



## ***Orchidwise*** ***February 2024***

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Helen Fleming	Jan Heitman
Ron Laird	Kym Waddington

### **General Meeting Stewards**

Noel Acton	Wayne Culla	Ron Laird
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## **Calendar of Events**

**Memberships became due as of October AGM.**

**MDOS General Monthly Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 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](http://www.mdos.com.au)
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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 February.

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaylee Moscrup	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Ferrier	9 <sup>th</sup>	Shanan Ross
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Culla	&	Trevor Heitman	13 <sup>th</sup>	John Hayward
17 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Crook	21 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Milward	25 <sup>th</sup>	Maria Turpie
27 <sup>th</sup>	Eve Penningh	28 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Ischenko	&	Christine Mifsud

# PRESIDENTS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The Autumn Show will be held on Friday & Saturday March 15 & 16. Show set-up is on Thursday March 14 commencing at 12 noon. Plants are required to be tabled between 12 noon and 2:45pm with judging to commence after 3:00pm. The show schedule and the plant show tags will be available at the February General Meeting. Assistance is available if a member does not know which section their orchid should be entered in the show.

Now is the time to view your orchids and identify what plants are in spike or have flower sheaths forming indicating that they may be in flower at show time. The flower spike or pseudobulb may need to be staked so the flower/s arrangement catch the judges attention. Doug Penningh will give a talk at the February General Meeting on Show Preparation & Flower Staking to assist members in achieving the best arrangement for your flowers.

I encourage the Novice Growers to enter their orchids to see how they fair against other growers' plants. You never know you may win a Class Champion, Show Champion or the very least be selected as the Champion Novice. You may be surprised how just how good a grower you are after viewing a number of the novice orchids at our General Meetings. The worst thing you can do is to walk into the show on Friday or Saturday and think that your plant which is sitting at home in your greenhouse could have won that section. **You'll never, never know if you never, never show.**

If members wish to sell plants on the Members Sales Tables at the Autumn Show, the member is required to have 5 orchids entered in the show.

The threat to the cyclone late last month necessitated the commencement of judges training to be postponed until Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at the Botanical Gardens training room (opposite the coffee shop).

Garden City Plastics now have compressed blocks of Coconut Husk Chips in stock. Each 4.5 kg block expands to make 60 litres of coconut husk chips. If there is enough interest, MDOS may place an order for members. The sizes and price (freight extra) of the block is: 8mm \$7.40, 10mm \$7.40 and 12-16mm \$9.75.

In May 2024, approximately 20 members of the Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society will be hosted by MDOS, they will arrive on Friday afternoon and depart 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: 18/01/2024

**Location:** Sporting Wheelies Club

**Opened by Vice President:** Dennis Farlow

**Time:** 7.30 PM

### **Attendance & Apologies:**

As per attendance book

**Visitors:** Joy Frost, Mick Ryan, Steve Kerswell

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

“that the minutes as printed be confirmed”

Moved: J. Turner                      2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Clark                      Carried: Y

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil

### **Correspondence – Inwards:**

#### **Newsletters:**

- Herbert River
- TATTOS
- QOS
- HBOS

#### **MAIL:**

- Lisa Kermode from MECC enquiring if MDOS would assist with the opening and closing of the Orchid House at Queens Park.
- A letter from Peter Milward regarding helping Homeless youth in Mackay. PROPA have asked Bunnings North Mackay if they could have a sausage sizzle and sell raffle tickets in the bunnings building for this. PROPA's Patron Alison Jones has said she can get a weekend away for the raffle. Peter is asking if MDOS would be interested in this also.
- Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Assoc. wanting to come to Mackay in May.
- Documents for circulation from AOC. updating our information and our shows
- A reminder from AOC renewing their bulletin.
- President Dennis sent an email to Sporting Wheelies regarding our meetings. If we could use this hall. He sent the meeting dates and shows.
- An email sent to Vision Freight regarding payment if a previously paid Invoice.
- A reminder for the Jet Group at the MECC Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.
- December Orchids Australia
- 2 New growers' registration
- Jet Group Sport Rec Expo. Have sent what was needed still waiting on reply if we have been excepted.

### **Correspondence – Outwards:**

- Sent Email to Gladstone Society re their visit in May.
- Sent the finished product to AOC updating MDOS information.

