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## June Bulletin

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Next General Meeting at 8pm on 11th June 2018

Venue: Red Hill Community Sports Centre  
22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill, QLD 4059

Next Committee Meeting at 10 am 20th June, 2018

At the Home of Kevin & Margaret Horsey  
At 110 Aspinall Street Leichardt

### Affiliated Societies, Judging Roster for June 2018

<u>Beaudesert O &amp; F S.</u>	3rd Wednesday @ 7.30pm	Michael Billiau. David Poulgrain. Jan Teufel.
<u>Brisbane O.S.</u>	4th Monday @ 7.45pm	Gary Yong Gee. Brent Nicoll. John Rooks.
<u>John Oxley O.S.</u>	2nd Wednesday @ 7.30pm	Don Nitschinsk. Adrian Bergstrum. Maree Illingworth.
<u>Logan &amp; Dist. O.S.</u>	3rd Tuesday @ 7.45pm	Don.Nitschinsk. Michael Billiau. Adrian Bergstrum. John Rooks
<u>Ipswich O.S.</u>	1st Wednesday @ 7.30pm	John Buckley. Reg Illingworth. .

### Judges for Q.O.S. General Meeting on 11th June 2018

Les Vickers. Michael Billiau .John Rooks.

Judging Starts 7.45

### June Meeting Informat

Guest Speaker John Roberts

Subject. Australian Native Orchids from  
North Queensland and Down

### Visiting Society in June

Brisbane Orchid Society  
Redlands Orchid Society



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The Queensland Orchid Society Inc. founded on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 1934

Members who contribute to this Bulletin endeavor to assure the reliability of its contents.

Any cultural advice provided is a guide only and may not suit individual growers.

It is the responsibility of the individual to validate such advice before applying suggested methods.

The Society welcomes potential members to come to the general meetings as our guests, and advises those wishing to join us, that subscription fees (in Australian Dollars) are

**\$20 for a single, \$25 for a family** from 1st January

**\$10 for a single, \$12.50 for a family** from 1st July

Other Orchid Societies interested in affiliating with us are advised that **Society Affiliation is \$30**  
Payable on the 1st January each year.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 General Meeting of The Queensland Orchid Society Inc.

At Red Hill Community Sports Centre, 22 Fulcher Road Red Hill

MINUTES

Judging commenced at 7.45pm

Reminded members to get their raffle tickets from Alf & Greg. price \$2.50 a strip the prizes are a variety of well grown orchid plants.

Please sign the attendance book.

The President Barry Kable declared the General Meeting open at 8:00pm. Welcome to Members, Visitors & Judges.

Present: 37 As per Register

Apologies: David & Kaye Buhse, Reg & Maree Illingworth, Michael Billiau.

Visitors: Graham & Marilyn Corbin, Robert Reitano, Mirva Harrison, Kath Ferguson.

Nominated Judges for May: Les Vickers, John Rooks, Gary Yong Gee, Steve Waters

Associates: Helen Vickers, Gordon Grant, Ellen Stoysich, Robert Reitano

Guest Societies: No guest society -June will be Brisbane & Redlands Orchid Societies

New Members:

Financial Report: Treasurer Kevin Horsey presented the Financial Report for April 2018.

Balance Brought Fwd. \$67,192.78

Income \$ 9,216.31

Expenditure \$22,416.60

Cash book Balance \$53,992.49

Autumn Show Report

Category / Type	Income	Expense	Net Gain
Plant Sales (Members)	18,435.40	15,650.50	2,784
Plant Sales (QOS)	3,690.00	2,428.80	1,261.20
Set Up Night Raffle	59.00	35.00	24.00
Door Entry	3,366.80		3,366.80
Main Raffle	764.05	122.45	641.60
Floral Art	447.00	21.00	462.00
Book Sales	206.15		206.15
Kitchen	<u>673.20</u>	<u>476.94</u>	<u>196.26</u>
	27,641.60		8,906.91
Other Show Expenses			
Judging Panel		25.00	
Mt Coot-tha Hall Rent		500.25	
Table Hire		260.00	
Kitchen Crockery Hire		20.00	
Competition Prize Money		2,515.00	
Facebook Advertising		<u>199.99</u>	
Total Expenses		22,254.93	
Total			5,386.67

(Copy of reports on table)

Moved by Kevin Horsey and Seconded by Keith McGinn.

