

LOGAN & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NEWSLETTER



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Next Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday 18th July 2017

Commencing at 7.30pm.

Logan Central Community Centre

Cnr Jacaranda Ave & Wembley Road

Logan Central.

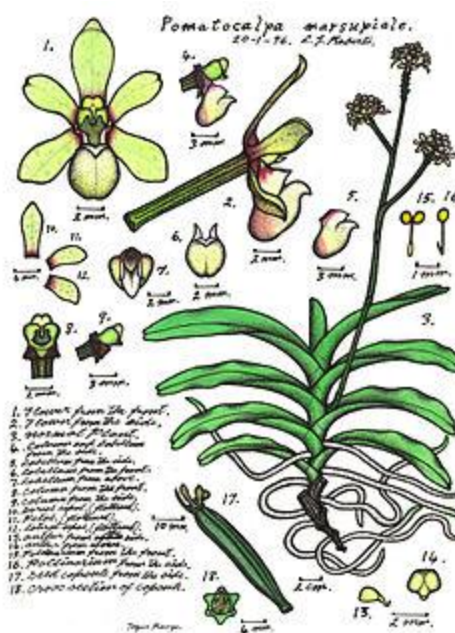
Next Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 1st Aug 2017

Commencing at 7.30pm.

Logan Central Community Centre

JUDGES' CHOICE SPECIAL INTEREST PLANT OF THE MONTH



Plant Name: *Pomatocalpa angustifolium*

Exhibitor: : Julie Copley-Bishop

Owner's comments:

Housing: This compact Vandaceous type species orchid is mounted on tree fern. It is housed under 50% shade cloth on my front veranda and catches the morning sun. The *Pomatocalpa*, in general, appear to like more light and intermediate to warm temperatures. The inflorescences are pendant and foxtail like, with the extremely small flowers opening successively. No artificial conditions are provided for its growth.

Feeding: I feed weekly, all year round, with *Orchid Boost* at half strength.

Watering: The orchid is misted twice daily in summer by hand held hose using town water. In winter, watering or misting is determined on the weather conditions of the day but at least every other day due to its exposed root system.

Potting Medium: This orchid is mounted on tree fern at the moment but it is not thriving. The *Pomatocalpa spicata*s that I have had for a number of years are mounted on cork and grow well.

Work Roster for July 2017

Hall Set-up at 6.30pm

Those that can come early.

Supper: .Esme and Sonya

Editorial

This month we have the usual format for Page 1, Page 2 the upcoming shows, the guest speaker spot for July will be a discussion (for anyone to take part in) on FAQ to do with various aspects of the show. A bit of comedy in how to start a fight.. Page 3 has the minutes from the June meeting and the Committee Notes for July. Page 4 has the benching results for June and Page 5 has the photos of the winning plants, Page 6 has Barry's Column for June. Page 7, has the Saturday Cultural Information Meeting, also the news about the stocks of bark, Judges for the July meeting and a little bit of life, on page 8, a show update, how to sell plants at the show and what to do on arrival at a meeting Page 9 the info about display plants at this years Ekka, the passing of Mick Keith of Townsville and some info from Allan Merriman. The Show is coming up real quick and we all should be preparing plants for benching and sales.

Reg

How to start a fight

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security.
The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home.
I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.
The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'.
So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.
She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.
When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office.
She said, 'You should have dropped your pants.
You might have gotten disability too.

And that's how the fight started




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SHOWS TO COME

John Oxley O. S. 15/16 July, Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha.

Toowoomba O. S. 15/16 July, St Pauls Hall, James St Toowoomba.

Logan & Distric O.S. 26/27 August, Springwood Road State School, 94-120 Springwood Road Springwood

The LADOS show is the most important show of the year for LADOS members, make sure you attend

North Brisbane O. S. 26/27, August, Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE JULY MEETING

The Guest Speaker Spot for the July meeting will be a discussion (for anyone to take part in) on FAQ to do with various aspects of the show.