Moved: V. Joiner                      2<sup>nd</sup>: H. Fleming                      Carried: Y

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Read by Eve Penningh:

### **General Business:**

- Opening the Orchid House for Council – Lisa Kermode asked if MDOS members would open and/or close the Orchid House from 10.00am -11.00am and close from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. One day a week or all week, Monday

to Friday? This is to free up the workers. An organisation will be better than just volunteers off the street, as MDOS have Liability Insurance and the person off the street does not. President Dennis emailed back and asked about PPE and using the Training Room in Botanical Gardens for the judges training. A sheet was left at the top table for members to place their name/s.

- A point was raised that, “maybe the council should entertain the idea of employing more staff”.
- Another idea was because the council decided to use the ‘Extravaganza’, that MDOS had instigated, as one of council shows on the council calendar, why would we want to do this. As it has left a bitter pill in most of the member’s mouth.
- Another suggestion was to bargain with the council to see what MDOS can get from the council as an election is in the horizon.
- Lots of discussion around this topic.
- No Lecture tonight as a committee meeting is straight after the general meeting.
- Homeless Youth – P. Milward (Vice President of PROPA), asked if MDOS would have sausage sizzle for this. Any monies raised would go the homeless youth in Mackay. This would be done in the way of toiletries. Like in any organization, if you give them money they will use to their advantage, however if it is given in goods then this will be given to the people it was meant for. Committee to discuss this.
- New judges -- There are 8 Members who wish to become judges. This will take 4 years to finish. Please see President at smoko if anybody else would like to participate.
- Hall – As of the November meeting 2023, MDOS were up in the air about the Sporting Wheelies Hall. The President rang Barb Sauer from the council about the hall to see if Sporting Wheelies had relinquished the building. However, she had heard nothing. The President sent an email with a read receipt attached to the email, to Sporting Wheelies with the dates of MDOS’s meetings and shows and asked if we could still use the hall under the same agreement, however he had heard nothing back from them. Sporting Wheelies have not responded to the read receipt.
- E. Penningh gave a talk to all growers on how to use the popular vote. Sorry K. Waddington this is your JOB.

**Plant for Disposal:** L. Coburn

**Lucky Door:** R. Clark

**Popular Vote Results read by:** E. Penningh

**Being no more Business**

**Meeting Closed:** 9.10pm

**Have a safe trip home.**

**Next Meeting:** 15/02/2024.

## Popular Vote Results...January General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
<b>First Flowering</b>		
1	C. Pao de Acucar	D. & E Penningh
<b>Dendrobiums</b>		
1	Den. Warawan ‘Orchid World’	D. & R Farlow
2	Den. Samarai x Den. TJ’s Tangerine Curl	T. & J. Heitman
3	Den. Canary Gold ‘Twist’	N. & J. Acton
<b>Australian Native Species</b>		
1	<i>Den. antennatum</i>	J. & R. Laird
2	<i>Spa. plicata</i>	M. Trindorfer
3	<i>Spa. plicata</i>	M. Trindorfer

