

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.



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Cattleya Dal's Moon 'Cynthia'

Welcome to our June newsletter for 2021. Our May 29th meeting was held at Jim & Leanne Evans' place.

Shirley Downing thanked the ladies for the slices they provided for our show. Then Jim Evans thanked Ted Mann for doing the prize cards for orchids at Gympie's Agricultural Show which John Rees judged.

Mention was made of the Nambour Garden Expo which will on the 9th,10, and 11th July. Entry tickets must be purchased online.

The flowers on this page were photographed in Jim's orchid house.



Cattleya Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Lydia'



Cattleya Royal Beau 'Anthea'

President Jim Evans asked members to think about repotting after the shortest day of the year (June 21st, the winter solstice). He then proceeded to outline his method; the salient points are as follows:

Jim recommends using dome pots or port pots. (Port pots come from Port Macquarie) These are available from Fernlands. Ted Mann may have some supplies for our club members.

Jim uses coco peat and supercoarse perlite, 1 part coco peat to 7 parts perlite. He advises members not to use jumbo perlite. The supercoarse perlite is available at Bunnings in 100 litre bag size. The advantage of perlite is that it is ph neutral and never breaks down.

Water plants once or twice a week in winter and every second day in summer.

When it comes time to re-pot vandas, 'Orchidaceous' orchid supplies, contact

Grahame Muller, is the go to source for vanda pots. (Under 'Links' on our website)

Some points of interest:

Vanda Miss Joachim with its pale pink to apricot flowers is the national flower of Thailand. Keiki is the Hawaiian word for 'baby'.

Top cut vandas to divide and repot. Some growers use florists tubes filled with liquid fertiliser for vanda roots to be immersed in to encourage rapid growth.



C. Memoria Warren Eggins

One of our members asked, "How often should I fertilise my plants?"

Jim's advice was "Once a week." He uses Jacks (20/20/20 fertiliser) and advises Manutec orchid food can be used all year round at 1gram /litre of water.

Jim cautions against using too much fertiliser high in nitrogen in winter or when plants are coming into flower.



Every paph deserves its moment in the sun.

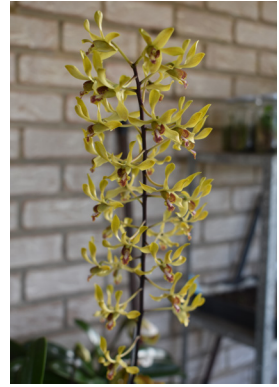
Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote at our May meeting

Cattleya	C. Goldenzelle 'High Noon' X Golden Canefields	Ken & Kaye Christiansen
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> John Kidnay X <i>caniculatum</i>	Larry Downing
Species		
Any Other (a tie)	<i>Vanda</i> Yip Sunwah <i>Onc.</i> Sweet Sugar	Adrian Ninaus Larry Downing
Judges' choice	C. Memoria Warren Eggins	Jim Evans



C. Goldenzelle 'High Noon' X Golden Canefields



Den. John Kidnay X *caniculatum*



Vanda Yip Sunwah



Onc. Sweet Sugar

Our next meeting will be at Julie & Gary Walker's place on Saturday June 26th. The address is 26 Palmer Crt. The Dawn. Turn into the Dawn Rd, then right into Witham Rd and follow that to Palmer Crt. The meeting starts at 2pm.

Calendar of Events for 2021

July

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th

Caboolture Orchid Society Winter Show at Community Ctr. Morayfield Rd.,
Morayfield

August

Friday 6th, Saturday 7th

Maroochydore Annual Show (set up 5th) at Buderim Uniting Church Hall.
King St. Buderim

Friday 27th, Saturday 28th

Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Show (Set up 26th)

September

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th

Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show – Benched - (Set up 2nd) at Uniting
Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour.

Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th

Eastern Districts Orchid Society Spring Show.
at Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd. Belmont

Thursday 16th, Friday 17th

Noosa Spring Show (set up 15th) at CWA Hall, Maple Street Cooroy

Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th

Maryborough DOS Show (set up 15th) at St Paul's Hall

Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th

Rockhampton Orchid Society Show
(Setup 17th) at Frenchville Sports Club, 105 Clifton St. North Rockhampton

Friday 24th, Saturday 25th

Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Spring Show (set up and judging 23rd)
at Beerwah Community Ctr, Peachester
Road, Beerwah

24th to Sunday 26th

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show Friday (set up 23rd)