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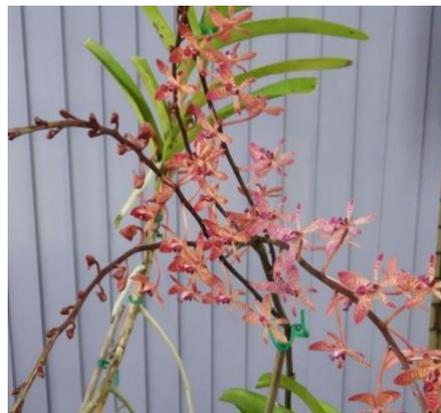
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE



Ctt. Chief Berry



Sc. Royal Beau



Renanstylis Gleneyrie



Aranda Prapin

DECEMBER NIGHT MEETING BENCHING RESULTS

Cattleya Exhibition	-	-		-	-
Cattleya Cluster & Novelty	Epc. Burdekin Honey	Ross & Pam	Species Over 25mm	Brs. verrucosa	Shaun & Elizabeth
	C. Lumita	Cathy		Brs. brachiata	Ross & Pam
	E. Bees Knees	Cathy		Prosthechea cochleata	Ross & Pam
Cattleya Mini & Compact	Ctt. Chief Berry	Trevor	Species Under 25mm	Bulb. frostii	Geoff & Carol
	Sc. Royal Beau	Trevor		Phal. cornucervi	Geoff & Carol
	Rth. Rosellas x Rth Momilani	Ian		Rhy. retusa	Carol
Vanda	Aranda Prapin	Ross & Pam	Australian Native Species	Sarc. cecilia	Mark
				Sarc. cecilia	Mark
	Renanstylis Gleneyrie	Ross & Pam		Sarc. olivaceus	Mark
	V. Unknown	Ross & Pam			
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Unknown	Cathy	Australian Native Hybrids	Sarco. Soft Touch	Mark
				Plectochilus Delta	Mark
Paphiopedilums Phragmipediums			Novice Cattleya		
Oncidium	Onc. Cocoa	Grace	Novice Species		
Intergenerics	Mtssa. Shelob Tolkien	Shaun & Elizabeth	Novice Any Other	Den. Black Pearl	Bob & Betty
	Mtssa. Unk	Cathy		Paph. Shin-Yi Apple x Paph. Grand Mayne	Bob & Betty
	Mtssa. Unk	Ian			
Dendrobium Hybrids	Den. Negro	Robyn	Foliage		

JUDGES CHOICE: Mtssa Shelob Tolkien
Shaun & Elizabeth



POPULAR VOTE:
Myrmechopla Exalatata
Jim



Epc. Burdekin Honey



C. Lumita



Phal. Unknown



Brs. verrucosa



Brs. brachiata



**Sarco. Velvet x
Sarco. hartmannii**



Phal. cornucervi



**Paph. Shin-Yi Apple
x Paph Grand Mayne**



Sarco cecillae



Den. Black Pearl

The highlighted Orchids from the December night meeting have had a name change.

Sarco Velvet x Sarco hartmannii = Sarco Soft Touch
Sarco Riverdene x Plrhz. Tridentata = Plectochilus Delta

Ren. Monachica x Rhy. gigantea = Renanstylis (Rnst.) Gleneyrie

C. Lulu x C. Gene May = C. Lumita

Paph. Hung Shen Red Apple x Paph. Hung Sheng Bay = Paph. Grand Mayne

CHRISTMAS PARTY REVIEW

A leisurely trip to Bribie by bus on a beautiful day followed by a delicious 2 course lunch at the Bribie Bowls Club. Numerous raffles followed lunch then we were privileged to be invited for a tour of Dracaena Farm Nursery at Beachmere hosted by Bronwyn.

Many plant sales followed with very obliging nursery staff helping out. We were waved off by Bronwyn and her staff with wallets a lot lighter and enjoyed the bus trip back to the showgrounds.

Hopefully all members had an enjoyable day!

The management team would welcome any feedback (good or bad) on the Xmas party.