Correspondence: Your committee has attended to routine correspondence. (Newsletters show Schedules & other sundry notices are on sign in table)

General Business:

- Copy of Autumn Show Bench Results were tabled, available for anyone to view.
- Library Books – If members want any books take them from Library now.
- Eastern District Orchid Society is running a Bus trip on the 26<sup>th</sup> May going to Gympie area, there are seats available \$55.00 non-members see Barry.

- 2019 is QOS's 85<sup>th</sup> year any ideas how to celebrate it, the committee is looking to hold a lunch in February 2019.
- In the Treasurer's Show report, it was highlighted that the set-up night raffle did not do well, Barry proposed that we don't have it at the Spring Show we are only hitting our members. John Ebert was selling the tickets and he said people wanted to purchase tickets in the main door raffle, so we will have tickets available for that on setup night.
- Barry said it was Kevin birthday yesterday also Paul Williams was on Friday, Happy Birthday.
- Aspley Orchid Society held their 1day Mother's Day Show last Saturday, it was a great success. Toowoomba Orchid Society also held their show, they were happy with it. It was a bit cold.
- Orchid Societies of South East Queensland have a site booked at the Ekka again this year, help is needed from Societies to set up display and supply plants and workers over the show period. More details will be sent out to Societies, the idea of having the display is to promote orchid growing which brings members to societies in the long run.

Any Other Business:

- Barry showed how he is growing his Phalaenopsis, he asked what members are growing their plants in. He showed 2 plants from same flask one in spag the other in bark and the spag one is larger and healthier than the one in bark.

Tonight's Guest Speaker: Graham Corbin gave an informed talk on how to set up automatic Watering Systems

– Thank you Graham for your presentation

Raffle: 10 draws - Plants (winners from April meeting were given their prizes)

Benching Results: Were read out

- 1<sup>st</sup> in Judges Choice Species – Angraecum leonis owned by P Arrowsmith.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> in Judges Choice Hybrid – Dendrobium Nopporn Green Star owned by G Grant.
  - Special Interest Plant – Scaphosepalum gibberosum owned by M Ferguson.
  - Lucky Exhibitor – P Arrowsmith.
- 91 plants were exhibited by 19 members

**The next General Meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018** at Red Hill Community Sports Centre, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill.

Thank you to all who helped tonight.

Meeting closed.

Ann Kable QOS Secretary.

## QUEENSLAND ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

### News from the Committee meeting

The Spring Show 2018 is a 2 Day Show Setup on Friday 12th Show 13th And 14th October  
So Mark Your Calendar Venue Belmont Shooting Complex Old Cleveland Rd. Belmont

The cost to hire the security cameras affiliated Society's is \$ 40.00  
Non Affiliated Society's \$60.00

# Special Interest Plant Of The Month

## May 2018

**PLANT NAME:** *Scaphosepalum gibberosum*

**OWNER'S NAME** M. Ferguson

**JUDGE'S COMMENT:** .

**Housing** Hung on a frame about 1.5 mtrs Off the ground in the cool section of my glasshouse.



**Watering :** The plant get watered with all my other plant i.e.at least twice weekly during the spring/summer/autumn month, more if we have a really hot spell. In winter probably once a week. The plant also have misting overhead which is temperature control to mist for 15seconds every quarter of an hour when the temperature is over 23c.

**Feeding Program :** I usually fertilize every time I water at about half strength. Every couple of weeks I give the plants a good flush through with just water . The fertilizer is varied i.e. Wolfgang's mix, Rutex , seasol / powerfeed ect

**Potting Medium :** I use 6-9 mm Orchida bark with some Perlite (coarse) 10mm Charcoal& some Coco Pith.

**Other Cultural Comments :** There is an overhead fan going 24/7 beside the plants so air movement is constant.

## New Judging Course

- My name is Michael Billiau and I am the new Training Officer for the AOCQRSAJP (Australian Orchid Council Queensland Region Southern Area Judging Panel).
- The purpose of this email is to inform you that I want to start a new judging course in July and am looking for expressions of interest from your members that might be interested in learning how to judge orchids.
- At this stage the location for the course will be the Bayside Uniting Church at Tingalpa unless I can find something that is more appropriate so that people don't have excessive driving distances. I am looking at holding it on a Saturday morning between 9 and 12. Date will follow as soon as I have more information. There may be a small cost involved (\$3 to \$5) to pay for the room and other things like morning tea etc.
- Any interested person can email with their details and a short history of their orchid knowledge to the following: [m\\_b\\_billiau@bigpond.com](mailto:m_b_billiau@bigpond.com)

Regards

Michael Billiau



# Benching Results for May 2018



## JUDGES' CHOICE - HYBRID

- 1 *Den. Nopporn Green Star 'Delilah'* Grant G.

