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Welcome to our newsletter for July 2020. Our first meeting since the March co-vid restrictions was held at Jim & Leanne's place and was well attended. It was great to see everyone together again.

Some of the orchids on display. In the front are 3 paphs flowered by Gary Walker.



President Jim Evans welcomed everyone and the minutes of the last meeting were read. Jim informed the members that the Gympie Garden Expo was winding down. There had been some conjecture that the local Rotary Club may take it up. In the event this does not happen, a suggestion was made to approach the Gympie Indoor Bowling Club with a view to using the premises for our next orchid show.

Jim and Leanne talked for a while about their overseas trip to Taiwan originally booked for the World Orchid Conference which was cancelled because of the Covid pandemic. Of interest were some tours of nurseries growing phalaenopsis orchids on a very large scale for the export markets. The outstanding feature was that the whole process from seedling stage to flowering and packaging was highly automated.

At the July meeting Jim gave everyone an orchid from his collection and I would like to thank him on behalf of those present. He also updated us on his health issues and I am sure he knows he and Leanne have our full support and best wishes and respect as he faces the challenges ahead.

Fellow orchid judge Mel Wheeler presented Jim & Leanne with a number of recent awards.

These were an ASR (Award of Special Recognition), 2 HCC's (Highly Commended Certificates) and 2 AM's (Awards of Merit) These are AOC (Australian Orchid Council) quality awards for plants judged by a panel of at least 5 accredited judges.

As we know Jim has been breeding orchids for quite awhile and over recent years has specialized in the breeding of mini cattleyas for which he has quite a reputation in the orchid community.



The ASR is an award rarely conferred on breeders of orchids for consistently outstanding progeny in a particular hybrid cross. In this instance it was for his *Cattleya* PV Elusive Case, (parents: *C. Aloha Case* X *C. Elusive Dream*)



Our next meeting will be at Mel & Judy Wheeler's place on Saturday, August 29th. The meeting starts at 2 pm. The address is 6 David Crt., Groundwater Rd. (Turn into Langara Drive off Groundwater Rd and David Crt. is first turn off of Langara drive.)

To qualify for the ASR, Jim was required to present a minimum of 12 plants of the one crossing some of which had to be flowering at the time of assessing. They were to be of uniformly high quality, though not necessarily award quality. He was also required to supply a breeding history statement to support the application.

Jim presented 13 plants, 10 flowering, 2 in bud and 1 without flower, *C. PV Elusive* Case 'Magic' which had previously won a HCC award. On the day of judging *C. PV Case 'Lipstick'* was also awarded a HCC and *C. PV Case "Lulu"* was awarded an AM. Of the two plants in bud one looked particularly promising but was not sufficiently opened to be judged on the day.



C. PV Case 'Lipstick' HCC



C. PV Case "Lulu"



Rlc. Sedona's Golden Kaleidoscope 'Tom' HCC
(awarded in February)

You may have noticed that all of these awards are made out to Jim & Leanne Evans. Well done team!

Well it's Spring time again and many of our native species are flowering and with new growth on many plants it is the perfect time to divide and repot. Looking forward to seeing a lovely benched display at our next meeting.

And to conclude, a note of remembrance for Hervey Bay orchid judge Bevan Neuendorff who was a former Gympie & District Orchid Society member.

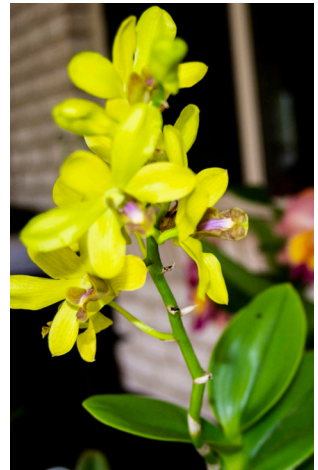
Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote at our July meeting

Cattleya	<i>C. Cooloola Sunset</i>	Ken Christiansen
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Field King</i>	Michelle & Cristian Lenske
Species	<i>Pterostylis grandiflora</i>	Don Elms
Any other	<i>Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice</i>	Joe Tramacchi
Judge's Choice	<i>Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice</i>	Joe Tramacchi



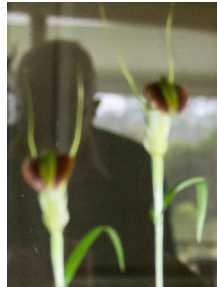
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