Thanks to Clem & Daphne for generously donating 6 x 1kilo tubs of honey for the Xmas Raffle.



PRESIDENT REPORT

Welcome to the second half of our COS year. It looks like flexibility will still be our modus operandi, as will our need to continue to rise to each challenge. Our first cultural meeting for each group has been cancelled as we try to manage the risks of this latest Omicron surge. Please remember that if you have any symptoms, however mild, do not come to any COS events.

I have transitioned now to the new club computer and my new email address is cospresident@outlook.com. If you can, please use the new email address for Society related correspondence with me. My thanks to the Society and to Moreton Bay Regional Council for the successful grant that funded this.

We would like to use our Facebook page more widely. Speaking with Phil, it was originally set up to be a forum where you could ask questions, share information, as well as showcasing your orchids in flower. Membership of the Facebook site is now over 450 people with a wide spread of readers from across the globe, so there are plenty of people with knowledge to share. Thank you, Phil, for undertaking the admin role and for your support.

My challenge to all our current COS members is to take courage and share your hints, your experiments, your successes and your failures, so that we can all learn more. We won't disparage your efforts, and will appreciate the process and time you spend in adjusting the variables as you learn. At the moment, there is only a relatively small core of people who share their knowledge and successes on the site and some of them are not COS members. Let's make the site an interesting place to find and share information about orchid culture.

At this point I'd like to publicly acknowledge and thank Carol Warland who has been an active committee member for over 3 decades. Carol is taking a break from committee responsibilities. Carol did not want a big presentation and is still a member of COS. Carol, we will miss your input, your willingness to step up and fill in the gaps in committee tasks and the tremendous work you put into each mini-show and Winter Show as well as the scribing for both cultural meetings. I have greatly appreciated your support and knowledge, and your willingness to share it with me during this past 6 months.

Late last year, Jan Hopkins also decided to take a break as well, while still remaining as a member of COS. Thank you Jan for your work with Carol, with the committee, in keeping us all on track with correct orchid names for our plants, and for the labelling process for our Winter Show each year. Thank you for working with Ian Brown who has agreed to take on that part of your committee work.

My hope is that you both will now have some more time and good health to share with family and your orchids. Please accept our thanks for all your hard work over so many years, sometimes in difficult circumstances.

Fran McCoy

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What's ahead this year:

Our Plant Spectacular. Robyn has been in contact with the organisers who have a covid safe plan in place for the event. Robyn will share more information about our sale component in her article.

Mini Show in April: Any repotting for orchids you wish to sell at the mini-show should have been completed in November (at least 6 months before you sell them) They need to be very well established in their pots. Flowering plants usually sell earlier than those which aren't.

Make sure you have organised your extra barcodes from Eddie. You will also need these for the Plant Spectacular in March for all your sale plants. Eddie needs this information in the next couple of weeks to allow time to produce all the required labels.

Winter show in July. We have established a show sub-committee to help in organising and running the winter show at Morayfield. I am still keen on having a succession process in place so that our activities can continue with whomever is available. If you are willing to take up this commitment and help our coordinators, please let us know.

The committee met initially in early December last year and will again on 19th January. The committee's task is to identify what needs to be done and to coordinate each section of the Show and the April Mini-show. It is currently working through the recommendations from our 2021 Winter show review about which you were invited to give feedback last September. The committee will also review our October Mini show. It's task then is to give recommendations for decisions and actions which our Management Committee then make. This means we are still working in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws.



OUR FIRST BUS TRIP FOR 2022-

The bus trip is still being planned for the 25th February to Belmont Shooting Complex for the QLD International Orchid Fair, Covid restrictions permitting.

Special thanks to Margaret Villis for all her planning. She has offered to take on this role from the committee so we can be active once again.

There is a current notice on their website to say that we will know by the end of January via their Facebook page if it will still go ahead. Admission is free and the gates are open between 8am and 4pm on the 25th February.

