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Newsletter – October 2025



We are now well into October, and our Society should be very proud of the amazing Spring Show we presented this year. The tables of benched orchids were beautiful and much admired by the visiting public. Congratulations to Marg & Trevor Handley for their Grand Champion Dendrobium and to Rosemary Wines for her beautiful Reserve Champion Cymbidium. Congratulations go to all winners and a big thank you for everyone who tabled plants to make the spectacular display for the visiting public.

Thanks to all that worked in the lead-up, during and after the Show. It is a big task not only getting Show Plants and Sale Plants ready but also setting up the hall and working during the Show. No doubt everyone was very exhausted after the show, we have around six months before we do it again. At least with the warmer weather and longer days now here repotting will take a precedent for the coming months, more plants to sell at our Autumn Show.

Our Spring Show Wrap Up Publication will go out separately to this newsletter, otherwise it makes the newsletter too bulky for posting and also emailing. 43

We are now heading towards the end of 2025 with only two meetings to go for the year – 25th October & 22nd November and our Club Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night to be held on Saturday 29th November at the Rockhampton Bowls Club. Numbers will be taken at our October Meeting and payment will be required by our November Meeting at the latest. No payment on the night.

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 25th October 2025.
Doors Open 12.30pm and Meeting Starts at 1:30pm.**

Plants must be tabled by 1.20pm at the latest.

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

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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Saturday 27th September commencing at 1.31pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: #24 Pieter & Shae Tjerkstra & #40 Joan Farrell. Doris Kelso, Julie Kelso, Emma & Gavin Haines who put in applications to join at our Spring Show, their membership will be ratified at one of our General Meetings.

Visitors: NIL

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

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

Moved Y'vonne Manning

Seconded

Tony O'Connor

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2025

IN –

- Newsletters – Blackwater Garden Club, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caboolture Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & District Orchid Society, Gympie Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Maryborough Orchid Society, Nambour Orchid Society, NQ Orchid Society, Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society, PROPA.
- Email with Nambour Expo Supplement (following conference)
- Account from Aardvark Storage
- Email from Aardvark Storage with regards to access changes
- STOCQ Meeting Minutes
- Survey from Australia Post
- STOCQ Email about Thailand Trip Nov/Dec 2025
- Invoice from Australian Show Ribbons
- Invitation to attend the Australian Orchid Foundation AGM on 18/10,25 Forest Hill Vic.
- Email New Holland Publishers re: David Banks Book
- Email from STOCQ with 2025 & 2026 Show Dates
- Email from Orchids Qld re: AGM 7/9/2025 & nomination forms
- Reminder about upcoming expiry of PlusTrack Support Licence for AED

OUT -

- All Club Newsletters sent out to members
- Article sent to CQ Today for Spring Show

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

Seconded

Kerrie Clarke

Carried

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

Karen Carr moved that the report be accepted

Seconded

Jane Rawlings

Carried

Growers Group: Robyn Murphy announced our next grower's workshop will be on Saturday 1st November at the residence of Marg & Trevor Handley. There will be no address in the newsletter but will be sent separately to members. Start time 2.00pm, the earliest to arrive will be 1.00pm (and not before). Bring a Hat/Chair/Coffee Cup/Plate for afternoon tea & raffle prize. Trevor will do a demonstration on potting up Phallys and a talk on Catesetums. Marg will also do a presentation. More details will be in the October Newsletter. Robyn asked members to think about hosting a grower's group in 2026. If you are interested, please contact Robyn.

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

General Business:

- For the counting of the popular votes Jeff asked that only committee members or appointed members to complete this. The forms have also changed, and first & second highest votes are to be listed. Bill & Moyna Richardson to assist today. This has come about following concerns raised about the voting.
- The Orchid Species Book was discussed but it was decided that the club would not purchase as there is minimal borrowing of books from our library.
- It was mentioned that the income from Stores at the Show was \$5886.78.
- Christmas Awards Evening & Dinner will be Saturday 29th November at the Rockhampton Bowls Club. There are two more meetings before then.
- There were bark and stakes for sale at the meeting. Jeff mentioned that Orchidaceous has lost the rights to stock Kiwi Bark as it has been bought out by Brunnings.
- Jeff mentioned that the Spring Show was wonderful, and it was hard to thank individuals as so many stepped up to do tasks. Jeff thanked everyone personally. He then gave out the engraved show trophies to those present.

