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Den. secundum



Cynorkis guttata



**Phal. Tian-Nong Stripes x
Phal. Lin's Pink Leopard**



Den. Barrabui Rhapsody



Rlc. Golden Majestic x Dal's Magic



Sarc. Starolust x Magic x Nelligen



Den. Nigrescens



Lyc. aromatica



Cym. maddidum



Cym. Dancing Mother



V. Pine Rivers



Phal. Unknown



**Cym. Hugh Gordon x
Cym. candiyanotum**



Ctna. Why Not



Den. Negro Rod x Den. Burana Twist



Cym. James Webeck



Onc. Pacific Passage



Anthurium Orange



Chsch. lunifera Red

**JUDGES CHOICE: Brs. Sakata Verrucosa
Grace**



**POPULAR VOTE: Phal. Unknown
Rob & Betty**



SEPTEMBER CULTURAL DAY MEETING BENCHING RESULTS

Cattleya Exhibition	Rlc. Golden Majestic x Rlc. Dal's Magic	Bob & Fran	Aust. Native Species	Den. discolor	Trevor
				Cym. maddidum	Graham
				Plect. tridentata	Trevor
Cattleya Cluster & Novelty	Ctna. Why Not	Trevor	Cymbidium	Cym. Hugh Gordon x Cym. Candiyanotum	Ian
	C. Unknown	Jim		Cym. Dancing Mother	Rob & Betty
Cattleya Mini & Compact			Australian Native Hybrids	Cym. James Webeck	Trevor
				Sarc. Starolust x Sarc. Magic	Mark
				Sarc. Elegance	Mark
Vanda	V. Boonyarit	Bob & Fran	Species Under 25mm	Chsch. lunifera Red	Jim
	V. Pine Rivers	Jim		Cynorkis guttata	Trevor
	V. storiei x V. Dr. Anek	Rob & Betty			
Phalaenopsis	P. Unknown	Steph	Species Over 25mm	Lycaste. aromatica	Nev
	P. Unknown	Steph		Den. secundum	Janet
	P. Unknown	Rob & Betty		Brs. cauda var alba 'Jem'	Jim
Oncidium	Tolu. Willowbank Devil x Rmr. Emily Butcher	Jim	Novice Any Other	Phal. Sarah Robinson x Downalley Tomboy	Shelley
	Onc. Pacific Passage	Jim		Phal. Tian-Nong Stripes x Lin's Pink Leopard	Shelley
	Onc. Pacific Paragon	Grace		Phal. Tian-Nong Stripes x	Shelley
Intergeneric	Brs. Sakata Verrucosa	Grace	Foliage	Anthurium (Orange)	Rob & Betty
	Brsda. Orange Delight	Rob & Betty		Anthurium (Red)	Rob & Betty
				Dieff. Star Bright	Janet
Dendrobium Hybrids	D. Nigrescens	Mark			
	D. Burana Negro Rod x D. Burana Twist	Robyn			
	D. Barrabuis Rhapsody	Jim			

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the Caboolture Orchid Society Inc.

Since my last report Kay has been discharged from hospital and is home being nursed back to good health by her husband John, you have been missed by all Kay. Robyn and Linda have had their knee replacement and are on the mend. To all the other members that are not well we wish them a quick recovery.

The bus trip to Hervey Bay was a complete success thanks to all our members and our visitors from the Redcliffe Orchid Society, thanks to Vic & Linda once again for organizing the trip.

We are having our new growers meet at Robert's place. We are meeting at Ian's place, if you want to carpool be there at 9.00 am visitors and members are all welcome.

Please support Our BBQ at Bunnings on 28th October and the 9th of December help is always appreciated.

George Smith

President

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A new procedure for benching orchids at our cultural meetings will be in place from the October meeting.

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.

THE HIGHLIGHTED ORCHIDS IN THE OCTOBER MEETING RESULTS HAVE HAD A NAME CHANGE.

