



NEWS 'n VIEWS

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BUSINESS MEETINGS: 1.30 pm - 2nd Wednesday of the month

Next Business Meeting: – 1.30 pm 12 November 2025 Venue:- Members homes

CULTURAL MEETINGS: Held at 1:30 pm on the third Saturday of every month **except December**. All meetings are in the CCSA Hall, Nutley Street, Caloundra (which is air conditioned).

Next Cultural Meeting: 1:00 for 1:30 Saturday 18 October 2025

Plants *must* be tabled by 1.00 so that the Popular Vote can be done before the meeting starts.

Deadline for articles in the November edition is 31 October 2025

President's Report

Hello everyone and as usual I hope you're all doing as well as you can be.

Well, like everyone else I've been very busy. Not too much with the orchids of late which I'll have to get back into again, but at last I finally caught up with a bus trip! I've been threatening, or promising, to do so for quite some time, so when things opened up, I just had to go. I'm not going to bore you with too many details but it was a very pleasant day in great company. First to the Strawberry farm then the Bribie Show and lastly to Aranbeem Orchids. Met great people saw a great Orchid Show and was very glad to visit Aranbeem again. Great to see it's going to remain open.



Thanks so much to Irmgard, John and Marie (from Caloundra Floral Art) for organising and overseeing the trip so very well. Thank you to both of you!

Now I think it would be appropriate to say something about this time of the month:

- Keep an eye on your orchids!!
- Dry, with semi sort of blustery winds, equals dry plants, very quickly.
- Keep up the water.
- Be careful when re-potting!! Losing a new growth is easily done, try to be aware.
- Ants!! Don't reason with them or talk to them, kill them. All insects can do a whole lot of damage very quickly. Only you can act.

And on that bright note I'll see you good people later so please take care. Bye for now.

