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RIc. Makaha Gold x Ctt. Chocolate Drop



Phal. Ambo Tetralacea x Phal. Germaine Vincent



V. Boonyarit Little Flame



**Bulb. My Angel Wings 'Red'** 



Habenaria medusa



Den. New Burana Red Stem



V. Fuchs Ocean Spray



C. Mari's Song x Rlc. Topaz Georgie Girl



Phal. Ambo Tetralacea x Phal. Germaine Vincent



Rth. Free Spirit x Ctt. Rudak



Den. Gracemere 'Lakewood'



Miltonia moreliana 'Nikdette'



Rlc. Dal's Ambition 'El Jay'

# FEBRUARY CULTURAL DAY MEETING BENCHING RESULTS

Cattleya Exhibition	C. Mari's Song x Rlc. Topaz Georgie Girl	Graham	Aust. Native Species	Sarc. eriochilus	Graham
	Rth. Free Spirit x Ctt. Rudak	Vic & Linda			
	C. Willette Wong x Rlc. Toshie Aoki	Rob & Betty			
Cattleya Cluster & Novelty	Rlc. Makaha Gold x Ctt. Chocolate Drop	Wayne	Cymbidium		
Cattleya Mini & Compact			Australian Native Hybrids	Den. Gracemere 'Lakewood'	Wayne
Vanda	V. Fuchs Ocean Spray	Rob & Betty	Species Under 25mm	Bulb. J.M.Guilloty	Vic & Linda
				Bulb. J.M.Guilloty	Janet
	V. Boonyarit Little Flame V. Janice Allison	Janet Rob & Betty		Christensonia vietnamica	Janet
	x V. rungsan	-			\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Ambo Tetralacea x Phal. Germaine Vincent	Vic & Linda	Species Over 25mm	Milt. moreliana	Vic & Linda
	Phal. Ambo Tetralacea x Phal. Germaine Vincent	Vic & Linda		Habenaria medusa	Vic & Linda
	PhaL. Unknown	Rob & Betty		C. harrisonian	Andrew
Oncidium					
Intergeneric			Novice Cattleya	Rlc. Dal's Ambition 'El Jay'	Shelley
Dendrobium Hybrids	Den. New Burana Red Stem	Graham	Foliage	Anthurium Unknown	Rob & Betty
				Brom. Billbergia Talbot	Janet
				Anthurium Unknown	Rob & Betty

# JUDGES CHOICE: Anthurium Unknown Rob & Betty



POPULAR VOTE: C. Willette Wong 'The Best' x RIc. Toshie Aoki

> 'Starburst' Rob & Betty



Just a reminder to all members who bench plants at the monthly meetings or shows.

You must have owned your plant/s for a minimum of 6 months before they are eligible to be judged.

If you still wish to display your plants for show, and they don't meet this criteria, sign them, 'Not for judging'

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Just a reminder about the new procedure for benching orchids at our cultural meetings.

Benching will be between 12.45 – 1.15 ONLY followed by popular vote from 1.15-1.30.

Meeting starts at 1.30pm.

When you arrive, a steward will be at the door to direct you to several tables at the back of the hall to place your orchids on until the benching tables are ready with dividers and class cards in place. Graham and Mark need time to organize these tables.

Your orchids will need to have numbered discs displayed before they go onto the benching tables and a list of your orchids with genera included ready to be given to Graham.

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# **CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATIONS**



A Celebration of Service for Caboolture Orchid Society members Fran and George presented by Councillor Tony on behalf of The City of Moreton Bay Council, whom we thank for their contribution to our Society.



Raffle table full of prizes



Lucky door prize winner Nev.



Betty happy to take your money for raffle tickets while Bob looks on.



Xmas lunch was well attended.





COS members Kevin & Daphne gave an informative talk on the sizes of pots and heights

of foliage plants that can be exhibited at our shows in line with the show schedule.

# VALE ROSS WAKEHAM

# Malcolm 'Ross' Wakeham

# 20/01/1944 - 24/01/2024



Malcolm 'Ross' Wakeham was born in Christchurch, New Zealand in January, 1944, the only child of William and Edna Wakeham. Ross, as he was known developed an interest in horticulture from a young age, working alongside his father, growing and showing cacti.

