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CHAMPIONS OF COS WINTER SHOW 2023



GRAND CHAMPION

Paph. Kiryu

John



RESERVE CHAMPION

**Rlc. Burdekin
Carnival**

Russ & Jan



CHAMPION SPECIES

Den. forbesii

Keith & Ann



CHAMPION SPECIMEN

Isabelia pulchella

Robert

A big thank you to Dave from Caboolture Sports Club, our Champion prize sponsors who attended the presentation for the 4 Champion prize winners.







Our three COS execs

and

our three show organisers.

Some of the prize winners at the winter show.





JULY CULTURAL DAY MEETING BENCHING RESULTS

Cattleya Exhibition	Rth. Caboolture's Golden Anniversary	Rob & Betty	Dendrobium Hybrids	Den. Killani Stripe 'Hew'	Robyn
	Rlc. Pretty Nicole	Greg	Cymbidiums	Cym. Gleneagles	Vic & Linda
	Rth. Caboolture's Golden Anniversary	Ian		Cym. Unknown	Michelle
				Cym. Judy Green	Ian
				Cym. Sarah Jean	Michelle
Cattleya Cluster & Novelty	Ctt. Little Fairy 'Moonbeam'	Robyn	Australian Native Hybrids	Den. Greta Snow	Robyn
	Ctt. Tickety Boo	Andrew		Den. Esme Poulton	Mark
	Rth. Love Sound x Rlc. Margaret Goldston	Rob & Bett		Epi. Unknown	Peter
				Epi. Noid	Janet
Cattleya Mini & Compact	Ctt. Azul Madoka 'Hsinying Blue Star	Lynn	Species Under 25mm	Med. decoratum	Greg
	C.Unknown	Susan		Coel. pseudo wenzelii	Neville
	Chz. Burdekin Star	Ross & Pam	Species Over 25mm	Coel. veronica	Neville
				Cym. Unknown	Esme
Vanda	V. Moorei	Rob & Betty		Coel. eberhardtii	Neville
	Rhy. gigantea x	Rob & Betty		Coel. verrucosa	Janet
		Rob & Betty	Any other Hybrid	Epi. Unknown	Peter
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Unknown	Rob & Betty		Epi. Unknown	Janet
Oncidium	Onc. Cherry Fudge	Grace	Novice Any Other	Den. Black Velvet x Tooradin 'Massacre'	Mick
	Onc. Unknown	Michelle		Den. Australian Rutherford Obsession	Mick
	Onc. Pink Fantasy	Robyn		Den. Mem. Jean Deas x Doc. Grumpy George	Mick
Intergeneric	Unknown	Ross & Pam	Foliage	Anthurium 'Paris Black'	Michelle
	Brs. Phoenix Rising x White Light	Michelle		Anthurium Red	Violet
				Unknown	Esme

**JUDGES CHOICE: Cym. Unknown
Esme**



**POPULAR VOTE: Cym. Gleneagles
Vic & Linda**



Rth. Caboolture's Golden Anniversary



Ctt. Little Fairy 'Moonbeam'



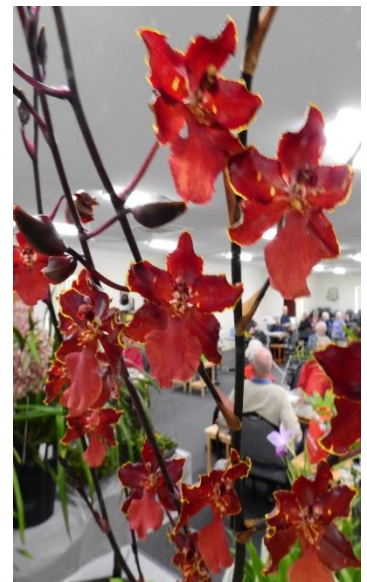
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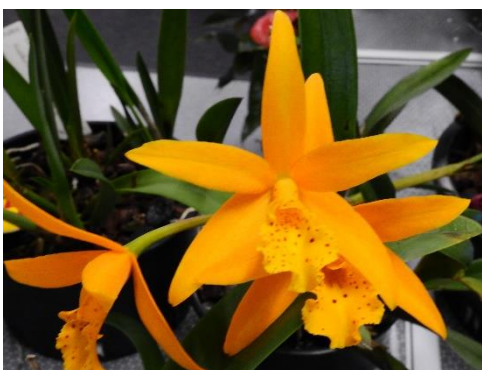
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Ctt. Tickety Boo



