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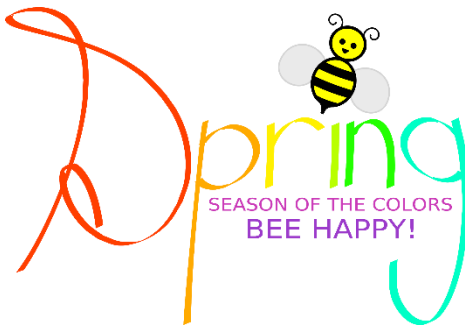


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Newsletter – September 2025



As I write this newsletter our upcoming Show is fast approaching, in fact in a fortnight it will be the Sunday of the Show, wow, where is the year going.

This weekend the Nambour Orchid Society hosted the STOCQ Conference at Bokarina and by all accounts it was a great success. I have been fortunate that some members have sent me photos (Tara Thorn & Bob Jenkins, as well as photos I have copied from Facebook Posts) which I will include in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Sue and Max Rawlings who took out the Grand Champion Orchid of the Show with their beautiful Phalaenopsis. Max and Sue won't be at our Spring Show as the dates clashed with the Mackay Orchid Extravaganza, but we should see them again at our 2026 Autumn Show. David Don Pon from Benaraby Orchid Nursery will be our fourth vendor, this will give members a different variety of plants to purchase.

For those attending the show dinner your seating must be paid for by the 12th September. There are still some vacancies in our rosters so if you can afford a bit of time please come down and help at the show, if you are wanting to know where/when we need volunteers please contact Jeff Bloxsom. 30

We have purchased another Square Terminal so there will be one for the orchid shop for purchases for those who have run out of cash. Many thanks for those who attended and assisted at recent working bee at Bob & Shirley's.

We invite all of our members to submit entries into the show, with a few of our members away this show it would be still good to see tables full of entries, so please consider participating even if you don't think the flower is good enough. In the past plants I have thought wouldn't be good enough have been awarded prizes, so yours might also be the same. Remember to get your plant names to the relevant persons to get your plant labels printed.

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 27th September 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 23rd August commencing at 1.27pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: NIL

Visitors: NIL

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

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

Moved Dennis Ratcliffe

Seconded

Peter Rankin

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 2025

IN –

- Newsletters – Blackwater Garden Club, Bundaberg 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
- Invoice from Rockhampton Regional Council for Deposit for hire of Robert Schwarten Pavilion for Spring Show
- Email from AOC with minutes of June Meeting
- Email from Plus Track Support re: AED Licence
- Email about Nabour Conference and Schedule
- STOCQ email about new hybrid
- Email about STOCQ Conference being two weeks away
- STOCQ Amended Show List for 2025 & 2026
- STOCQ Financial Statement June to September 2025
- STOCQ Email about change of glass trophies

OUT -

- All Club Newsletters sent out to members

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

Seconded

Sue Eggleshaw

Carried

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

Karen Carr moved that the report be accepted

Seconded

Kay Ratcliffe

Carried

Growers Group: Robyn Murphy said she didn't have much to say. Thanked Sandra & Michael for hosting the last group gathering. Our next Grower's Group meeting will be held at the home of Trevor and Marg Handley at Yeppoon on 1st November. Details in October Newsletter.

Business Arising from the last meeting: NIL

General Business:

- Stores – Bob & Shirley brought a trailer loaded with stores to the August Meeting. At this stage it is still unknown how our stores will operate. A lot of members took advantage of the trailer sale.
- Jeff & Tony went to the Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Show inaugural show and they did a great job. They purchased plants for future raffles.
- Show notes, Schedule etc will be emailed next week by Karen.
- Sale Tags were available for sale today.
- Peter Jenkinson will be our Spring Show Marshall.
- Jeff mentioned a change to the rules of container displays; it is hoped it will encourage more entries to be put in. If a couple of members want to combine to put in a display is encouraged.
- With the floral art orchids must be predominately in the arrangements.
- Thursday 18th September the tables, dividers etc will be set up
- Friday 19th members who wish to contribute towards to the club display must have their plants at the Pavillion between 8.00 and 8.30am. Moyna is organising the display with assistance from other members.
- Moyna spoke about having black pot covers, and make a bit longer than the pots, it is essential that the pots are stable. Also, if you make it wider it can be pinned for narrower pots. Ensure all plants look respectable and free from pests & diseases.
- From 9.00am show and sale plants can be brought in.
- Judging for the Friday evening, there will not be as many judges as last time especially the Mackay judges as they have their Orchid Extravaganza on the same weekend.
- Foliage and Floral Art Judging has been organised.