All bookings at this stage are still tentative, depending on whether it can still be held and whether each of us remains **Covid free.**

We are investigating requirements about vaccination status for each venue. Registration will not open till after the 31st January and will include payment of \$15 towards the cost of your meal at that time. Mask wearing throughout the day will be essential.

The first pick up will be at Ian's place (at 7am).

The second pick up at the usual bus stop outside Green Wattle Village (formerly Bindawalla) at Burpengary at 7.30am before heading over to the Fair.

We will leave the Fair about 11am for lunch at Carina Football Club before we go on to Fame Orchids or the nursery next door, arriving back at Burpengary about 3.30pm and at Ian's place about 4pm.

Meal options at this stage are roast of the day, roast chicken, or fish for the price of \$18.50.

Estimated cost to members will be \$15 for meal plus your own drinks.

The Society will fund the cost of the bus and the balance of the meal costs.

Raffles: There will be a number of raffles conducted during the day.

It may be advisable to wear your Society shirt or name badge.

You will need to bring a clearly named box for any of your purchases.

More information about registering and booking your place on the bus will be available once we know it can proceed.

Fran

VALE BRYAN HILLIER

Caboolture Orchid Society would like to extend sincere condolences to Sharon, Bronwyn and family on the recent passing of Bryan.

Bryan and his daughter Bronwyn recently joined the society and along with other family members, operate Dracaena Farm Nursery at Beachmere.

Bryan has operated the nursery for many years and is well known in the nursery industry.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time in your life.



NEW GROWER'S MEETING

Again, another good roll up of interested new and old Society orchid growers, most members were able to bring along a plant that they had repotted at a previous meeting, most impressed with some of the growth results, keep up the good work, we were able to cover some ground on the advantages of regular fertilising and good plant maintenance.

Repotting your orchid was covered again and trust we were able to advise and assist our novice growers with this forever task, I am sure Jim impressed all present with his advice on orchid care, I have now seen it all with his air compressor driven spray bottle, must get him to bring it back next time, also a big thank you Jim for your help and support.

A good response from members present, with their list of orchid problems that they would like to see covered, this will be taken on board and we will endeavour to cover these

topics at future meetings, please remember, for us to assist, we need to hear from you.

Until next month, enjoy your orchids and good growing.

Ian.



**To new members, Lindsay & Charmaine,
Marjorie & Merle.
Hope you enjoy being part of Caboolture
Orchid Society**



***To any members
who have
celebrated a
Birthday in January.***



**Get well wishes
go to any member
who has been
unwell or has had
a hospital
stay lately.**



FERTILISER CONTAINERS

**We like to recycle the plastics containers
that the fertiliser is sold in at our meetings
namely the screw top containers.
If you have any
empty, we would
really appreciate it
if you could bring
them along to the
meetings.**



BARK SUPPLIES

There is several sizes available and can be purchased for \$27 a 35lt bag.

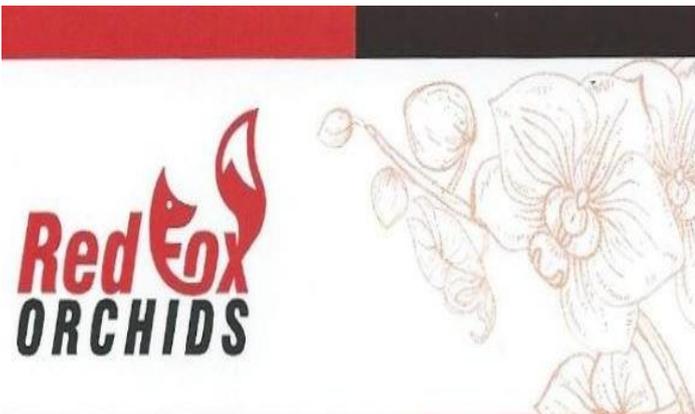
If any member wishes to purchase bark, [contact Ian](#) to arrange a time to pick up from his home.

Payment of bark to be made on pick up.

POTS FOR SALE

A selection of black plastic pots are for sale at each cultural meeting. Various sizes are available. A range of other accessories are also available for sale.

We now have a sterilising solution available for sale – Trisodium Phosphate.