Onc. Cherry Fudge 'Carmella'



Ctt. Azul Madoka 'Hsinying Blue Star'





Phal. Unknown



Rhy. Gigantea x V. Peggy Foo



Den. Esmé Poulton



Den. Killani Stripe 'Hew'



Den. Greta Snow



V. Moorei



Brs. Phoenix Rising x White Light



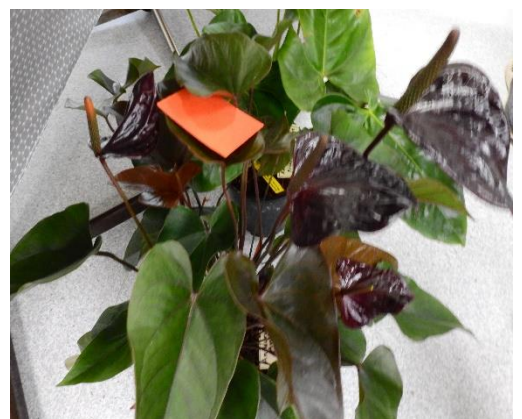
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Coel. verrucosa



Coel. verrucosa



Anthurium 'Paris Black'

Presidents Report for Newsletter – July 2020

Thank you:

- to all for a successful winter show this year. It was a massive effort so soon after our mini- show and the Caboolture Show was well supported and well organized.
- to the organizing team of Ian, Linda and Carol for your planning and hard work,
- to Andrew for your layout planning this year,
- to each of the section coordinators for your time and effort in pulling your sections together so effectively.
- to all those who helped with setting up and dismantling it all.
- **and** to all our sponsors for your generous support- from equipment supply to show benching prizes both large and small. Your sponsorship meant we more than covered the extra costs involved with a changed venue this year.

Every site has its challenges, and we know the parking and gate access were an issue, but people were generally understanding of the circumstances. Congratulations to all who won prizes and to those who sold plants, crafts and floral arrangements.

STOCQ Shows: Benching for the Maroochydore Show is between 4-6pm on Thursday 3rd August. If you need transport for orchids to be benched at show, please contact Michelle, Ian or Fran before the end of July. Show venue is Buderim Uniting Church Hall (cnr Gloucester and King Street)

Bridge Club farewell At Friday's monthly meeting, with 59 members and visitors present, we had our last meeting at the Bridge Club. We have certainly outgrown the space and the available parking, but we thank the Bridge Club for their support over the past few years for the use of this space. It has served us well. Thank you to Brian Heath who shared his presentation on *Cattleya purpurata* with us.

At that meeting, our Vice President, Ian led us as we shared a minute's silence for Betty Raddatz, a long-time member of this Society, and whose significant contributions alongside those of her husband, greatly benefited our Society during our earlier history. Betty was 95.

Our AGM is at 1pm on Friday 18th August in the Supper Room at The Morayfield Community Hall.(behind Bunnings.) There is no benching of plants at our AGM. While all positions remain open, we still need nominations for some of the executive positions - i.e. Vice President, and a publicity officer who can help with banners and flyers etc for the 2024 winter show. There is also one extra committee member position available. Nominations close with the secretary on 4th August. Nomination forms have been emailed out with my last notice of AGM. Following the AGM, we have a short general meeting at which our accumulated benching points from our cultural meetings are announced and trophies presented with refreshments to follow. We hope you can join us.