- Members can have up to two sales tables, names were taken from members at meeting.
- All entries and floral art must be in no later than 4.00pm
- Devonshire Teas will be for sale again.
- Show Dinner is the same caterer and cost is \$30/Head. Money to be paid no later than 12th September. Names taken for dinner.
- There will be the normal Multidraw Raffle.
- Back pavilion has been hired again for member parking and other societies members. Visiting members from other societies will have to pay show entrance fees.
- David Eggleshaw will assist with traffic management on the Saturday morning.
- Tony March will organise the roster for talks and demonstrations. This time it will be rolling talks, mainly on the Saturday.
- Bob Jenkins is holding a working bee on Tuesday 2nd September at his residence from 9.00am.
- Show Signs and posters can be put up from the 1st September
- Plants can be purchased at the Show Friday afternoon between 3.00pm & 5.00pm.
- No sticky tape or staples through the barcode on the plant sales labels.
- Bob will need assistance on the Thursday collecting the stores. Store Sales will be moved closer to the Plant Sales Area.

Plant Commentary - Peter Jenkinson did the plant commentary.

Lucky Number: #45 – Robyn Murphy

Exhibitor's Draw: #110 – Tony March

General Raffle – Bob Jenkins, Sandra Rowcliffe x 2, Kay Bauman x 2, Sug Eggleshaw, Lyn Hopes, Daphne Jenkinson, Miriam Black, Rosemary Wines, Tony O'Connor, Margaret Dunbar.

Orchid Virus Presentation – Tony March delivered an informative talk on virus. He mentioned the Agitest Virus Test Kits he purchased through Barrita Orchids – the tests test for the two most common virus's affecting Orchids worldwide – Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ring Spot Virus (ORSV). Further details on talk in newsletter.

