Next General Meeting at 8pm on 14th Aug., 2017
Venue: Red Hill Community Sports Centre
22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill, QLD 4059

Judges for Q.O.S. General Meeting on 14th August 2017
Judging Starts 7.45

Affiliated Societies, Judging Roster for August 2017

Beaudesert O & F.S. 3rd Wednesday @ 7.30pm  Michael Billiau , Gary Young Gee
John Oxley O.S. 2nd Wednesday @ 7.30pm  Don Nitschinskn. Lyand Rapkins. Brent Nicoll.
Logan & District 3rd Tuesday @ 7.45pm  DonNitschinskn. Michael Billiau.Reg Illngworth.Maree Illngworth

The Queensland Orchid Society Inc. founded on Wednesday, 24th 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.
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 & sundry items.
Please sign the attendance book.
The President Barry Kable declared the General Meeting open at 8.00pm. Welcome to Members, Visitors & Judges. Guest Societies Aspley & North Brisbane
Present; As per Register 25
Apologies: Reg & Maree Illingworth, Albert & Anne Gibbard, Ken Webster, Michael Billiau, Peter Callaghan, Anne McGinn
Visitors: Richard Mollee, Dorothy Tyrrell, Sylvia Thomas, Helen Van-Ross, Amanda O’Reilly, Kev Baker, Glennys Kent, Jan Patterson
Judges for June: Les Vickers, Gary Yong Gee, Steve Waters, John Rooks
Associates: Helen Vickers, Gordon Grant
Balance Brought Fwd. $52,056.11
Income $228.63
Expenditure $1369.45
Cash book Balance $50,915.29
Moved by Kevin Horsey and Seconded by Margaret Tierney

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

Guest Societies:
President Glennys Kent spoke on behalf of Aspley Orchids Society – They have held 2 show this year, their February show at Mt Coot-tha was the hottest week-end ever, but it was the best they have ever done in plant sales. This year they changed their Mother’s Day Show to a one day show, it worked out well financially with a lot less work & the Mothers got to enjoy their day. Aspley Special School benefits from the show. Looks like they are going to become homeless as they cannot book their hall after January. Everyone is welcome to their meetings, Night Meeting 1st Thursday of month & Day Meeting on 3rd Thursday of month.

General Business:
• Barry presented medallions from Autumn Show Margaret Tierney – Alf & Kayleen Filia.
• Barry said weird things are happening with our orchids now, he showed a Laelia purpura flowering out of season it should not flower till end of year
• Fred Clarke – Barry asked who went to Fred’s talk at Ipswich it was a very good night. Fred is a hybridiser from Sunset Valley Orchids Americana, he gave 2 talks on the night one about Cattleya’s and the other about Catesetum’s, he puts it all in terms everyone can understand & learn from.
• QOS Web Site is being updated thanks to Harris one of our newer members. Have a look at it www.qos.org.au, if you have any comments let the committee know.
• Ekka – Orchid Societies South East Queensland will be mounting their display again this year, need help with this if you have ideals how to set up the display & can help see Barry or Ann. It’s not a big job just need a few people to oversee this. Barry & Ann will have a lot extra on this year at the Ekka, because there will be a Potted Plant Competition – 26 classes of Foliage & Orchids over all 7 are orchid classes – prize each class 1st $15 /2nd $7/ 3rd $5 Champion $100 – must put in entry form by 30th June $15 to entry not per plant. Also need Volunteers to help in benched areas & other places in the old Museum Precinct for about 5 hours each shift, you will get free entry, go once or as many times as you want. All forms are
on website www.ekka.com.au / Competitions / Flower & Garden. PS The entry date has been extended from to end of June to end of July, hopefully we should have a better idea of what will in flower by then. Charity donation – the committee has discussed changing our charity donation to Brisbane Children’s Hospital – suggested will asked someone from there to come to Christmas Party. Barry asked if all agreed Would you like bus trips or small field trips. Where to come up with some ideals & we will see if we can arrange something.
North Moreton Show 24th & 25th June at Mt Coot-tha and John Oxley District show 15th & 16th July at Mt Coot-tha.

Any Other Business:
Keith McGinn celebrated his 70th Birthday yesterday.

