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Newsletter – March 2026



Just a fortnight to our Autumn Show as I work on this newsletter, hasn't that come up quickly. Today we are receiving rain, hopefully it won't affect our orchids blooming for the show. We ask all members to participate by putting in their flowering orchids. Why? - we do have some members who will be absent from this show and it will be nice to still see our tables full of blooming plants as usual. On occasions I have thought my plant was not good enough to enter, but thought it is all about participation - winning is a bonus, and surprisingly on some occasions the plant I did not think worthy of entering has come away with a prize. We need members to put in foliage entries as well to ensure we have a good display for the public. For our Club Display we require orchids and foliage, if you can assist they need to be at the venue by 8.00am on Friday 20th March. Marg Handley and few other members are assembling our display – make sure you mark your pots with your name to save confusion.

The committee is working to ensure our Show is as successful as previous shows, please if you can assist with the roster over the weekend get in contact with Jeff Bloxsom. On Monday 2nd March a group of members attended a working bee mixing and bagging potting medium for the show, we thank these members for their time and effort.⁷⁴

We will have four out of town vendors at the Show – Alice's Orchids Townsville, MnS Orchids Sarina, Pacific Beach Orchids Bundaberg and Foliage Plus from the Sunshine Coast. The Rockhampton Cake Decorators Association will again have a stand. We will also have our stock sales stall and member plant sales.

IMPORTANT - *For those who have not paid their membership you have until the end of March, after that you will not receive a Newsletter.*

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 28th March 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.

Annual General Meeting Saturday 28th February 2025 commencing at 1.32pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

Minutes of 2025 AGM meeting, copy which was included in January newsletter, was moved as correct and accurate.

Moved Dennis Ratcliffe

Seconded

Miriam Black

Carried

Business arising from the minutes – NIL

Membership Fees: will remain at \$30.00 for the 2026 Membership Year as decided at January 2026 Meeting

Proxy Votes received for the AGM: Nil

Nominations were received prior to 14th February deadline for the positions of President – Vice President – Treasurer – Secretary – Club Registrar

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

- Thanked all Executive committee & committee members for their support and hard work during 2025.
- Mentioned that 2025 was a big and successful year for the Society with the 70th Anniversary Celebrations.
- Mentioned our new Show Venue has worked out well and have booked for both 2026 Shows, the 2027 Autumn Show will be unable to be held there due to Beef Week.
- Mentioned that the club is only as good as its members.

Election of Officials:

POSITION	NOMINATED & ACCEPTED	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY
Patron	Michelle Landry	Jeff Bloxsom	Sandra Rowcliffe
President	Jeff Bloxsom	Daphne Jenkinson	John Jenkinson
Vice President	Bob Jenkins	John Jenkinson	Daphne Jenkinson
Secretary	Sandra Rowcliffe	John Jenkinson	Daphne Jenkinson
Treasurer	Karen Carr	John Jenkinson	Daphne Jenkinson
Committee #1	John Jenkinson	Moyna Richardson	Taken from the floor
Committee #2	Peter Jenkinson	Trish Craig	Taken from the floor
Committee #3	Shirley Kuhl	Dennis Ratcliffe	Taken from the floor
Committee #4	Tony March	Moyna Richardson	Taken from the floor
Committee #5	Trish Craig	Michael Rowcliffe	Taken from the floor
Committee #6	Daphne Jenkinson	Sandra Rowcliffe	Taken from the floor
Club Registrar	Peter Jenkinson	Jeff Glover	Taken from the floor
Plant Marshalls	Bob Jenkins & Jenni Scott		Taken from the floor
Librarian	Y'vonne Manning	Daphne Jenkinson	Taken from the floor
Newsletter Editor	Sandra Rowcliffe	Robyn Bentley	Dennis Ratcliffe
Assistant Editor	Karen Carr/Jenny Moore		Taken from the floor
Growers Group Co-ordinator	Robyn Murphy	Trish Craig	Taken from the floor
Publicity Officer #1	Sandra Rowcliffe		Taken from the floor
Provedore	Maxine Robinson	Karen Carr	Taken from the floor
Door Monitor/Hostess #1	Daphne Jenkinson		Taken from the floor
Door Monitor/Hostess #2	Shirley Kuhl		Taken from the floor
Property Officers	Vacant		