The venue for future day meetings from September onwards is still being negotiated with the council with a view to seeing how we all fit in the supper room and a long term solution for storage.

Our next growers' meeting will be a shed visit from 9-11.30am on 9th September. Watch out for the invitation which will be emailed out with the address.

I am standing down from the President's role this year and would like to thank you all for your support during these past 2 years. I have valued your advice and help, especially when we put out a call for helping hands for events and rosters. I hope that you will similarly support the next Management Committee and President. Thank you all.

Fran

Reminder- Membership fees of \$20 are now overdue. Please pay our Treasurer to remain financial.

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.

BARK is several sizes available and can be purchased for \$35 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.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

4 th 5 th	MAROOCHYDORE OS SHOW – Buderim Uniting Church Hall Set up on Thursday 3 rd August COS participates in this show. More info on pg	8.00-3.00 8.00-2.00
18 th	COS AGM MEETING – Morayfield Community Hall Supper Room. NO BENCHING AT THIS MEETING Please a small plate of food to share.	12.30
21 st	COS COMMITTEE MEETING – Morayfield Community Hall Supper Room.	1.00

SEPTEMBER

1 st 2 nd	NAMBOUR OS SPRING SHOW – Nambour Uniting Church Hall Set up – 31st August.	8.00-3.30 8.00-1.00
1 st 2 nd	CHILDERS & IDOS SHOW	
8 th 9 th	GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY OS SHOW – Beerwah Community Hall	8.30-4.30 8.30-2.30
9 th	GROWERS GROUP MEETING – To be advised.	9.00
14 th – 16 th	MARYBOROUGH DISTRICT OS SHOW	
15 th	COS CULTURAL DAY MEETING – To be advised. Please a small plate of food to share.	12.30
15 th 16 th	REDCLIFFE OS SHOW - Scarborough Bowls Club	8.30-3.00 8.30-2.00
15 th 16 th	NOOSA DO & FS SHOW – Cooroy Memorial Hall, Maple St.	
18 th	COS COMMITTEE MEETING – Morayfield Community Hall Supper Room.	1.00
22 nd 23 rd	PINE RIVERS OS SHOW – Kallangur State School Hall	
22 nd - 24 th	HERVEY BAY ORCHIDFEST	
30 th 1 st	ROCKHAMPTON OS SHOW	

REMINDER ABOUT BENCHING AT THE MAROOCHYDORE SHOW

The Maroochydore Orchid Show is scheduled for 4th and 5th August- just 1 week away.

Just as we would like others to support our show, can we also see if we have any orchids that can be entered into their show?

Set up time is on Thursday 3rd August. Orchids need to be brought in between 4pm and 6pm.

If you have difficulty getting up there to enter them yourself, Michelle has kindly offered to transport orchids up there if needed. You will need to drop them at her place at **Caboolture at 1pm. Contact Michelle.** If you are contributing orchids, you will need to have the orchid name and your member no. printed on cream card & a spike to hold the orchid name in your pot and have a list of your orchids.



To any members who have celebrated a Birthday in July.



to new members Colin & Diane, Trevor J & Roslyn.
Hope you enjoy being part of Caboolture Orchid Society.



GET WELL WISHES
to any members who have been unwell or had a hospital stay lately!

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

Orchid Show BUDERIM



Buderim Uniting Church Hall
Cnr. Gloucester Rd. & King St.

Fri 4th August 2023 8.00 am to 3.00 pm

Sat 5th August 2023 8.00 am to 2.00 pm

\$4 Entry \$1 Raffles

Plants for sale: Cash & Eftpos
Light refreshments: Tea, coffee, cakes



SPRING Orchid SHOW



NAMBOUR UNITING CHURCH HALL,
CORONATION AVE. NAMBOUR

Admission: \$4 | Eftpos Available

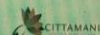
Friday
1 SEPT
8am - 3:30pm

Saturday
2 SEPT
8am - 1:00pm

What's On

- ✓ Benched Orchid Display
- ✓ Orchid & Foliage Plant Sales
- ✓ \$1 Raffles
- ✓ Refreshments Available

Supporting Cittamani Hospice Service



MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

It's that time again!