Ray

RESULTS AT CULTURAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2025

CLASS		POPULAR VOTE		JUDGES' AWARDS	
<u>MASTERS SECTION</u>					
NATIVES	1	<i>Den. delicatum speciosum x Den speciosum Alba</i>	Kaye H	<i>Den. delicatum speciosum x Den speciosum Alba</i>	Kaye H
	2	<i>Den unknown</i>	Ray	<i>Den unknown</i>	Ray
SPECIES	1	<i>Den lindleyii</i>	Kaye H	<i>Paph. iowii</i> var. Album	Cristine
	2	<i>Paph. iowii</i> var. Album	Cristine	<i>C. intermedia</i>	Michael & Betty
	Equal 3	<i>Ct. walkiana 'Alba'</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>Phal. schilleriana</i>	Cristine
	Equal 3	<i>C. intermedia</i>	Col & Sherrie		
HYBRIDS CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1	<i>Jackfowlieao Appleblossom</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>Jackfowlieao Appleblossom</i>	Michael & Betty
	2	<i>C. Cariad's Mini-Quinee</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>C. Cariad's Mini-Quinee</i>	Michael & Betty
	3	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Bonanza</i>	Robert	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Bonanza</i>	Robert
HYBRIDS DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	1	<i>Den. Oriental Moonlight</i>	Robert	<i>Den. Oriental Moonlight</i>	Robert
		<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Kaye H	<i>Den. Yukidaruma *</i>	Ray
		<i>Den. Star Sapphire</i>	Kaye H	<i>Den. Star Sapphire</i>	Kaye H
HYBRIDS ANY OTHER GENERA	1	<i>Phal Unknown</i>	Col & Sherrie	<i>Phal. Ox Queen</i>	Col & Sherrie
	2	<i>Phal. Ox Black Face</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Col & Sherrie
	3	<i>Phal. Ox Queen</i>	Col & Sherrie	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Col & Sherrie
SPECIAL CLASS ONE	1	<i>Clo. Grace Dunn</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>Clo. Grace Dunn</i>	Michael & Betty
	Equal 2	<i>Clo. Alexandra Savva</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>Clo. Alexandra Savva</i>	Michael & Betty
	Equal 2	<i>Paph. Hsinying Yahoo x Paph. Doya You Beautiful</i>	Michael & Betty	<i>Paph. Hsinying Yahoo x Paph. Doya You Beautiful</i>	Michael & Betty
<u>OPEN SECTION</u>					
NATIVES	1	<i>Den. kingianum</i>	Sandra	<i>Den. kingianum</i>	Sandra
SPECIES	1	<i>Coel. flaccida</i>	Deniese	<i>Coel. tennellum</i>	Deniese
	Equal 2	<i>Sarc. kulnura fancy x Sarc kulnura famous 'Big Green Egg'</i>	Deniese	<i>Coel. flaccida</i>	Deniese
	Equal 2	<i>Den. Sakura</i>	Deniese	<i>Sarc. kulnura fancy x Sarc kulnura famous 'Big Green Egg'</i>	Deniese
	3				
HYBRIDS CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1	<i>Epi. stanhopeanum</i>	Roy & Denise	<i>C. Unknown</i>	Roy & Denise
	2	<i>Cat. Unknown</i>	Lee	<i>Epi. stanhopeanum</i>	Roy & Denise
	3	<i>C. Unknown</i>	Roy & Denise	<i>Cat. Unknown</i>	Lee
HYBRIDS DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	1	<i>Den. Larapinta Barbara</i>	Roy & Denise	<i>Den. Pink Doll 'Elegance'</i>	Graham & Anne
	2	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Lee	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Lee
	3	<i>Den. Adele Fortescue</i>	Mary Y	<i>Den. Larapinta Barbara</i>	Roy & Denise
HYBRIDS ANY OTHER GENERA	1	<i>V. Pure's Wax</i>	Graham & Anne	<i>Phrag. Magenta's Ruby Flare</i>	Deniese
	2	<i>V. Princess Makasa Blue</i>	Ngaire	<i>Cym. Valley Regent</i>	Graeme & Jan
	Equal 2	<i>Phrag. Magenta's Ruby Flare</i>	Deniese		
	Equal 3	<i>Cym. Valley Regent</i>	Graeme & Jan	<i>V. Suksamren Sunrise 'Viva'</i>	Graham & Anne
	Equal 3	<i>V. Unknown</i>	Lee		
<u>NOVICE SECTION</u>					
SPECIES	1	<i>Lud discolor</i>	Chris	<i>Lud discolor</i>	Chris
NATIVES	1	<i>Den kingianum</i>	Juliet	<i>Den kingianum</i>	Juliet
	2	<i>Den kingianum</i>	Jody	<i>Den kingianum</i>	Jody
HYBRIDS CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1	<i>Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'</i>	Juliet	<i>Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'</i>	Juliet
HYBRIDS DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	1	<i>Den. aphyllum</i>	Juliet	<i>Den. aphyllum</i>	Juliet
	2	<i>Den. Comet King Akatsuki</i>	Juliet	<i>Den. Comet King Akatsuki</i>	Juliet
	3	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Lola	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Lola
HYBRIDS PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE	1	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Victoria	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Victoria
HYBRIDS ANY OTHER GENERA	1	<i>Blc. Yellow Bird</i>	Juliet	<i>Blc. Yellow Bird</i>	Juliet
	2	<i>Cym. Pied Piper</i>	Pauline	<i>Cym. Pied Piper</i>	Pauline
FOLIAGE	1	<i>Monadenium Stapelioides (Octotus Arms)</i>	Juliet		
	2	<i>Adenium Obesum (Desert Rose)</i>	Juliet		
	3	<i>Nepenthyaceae Gracilis (Pitcher Plant)</i>	Chris		

Judges for September – Ray, Sandra, Roy and Denise

Thank you to Michael for Editing this page

Denotes genus or specific name corrected (* means wrong spelling)

Denotes name changed by Kew (Please change your label)

Denotes no name as recorded but best guess

Denotes Not on the RHS Register of Orchid Hybrids or the Kew Monocot List.

