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Calendar of Events

Memberships became due as of October AGM.

MDOS General Monthly Meeting 16th March at Sporting Wheelies Hall, starting at **7.30pm**.

MDOS Autumn Show 31st March 8am-4pm & 1st April 8am-3pm at Sporting Wheelies Hall.

Points of Interest

- Members 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.
- **MDOS** has a Facebook page. Like us on Facebook.
- **MDOS Bank Account:** BOQ, BSB 124001, Acc 100003961
- **MDOS Website:** www.mdos.com.au
- **Pests & Diseases reference site:** www.staugorchidsociety.org
- **Prime Facts 1006:** www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Best wishes to those feeling unwell or recovering. Hope to see you again soon!

Birthdays

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

3 rd	Dennis Farlow	11 th	Narelle Heelan
26 th	Keith Allen	&	Val Mitchell
29 th	Debbie Clark	30 th	Wendy Crook
31 st	Donna Canavan	& Michael Camilleri	& Helen Toon

PRESIDENTS REPORT – MARCH 2023

Rosalyn and I could not attend the New Growers Workshop as we had been invited to attend the Proserpine Orchid and Foliage Society monthly meeting which included their 60th birthday celebrations. It was an enjoyable afternoon meeting members of other societies and catching up with good friends around the region.

The New Growers Workshop was very well attended with new growers and experienced growers in attendance. A big thank you to the presenters who took the time to impart their knowledge and provide potting demonstrations. It was very pleasing to see Ron Laird taking the plunge and nervously conducting a demonstration in his repotting methods, it is always great to observe a new presenter as they grow in confidence as their demonstration progresses. Reports received from the day were mostly positive unfortunately there was one negative comment, that being experienced growers in the audience were talking amongst themselves impeding new growers hearing valuable information imparted by the presenter. When attending these events, please show respect and courtesy to the presenter and the new growers by waiting until the presentation and the questions are completed before indulging in your conversations.

Nineteen members travelled to Rockhampton on March 4 & 5th to attend the Rocky Field Days weekend. It was a superb weekend which was extremely well organised with visits to 10 greenhouses over the 2 days. We were made more than welcomed sharing the Gladstone Orchid Society bus with the Blackwater Orchid & Foliage Society and PROPA. All groups “gelled” together and there was continuous laughter on the bus over the 2 days. Saturday evening included a fabulous dinner with an superb raffle with over \$3000 worth of prizes. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves over the weekend and spent heaps judging by the entire luggage compartment being jammed full of orchids and other plants by Sunday afternoon.

Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plant Society are holding their Field Day on Sunday April 30th. A number of members are planning on travelling to Ingham on the Saturday April 29th and returning on Monday May 1st. This a quality field day in North Queensland and I recommended attending if you are able.

Our Autumn Show is on Friday March 31st and Saturday April 1st at the Sporting Wheelies Hall. Show set up commences at 12 noon on Thursday March 30th with tabling of plants between 1:00pm and 2:45pm. Judging will commence at or soon after 3:00pm. Your assistance in set up on Thursday and over the show on Friday and Saturday will be greatly appreciated. There will be a volunteer roster available at the March General Meeting.

The success of our shows relies on growers, new and experienced, entering plants into the show for the benefit of the visiting public. The most disappointing comment that a member could make at a show is **“I’ve got a better plant at home”**. It doesn’t matter if you believe your orchid won’t win because as I keep saying **“You will never never know, if you never never show”**. In other words, if your plant is in your greenhouse at home instead of being entered in the show, you’ll never know if the judges would have selected it as a section winner. MDOS have a number of Novice growers in the Society and I encourage the Novice growers to enter your plants in the show. A grower must have owned the orchid for 3 months prior to entering the show. We need to create a WOW Factor for the visiting public and we can only achieve this by having as many flowering orchids as possible.

Happy Orchid Growing.

Kind Regards,

Dennis Farlow

MDOS President

Mackay and District Orchid Society Inc.

General Meeting

Date: 16/02/2023

Location: Sporting Wheelies Club

Opened by President: Dennis Farlow

Time: 7.30 PM

Attendance & Apologies:

As per attendance book

Visitors: Merl Fenwick (Townsville)

Previous Minutes as printed in Orchidwise Accepted:

D. Farlow apologised for the late newsletter as computer problems happened.

“That the minutes as printed be confirmed”.