MINUTES LOGAN AND DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC. GENERAL MEETING 20th JUNE, 2017

OPENING: President Ken Martin opened the meeting at 7.35 pm.

WELCOME: to members and visitors. Welcome to our judges:

Gary Yong Gee, Michael Billiau, John Roberts and J. Rutherford. Associates: Jan McKenzie and David Poulgrain.

Apologies as per register.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 2017 meeting were published in the June Newsletter and passed by Pam Price and G. Cox.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS and OUTWARDS: Accepted. Moved Julie Copley-Bishop. Seconded P. McCallum

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Treasurer Doug Mogg moved and Jim Zimmerman seconded that a statement showing balances of: General Account: \$9864.77 Investment Account: \$6406.87 be accepted and that the following accounts be accepted for payment:

Garden City Plastics	\$312.15
Orchidaceous Supplies	\$300.60
Business Eqpt. Warehouse	\$550.00

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Sonya Crosby from the Show Committee encouraged members to help at the set-up of the Show as well as ongoing help over the weekend. Thanks were given to all who contributed at the last Show. The work roster was circulated through the meeting. Win Watts spoke on the Shows catering needs from the set-up on the Friday (supper for the Judges and Stewards) as well as donations of cakes etc. needed for the sale of morning and afternoon teas over the weekend of the Show.

There were no Web Master, Trade Sales or New Growers' Group reports.

Thanks to Olympia for her reminder to members of the lending library as a resource in the growing of orchids.

Kitchen helpers for the July General Meeting are Esme and Sonya

Guest Speaker: Helen Rattenbury provided an interesting and thoughtful talk on the repurposing of household items for the garden such as throwaway plastic bottles and containers. Many thanks must go to Helen for sharing her experiences and ideas and bringing her examples to show the meeting of innovative repurposing.

JUDGES' CHOICE AWARDS: The winners of the night's benched plants were presented by Jan McKenzie and John Roberts. Well done to both.

CULTURAL AWARD:	<i>Dinema polybulbon</i>	Glynis Cox
SPECIAL INTEREST AWARD:	<i>Pomatocalpa angustifolium</i>	Julie Copley-Bishop
EXHIBITOR'S AWARD:		Peter Berry

POPULAR VOTE:

Open	<i>Morm. B-C Elvira</i>	Christine Martin
Intermediate/Novice	<i>Onc. Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'</i>	Sonya Crosby

RAFFLE WINNERS were drawn.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Many thanks to all who helped on the night

Julie Copley-Bishop *Minutes Secretary*

JULY COMMITTEE NOTES

Pam Price (Show Organiser) reported that the Show preparations are well under way. A decision was made to allow members to sell an unlimited number of flowering and non-flowering orchids at the show. To help sell your orchids, put a photo on them. Members are also able to sell up to 10 foliage plants but only if they are in nice pots, clean and neat. Get your plant sales tickets at the next General Meeting. Phil McCallum has been gathering information on new shirts etc. You'll be asked at the next meeting if you are interested in buying a new shirt.