Next General Meeting – Saturday 28th September

Next Committee Meeting – Tuesday 26th August 6.30pm – Jeff Bloxsom Home

Meeting closed at 4.20pm

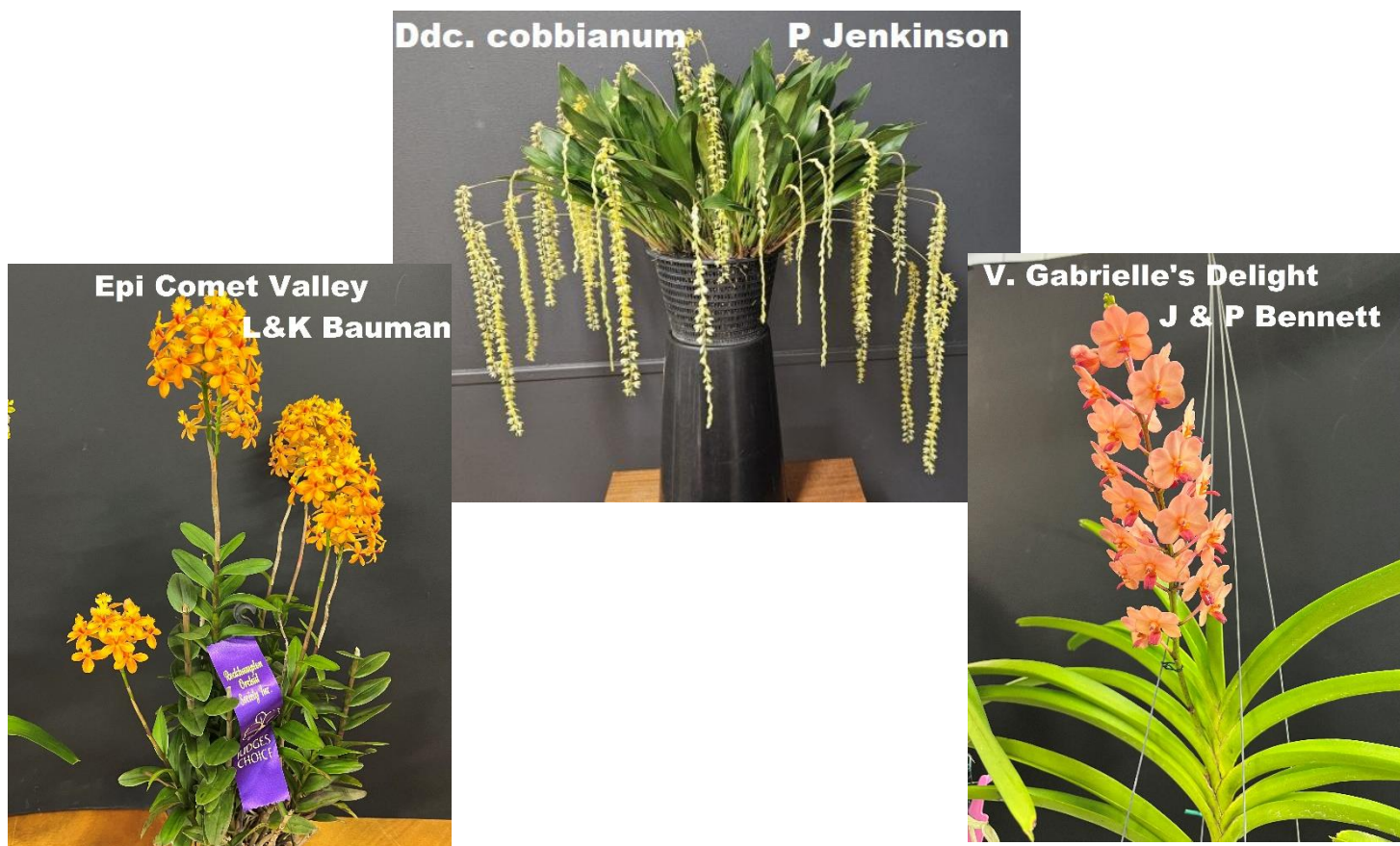
Jeff Bloxsom

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – AUGUST GENERAL MEETING



Annual Competition – August 2025 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Epi. Comet Valley</i>	L & K Bauman
<i>Vandachostylis. Gabrielle's Delight</i>	J & P Bennett
<i>Dendrochilum (Coelogyne) cobbianum</i>	P & T Jenkinson

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 77)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rth. Redland Nugget 'Mint'</i>	T O'Connor
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Lipa Silva's Charm</i>	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda Crownfox Golden Dawn</i>	M Richardson
Vandaceous over 65mm	<i>V. (Dr. Anek x Srivilad Gold)</i>	T O'Connor
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Roongkamol Vejarut</i>	J Bloxsom
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Hsinying Web x Paph. Hung Shen Bay</i>	S & M Rowcliffe
Species - Rhynchostylis	<i>Rhyn. Name Unknown</i>	B Jenkins & S Kuhl
Species – All other Genera	<i>Dendrochilum (Coelogyne) cobbianum</i>	P & T Jenkinson
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Lianher Rainbow</i>	T & M Handley
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym. Name Unknown (Tropical Variety)</i>	B Jenkins & S Kuhl

Novice (Plants Tabled: 25)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>Rlc. Fuch's Orange Nugget x C. Topaz Acclaim</i>	D & K Ratcliffe
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Golden Diamond m/c</i>	T Thorn
Vandaceous	<i>V. Chomkao x V. Kulwadee Fragrance</i>	K & D Clarke
Miscellaneous	<i>Epi. Comet Valley</i>	L & K Bauman
Species	<i>C. loddigesii var. punctata</i>	K & D Clarke

**FOR ALL SHOW INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO THE SHOW INFORMATION
PAGES THAT WERE EMAILED OUT PREVIOUSLY.**

