



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 15 November 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 December edition is 30 November 2025

President's Report

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

The last month of Spring! Just as well I got off my you know what and got into the re-potting. A fair bit to go but I've done a hell of a lot more than the past couple of years. It's strange but when I repot, I can't help but to look at labels to see what's survived - the good feeling of coming across a small but healthy little plant of something you thought was gone forever. And yes, the not so pleasant pile of labels that mark the end of your hopes gets bigger. Oh well, that's life growing orchids, at least with me anyway.



But on the bright side I can say that the orchids do look pretty good. So once again I'm hopeful that they come along and flower for me next year. Although I did say that last year, and while the result was better than previously, it really wasn't good enough. From what I see with mine, I'd better get the protective gear out and get spraying.

Before I go, a big thanks to Juliet for letting us see your impressive collection and how you managed to fit it in your, ah, diminutive area available to you. Well done Juliet and thank you for your hospitality, and as usual, Michael Pye for his support. Much appreciated guys.

Well, that's all from me for now, stay safe and keep re-potting. It's never ending but ultimately worth it. Bye for now,

Ray

RESULTS AT CULTURAL MEETING – OCTOBER 2025

CLASS		POPULAR VOTE		JUDGES' AWARDS	
<u>MASTERS SECTION</u>					
NATIVES	1	Cym cricket	Robert	Cym cricket	Robert
	2	Sarc Kunura Dazzle 'Deep Velvet'	Frank&Julie	Sarc Kunura Dazzle 'Deep Velvet'	Frank&Julie
	3	Cym unknown	Lyn	Cym unknown	Lyn
SPECIES	1	Den. thrysiflorum	Keith	Paph. delenatii	Cristine
	2	Paph. delanatii	Cristine	Den. thrysiflorum	Keith
	3	Paph.esquirolei *	Cristine	Paph. hirsutissimum	Cristine
HYBRIDS CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1	Eny. Pixie Charm	Frank & Julie	Eny. Pixie Charm	Frank & Julie
	2	Rth. Keith Radford	Robert	Rth. Keith Radford	Robert
	3	Rlc. Burdenkin Bells	Keith	Rlc. Burdenkin Bells	Keith
HYBRIDS DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	1	Den. Mousmee	Keith	Den. Mousmee	Keith
	2	Den. Merryn Bertus	Col & Sherrie	Den. Floralia	Frank & Julie
	3	Den. Bohemian Rhapsody	Michael & Betty	Den. chrysatoxum	Frank & Julie
HYBRIDS ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE	1	Brs. Rex 'Choice'	Keith	Onc. Guilded Tower	Kay J
	2	Onc. Guilded Tower	Kay J	Brs. Rex 'Choice'	Keith
HYBRIDS ANY OTHER GENERA	1	Phal. Unknown	Col & Sherrie	Phal. Ox Queen	Col & Sherrie
	2	Phal. Unknown	Kay J	Phal. Unknown	Col & Sherrie
	3	Phal. Tying Shin Rose Parade	Michael & Betty	Phal. Tying Shin Rose Parade	Michael & Betty
SPECIAL CLASS TWO	1	Ren. monachica	Kaye H	Paph. Wössner Goldener Herbst	Frank & Julie
	2	Paph. Doya Atian Mirage	Robert	Cym.Australian Midnight 'Tinonee'	Frank & Julie
	3	Phrag. Schroderae	Michael & Betty	Ren monachica	Kaye H
<u>OPEN SECTION</u>					
NATIVES	1	Den. unknown	Lee	Den. unknown	Lee
SPECIES	1	Bifrenia harrisonae	Deneise	Den. aphyllum	Peter & Maree
	2	Den. aphyllum	Peter & Maree	Maxillaria tenufola	Irmgard
	3	Den. aphyllum	Peter & Maree	Den. moschatum	Deneise
HYBRIDS CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1	C. Deception Hotspot	Graham & Anne	C. Deception Hotspot	Graham & Anne
	2	Cat. Unknown	Peter & Maree	C. Island Charm Walkeriana	Mary Y
	3	Rlc. Kong Beauty 'While'	Sandra	Bc. Topaz Galaxy	Roy & Denise
HYBRIDS DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	1	Den. Hanbruhan Gold Lady	Mary Y	Den. Super Star Sunshine	Mary Y
	2	Den. Super Star Sunshine	Mary Y	Den. Hanbruhan Gold Lady	Mary Y
HYBRIDS ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE	1	Onc. Unknown	Lee	Onc. Unknown	Lee
HYBRIDS ANY OTHER GENERA	1	Cym. Dancing Mother	Deneise	Phrag. Magenta's Ruby Flare	Deneise
	2	Phrag. Magenta's Ruby Flare	Deneise	V. Su Fun Beauty	Sandra
	3	V. Su Fun Beauty	Sandra	Fdk. Kelly Longley	Sandra
SPECIAL CLASS ONE	1	Phal. Aura Vesuvius	Sandra	Phal. Aura Vesuvius	Sandra
	2	Phal. Unknown	Sandra	Phal. Unknown	Sandra
	3	Phal. Unknown	Mary Y	Phal. Unknown	Mary Y
<u>NOVICE SECTION</u>					
SPECIES	1	Coelogyne unknown	Juliet	Coelogyne unknown	Juliet
	2	Den. loddigesii	Juliet	Den. loddigesii	Juliet
HYBRIDS PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE	1	Phal. Unknown	Lauren	Phal. Unknown	Denise
	2	Phal. Unknown	Victoria	Phal. Unknown	Victoria
	3	Phal. Unknown	Denise	Phal. Unknown	Lauren
HYBRIDS ANY OTHER GENERA	1	Sarco hartmannii x Sarco Guyra	Lauren	Sarco hartmannii x Sarco Guyra	Lauren
FOLIAGE	1	Echeueria Trumpet Pinky	Juliet		
	2	Tillandsia	Paul		
	3	Kaempferia Pulchramason	Juliet		