- Jeff mentioned that our 5m Banner erected opposite CQ Uni was stolen, the ropes were cut to remove the banner from the fence.
- Jeff asked if anyone wanted to comment on the show while it was fresh in the mind. He mentioned that both shows in 2026 will be at the Robert Schwarten Pavillion after Miriam Black asked the question. The Autumn Show had to be brought forward to 21 & 22 March to get the venue, the Spring Show will be 26 & 27 September. We are unable to get the Pavillion in 2027 for the Autumn Show because of Beef Week. Therefore, we possibly will not hold a show then. Jeff to find out if we can get the Venue for the Spring Show.
- Plant Sales were stunning with over \$18,000 sold in members plants, giving the Society around \$2,700 in commission.

Plant Commentary - Paul Bennett did the plant commentary.

Lucky Number: #30 - Margaret Olsen – not at meeting, plant went into the raffle

Exhibitor's Draw: #80 – Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl

General Raffle – Allan Cunningham, Miriam Black x 2, Lyn Hopes x 3, Jenny Moore, Joan Farrell, Moyna Richardson, Ray Bills, Peter Jenkinson x 2, Kay Bauman.

Moyna Richardson – gave a quick talk on her Den. Golden Aya and discussed the black fungus lines she had in 2024 and that she said it best to treat with a systemic fungicide (Triforine), while it did not remove the marking from the old canes, the new canes were clear of this. The plant has showed considerable new growth this year. The fungus infection does not affect the health of the plant it is just cosmetic.

Tony March - gave a presentation and tips on when you acquire new orchids. He suggested that not putting new plants straight into the greenhouse, quarantine in case of virus or pests. He mentioned that most seedlings brought from vendors are either in sphagnum moss or in rocks, where this suits the vendors watering method, it is best to pot in what medium suits your watering method and greenhouse conditions. Orchid mix needs to be well draining but not get too dry. He talked about different fertilisers – NPK fertilisers – Nitrogen is for growth; Phosphorus assists in the structural cells of the plants and Potassium is for the overall health of the plant and creates the energy source.

He talked about testing the PH of your water – acidity of solution – 5.8 to 6.2 is the best range. Lower than this means it is too acidic which can burn the leaves. Seasol/Fish Emulsion is a tonic not a fertiliser. To adjust the PH – vinegar (to drop) – Bicarbonate Soda (to raise) He suggests using Epson Salt twice a year and no more – 1 teaspoon per gallon.

Next General Meeting – Saturday 25th October

Next Committee Meeting – Tuesday 30th September 6.30pm – Karen Carr's Residence

Meeting closed at 3.40pm

Jeff Bloxson

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Annual Competition – September 2025 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Cym. Devon Ore</i>	R wines
<i>Paph. Chartreuse Stria</i>	T March
<i>Pps. labukensis</i>	P & T Jenkinson

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 73)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Jkf. Apple Blossom</i>	J & P Bennett
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Hsinying Aloha</i>	T & M Handley
Oncidiinae	<i>Tolu. Capalaba Lady</i>	M & B Richardson
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda Ann Hayes</i>	T & M Handley
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>Vanda Kee Wong Wee</i>	J & P Bennett
Dendrobium – Any other	<i>Den. Golden Aya</i>	M & B Richardson
Dendrobium – Phalaenanthus & Intermediate Type	<i>Den. Fairy Moon ‘Sweetie’</i>	J & P Bennett
Species – All Genera	Tie – <i>Den. lindleyi</i> <i>Gur. skinneri</i>	T March T & M Handley
Phalaenopsis up to 60mm	<i>Phal. Younghome Little Cherry</i>	T & M Handley
Phalaenopsis 60mm& over	<i>Phal. Younghome Gentleman</i>	T & M Handley
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Chartreuse Stria</i>	T March
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym. Devon Ore</i>	R Wines