Denotes. First letter changed, small letter = a **species**. Capital letter = Hybrid. If your plant is **highlighted** it is a good idea to change your label to show the correct name [which was probably changed after you acquired it]. It is very important to be accurate with the names – where possible – otherwise the incorrect names might never be rectified. Newer growers will have the wrong information and it will snowball from there. We like to publish the correct information.



Vale Mark McArdle (21 December 1956 – 14 August 2025)

We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our wonderful patrons, Mark McArdle, on 14 August after a lengthy illness.

Mark was a much-loved and dedicated patron. He was always anxious to know what was happening in our society, and to see if he could be of assistance in any way. In our early years of applying for grants, Mark's advice and letters of recommendation were invaluable. We have many happy memories of Mark as he presented prizes at our shows with his characteristic wit and genuine care for our group.

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society has benefited considerably over the years by the patronage of Mark and Judy, with their warmth, kindness and gentle spirits.

Our deepest condolences are with Judy and the other members of the McArdle family.



MASTERS' PLANT OF THE MONTH –

***Den.* Oriental
Moonlight –
Robert**



**OPEN' PLANT
OF THE MONTH
– *C.* Unknown –
Roy & Denise**





'NOVICE' PLANT OF THE MONTH – *Den. aphyllum* - Juliet



PHOTOS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



Rlc. Burdekin Bonanza



Epic. René Jacqués



Phal. Happy Dance x *Phal.* Ox Black Tea



Phal. Ox Queen



Phal. Unknown



Phal. Unknown



Phal. OX Black Face



Phal. Happy Dancer x *Phal.* OX Black Face



Clo. Grace Dunn



Clo. Alexandra Savva



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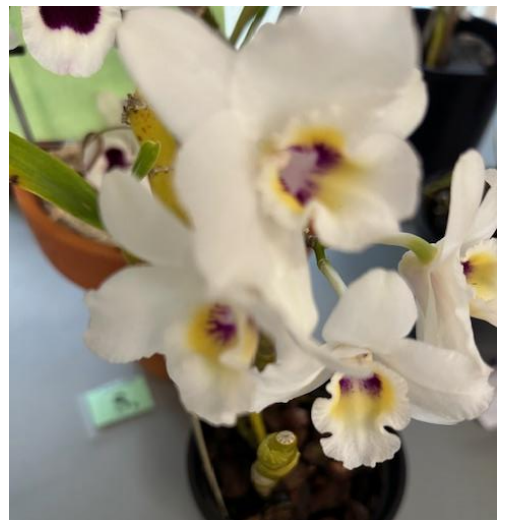
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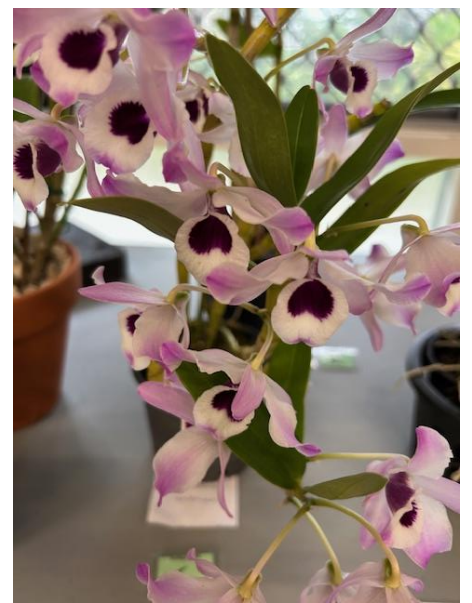
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Den. Kingianum