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.



MASTERS' PLANT OF THE MONTH – *Den. Mousmee* – Keith



OPEN' PLANT OF THE MONTH – *C. Deception Hotspot* - Gaham & Anne



'NOVICE' PLANT OF THE MONTH – *Sarco hartmannii* x *Sarco Guyra* - Lauren



PHOTOS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING



Cym cricket



Sarc kunura dazzle 'Deep Velvet'



Cym. unknown



Paph. delatanii



Den. thrysiflorum



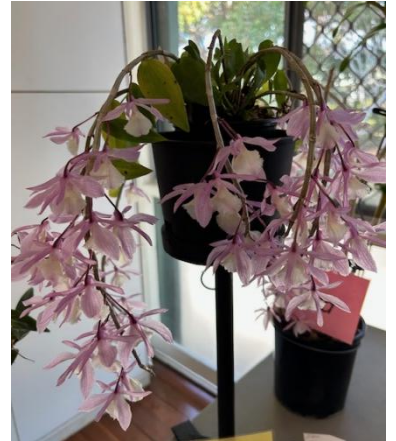
Paph. hirsutissimum



C. Island Charm Walkeriana



Bc. Topaz Galaxy



Den. aphyllum



Phal. Unknown



Coel. Unknown



Den. loddigesii



Phal. Unknown



Phal. Unknown



Den. Ben U Panda



Maxillaria tenuifolia



Den. moschatum



Den. Super Star Sunshine



Den. Hanbruhan Gold Lady



Onc. Unknown



Den. Florialo



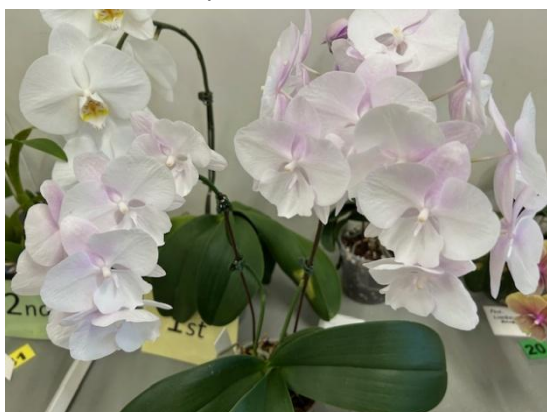
Den. Chrysatoxum



Onc. Guided Tower



Brs. Rex 'Choice'



Phal. Unknown



Phal Ox Queen



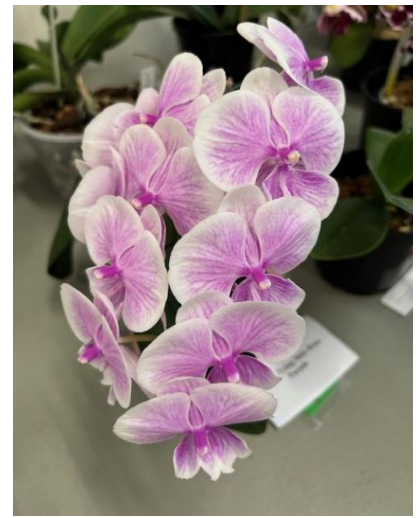
Paph. Gold Dollar Tetrahoney x



Cym. Australian Midnight



Ren. Monachica



Den. Tying Shin Rose Parade



Ray welcomes our new member Cheryl....