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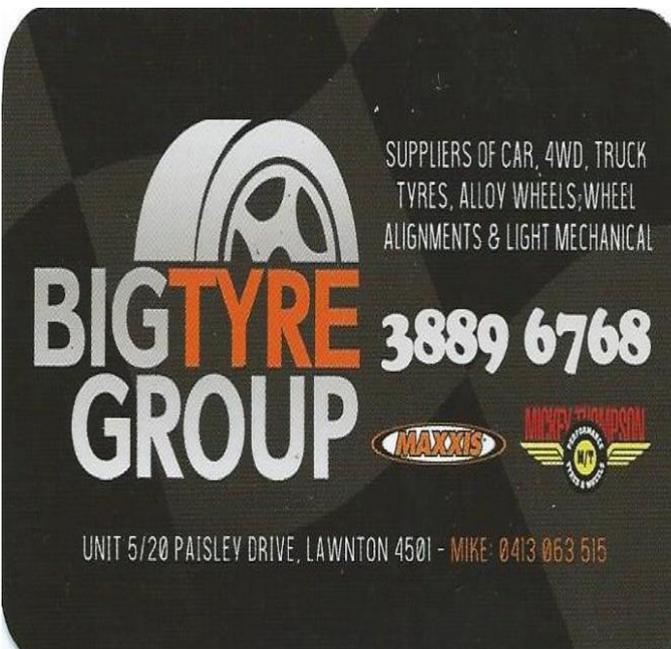
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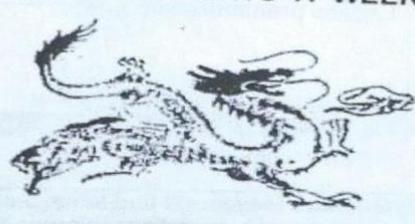
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY		
2 nd	COS CULTURAL NIGHT MEETING – Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture. CANCELLED	7.30
12 th	STOCQ AGM/OQI – Gympie. POSTPONED UNTIL 16th JULY – CHILDERS	9.00
12 th 13 th	ASPLEY ORCHID SOCIETY VALENTINE'S DAY SHOW – Botanic Gardens Auditorium Mt Cootha	8.00-3.30 9.00-3.00
18 th	COS CULTURAL DAY MEETING – Caboolture Bridge Club, Short St Caboolture. Tea, Coffee & Biscuits supplied. Please do not bring food to share. PLEASE NOTE: NEW FORMAT – PLANTS FOR JUDGING TO BE BENCHED BY 1PM. POPULAR VOTE FROM 1.20-1.30	1.30
21 st	COS COMMITTEE MEETING – Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture	1.00
25 th 26 th	QUEENSLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR – Belmont Shooting Centre	8.00-4.00 8.00-3.00
MARCH		
2 nd	COS CULTURAL NIGHT MEETING – Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture. Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be supplied. Please do not bring food to share.	7.30
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19 th	MAROOCHYDORE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW – Buderim Uniting Church Hall.	8.00-4.00
21 st	COS COMMITTEE MEETING – Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture	1.00
26 th	PLANT SPECTACULAR – Morayfield Community Hall next to Bunnings. See info on page 10	9.00-4.00

26th March Plant Spectacular Run by Caboolture Orchid Society

This is being run in conjunction with BPW Caboolture as part of the Caboolture and Surrounds Business Showcase.

You will be able to sell any potted plant in our usual healthy conditions as previously outlined.

Smaller rather than larger pots are desirable as most people are attending via bus. They will be carrying plants sold by us in the reusable plastic bags provided upon purchase.

We need to deliver pots for sale to the Morayfield Community Hall behind Bunnings on the afternoon of the 25th March. The time for this is still to be advised. Security is being provided for our set up and plants.

Plants need to have your barcode on the side and be clean and ready to be placed on the sales tables.

Orchids will be allocated to the Orchid table separate to the other types of plants.

Barcode orders need to be placed with Eddie and George by February. Please order extras to avoid last minute requests for barcodes.