Moved: S. Ross

2nd: V. Joiner

Carried: Y

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence – Inwards:

Newsletters:

- Harvey Bay
- Calliope Orchid and Foliage
- Herbert River

MAIL:

- Mailbox renewal
- Save the date of Field Day Herbert River 30th April.
- Sporting Wheelies Hall Hire
- Ian Pilcher wants to move a motion that the monthly financials be placed in Orchidwise.
- Woolgoolga Orchid Society, which is 300kms South of Brisbane and 500kms North of Sydney, is having a 2-day lectures Workshop in November.
- OQI minutes
- Rockhampton Field day payment details.

Correspondence – Outwards:

Nil

Moved: L. Coburn

2nd: D. Micallef

Carried: Y

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

Treasurer’s Report

Read by Eve Penningh:

General Business:

- Trophies were given to Ron and Joanne Laird - Orchid of the Year award & Shanan Ross – Cattleya section. Congratulations to you all.
- Hall Hire – Sporting Wheelies Hall is being run from Brisbane. To place your dates for meetings etc, a programme has been implemented called Space to Go. Not a date has been placed into this yet. Fees have changed. They have gone up to \$25 an hour for using the hall, and \$60 for cleaning. This has nearly doubled in price for hall hire. D. Farlow has emailed Brisbane and asked what has happened to our dates that were given to Peter Sumpter in October 2022 and asked if Sporting Wheelies were honouring the present rental agreement. He also advised that no consultation has been entered into with MDOS about all of this.
- Vale Gina Fitzgibbon – Gina was a long-term member of MDOS until she decided to move to Brisbane to be closer to her family. A memorial will be held in Mackay at some time. She joined MDOS 16/08/07. The roles she had were Committee member and Hostess. A comment she made changed the way MDOS looked at their

meetings. She asked new members if they would come back, and they replied not interested if we are not going to learn anything about orchids. This initiated the thinking that if at the end of a meeting, if members went home without gaining some extra information, then the Society has failed our members.

- Ron Bassan was issued an Order of Australia medal for his dedication to Orchids, Stamps and most of all, Veterans organisations. He had served in the Vietnam war and was lucky enough to come home. He was secretary of "A" Battery unit for many years. He also was involved in the army cadets in Mackay for some time. He has been interested in Philanthropy for many years. I believe he was President of a group of Philanthropists. Ron joined MDOS 20/11/80. He was President, Vice President and was a Committee Member for a lot of years and served a term as Property officer. Ron was bestowed with Life Membership on 18/5/95 for his dedication to MDOS. He also held the position of President of TQOC. On behalf of the President, committee and members of MDOS, congratulations to a very hard working and dedicated man in many areas.
- Bark and Charcoal – An order will be place first week of March. Prices are in the newsletter. Please have your order in and paid for by first week of March. If a small grower, share with other small growers.
- Contact details for Pots etc. – The newsletter has prices for pots etc., but no contact details for whom to purchase from. This will be amended.
- New growers' workshop – This will be held 25th February at Delores and Marcel Micallef's residence, 16 Lambrook Court, Walkerston. Starting 10.00am. A repotting demonstration will be given by Ron Bassan and Trevor Heitman. After this a sausage sizzle and raffle will be held. Please bring a chair and either salad or dessert and something for the raffle.
- Doug Penning gave a talk about predatory mites. This was well received. Thank you, Doug.
- Autumn Show – Set up and judging Thursday 30th March, show 31st March and 1st April. Next general meeting a roster will be present for helpers. Please avail yourself for this. More helpers make for a great show.
- Rockhampton Field Day – This is to be held 4th-5th March. Please have your monies paid to the Rockhampton Orchid Society as soon as possible.

Plant for Disposal: Lyn Whitmore

Lucky Door: Denise Pearce

Popular Vote Results read by: E. Penningh

Meeting Closed:

Being no more Business

Have a safe Trip home

Next Meeting: 16/03/2023

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.

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

*500 MLS luke-warm water *5 MLS Paraffin 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!

