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Calendar of Events

Memberships become due as of October AGM.

MDOS General Monthly Meeting 15th September at Sporting Wheelies Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

- Double vaccination is no longer required to enter the Hall, however masks are optional.

MDOS Spring Show 7th & 8th October, Sporting Wheelies Hall, Bridge Road.

MRC Orchid Extravaganza is on Saturday 1st October, at the Orchid House in Queens Park.

AGM/End of Year Trophies need to be returned by the September Monthly Meeting.

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** 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

Birthdays

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

10 th	Charles Mifsud	&	Charlie Truscott	11 th	Cheryl Green	
13 th	Margaret Thompson		15 th	Keith McDougall	16 th	Wendy Zahmel
17 th	Sam Penningh		27 th	Julie Williams	30 th	Helen Fleming & John Allen

PRESIDENTS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022

The MDOS Spring Show is scheduled for Friday 7th & Saturday 8th of October with the set-up commencing at noon on Thursday 6th. Plants should be tabled between noon and 2:30pm with the judging commencing at 3:00pm. Take the time now to ensure the plants that are in spike or are displaying flower sheeves have ample space around them, so the flower spikes and inflorescences are not in danger of being tangled or caught on a leaf of a nearby plant etc. With Dendrobiums, consider how you are going to stake the flower inflorescence. With Cattleyas, do any of the leaves on the plant require tying back to ensure the flowers are not impeded when opening, does each of the flower buds have room to open next to each other without being crushed together.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 20th following the October General Meeting. Attached to the Orchidwise Newsletter are nomination forms if you wish to nominate.

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.

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, onchids & phallys).

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

Popular Vote Results...August General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
First Flowering		
1	Paph. Enzan Winston's Vale x Yi-Ying Colorful Clouds	D. & R. Farlow
2	Rlc. Burdekin Dream x Rlc. Burdekin Reward	K. Drury
3	Rhy. gigantea 'Red'	R. & D. Clark
Dendrobiums		
1	Den. Super Wavy Red	R. Hardy
2	Den. Thongchai 'Virate' * Den. Sakura Hime	S. Ross L. Coburn
3	Den. Airy Crimson	S. Ross
Exotic Species		
1	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i> 'Cartoon' x 'Fancy'	D. & R. Farlow
2	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i> 'Red'	D. & M. Micallef
3	<i>Den. spectabile</i>	D. & R. Farlow
Australian Native Species		
1	<i>Den. tetragonum</i> var. <i>cataractarum</i> *	M. Trindorfer
2	<i>Den. speciosum</i> var. <i>pedunculatum</i>	M. Trindorfer
3	<i>Den. tetragonum</i> var. <i>giganteum</i> * <i>Den. discolor</i>	M. Trindorfer D. & M. Micallef
Australian Native Hybrids		
	Den. Ellen 'DE'	R. Bassan
	Den. Elegant Queen	R. Bassan
	Den. Esme Poulton	M. Trindorfer
Novice		
1	C. Comets Tail	S. Ross
2	Ludisia discolor	S. Morice
3	<i>Den. speciosum</i> var. <i>grandiflorum</i>	S. Morice
Exhibition Cattleyas		
1	Rlc. Dal's Thunder	S. Ross
2	Rlc. Siam Red	L. Coburn
3	Cat. Unknown	L. Coburn
Cattleyas Novelty		
1	Ctt. Varut Startrack *	C. & C. Mifsud
2	Rlc. Burdekin Wonder	S. Ross
3	C. Elusive Dream 'Ruby Lip'	D. & E. Penningh
Phalaenopsis		
1	Phal. Cranbery Cha Cha	C. & C. Mifsud
2	Phal. Unknown	R. & D. Clark
3	Dtps. Euro Star	J. Turner
Any Other Genre		
1	Brat. Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi' *	L. Coburn
2	Vanda Riuka	S. Ross
3	Paph. Unknown	D. & R. Farlow

Judges Choice read by Dennis Farlow		
1	<i>Den. speciosum</i> 'Daylight Moon'	S. Morice
2	C. Chief Gem 'Red Jewel'	D. & E. Penningh
3	Rhy. gigantea 'Cartoon' x 'Fancy'	D. & R. Farlow
Members Choice		
1	Ctt. Varut Startrack *	C. & C. Mifsud
(Names followed by an asterisk* have errors of spelling, genus name or nomenclature corrected. Owners may wish to make changes).		

MDOS August General Meeting

Judges & Members Choice



Plant:

Den. speciosum 'Daylight Moon'

Parentage:

Australian species first described in 1804.

