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

Next Committee Meeting at 10 am 23rd August 2017
At the Home of Kev & Margaret Horsey
At 110 Aspinall Street Leichhardt QLD 4305

Affiliated Societies, Judging Roster for August 2017

Beaudesert O & F.S.	3rd Wednesday	@ 7.30pm	**Gary Yong Gee.** Michael Billiau.
Brisbane O.S.	4th Monday	@ 7.45pm	**Les Vickers.** John Rooks. Brent Nicoll.
John Oxley O.S.	2nd Wednesday	@ 7.30pm	**Don Nitschinsk.** Lynda Rapkins. Brent Nicoll.
Logan & District	3rd Tuesday	@ 7.45pm	**Don Nitschinsk.** Michael Billiau. Reg Illingworth. Maree Illingworth.
Ipswich O.S.	1st Wednesday	@ 7.30pm	**Reg Illingworth.** Maree Illingworth.

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

Les Vickers. Albert Gibbard. Michael Billiau. Reg Illingworth. Maree Illingworth. Ken Webster.

Judging Starts 7.45 PM

August Meeting Information

Guest Speaker:- Les Vickers

Subject is:- Paphiopedilum

Visiting Society in August

No Guest Society this Month

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.

Monday 10th July 2017 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
President reminded members to get their raffle tickets from Peter & 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 8pm. Welcome to Members, Visitors & Judges. Guest Societies Beaudesert & Ipswich Orchids Societies
Present; As per Register 24
Apologies: Alf & Kaylene Filia, Maree Illingworth, Albert & Anne Gibbard, Marie Illingworth, Keith McGinn, Malcolm Martin
Visitors: Brett Moloney, Richard Mollee, Eric Jonker, Robert Reitano, Kev Barker
Judges for July: Les Vickers, John Rooks, Reg Illingworth, Gary Yong Gee
Associates: Robert Reitano, Ken Haase, Gordon Grant & Helen Vickers
Minute Silence: Colin (Col) Murray passed away on 14th June 2017 on his 92nd birthday. Col was a long-standing member of QOS and an Orchid Judge. He was happy to share information about growing orchids. Condolences to Helen & Family
Financial Report: Financial Report for June 2017 was presented. (Copy of reports on table)

Balance Brought Fwd.		$50,932.29
Income	$	364.32
Expenditure	$	180.70
Cash book Balance		$51,115.91

Moved by Kevin Horsey and Seconded by Margaret Rieck

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

Guest Societies:

No one from Beaudesert Orchids Society

Eric Jonker spoke about Ipswich Orchids Society – Their Spring Show will be on 30th September & 1st October at Silkstone State School everyone is welcome. They meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

General Business:

- Red Hill Community Sports Club – Air Condition Units are not to be used due to a maintenance issue. Someone using the hall removed the signs & used them. We have been requested not to use them till they are repaired.

- 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 & can help see Barry or Ann. It's not a big job just need a few people to oversee this. I will have a lot extra on this year at the Ekka, there will be a Potted Plant Competition – Orchids & Foliage 7 orchid classes – prize each class 1st $15 /2nd $7/ 3rd $5 Champion $100 – must put in entry form by 30th July, $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.

- A collection of Lycaste are for sale in Toowoomba see Murray Ferguson if interested.

- Spring Show 21st & 22nd October 2017 – Spring Schedule has been finalised some changes have been made.
  Have added a Champion Novice.
  Prize money for all Champions has been increased to $40.00 each.

Dave Groffen has agreed to be Show Marshall, committee voted to awards him an honourer membership.

- Update on halls –Still looking at halls we need to find something before Spring Show 2018 as we don't have a date at Mt Coot-tha.

- Would you like bus trips or small field trips. Where to go if you have any ideals talk to a committee member. Looking to have some activities where everyone can join in. It was suggested that we may have join in with other societies.

- John Oxley Orchid Society Show this weekend at Mt Coot-tha & Toowoomba Orchid Society Show this weekend 15th & 16th July.