## JUDGES' CHOICE - SPECIES

- 1 *Angcm. leonis* Arrowsmith P

## CATTLEYA EXHIBITION OVER 90mm

- 1 *Rlc. (Mount Isa x Glenn Maidment) x Rlc. Jac Illumination* McGinn K&A  
2 *Rlc. Karen Sunrise 'Sharon'* Haase K  
3 *Rlc. California Girl x C. Mari's Song* Dennis C & Nicholson F.

## CATTLEYA EXHIBITION Up TO 90mm

- 1 *C. Dal's Tradition x C. Dal's Choice* Haase K  
2 *Rlc. Coconut Ice 'Nadia' x Ctt. Dal's Buddy 'Bette'* McGinn K&A

## CATTLEYA NON-EXHIBITION

- 1 *Ctt. Scarlet Imp 'Paradise'* McGinn K&  
2 *Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Kadama' x Rlc. Mount Sylvan 'David Litman'* Dennis C & Nicholson F.  
3 *Bsn. Maikai 'Mayumi'* Walker K

## DENDROBIUM

- 1 *Den. Nopporn Green Star 'Delilah'* Grant G  
2 *Den. Little Green Apples* McGinn K&A  
3 *Den. Dal Beauty x Dal's Pixie* Haase K

## PAPHIOPEDILUM EXHIBITION

- 1 *Paph. Charlie's Girl 'Tierdon'* Tierney M  
2 *Paph. Yerba Buena x Tomas Garcia* Tierney M

## PAPHIOPEDILUM OTHER

- 1 *Paph. Booth's Strap Leaf* Tierney M  
2 *Paph. LEEANUM 'Toby'* Vickers L & H  
3 *Paph. Miss Faith Hambury* Vickers L & H

## ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

- 1 *Rnc. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Cool'* Callaghan P & T  
2 *Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Nol'* Haase K  
3 *Onc. Widcat* McGinn K&A

## VANDACEOUS

- 1 *V. Roslyn's Best* Grant G  
2 *Van. Pine River 'Wasana blue'* Grant G.  
3 *Van. Precious* Grant G

## PHALAENOPSIS

- 1 *Phal. Corona* Haase K

## ANY OTHER GENERA

- 1 *Fdk. After Dark* Kidd I R  
2 *Zba. Dragon Kitten 'Purr'* Filia A& K  
3 *Npp. Adelaide Jester x Z. Artur Elle* McGinn K&A

## SPECIES SYMPODIAL

- 1 *Onc. forbesii* McGinn K&A  
2 *Sppm. gibberosum 'Gigantea'* Ferguson M  
3 *Psyg. pusilla* Yong Gee G

## SPECIES MONOPODAL

- 1 *Angcm. leonis* Arrowsmith P  
2 *Phal. Amboinensis* Grant G  
3 *V. tessellate* Yong Gee G.

## AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

- 1 *Den. Bowmanii* Page M & I  
2 *Den. Monophyllum* Callaghan P & T  
3 *Den. Pterostylis anatona* Yong Gee G

## AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

- 1 *Den. Fantasyland 'Princess'* Haase K  
2 *Den. Topaz Dream x dicuphum* Haase K  
3 *Den. Fantasyland 'Sweetie'* Haase K

## NOVICE

- 1 *Den. bigibbum* Eber J  
2 *Onc. Bittersweet 'Roll of Honer'* O'Reilly A  
3 *Phal pulcherrima 'Dark Red' x Pacific* Eber J

Orchids with an '\* asterix' after the name indicates the plant has been registered.  
Please change your name tag.

