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Rlc. Jean Cannons



Den. Kiilani Stripe



Vkt. Rosella's Ripper



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**Den. Warringah 'Pale Pink'**



**Rth. Southern Aurora**



**V. Teacher's Fantastic x  
V. Guo Chai Long**



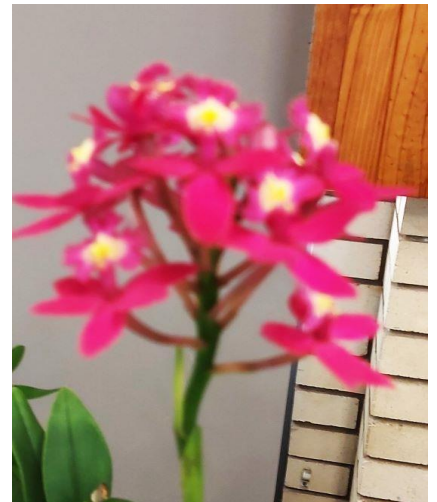
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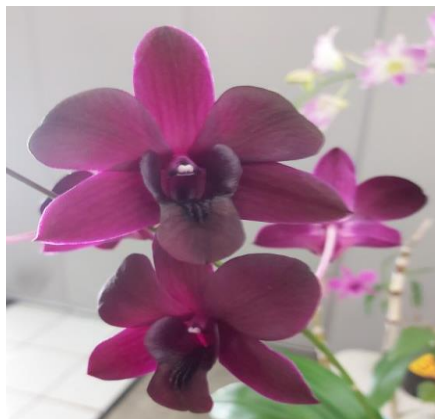
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**Epi. Topaz Rose**



**Den. Airy Crimson**



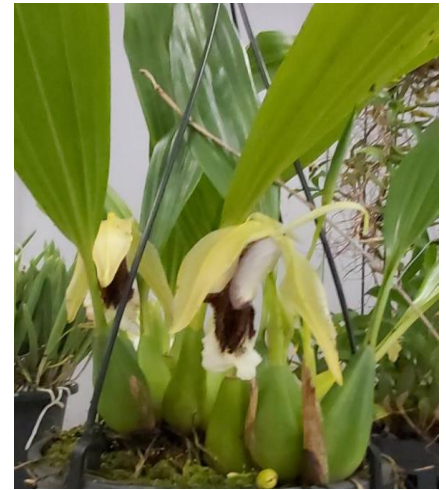
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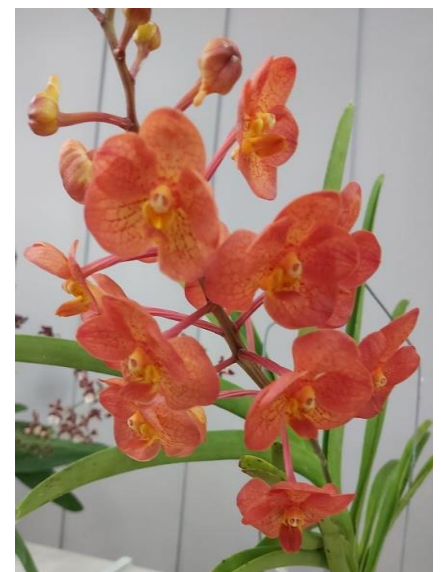
**Coel. speciosa 'Green'**



**Coel. fimbriata**



**Alocasia**



**V. Gwen**

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

Another month has passed where did the time go. Since my last report a few members are not keeping in good health, we wish them a quick recovery back to good health.

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 convenor and Robyn is the coordinator for the administration and ordering of various items.

I would like all the members to tell all their friends of the new site for our Mini show this year. We are at the Caboolture Square shopping centre, King Street.

Parking under the shopping centre.

I have printed out a few conditions of sale forms, any member selling Orchids, ferns or any Foliage must fill out one of these forms.

A special thanks to our providers Gail McLeod and Jill McDougall who do such a good job at our Day & Management Meetings preparing afternoon tea for us all.