<b>Australian Native Hybrids</b>		
1	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	T. & L. Coburn
<b>Paphiopedilums</b>		
1	<i>Paph. concolor</i>	R. & D. Clark
2	Phrag. Bryga	D. & R. Farlow
3	Paph. Armeni 'White'	K. Waddington
<b>Exhibition Cattleyas</b>		
1	Rlc. Dora Louise Capon 'Clifton Two Tone'	D. & E. Penningh
2	Rlc. Village Chief Rose	R. & D. Clark
3	C. Unknown	T. & L. Coburn
<b>Cattleya Cluster</b>		
1	Bc. Yellow Bird	T. & L. Coburn
2	Catyclia El Cind 'Topaz Tropicool'	C. & C. Mifsud
3	<i>Gtt. bowringiana</i> x Rlc. Mem. Crispin Rosales *	M. & D. Micallef
<b>Any Other Genre</b>		
1	<i>Gram. scriptum 'Green' alba x dwarf</i>	R. & D. Clark
2	Brat. Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi' *	T. & L. Coburn
3	<i>Bulb. flabellum-veneris</i> * Leomesezia (Lsz.) Lava Burst	R. & J. Laird J. Turner
<b>Vandaceous</b>		
1	V. Unknown	G. Miles
2	V. Kultana Brown x Kultana Violet * V. Memoria Katherine McCartney = V. Fuchs Delight x Dr. Anek 'Red' *	G. Miles G. Miles
3	Van. Viboon Velvet *	D. & M Micallef
<b>Novice</b>		
1	Gram. Unknown	V. Joiner
2	Phal. Unknown	A.& P. Russell
3	Ctsm. Chuck and Louise = Ctsm. Chuck Taylor x Louise Clark* C. Elusive Dream 'My Love' Encyclia unknown	V. Joiner V. Joiner V. Joiner
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>		
1	Phal. Shan Feng Jing Red Peach	D. & E. Penningh
2	Phal. Allura Ruby Diamond Phal. Frangmei Sweet	C. & C. Mifsud C. & C. Mifsud
3	Phal. I-Hsin Flora x Carmela's Wonder	R. & D. Clark
<b>Exotic Species</b>		
1	<i>Gram. scriptum var. citrinum 'Hinimani'</i>	D. & M. Micallef
2	<i>Den. nindii 'Rigo'</i>	A. Pinkney
3	<i>Den. lasianthera</i>	T. & J. Heitman
<b>Judges Choice read by Arthur Pinkney</b>		
1	<i>Gram. scriptum 'Green' alba x dwarf</i>	R. & D. Clark
2	V. Kultana Brown x V. Kultana Violet *	G. Miles
3	Bc. Yellow Bird	T. & L. Coburn
<b>Members Choice</b>		
	<i>Gram. scriptum 'Green' alba x dwarf</i>	R. & D. Clark
(Names followed by an asterisk* have errors of spelling, genus name or nomenclature corrected. Owners may wish to make changes).		

## MDOS January General Meeting

### Judges & Members Choice

#### Judges Choice & Members Choice

**Plant:**

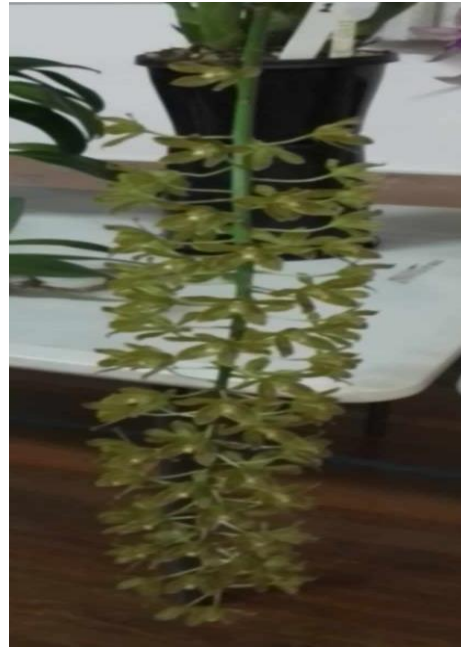
Gram. Scriptum 'Green' alba x dwarf

**Parentage:**

Species from Philippines to Borneo, down to New Guinea and Soloman Islands.

**Grower:**

R & D Clark



#### Judges Choice

2<sup>nd</sup>



V. Kultana Brown x V. Kultana Violet  
G. Miles

3<sup>rd</sup>



Bc. Yellow Bird  
T. & L. Coburn

# ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

## MDOS CALENDAR 2024

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

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

<b>Mackay &amp; District Orchid Society Inc. Property Stock for Members (05/01/2023)</b>			
<b>Contact Dennis on 0458 043 132 to arrange an appointment.</b>			
<b>Plastic Pots</b>		<b>Labels</b>	
50mm Tube	\$0.25	Bag of 100	\$15.00
80mm Herb Pots	\$0.30	Bundle of 20	\$4.00
<b>Modiform Pots</b>		<b>Graphite Pencil</b>	
100mm	\$0.25	<b>Plant Clips</b>	
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
<b>Port Pots</b>		Ezy Clips (Large) – Pack of 20	\$6.50
70mm	\$0.30		
100mm	\$0.50	<b>Stakes &amp; Hangers</b>	
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
<b>Vanda Baskets</b>		900mm x 5mm Fibreglass stake (pack 5)	\$1.50
100mm square	\$0.70	<b>Fertilisers etc</b>	
200mm round	\$2.60	Tri-Sodium Phosphate 350g	\$8.00
140mm x 100mm round	\$2.00	Slow-Release Fertiliser 250g	\$5.00
<b>Saucers</b>		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
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