....and gives Irmgard a little gift for all her work as 'Bus Trip Organiser'



Keith receives his trophies from the Spring Show



A 'Cameo' appearance by happy wanderer, now Master Grower, Kaye receiving her end of year trophies.

INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING

Saturday 25 October at the home of Juliet

Juliet has managed to utilise the space in her townhouse to fit in nearly every known foliage plant and a rather substantial selection of orchids. All of which are in perfect health.

Ray was very interesting, explaining the faults (and remedies) of assorted orchids that the members had brought along. The main feature of the day was the magnificent morning tea spread that Juliet provided. She has raised the bar for IGG meetings. Ray mentioned that it far outdid his efforts of a cup of tea and a Tim Tam at his place.



(Continued from September and October newsletters - Part 3)

Black rot: (Pythium and Phytophthora)

This specific type of disease affects the whole orchid plant. It manifests its appearance by the infected area turning black and watery. Over-watering is the main cause of black rot. The most vulnerable orchid species is the Cattleya orchids.

Treatment, Unless you have a particularly valuable plant you should dispose of this, this pathogen spreads very easily from plant to plant via splashing water. If infected removed infected area with a sterilized cutting tool and apply a metalaxyl or thiophanate-methyl containing fungicide. Prevention is the best tool and you should consider a preventative application of fungicide periodically.

Fungal Root rot: (Rhizoctonia sp.)

This disease is a result of fungal infection to the orchid roots. Orchids will manifest a root rot problem by showing a decline in health and the roots will turn brown. A main cause for root rot is over-watering the orchid and decayed potting mix, and even poor aeration

Treatment, Make use of a sterilized cutting tool to remove all dead tissue, repot the orchid in a clean pot with fresh potting soil and treat with the recommended fungicide (a metalaxyl or thiophanate-methyl containing fungicide). Most of all avoid over-watering. Clean the growing area with a suitable disinfectant.

Leaf Spotting: (Anthracnose, Cercospora Leaf Spot, Guignardia, Septoria Leaf Spot)

This is an unattractive, but benign fungus that appears as small brown spots, sometimes black spots, on orchid leaves. Most orchid species are vulnerable to this disease. Make use of a recommended fungicide and spray the orchid following the instructions closely. Provide optimal growth environment for your orchids.



Treatment, The application of a systemic fungicide to control outbreak, as well as removal of affected area with a sterilized cutting tool. The ongoing preventative application of an (alternating) systemic and contact fungicide.



Petal blight, Southern blight: (Botrytis)

This appears as very small black or light brown spots upon flowers and may enlarge and cover the entire flower. If conditions are moist a grey fungus mould may also appear.

Treatment, The application of a contact fungicide, after the removal of infected flowers. Clean growing area with a suitable cleaning solution and the application of a preventative fungicide combine with raising ambient temp where possible.

Common Viruses

Sooty Mould

This is a soft, black fungal growth (not specifically a virus) that results from the honeydew secretions of aphids, mealy bugs and scale insects on orchids. Sooty mould reduces the amount of light that should reach the leaves and results in the ultimate deterioration of the orchid.

Treatment, Wash the orchid leaves with a soapy solution or make use of a 50:50 solution of water and denatured alcohol. Try to get rid of the cause by getting rid of the pest that secretes the honeydew.



Cymbidium Mosaic

This is a very common orchid virus that appears as a dark, sunken patch or streak on orchid leaves. The plants will continue to grow, but will be lacking in vigor, and may even affect other orchids.

Treatment, There is no treatment for treating virus in orchids. Remove the plant and destroy, and thoroughly clean growing area with a suitable cleaning solution



Tobacco mosaic and yellow bean mosaic

Symptoms of these viruses are: orchid leaves becoming mottled with irregular patches of yellow and green, the orchid flower exhibiting streaky, dark coloration. At risk most are Cymbidium orchids and Masdevallia orchids. One answer: Destroy the affected orchid.

Treatment, There is no treatment for treating virus in orchids. Remove the plant and destroy, and thoroughly clean growing area with a suitable cleaning solution.