Your Caboolture Orchid Society Inc. membership for 2023/2024 was due for renewal by the **30th of June.**

Please see George at the meeting to renew your membership or direct deposit to:

COS Westpac Acc: BSB – 034 640 Acc No: 560773 Ref-Name/Mem Fees

Or post your payment to

P O Box 549 Caboolture QLD 4510

You must be financial to show & sell plants at our Winter Show & Mini Shows

and to nominate for a position within our Society & receive COS Newsletters.

Membership Fees: \$20.00 per membership & \$10 per Junior under 16

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'**

TIME FOR A LAUGH,

When you wake up from a nap and sit there trying to figure out what day it is



If I woke up and nothing hurt I would think I was dead.



A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo:

Knowing that he could hop high, the zoo officials put up a ten-foot fence.

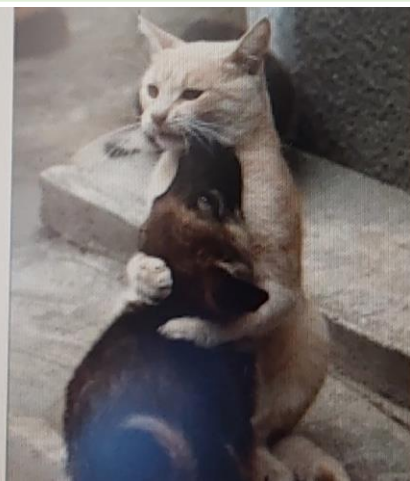
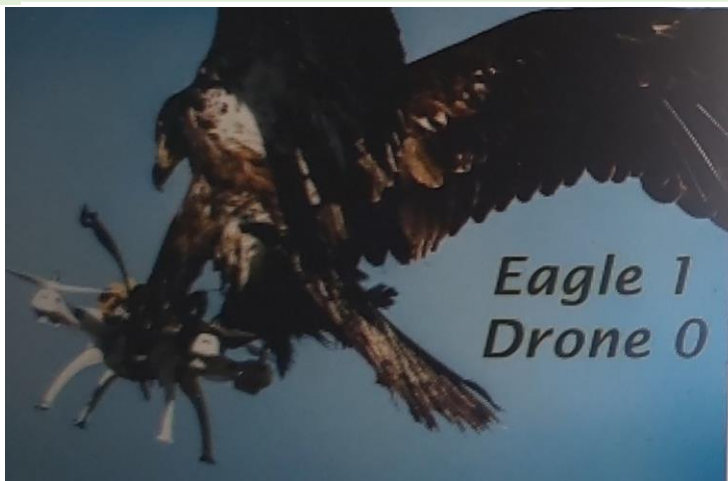
He was out the next morning, just roaming around the zoo.

A twenty-foot fence was put up. Again he got out.

When the fence was forty feet high, a camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo. "How high do you think they'll go?"

The kangaroo said. "About a thousand feet, unless somebody locks the gate at night!"

The kangaroo said. "About a thousand feet, unless somebody locks the gate at night!"



*Who called
you a bad
dog?
Point them
out.
I will end
them!*

Cymbidium Orchids

Whilst many orchid varieties can be quite fussy, cymbidiums are actually easy to grow in most parts of Australia. Get the basics right and you'll be enjoying stunning winter flowers for up to 3 months in shades of white, yellow, orange, burgundy, pink, brown and even green.



Location, Location, Location

Light is probably the most critical factor when it comes to cymbidiums. Too much shade will produce attractive dark green foliage but no flowers. Too much sun and the leaves will bleach to yellow and burn. Plants will flower but the damaged foliage ruins the overall appearance. Most importantly they'll be constantly stressed and more vulnerable to pest and disease attack.