We have paid for 50% of the Morayfield Community Hall for this event. All the hall tables are at our disposal for use.

Assistance for set up the day before on the 25th March and sales on the day plus security will be required for the 26th March 2022. Two shifts of 10 are allowed by BPW.

The Event will run from 9am till 4pm pack up and pick up will be after that.

You will need to hand in a copy of the list of plants you intend to sell. Keep a list for your own records to cross check against any that remain unsold.

All care but no responsibility will be taken for anything that happens to your plants.

We will do our best to look after your plants.

Please do not bring them along if you have an ant infestation or a disease of any kind. These plants need to be ones you would happily buy yourself.

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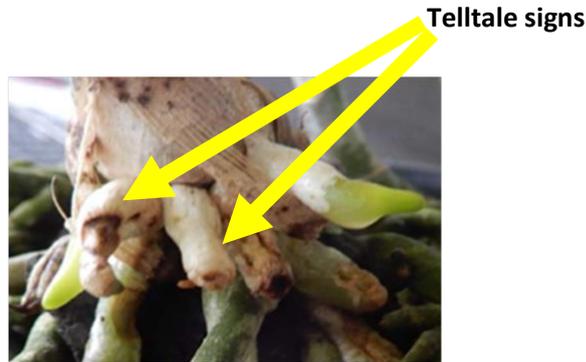


Do you wonder why your orchid roots are not healthy?

Well there are many reasons for that including:

- mix broken down
- too much water
- fertilizer too strong
- too fine a mix
- wrong potting mix etc.

Have you ever blamed tiny snails?



You might think you do not have them, but I bet you do. These little things are hard to find and only come out when we are usually asleep or after rain. I have had a lot of problems over the years with these snails. The poison we used to use is no longer available, apparently it causes cancer. I have resorted to inspecting every plant, every few months and putting down snail baits. Although I have a reasonably small collection, this is not very practical as snail bait will not last long if it gets wet and it does take a long time place on each pot.

I have no idea where they come from; I only ever use tank water.

My research into these snails tells

me they are not native of Australia but come from Europe (a long way to come to eat my orchids) and are called garlic snails. Apparently, they have a garlic smell when crushed. From my research, there is no commercially available spray that I know of, only pellets. I have found many articles on Google that suggest garlic spray will help to control them.

The one I chose to follow is from Sue Proctor Plants in West Yorkshire, England for no other reason other than it is explained very well. I have only included part of the article on snails but it does cover other pests that are relevant to orchids. Sue Proctor Plants 11pecializes in Hostas which are indoor plants. (sueproctorplants.com)



Garlic Wash

Spraying plants with a garlic wash is one of the most effective ways of deterring slugs and snails. It's also a root stimulant and protects against aphids. You need to begin early in the season since the wash takes 4-6 weeks to work.

Here is the recipe:

- *Crush two large garlic bulbs (not cloves), in a plastic bag to save mess.*
- *Add to 1 litre of boiling water in a pan.*
- *Boil for 10 minutes.*
- *Leave to cool outside to avoid a lingering garlic smell in your kitchen.*
- *When cool, strain into a sieve.*
- *Store the garlic in a capped bottle.*
- *Add two tablespoonfuls to 1 litre of water in a spray bottle.*
- *Spray your plants every two weeks or so on a dry evening so that the garlic solution stays on the leaves longer and can be more easily absorbed.*

If possible, cook it outside. The smell will linger in the house for days. Keep any unused garlic wash in a sealed bottle in the refrigerator. Maybe, adding some mild dishwashing liquid will help to distribute it more evenly and may help with controlling scale. I did mix it with fish emulsion to help hide the smell of garlic. The fish emulsion I use is not deodorized so it smells terrible anyway.

Two bulbs of garlic and one litre of water makes about 800ml of garlic wash so if you use 2 tablespoons (40ml) of concentrate per litre that will make 20 litres of spray. Scale it up or down to suit the size of your collection or spraying method.