Julie Copley-Bishop *Minutes Secretary*

JUDGES CHOICE RESULTS FOR JUNE, 2017

1 DENDROBIUMS:		15 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES:			
1	<i>Den.</i> Roy Tokunaga	Rutherford J	1	<i>Lip. condylobulbon</i>	Haase K
2	<i>Den.</i> Bucko	Berry P			
2 CATTLEYAS Over 100mm:		16 SPECIES EXOTIC SYMPODIAL:			
1	<i>Rlc.</i> Memoria Gordon Vallance	Maggs G	1	<i>Paph. insigne</i> var. <i>sanderieae</i>	Martin C
2	<i>Rlc.</i> Serene Sunset x Dal's Horizon	Zimmerman J & M	2	<i>Din. polybulbon</i>	Cox G
3	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Bells 'Mary'	Zimmerman J & M	3	<i>Pros. fragrans</i>	Rutherford J
3 CATTLEYAS 60-100mm:		17 SPECIES EXOTIC MONOPODIAL:			
1	<i>C.</i> Precious Jewel x (<i>Rlc.</i> Sunstate Color Chart x George King)	Zimmerman J & M	1	<i>Angcm. eburneum</i>	Krishnamoorthy Dr S
2	<i>Rlc.</i> Free Spirit 'Lea' x Serene Sunset 'Chandler'	Martin C	2	<i>Pmcpa. angustifolium</i>	Copley-Bishop J
3	<i>C.</i> Dal's Choice	Zimmerman J & M	3	<i>Phal. amboinensis</i> var. <i>white</i>	Haase K
4 CATTLEYAS Under 60mm:		18 INTERMEDIATE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:			
1	<i>C.</i> Spice Angel *	Martin C	1	<i>C.</i> Dal's Tradition 'Mercury'	Kehoe A
2	<i>C.</i> Elusive Dream 'Sharon'	Haase K	2	<i>C.</i> Hawaiian Jewel	Lynch R & D
5 CATTLEYAS Novelty or Cluster:		19 INTERMEDIATE DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE:			
1	<i>C.</i> Monte Elegante x Jungle Hotspot	Maggs G	1	<i>Den.</i> Ricky Sie x Janet Moir x Barrabui's Dark Knight	Morrison H
2	<i>Cma.</i> Topaz Raspberry 'Lea'	Martin C	2	<i>Den.</i> Chao Praya Gem x (Dal's Delux x Dal's Diamond)	Lynch R & D
3	<i>Epc.</i> Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'	Maggs G	3	<i>Den.</i> Topaz Rosie 'Topaz'	Lynch R & D
6 PAPHIOPEDILUM:		20 INTERMEDIATE ANY OTHER GENUS:			
1	<i>Paph.</i> Shadowlands x Night Hawk	Tierney M	1	<i>V.</i> Roongpruk Blue 'Chao Praya'	Kehoe A
2	<i>Paph.</i> Snowflake x <i>emersonii</i>	Tierney M	2	<i>Epi.</i> Topaz Delight 'Light Pink'	Kehoe A
3	<i>Paph.</i> In-Charm Rainbow x <i>Hsinying Heron</i>	Tierney M	3	<i>Epi.</i> Unknown	Kehoe A
7 VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE Flowers up to 40mm:		21 NOVICE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE:			
1	<i>Srts.</i> Bravehart 'Sandy'	Tierney M	1	<i>Rlc. Memoria Gordon Vallance</i> *	Hatzirodos J
2	<i>Srts.</i> Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'	Tierney M	2	(<i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Passion x <i>C. intermedia</i>) x <i>Ctt.</i> Aussie Sunset	Hatzirodos J
8 VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE Flowers over 40mm:		23 NOVICE ANY OTHER GENUS:			
1	<i>V.</i> Thai Classic	Mogg D	1	<i>Onc.</i> Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'	Crosby S
2	<i>V.</i> Gordon Dillon 'Lea'	Mogg D	2	<i>Bulb. tricornoides</i>	Crosby S
3	<i>Pda.</i> Pure Delight	Mogg D			
10 ONCIDIINAE:		Cultural Award			
1	<i>Brsdm.</i> Golden Gamine 'White Night'	Haase K	<i>Din. polybulbon</i>		Cox G
2	<i>Onc.</i> Misaki Twinkle	Haase K			
3	<i>Tolu.</i> Willowbank Strawberry	Martin C	Special Interest Plant of the Month		
12 MISCELLANEOUS SMALL Under 50mm:		Special Interest Plant of the Month			
1	<i>Mo.</i> B-C Elvira	Martin C	<i>Pmcpa. angustifolium</i>		Copley-Bishop J
2	<i>Bulb.</i> Wilmar Fantasia	Haase K	Popular Vote—Open		
3	<i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Haase K	<i>Mo.</i> B-C Elvira		Martin C
13 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID DENDROBIUM:		Popular Vote—Novice & Intermediate			
1	<i>Den.</i> Hilda Poxon	Kapernick G	<i>Onc.</i> Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'		Crosby S
2	<i>Den.</i> <i>superbiens</i> 'Cedarvale'	Berry P			
3	<i>Den.</i> Starsheen x (Fireworks x Bronson 'Bronze')	Haase K			