## **SHOWS FOR June 2018**

**Tweed District O.S.**  
**North Moreton O.C.**

31st May to 2nd June Tweed City Shop Cent. Tweed Hds. South  
30th June & 1st July Auditorium Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha



# On the Bench

Photography by Alf Filia

## Judges Choice Hybrid



Plant :- *Den . Nopporn Green Star ' Delilah'*  
Grower :- G Grant

## Judges Choice Species



Plant :- *Angraecum leonis*  
Grower :- P. Arrowsmith



### CATTLEYA OVER 90mm

Plant :- *Rlc. (Mount Isa x Glenn Maidment) x Rlc. Jac Illumination*  
Grower :- Mc Ginn K & A



### ANY OTHER GENERA

Plant *Fredclarkeara After Dark*  
Grower :- I R Kidd



### Species SYMPODIAL

Plant *Oncidium forbesii* '  
Grower :- Mc Ginn K & A



### Cattleya Exhibition up to 90mm

Plant :- *C. Dal's Tradition x C.Dal's Choice*  
Grower:- Haase K



### Paphiopedilum Other

Plant:- *Paph.Booth's Strap Leaf*  
Grower:- Tierney M.



### Novice

Plant:- *Den bigibbum*  
Grower :- Eber J.



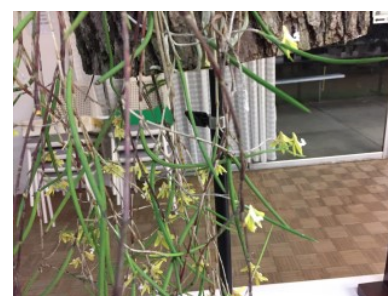
### Ocidium ALLIANCE

Plant:- *Rnc. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Cool'*  
Grower:- Callaghan P & T



### Cattleya NON Exhibition

Plant :- *Ctt. Scarlet Imp "Paradise*  
Grower :- Mc Ginn K & A



### Australian Native Species

Plant :- *Den bowmanii*  
Grower :- Page M & I

# QUEENSLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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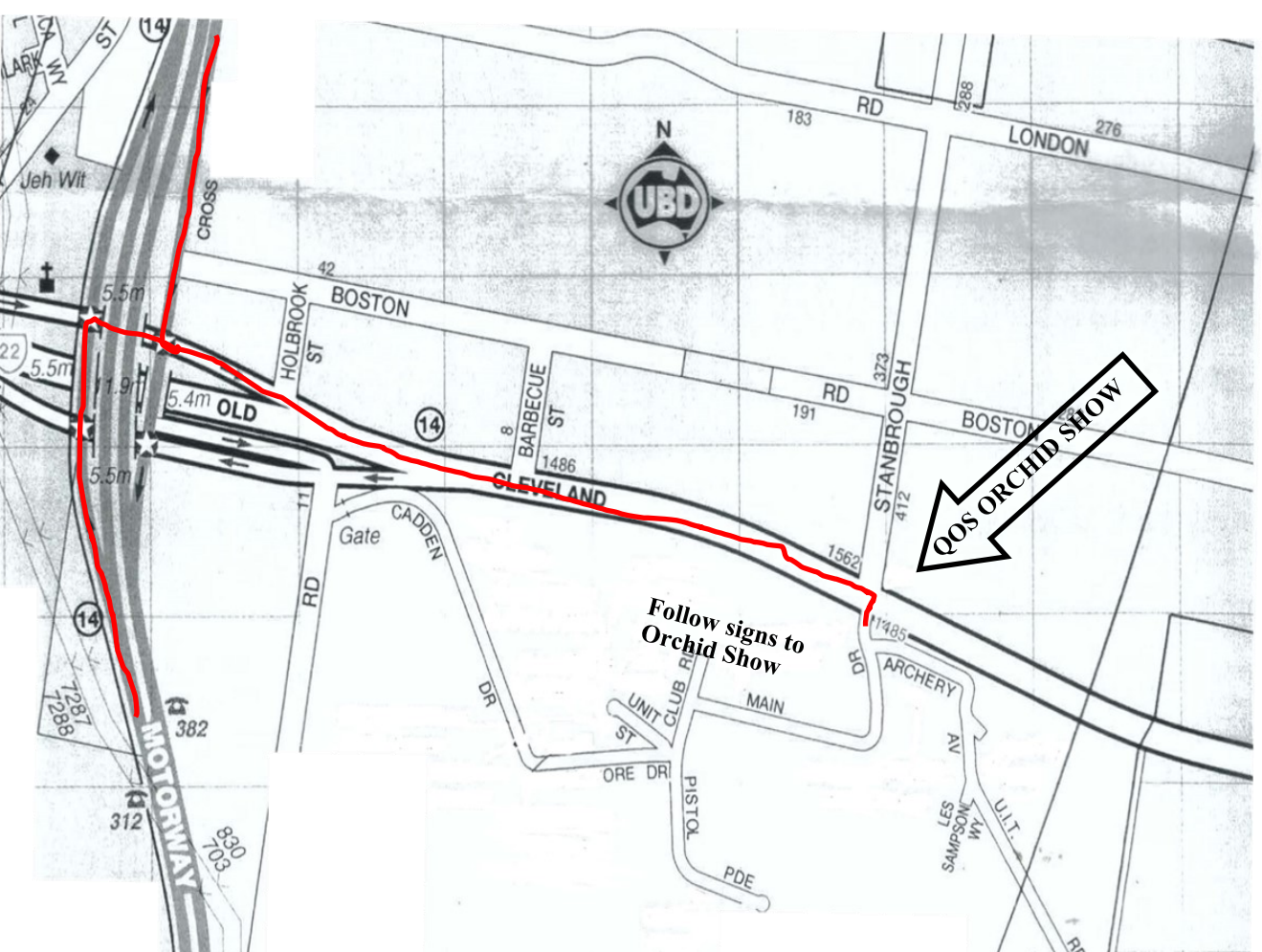
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## The Woes of Winter

