



# GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

25<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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## Messages from the Editor

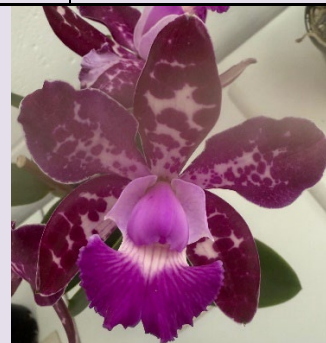
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY:** If you are planning to attend the Christmas party, phone Shirley on 0428486087, to RSVP **before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025**. Date is 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 from 11.00am at the Indoor Bowls Club, Graham Street, Gympie. Please bring along something to donate to the multi-draw raffle (so everyone takes home a prize). There will be games, a delicious lunch and desserts, raffles and awesome company. Come along and enjoy! There is no cost to attend the Christmas Party.
- **Club Membership is now due:** \$15 single and \$25 family. Monies to Shirley Downing.
- **Monthly meetings and Cultural meetings:** Members please note that monthly meetings will be held at the Gympie Hockey Club on the last Saturday of the month, and additional cultural meetings will be held every 2 or 3 months at club members residences (for demonstrations). Our first Cultural meeting will be held at Gary & Julie Walker's residence on the **7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 10am**.

## Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Orchid name	Owner/s of Plant
<b>Cattleya &gt;100mm:</b>	Rth. Golden Bell 'Fortune'	Barry & Jen Grainger
<b>Cattleya &lt;100mm:</b>	C. Royal Cognac 'Wilson'	Gary & Julie Walker
<b>Dendrobium:</b>	Den. Amy Shimonishi	Barry & Jen Grainger
<b>Species:</b>	V. miniata	Gary & Julie Walker
<b>Vanda:</b>	V. Nonburi	Larry & Shirley Downing
<b>Cymbidium:</b>	Cym. Australian Midnight	Barry & Jen Grainger
<b>Any Other:</b>	Phal. unknown	Monica Baumgartner
<b>Novice:</b>	Miltoniopsis Bert Field 'Crimson Glow'	Des & Bernie Schuler



**Cattleya 100mm +:** Rth. Golden Bell 'Fortune'



**Cattleya < 100mm:** C. Royal Cognac 'Wilson'



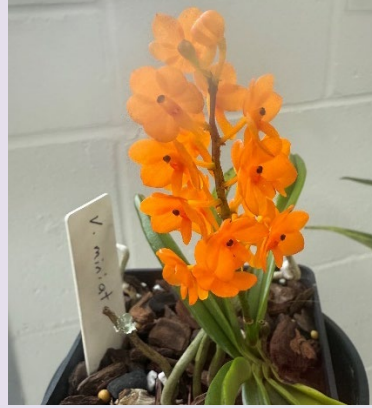
**Dendrobium:** Den. Amy Shimonishi



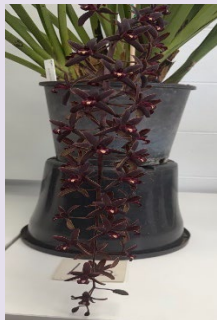
**Any Other:** Phal. Unknown



**Vanda:** V. Nonburi



**Species:** V. miniata

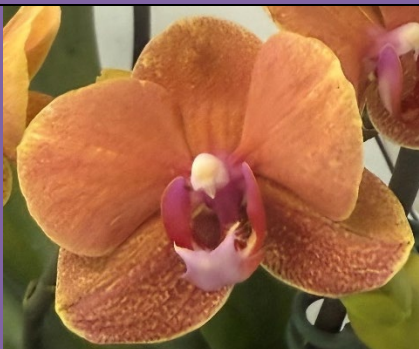


**Cymbidium:** Cym. Australian Midnight



**Novice:** Miltoniopsis Bert Field 'Crimson Glow'

**Other orchids tabled at the meeting:**





**Winners of the Raffles for the day were:**

Raffle winners were Trudy Bale (flowering orchid), and Sally (visitor) (non-flowering orchid).  
 Congratulations to you both!