CORRECTION TO PLANT TAGS

Would all Members who will bench orchids at any future meetings, please change their plant tags as necessary, so that we do not have to do these alterations continuously. Changes are marked in **Red** and with an *

Slc. Mango Spice x Bright Angel is now
C. Spice Angel Christine Martin

Blc. Brunswick Blush 'Coral' x Chincogan 'Lorinda' is now
Rlc. Memoria Gordon Vallance John Hatzirodos

Tabling Statistics are not available with the new procedure

First placed orchids at the June meeting photos by Philip McCallum



1. Dendrobium
1st. *Den. Roy Tokunaga*
Rutherford J



2. Cattleyas – Over 100mm
1st. *Rlc. Memoria Gordon Vallance*
Maggs G



3. Cattleyas – 60mm to 100mm
1st. *C. Precious Jewel x (Rlc. Sunstate Color Chart x George King)*
Zimmerman J & M



4. Cattleyas Under 60mm:
1st. *C. Spice Angel*
Martin C



5. Cattleyas – Novelty or Cluster
1st. *C. Monte Elegante x Jungle Hotspot*
Maggs G



6. Paphiopedilum
1st. *Paph. Shadowlands x Night Hawk*
Tierney M



7. Vandaceous Alliance Flowers up to 40mm:
1st. *Srts. Bravehart 'Sandy'* Tierney M



8. Vandaceous Alliance Flowers over 40mm:
1st. *V. Thai Classic* Mogg D



10. Oncidiinae
1st. *Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Night'*
Haase K



12. Miscellaneous Small Under 50mm:
1st. *Mo. B-C Elvira* Martin C



13. Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium:
1st. *Den. Hilda Poxon* Kapernick G



15. Australian Native Species:
1st. *Lip. condylobulbon*
Haase K



16. Species – Exotic Sympodial
1st. *Paph. insigne var. sanderieae*
Martin C



17. Species – Exotic Monopodial
1st. *Angcm. eburneum*
Krishnamoorthy Dr S



18. Intermediate Cattleya Alliance:
1st. *C. Dal's Tradition 'Mercury'*
Kehoe A



19. Intermediate Dendrobium Alliance
1st. *Den. Ricky Sie x Janet Moir x Barrabui's Dark Knight* Morrison H



20. Intermediate Any Other Genus:
1st. *V. Roongpruk Blue 'Chao Praya'*
Kehoe A



21. Novice Cattleya Alliance
1st. *Rlc. Memoria Gordon Vallance*
Hatzirodos J



23. Novice Any Other Genus:
1st. *Onc. Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'*
Crosby S

Barry's Column

Some Plants Tabled At The June Meeting

The Cattleya classes were quite well represented, however, many of the stand-outs or something quite similar, to my recollection, had appeared not too long ago and although the one plant I chose was likely to have been tabled recently, had (I hope) not been commented on. It was entered in Cattleya Novelty or Cluster and titled *C. Monte Elegante* x *C. Jungle Hotspot* and presented three spikes and at least one with nine flowers and although petals were not only broad, the blooms were of adequately flat form and of good overall symmetrical shape. The petals were brushed and lined purple the sepals spotted a more reddish tone over a somewhat pinkish basal hue, the isthmus style lips were rosy-violet, their side-lobes white though, and brushed a similar if slightly paler rosy tone along edges thereof and finely lined this colour to exterior of basal tubes.

In Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid was a *Den.* Hilda Poxon with some dozen spikes, the fullest with over twenty blooms, these were prominently yellow, lips marked red, becoming heavier to rear of the throat, divided longitudinally by a central crest of the base-tone. Flowers had slightly wider tepals than most of the type, with the overall form being nicely symmetrical.

