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CULTURAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Buderim Men's Shed 34 Advance Road Kuluin
 Plants are to be tabled by 7.00 pm for judging

THE NEXT CULTURAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had two one day shows this year which were both a big success. **Thank you to all the helpers - without your efforts we could not function. Thank you also to the management team for all your hard work to keep everything on the rails**, including me at times.

There are so many jobs, big and small, that have to be done to keep us going. Thank you again.

Another AGM has come and gone. It was pleasing to see so many of you getting involved. To me this is real democracy, with everyone able to be nominated or to nominate anyone they think will do a good job in the positions. Also, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Del has retired as Treasurer after many years of sterling service. **Thank you Del.** Fay has taken over the job and is settling in well.

A very big thank you to Kathy for her tireless work over many, many years as Secretary. She is now handing over the reins to Desiree. I'm sure things will run smoothly in her competent hands.

The show season is coming to an end with our one day show on Saturday 13 November. The next show after that will be in March 2022. I hope you can all take part in our November show and help make it a very good one after the disappointment of having to cancel our August show.

DUNCAN McMARTIN
 MOS President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I'd like to echo the President's strong gratitude to Kathy as she hands over the Secretary role this year, having been in the role for many years and also having served as President of the Society. **She has very much been a backbone to the Society's success** with her devoted commitment and ever-present enthusiasm for growing orchids. Lots of work happened behind the scenes, including lots of engagement with the Maroochydore community. I am very happy that Kathy remains on the Committee so we all continue to benefit from her extensive experience.

Welcome to our new Assistant Secretary, Christine Lasko. We'll have a busy and fun year ahead of us working out the ins and outs of our roles.

I'm looking forward to your patience and support this next year as I learn the ropes. Doing this with your enthusiastic support will be a boost for me.

Next month we'll have **our final show for 2021** - a one day show on **13 November** at **Buderim Uniting Church Hall**. Set up is at **6.00 am for an 8.00 am start**. Fingers crossed we have many blooms to share with the community.

Save the date for our **50th Anniversary Christmas Lunch: 11.30 am** on **Sunday 5 December** at **Maroochy Surf Club**.

DESIREE WATSON
 MOS Secretary

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Dendrobium Cream Cascade

Dendrobium Cream Cascade is a primary hybrid, being a cross of *Dendrobium thrysiflorum* and *Dendrobium densiflorum*.

I grow this orchid in filtered light high in a tree, where it's protected from the harsh summer sun and benefits from rain, especially storm rain.

The reason for growing it outside is because it has very large canes, some reaching 50 cm in height.

The canes produce huge grape clusters of flowers in spring, but only last around seven to ten days. The blooms are white with a dark yellow egg yolk coloured lip. It's a stunning orchid and well worth having in your collection if you have space.

Mine get watered every second day in the warmer months and fertilised once a week, with much less watering in the winter months.

I prefer to use Peter's Bloom Booster in the cool months and Peter's Ex-cel Cal Mag finisher in the growing season.

The potting mix I use is a medium blend of bark, charcoal and perlite in a well drained pot.

by Loraine



Dendrobium Cream Cascade

LIBRARY

An orchid book library is available for all members to use. Please ensure borrowed books are signed out by our Librarian Joe Merceria.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have an interesting article to share in the newsletter please contact the Editor. See front page for contact details.

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A close up of last meeting's plant of the night

OUR AGM

The AGM was a great success this year. There was a good turnout of members and the process went very smoothly, managed by our Returning Officer Peter Henssler OAM.

Thank you to the previous position holders including the Management Committee and a range of other important roles that keep the Society ticking along.

The Management Committee has two new members, namely, Del Whittaker and John Salway, who have both been involved with the Society and Committee for many years and will bring a wealth of experience to the group. There is also a new Assistant Secretary, Christine Lasko. Kathy Howatson remains on the Management Committee.

The AGM agreed that fees remain at \$10 per person or \$15 for a family/couple. Badges are \$15 each. The AGM also affirmed the dates of the Society's shows for 2022:

- One day show on Saturday 19 March at Buderim Uniting Church Hall
- Mother's Day Show on Saturday 7 May at Bli Bli
- Annual show on Friday 5th August and Saturday 6th August at Buderim Uniting Church Hall

The Committee has also taken on the task of reviewing the Society 'Rules' or Constitution over the next year, as these were written in 1986 when the Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc. was incorporated.