Regards, George

## APRIL CULTURAL DAY MEETING BENCHING RESULTS

|                            |   |               |                           |   |             |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| Cattleya Exhibition        | Rlc. California Girl                          | Ian           | Species Under 25mm        | Coel. fimbriata                           | Lynn        |
|                            | Rlc. California Girl                          | Ian           |                           | Coel. fimbriata                           | Nev & Val   |
|                            | Rlc. Haadyai Delight x Rlc. Golden Canefields | Trevor        |                           | Coel. fimbriata var primulina             | Nev & Val   |
| Cattleya Cluster & Novelty | Bc. Binosa Kirk                               | Bob & Fran    | Species Over 25mm         | B. nodosa                                 | Vic & Linda |
|                            | Rlc. Jean Cannons                             | Lynn          |                           | Coel. speciosa 'Green'                    | Nev & Val   |
|                            | Rlc. Deception Kokoda                         | Vic & Linda   |                           |   |             |
| Cattleya Mini & Compact    | Rth. Southern Aurora                          | Vic & Linda   | Australian Native Hybrids | Den. Warringah 'Pale Pink'                | Wayne       |
|                            | Vkt. Rosella's Ripper                         | Trevor        |                           | Den. Red Ballerina                        | Greg        |
|                            | C. Elusive Dream 'Betty'                      | Trevor        |                           |   |             |
| Vanda                      | V. Gwen                                       | Bob & Fran    | Aust. Native Species      | Den. taylori                              | Trevor      |
|                            |   |               |                           | Lip. condylobulbon                        | Andrew      |
|                            |   |               |                           | Den. johannis                             | Mark        |
| Phalaenopsis               |   |               | Foliage                   | Till. Ioantha 'Fuego'                     | Mick        |
|                            |   |               |                           | Alocasia                                  | Nev         |
|                            |   |               |                           | Begonia                                   | Lynn        |
| Oncidium                   | Onc. Jairak Fragrance Bordeaux                | Graham        | Novice Cattleya           | Chz. Hsinying Pink Doll x C. tigrina      | Mick        |
|                            | Onc. Butterfly                                | Lynn          |                           | Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'                   | Shelley     |
|                            | Onc. Eye Candy                                | Lynn          | Novice Species            | Den. bigibbum                             | Mick        |
| Dendrobium Hybrids         | Den. Asternova Snow Drop x Chao Praya Gem     | Wayne         | Novice Any Other          | Den. Airy Crimson                         | Shelley     |
|                            | Den. Kiilani Stripe                           | Wayne         |                           | V. Teacher's Fantastic x V. Guo Chai Long | Shelley     |
|                            | Den. Miss Singapore x D. Ekapol               | Robyn & Garry |                           | Den. Impact                               | Mick        |

**JUDGES CHOICE:** Den. Astartova Snow  
Drop x Den. Chao  
Praya Gem -  
Wayne



**POPULAR VOTE:** Den. Astonville Gem x  
Dal's Jewel x  
(Patrica Ward x  
Mem. Charlie Taylor) –  
Bob & Fran



### **BUS TRIP TO THE IPSWICH GARDEN & ORCHID SPECTACULAR**

We received a very warm welcome when we arrived at the show. Brian Heath was on the footpath to shake our hands as we left the bus.



### **CHAMPION OF THE SHOW**

I'm sure we would all like to have this orchid growing in our greenhouses.  
Congratulations to the grower! A well deserved champion!

A beautiful array of orchids made for an impressive display!  
Well done to Ipswich Orchid Society.



A very nice lunch followed at Brother's Leagues Club with one of our Execs (who will remain nameless but is very good at organising things) finishing her lunch off with a sumptuous dessert!



To any members who have celebrated a Birthday in April.

**GET WELL SOON**  
to any member who hasn't been well lately or is recovering from a hospital stay.



### **VALE VINCE PHILLIPS AKA 'THE PITCHER PLANT MAN'**



Sincere condolences to Dawn & family on the passing of Vince on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Vince & Dawn had supported our Winter show for many years selling pitcher plants and other beautiful foliage plants. They also were well known at the Caboolture markets selling their plants every Sunday until covid hit, & Vince's health declined.



## **BARK SUPPLIES**

There are several sizes available to purchase in a 35lt bag.

Due to an increase in the price of bark & transport costs, the price for members per bag has increased to \$40.

If any member wishes to purchase bark, contact Ian on 0468 347 218 to arrange a time to pick up from his home.

Payment 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.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

|  |   |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>4 <sup>th</sup> | COS MINI SHOW – Caboolture Square Shopping Centre – King St Caboolture<br><b>SET UP Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May from 3pm</b> See Pg 10 & 11 for further details. |                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup><br>11 <sup>th</sup>               | LOCKYER VALLEY OS SHOW – Anglican Church Hall – Gatton.   | 9.00-4.00<br>9.00-1.00 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>                | BUNDABERG OS SHOW – Civic Centre  |                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup><br>11 <sup>th</sup>               | NOOSA OS MOTHER’S DAY SHOW – (Closed Show) – Cooroy Memorial Hall, Cooroy   |                        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                                   | MAROOCHYDORE OS SHOW (Closed Show) Uniting Church, Bli Bli  |                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                                   | COS Cultural Meeting - Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture.<br>Please bring a small plate of food to share.  | 1.00                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                                   | COS Committee Meeting – Supper Room, Morayfield Community Hall.   | 1.00                   |

### JUNE

|                  |  |      |
|------------------|--|------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | STOCQ MEETING – Calliope RSL Hall – 32 Stirrat St Calliope   | 9.00 |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | COS Cultural Meeting - Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture.<br>Please bring a small plate of food to share. | 1.00 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | COS Committee Meeting – Supper Room, Morayfield Community Hall.  | 1.00 |

## COS MINI SHOW

**CABOOLTURE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE - 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2024**

**SET UP FOR THIS SHOW is from 3pm on WED, 1<sup>st</sup> May,**

**PULL DOWN is at approx. 3pm on Saturday.**

It is your responsibility to tie up & present your orchids for benching, including making your own labels and attaching them to the plants. The label must also have your pot number on the front or place a separate label in the pot near your plant name tag so the judges can see it clearly.