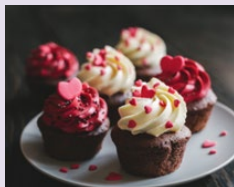
**Book available**

	<p><b>A FIELD GUIDE        to NATIVE        ORCHIDS</b>        of the        NOOSA BIOSPHERE        RESERVE        &amp; the SUNSHINE,        COOLOOLA and        FRASER COASTS.</p> <p>Joan Heavey</p>	<p>Linda Falkner would like to let members know that the book (left) is available and has a lot of information regarding the native orchids in our region.</p> <p>If you are interested, please phone Linda on 0427570022, and she can organise this for you.</p>
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### Next Meeting:

**DATE:** Saturday, 31st January 2026  
**ADDRESS:** Gympie Hockey Club (corner of Power Road & Woolgar Road)  
**TIME:** Benching of plants commences from **1.30pm**  
**JUDGING:** Voting of benched orchids will be held prior to meeting (between 1.45pm – 2.00pm)  
**MEETING:** Will commence at 2.00 pm

**Please bring: your flowering orchids, cup and a plate (to share) for afternoon tea.**



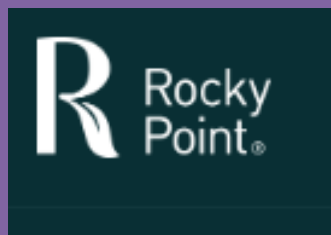
### Upcoming 2025 Christmas Party

<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 from 11.00am</b>	GDOS Club Christmas Party at Indoor Bowls Hall on Graham Street, Gympie
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### Newsletter snippets

Club members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Please email Sharon Stretton for inclusion (prior to the upcoming meeting, otherwise they will be included the following month).  
 Email: [sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au)

**Our Sponsors:** Sponsors are an important part of our Club. Their support allows us to pay the prizes we do at our Show. Please support our sponsors and let them know that we appreciate their support!



### Upcoming SHOWS 2025

<b>10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	Bribie OS show with set up 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Nambour species show, Buderim UC hall; set up 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>2026</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> at 10am	Gympie Cultural meeting, 26 Palmer Court, The Dawn
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	STOCQ - AGM meeting in Gympie Indoor Bowls club Hall, Graham St
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2026</b>	Maroochydore OS closed show Buderim (public hours 8.00 - 3.30)
<b>21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026</b>	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	Gladstone OFS - with setup 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	Glasshouse Country OS closed show, Glasshouse Community Hall
<b>17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	Sunshine Coast OS show, Uniting Church hall, Queen Street

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026</b>	Gympie & DOS show in Indoor Bowls club hall, Graham Street.
<b>8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Bundaberg OS show at Bundaberg Recreational precinct Pavilion University Drive, Branyan (set up 7 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Maroochydore OS closed show Bli Bli (public hours 8.00 - 2.30)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	Gympie & DOS closed show, Indoor Bowls Club Hall, Graham St
<b>17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Caboolture OS show with set up 16 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026</b>	Port Curtis O&FS hosts STOCQ meeting
<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>	Maroochydore OS show Buderim, benching on Thursday the 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>	Glasshouse Country OS show; set up Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
<b>November 2026</b>	GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall (moved from 13 <sup>th</sup> June)

## 2026 POSTERS



### 2026

## GYMPIE ORCHID SHOW

**Indoor Hall at 35 Graham Street**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

Saturday: 8.00am – 4.00pm  
Sunday: 8.00am – 2.00pm

- Huge display of benched Show Orchids & Foliage plants
- Multiple Vendors for sale plants & accessories
- Refreshments
- Expert Advice
- Raffle prizes (\$1 a ticket)
- Accessible to all



**Admission**

Adults - \$4 each  
Children under 12 Free



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# GYMPIE WINTER ORCHID SHOW

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## Indoor Bowls Hall 35 Graham St

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## Saturday, 20th June 2026

Plants to be tabled between 7.00 - 8.00am  
Judging at 8.15am

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 9.00am – 3.00pm**

FOR SALE: Orchids \* Tea \* Coffee \* Slices \* Scones







Enquiries: Gary Walker (President) on 0407 640 516 

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