Supper:


Raffle: 10 draws - Plants or QOS glasses

Benching Results: Read by Les Vickers & Steve Waters

1st in Judges Choice Species – Liporis candylebolbon owned by Gary Yong Gee
1st in Judges Choice Hybrid – Zeloncidesa Golden Handshake owned by Steve & Dawn Waters
Special Interest - Pomatocalpa angustifolium owned by Gary Yong Gee

Guest Society - Aspley Orchid Society

1st Paph. Shen-Lin Dirubyweb x Hung Sheng Maudiae owned by G Grant
2nd Phal. Yiyun owned by G Grant
3rd Phal. Fusheng Black Beauty ‘Gift’ owned by G Grant

92 plants were benched by 17 exhibitors

The next General Meeting will be on Monday 10th July 2017 at Red Hill Community Sports Centre, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill.

Thank you to all who helped tonight

Meeting closed
Ann Kable Secretary
Special Interest Plant Of The Month
June 2017

Plant Name Pomatocalpa angustifolium
Plant Number 40
Owner’s Name Gary Yong Gee
Judge’s Comments

Owner’s Comments

Housing; Weldmesh bench 1m above ground 2m beneath 50% shadecloth & solarweave roof. Misting system under thermostat & humidistat control keeps humidity up in Summer.

Watering; Stored rainwater via overhead sprinklers in late afternoon at 5pm every 2nd day September till April, changing to morning watering once or twice a week in Winter.

Feeding Program; Horticultural Solutions HSO22 in September till April once a week changing to HSO12 in winter once per week.

Potting Medium; Medium grade bark 70% & jumbo perlite in plastic basket.

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Time For A Smile

A father who is very much concerned about his sons bad grades in maths decides to register him at a catholic school

After his first term there, the son brings home his report card

He’s getting “A”s in maths. The father is of course pleased but wants to know

Why are your maths grades suddenly so good?”

You know “, the son explains, “When I walked into the classroom the first day and I saw That guy on the wall nailed to a plus sign I knew one thing : This place means business!”

Queensland Orchid Society Facebook is know active
ANY OTHER GENERA
1 Unknown Kable B & A
2 Starlyis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice' Kidd I R
3 Phrag Perseus 'Highclare' Kidd I R

CYMBIDIUM:
1 Cym. Kath Nicholson x Via Del Playa Callaghan P & T

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
1 Zeloncidesa Golden Handshake Waters S & D
2 Oncostele Wildcat 'Bloodshot' Waters S & D
3 Oncidium Jungle Momarch 'Everglades' Rooks J & D

VANDACEOUS
1 Vanda Mono Semyit Filia A & K

DENDROBIUM
1 Den. Burana Stripe Callaghan P & T
2 Den. Jaihan Callaghan P & T
3 Den. Topaz Rosie 'Rose' Filia A & K

PHALAENOPSIS
1 Phal. Crystal Vale Grant G
2 Phal. I-Hsin Honey Girl x Rothschildana Grant G
3 Phal. Fusheng Glad Lip Grant G

SPECIES SYMPODIAL
1 Liparis candylebolbon Haase K
2 Bulb. Meedusae alba Callaghan P & T
3 Liparis grossa Yong Gee G

SPECIES MONOPODAL
1 Pom. Angustifolium Yong Gee G
2 Vanda tessellata Yong Gee G
3 Tubrolabium kotoense f album Yong Gee G

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

SHOWS FOR July 2017

Caboolture O.S. 7/9th July, Morayfield Community Centre Morayfield Road
John Oxley Dist, O.S. 15th/16th July Auditorium Botanic Garden Mount Coot-tha
Toowoomba O.S. 15th/16th July St Pauls Hall James & Phillip St Toowoomba
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Catasetinae plant culture is not as difficult as some might think. All it takes is an understanding of the seasonal growth patterns. The plant’s vegetative state signals to the grower its changing needs.

Most of the species and hybrids of these genera start their new growth in early spring. Watering should be withheld until the new growth has well developed new roots, about 50-70mm long. Wait to water until the new roots are well developed, the search for moisture will ensure the plant’s roots lengthen quickly. Watering during dormancy or too soon afterwards is a prime reason for failure with these plants.