Web Master	Bob Lakey	Sandra Rowcliffe	Taken from the floor
Facebook Administrator	Sandra Rowcliffe	Michael Rowcliffe	Taken from the floor
Facebook Administrator	Robyn Bentley	Michael Rowcliffe	Taken from the floor

Treasurer – Karen Carr will be away May, June, July & August – Trish Craig will assist with the Role during this period.

Patron Michelle Landry spoke on the Conclusion of the AGM; she said that the Society was a wonderful organisation going from strength to strength.

BY LAW AMENDMENT BY MOTION

Saturday 28th February 2025 Annual General Meeting

Motion was moved that the previous Bylaw adopted on Saturday 25th February 2023 – **“From this date forward, no member shall hold the office of President for more than four consecutive years”** - be amended to include all Executive Management Positions – President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary - this is to be effective from the 2027 AGM. It will mean the individuals holding the position for four continual years must stand down. In the event of no other nominations submitted for that position 14 days prior to the AGM, nominations will be taken from the floor - the individual standing down can then stand again for that position, this is to ensure the position is not left vacant.

Moved: Tony March **Seconded:** Trish Craig **Carried**

This now becomes a R.O.S.I. Constitution Bylaw.

At the conclusion of the election the president, Jeff Blossom, closed the Annual General Meeting at 2.36pm

Jeff Blossom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc. General Meeting Saturday 28th February commencing at 3.15pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: Nil

Visitors: NIL

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

Popular Vote Counters –Jeff said that each meeting it will be the committee members responsibility to complete the counting.

Minutes of January 2026 monthly meeting as published in the February newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Dennis Ratcliffe **Seconded** Lyn Hopes **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2026

IN –

- Newsletters – Albany Orchid Society, Blackwater Garden Club, Caboolture Orchid Society, Childers & District Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Maryborough Orchid Society, NQ Orchid Society, Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society
- Membership renewal & cheque from members Rideout & Henney.
- Statement from Rockhampton Regional Council
- Invoice from Australian Show Ribbons
- Email from Peter Berry re: payment membership & show dinner
- Email from STOCQ with notice of motions for meeting at Port Curtis in August
- Email from Karen Gowlett
- Emails from Frenchville Sports Club re: Community Grant, advice and signed grant agreement
- Invoice from Aardvark Self Storage
- Email with RSVP for STOCQ Meeting February 14th
- Invoice from John Hughes
- Email from STOCQ with AGM & General Meeting Minutes

- Email from John Rees with AOS judging for Catasetinae Hybrids and Species
- Email from STOCQ with advising to online banking with Bendigo Bank
- Email from Michelle Landry with advice of attending the AGM & inability to attend Show Dinner
- Email from Kenny Leong inquiring if anyone would have a Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Michelle' plant for sale

OUT -

- All Club Newsletters sent out to members
- Email to Australian Show Ribbons with order for Rosettes & Ribbons for Autumn Show
- Emails to Frenchville Sports Club
- Emails to Karen Carr (Treasurer)
- Email to Jenni Scott re: Kenny Leong's inquiry

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

Seconded

Jenni Scott

Carried

Treasurer's Report – Karen presented the Annual Treasurer's Report for 2025. Copies were available to collect. Stock on Hand was approximately \$10,000; Jeff completed the stocktake in December The January Treasurer's Report was emailed out with the February Newsletter.

Karen Carr moved that both reports be accepted

Seconded

Kay Radcliffe

Carried

Growers Group: Robyn mentioned that she was still aiming to conduct three grower's group meetings in 2026. She is looking for hosts for the April/May gathering and the October gathering. Moyna and Bill Richardson have nominated to host the middle meeting in either Jun/Jul/Aug. The theme for that meeting is presentation and display.