Popular Vote Results...February General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
First Flowering		
1	Habenaria Galah	S. Ross
2	Rlc. Burdekin Dawn x C. Aloha Case	T. Heitman
3	Paph. Hsinying Citron 'Account'	D. & R. Farlow
Dendrobiums		
1	Den. Warawan 'Orchid World'	D. & R. Farlow
2	Den. Air Way Blue	D. & E. Penningh
3	Den. Hsinying Frostymaree = (Frosty Dawn x Dawn Marie) * Den. Aree Crimson	J. & R. Laird L. Coburn
Exotic Species		
1	<i>Trich. brachiata</i> 'Vin Mar' x self	J. & R. Laird
2	<i>Vanda tessellate</i> *	T. Heitman
Australian Native Species		
1	<i>Pholidota imbricata</i>	A. Pinkney
2	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	M. & D. Micallef
3	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	D. & E. Penningh
Australian Native Hybrids		
1	Den. bigibbum var. <i>compactum</i> x Hartley's Sunshine	D. & M. Micallef
2	Den. superbiens var. Judy Flere *	M. Trindorfer
3	Den. superbiens	D. & M. Micallef
Novice		
1	<i>Aerides jarckiana</i> *	W. Culla
2	C. Tainan City 'General' *	G. Stabler
Cattleyas		
1	Rlc. Sunstate Colorchart x Rlc. Dal's Thunder	D. & E. Penningh
2	C. Caudebec Candy 'Burgundy'	S. Ross
3	Rlc. Dora Louise Capen	K. Waddington
Vandaceous		
1	V. Packara Rosa Diamond	S. Ross
2	V. Kultana Gold x V. Kultana Amber *	J. & R. Laird
3	V. Unknown	M. & D. Micallef.
Any Other Genre		
1	Ctism. Unknown	K. Drury
2	Eny. Burdekin Surprise *	D. & M. Micallef
3	Bulb. Willmar Galaxy Star *	M. Trindorfer
Judges Choice read by Arthur Pinkney		
1	<i>Dendrochilum macranthum</i>	T. Heitman
2	<i>Vanda tessellate</i> *	T. Heitman
3	V. Kultana Gold x V. Kultana Amber *	J. & R. Laird
Members Choice		
	Rlc. Sunstate Colorchart x Rlc. Dal's Thunder	D. & E. Penningh
(Names followed by an asterisk* have errors of spelling, genus name or nomenclature corrected. Owners may wish to make changes).		

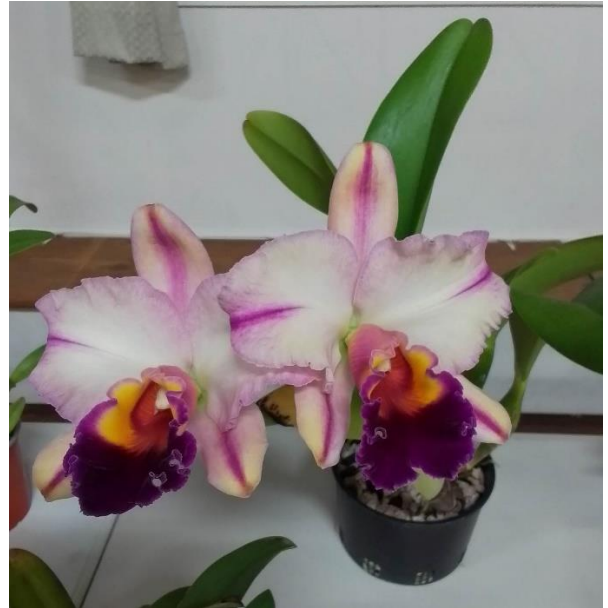
MDOS February General Meeting

Judges Choice



Plant:
Dendrochilum mcranthum
Parentage:
Philippines species
(found at elevations between 300 to 2200 metres)
Originator:
N/A
Registered: ()
Grower:
T. Heitman

Members Choice



Plant:
Cattleya
Parentage:
Rlc. Sunstate Colourchart x Rlc. Dal's Thunder
Originator:

Registered: ()
Unregistered hybrid
Grower:
D&E Penningh

Judges Choice

2nd



Vanda tessellate
T. Heitman

3rd



V. Kultana Gold x V. Kultana Amber
J. & R. Laird

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

MDOS CALENDAR 2023

<p><u>JANUARY</u></p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> Committee Meeting - 2nd Rocky Field Day - 4th & 5th MDOS Meeting - 16th TQOC Meeting - 25th MDOS Autumn Show - 31st & 1st</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u> Committee Meeting - 6th TOS Autumn Show - 14th – 16th MDOS Meeting - 20th Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - 22nd New Growers Workshop - Sunday 23rd @ TBA Ingham Field Day - 30th</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> Committee Meeting - 4th MDOS Meeting - 18th Bowen Field Day - 31st</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u> Committee Meeting - 1st Finch Hatton Show - 18th Mackay Show - 20th – 22nd MDOS Meeting - 15th New Growers Workshop - 24th @ TBA TQOC Meeting -</p>	<p><u>JULY</u> Committee Meeting - 6th TOS Winter Show - 7th – 9th MDOS Winter Show - 14th & 15th MDOS Meeting - 20th Proserpine 60th Birthday Field Day - 23rd</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u> Committee Meeting - 3rd Sarina Show - 5th & 6th MDOS Meeting - 17th Farleigh Palm Fete - 20th New Growers Workshop - 26th @ TBA</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> Committee Meeting - 7th TOS Spring Show - 15th – 17th Orchid Extravaganza - 16th MDOS Meeting - 21st</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u> Committee Meeting - Monday 5th MDOS Spring Show - 13th & 14th Townsville Field Day - 15th MDOS Meeting & AGM - 19th New Growers Workshop - 28th @ TBA</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u> Committee Meeting - 2nd MDOS Meeting - 16th TQOC Meeting -</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u> Committee Meeting & Lunch - 2nd Christmas Dinner & Awards - 10th</p>

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc. Property Stock for Members (05/01/2023)

Contact Dennis on 0458 043 132 to arrange an appointment.

Plastic Pots		Labels	
50mm Tube	\$0.25	Bag of 100	\$15.00
80mm Herb Pots	\$0.30	Bundle of 20	\$4.00
Modiform Pots		Graphite Pencil	
100mm	\$0.25	Plant Clips	
110mm x 75mm squat	\$0.40	Ezy Clips (Small) – Pack of 20	\$3.50
125mm	\$0.50	Ezy Clips (Medium) – Pack of 20	\$5.00
Port Pots		Ezy Clips (Large) – Pack of 20	\$6.50
70mm	\$0.30		
100mm	\$0.50	Stakes & Hangers	
125mm	\$0.80	Bamboo stakes (pack of 5)	\$1.00
150mm	\$1.00	Plastic 4 leg hangers (pack of 5)	\$4.00
175mm	\$1.60	Wire 4 leg hangers	\$1.00 ea
200mm	\$2.50	Wire 3 leg hangers (pack of 5)	\$4.00
300mm	\$4.00	600mm x 4mm Fiberglass stake (pack 5)	\$1.00
Vanda Baskets		900mm x 5mm Fibreglass stake (pack 5)	\$1.50
100mm square	\$0.70	Fertilisers etc	
200mm round	\$2.60	Tri-Sodium Phosphate 350g	\$8.00
140mm x 100mm round	\$2.00	Slow-Release Fertiliser 250g	\$5.00
Saucers		Flower & Grow 1 litre	\$15.00
150mm Saucer (drilled)	\$1.50	Calcium Nitrate 500g	\$7.50
200mm Saucer (drilled)	\$2.50	Fertiliser Baskets – large	\$1.00 ea
250mm Saucer (drilled)	\$3.00	Fertiliser Baskets – medium	\$0.75 ea
350mm Saucer (drilled)	\$5.00	Fertiliser Baskets – small	\$0.50 ea

BUDDIES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Peter Milward	Ron & Joanne Laird Albert & Denise Pearce	Kerry Daly Peter De Haas
Dennis & Ros Farlow	Stuart Johnson Graham Stabler Ryan & Amber Hardy	Keith Allen Kathy Dine Cheryl Green
Trevor Heitman	Carolyn Ischenko Mary Hawkins Geoff Miles	Lyn Whitmore Debra Paul
Ron Bassan	Ian Cruickshank Kym Waddington Scott Morice	Wayne Culla Clare Grant
Doug Penningh	Mark Trindorfer	Ian Pilcher
Mervyn Toon	Rose Brownsey	
Joe Stroppiana	Lyn Coburn	



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Beard and Spanish Moss.)

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Coconuts

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Fertilizer

HSO 12 \$20.00 per kg

HSO 22 \$20.00 per kg

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