Ross was an accomplished hockey player, his speed and goal-scoring accuracy, legendary. Ross was also an exemplary Badminton player, representing the South Island of New Zealand in several touraments. Ross continued to play Badminton socially well into his 60s.

In 1969 with a few close mates, Ross came to Australia. He gained employment in dispatch at IPEC Villawood.

A few years after moving to Australia, Ross met and married Trish, thus becoming step-father to 5 children. Ross and Trish had taken over the raising of 3 of their grand children. He continued to do this after Trish passed away in 2000 with assistance from family.

Forward a few years and attending a school reunion, Ross struck up a conversation with the event secretary, Pamela thus beginning a friendship and companship that neither had expected.

Their love of orchids won them many awards at their local orchid club where they are treasured members.

Ross's favourite saying was "Grinners are winners"

Sincere condolences to Pam, Steph and family at this sad time in your lives.

Ross will be sadly missed at our cultural meetings.

# **GROWERS GROUP MEETING/CAR BOOT SALE & BBQ LUNCH!**









4 of our newer members receiving a bonus plant that was donated by Rob Trost and divided up.



Growers Meeting Saturday 27th January.

Wow, what a great attendance of members at our last Growers Group meeting plus plant sales and sausage sizzle, but sorry about the weather on the day folks, it

was not good, my sincere thanks to all fellow members who helped in any way in putting on what I believe was a very successful event, plus also all members who stayed back and helped pull everything down..

A problem I see is that with a large attendance, quite a few members could see and hear what was going on up front, my apologies, i will be talking with Geoff and Jim on a way to remedy this. Also, it's probably about time that we have some more feedback from members as to what new programs we can present, love to hear from you, plant sales between members seems to be a popular item.

As I will not be around for the next scheduled meeting, Geoff and Jim will be looking at a venue and time, all members will be advised.

Cheers for now lan.

## 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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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

	MARCH	
1 <sup>st</sup>	DRACAENA FARM NURSERY PRIVATE OPEN DAY. See flyer on pg. 10. Your name must be registered with Robyn to attend.	9.00-2.00
9 <sup>th</sup>	GROWERS GROUP MEETING – Geoff & Carols – 19 Londonderry Ct Burpengary. Please bring a small plate of food to share.	9.00
9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	WEST BRISBANE OS SHOW – Botanic Gardens Mt. Cootha	8.30-3.30 9.00-3.00
15 <sup>th</sup>	COS DAY CULTURAL MEETING – Combined Services Hall, Hayes St, Caboolture. Please bring a small plate of food to share.	1.30
18 <sup>th</sup>	COS Committee Meeting – Supper room, Morayfield Community Hall, Morayfield.	1.00
23 <sup>rd</sup>	MAROOCHYDORE OS SHOW – Uniting Church, Buderim. Closed show.	
29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	BRIBIE ISLAND OS SHOW – The Orchid House Set up Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00-4.00
29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	GLADSTONE OFS SHOW – Bill Robertson Toyota, Hanson Rd	
	APRIL	
5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	SUNSHINE COAST OS SHOW – Uniting Church Hall, Olm St Caloundra	
13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	EDOS SHOW – Belmont Shooting Complex	8.30-4.00 8.30-2.00
12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup>	CHILDERS ISIS DISTRICT OS SHOW -	
13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	PINE RIVERS OS SHOW – Kallangur State School Hall, Old Gympie Rd Kallangur	8.30-3.30 8.30-2.00
13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	ROCKHAMPTON OS SHOW – Old Art Gallery (next to Pilbeam Theatre)	
19 <sup>th</sup>	COS DAY CULTURAL MEETING – Combined Services Hall, Hayes St, Caboolture. Please bring a small plate of food to share.	1.30
19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	REDCLIFFE OS SHOW – Scarborough Bowls Club.	8.30-3.00 8.30-2.00
20 <sup>th</sup>	REDLANDS OS SHOW – Redlands Multi Sports Complex	8.30-3.00
20 <sup>th</sup>	SOUTH BURNETT OS SHOW, Diggers Club Wondai	
<b>22</b> <sup>nd</sup>	COS Committee Meeting – Supper room, Morayfield Community Hall, Morayfield.	1.00
27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	GYMPIE & DOS SHOW – Albert Park Bowls Club.	