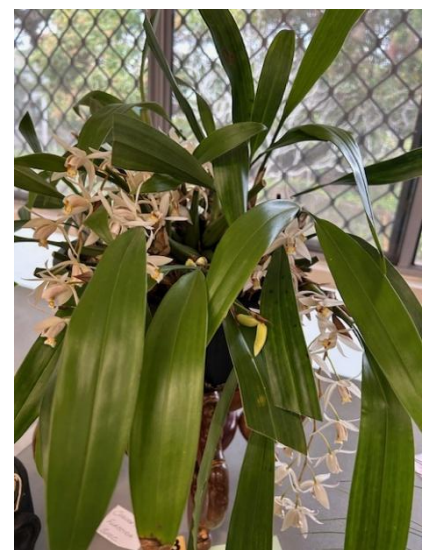
Den. Larapinta Barbara



Den. kingianum



Den. Sweetheart Yellow Ribbon Delight



Coel. flaccida



Coel. tennellum



Sarc. Kulomura fancy x Sarc Kulnura famous



Den. Sakura



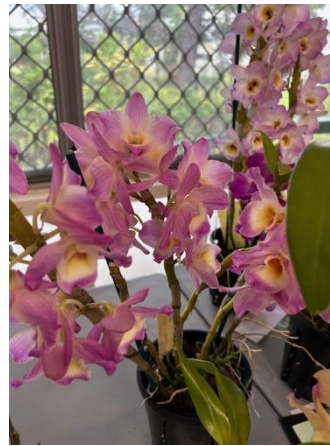
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Den. Mobile



Den. Nolan



Den. Felicity Fortescue



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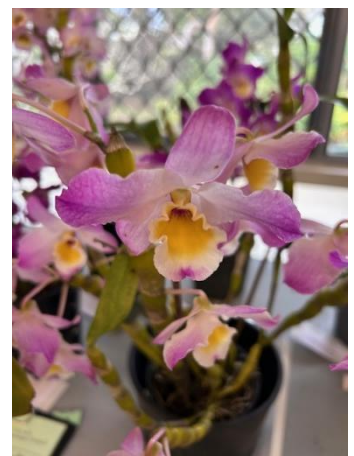
Den. Magic Moment



Den. Pink Doll



Den. Garden of Eaden Paradise



Den. Oborozuki



V. Suksamren Sunrise 'Viva'



V. Unknown



V. Princess Makas Blue



V. Pure's Wax



Phrag. Magenta's Ruby Flare



Cym. Valley Regent



Den. kingianum



Den. Unknown



Phal. Unknown



Cym. Pied Piper



Blc. Yellow Bird



Den. Unknown



Den. Delicatum Speciosum x Speciosum 'Alba'



Den. walkiana 'Alba'



C. intermedia



C. intermedia



Den. linleyi



Phal schilleriana



Paph. iowii Var. *Album*



Ctt. Little Hazel



C. Cariad's Mini-Quince



Jackfowlieao Appleblossom



Nepenthyaceae Gracilis



Monadenium Stapelioides



Euphorbia Caput-medusae



Den. kingianum



Lud. discolor



Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'



Den. Unknown



Den. Comet King



Den. Unknown



Ray welcoming new members – Glenda left and Maddie right.



PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES FROM THE RECENT SPRING SHOW



Irmgard – Champion Foliage



Robert – Champion Species



Rhonda – Best Compact Cattleya



Glenda – Champion Novice

Michael – Champion Orchid

(Absent were Keith & Rosemary – Reserve Champion and Champion Specimen)

Fred & Marg – Champion Phalaenopsis)



Ray caught up with Lee to present his end of year trophy for Novice Judges award.

Red Spider Mite (Pests Continued from last month)

This is another common orchid pest and likes to attack Cymbidium orchids and the Lyscastes orchids. Red spider mite is hardly visible to the human eye, but evidence can be seen in the web-like film on the underside of leaves. They are sap-sucking insects and destroy leaf cells. This results in the orchid leaves yellowing and dying.

Treatment, Use the same countering measures as for the false spider mite.



Rodents

Rats and mice can be very destructive as they enjoy eating the pollen of the orchid flower. They scamper up the stems to reach the pollen and thus shorten the orchid flower's life.

Treatment, the use of commercial baits, poisons and traps



Spider Mite

Similar symptoms patterns and treatments to both Red Spider Mite and False Spider Mite.

Treatment, Use the same countering measures as for the false spider mite.