The 1st Of June was the official start of winter and the recent cold nights and mornings have confirmed its arrival. Sunny days have been welcome giving those plants that missed the show an opportunity to display their quality or lack of!.

I find winter is the most problematic time for orchid growers posing many dilemmas. As I have said many times , watering is the key to successful growing so during winter watering needs to be strictly controlled. The growing season is easy and very forgiving. We water almost everything on a very regular basis and if we tend to over water a bit, the warm days usually ensure that there are few lasting ill effects. Winter is a different story. Many genera are either dormant or semi dormant during winter. The most notable are the *dendrobiums* both hardcane and softcane. These and other dormant plants really need to be residing in a covered orchid house during winter to protect them from the elements. Winter is the time when we must pay greater attention to our bush house and the segregation and placement of plants on the benches. A formula for problems at any time is to mix genera, mix the different media in which the plants are growing and to have plants of all shapes and sizes combined on the same bench. While in the summer we will probably get away with this scenario, in winter disaster is imminent. Some plants will be receiving too much water while others will be thirsty. In fact none of the plants are really getting what they need. Overhead watering in any orchid house containing both resting plants and those still actively growing is not recommended. It may take longer to water discriminately but it is time well spent. This way you are in control of satisfying each plant's needs. As a guide, *Cattleyas* continue to grow over winter albeit at a slower rate consequently they still need water. How often? Be guided by the weight of the pot or by pushing a plant tag well down into the media and then ascertaining the moistness of the mix by then putting the tag against your cheek. If your orchid house is covered, about once every 8 - 10 days may be sufficient for a 150mm - 175 mm pot providing the intervening days have been warm and sunny. Bear in mind that smaller plants dry out more quickly so a 75 mm pot may need attention every 3 - 4 days. The medium you are using is another important consideration. Sphagnum moss and peat/perlite mixes dry out slower than the more open bark based ones. If your house is open to the elements, be cognizant of any rainfall that occurs between watering.

Water in the morning but after the sun is up and is providing some warmth. Avoid watering on wet or overcast days since foliage may not dry out sufficiently before nightfall.

Resting plants, such as hardcane and softcane *dendrobiums* require just enough to prevent the canes from

shrinking. Some plants such as *cataseums*, *lycastes* and others which are almost deciduous require virtually no water. Bulbs of such genera are very susceptible to rot diseases. Some growers remove their *catasetums* from their pots and store them in a dry place during winter replanting them in early Spring. Winter time is also when many plants shed their leaves from the old growths so orchid house hygiene is paramount. Retrieve all dead leaves from the benches and floors, remove any dead, badly disfigured or diseased ones

from the plants. Dispose of all waste promptly. A good spray of the floors with Hysan or an appropriate pool algicide is recommended. Although it may be winter, plants still need good air movement. Many growers enclose their orchid houses completely. While this protects from the low temperatures, it invariably diminishes air movement. If you do use covers, ensure that they are lifted during the day to maximize air flow.