# OPEN DAY

Orchid Society Members are invited to a special Open Day at Dracaena Farm Nursery.

There will be on-site tours to some of our growing houses and a "pop-up shop" containing lots of lovely Orchids, Tillandsias, Indoor plants and Succulents, plus some fun novelty wares too.

### IMPORTANT:

We are a Production Nursery and not open to the public.
This is a <u>special invitation for the below date and time only</u> and we cannot accept walk-ins outside of these times.
For hygiene and safety reasons, clean covered shoes must be worn on-site by all attendees.

### WHERE:

87 Campbell Parade, Beachmere QLD 4510

### WHEN

Friday, 1 March 2024 9.00am to 2:00pm

RSVP must be made: through your respective Orchid Society by Friday, 23 February 2024



# Pine Rivers Orchid Society Autumn Show!

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am – 3pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am – 2pm

At Kallangur State School HALL

Entry on Old Gympie Rd, Kallangur (cnr Storey Rd and Old Gympie Rd)

- · Large Orchid Competition including foliage plants
- · Bus and Tour Groups Welcome
- · Plant Sales and Supplies pots, hangers, mix, fertilisers
- · Free Advice from experienced members
- · Carpark/Street parking and Wheelchair friendly
- Tea and Cake available with seating
- Toilets available
- \$4 entry fee, kids are FREE

Orchid Nurseries selling their plants at this Show include: Rolin Orchids, Kingfisher Orchids and Darryl Banks Orchids







- Come and see the Competition!
- It will be a Visual Feast!
- Bring your camera!
- Always a Spectacular Show!



To any members who have celebrated a Birthday in February. GET WELL
WISHES
to any members
who have been
unwell or had a
hospital stay lately!





to new member Maureen.

Hope you enjoy being part of Caboolture Orchid Society.

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the first report for 2024. I hope you all had a good rest and are rejuvenated by the extra time with your friends & family over the Christmas break.

Since my last report Ross Wakeham has passed away, and due to poor health Pam will be going into a full care home, we wish Pam all the best.

Our Mini Show & Winter Show is not far away, if any member can assist in any way please contact Fran McCoy on phone No 041986142 as Fran is the show coordinator and Robyn is the coordinator for the administration and ordering of various items.

At this year's AGM meeting we will need a new: President

Secretary

Treasurer

Editor

**Purchasing Officer** 

If you would like to fill one of these positions, please come and see me.

Without a President, Secretary, and Treasurer the Orchid Society cannot exist and the society will close.

Regards

George

# TIME FOR A LAUGH,



I went to an emotional wedding last week.

Even the cake was in tiers!







## **ORCHID PESTS:**

 Scale Insects: These sap-feeding insects attach to the underside of leaves, leaf axils, pseudobulbs, and rhizomes. They can cause yellowing, leaf drop, and other damage. Here's how to deal with them:

## Treatment:

- For minor infestations, use a Q-tip dipped in isopropyl alcohol or a toothbrush dipped in a pesticide like Malathion, Orthene, Summer Oil, or Safer Soap to physically remove scale.
- For severe infestations, apply the pesticide at the crawler stage and repeat after 2 weeks.
- A drench with a product containing imidacloprid (such as Bayer's) can also be effective.

# Prevention:

- Remove old leaf and flower sheaths to eliminate hiding places.
- Inspect new plants carefully before adding them to your collection.
- Mealybugs: These sucking insects tend to hide at the junction of leaves and stems.
   They can cause yellowing and leaf drop.

# Treatment:

- Similar to scale, use a Q-tip with isopropyl alcohol or a toothbrush with a pesticide like Malathion, Orthene, or Safer Soap to physically remove mealybugs.
- Spray with pesticides like Orthene, Malathion, Talstar, Avid, or Bayer'simidacloprid product (rotate products as needed).

# **Fungus Issues:**

**Mould and Fungus**: If you notice mould or fungus on your orchids:

- Remove the source and isolate the affected plant from others.
- Treat the infected area with a gentle but effective fungicide.
- Improve the growing environment by ensuring adequate airflow and humidity to prevent future fungal attacks<sup>1</sup>.

Remember, regular inspection, timely treatment, and maintaining a healthy growing environment are key to keeping your orchids thriving!

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