Odontoglossum ringspot virus

This virus appears as round blemishes on orchid leaves. These blemishes are usually concentric circles and eventually affect the orchid flowers which will appear deformed. One answer: Destroy the affected orchid.

Treatment, There is no treatment for treating virus in orchids. Remove the plant and destroy, and thoroughly clean growing area with a suitable cleaning solution.

Other Types of Damage in Orchids

Oedema

Caused by plants inability to utilise the water it has been supplied, typically watering on a warm day and nights turn cool very quickly. Causing swelling and plants lesions resembling a water filled blister like appearance on plant surface.

Sunburn

Appearance of black spots and areas on leaves after overheating from excess exposure to too much light. Caused by not staging plants gradually, moving from inside to outside too fast. Leads to susceptibility to fungal and other disease attack.

Cold

Causes surface lesions with pitted large darkened areas of discoloration. Accelerated rate of natural death, and susceptible to fungal disease.

Salt toxicity

Brown leaf tips, dead roots, whitish crust build up on media and around base of pots are signs of excess salts present. Salt toxicity will eventually kill plants completely if not corrected. Dilute fertilizer strength and practice regular media and pot washout strategies.



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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.*

Cultural Meeting Roster for Afternoon Tea	
Nov	Juliet and Juanita

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
Account Name – Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra

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 members Maree, Kathy, Kerry and Denise.
- Don't forget to put your name down for the Christmas Lunch. Last chance! I need the figures by 21 November. No later. Also, you need to pay before 21 November. Either by banking directly or paying Desley at the next meeting.

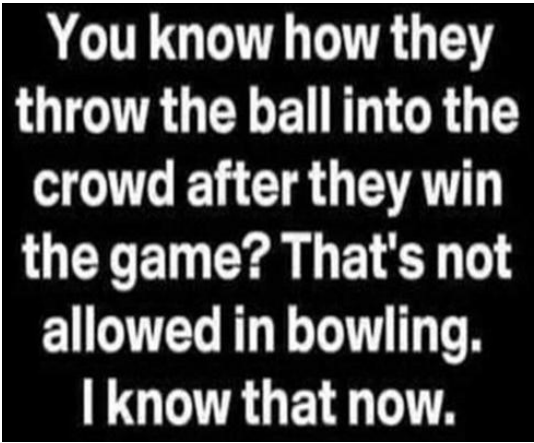
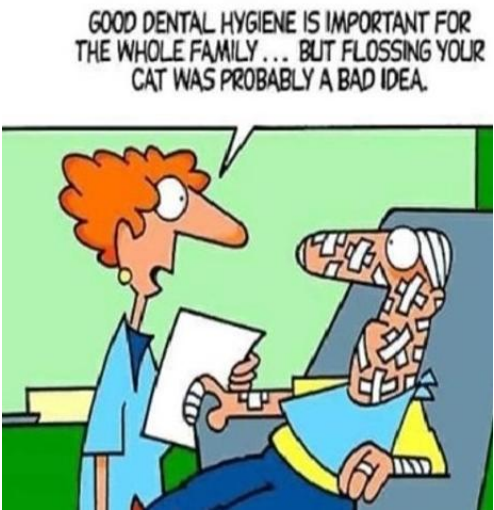
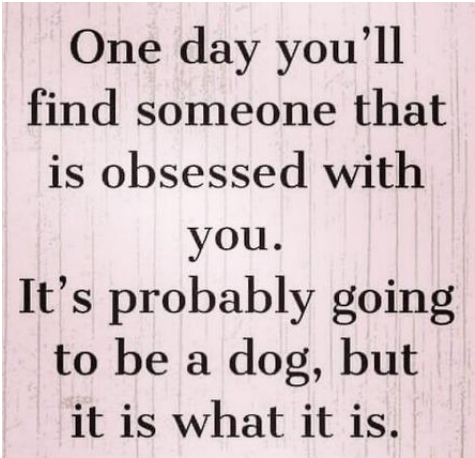
As usual, the minutes of the Business Meeting and full financial report will be available at the Cultural Meeting on Saturday 15 November 2025

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})

NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 15	Cultural Meeting	CCSA Hall, Nutley Street
Saturday 29	Christmas Party 12 noon	CCSA Hall





Aspley Orchid Society Inc. Summer Show

14th February 2026

Saturday 8:00 AM – 3.30 PM

**Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall
757 Gympie Road, Lawnton**



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