CLOSED SPRING SHOW

8.00 – 2.00 pm
Saturday 13 November 2021

Set up from 6.00 am

Buderim Uniting Church Hall
Corner Gloucester Road and King Street Buderim

POSITION	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY
President		
Duncan McMartin	Roger Lodsman	Ken Johnson
Vice President		
Joe Mercieca	Desiree Watson	Jack Szydzik
Secretary		
Desiree Watson	Barry Woods	Bill Letcher
Assistant Secretary		
Christine Lasko	Desiree Watson	Jack Szydzik
Treasurer		
Fay Mercieca	Kathy Howatson	Christine Lasko
Management Committee		
Del Whittaker	Fay Mercieca	Jack Szydzik
John Salway	Rod Aisthorpe	Fay Mercieca
Loraine Hocking	Bill Letcher	Barry Woods
Kathy Howatson	Mitzi Matthews	Christine Lasko
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Librarian		
Joe Mercieca	Kathy Howatson	Ian Walker
Provider		
Del Whittaker	Kathy Howatson	Fay Mercieca
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Desiree, Kathy, Del	Loraine Hocking	Jack Szydzik
Cultural Meeting Steward		
Roger Lodsman	Fay Mercieca	Kathy Howatson
Cultural Table Report Keeper		
Roger Lodsman	Christine Lasko	Tracey-Lee Rahn
Host and Hostess		
Tracey-Lee Rahn and Jack Szydzik	Christine Lasko	Kathy Howatson
Show Marshall		
Ian Walker	Joe Mercieca	Loraine Hocking
Ticket and Show Label Writer		
Desiree Watson	Kathy Howatson	Duncan McMartin
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John Salway and Duncan McMartin	Tracey-Lee Rahn	Christine Lasko
Raffle Ticket Seller		
Loraine Hocking	Ian Walker	Roger Lodsman
Logistics Officer		
No longer applicable		
Website Manager		
Peter Henssler OAM		
Auditor		
SDM Stephen Mannix CPA Accounting		

ORCHID GENERA NAMES AND PRONUNCIATION

Let's pick up where we left off last month and learn how to pronounce some more orchid names

Macodes	ma-KO-deez	Microtis	mye-KROH-tiss
Macradenia	mak-rah-DEN-ee-ah	Miltassia	mill-TASS-ee-ah
Macrocladium	ma-kro-KLAD-i-um	Miltonia	mil-TOH-nee-ah or mil-TONE-ee-ah
Macroclinium	mak-roh-KLY-nee-um or mak-roh-KLIN-ee-um	Miltonidium	mil-toh-NID-ee-um
Macroglossum	mak-roh-GLOSS-sum	Miltoniopsis	mill-toh-nee-OP-sis or mill-tone-ee-OP-sis
Malaxis	mal-AKS-iss	Monacanthus	mon-a-KAN-thus
Mandragora	man-dra-GORE-a or man-DRA-gor-a	Monanthos	mo-NAN-thos
Mapinguari	map-ing-GWAR-ee	Mormodes	mor-MOH-deez
Masdevallia	mas-deh-VAHL-ee-ah or mas-de-VAHL-lee-a	Mormodia	mor-MOH-dee-ah
Maxillacaste	maks-ill-la-KAS-tee	Mormolyca	mor-moe-LYE-ka
Maxillaria	mak-sill-AIR-ee-ah	Mossiae	MOSS-ee-eye
Maxillarieae	maks-ill-AIR-ee-eye	Mucuna	MEW-kew-na
Maxillariella	maks-ill-air-EE-el-lah or mak-sill-air-ee-ELL-ah	Muscosae	MEW-skos-eye
Maxillariinae	maks-ill-air-ee-EE-nee	Myanthus	mye-AN-thus
Maxilyca	maks-ill-LYE-kah	Myoda	MY-oh-dah
Maxthompsonara	maks-tomp-SON-are-a	Myosurus	my-oh-SYOO-russ
Mediocalcar	mee-dee-oh-CAL-car	Myoxanthus	my-oxs-AN-thus
Megaclinium	meg-a-KLYN-ee-um	Myrica	MY-rih-ka
Meliorchis	mel-EE-or-kiss	Myrmecatavola	mer-me-KAT-avol-ah
Mendoncella	men-don-SELL-ah	Myrmecolaelia	mir-meh-koh-LAY-lee-a
Menophyllum	men-oh-FILL-um	Myrmecophila	mir-meh-KOFF-ih-lah or mir-meh-KOF-ill-a
Mesoglossum	mee-zoh-G LOS-sum	Myrmecocatleya	mer-me-ko-KAT-lee-ah
Mesospinidium	mee-zoh-spih-NID-ee-um	Mystacidium	miss-tah-SID-ee-urn
Metrosideros	met-roh-SID-er-ohs	Mystorchis	miss-TORE-kiss
Mexipedium	meks-ih-PEED-ee-um		
Microchilus	my-kroh-KYE-luss		
Microcoelia	my-kroh-SEE-lee-a		
Microlaelia	mi-cro-LEH-lee-a		
Micropetalum	my-kroh-PET-a-lum		
Microphytanthe	mi-kro-FI-tan-thee		
Microterangis	mye-kro-tehr-ANG-iss		