In the previous class was a *Den.* (Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' x Bronson 'Bronze') carrying seven spikes of open blooms and eight or so of mainly buds only, but with some of these showing a few open or opening blooms. Flowers were predominantly yellow, sepals with spots and short lines in red, less of said markings to petals, lips of this tone divided by a longitudinal crest of white.

Novice Any Other Genus featured an *Onc.* Heaven Sent 'Rainbow' that carried six spikes some with thirty plus flowers, however counting was difficult due to some slight tangling of upper blooms on the taller more floriferous spikes, even so, the resultant display was very good. Blooms were predominantly deep red brushed white to tip of mid-lobes and in small spots to side-lobes and smaller still to lip tips.

To control the upper blooms, especially with smaller flowered types, from becoming tangled in transit when taller spikes are involved, the use of additional stakes, even if longer than permissible for showing, can be employed to separate spikes and removed prior to tabling.

Australian Native Species had tabled a *Liparis condybulbon*, and am hoping I'm right in claiming that its the same plant (only larger) we have been treated to for a number of years now, only with more spikes with their numerous small blooms.

Entered in Miscellaneous under the abbreviation *Morm.* for *Mormodes* was *Mormodia* B-C Elvira (abbv. *Mo.*) being a bigeneric hybrid between *Clowesia* (*Cl.*) Rebecca Northen and *Morm.* Nitty Gritty, the *Clowesia* being given the 'splitter' treatment in recent years. Recently at another society's meeting the subject came up when a plant was entered as *Ctsm. waracewiczii* and not *Clowesia*. This plant tabled at our meeting had two spikes hanging from either side of the pseudobulb, one was arching as opposed the other which was straight.

Miscellaneous Small featured a *Cym.* Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' bearing two spikes with the largest, still not fully developed, showing a creamy-green overlay as a result, the other, a less floriferous spike bore white blooms attesting its maturity. The lips had the usual pink spotting to their tips. Some when commenting on the clone's blooms criticize the lips' tendency to curl under, which of course they always have done, this combined with some degree of bunching and not having broad tepals meets with disapproval, however other clones of this grex with narrower segments are seldom taken to task because the lips don't curl under. In my experience changeable weather patterns are generally the cause of spike problems. Rain not coming through Autumn, or that which occurs separated by too dry intervals, and also fluctuations of temperatures that interfere with constant coolness, especially at night during the Autumn and early Winter periods, can cause anything from aborted spikes early in their development, to stunted spikes and loss of a few or indeed many buds even on more well developed racemes; these are seasonal vagaries some times encountered with cymbidiums in our sub-tropical environment, even with the minis that have been developed from the so called warmer growing *Cym. floribundum* (*Syn. primilum*) as is this grex. Given its also being a primary (diploid) hybrid of *Vym. floribundum* and quite possibly of the original cross registered in 1973, it can't be fairly compared to latter day hybrids, particularly if these are polyploids. 'Ice Cascade' is still a sought after entity by the indoor plant industry and not only in Australia, and it would be interesting to know how many mericlones have been produced from it.

Judges for the August Meeting

There will be four Judges and any associate Judges that request to observe the procedure.

If there are sufficient plants on the benches the Judges will operate in 2 teams.

The allocated Judges are Don Nitschinsk, Michael Billiau, Maree and Reg Illingworth.

The scheduled associates are Ken Haase and Jan Teufel.

Members wishing to help with the stewarding please see Maree as she will be selecting them on the night.

POTTING SUPPLIES

ORCHIATA Bark is available FROM Ken Martin, Phone 3341 5474. 9 Dianna Street UNDERWOOD.

It is available in 4 sizes, Small 6-9mm, Medium 9-12mm, Large 12-18mm and Extra Large 18-25mm.

The price to LADOS members is \$25.00 per 40L bag

The Society has sourced Charcoal in 10K bags for \$25 a bag, sizes 10/20ml from Ken.

When buying a quantity of any product, Adrian has requested that you ring him so a suitable supply of stock can be brought to the hall as it makes it possible for other members to purchase product.