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

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K & D Clarke



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& S Kuhl



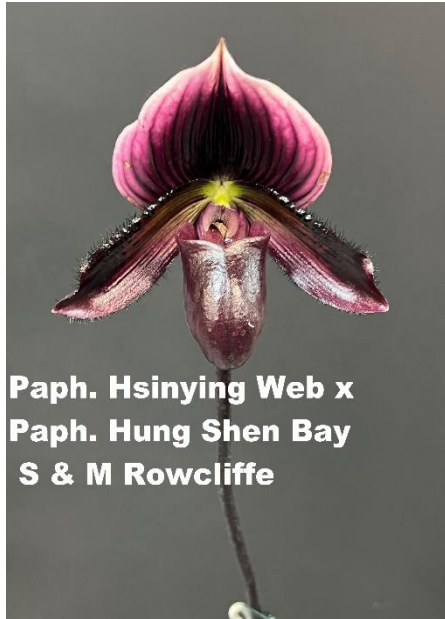
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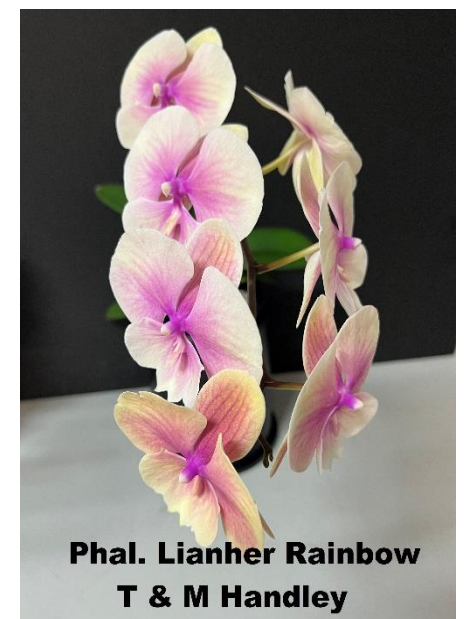
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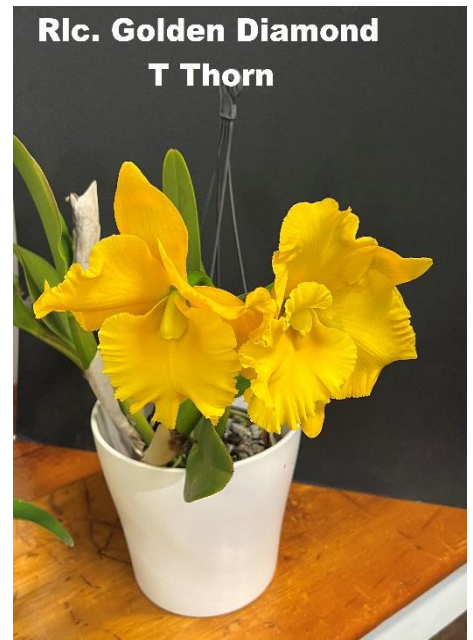
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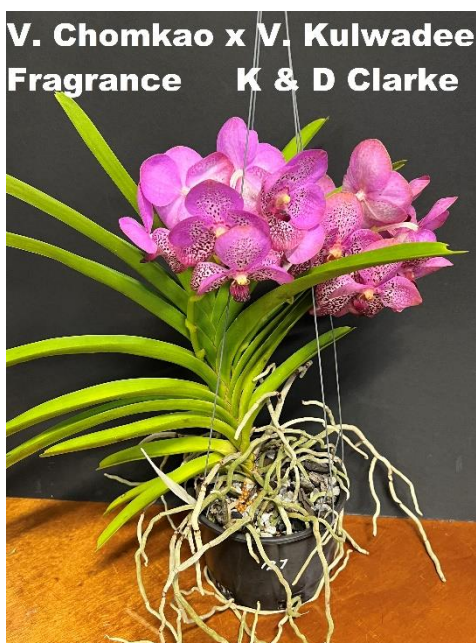
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Fragrance K & D Clarke