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MOUNTING ORCHIDS

Most of the orchids we grow are descended from epiphytic or lithophilic species, plants that grow in the tops or trees or on rock escarpments, areas that experience bright light and copious air movement. With this in mind, some of the orchids that we 'struggle' with, often do better on mounts than in pot culture. This opens an avenue to move our orchids out of our glasshouses and shadehouses, and into our gardens.

Mounting several orchids onto a seasoned hardwood fencepost allows us to move epiphytic orchids into our gardens in a manner that facilitates ease of management while creating focal points in our gardens for seasonal interest. Aggregating plants on a single mount also brings into play the ease of management that come with housing potted orchids together in a shade or glass house.

When choosing orchids to mount, bear in mind the location of the mount... a north east aspect is best as this allows for morning sun (to facilitate flowering) and protects the plants from the cold and dry westerlies that come our way in mid winter. Locating the mount to the north east of established plants in our garden also protects plants such as Phalaenopsis, Bulbophyllum, and Coelogyne on the shadier side of the mount from cold and drying winds.

When mounting groups of orchids on a single mount, bear in mind that they can create microclimates for each other. Light loving orchids can provide shade and protection for the species mounted beneath them. As Barry mentioned last month in his article on Softcane Dens in the garden, Staghorn Ferns can provide a moisture reservoir for orchid roots. Wrapping orchid roots in jute/coir matting provides a moisture reservoir while the plant establishes itself on the mount. An old sock or stocking stuffed with cow poop or Dynamic Lifter tied above the orchid in spring is a great way to fertilise plants on mounts.

This month's bush house visit to our new Secretary, Desiree's garden (see back page) is illustrative of what we can do in just a few years. She has well and truly caught the orchid bug and has put her husband to work up a ladder armed with a staple gun to help her place orchids up high in trees throughout her garden.

by Roger



A hot-cold Aussie Den nestled in a hollow log



Another project complete



Staghorns are an effective moisture reservoir for mounted orchids

JUDGING RESULTS – OCTOBER 2021 MEETING

CATTLEYA

	MEMBER	POPULAR VOTE	
1 C. Jungle Gem x C. Ollies' Folly	Joe M	Ian W	Epi. Pacific Candypops
2 Epi. Pacific Candypops	Ian W		
3 Ctt. Trick or Treat	John S		

DENDROBIUM

1 Den. Cream Cascade	Loraine H	Lorain H	Den. Cream Cascade
2 Den. Buderim Moonlight x friedericksianum	Ian W		
3 Den. Foundry Fruit Salad	John S		

VANDA

1 V. Fuchs Spotted Orange	Kathy H	Kathy H	V. Fuchs Spotted Orange
2			
3			

ONCIDIUM

- 1
- 2
- 3

ANY OTHER GENERA

1 Paph. Saint Swithin	Peter H	TIE	Paph. Saint Swithin & Lycaste unknown
2 Phal. Daystar x Luchia Pink	John S		
3 Paph. Duo de Citron	Joe M		