Novice (Plants Tabled: 27)

Cattleya up to 100mm	Tie – <i>Rlc. Haw Yuan Beauty ‘Rainbow’</i> Tie – <i>Ctt. Rojo</i>	M & R Black L & G Schultz
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Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Amazing Thailand 'Rainbow'	A & G Cunningham
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Hsinying Fortune	L & K Bauman
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Capricorn's Sundancer	D & K Ratcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Brat.</i> Kauai's Choice	L & G Schultz
Species	<i>Den. lindleyi</i>	Y Manning

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING







V. Ann Hayes
T&M Handley



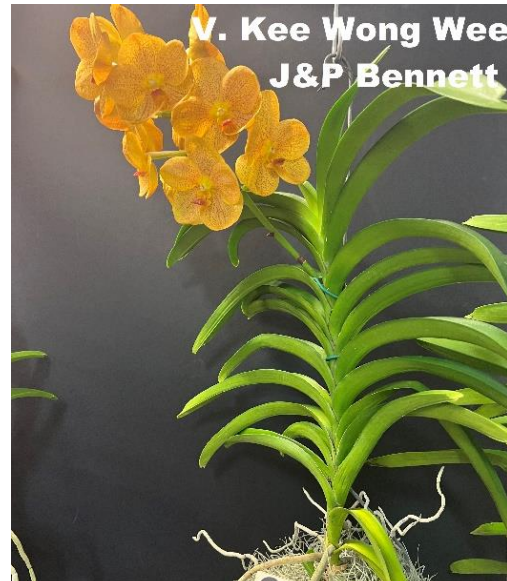
Phal. Younghome Little Cherry
T & M Handley



Gur. skinneri - T & M Handley



Rlc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Rainbow'
M & R Black



V. Kee Wong Wee
J&P Bennett



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COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Attendance – Sandra Rowcliffe, Karen Carr, Jeff Bloxsom, Tony March, Shirley Kuhl, Bob Jenkins, Peter Jenkinson, Maxine Robinson.

Absent– Robyn Bentley, Trish Craig, Jana Bennett, Paul Bennett, John Jenkinson.

- Shirley Kuhl mentioned Show went well and Devonshire Teas well received
- We have sold the heavy, time involved room dividers and will have more of the lighter temporary fencing for future shows.
- It was mentioned that the Class Champion Rosettes had a printing error with 2025 only printed as 202 on the ribbon
- Jeff bought up Club Awards and has asked Peter Jenkinson to organise the certificates – Sandra will create.
- There was talk about considering changing the wording for members to attend three meetings instead of it reading functions – this will be held over to 2026 AGM
- There was a discussion about Judging at the shows
- Christmas Function will be on Saturday 29th November at the Rockhampton Bowls Club, commencing at 6.30pm. Hall Hire is \$400. There was a discussion about the table clothes, the bowls club charge over \$200 for cleaning these, Jeff will talk to Jeanne to see if we can use hers.
- Discussion was about plants for our multidraw raffle at the Christmas Function.
- Karen and Shirley will do up the baskets/fillings for the ten lucky door prizes – around \$50 value
- Cost of the Christmas Dinner is \$30.00 per head it was discussed that the club give a \$10 subsidy per person so the cost to members will be \$20 per head.
- The Bowls Club have a bar so no BYO for this function.
- There was talk about the Club Stores, when members have the time to organise a working bee some mixes will be done up. Bob bought back some bark from Orchidaceous
- Karen should have the Show Treasurer Reports ready for our October Meeting, she is still waiting on some invoices to come in so she can finalise it.



Orchid of the Month

Source – www.orchids.org

Our Spring Show Grand Champion was *Dendrobium Aussie's Sweetness* grown beautifully by Margaret and Trevor Handley

ORCHID HYBRID – *Dendrobium Aussie's Sweetness*

(This name is currently accepted by RHS)

Dendrobium Aussie's Sweetness is an orchid hybrid originated by P. Spence in 1998. It is a cross of *Dendrobium polysema* x *Dendrobium johnsoniae*. It is considered a 'primary hybrid' because it is a cross between two species.