V. Crownfox Golden Dawn
M Richardson



Ddc. cobbianum
P Jenkinson

SPECIES ENTRIES – SPRING SHOW

REMINDER

All members who are entering species orchids into the Spring Show could you please email to Marg Handley the names of these orchids. Even if they are only in bud, and maybe not open enough for the show. Marg is creating information cards on species orchids for display at our Show. Her email address is marg.handley@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 26th AUGUST 2025

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

Apologies – Robyn Bentley, Trish Craig

- Discussion about Show Notes and Changes
- Discussion about ROSI Stock for Show
- \$600 Refunds from council for overcharge on power/air-conditioning at Autumn Show
- Need to buy a third Square Terminal for Show
- Signage can be put up around 1st to 5th September
- Discussion about judges for the show
- Spoke about Marquees from Frenchville for Show, can be picked up Wednesday afternoon and dropped back Sunday/Monday
- Jeff has ordered 120 tables
- Discussion about Table Decorations for Show Dinner
- It was discussed about the Table Show Voting Counters and it was decided that only committee members will do the counting, and if there are close counts then a second person will be called to recheck.

Orchid of the Month

[Source - Wikipedia](#)

Dendrochilum cobbianum

Dendrochilum cobbianum, or **Cobb's Dendrochilum**, described by Heinrich Gustav Reichenbach in 1880, is an epiphytic orchid occurring in the Philippines, growing on moss-covered trees. It can sometimes occur as a lithophyte growing on rocks at altitudes above 1200 m.

Description

It possesses white to green-white, creamy flowers with yellow throats that emerge alongside new growth. These flowers have a diameter of 1.8 cm, rather large for this genus. They are fragrant with the scent of new mown hay. When in bloom a multitude of flowers are contained on arching inflorescences, with a length of about 50 cm.

A single lanceolate leaf with prominent midrib sprouts from a conical, yellow pseudobulb.

Cultivation

This species is easy to grow and generally prefers intermediate temperatures and moderate light. It will generally grow very fast, usually doubling in size every year.

Cobb's dendrochilum



Cultivars

There are several cultivars available :

- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Chartreuse Sentinel' (large flowers, sturdy succulent leaves)
- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Fat Leaf' (chartreuse flowers with yellow lip)
- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Gold Chain' (with glittering, golden, fragrant flowers)
- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Green white' (with long spikes of fragrant, green-white flowers)
- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Sentinel 1' (yellow flowers)
- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Sentinel's Poco' (miniature creamy flowers with yellow lip)
- *Dendrochilum cobbianum* 'Yellow Sentinel' (yellow flower with darker yellow lip)

Dendrochilum cobbianum care and culture

Dendrochilum cobbianum is endemic to the Philippines (the islands of Luzon and Mindanao). In nature it is found on the trunks of moss-covered trees or occasionally on the rocks, almost always exposed to the sun at an altitude of 1300-2500 metres.

Dendrochilum cobbianum also called as Cobb's *Dendrochilum*, *Acoridium cobbianum*, *Dendrobium cobbianum*, *Platyclinis cobbiana*, is a species of the genus *Dendrochilum*. This species was described by Heinrich Gustav Reichenback in 1880.

IDENTIFY DENDROCHILUM COBBIANUM

It is an epiphytic, small sized, warm growing species with clustered, narrowly conical, yellowish pseudobulbs carrying a single apical, oblong-lanceolate, acute, petiolate leaf with a prominent mid rib.

Cobb's *Dendrochilum* blooms in the fall with a sharply pendant, 50cm long, ovate bracteate inflorescence with ovate, subacute, glumaceous bracts with many fragrant flowers. The flowers are white to green-white, creamy with yellow throats emerge alongside new growth. The flowers have a diameter of 1.8cm, rather large for this genus. They are fragrant with the scent of new mown hay.

Cultural information should only be used as a guide and should be adapted to suit your growing conditions. Your physical location, where you grow your plants, how much time you have to devote to their care, and many other factors, will need to be taken into account. Only then can you decide on the cultural methods that best suit you and your plants.

