



## Orchidwise February 2021

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### General Meeting Stewards

Ron Bassan Eve Penningh Mervyn Toon

## Calendar of Events

Memberships became due as of October AGM.

February General Meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sporting Wheelies Hall on Bridge Road, starting at 7.30pm.

## Points of Interest

- Members are requested to bring in an orchid, plant or another item to donate for the raffle at each General Meeting & assistance is appreciated to tidy the Hall after the Meeting finishes.
- **A reminder to Members** - You must own an orchid for a minimum of 3 months before it is eligible to be entered in the Monthly Popular Vote.
- Please have your Popular Vote Orchids tabled **at least 15 minutes** prior the start of the meeting.
- MDOS is looking for volunteers to present a talk at the General Monthly Meetings. It could be about a particular type of Orchid or common diseases or even your setup in your shade-house. Please let Dennis or Ros know if you are interested.
- We still have a number of vacant spots on our **Supper Roster**, please put your name forward and take a turn.
- Pests & Diseases reference site: **[www.staugorchidsociety.org](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org)**
- MDOS has a Facebook page. Like us on Facebook.

## General Meeting Supper Roster 2021

February	Debbie Clark & Carolyn Ischenko	March	*
April	*	May	*
June	Merv Toon & Peter Milward	July	Delores Micallef & Ken Drury
August	Carolyn Ischenko & Helen Fleming	September	*
October	AGM (MDOS)	November	*

## Birthdays

Many happy returns to those members whose birthdays are in February.

17<sup>th</sup> Peter Crook                      21<sup>st</sup> Peter Milward                      27<sup>th</sup> Eve Penningh  
28<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Ischenko & Christine Mifsud

# PRESIDENTS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021

MDOS are conducting the New Growers Workshops again this year however there is a change in the format, to provide the new growers with as much exposure to different growing methods and conditions, different cultural ideas etc. each workshop will be hosted by a different experienced grower each month. The 5 workshops will be held on a Saturday afternoon 2pm to 4pm on February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The first session “Staking of Plants and Inflorescence” will be held at Doug & Eve Penninghs’ residence (100 Beach Rd, Sarina), this has been selected as the first talk to provide New Growers with methods and knowledge to assist them in staking their blooms of the Autumn Show.

The remaining workshops will cover:

- What genera grows best in pots, baskets, saucers or mounts;
- Using Insecticides, fungicides and fertilisers;
- Potting demonstrations of various genera and correct method to write your labels;
- Shade house design, layout and set up and watering systems.

Don’t be afraid to utilise the Buddy System and contact your allocated Buddy with any questions you may have regarding orchid growing and culture. The list of Buddies is listed elsewhere in the Orchidwise Newsletter, if you are not included in the Buddy System and wish to be included, please raise it with the committee.

The Autumn Show will be held at the Sporting Wheelies Hall on Friday and Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Show set-up and tabling of plants will be on Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> commencing at 12 noon. Show entries must be tabled by 2:45pm as Judging will commence at 3pm. As this is our first show in over twelve months, I encourage all growers, novice and experienced, to enter their blooms into the Autumn Show. The only way you can gauge your flowers against other growers’ flowers is by entering your blooms into the show. ***You will never, never know if you never, never show.*** We the growers have been cooped up during 2020, unable to show our plants due to COVID - remember the general public has also been cooped up so let’s give them something to WOW over.

Happy Orchid Growing.

Kind Regards,

*Dennis Farlow*

MDOS President

## **GROWERS TIP!**

**RAID Oneshot** is good for controlling Dendrobium Beetles & Slugs.  
If you have a problem with ants, put some **ANTRID** on a plastic label and place it in the ants’ pathway.

# Mackay and District Orchid Society Inc

## Committee Meeting:

Date: 05/12/2020

Location: Eimeo Hotel

Opened by President: Dennis Farlow

Time: 11.30am

Attendance: Dennis Farlow, Ros Farlow, Rod Shoesmith, Eve Penningh, Delores Micallef, Jay Turner, Roger Clark, Debbie Clark.

Apologies: Nil

Visitors: Enid Baxter

## Previous Minutes as printed be Accepted:

\*\*\*As there were no minutes, these could not be confirmed \*\*\*\*\*

## Business Arising from Minutes:

NIL

## Correspondence – Inwards:

### Newsletters:

- QOS, TATTOS, TOS, Hervey Bay.