Business Arising from the last meeting: Nil

General Business:

- Jeff mentioned about Lorraine Weaver passing, a few members attended her funeral
- Jeff passed the Societies congratulations to Kerri Green for Rod Green's AOM at the Australia Day Awards
- Jeff Congratulated Jeff & Norma Glover who won the STOCQ Hybrid of the Year with their Catasetum
- The Christmas Party is tentative for Saturday 12th December at the Rockhampton Bowls Club, this will be dependent on the availability of the caterer.
- Jeff Glover mentioned that he is organising judges for our Autumn Show
- Sharyn Frisch has said she is available to be a Foliage Stewart
- Jeff to organise Floral Art & Foliage Judges
- Jeff asked about container displays at this stage there is Jan/Ray, Bob & Shirley, Judy Dore/Robyn Murphy
- Jeff asked for members to consider entering the Floral Art Arrangements & Posies, if we don't get enough entries these sections may be cancelled for future shows.
- Jeff took names for plant sale tables from members
- Boards were sent around for dinner names and roster positions
- We are still to purchase more dividers, this will be discussed further at committee meeting
- Thursday Set-up with be at 8.00am.
- Club display will be completed by Marg Handley, Tara Thorne, Robyn Murphy & Jenny Moors – they will need members to bring in orchids and foliage around 8.00am on the Friday morning.
- Jeff asked if anyone would like to make donations for the show raffle
- Karen will email out the list of members for plant name labels for judging (Sandra to forward to her). Toni Jenkinson & Trevor Handley will also print out plant price labels for members needing them.
- Plastic Sale Label Tags are available for sale at \$2 for 20 labels.
- Bob Jenkins mentioned that Bundaberg Society was putting on a big show this year, it is the 2nd weekend in May, maybe a bus trip can be organised for this.
- Kay Bauman asked for clarification on parking/entry for judges.

Plant Commentary - Jeff Glover completed the plant commentary.

Lucky Number: #44 – Danny & Leah McGrath – there were not at meeting, so plant was added to the raffle.

Exhibitor's Draw: #70 – Kerrie Clarke

General Raffle – Sandra Rowcliffe, Tony O'Connor x 2, Jenni Price, Mirriam Black, Robyn Bentley, Jan Rawlings, Y'vonne Manning, Jeff Bloxsom x 2, Terry Breingan, Karen Carr, Gwen Breingan, Kerrie Clarke, Shirley Kuhl.

Next General Meeting – Saturday 28th March 2026

Next Committee Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March – Jeff Bloxsom's Home commencing at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 4.18pm

Jeff Bloxsom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Ctt. Deception Drop - J Scott



**Phrag. Calurum B Jenkins
& S Kuhl**



**V. Janice Allison
Coconut Ice - J Scott**



Annual Competition – February 2026 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Ctt.</i> Deception Drop	J Scott
<i>Vanda</i> Janet Allison Coconut Ice	J Scott
<i>Phrag.</i> Calurum (<i>Phrag. longifolium</i> x <i>Phrag. sedenii</i>)	B Jenkins & S Kuhl

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 72)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Ctt.</i> Deception Drop	J Scott
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Thong Supram	J & P Bennett
Oncidiinae	Tie – <i>Alcra.</i> Hilo Ablaze ‘Hilo Gold’ Tie – <i>Bllra.</i> Peggy Ruth Carpenter ‘Morning Joy’	B Jenkins & S Kuhl J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vasco</i> Luang Prabang Thai Bush	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>V.</i> Lenavat x <i>V.</i> Pakchong Newland	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Dendrobium – Combined	<i>Den.</i> Aridang Blue	J & P Bennett
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Hatsu Otsuka	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Species – All Genera	<i>Trgl. atropurpurea</i>	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Catasetinae	<i>Ctsm.</i> Rumba	J & P Bennett
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym.</i> Rajaputra	J & P Bennett

