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Calendar of Events

Memberships became due as of October AGM.

MDOS General Monthly Meeting: 18th January at Sporting Wheelies Hall, starting at **7.30pm**.

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

Best wishes to those feeling unwell or recovering from an operation or illness. Hope to see you again soon!

Birthdays

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

3 rd	Scott Morice	&	Renee Skinner	6 th	Albert Pearce	11 th	Mary Hawkens
	20 th	Gina Waddington	22 nd	Debra Paul	&	Mark Trindorfer	
	23 rd	Janelle Cowan	&	Julie Watson	27 th	Helen Holt	29 th Irene Donald

PRESIDENTS REPORT – JANUARY 2024

Welcome to the first Orchidwise for 2024. I hope you and your family had an excellent Christmas and a fantastic New Year. The orchids are certainly loving the rains that continue to fall around the region. This year is shaping up to be a bumper year for the Society with a number of issues in the wings. The committee are presently revising the MDOS Constitution and By-Laws. More on that later once the committee finalise the revised draft.

Commencing the last Thursday of January, Arthur Pinkney and a few other judges will be conducting an Australian Orchid Council judging course. We have approximately 8 starters to undertake the course. The course is still open if other members wish to take the course. I was a member of Mount Isa Orchid Society when I commenced the judging course back in the 90's, six of us completed the course by correspondence under the training of Ted & Sylvia Rielly from Cairns. The main reason I did the course was to know what constituted a quality orchid, plus to understand the family heritage of the awarded orchids which then led me to seek out those breeding lines of the award winners to accumulate a quality orchid collection.

In May 2024, approximately 20 members of the Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society will be hosted by MDOS, they will arrive on Friday afternoon and departing Sunday lunchtime. They have requested to visit a number of members greenhouses over the weekend. We will assist them in planning an interesting weekend along with providing lunch and dinner on Saturday. More information to follow once the itinerary is finalised.

Happy Orchid Growing.

Kind Regards,

Dennis Farlow

MDOS President

Don't forget to adjust your watering schedule now that it's getting hot! Your orchids will need the extra moisture.

Growers Tip

RAID Oneshot is good for controlling Dendrobium Beetles & Slugs. Also, 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.

General Meeting

Date: 17/11/2023

Location: Sporting Wheelies Club

Opened by Vice President: Dennis Farlow

Time: 7.30 PM

Attendance & Apologies:

As per attendance book

Visitors:

- Robyn McBride
- Kaylee Moscrop
- Chris Morrow

Welcome to new members and visitors.

Previous Minutes as printed in Orchidwise be accepted:

“that the minutes as printed be confirmed”

Moved: J. Turner

2nd: L. Coburn

Carried: Y

Business Arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence – Inwards:

Newsletters:

- TATTOS
- QOS Bulletin
- ROSI Newsletter
- Herbert River Bulletin
- Hervey Bay Newsletter
- Glass House Mountains Newsletter

Mail and Emails:

- A phone call from Sporting Wheelies disputing the emails sent to the council and Sporting Wheelies about the infestation of rat and the rubbish around the building, the rubbish bins and the mowing of the grass. The call lasted for 61 minutes. Sporting Wheelies will be having a Board Meeting regarding the Hall in the next few weeks.
- Bowen – President replied to say she will be attending our Awards and Christmas Luncheon.
- Liqueur, Gaming and Fair-Trading Office receipt.
- Novice growers -Potting Workshop 12/11/2023.
- Fox Orchids – re plants for raffle and popular vote in November.
- TQOC meeting 19th November at Townsville. Zoom meeting also.
- Australian Orchid Foundation – Receipt \$100.00
- Invoice from Horticultural Solutions

Correspondence – Outwards:

- President Dennis sent email to Sporting Wheelies regarding the broken/blocked toilets, the rat infestation and the rubbish bin.
- Red Fox Orchids asking for orchid plants for November Meeting.
- Sent Email to Council re Sporting Wheelies Hall.