### MAIL:

- Albert Gibbard from QOS, who had been President for a few years, passed 1/12/2020
- Neville Baldock Passed 29/11/2020
- AOCC update 2021
- Orchidaceous Supplies
- TQOC Perpetual Trophy arrived
- Invoice: Flowers for Merrill Baldock re Nev Baldock
- Payment from Merv. and Nida Fuller for Xmas Party
- Christmas Card from TQOC

## Correspondence – Outwards:

Nil

Moved: Debbie Clark                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Roger Clark                      Carried                      Y

“that the inwards be received, and the outwards endorsed.

## Treasurer’s Report

Read by Eve Penningh                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Rod Shoesmith                      Carried                      Y

## General Business

- QCWA – Nothing has been sent. Still on going.
- Christmas plants are ready to go. Arrived from Alice’s and look great.
- Popular Vote Plants from November general meeting leave them go until January general meeting.
- Redo popular vote plants as Neville Baldock has passed.
- There is a small group going out to water Nev’s Plants for Merrill.
- AOC Conference 2021– People who are interested in going to pay their registration, if it is cancelled because of COVID 19, this will be refunded.
- Nominations to do talks at general meetings.

Meeting Closed: 1150am

**Being no more Business**

**Have a safe Trip home.**

Next Meeting: 21 /01/2021 after the General Meeting

## Mackay and District Orchid Society Inc

### Committee Meeting

Date: 21/01/2021

Location: Sporting Wheelies Hall

Opened by President: Dennis Farlow

Time: 8.48 pm

#### Attendance & Apologies:

Ros Farlow, Rod Shoemith, Cheryl Green, Christine Mifsud, Eve Penningh, Roger Clark, Delores Micallef, Jay Turner.

Visitors: Nil

#### Previous Minutes as printed be Accepted:

“that the minutes as printed be confirmed”.

Moved: Jay Turner 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eve Penningh

Carried: Y

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

#### MAIL:

##### Correspondence – Inwards:

- As printed per General Meeting.

##### Newsletters:

- As printed per General Meeting

##### Correspondence – Outwards:

- As printed per General Meeting

Moved: Cheryl Green 2<sup>nd</sup>: Roger Clark

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Carried: Y

#### Treasurer’s Report

Read by Eve Penningh

Eve Penningh Moved that it be passed as per AGM

Carried: Y

#### General Business

- 2 x membership to be approved.
- Melissa Longhurst **Proposed** Ros Farlow **Seconded** Dennis Farlow **Approved** by the Committee. Y
- Bronwyn Maree Moon. **Proposed** Ros Farlow **Seconded** Dennis Farlow **Approved** by the Committee. Y
- Dennis Farlow to approach QCWA committee again and this time place a read receipt on the email.
- New Growers Group. Any ideas growing plants who would like to do this.????
- Shows discuss next meeting. 20-21 or 27 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Bunnings. Ros Farlow to email Bunnings for request of sausage sizzles.

#### Being no more business:

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

Have a safe trip home.

Next Meeting: 04/02/2021 Rod Shoemith residence 4.00pm

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## Mackay and District Orchid Society Inc

### General Meeting:

Date: 21/01/2021

Location: Sporting Wheelies Club

Opened by President: Dennis Farlow

Time: 7.00 PM

### **Attendance & Apologies:**

As per attendance book

### **Visitors: Nil**

### **Previous Minutes as printed in Orchidwise Accepted:**

“that the minutes as printed be confirmed”.

**Moved:** Cheryl Green    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Helen Fleming

**Carried:** Y

### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- Christmas – Awards Party was fantastic. Thank you to Delores Micallef and everybody else that helped get the room ready.
- QCWA hall in Palmer Street. Still on going.

### **Correspondence – Inwards:**

**Newsletters:** TOS, HBOS, QOS

### **MAIL:**

- OQ Inc. – Meeting at Gympie Bowls Club 13-2-2021
- Trophy House statement
- Bowen Orchids, wishing MDOS a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Orchids Australia magazine.

### **Correspondence – Outwards:**

Nil.