Novice (Plants Tabled: 20)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Ctt.</i> Fritz Eugene Discon	A & G Cunningham
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Golden Reign ‘Southern Warrior’	L & G Schulz
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Triple Fantasy	M & R Black
Miscellaneous	<i>Vanda</i> Tristar Gold ‘Orchid World’	K & D Clarke
Species	<i>Miltonia moreliana</i>	Y Manning

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Alcra. Hilo Ablase 'Hilo Gold' - B Jenkins & S Kuhl



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



Ctsm. Rumba J & P Bennett



Ctt. Deception Drop - J Scott



Ctt. Fritz Eugene Dixon A & G Cunningham



Cym. Rajaputra J & P Bennett



Den. Aridang Blue J & P Bennett



Trgl. atropurpurea B Jenkins & S Kuhl



Rlc. Golden Reign 'Southern Warrior' - L & G Schulz



Rlc. Thong Supram
J & P Bennett



Den. Triple Fantasy
M & R Black



Paph. Hatsue Otsuka
B Jenkins & S Kuhl



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



Vanda Tristar Gold 'Orchid
World' - K & D Clarke



Vasco Luang Prabang Thai
Bush / **B Jenkins & S Kuhl**



Miltonia moreliana - Y Manning



Growers Group News

Robyn is looking for two hosts for Growers Group Gatherings in April/May and October. If you would like to host a meeting at your home, please give her a call on 0437 388 450 or email her on

rmu33636@bigpond.net.au

COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2026

Attendance – John Jenkinson, Jeff Bloxsom, Karen Carr, Bob Jenkins, Tony March, Peter Jenkinson, Daphne Jenkinson, Shirley Kuhl & Sandra Rowcliffe

Absences - Trish Craig

- Discussion was about ROSI Awards of Cultural Achievement and guidelines.
- A question was asked about Life Membership and Jeff said that a nomination is usually given to the Management Committee for consideration and if approved it was put to members at a General Meeting to gauge if they support the nomination. Life Membership is given to members who greatly contribute to the Society over many years. Life Members annual registration fees are waived by the Society.
- Sandra to complete an article for CQ News for the Show, she has put the poster up on multiple Facebook Sites.
- Christmas Dinner was planned for 12th December, we are waiting for the caterer to confirm if available, Karen suggested if he was not available for the 12th could we look at booking Sunday 13th December.
- Temporary Fencing was discussed as dividers for the show.
- Peter is going to pick up the Laser Printer Toners prior to the show to ensure we have enough, he will pay and be reimbursed by Karen.
- Sandra to send Show Plant Labels list to Karen for circulation to members.
- Refreshments for judges at the show were discussed.
- 1st August is the STOCQ Meeting at Port Curtis Show.
- It was suggested that maybe some vouchers could be prizes for the Show Multidraw Raffle, Bob Jenkins is to organise this.
- The Monthly Competition voting count forms were discussed.
- It has been noticed that some members turn the genera section forms over prior to the popular voting. This is not allowed and no one except the plant marshals can touch the forms once the tables have been sorted. If any members have a plant in a section must stand back and take no part in the judging.
- Bob and Tony to pack up stock for the show
- John Jenkinson is picking up the Marques from Frenchville Sports Club; he will also need an assistant.

Working Bee – Monday 3rd March



VALE LORRAINE WEAVER

One of older members recently passed. Lorraine Weaver and her husband Bryan were members of the Society for several years. They joined the Society in 2014, sadly Bryan passed on 29/01/2019. Lorraine continued being a member until 2022 when she started suffering Dementia and entered a Nursing Home. The last time I saw Lorraine was a Grower's Group Meeting at Bill and Moyna Richardson's home. Jeff Bloxsom, Karen Carr and several other members attended her funeral on the 23rd February. Below photos taken at one of our show dinners and from a bus trip taken a number of years ago - shows Bryan third from left in the middle row next to Maxine and Lorraine first on right bottom row in front of Nat Lakey. Looking at this photo, it is also sad that a few of the members in the photo have passed – Peter Shelton, Terry & Ellie Dean all very treasured members of the society.