You can call him, Adrian Bergstrum ☎ 3805 8224 or Email abergstrum@hotmail.com. It is probably best to call before lunch as Adrian works an afternoon shift at WW bulk store.

On Another Note



The Logan and District Orchid Society Inc. Saturday Cultural Information Meeting

Invitation to all Logan & District Orchid Society Inc. members to attend the meeting of the The Logan and District Orchid Society Saturday Cultural Information Meeting, at 51 Lionheart Street, Forestdale 4118

The meeting will be at 9.30 am on Saturday the 5th of August 2017

The topic for the August meeting is Show preparation and how to interpret the show Schedule.
Please bring along any problem plants or a plant in need of a repot and if time permits we can discuss these problems and repotting methods.

As with previous meetings it would be appreciated if you would contribute \$1.00 towards the cost of photocopying.

Our phone number is: 3800 3213
Our address is: 51 Lionheart Street
Forestdale 4118

Maree and Reg are looking forward to seeing you on the day.

ANNUAL SHOW UPDATE

Our Annual Show is only just over 5 weeks away and lots of work is being done by the Committee to ensure its success. We are going to need the support of **all members** to ensure the success of the show. There are lots of jobs to be done and the Work Roster will be circulated at both the July and August General Meetings. This is your Society so please consider what contribution you can make over the weekend.

Sales Plants need to be well established in clean pots and free from pests, disease and weeds – **PLANTS NOT UP TO THIS STANDARD WON'T BE ACCEPTED FOR SALE.** There is no limit to the number of orchid plants you can sell, naturally those with flowers go first but if you can attach a photo of the flower to your non-flowering plants this will help with their sale. You may also sell foliage plants as well, providing that they are well established, pest and weed free and in good pots – no tin cans - If you are selling large numbers of orchids don't expect that they will all be able to go on the sales bench at once. Plants to be priced in whole dollars only. If your plants are priced reasonably they will sell.

Now is the time to start getting your plants ready both for benching and sale.

This year in addition to Fame Orchids we will be having Talbot Lodge Bromeliad Nursery, John & Jenny Catlan – Foliage Plants and Daryl Banks Orchids selling their plants.

Remember that you can sponsor a Champion for \$30 or a Class for \$40.

Because we are unable to start setting up the Hall for the show till after 3pm we have had to put **benching time back to 5.30pm.**

Sonia Crosby

HOW DO I ? SELL PLANTS AT THE LADOS AUGUST SHOW

- **Be a financial member.**
- **Have at least one flowering orchid on the benches for judging**
- **Attach a sales Label (see Pam Price) with plant name, colour, price in whole dollars and members number.**
- **When writing label ensure other people can read your writing and write in script not running writing.**
- **Deliver your plants to the plant sales area by 7.00pm on the Friday night.**
- **If you are selling plants it is your obligation to attend and work doing some job to help out at the show.**
- **Collect unsold plants after 2pm on the Sunday.**
- **Contact the treasurer Doug Mogg for plant sales payment.**
- **Don't forget to stay after the show closes to help clean and pack up the venue.**

LOGAN and DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY THINGS TO DO AT A MEETING

1. **When you arrive**, sign in at the door. In the **Attendance Book**, your signature in the column for members.
2. Collect a **Popular Vote** slip at the same time. As you admire the plants on the bench, choose which you like the most, and record their names on your piece of paper. Place this in the Popular Vote box on the table where the Raffle tickets are sold. These are collated after Supper, and awarded to the most popular plants on the night.
3. Remember to buy some **raffle tickets**. In the draw at the end of the night, you might win a plant, or if you prefer, a \$5 Trade Table voucher.
4. Visit the Trade Table. Here you can purchase your basic supplies, such as pots, stakes, fertilizers and more at very cheap prices.
5. Borrow books from the **Library**. Some books are displayed on the stage at the back of the hall, but our full collection is kept in a cupboard in the storeroom behind the stage. Feel free to browse amongst them, or see Olympia if you are looking for something specific. Olympia will fill out your details on the borrowing card. You can borrow each book for a month.
6. **To bench plants for judging:**
 - A) Own the plant/s for not less than six months
 - B) From the table at the door collect a ticket and mounting wire for each plant, an Exhibitor's Draw raffle ticket.
 - C) Place the plant on the correct bench for its category.
 - D) Place your Exhibitor's Draw raffle ticket, into the plastic container.
 - E) When the meeting is closed don't forget to place the ticket mounting wire back in its holder or leave it on the table for collection, a lot are starting to disappear.
 - F) Stay to help put away the tables and chairs.