Essentially cymbidiums want lots of light but not harsh hot sunlight. Plants will enjoy gentle winter sunlight but need to be protected from the strong summer sun. Dappled shade under a deciduous tree is ideal. Or look for a spot which gets morning sunlight but protection in the afternoon during summer.

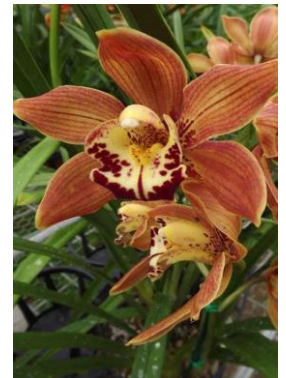
Getting it right can sometimes be a bit tricky. Use the leaf colour as an indicator and aim for mid to light green leaves with no yellow tones.

Good air circulation is also important for cymbidiums but avoid placing in windy locations which can break flower spikes and cause plants to dehydrate.

Pots or Garden Beds?

Cymbidiums are most commonly grown in pots where they perform extremely well. This is very convenient as you can bring them indoors to enjoy the flowers or move them about to keep the light levels right as the seasons change. Always use specialty orchid potting mix which is predominantly made up of large chips of bark. This ensures the orchid will have very fast drainage within the pot. Cymbidiums, like most orchids, do not like having wet feet.

Cymbidiums can also be grown directly in the ground provided they have **excellent** drainage. If you're unsure then stick to pot cultivation rather than risk your plant rotting away.



Fertilising Cymbidium Orchids

Cymbidiums really benefit from being fed regularly and will produce many more flower spikes.

Apply a combination of [OCP eco-seaweed](#) and [OCP eco-aminogro](#) every 2-3 weeks for absolutely brilliant healthy orchids. You can apply either as a foliage spray or simply water into the pot.

After winter flowering finishes give your plant a rest period of several weeks but be sure to restart feeding no later than October.

Dividing Cymbidium Orchids

Every 3 years is a good time to divide your cymbidium orchids. They do love to be crowded but eventually overcrowding will impact on flowering and make it harder to control any pest or disease problems.

Divide crowded clumps immediately after flowering finishes. If you wait too long it will affect next year's flowering.



Don't be daunted about how to divide your cymbidium as it's actually really easy. Plus, the plants are very forgiving! Simply pull the clump out of the pot or ground and just cut right through the root mass. In many cases cutting into quarters is a nice balance between thinning the plant out but still having a decent sized plant to produce good flowering next season. As a minimum each new clump should have 3-4 bulbs with leaves and a couple of leafless bulbs.

Remove any damaged or dead parts, including the old dry papery roots, and check for signs of pests. Replant into orchid potting mix and water in with eco-seaweed to stimulate new roots.

Pest & Disease Problems for Cymbidium Orchids

Unfortunately cymbidiums can suffer from a few problems including chewing insects (mostly [caterpillars](#) and beetles), sap-sucking insects (commonly [scale](#), [mites](#) and [mealybugs](#)) as well as various fungal diseases.

Don't be discouraged though as it is actually very easy to keep cymbidiums healthy. Use OCP eco-seaweed and OCP eco-aminogro as recommended in the fertilising section above and you'll end up with strong healthy plants. If applying as a foliage spray then add [OCP eco-oil](#) (2ml per litre) to help it stick better to the leaves. Commercial orchid growers report that this treatment dramatically reduces their pest and disease problems.

If an outbreak of mites, mealybugs or [sooty mould](#) occurs then simply add OCP eco-oil (at the correct label rate) to your mixture and spray thoroughly over the foliage.

If [caterpillars](#) or [grasshoppers](#) take hold then it's time to bring out the big guns and use [OCP eco-neem](#)!

Flower spikes and buds can be attacked by [snails and slugs](#) so apply [OCP eco-shield](#) pellets when these are forming.



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