SPECIES

1 Epi. stamfordianum	Kathy H	Kathy H	Epi. stamfordianum
2 Paph. tonsum	Joe M		
3 Phal. schilleriana	Kathy M		

NOVICE

1 Phal. unknown	Jack & Christine	Jack & Christine	Phal. unknown
2 V. Princess Mikasa	Jack & Christine		
3 Gga. bufonia	Jack & Christine		

FOLIAGE

1 Aeonium arboreum 'Zwartkop'	Mitzy	Mitzy	Aeonium arboreum 'Zwartkop'
2 Ledebouria socialis (Silver Squills)	Ron S		
3 Bromeliad arrangement	Mitzy		

NAME CHANGES ARE IN ORANGE (please update your tags)

THE BENCHES



As spring comes to an end, the number of plants on the bench reduces



The Callista Dens were really rocking it tonight



Some beautiful Phalaes benched this evening



Paph. tonsum standing tall amongst a collection of Slippers

CATTLEYA



Cattleya Jungle Gem x Ollies' Folly



Epi. Pacific Candypops



Cattlianthe Trick or Treat



A beaut yellow Epi



Cattleya Pink Spice

DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium Buderim
Moonlight x friedericksianum



Beautiful colours on this
nigrohirsute Dendrobium



Den. Foundry Fruit Salad



Den Cream Cascade x farmeri



Dendrobium Cream Cascade

VANDA

SPECIES



Vanda Fuchs Spotted Orange



Epidendrum stamfordianum



Dendrobium monophyllum



Phalaenopsis schilleriana

ANY OTHER GENERA



Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin



An un-named Lycaste



Sarcochilus



Paphiopedilum Snow Squall



An interesting little Bulbo



Paphiopedilum Duo de Citron



A cute little Bulbophyllum hybrid

NOVICE



Gongora bufonia



Phalaenopsis unknown



Vanda Princess Mikasa

FOLIAGE



Ledebouria socialis (Silver Squills)



Aeonium arboreum 'Zwartkop'



Bromeliad arrangement



Dendrobium Nestor

BUSH HOUSE VISIT AT DESIREE'S

This month the bush-house visit was at Desiree's home. Desiree has only lived on the Sunshine Coast for a few years but a lot has happened in her garden in that time. She has caught the orchid bug and is dedicated to having them growing on her trees and all throughout her garden. Her husband is put to work getting out the ladder and staple gun to help her establish orchids in high places, and this month acquired some new scars in the process. Be careful on ladders everyone!

We were so fortunate that the weather was lovely on the day of the visit, and we all got to walk around the garden and hear stories of the before and after of various plantings. So far they seem to be winning against the weeds.

Desiree showed us the fertilisers and insecticides she's currently using. She likes to downsize these into manageable containers as they get used a lot and she likes them handy.

Desiree has a 3 x 3 metre bush house and works hard to get as many plants in there as possible. She has a mixed collection and many of the plants are just seedlings so she has many years of exciting 'first flowerings' ahead of her.

The best part of the day was sitting down in the shade to enjoy a relaxing cuppa in excellent company on a beautiful spring day.



Air loving plants like Vandas love to be hung in trees in the garden

SUPPER ROSTER

NOVEMBER SHARYN P, DESIREE W

DECEMBER **EVERYONE TO BRING A PLATE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2021

Caboolture Orchid Society hosts STOCQ meeting

Sat 6 November

Morayfield East State School, Graham Rd Morayfield

CANCELLED: Tweed District Orchid Society Spring Show

Sat 6 and Sun 7 November

Maroochydore Orchid Society Spring Show

Sat 13 November (6.00 am for an 8.00 am start)

Buderim Uniting Church Hall, corner King St and Gloucester Rd

DECEMBER 2021

Maroochydore Orchid Society Christmas Dinner

11.30 am on Sunday 5 December

Maroochy Surf Club, 34-36 Alexandra Parade Maroochydore



Your typical Bunnings Phalaenopsis won't flower well unless you stay on top of watering