Light

Dendrochilum cobbianum needs a light level of 24000-28000 lux. It will tolerate the direct morning sun very well, but it should be protected from direct rays after 10.00-11.00am. The ideal photoperiod is 12-14 hours.

Temperature

It is a plant with intermediate-hot thermal requirements and grows well below 24-27 degrees Celsius during the day and 19-20 degrees Celsius at night.

Humidity

Cobb's *Dendrochilum* requires very high air humidity of 70-80%. The first symptom of too low humidity is the tips of the leaves that become dry.

AUGUST MEETING PRESENTATION – TONY MARCH

Tony presented a very informative talk on Orchid Viruses. He brought two plants that displayed symptoms of possible viruses. One of the plants had tested positive for a virus. He spoke about the Virus Testing Kits he purchased through Barrita Orchids. They are called **Agitest** and cost \$60 (5 tests) and \$115 (10 tests)



Agitest Orchid Virus 2-in-1 Rapid Test (CymMV + ORSV) (5 tests)

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Price history

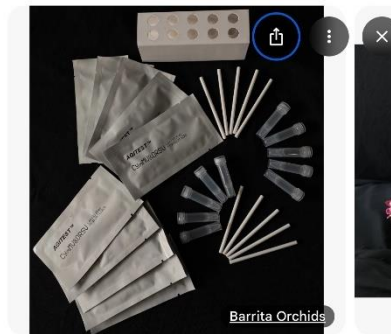
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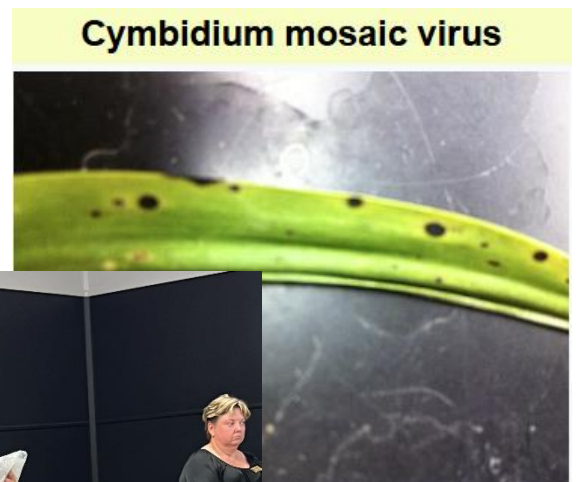
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These kits test for the two most common virus's Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ring Spot Virus.



< **Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus**



Cymbidium mosaic virus

Many thanks to Tony for these informative talks.



Nambour Orchid Society
**SPRING
 ORCHID
 EXPO
 2025**



Reserve Champion Orchid: Paphiopedilum Fanaticum
 Owner J. Robertson



Champion Species Orchid: Dendrobium speciosum
 (Den. speciosum var curvicaule 'Peninsula' x speciosum
 var grandiflorum 'Mt Larcom Gold'
 Owner J. Kelly
 Champion Australian Native Orchid: Dendrobium
 speciosum (Den. speciosum var curvicaule 'Peninsula' x
 speciosum var grandiflorum 'Mt Larcom Gold'
 Owner J. Kelly



The Livingstone Crew above





WORKING BEE AT BOB & SHIRL'S PLACE

Thank you for attendees.



2025 Dates

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

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

**ROSI CHRISTMAS AWARDS EVENING AND DINNER AT THE
ROCKHAMPTON BOWLS CLUB VICTORIA PARADE ROCKHAMPTON.**

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

2026 Dates

March **21st & 22nd ROSI Autumn Show**

September **26th & 27th ROSI Spring Show**



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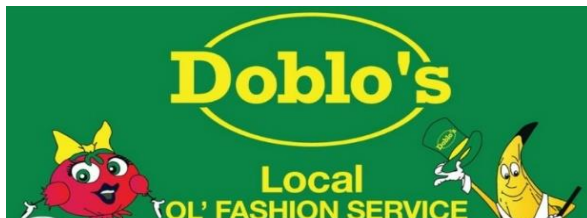
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