WEAVER, Lorraine Dell
Late of Rockhampton, formerly of Blackwater and Mt Morgan
Passed away peacefully on Wednesday the 11th of February 2026
Aged 94

Beloved Wife to Bryan (dec).
Adored Mother and Mother-in-law to Ian & Desley, Ross & Debbie, Barry & Catherine, and Robyn & Michael.
Grandma to Helen, Michelle, Matthew, Tanya, Phillip, Amanda, Megan, Jack, Mitchell, and Laura.
Great-Grandma to Jessica, Joshua, Braithen, Maddi, Eli, Aylah, Brayln, Paige, Chet, Connor, Kali, Alexis, Harley, Theo, Lilly, Tilly, and Jordy. Great-Great-Grandma to Thomas.
Dearly missed member of the Rockhampton Orchid Society, the U3A and AIR.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF BLOXSOM FOR HIS NOMINATION OF A COMMUNITY AWARD IN THE ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS.



FOUND PAIR OF SUNGLASSES FOLLOWING FEBRUARY MEETING.

THESE WERE IN THE DRIVEWAY LEAVING THE HALL GROUNDS, IF THEY ARE YOURS, PLEASE LET SANDRA ROWCLIFFE KNOW AS SHE HAS THEM



Orchid of the Month

Habenaria medusa

Source – <https://www.orchidweb.com>



Description

Habenaria medusa is a beautiful species native to Southeast Asia. This is a plant that goes dormant in the fall and winter. The leaves eventually die back and there is an underground tuber that waits till the days get longer to grow and develop flowers. When in the dormant period water every 3 weeks when there are no leaves. The tubers can be kept in the dark at this time. Water more frequently when new growth begins allowing the potting mix to just approach dryness between watering. The spidery 3–4-inch white flowers with an orange center are magnificent to look at and there is a nice light fragrance. Grow in medium light to somewhat shady conditions. Fertilize in summer but not when the leaves begin to die back or when the plant is dormant.

Attributes

Temperature	Intermediate-Warm
Bloom Season	Summer
Fragrant	Yes
Light Level	Low-Medium
Color	White, Green, Orange



2026 Dates

- March** 21st & 22nd ROSI Autumn Show (set up 20th)
21st Maroochydore OS closed show - Buderim
- April** 3rd & 4th Gladstone OFS Show
11th Glasshouse Country OS closed show
17th & 18th Sunshine Coast OS Show – Caloundra
- May** 2nd & 3rd Gympie & DOS Show – Indoor Bowls Club Hall
8th & 9th Noosa DO&FS Closed Show
8th, 9th & 10th Bundaberg OS Show – Bundaberg
Recreational Precinct Pavilion University Dr. Branyan
9th May Maroochydore OS closed show – Bli Bli
- June** 20th Gympie DOS Closed Show
- July** 17th & 18th Caboolture OS Show (set up 16th)
- August** 1st & 2nd Port Curtis O&FS Show & STOCQ Meeting
14th & 15th August Maroochydore OS Show – Buderim
15th & 16th Kabi Show Pine Rivers Hall
28th & 29th Childers DIOS Spring Show
- September** 4th & 5th Nambour OS Show
10th, 11th & 12th Maryborough Show
18th & 19th Noos DO&FS Show
25th & 26th Glasshouse Country OS Show (set up 24th)
25th, 26th & 27th Hervey Bay Orchid Show
26th & 27th ROSI Spring Show (set up 25th)
- October** 9th & 10th Bribie Island OS Show
- November** 14th Nambour Species Show
21st GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall



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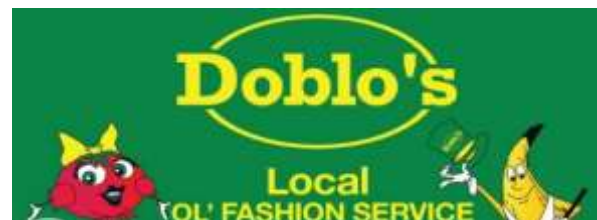
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