The plant name label is usually a piece of lightweight cardboard around 9 cm x 3 cm.

**STOCQ clubs do not put varieties on their labels.**

Transportation of plants to & from these shows is your responsibility.

The plants are placed into the display by the show organiser and other helpers and are also removed by the same people. The set up & pulldown time is governed by Centre Management.

Prize money is only paid for 1st prize in each section and for Champion Orchid and sometimes Champion Specimen. Ribbons are placed on the plants, but no prize cards are printed.

### **PLANT SALES SECTION**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sales plants must be well established in the pot and disease and pest free, something that you would buy yourself.

They will be inspected and any plant not passing inspection will not be placed on the sales table.

As we are an orchid society, orchids are the predominate sales plants.

Bromeliads, Tillandsias and foliage as listed on the following page are acceptable.

**PLEASE NO WATER** in broms, as this creates a safety issue.

Unacceptable plants will be removed at the discretion of the Sales Organiser.

**BARCODE LABELS** to attach to your sales plant are available from Garry Denkel. Only plants with a COS barcode label on the orchid pot will be accepted. Your form request for barcode labels should be submitted to Garry at least 4 weeks prior to the show so they can be printed & distributed.

This is a chance to sell excess orchids, bromeliads & tillandsias & acceptable foliage.

Flowering orchids are placed on the sales table first as these are what attract the public to our display.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All plant sales money will be paid directly into your nominated bank account.

**COS WILL REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE** to man the display whether it be selling plants, raffle tickets or talking to the public. If you can spare some time, please contact: **Robyn on**

**0429 031 008** and discuss your preferred times.

Many hands make light work.

**COS, its agents, or the owner of the venue, will accept no responsibility for the theft, loss, destruction of plants, or damage of any kind occasioned to plants, either during the transport to & from the show venue or while at the show venue.**

While working at the show you **must** sign the attendance book for insurance purposes.

## Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. Mini Show Foliage Schedule

**POT SIZE MAX.250mm. LIMIT TWO ENTRIES PER MEMBER**

**ANTHURIUMS..... flowering and or decorative leaf.**

**BROMELIAD and TILLANDSIA**

**FERNS potted to sit on floor or shelf.....Pot size max 300mm**

**Any other foliage plant up to 250mm high.  
Any other foliage plant over 250mm high.**

**The quantity of foliage plants will be limited to 2 per member.  
The only flowering foliage permitted will be broms, tillandsias and anthuriums.**

- 26. Maximum pot size 250mm wide other than ferns which is 300mm.**
- 27. Plants must be free from pests and disease.**
- 28. Plants must be owned for at least 6 months by the exhibitor.**
- 29. No staking of plants other than Philodendron, which may be discreetly supported.**
- 30. The judge's decision is final.**
- 31. All foliage will be judged according to AHJA Standards**

### **COS Mini Show next week.**

Only a week to go till we meet again at Caboolture Square Shopping Centre for our Mini Show! Please let your friends and family know. A crowd will usually draw a bigger crowd.

-1 **Wanted** lots of flowering orchids and foliage for the display. There will be cream label cards there and some display pegs if you need them.

I would encourage all novice growers to have a go this year as well. Our display will be the drawcard for public interest.

- 2 **People** willing to don a yellow vest and come up and help with security and talk with the public about their orchids for a few hours over the 3 days.

- 3 **Spare** plants you have to sell at the show with your barcode.

- 4 **small batches** of baking wrapped and labelled with ingredients that people will take home for a cuppa. Money from these and from any donated craft items will go to our charity- Childhood Brain Cancer Research.

**Parking** is underneath the shopping centre. Watch for height restrictions if your vehicle is tall.

Looking forward to your support again this year.