Scale insects

These come in many varieties that attack orchids. Scale insects are usually quite mobile when young while the adult scale insects tend to rest on the underside of leaves or beneath the orchid leaf sheaths, either individually or in colonies. They are basically sap-sucking insects that leave yellow patches on the orchid leaves and also secrete honeydew which results in sooty mould. Ants can also be lured by these secretions.

Treatment. Make use of a soft brush and insecticidal soap and water to remove scale. Take care not to damage leaves. You can also make use of a 50:50 solution of water and denatured alcohol. With serious infestation you might have to repeat the treatment and use systemic application of systemic insecticide at two-week intervals to encounter the crawler stage. Ensure all the plant is covered including the underside of leaves and the axils.

Thrips

These are tiny winged insects. Greyish in colour and they usually settle on the underside of leaves. They tend to chew up the orchid, scraping the orchid leaf surface for sap and thus causing scarring and discoloration.

Treatment, The use of a systemic insecticide applied according to instructions at repeated intervals to ensure all infection is controlled and no new insects have been introduced from natural flowers.



Weevils

They are hard-bodied beetles with a dull coloration. They chew into the soft tissue areas of the orchid plant. Weevil and caterpillar damage is rather similar.

Treatment, the application of systemic dust or insecticide.

Disease

Bacterial brown spot (Acidovirax or pseudenomas)

This disease is a quick spreader and appears as a brown, watery blister on orchid leaves. It can kill orchids when the infection manages to reach the crown. The bacterial brown spot disease thrives in cold, wet conditions and develops when orchid leaves are allowed to remain wet. The most vulnerable orchid species is the Phalaenopsis orchid.

Treatment, Immediately remove the infected area with a sterilized cutting tool, and apply a quaternary ammonium compound or copper compound type bactericides (not on dendrobiums) on infected and adjacent plants. Disinfect growing area with appropriate cleaning solution. A water borne pathogen care should be taken with watering if this is present. Raise temp if possible and decrease humidity.



Bacterial soft, Brown rot (Erwinia spp.)

This disease manifests itself as a small brown spot on an orchid leaf that grows large very quickly. Another symptom of brown rot infestation is the spice odour that infected orchids emit. Brown rot also has the ability to kill the orchid if it is allowed to reach the crown. The most vulnerable orchid species is the Paphiopedilum orchid.



Treatment, immediately remove the infected area with a sterilized cutting tool, and apply a quaternary ammonium compound or copper compound type bactericides (not on dendrobiums) on infected and adjacent plants. Disinfect growing area with appropriate cleaning solution. This disease is spread by splashing, so if present avoid overhead watering. Keep leaves dry, increase air flow and decrease temp and humidity.

Basal rot, Fusarium wilt, Damping off

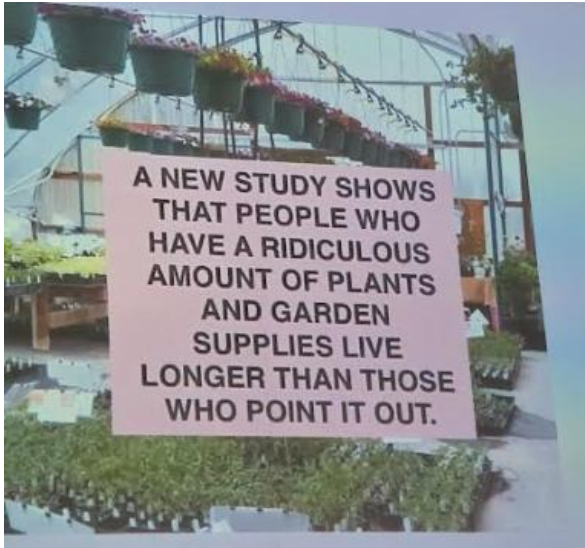
(Fusarium sp. plus others) This is a fungal disease that results in the withering of the orchid stems, especially young seedlings. Basal rot is usually a consequence of: failing to use clean pots or potting mix, overcrowding, or over-watering.