I caught one snail to take this photo, so I dropped one drop of concentrated garlic spray on it and after a few minutes it started to crawl away. I thought it **does not** work! It went about 50mm and stopped moving and did not move again. Got it, so it does work! Unfortunately, it is not systemic and does not stay on the plant for very long so as it says in the article it takes time to work especially with the bark mix we use for orchids. There are plenty of places for them to hide. I am hopeful this is an easy fix for an ongoing problem. I maintain there are only 2 "tricks" to growing good orchids:

1. Buy well
2. Grow good roots.

Everything else will take care of itself.

Hopefully, this has been helpful to you growing better orchids.

Bruce Miles

Thanks Bruce, for contributing this article for the newsletter.

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TIME FOR A LAUGH

Grandmother and her grandson are shopping at the Supermarket.

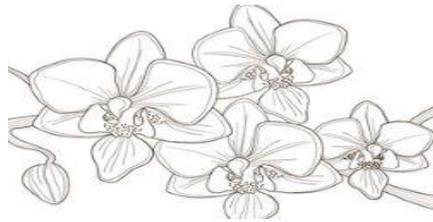
Grandma: Diploma, put down that packet of sweets.

Cashier: "Granny, is your grandson's name Diploma?"

Grandma: "Yes"

Cashier: "Why Diploma?"

Grandma: "Because I sent my daughter to college, and this is what she brought back!"



AN ORCHIDIST'S GLOSSARY

A dear friend of mine is currently in the process of house-hunting, which brings back some not-so-fond memories of our own experiences in that area some time ago. It became imperative to learn how to translate the Real Estate-speak of the ads into everyday English. For instance, we learned that “cosy kitchen” meant there wasn’t sufficient space to swing a spaghetti fork; “decorator’s delight” meant it would cost a fortune to make it liveable; and “handyman’s special” translated in ‘bring a demolition crew, it’s not worth saving.”

Anyway, the thought occurred that the novice orchid grower might be able to use a bit of help in navigating the shoals of vague and ambiguous phrases dotting most culture books. So, we present Cantwell’s Guide to Orchidese (abridged version), in no particular order whatsoever.

EASY TO GROW:	Almost sure to bloom at least once during your lifetime.
A CHALLENGE:	Will probably never flower, but will survive if given a special diet, a vacation in Tahiti and its own valet
FUSSY:	Only a masochist would buy this one.
COMPACT GROWER:	Can be counted on not to take over the entire growing area.
VIGOROUR GROWER:	Stock up on plant stakes and 18” pots. A machete would help too.
MINIATURE:	“Is that the flower or an insect?”
ADEQUATE HUMIDITY:	This is a toughie. Let’s just say that if the plants are trying to crawl toward the kitchen sink, it’s probably too dry. On the other hand, if your eyeglasses fog up when you look at the flowers, chances are you’ve overdone it.
BALANCED FERTILISER:	An orchid grower attempting to carry one tub of 30-10-10, one of 10-30-20, one of 18-18-18, a watering can, a scoop and a proportioner, all at the same time.
BOTTLE BABY:	(1) A seedling that manages to remain in flask for three years without visible signs of growth. (2) The extremely frustrated grower who owns (1)
MINIMUM NIGHT TEMPERATURE:	The temperature below which a given orchid will awaken you in order to ask for an extra blanket.

- PEST: (1) Any of a number of insects, etc, likely to damage an orchid plant.
(2) Anyone who interrupts a repotting session.
- GOOD AIR CIRCULATION: Ideally, something in between the air movement needed to blow out a single birthday candle, and that which would require tether lines to keep the plants on the benches.
- AWARD QUALLITY: The plant may receive an FCC, AM, HCC, CBM or other honor. If not, it might qualify for the PAA (Pest Appeal Award), AWF (Absolutely Won't Flower), DLC (Dropped-Leaves Certificate). Or GC (Garbage Can).
- EVENLY MOIST: The bane of growers everywhere. While the exact definition has Yet to be established, it is generally agreed that a fair sized insect travelling from the top of the growing medium down to the drainage hole would neither drown enroute nor kick up an appreciable cloud of dust.

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