Once the new roots are sufficiently developed the plants will rapidly develop their new pseudobulbs. There is a surprising amount of growth that occurs in the next 3 or 4 months, often the plants will double their size. Due to this, the plants require constant moisture and regular fertilising. In most cases, watering will be needed 2 or 3 times a week. A higher nitrogen “growth” fertiliser at full strength is suitable for this rapid growth. Light levels at or above those suggested for Cattleya will help ensure strong growth and eventual flowering. In general these are autumn flowering plants. Due to the variation between genera and species and hybrids, in SE Qld flowering can be as early as February and as late as June.

Sometime after flowering, in the late autumn/early winter, the plants will begin to enter the dormancy phase beginning with the yellowing and browning of the leaves, at this time stop fertilising and reduce watering. An easy guideline to follow is by mid-May stop fertilising and reduce watering by half. Most leaves should have yellowed and fallen off by the beginning of July. However, even if the plants still have leaves, all watering should be stopped. The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors, the maturity of the pseudobulb, shorter day length, cooler day/night temperatures and a reduction of root zone moisture. Mostly dormancy occurs naturally however when the plants are cultivated in warm climates, such as Queensland, sometimes dormancy needs to be encouraged. Stopping watering in early July regardless of the number of green leaves should trigger the dormancy. Watering during dormancy should only be done if the plant shrivels severely. Usually a single watering is sufficient to restore the bulbs.

Catasetinae don't like to be over potted, select a pot size that will allow for 2-3 years of growth. For mature plants a 3 to 1 mix of fine Kiwi Bark and medium Perlite is suitable. For seedlings, up to a 75mm pot size, sphagnum moss is recommended with the bottom third of the pot filled with Styrofoam. Different growers use different mixes and in fact any well drained media which still retains even moisture will work well. Both plastic pots and clay pots are suitable, remember to adjust watering frequency accordingly since clay pots dry out faster than plastic.

During dormancy old roots deteriorate and it is therefore highly recommended to repot at 2 year intervals. It should be done as the new growth is just starting to develop and before the new roots start to show. Divisions should consist of at least 2 pseudobulbs.

Catasetinae, as do most orchids, need good air movement. If you do not have good natural air movement in your growing area use air circulating fans. Hanging the plants allows for maximum air movement around them and often they do best hanging.

Plants of the Catasetum Alliance are generally pest free, however spider mites are attracted to the soft leaves of these plants. Spider mites are quite small, they live and feed on the undersides of the leaves. Take care in checking for them as the plants are developing the new leaves and control them with a recommended miticide. Although the leaves will drop off during dormancy this is not an excuse to not treat for them.
Dear Society Members

This update is provided for circulation to your members to let them know about the exciting forthcoming 21st Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show ‘Orchids in the Foothills’ to be held on 18th-22nd July 2018, at the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, Sydney, NSW.

We have booked the Conference venue, and the glamorous social program includes an Opening Ceremony on Thursday 19th July at the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, and a Conference Dinner on Saturday 21st July at the Windsor Function Centre, 2 Dight St, Windsor.

We encourage members to take advantage of the attractive discount offered with Early Bird Registration, which will end on 31st December 2017.  

We are in negotiation with a number of eminent international speakers who have not been heard in Australia previously. A range of interesting speakers will share their scientific knowledge, experts will provide insights into the art of orchid growing and culture, and there will be special topics targeting orchid hobbyists. Whilst we have already secured some speakers, the scientific program will be circulated as soon as it is finalised.

You will find comprehensive information about all aspects of the Conference, including links to Registration, the Scientific Program, the Show Schedule and many accommodation options on the official web site.

Following intensive discussions with Quarantine representatives at national and state level, we hope to announce our plan to showcase some unique plants not previously seen in this country. Of course, this will be in addition to thousands of strikingly beautiful species and hybrids featured by some of the best vendors in Australia.

Overall the 21st Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show will be the best ever undertaken in Australia and we invite you to join in this celebration of the magnificent diversity of orchids. We look forward to receiving your Registration and welcoming you at the Conference.

Warm regards

Chris Dalrymple
Conference Chair