Any Other Business:
Supper:
Tonight's Guest Speaker: Brett Moloney gave an interesting talk about Wardian Cases. -Thank you, Brett.
Raffle: 10 draws - Plants or QOS glasses
Benching Results: Read by Associate Judges

- 1st in Judges Choice Species – Paph. tranienianum x sib owned by Margaret Tierney
- 1st in Judges Choice Hybrid – Paph. Leeanum owned by Margaret Rieck
- Special Interest Plant Coelogyne assamica owned by Barry & Ann Kable
- Lucky Exhibitor P& T Callaghan
- 1st from Ipswich – Cym. Ruby Sarah x Janis Lin owned by E Jonker
- 2nd from Ipswich – C. Boonyarit Diamond owned by R Mollee
- 3rd from Ipswich – Rlc. Firelight owned by J & H Rutter

79 orchids were benched by 17 exhibitors.
The next General Meeting will be on Monday 14th August 2017 at Red Hill Community Sports Centre, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill.
Thank you to all who helped tonight.
President Kable closed meeting

Benching of Orchids & Foliage at the EKKA?

The 140th Royal Queensland Show is on from Friday 11 August to Sunday 20 August 2017 inclusive. There will be a **Potted Plants Competition** covering 26 classes, including the following **7 classes for orchids**:
Cattleya Hybrid Dendrobium Hybrid
Paphiopedilum including Phragmipedium Hybrids
Vandaceous including Phalaenopsis Hybrids
Australian Native Hybrid
Any Other Genera Hybrid Species Any Genera

Prizes will be: First - $15 and certificate; Second - $7 and certificate; Third - $5 and certificate. Overall champion will win $100.

Entries are open now and will close at 5pm on 30 June 2017. Entry fee is $15.00 (non-member of RNA), which will include an exhibitor pass. There is no limit on the number of entries other than a maximum of 3 entries per class.

For more information, go to the Ekka website: https://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/categories/flower-and-garden and download the show schedule.

On the Bench

Photography by Reg Illingworth

Judges Choice Hybrid

Plant :- Paph. Leeanum
Grower :- Rieck M & D

Judges Choice Species

SORRY
NO PHOTO SUPPLIED

Plant :- Paph. tranlienianum x sib
Grower :- Tierney M

Guest Society Ipswich
Plant :- Cym. Ruby Sarah x Janis Lin
Grower :- Jonker E

Cattleya Up to 90mm
Plant :- C. Elusive Dream 'My Love'
Grower :- Haase K

Oncidium Alliance
Plant :- Oncsa. Possum Woolf
Grower :- Tierney M

Phalaenopsis
Plant :- Phal. Crystal Veil
Grower:- Grant G

Australian Native Hybrid
Plant:- Den. Hilda Poxon
Grower:- Grant G

Paphiopedilum Exhibition
Plant:- Paph. Charlie's Girl 'Tierden'

Any Other Genera
Plant:- Phrag. Perseus Highclare'
Grower:- Kidd I R

Dendrobium
Plant :- Den. Cassiope
Grower :- Kable B & A

Cattleya Exhibition over 90 mm
Plant :-.Rlc. Margaret Goldston x Rlc. Dal's Horizon
Grower :- Haase K

Benching Results for July 2017

JUDGES' CHOICE - HYBRID

1 *Paph*. Leeanum Rieck M & D
2 *C*. amethystoglossa 'Jaguar' x Ctt. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' Haase K
3 *Cym*. Manning MovieCallaghan P & T

JUDGES' CHOICE - SPECIES

1 *Paph*. tranlienianum x sib Tierney M
2 *Paph*. venustum var alba Illingworth R & M
3 *Paph*. venustum Grant G

GUEST SOCIETY IPSWICH:

1 *Cym*. Ruby Sarah x Janis Lin Jonker E
2 *C*. Boonyarit Diamond Mollee R
3 *Rlc*. Firelight Rutter J & H

DENDROBIUM:

1 *Den*. Cassiope Kable B & A
2 *Den*. Peter Shen Rieck M & D

CATTLEYA EXHIBITION OVER 90mm:

1 *Rlc*. Margaret Goldston x Rlc. Dal's Horizon Haase K
2 *Rlc*. Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross' Vickers L & H
3 *C*. Drumbeat 'Heritage' Callaghan P & T

CATTLEYA EXHIBITION UP TO 90mm:

1 *C*. Elusive Dream 'My Love' Haase K
2 *C*. Hsinying Little Mary * Kidd I R
3 *C*. Dal's Choice Haase K

CATTLEYA NON EXHIBITION

1 *C. amethystoglossa* 'Jaguar' x Ctt. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' Haase K
2 *Bsn*. Mailai 'Mayumi' Rutter J & H
3 *Gct*. SogoDoll 'Little Angel' Rutter J & H

PAPHIOPEDILUM EXHIBITION:

1 *Paph*. Charlie's Girl 'Tierden' Tierney M
2 *Paph*. Highland Beauty 'Springwood' Illingworth R & M
3 *Paph*. White Knight x Elfstone Tierney M

CYMBIDIUM:

1 *Cym*. Manning Movie Callaghan P & T
2 *Cym*. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascades' Haase K
3 Cym. Unknown Callaghan P & T

PAPHIOPEDILUM OTHER:

1 *Paph*. Leeanum Rieck M & D
2 *Paph*. Shen-Liu Dirubyweb x Hung Sheng Maudiae Grant G
3 *Paph*. Hsinying Spell x Macabre Illingworth R & M

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE:

1 *Oncsa*. Possum Woolf Tierney M
2 *Onc*. Misaki Twinkle Haase K
3 *Onc*. Twinkle 'Tsku Marguerite' Callaghan P & T

VANDACEOUS:

1 *Rhy*. Hirota x gigantia var album Grant G
2 *Rhy*. Silvia * Haase K
3 *V*. Pachara Delight 'Midnight Lace' Arrowsmith P

PHALAENOPSIS:

1 *Phal*. Crystal Veil Grant G
2 *Phal*. amabilis x (Chian Xen Pearl x Ho's Zuma Pixie) Grant G
3 *Phal*. amabilis x (Chian Xen Pearl x Ho's Zuma Grant G

ANY OTHER GENERA:

1 *Phrag*. Perseus 'Highclare' Kidd I R

SPECIES SYMPODIAL

1 *Paph. tranlienianum x sib* Tierney M
2 *Paph. venestum var alba* Illingworth R & M
3 *Paph. venestum* Grant G

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

1 *Den*. Hilda Poxon Kidd I R
2 *Den*. Esme Poulton Walker K

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

SMILE :- IF YOU WANT OTHERS TO SMILE AT YOU
THEN YOU HAVE TO SMILE FIRST

SHOWS FOR August 2017

Australasian Native O.S.	26th/27th August	Strathpine Community Centre 199 Gympie Rd Strathpine
Logan & District , O.S	26th /27th August	Springwood Rd State School Hall
Maroochydore, O.S.	4th & 5Th August	Millwell Rd Community Hall Millwell Road East
North Brisbane, O.S.	26th/27th August	Auditorium Botanic Gardens Mount Coot-tha

Special Interest Plant Of The Month
July 2017

PLANT NAME: Coelogyne assamica

OWNER'S NAME: Barry & Ann Kable

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A Very Attractive plant and very well Grown

OWNERS COMMENTS

Housing : It grows in a 4.5 metre-high shade house with a flat roof with 70% green shade cloth on the roof with northern end open.

Watering : In Summer a light watering nearly every day with heavier watering 2 times a week, in Winter as required.