Lack of air can increase humidity at night particularly if the floors are wet or even damp. It is the night time humidity coupled with low temperatures that should be avoided - very important if you are growing *phalaenopsis* without heat. Protection from fungal diseases, particularly glomerella (the disease most associated with *dendrobium* leaf drop) is essential during winter so a regular fungicide programme is mandatory. Mancozeb, carbendazim, Bravo and Fos-jet are all used by growers. Rotate your fungicides (i.e use fungicides from different groups) to enhance effectiveness and prevent the plants from becoming resistant to a particular product.



The group to which a fungicide belongs is usually designated on the product label To assist in fungal control, minimize the amount of water getting into the plant's leaf axils. Watch out especially for bulb rot (phytophthora & pythium) Control with Fongarid or Foli-R-Fos after cutting off the affected areas and sealing with sulphur. Earlier I stressed the need for the orchid house to have a covered roof during winter. Growers generally achieve this by using a clear polyurethane cover which can be removed once the weather warms up. However, a word of caution, many clear polyurethane products available will have an in-built filter for either ultra violet or infra red. While such products are fine for the back patio, they may excluded these spectrums from the ,light entering the orchid house and your plant will not thrive. Seeek advice from the experts before buying (The Shade Centre at Brendale comes to mind).

While we have many plants at rest during winter, there are still many which continue to grow. Hence, we still need to fertilise during the cooler months. As I mentioned previously, they are growing at a slower rate and don't require as much.

Increase the intervals between applications and reduce the strength. Favour the low nitrogen products since high N may produce lush and weak growth which is very susceptible to fungal attack. High N can also promote 'keikis'. A good rule of thumb for fertilising in cooler months is as the Night temperature decreases INCREASE the interval between applications. At the height of winter, every 10-14 days would be appropriate for larger plants.

In the winter we need to use our eyes more than in summer. The plants will tell you if they are not happy. we must recognize that just about all plants don't look as good in the winter as they do in spring. This is a fact of life and we shouldn't be too concerned but if, on the other hand, their condition is definitely waning, I would suggest that you re-visit your watering regime and look at the air movement in the orchid house.

A quick way to check air flow is to cut some long strips from a supermarket plastic bag and tie them at various places around the orchid house when there is a mild (5-10 knot) breeze blowing Observe the movement of these strips paying attention to all areas. If any of the strips are lying limp then air movement is not present at that particular point. One final word, avoid re-potting during winter. If you find a plant where it is obvious that the media has broken down and the plant is on its last legs, you have little choice, but avoid any wholesale re-potting. Plants that have overgrown their pots can wait for Spring!

Pests are not a major problem during winter but with orchid houses closed up more mealy bugs can often be found in the darker corners of the orchid house. Snails are still with us and seem to be breeding prolifically

so some snail baits may be in order. Protect emerging buds and flowers by wrapping cotton wool around the flower stem. They don't seem to like to crawl over it. Because we have enclosed our orchid houses they are natural quite warmer than the outside temperature. Mice and rat, like people, prefer to be comfortable so where better than an orchid house which also has ready supply of food like your flowers and buds. There is a plus however, the dendrobium beetles seem to go walkabout but rest assured they will return when the natives come into flower.

Hopefully, these few notes may help you in getting plants through winter. There are probably many more tips and suggestions pertaining to particular genera which are best sought from those who specialize in such plants. Don't be afraid to ask them ; its far better than losing valuable plants

The Woes of Winter written By:- The Late Nick Wolley  
Hope you enjoy this article.

# Ekka 2018

The Flower and Garden precinct has expanded each year since it moved up to the Old Museum. Last year for the first time in many years a Potted Plants Competition was staged. There were 26 classes of foliage and orchids with prize money for each class and \$100.00 for Champion Potted Plant of Show. More support is needed from the plant community to keep the competition running, please think about benching an orchid or foliage plant, the full schedule is on the Ekka website [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au). Orchid Societies of South East Queensland have been offered a display site again this year, your help will be needed to supply orchids for the display and 4 people a day will be needed on the display to speak with the public about orchid growing. More details will be available soon. See Barry or Ann Kable if you can help. Ekka 2018 starts on 10<sup>th</sup> and runs for 10 days till the 19<sup>th</sup> August.



**Nothing just happens or just  
gets done,  
Someone has to make it happen or  
do it.**