Please update your orchid labels.

Blc. Golden Majestic x Blc. Dal's Magic = Rlc. Autumn Sun

Ren. storiei x V. Dr. Anek = Renantanda (Rntda.) Cherry Rose

Tolu. Willowbank Devil x Rmr. Emily Butcher = Rodrumnia (Rrm.) Willowbank Whirl

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NEXT GROWERS' DAY will be at Robert Trosts'. Sunday 29th October 10 am start.

Carpool from Ian's Property by 9.30am depart time.

Meeting time at Robert's property is 10am. Bring a chair, hat and plate of food to share.

This is a social event with the possibility to purchase some select sale plants. Robert will be talking on Vandaceous orchids. We will have the opportunity to look through his operation. He is still in the process of moving in. Please do not move plants around as a matter of courtesy.

JUST A REMINDER TO OUR NEWER MEMBERS.

Since the warmer weather has started, we've noticed spider mites on a few of our phallies. They can cause damage to your plants in a very short time so be aware and take appropriate action.

Red spider mites are tiny arachnids that feed on the sap of plants. [They are closely related to spiders and belong to the same family \(Arachnida\) ¹. These pests can cause significant damage to both indoor and outdoor plants, so it's important to diagnose and deal with the problem early ¹.](#)

The first signs of a **spider mite infestation** are small necrotic spots on the leaves, which will be most visible around the veins and midrib of the leaf. If you turn the leaf over and look at the underside, you'll notice small white silk webs. Amongst these webs, you'll be able to see the tiny red mites. As the mites continue to feast on your plant, the necrotic spots will merge with others until the whole leaf is damaged. [Eventually, the leaves will turn yellow and fall off the plant.](#)

To get rid of spider mites, it's important to remove the infected leaves and throw them in the trash. This will help break the breeding cycle. Then, you'll need to spray the entire plant with a mixture of isopropyl alcohol and soap. The soap will help the mixture adhere to the plant, and the alcohol will kill the mites. You can also spray your plants with wettable sulphur, which is an organic insecticide. [This treatment needs to be repeated a few times a week to get the infestation under control ¹.](#)

If your affected plants are outside, spider mites have a number of natural predators including ladybirds and lacewings. There's also a predatory mite (Persimilis) that has been produced and bred in Australia for more than 25 years. [This predatory mite is highly effective in reducing the spider mite population ¹.](#)



SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS ON DISPLAY AT THE HERVEY BAY ORCHIDFEST



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

OCTOBER

28 th	BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – Morayfield Helpers needed.	7.00-3.00
29 th	GROWERS GROUP MEET - Visit to Robert Trost's Rolin Farm Nursery, Wamuran. See info on pg. 6	9.30

NOVEMBER

11 th	NAMBOUR OS SPECIES SHOW – Buderim Hall Set up 10 th	
17 th	COS CULTURAL DAY MEETING – Combined Services Hall – Hayes St Caboolture. Please bring a small plate of food to share.	12.30
20 th	COS COMMITTEE MEETING – Morayfield Community Hall Supper Room	1.00
21 st	PINE RIVERS O S SPECIES MEETING – Kruger Hall Ann St Kallangur. An invitation has been extended for COS members to bench at this meeting.	1.00
25 th	COS XMAS PARTY – Morayfield Community Hall.	11.30

DECEMBER

	PLEASE NOTE: There are no cultural meetings or Committee Meetings in December or January	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To any members who have celebrated a Birthday in October



to new member Peter.
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!