Feeding Program : Feed 2 times a week in conjunction with heavier watering with Horticulture Solution A &B Duett alternating with HSO22 & HSO12

Potting Medium : Growing in Medium Bark Perlite & Charcoal

Other Comments : This plant is hanging about 2metres above the ground

Attention Orchid Societies of South East Queensland
140th Ekka 11-20 August 2017

2017 is going to be bigger and better for The Flower & Garden in The Old Museum Precinct. RNA Council Steward Robin McLay has a vision, commitment and passion to grow this area. For the first time in many years there will be a judged Potted Plants section, made up of Orchid & foliage sections with prize money, please advise your members about this all information is on the Ekka website www.ekka.com go to Competitions / Flower & Garden. All Orchid Societies need to promote this competition and encourage their members to entry.

Orchid Societies of South East Queensland have again secured a display site in the main hall. Members will be needed to do a shift on the display over the Ekka, but help is desperately needed from societies, if someone cannot help there may not be a display. Ideally a small sub-committee needs to be formed to oversee all key areas of the display.

Display design

Collection & transport of plants & display materials

Display setup & pull down

In past years Barry & Ann Kable have played a large part in overseeing this, the time has come when they cannot do it all, they will still be involved, but as RNA Stewards they will have more to do with the Potted Plant Competition & other things this year. It is not a hard job just need a few key people to organise.

Please ask your members to help, this benefits all societies. Contact Barry & Ann Kable if you have any questions or if your society can help

Contact Barry & Ann Kable 07 3824 5931 email kableab3@bigpond.com

Growing *Lycastes* in S.E.QLD

The genus *Lycaste* consists of about 45 species and is endemic to the Central Americas, between the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn and from sea-level up to altitudes of 3000 meters on mountain tops in the South American Andes. They are generally epiphytic or lithophytic in habit (i.e. they grow in trees or crevices of rock faces and cliffs, and sometimes found growing on the ground).

Growing of *Lycastes* in Australia commenced in the 1960's which is not a long time for growing orchids. The most notable Australian hybridist was the late A.F. W. (Fred) Alcorn who gained international recognition for his dedication.

During his *Lycaste* hybridizing career Fred registered a large number of *Lycaste* hybrids, *Lyc.* Macama, *Lyc.* Kiama, *Lyc.* Wyong, *Lyc.* Wyuna to name a few. A reflection of Fred's love, devotion and his unselfish nature towards *Lycastes* is his book "*Lycaste* Orchids Cultivation and Hybridisation" which was completed by his friend Michael Hallett following Freds death. It is of my opinion, this book would be one of the most practical books I have ever read and worthy of inclusion in orchid society and private libraries.

In his book, Fred argues the point that, in his opinion, there are two types of *Lycaste* flowers for judging purposes i.e. the "open" and "closed" types, which would reflect the "complex" and "primary hybrids in Paphs." As *Lycastes* appear more frequently on judging benches, my hope that the "Macama benchmark syndrome" will disappear and these orchids will be judged for what they should be like.

GROWING LYCASTES

Lycastes can be grown where you would normally grow *Cattleyas* and especially *Slc.'s.* We grow our *Lycastes* under 50% shade but protect them from afternoon western heat during summer. Like all other orchids they need good air movement. Benches around 18 inches high will also assist in keeping them cool.

Growing compost is really up to the individual but a media similar to Cymbidium mix would be excellent. We have used bark, perlite and peat and sphagnum moss. We appear to get better results from using sphagnum moss . Sphagnum moss needs to be packed tightly and watered less frequently. Like all other 'bulbous' type orchids, new growths need to be grown well by fertilizing heavily during the growing season. We usually alternate weekly between a high and low nitrogen fertilizer with the addition of magnesium sulphate.

With sphag. we tend to pot on during the year when the *Lycastes* need it but stay clear of the hot summer months.

Disadvantages of growing lycastes

- *Lycastes* have very large leaves and take up a lot of space.
- Some *Lycastes* are deciduous and are quite messy.
- Getting plants can be a problem
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Advantages of growing Lycastes

- *Lycastes* produce a wonderful display of long lived flowers
- *Lycastes* will flower in spring and some will also flower in autumn with the spring flowers having better quality flowers.
- Modern hybrids will produce several flowers that are 6 inches across.

We welcome enquiries and are available for advice.