**Moved:** Ron Bassan    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Doug Penningh

**Carried:** Y

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### **Treasurer’s Report**

Read by Eve Penningh

### **General Business:**

- Ron Bassan brought in the popular vote orchids from November meeting.
- Neville Baldock’s orchid sales. Peter Milward thanked everybody who turned up and bought orchids. It was great to give Merrill the money. There will be an open day, for the general public, in 2-3 weeks’ time.
- Charcoal has arrived.
- TQOC vendor hire agreement from MECC all locked in. TQOC committee are meeting at Delores and Marcel Micallef residence. 10.00am Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January.
- The hall in Townsville is ready for TQOC Fair 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June. Expressions of interest has been sent to Vendors. 10-12 vendors have said they are coming.  
Banjo Patterson Motel are going to block off a huge section in early June, for Orchid enthusiasts. The restaurant will be opened to MDOS. Evening meal and drinks.
- Doug Penningh talked about Raid Insect Spray

**Plant for Disposal:** Karen MacRae

**Lucky Door:** Bev. Rush

**Smoko Roster for next meeting:** Debbie Clark & Carolyn Ischenko

**Thank you to** Bev. Kunst and Margaret Thompson for tonight’s eats.

**Meeting Closed: 8.45 pm**

Being no more Business

Have a safe trip home

**Next Meeting:** 18 /02/2021

## Popular Vote Results...January General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
<b>First Flowering</b>		
1	C. Elisabeth Calov = C. Mark Jones x Katherine Clarkson *	D. and E. Penningh
2	Den. White Comet	K. Drury
3	Rlc. Village Chief Rose	R. and D. Clark
<b>Dendrobiums</b>		
1	Den. Toro's Lassie x Den. discolor x canaliculatum	R. and J. Laird
2	Den. Hsinying Frostymaree	R. Bassan
3	Den. Cherub 'Samuel'	D. and E. Penningh
<b>Exotic Species</b>		
1	<i>V. miniate = Ascctm. Miniatum *</i>	C. Mifsud
2	<i>Ctsm. expansum 'Myra' x expansum 'Linda'</i>	R. Bassan
3	<i>Ctsm. expansum 'Myra' x expansum 'Linda'</i>	R. Bassan
<b>Novice</b>		
1	Ctsm. Chuck and Louise = Ctsm. Chuck Taylor x Ctsm Louise Clarke *	R. and J. Laird
2	V. Unknown	R. and J. Laird
<b>Cattleyas</b>		
1	Rlc. Toshie Aoki 'Amanda Fai'	D. and E. Penningh
2	Cat. Unknown	B. Kunst
3	Rlc. Haadyai Delight x Ctt. Loog Tone.	D. and E. Penningh
<b>Vandaceous</b>		
1	Vandachostylis Blue Haze	R. Bassan
2	V. Lumpini x V. Kasen's Delight	R. Bassan
3	Van. Pine Rivers 'Wasana'	R. Bassan
<b>Any Other Genre</b>		
1	Paph. Saint Isobel 'SVO'	D. and E. Penningh
2	Gram. scriptum var citrinum	D. and M. Micallef
3	Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Vi's Choice'	R. Bassan
<b>Judges Choice</b> read by <b>E. Penningh</b>		
1	Van. Pine Rivers 'Wasana'	R. Bassan
2	Paph. Saint Isobel 'SVO'	D. and E. Penningh
3	Den. Cherub 'Samuel'	D. and E. Penningh
<b>Member's Choice</b>		
1	Vandachostylis Blue Haze	R. Bassan
(Names followed by an asterisk* have errors of spelling, genus name or nomenclature corrected. Owners may wish to make changes).		

### PEST CONTROL - HOME REMEDY (For all plants, including Orchids): Supplied by Doug Penningh

\*500 MLS luke-warm water      \*5 MLS Pariffin Oil      \*3-4 drops of dishwashing liquid (I use Morning Fresh)

I only spray early morning or late afternoon, never in the heat of the day. This mixture has been very effective on all plants, ferns and especially the orchids (dens, cats, oncidis & phallys).

It stops **RED SPIDER, WHITEFLY, SCALE & MEALY BUGS**. The best of it is, it's not poisonous!

## MDOS January General Meeting

### Judges Choice



**Plant:** Van.  
Pine Rivers 'Wanasa' HCC/AOC  
**Parentage:**  
V. Peggy Foo x Rhy. coelestis  
**Originator:**  
Udom Orchids  
**Registered:** (1989)  
**Grower:**  
R. Bassan

### Members Choice



**Plant:**  
V. Blue Haze  
**Parentage:**  
  
**Originator:**  
  
**Registered:**  
**Grower:**  
R. Bassan

## BUDDIES FOR NEW MEMBERS

<b>Peter Milward</b>	Margaret Thompson Ron & Joanne Laird Bev Kunst
<b>Dennis &amp; Ros Farlow</b>	Steven & Tracey Matsen Cheryl Green Roger Clark Katrina Corry Graham Stableton
<b>Rod Shoesmith</b>	Carolyn Ischenko Jay Turner
<b>Ron Bassan</b>	Ian Cruickshank Christine Mifsud
<b>Doug Penningh</b>	Mark Trindorfer Kari Morgan
<b>Mervyn Toon</b>	Delores & Marcel Micallef Helen Fleming Rose Brownsey Carmel Cristaldi

# ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

## MDOS CALENDAR 2021

<p><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>            Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> +            Information Session</p> <p>New Members Training 27<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b><u>MARCH</u></b>            Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>TQOC Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> @            Townsville 10am</p> <p>TQOC Conference            organising meeting 13<sup>th</sup>            @ 10am at Delores</p> <p>MDOS Meeting 18<sup>th</sup></p> <p>New Members Training            20<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Autumn Show 26<sup>th</sup>            &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> (Setup 25<sup>th</sup>)</p>	<p><b><u>APRIL</u></b>            Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>TOS Show 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 15<sup>th</sup>            + Information Session</p> <p>New Members Training            24<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Ingham Field Day 11<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b><u>MAY</u></b>            Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 20<sup>st</sup></p> <p>Farleigh Palm Fete</p> <p>Bowen Field Day</p> <p>New Members Training 28<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b><u>JUNE</u></b>            Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>NQ Orchid Fair 4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Finch Hatton Show 13<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Mackay Show 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 17<sup>th</sup>            + Information Session</p> <p>New Members Training 26<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Winter Show</p>	<p><b><u>JULY</u></b>            Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>TOS Show 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Social Dinner</p>	<p><b><u>AUGUST</u></b>            Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 19<sup>th</sup>            + Information Session</p> <p>Sarina Show 31<sup>st</sup> &amp; 1<sup>st</sup></p>
<p><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>            Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>AOC Conference 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>            Brisbane</p> <p>MDOS Meeting 16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>TOS Show 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Orchid Extravaganza -</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>            Committee Meeting 7<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting &amp; AGM 15<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Spring Show</p>	<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>            Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>MDOS Meeting 18<sup>th</sup>            + Information Session</p>	<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>            Committee Meeting &amp;            Lunch</p> <p>Christmas Dinner &amp;            Awards -</p>





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Contact Bevan Perkins **0437 574 713** anytime

## MDOS STOCK LIST

Please contact Bev Rush for any stock required on 4942 3511 (AFTER 2PM)

Our property is housed at 17 Mortensen Street Nth Mackay - Call to make an appointment.

<u>PLASTIC POTS</u>		<u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</u>		
50 mm Tubes	\$0.25	Plastic Labels (Bags of 100)	\$0.15	ea
70 & 80mm Herb Pots	\$0.30			
100 mm	\$0.25	Graphite Pencils	\$7.00	ea
110 mm x 75 mm Squat	\$0.40	Ezy Clips (Small) - 25	\$9.00	
110 mm	\$0.30	Ezy Clips (Medium) - 25	\$9.00	
125 mm Squat	\$0.30	Ezy Clips (Large) - 25	\$9.00	
125 mm Port Pot	\$0.60	Sphagnum Moss 200 g	\$10.00	
150 mm Port Pot	\$0.65	Tri-Sodium Phosphate	\$8.00	
175 mm Port Pot	\$1.60	Bamboo Stakes - 5	\$1.00	
		Plastic 4 Leg Hangers - 5	\$4.00	
300 mm Port Pot	\$3.25	Wire 4 Leg Hangers	\$1.00	ea
100 mm Vanda Basket	\$0.70	10 litres Jumbo Perlite	\$10.00	
165 mm Vanda Basket	\$2.25	Bag of Charcoal (Small Size)	\$8.00	
200 mm Round Basket	\$2.60	Bag of Charcoal (Coarse Size)	\$8.00	
140 mm x 100 mm Basket Pots	\$1.55	Teak Baskets (1 only)	\$7.00	
<b>Round Saucer Tray Pots</b>		Fertilizer Basket	\$0.50	ea
150 mm Round (Drilled)	\$1.20	Slow-Release Fertilizer - 250 g	\$5.00	
200mm Round (Drilled)	\$2.20	1 Litre of Flower & Grow	\$15.00	
Large Stanhopea Pots	\$3.20	Calcium Nitrate 500 g	\$5.00	
		Small Hydroponic Basket	\$1.20	
		Large Hydroponic Basket	\$2.20	
<b>See the Secretary for the following items:</b>				
<b><u>BOOKS</u></b>		<b><u>BADGES</u></b>		
Virus Diseases of Orchids	\$1.00	MDOS (metal)	\$6.00	
Orchid Growing in Queensland (Bundaberg Orchid Society)	\$5.00	MDOS (cloth), TQOC,	\$2.00	
Fungal Disease Leaflets	\$2.00	OCQ #1, OCQ #2,	\$2.00	

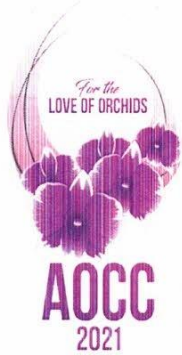
The Society still has some excess stock available for sale:

11 Bags of Small Bark Mix (6-9) @ \$13 ea

8 Bags of Medium Bark Mix (12-18) @ \$13 ea

Please contact Bev Rush on 4942 3511 (after 2pm) to make an appointment.