Genus	Dendrobium (Den.)
Grex	Aussie's Sweetness
Parents	 x  Den. polysema x Den. johnsoniae
Registrant	P.Spence
Originator	P.Spence
Year	1998
Species Composition	 +  Den. polysema (50%) + Den. johnsoniae (50%)

Dendrobium polysema Identified in 1905 by Schlechter – also known as the Many-Spotted Dendrobium, is a species of orchid native to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea, characterised by its striking flowers and epiphytic growth habit.

Dendrobium johnsoniae – Identified in 1882 by F. Muell - found in the lowlands of Papua New Guinea at elevations of 500 to 1500 metres on casuarina trees along streams and gullies. It is a Latouria variety of Dendrobium. (New Guinea Den.)



**Judges Choice – July 2025 Meeting
for Marg & Trevor**



**Grand Champion
2025 Spring Show**

Growers Group Workshop News

Hi to growers one and all. Spring has sprung, the show is done, and I can't quite believe that October is here already! As mentioned at our last meeting, we have one more grower's group workshop scheduled this year. Here are the details:

Location: The Handleys will kindly be hosting the workshop at their residence on the Cap Coast.

Details with address, directions and phone numbers will be sent to members via a separate email.

Date: Saturday 1st November 2025

Time: 1.00-4.00pm. (Do not turn up earlier please)

Greenhouse tours will commence from 1.00pm and, *pretty please, don't arrive before this time!* There are 3 orchid houses to visit but 2 are very cramped, so the number of people able to enter at any one time will need to be limited. The workshop meeting is scheduled to commence at 2.00pm, when most of the backyard is in the shade ☺

Workshop Focus:

Trevor will demonstrate potting a phalaenopsis (their way) and will also discuss how they pot their Catesetums. Margaret will then talk about their extensive orchid collection in more detail and I'm sure there will be a lot of information to take home from this knowledgeable pair!

Please Bring Along:

- a folding chair and a hat
- a plate to share for afternoon tea
- a coffee cup and
- something to add to the raffle table

FINALLY, please consider the following etiquette when you are visiting orchid houses:

- By all means, take your camera in, but it is preferable to leave your handbag outside. This will reduce the risk of any accidental damage to plants or flowers when visiting collections.
- While it's fine to take photos, it is *not fine* to touch plants or flowers!
- Name tags will hopefully be visible for visitors, but if you can't see the plant name, just ask the owner/s. Please don't be tempted to pull name tags out, because roots can easily be damaged if the tag isn't returned to exactly the same spot and is forced back in. Tags can also easily fall out if not returned to the pot firmly enough. Remember also that tags may have become brittle and if so, there is a risk of them collapsing when pulled out.

We're looking forward to seeing you there if you can make it ☺

In the meantime, put your thinking caps on and let me know if you have any requests/suggestions for workshops in 2026!

Robyn Murphy
(Coordinator)

Can you find our Treasurer???



Getting the tables ready for judging Friday night



2025 Dates

**** ALL DATES**

October 10th & 11th – Bribie OS Show
November 8th – Nambour Species Show – Buderim UC Hall



29th ROSI Christmas Dinner & Awards Evening
Rockhampton Bowls Club Victoria Parade

2026 Dates

February 14th STOCQ Meeting – Gympie Bowls Club Hall
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 & 10th – Bundaberg OS Show – Bundaberg
Recreational Precinct Pavilion University Dr. Branyan
9th May – Maroochydore OS closed show – Bli Bli
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
September 25th & 26th – Glasshouse Country OS Show (set up 24th)
26th & 27th ROSI Spring Show (set up 25th)
November GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall
(moved from 13th June)



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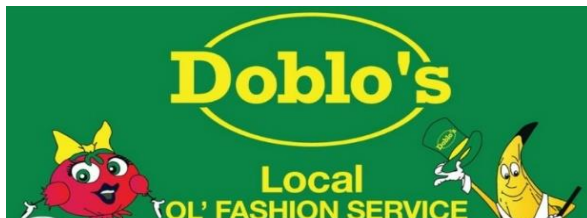
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