Moved: M. Toon

2nd: K. Drury

Carried: Y

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

Treasurer’s Report

Read by Eve Penningh

General Business:

- K. Waddington made a statement to say, “the constitutions were great; however, a lot of work went into them and they should be sent online.” It was explained that they are sent online when members join, however MDOS decided to give every member a chance to receive one if they did not get one. He also stated the numbers were down at the shows. This was explained by E. Penningh, that the numbers were about the same at every show. He also suggested that signs for the show are placed in appropriate places. This will be discussed at the next

committee meeting. Also discussed was the advertising for shows. Our Media person ensures that most of the Face Book places and radio stations are met. This will also be discussed at the next committee meeting. K. Waddington also brought up about being a novice. A novice is a new grower who has joined the society, after 3 years will be made up to open. If you Joined 7/21 then you will be made up to open at the AGM in October, as the Society year is from October to September. Not the normal financial Year from July to June.

- P. Milward said a big thank you to MDOS for the New Growers Day 11th November at the Farlow's residence. Thank you, P. Milward. P. Milward also asked if the new grower could be told how to look after these plants in the upcoming months. New members were shown how to unpot their orchids and then shown what roots to cut off and then placed into hormone mixture and then how to re pot. This was not a money- making exercise. 20 new growers attended and 9 experienced growers. There was a lot of laughter and chatting and banter. A new grower said that she felt so confident that she started to pot her own orchids. This is what the society wants to hear.
T. Heitman gave a talk on this. He said "in his years of growing orchids this was the best event he has been to. Everyone was willing to listen and try their hand at repotting."
His suggestions for keeping these alive over the next couple of hot months is:
They have been placed in the growth hormone already.
Don't place in the sun.
When watering: they are wet. Let them dry out then water again. The thing that kills orchids is too much water.
Next couple of weeks give the orchids a high Nitrogen fertiliser.
In the new year start to give them a high "k" fertiliser.
Don't wet the crown of the plant. Wet the pot not the crown as this will rot the plant.
- Could we have a talk about sunlight. T. Heitman answered this. You don't place your orchids in direct sunlight as this will burn the leaves. If they are in too dark a place, they will not flower. It is a trial-and-error strategy. Members will have to keep moving these around until they find the right place. Maybe get in touch with your buddy to find out more.
- What is the best medium to use. This was explained that the experienced growers all use different medium, so it is up to you to use what you prefer. Get the advice from your buddy.
- D. Farlow gave a presentation on the Buddy System. It was explained that new growers need to request to be allocated a Buddy to be placed in the system. 3 Novice/New Growers requested to be added to the system at the end of the meeting.

Popular Vote Results read by: Eve Penningh

Plant for Disposal: C. & C. Mifsud

Lucky Door: P. Milward

Being no more Business

Meeting Closed: 9.35pm

Have a safe trip home

Next Meeting: 18/01/2024. Committee Meeting after the General Meeting.

Popular Vote Results...November General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
First Flowering		
1	Phal. Fuller's Black 'Leopard' *	D. & A. Pearce
2	Phal. unknown	K. & G. Waddington
3	V. Suksamran Gold	L. Coburn
Dendrobiums		
1	Den. (Pauline x Red Antlers) x Red Dame	T. & J. Heitman
2	Den. Mangosteen *	C. & C. Mifsud
3	Den. Kean's Baby *	L. Coburn
	Den. Speewah Stripies = Den. Candy Cane x Alice's Stripe *	J. Turner

