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Calendar of Events

Memberships became due as of October AGM.

MDOS Autumn Show: Sporting Wheelies Hall, Friday 15th 8am – 4pm & Saturday 16th 8am – 3pm

- A copy of the Show Flyer is attached.

MDOS General Monthly Meeting: 21st March 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 March.

3 rd	Dennis Farlow	5 th	Peter Freeleagus	11 th	Narelle Heelan
	12 th	George Clark	13 th	Jenny Acton	
	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 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 were 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.

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 or 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 first AOC Orchid Judging course was held with 5 members undertaking the course. The judging course sessions, theory and practical, are scheduled to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month. There is still time for any late entries who may have reconsidered and wish to take the course.

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 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

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: 15/02/2024

Location: Sporting Wheelies Club

Opened by Vice President: Dennis Farlow

Time: 7.30 PM

Attendance & Apologies: As per attendance book

Visitors: Deanne Chapman.

Deanne Chapman is from YIRS one Step Youth Stop, Service Manager.

She was invited to attend our meeting to explain where the money from the sausage sizzle and raffle monies will be going. The money will be kept in Mackay and used for accommodation, breakfast, lunches, and personal hygiene, blankets etc. She has a lot of youths who have left home and are homeless who need blankets, tents etc. this was very interesting. Thank you, Deanne, for coming in and explain your programme with us.

Previous Minutes as printed in Orchidwise Accepted:

“That the minutes as printed be confirmed.”

Moved: J. Turner

2nd: T. Abbott

Carried: Y

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence – Inwards:

Newsletters:

- Rockhampton
- MDOS
- Herbert River
- TATTOS
- Hervey Bay

MAIL:

- Ian Faye, a student judge, wanting to come from Gladstone to Judge and network at our show in March.
- Jet Group want feedback from MDOS as an exhibitor.
- Lisa Kermode wanting feedback on the volunteers for the orchid house.
- Changes to the Office of Fair Trading. As MDOS are looking at changes to the constitution this could be incorporated.
- 58th Autumn Show for the Eastern District Orchid Society. In Brisbane. Belmont Sporting Complex, 13th, 14th April.
- A reply from PROPA regarding the fundraiser for the homeless in Mackay. To be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Sunny View Orchids order conformation form.
- Francis of Assisi Home, received our flyer for March Show and are excited for their clients to participate. They had a few questions which had to answered.
- Orchids Australia booklet.

Correspondence – Outwards:

- Risk Assessment was sent to Jet Group for our participation in attending the day.
- A Letter was sent to PROPA regarding the Homeless Fundraiser.
- A purchase order to Sunny View Orchids re raffle plants for tonight.
- Email sent to Ian Faye inviting him to our show and asking him if would like to be billeted.

Moved: H. Fleming

2nd: D. Micallef

Carried: Y

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

Treasurer's Report

Read by Eve Penningh:

General Business:

- A big thank you to Lyn Coburn and her volunteers who were at the MECC for Jett's and manning the stall. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at this event.
- Doug Penningh gave a talk on 'How to present and stake your orchids for shows and for our meetings.' Thank you, Doug.
- Show Schedule, show tags. Please take these for your orchids for the show.
- Show roster. **This is only for 2hr slots.** Please fill your name in at different places. The only people who will stay in the same place are Delores and her crew and the pots crew.
- Please feel free to take the save the dates and our show flyers to give out to other people. This is a way we are getting the word out for our show.
- Bark and charcoal have arrived. Please collect your orders.
- Garden City Plastics have coconut husk in. If anyone is interested, please let Dennis know.
8mm. – 10mm. \$7.40
12mm- 16mm \$12.60
Freight also must go onto this.
- Ring Lisa about the volunteers for the Orchid House.
- At the recent committee meeting, a motion was put forward to have a perpetual trophy for novices, and a small trophy for the novice grower.
- Orchid wiz – Please take note that some names have been changed on the popular vote page in the Orchidwise. If you see a* beside your plant name, please change the name to the one marked with *. Dennis goes to a lot of trouble in ensuring you all have correct names on plants. Each month he is retyping the same old same old.

Plant for Disposal: John Haywood

Lucky Door: Peter Milward

Thank you to Delores for supper.

Popular Vote Results read by: E. Penningh

Being no more Business

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm

Have a safe trip home.

Next Meeting: 21/03/2024.

Popular Vote Results...February General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
First Flowering		
1	Rlc. Dora Louise Capon 'Clifton Two Tone' *	D. & E. Penningh
2	Rlc. Duh's Golden Age x Rlc. Duh's Jade	D. & M. Micallef
3	C. Summer Condo	D. & E Penningh
Dendrobiums		
1	Den. White Comet	C. & C. Mifsud
2	Den. New Burana	T. & L. Coburn
3	Den. Warrawan	N. & J. Acton
Australian Native Species		
1	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	A. Pinkney
2	<i>Liparis (Lip.) habenarina</i> *	M. Trindorfer
Australian Native Hybrids		
1	<i>Den. antennatum</i>	J. & R. Laird
2	<i>Den. x superbiens</i>	D. & M. Micallef
3	<i>Den. x superbiens</i>	T. & L. Coburn
Exhibition Cattleyas		
1	Rlc. Shinfong Gold Gem *	D. & A. Pearce
2	Rlc. Naomi's Delight	R. & D. Clark
3	Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' C. Lulu var. alba x Rlc. Topaz Sublime 'Green & White'	R. & D. Clark N. & J. Acton
Oncidiums		
1	Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight' *	J. & R. Laird
2	Onc. Unknown	J. Tonks
3	Onc. Unknown	J. Tonks
Any Other Genre		
1	Clo. Regina Soares *	T. & L. Coburn
2	Grammatocynbidium (Grcym.) Lovely Melody 'Lipstick' x <i>Gram. speciosum</i>	M. Trindorfer
3	<i>Ctsm. pileatum</i> x Ctsm. Jumbo Heart	D. & R. Farlow
Vandaceous		
1	V. Pakchong Gold x <i>V. denisoniana</i> *	G. Miles
2	V. OSM = (V. Bangkok Blue x Dr. Anek) 'DJ' *	D. & E. Penningh
3	Van. Mini Palmer x <i>V. tessallata</i> *	J. & R. Laird
Exotic Species		
1	<i>Trgl. Atropurpurea</i> var. <i>brachiata</i> *	J. & R. Laird
2	<i>Lsz. Lava Burst 'Pacific Sunrise'</i> *	C. & C. Mifsud
3	<i>Aerides species unknown</i>	M. Trindorfer
Judges Choice read by Arthur Pinkney		
1	V. Kulwadee Fragrance 'No. 27'	C. & C. Mifsud
2	V. Pakchong Gold x <i>V. denisoniana</i> *	G. Miles
3	Clo. Regina Soares *	T. & L. Coburn
Members Choice		
	V. Kultana Principle	G. Miles
(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 & Members Choice

Judges Choice



Plant:
V. Kulwadee Fragrance 'No. 27'
Originator:
Kultana Orchids
Registered: (2003)
Kultana Orchids
Grower:
C. & C. Mifsud

Members Choice



Plant:
V. Kultana Principle
Originator:
Kultana Orchids
Registered: (2012)
Kultana Orchids
Grower:
G. Miles

2nd

Judges Choice

3rd



V. Pakchong Gold x V. denisoniana
G. Miles



Clo. Regina Soares
T. & L. Coburn

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

MDOS CALENDAR 2024

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

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

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



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15th March Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm

16th March Saturday 8.00am – 3.00pm

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

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