Treatment, Discard infected part of rhizome and pseudobulb if purple marking is evident. Save only unmarked portion of any plant. The application of a thiophanate- methyl containing fungicide, clean the growing area with suitable cleaning solution, continue practicing correct hygienic handling of tools between each plant.



(Continued next month) Reproduced with permission from Brisbane Orchid Society



Anyone who wants to buy a club shirt:
Mary B will be doing three orders a year. If you would like to buy a shirt let her know at the Cultural Meeting in August please.
The cost is \$32.

Cultural Meeting Roster for Afternoon Tea

Oct	Jan, Kaye and Joy
Nov	Juliet and Juanita



Grand Champion at the Glasshouse Country OS Spring Show.
Congratulations Keith and Rosemary
Den. Larapinta Barbara

Fred and Marg also scored very well at this show:
They got five prizes at the Glasshouse show and three at the Noosa show
We've certainly got some jolly good growers in our Society.

BUY – SWAP – SELL

We have set up a table at our Cultural Meetings for members to use as a 'Buy-Swap-Sell' Station.

The idea is if you have an excess of certain plants, bring them in, to sell or swap - and buy or swap with other members, plants that you would like to own.

** 'Member to member sales of this nature do not attract any additional Society Fees.....'*

** By-Law 18 of the constitution.*

A Little reminder!

If you are paying the Society for bark, Christmas lunch, shirts, subscriptions, bus trips, etc. please remember we changed our bank account a few months ago, we no longer use the BOQ as our preferred bank. The correct details for payments are:

Heritage Bank BSB – 638 060

Account number – 16792548

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And don't forget to identify yourself and the purpose of any deposit when making a transfer.

Secretary's Snippets

- A warm welcome to new member Maree. You'll make lots of new friends at our club Maree.
- Don't forget to put your name down for the Christmas Lunch. It's at 12 noon on Saturday 29 November at the CCSA Hall (the bigger hall next to our meeting hall). Cost is \$35 per person – there will be a major raffle – we call it the Ham Board – where you buy a number from the board and if that number is picked, you'll win a great prize. Also, we'll have the very talented Paul entertaining us with his wonderful singing.

As usual, the minutes of the Business Meeting and full financial report will be available at the Cultural Meeting on Saturday 15 October 2025

SCOSC INC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2025

(Subject to additions and changes when necessary – shows highlighted are ones in which we participate {with a display where appropriate})

OCTOBER 2025

Saturday 18	Cultural Meeting	CCSA Hall, Nutley Street
Saturday 25	Shadehouse Social	Juliet's place 9.30

NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 8	Nambour Species Show (set up 7 th)	Uniting Church Hall Buderim
Saturday 15	Cultural Meeting	CCSA Hall, Nutley Street
Saturday 29	Christmas Party 12 noon	CCSA Hall

2025 Orchid Species Show

Saturday 18 October, 8.00am to 3.00pm

One day show at NEW VENUE!

Pine Rivers Showground Hall
757 Gympie Road, Lawnton



- Large display of orchid species...
- Orchid supplies, accessories, cultural advice
- Plant sales: species and other varieties
- Raffles and refreshments

\$5
Admission



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When a woman asks you to guess her age, it's like deciding whether to cut the blue, red, or green wire to diffuse a bomb.

Last night I ordered a glass of wine with my dinner, and the waiter asked for my ID. I replied "do I look that young?" and the waiter said "No. I just wanted to see if you qualified for the Senior Citizen discount."



When I was little, I didn't care what I wore. I just went along with what my parents chose.

When I look in old photo albums, I realize that they didn't care either.

I'm giving up drinking till Christmas.
Sorry bad punctuation.
I'm giving up. Drinking till Christmas

This book on marriage says, "Treat your wife like you treated her on the first date".

So after dinner tonight I am dropping her off at her parents' house!