Orchid display at the 2017 Brisbane Ekka

Please consider putting some orchids in the display, and volunteering to assist during the period 11 – 20 Aug. Barry and Ann Kable are coordinating the setup of the display and have provided the following information.

Orchid display

Orchids placed in the display are not judged. To have orchids judged, owners need to enter their plants and table them as per instructions on the website:

<http://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/categories/flower-and-garden>

Members have until 30th July to nominate plants to be judged (not 30 June as noted on the website).

The orchid display will be set up on the morning of Thursday 10th Aug and will remain until Sunday, 13th August

All plants will be watered and attended to during the entire period.

Drop-off points

Plants need to be at the following drop-off point by the afternoon of Wed 9th August

Barry Kable, 281 Redland Bay Road CAPALABA ☎ 3824 5931

Plants will be returned to the same drop-off point on Tuesday 22 Aug. Owners are asked to collect their plants as soon as possible after that date.

Volunteers

Volunteers are given a free day pass to the Ekka, to undertake their shift and attend the Ekka for the rest of that day. Tickets will be issued once the roster is finalized. We still need volunteers for the following 4 hour shifts during the period 11 – 20 Aug:

9am to 1pm

1pm to 5pm

Contact

If you would like to assist with the setup or to take on a 4 hour shift, please contact Ann Kable on ☎ 3824 5931 or via email: kableab3@pigpond.com

The passing of Mick Keith

It has been brought to our attention that well known North Queensland Orchid Grower and Nurseryman Mick Keith formerly of Keith's Orchid Nursery Townsville has passed away.

Mick was an excellent orchid grower who received many awards for his plants.

A lot of our older members will probably know Mick either having visited his nursery or buying plants by mail order.

He is survived by his wife Thelma.

From Alan Merriman's Ornews 220

ROOT ROTS + BULB ROTS

Over the last few months I have had many samples sent to me from all over! All genera, species etc.

Many of these diseases look the same but were not the same.

Some were virus, others fungus, some bacteria etc.

While other problems can be caused by excess nutrients or application of bad water! High or low pH of the water and so the list goes on.

Over the last few months the main diseases have been GLOMERALLA SPP, FUSARIUM SPP, ERWINIA CYPRIPEDII, BACTERIAL BROWN SPOT, BOTRYTIS CINEREA, CERCOSPORA DENDROBII.

Some of the above attack the bulbs while others attack leaves or roots. While others hit both. Some of the flowers are hit by the potting fungi called BOTRYTIS. This fungi can also attack roots also called damping off! So lets start at the beginning. The most common would have to be the dreaded bulb rot, commonly called the "Brown Rot" most bulbous plants will eventually succumb to this disease that attacks the top of the bulb and then goes down into the bulb to rot it away. Once noticed, stop watering. Keep plant on the dry side. The main control agent is to use one of the Phosphorus acids. They come in different strengths so look at the label. Must use with a wetter, not an oil!! This will help control a lot of bulb and root rots.

Other controls include ALIETTE and RIDOMIL. For rates on use of Aliette on orchids see Alan's Pests and Disease Handbook page 63.

Many growers over the years have used many strains of TRICHODERMA. TRI-D25 is one of the main strains that is used. Spray 150g of TRI -D25 per 100 L of water. This should cover 40sq.metres every 2-3 weeks preferable late afternoon.

More next month. Alan Merriman