Fran

## TIME FOR A LAUGH



One weekend, Henry came home from college. He burst through the door of his parents' home And said, 'Mum, am I adopted?' 'Of course, not' She said. 'Why would you think such a thing?' Henry showed her his genealogy test results: no match for any of his relatives, but strong matches for a family in the same geographic area. Perturbed, his mother called her husband in. 'Honey, Henry did a DNA test and...and...I don't know how to say this, but he may not be your son.' 'Well, obviously!' replied her husband. 'What do you mean?' 'It was your idea in the first place!' he said. 'Don't you remember, that first night in the hospital when the baby did nothing but scream and cry and scream and cry. So, you asked me to change him. Well, I picked a good one! Henry here has rarely given us any trouble at all!'

A man called an airline to reserve a flight for his vacation. On the phone, the airline employee asked him, 'How many passengers are flying with you?' The man replied, 'How would I know? It's your plane!'

I sent my hearing aids into the specialist to get repaired 2 weeks ago. I haven't heard a word since!



## CULTURAL NOTES FOR LIPARIS ORCHIDS – Co-Pilot

### 1. Genus Overview:

- **Liparis**, commonly known as **wide lip orchids** or **sphinx orchids**, belongs to the family **Orchidaceae**. This cosmopolitan genus comprises **more than 350 species** of orchids.
- These plants exhibit a wide range of forms and can be **terrestrial, lithophytic, or epiphytic**. Their leaves vary from linear to egg-shaped, and they often have an unpleasant odor.
- [The name Liparis comes from the Ancient Greek word “liparos”, which means “oily,” “greasy,” “sleek,” or “shiny”, referring to the smooth leaves<sup>1</sup>.](#)

### 2. Distribution:

- Liparis species are found on **every continent except Antarctica**.
- They thrive in tropical Asia, subtropical and tropical parts of the Americas, Africa, New Guinea, and Australia.
- [Notably, there are 63 species in China, with 20 of them being endemic to that country<sup>1</sup>.](#)

### 3. Selected Species:

- Let's explore a couple of intriguing Liparis species:
  - **Liparis angustilabris**: Found in Queensland, Australia.
  - **Liparis coelogynoides**: An epiphytic or occasionally lithophytic orchid that grows in rainforests around Brisbane. [It often forms large clumps covering tree trunks and produces up to 20 yellow-green flowers<sup>2</sup>.](#)
  - **Liparis reflexa**: Also known as **tom cats, onion orchid, or dog orchid**, this endemic species from New South Wales grows on rocks (sometimes on the ground) in moist forests. [Its flowers emit an odor reminiscent of urine<sup>3</sup>.](#)

### 4. Taxonomy and Naming:

- The genus **Liparis** was formally described in **1817** by **Louis Claude Richard**.
- The name **Liparis** refers to the **shiny leaves** of many species.
- [There are two distinct growth habits within this genus: terrestrial and epiphytic<sup>4</sup>.](#)

Remember, these fascinating orchids contribute to the rich biodiversity of our planet!

**Liparis orchids** can be a rewarding experience. Here are some care requirements to help you cultivate healthy and thriving plants:

#### 1. Light:

- **Moderate to bright indirect light** is ideal for Liparis orchids. They appreciate filtered sunlight rather than direct exposure to harsh rays.
- If you're growing them indoors, place them near a north or east-facing window to provide the right amount of light.

#### 2. Temperature and Humidity:

- Liparis orchids thrive in **warm and humid conditions**. Aim for a temperature range of **65°F to 80°F (18°C to 27°C)** during the day.
- Maintain humidity levels around **50% to 70%**. You can achieve this by misting the plants or using a humidity tray.

#### 3. Watering:

- Water your Liparis orchids **thoroughly** when the potting mix feels **slightly dry**. Avoid letting them sit in waterlogged soil.
- During active growth (spring and summer), water more frequently. In winter, reduce watering slightly.

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- 4. **Potting Mix:**
  - Use a well-draining orchid mix that includes components like **bark, sphagnum moss, and perlite**.
  - Repot your Liparis orchids every **1 to 2 years** to refresh the potting mix and ensure healthy root growth.
- 5. **Fertilization:**
  - Feed your orchids with a **balanced orchid fertilizer** during the growing season (spring to early autumn).
  - Dilute the fertilizer to half the recommended strength and apply it every **2 to 4 weeks**.
- 6. **Air Circulation:**
  - Good air circulation prevents fungal diseases and promotes healthy growth. Ensure proper ventilation around your orchids.
- 7. **Pests and Diseases:**
  - Keep an eye out for common orchid pests like **aphids, mealybugs, and spider mites**. Regularly inspect your plants and treat any infestations promptly.
  - Prevent fungal issues by avoiding overwatering and providing good air circulation.
- 8. **Blooming:**
  - Liparis orchids produce small, intricate flowers. The bloom time varies depending on the species.
  - Provide the right conditions, and your orchids will reward you with lovely blooms.

Remember, each Liparis species may have specific requirements, so it's essential to research the particular type you're growing. Happy orchid gardening!



Liparis condylobulbon



Liparis lacerata



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