TIME FOR A LAUGH

A little laugh 😂😂😂😂 Cash is King and Cash is Freedom

Ordering a pizza in 2023

CALLER: Is this Pizza Hut?
 GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.
 CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry.
 GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Pizza Hut last month.
 CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.
 GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?
 CALLER: My usual? You know me?
 GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.
 CALLER: Super! That's what I'll have.
 GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?
 CALLER: What? I don't want a vegetarian pizza!
 GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.
 CALLER: How the hell do you know that?
 GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.
 CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetarian pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.
 GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you purchased only a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once at Lloyds Pharmacy, 4 months ago.
 CALLER: I bought more from another Pharmacy.
 GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.
 CALLER: I paid in cash.
 GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.
 CALLER: I have other sources of cash.
 GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your latest tax returns, unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law!
 CALLER: WHAT THE HELL?
 GOOGLE: I'm sorry sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.
 CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without the internet, TV, where there is no phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.
 GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago...

NOTES FROM LECTURES AT HERVEY BAY ORCHIDFEST.

Session 1 Tolumnia Species and hybrids

Presenter Bill McNaught and Alison

Tolumnia, is a genus in the family Orchidaceae. Previously known as the miniature "equitant oncidiums," the species were segregated from the mega-genus Oncidium by Guido Braem in 1986. Dancing-lady orchid is a common name for some species in this genus.

Twig epiphytes, grow on twigs where they get plenty of airflow and light compact plants that are easy to grow. Mature plants are usually about 6 inches tall. Will often flower more than once per year, but the flowers don't last long. Flowers are usually white, pink or yellow in October (in Queensland). Leaves are narrower and like succulents.

32 species in world and 7 in Australia Come mostly from Caribbean area. Didn't elaborate on which species grew in Australia.

Tolumnia benefit from humidity levels between 50% and 70%. If provided enough humidity, Tolumnia can be grown without any potting medium whatsoever. ***They grow well on cork, bark or polystyrene. They can be grown mounted with bare roots in which case they should be wet or misted daily. They don't like a lot of residual moisture.***

If potted, plants should be watered once the media has dried entirely. This generally occurs every 7 days from the previous watering. If in doubt, do not water and wait another day or two. They water every 2nd day in summer. Often grown well indoors in well-lit breezy area with morning sunlight.

They grow theirs under the vandas.

To invigorate special characteristics in the gene pool, Bill recommended putting species back into hybrid crosses.

Tolumnia pulchella- good for breeding- has good colour (mauve) and size of flowers. If mounting, water for 3 days then no more. (comes from mid highlands of Jamaica)

Tolumnia rodgerseii has yellow colouring tones.



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Session 4 Tropical Cymbidiums

Presenter Sam Cowie (grower from Gympie)

This session more about breeding trends and results

3 Australian species – all grow in Queensland (Suave, Madidum, Canaliculatum) and all 3 grow around Gympie



Suave grows east of Great Dividing Range lower to the ground than maddidum. Is the coolest growing of the cymbidiums.

Maddidum is good for breeding -flowers the last of the 3 each season. Grows high in the trees of rainforest with higher rainfall all year round. Often found near the base of elkorns and staghorns.

Canaliculatum has serrated leaves darker flowers and high flower count- inland species growing mostly west of the Great Divide- needs less water

Canaliculatum Flowers first- usually in October, then Suave, then Maddidum

Naturally pollinated by bees of the genus *Trigona*.

Tropical cymbidiums behave differently from cymbidiums in southern states.

Qld ones have a longer flowering cycle.

Green ones are hard to cross. Use Alba forms otherwise heat turns them a muddy colour

Has had good success with madidum. Cross a tetraploid with a tetraploid to give you better results with flower longevity. (tetraploids have 4 sets of chromosomes- easier to get successful results with breeding)

Breeding work is now occurring with hexaploid Maddidums will breed in heat tolerance

madidum x canaliculatum- will extend the flowering cycle from early October through to end of November

Cym. Gala Odyssey throws lots of cuppy flowers and will be pendulous if you let it.

Primary Hybrids (manmade)

madidum x suave =Cym. Kuranda (possibly also a natural primary hybrid)

maddidum x canaliculatum = Cym.Little Black Sambo

suave x canaliculatum = Cym. James Webeck



Thank you, Fran, for passing these notes on for the Newsletter.