Originator:

N/A

Registered: ()

Grower:

S. Morice



Plant:

Ctt. Varut Startrack

Parentage:

(Ctt. Netrasiri Doll x C. Landate)

Originator:

K. Vejvarut

Registered: (1998)

Grower:

C. & C. Mifsud

Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc. Property Stock for Members

Plastic Pots		Labels	
80mm Herb Pots	\$0.30	Bag of 100	\$15.00
Modiform Pots		Bundle of 20	\$4.00
100mm	\$0.25	Graphite Pencils	\$7.00
110mm x 75mm squat	\$0.40	Ezy Clips (Small) – Pack of 25	\$3.50
125mm	\$0.50	Ezy Clips (Medium) – Pack of 25	\$5.00
Port Pots		Ezy Clips (Large) – Pack of 25	\$7.00
100mm	\$0.40	Stakes & Hangers	
125mm	\$0.70	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 each
200mm	\$2.00	Fertilisers etc	
300mm	\$3.50	Tri-Sodium Phosphate	\$8.00
Vanda Baskets		Slow-Release Fertiliser 250g	\$5.00
100mm basket	\$0.70	Flower & Grow 1 litre	\$15.00
200mm round	\$2.60	Calcium Nitrate 500g	\$5.00
140mm x 100mm	\$1.60	Fertiliser Baskets – large	\$0.75 each
		Fertiliser Baskets -medium	\$0.50 each

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

MDOS CALENDAR 2022

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u> AOC Conference 1 st - 5 th Brisbane MDOS Meeting - 15 th TOS Spring Show - 16 th , 17 th 18 th Bowen Spring Show - 18 th Charters Towers Spring Show - 18 th	<u>OCTOBER</u> Orchid Extravaganza – 1 st Committee Meeting - Monday - 3 rd MDOS Spring Show - 7 th & 8 th Townsville Field Day - 9 th MDOS Meeting & AGM - 20 th @ 7pm New Growers Workshop - 29 th @ TBA	<u>NOVEMBER</u> Committee Meeting - 3 rd MDOS Meeting - 17 th	<u>DECEMBER</u> Committee Meeting & Lunch - 3 rd Christmas Dinner & Awards - 11 th



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Cattleyas

Dendrobiums

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WANTED

Tillandsia Usneoides, also known as Old Man's Beard
and Spanish Moss.

Contact Scott Morice

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FOR SALE

Fertilizer

HSD 12 \$20.00 per kg

HSD 22 \$20.00 per kg

Contact Bevan Perkins **0437 574 713** anytime

Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums

(The following is a summary of the talk Dennis Farlow presented at the July General Meeting 2022).

Paphiopedilums (Paphs) grow in Asia from China down to Malaysia across Indonesia to New Guinea, and from the Philippines to Bougainville Island. Whereas Phragmipediums (Phrags) grow in the Americas around Central America. Phrags have a “dagger” shaped leaf tip and Paphs have a slightly rounder leaf tip.

I believe Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums are an easy genera to grow however a number of orchid growers shy away from growing these plants thinking they are difficult to grow. Growing Paphs and Phrags are easy if you remain steadfast to a few rules listed below.

Potting Mix

The mix needs to be free draining however it must retain moisture between waterings. I have been using the same mix for over 10 years. The size of the ingredients varies for seedlings to adult plants, the mix I use is:

- 1 part Bark
- 1 part Chopped Coconut Husk
- 1 part Jumbo Perlite
- ½ part Charcoal

I know very good Paphs growers who pot solely in bark with very good results.

Repotting

Paphs and Phrags respond to very well to new potting mix therefore regular repotting is a must. Seedling Paphs and Phrags should be repotted at a maximum of 12 months. I attempt to repot the seedlings between 6 to 9 months. Adult Paphs and Phrags should be repotted at a maximum of 2 years.

Pot Style

Paphs and Phrags have a deep root system therefore the plants need to be potted in deep pots not in the normal squat orchid pots. The pot size (diameter) selected is extremely important if the plant is overpotted there is a high chance that the root system will stay too wet therefore the root system will rot. To ensure this doesn't occur the pot size should comfortably hold the root system with not a lot of excess room.

Watering

Paphs and Phrags should not be allowed to completely dry out between waterings. The majority of Phrags grow on hillsides where there is continual water seepage down the hillside keeping the root system continually wet. With that in mind, I stand the Phrag pots in a saucer which holds water keeping the bottom 20mm of the root system wet in an attempt to mimic their natural growing conditions.



Mackay and District Orchid Society Presents

SPRING ORCHID SHOW

SPORTING WHEELIES HALL

78 BRIDGE ROAD, EAST MACKAY

**7th October Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm
8th October Saturday 8.00am – 3.00pm**

- Orchids for sale
- Pots, Potting Medium, Tags, etc.
- Orchid Culture Demonstrations
- \$2 coin donation
- Raffles

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