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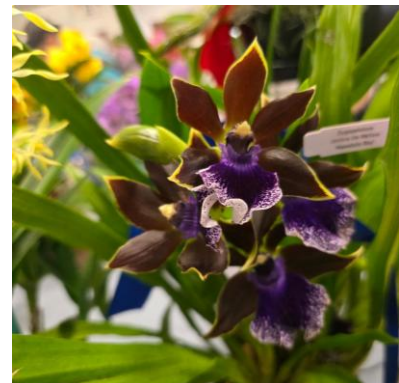
10.10.2025 Orchid Society Bus Trip

Yes, the weather was on our side once again as we headed off, bright and early, to our destinations on this Friday, 10 October 2025.

The first stop was the **Strawberry View Coffee Shack** in Bellmere. We were lucky as the other strawberry places in the area had all just closed their business for the year! We sat outside, under the trees, and enjoyed the view over the strawberry fields (hydroponics, in this instance...) and the Glasshouse Mountains. The food was delightful, and the menu offered options for everyone.



Once our energy restored, we headed off to our star destination, the **Bribie Island Orchid Show**. It was splendid, and the plants on display were just beautiful as the pictures can attest! The presence of a lot of vendors was another plus, and soon enough, our intrepid travellers had filled the baggage hold of the bus with all sorts of acquisitions.



Once we had bought “everything we thought we needed”, it was time to drive to **Aranbeem Orchid Nursery**. It had been a long time since our last visit, and we were looking forward to seeing the changes with the new owners.

Immediately, we were struck by the development going on and the quantity of plants on the benches. Many were “off limits” as they were Rodney’s private collection, but we still had a lot to see and to browse through. Sure enough, the line at the cashier got longer and longer...

As Rodney and Colin had already set up a lovely spot for our Afternoon Tea, it was tempting to drift there as soon as our newly acquired plants were safely stored in the bus. Rhonda had brought her home-made Quiches and Muffins, and I had baked some Chocolate Chip Cookies. Tea and Coffee were supplied by our hosts.



We were pleasantly surprised when Rodney volunteered to give a talk and answer all our questions. That was great! Thank you! We figured that we should ask him to be a guest speaker for one of our meetings sooner than later, and he agreed, which is very good news.

Finally, it was time to drive back home to Caloundra. The day had been filled with lovely sunshine, and the orchids and other plants both at the Bribie Show and at Aranbeem



had been splendid, and our Morning Tea at the Strawberry Farm had been different and enjoyable.

Last but not least a shout-out to Ray who had joined us on the bus trip for the first time. We were grateful to have such a considerate member of our Club with us; he had thought about others before himself, bringing with him trays for everyone to use, Raffle tickets in case we didn’t have enough, and a big container full of sweet treats to hand around in the bus. Thank you



And to round up the picture and among all the lovely “Thank you’s at the end of the trip, here are two written comments I received from “happy travellers”: Anne wrote: *“Irmgard, thank you for organising such a splendid bus trip yesterday.*

Starting with the beautiful strawberry fields then the show and the orchid nursery. Everything was perfect in how this was provided including the weather.

Hope that you have enjoyed some rest today after making such a great day for all the bus travellers.

Anne”



Juliet wrote: *“Dear Irmgard and John, thank you both for a wonderful bus trip yesterday. I loved every minute, and all was so well planned. You have set a high bar for Lauren!! You are both really appreciated.*

Lots of love, Juliet.”

Thank you both.

Yes, it is a pleasant feeling to know that your efforts are recognised and appreciated. And yes, Lauren has volunteered to take over the organisation of our future bus trips as I am running out of time, being so busy with my other interests. Please support her and help her as much as possible. I certainly will. I have had a great time organising trips for the Society, to the Shows in Brisbane, Candle Mountain Cymbidiums at Sue Jones' place, to Gympie and beyond. But now it's time for me to focus on other areas in my life and just sit back and relax on the next bus trip!



All the best and see you soon,
Irmgard.

Irmgard, Thank you so much for all the bus trips you and John have organised since being coerced into doing it a few years ago.

You have really done a remarkable job and I agree with the above comments that your shoes will be hard to fill.

**Mary Coffey, Secretary
On behalf of the committee**