(The charcoal order has arrived!)



# 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 'For the Love of Orchids'

1 - 5 September 2021

Event Partner

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Planning Committee Update November 2020



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It is now only a little over 9 months until the Conference and Show, and although the COVID-19 cloud hangs over us, we continue to plan for a fantastic event in September. We appreciate that there are many of you who plan to join us, but have been hesitant to commit to registering because you are worried that you will be out of pocket if the event is postponed or you are unable to attend due to COVID-19. I want to assure you that **should travel restrictions or event postponement because of COVID-19 mean that registrants are unable to attend AOCC 2021, their registration fees and any other associated payments that have been made to AOC will be refunded in full.** However, let me stress that there are presently **no plans for any postponement** of the Conference & Show (AOCC 2021) and that any such decision would be one made by the Australian Orchid Council Inc. Board of Management. We are mindful that the situation regarding the virus is continually changing, and each time we meet, there are new 'what if' scenarios that we need to consider. One such concern is our overseas lecturers being able to get here, but we are exploring technological options so that they can still be involved if our overseas borders remain closed to them. But even if this is the case, we hope that the borders will be open to our regional neighbours so that they can join us.

## SHOW SPONSORSHIP AND DISPLAYS

At present we are seeking sponsorship for show classes.

Our show schedule lists about 230 individual classes: 178 orchid classes; 35 cut flower classes for those growers travelling more than 500kms; 4 foliage classes; photography; painting and floral art. And that doesn't include the section champions and overall champions of show! So there will be lots to see and enjoy. Societies, nurseries and commercial growers, and even individuals are encouraged to set up displays of orchids and foliage plants, but orchids can also be benched with others of the same class. We want visitors to experience 'the WOW factor' when they walk through the doors and see the expanse of orchids before them. And of course, it's *Dendrobium speciosum* flowering season, so the room will be filled with perfume. So get your society members organized and start planning a display. It can be as small as 1 tabletop, or as large as a 4m x 4m floor display. There are no points for following the theme of the show, "For the Love of Orchids", but

embellishments and accessories are permissible, as long as the orchids and foliage plants are the focus of the display.

Many of the South East Queensland societies have already chosen specific classes to sponsor, but we expect that other societies or individuals around Australia will also want to be involved. Details of all the classes, and what has already been pledged, can be found on our SPONSORS page of the website. Towards the bottom of the page there is a link to CURRENT SHOW SCHEDULE SPONSORS. There is also the link to the SHOW SCHEDULE SPONSORSHIP FORM if you would like to sponsor an individual class. The cost for most classes is \$50 (1<sup>st</sup>-\$25, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$15, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$10) and you would be acknowledged on the website as well as at the show.

### FIELD TRIPS

Planning for the Sunday bus trips to Springbrook and Mount Glorious National Park is progressing well. Some of the Committee members have been busy following the walks through the parks to check out what is likely to be in flower next September. They have taken some great photos, and Warren Wilcox has written some articles for **Orchids Australia** about what to expect. Find yourself a copy of the October issue for the first of these on pages 6-7. Along with the photos, he lists many of the orchid species you could expect to find. The December and February editions will have Warren's next 2 articles on the areas, so make sure you don't miss them.

To book your place on one of these field trips, visit the website's field trips page at <https://www.aocc2021.org/field-trips> and download the booking form.

### WEBSITE

Remember that the website is being updated on a regular basis, so if you want to know something, have a look there. If you can't find what you are looking for, email your query to [info@aocc2021.org](mailto:info@aocc2021.org) or contact one of us directly (see the top of the update or just reply to me).

### FACEBOOK

And don't forget our Facebook page. To join, click on the **f** in the footer of any page of the website, or go to [www.facebook.com/groups/AOCC2021](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AOCC2021). Growers from all around the world are posting photos of some amazing orchids as they come into flower, and more details of the event itself will be added and updated very soon.

Stay well everyone, and we hope to see you soon.

Robyn Brown

AOCC2021 Planning Committee Member  
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