Australian Native Species		
1	<i>Cym. madidum</i>	M. Trindorfer
2	<i>Den. canaliculatum</i>	M. Trindorfer
3	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	J. Turner
Australian Native Hybrids		
1	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	M. Trindorfer
2	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	L. Coburn
3	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	M. Trindorfer
Exhibition Cattleyas		
1	C. unknown	J. Tonks
2	Rlc. Hsinying Mariaoki 'Flamingo'	C. & C. Mifsud
3	Eny. Burdekin Surprise *	C. & C. Mifsud
Paphiopedilums		
1	Paph. Norito Hasegawa	D. & E. Penningh
2	Paph. Saint Isabel	D. & E. Penningh
3	Paph. St. Swithin	D. & R. Farlow
Oncidiums		
1	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	D. & E. Penningh
2	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy'	D. & M. Micallef
3	Onc. Mystic Maze	J. Tonks
Any Other Genre		
1	<i>Coel. pandurata</i>	D. & M. Micallef
2	Gram. Jumbo Grand	T. & J. Heitman
Vandaceous		
1	<i>V. miniata</i> *	C. & C. Mifsud
2	Van. Pine Rivers *	T. & J. Heitman
3	V. unknown	C. & C. Mifsud
Novice		
1	Phal. unknown	E. Smith
2	Phal. Midsummer Night	E. Smith
3	Phal. unknown	E. Smith
Phalaenopsis		
	Phal. unknown	J. Turner
	Phal. South Pacific Stripes	D. & E. Penningh
	Phal. unknown	C. & C. Mifsud
Exotic Species		
1	<i>C. purpurata</i> 'Yaquarama' x 'Ruby'	D. & E. Penningh
2	<i>Den. lindleyi</i>	C. & C. Mifsud
3	<i>Coel. pandurata</i>	L. Coburn
Judges Choice read by Eve Penningh		
1	Den. Cherub 'Samuel'	D. & E. Penningh
2	Phal. South Pacific Stripes	D. & E. Penningh
3	<i>C. purpurata</i> 'Yaquarama' x 'Ruby'	D. & E. Penningh
Members Choice		
	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	D. & E. Penningh
(Names followed by an asterisk* have errors of spelling, genus name or nomenclature corrected. Owners may wish to make changes).		

MDOS November General Meeting

Judges & Members Choice

Judges Choice



Plant:
Den. Cherub 'Samuel'
Originator:
D'Bush
Registered: (1984)
D'Bush
Grower:
D. & E Penningh

Members Choice



Plant:
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
Originator:
Beall
Registered: (1983)
D. O'Flaherty
Grower:
D. & E Penningh

Judges Choice

2nd



Phal. South Pacific Stripes
D. & E Penningh

3rd



C. purpurata 'Yaquarama' x 'Ruby'
D. & E Penningh

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

MDOS CALENDAR 2024

<p><u>JANUARY</u> Committee Meeting & MDOS Meeting - 18th</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u> Committee Meeting - 1st</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 15th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 24th @ TBA</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> Committee Meeting - 7th</p> <p>MDOS Autumn Show - 15th & 16th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 21st</p> <p>TQOC Meeting –</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u> Committee Meeting - 4th</p> <p>TOS Autumn Show – 5th, 6th & 7th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 18th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 27th @ TBA</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> Committee Meeting - 2nd</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 16th</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u> Committee Meeting - 6th</p> <p>Finch Hatton Show – 16th</p> <p>Mackay Show – 18th, 19th & 20th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 20th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 29th @ TBA</p> <p>TQOC Meeting -</p>	<p><u>JULY</u> Committee Meeting - 4th</p> <p>TOS Winter Show – 5th, 6th & 7th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 18th</p> <p>MDOS Winter Show - 26th & 27th</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u> Committee Meeting - 1st</p> <p>Sarina Show – 3rd & 4th</p> <p>Farleigh Palm Fete - TBA</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 15th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 31st @ TBA</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> Committee Meeting - 5th</p> <p>TOS Spring Show – 13th, 14th & 15th</p> <p>Orchid Extravaganza – 14th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 21st</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u> Committee Meeting - 3rd</p> <p>MDOS Spring Show - 11th & 12th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting & AGM - 17th @ 7pm</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 26th @ TBA</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u> Committee Meeting - 7th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 21st</p> <p>TQOC Meeting -</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u> Committee Meeting & Lunch – 1st</p> <p>Christmas Dinner & Awards - 8th</p>

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, oncidids & phallys).

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