fall 29 months ago on wet floor that shattered my left femur just above my knee.



the temperature drops over the cooler months which initiate the buds forming. I then usually placed them back into the greenhouse around October, prior to Summer.

Well, they spent three years outside on this clothesline, through the summers in the scorching heat and without fertilising, and still they survived with the loss of just one plant.

These amazing plants had been hung outside on an old clothesline which I usually did each year around April to allow them the opportunity to experience



Late last year I was able to put them back into the greenhouse and they were growing although very untidy looking, they had keikis growing out of keikis.

I removed the keikis off all the old canes and these canes went into the bin as I did not have the time to spend repotting them. I planted the keikis into the pots and with the recent rain and the application of slow-release fertiliser they are increasing in size daily.

I planted them in a mix of six parts perlite to one part

pith (fine coconut fibre that is purchased in a block and reconstituted with water and then dried out). Make sure as you make the mix

spray some water on it, so you don't breathe in the dust as the perlite dust is a silica dust and dangerous for your lungs.



I then sprinkled slow-release fertiliser on top of the mix. Below are some of my repotted plants.

As I did not keep any of the mature canes, I am unsure if I will see flowers this year, but the following year they should be great. I have found that flowers will bloom on the canes for about two seasons, then that cane is usually removed. The best benefit of the soft canes is that most pests will not bother them, their biggest threat is their leaves being munched on by grasshoppers, the Dendrobium Beetle does not appear to be attracted to these plants. For someone who does not have a covered greenhouse they are ideal to grow in shaded outside locations. The best part is that they



bloom in many colours, and they present a wonderful display most years. The colder the weather the better the flowering of these lovely orchids. Their biggest downfall is that they get untidy looking very quickly, so it is important to keep up the maintenance of tying up the canes to support them and allow them the best opportunity to present their flowers. Currently if it is not raining, I will water the plants every second day by sprinklers, but if the weather goes over 36 degrees I will water daily.

I do not do any other fertilising of the plants after the slow release is applied, especially leading up to the budding period, I have found if you fertilise over this time the plants seem to send out more keikis than flowers.

MEMBERS ABROAD

Prior to my holiday overseas, members Jeff and Norma Glover, Jeni Scott, and Sharyn Frish travelled abroad. Below are some of their photos.



MEMBERS ABROAD (continued)

Below are photos from the Trip to Singapore taken by me and husband Michael. Photos taken in the Orchid Haven at Gardens by the Bay in the Cloud Forrest Dome and at the Singapore National Orchid Gardens



2025 Dates

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

- March** 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
- 20th & 21st 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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Librarian: Y'vonne Manning

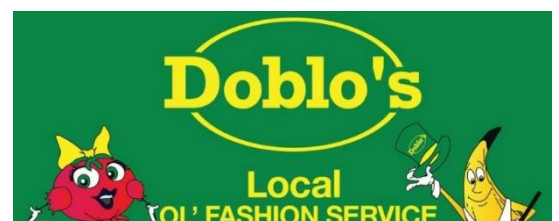
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