



REDCLIFFE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Presidents' Notes:

A minutes silence was held in honour of 3 members who have recently passed away. Kath Wanka & Beris Patching were both founding members of our Society, & Marcia Elliott being a life member. All 3 ladies were very involved with our Society and will be sadly missed. Our condolences to all of their families.

Secretarys' Report:

There were 23 in coming correspondences for the month of August, all recorded. If any member would like a copy they should contact Sharon for them to be emailed to them.

Treasurers' Report:

Lionel reported a summary of the state of finances. The report is available to view at our cultural meetings.

Topic Of The Month:

Our guest speaker for this month was Geoff Button. Geoff showed some of his tricks & tools when it comes to potting bulbophylums, as well as his inventions to help with creepy crawlies.

Bulletin Board:

*Pine Rivers Orchid Society have invited our members to bench plants at their up coming Show. Plants are required on Thursday 30th September. Show flyer is attached for details.

*Our Christmas lunch and proposed show for 2022 will be on the agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting. Watch this space for more details.

*NMQOC Inc. is offering a workshop to inform interested members on aspects relating to stewarding at shows. This offers some basic information on the duties of a steward and provides information for those currently in this role or for anyone who might be considering being a future steward. **Contact Details:**

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Date: Sunday 26th September, 2021 Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside (Entry via Kittihawke Dr.)**Time:** 9:30am for a 10:00am start. **Cost:** Free. This workshop is being sponsored by NMQOC Inc.**Format:** We anticipate there will be three half-hour sessions with a break for morning tea. Gluten free items will be available but please inform us of any other dietary requirements.

*Should you require any potting requirements ie; bark, pots, fertiliser etc. - contact Margie Beckett

*Club Shirts \$25 for shirt & name.

\$30.50 shirt, name & pocket.

Order form attached- contact Margie Beckett

***Members subscriptions will be due in February 2022. \$20 per year**

You will be able to pay at the meetings or do a direct deposit into our account.

Details are: Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc.

BSB: 064 122

Account #: 00902852

*The Rotary club of Redcliffe is holding a meeting to discuss the formation of a Diabetes Support Group to be held on the 6th October from 1 – 3 pm at Revival Green, 5/26 Baynes St. Margate. RSVP by 4th October. Contact Peter Morley 0438 667 539

Events Calendar:

RDOS Cultural Meeting Guest Speaker: October – Brian Heath

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Sun 14th November

Upcoming Shows -

September

11th - 12th Eastern Districts Orchid Society Spring Show

16th - 17th Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Show

16th - 17th 18 th Maryborough District Orchid Show

18th - 19th Rockhampton Orchid Show

24th - 25th Glasshouse Country Orchid Show

24th - 26th Hervey Bay Orchid Show

25th - 26th Ipswich Garden Spectacular

25th - 26th Bromeliad & Tropical Show at Genesis College Bray Park

October

1st - 2nd North Brisbane Orchid Show

1st - 2nd Pine Rivers Orchid Show

1st - 2nd Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Show

2nd Redlands Orchid Society

9th - 10th Queensland Orchid Society

16th Nambour Orchid Society (Species show)

Cultural Meeting Benched Plants: Judges for the month were Ellen Stoysich & Lynda Rapkins. Both ladies gave a very detailed commentary of some 61 plants. Thank you members for bringing in your plants for everyone to enjoy, and also to our judges.



PLANT OF THE MONTH

Den. Roy Tokunaga

Grown by Lionel Kirby



Cym. Kiate Nightshade
x Ruby Eyes



Den. Bunny Girl



Den. fimbriatum
var oculata



Lc. Siamese Doll



Phal. Kaaladian x
Pinnalong Memory
xx Phal. Little Pearl



Rlc. Lynn Evan



V. tricolor



Novice 1st Place
Phal. Unknown



Ctna. Cherry Valance



September meeting well attended



Members admiring plants

Congratulations to all our raffle draw prize winners.



Many happy returns for those who celebrated a birthday recently.

For those who are not feeling the best at present, we hope you get well very soon.



Next Cultural Meeting: Date: Thursday 7th October 9.30am

CWA Hall - Cnr. Victoria Ave & Georgina St. Woody Point

We ask you to please use the COVID safe check in code or manually sign the register.

Hand sanitisers will be available for use.

Tea, coffee & packaged biscuits are provided for our morning tea.

Any help in the kitchen would be gratefully appreciated.

Redcliffe District Orchid Society

Club T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

The name you want on your SHIRT: _____

Size: _____

Quantity: _____

Total Paid: _____

Cost: 1 shirt with name \$25.00

PAID YES / NO PAYMENT METHOD cash

OR card

Cost 1 shirt with name and pocket: \$30.50

PAID YES / NO PAYMENT METHOD cash

OR card

Sizing Chart

MENS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL		
Chest in cm	52	54.5	57	59.5	63	70	77		
LADIES MODERN FIT	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Chest in cm	45.5	48	50.5	53	55.5	58	61	64	67

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Membership forms are available on our web site

www.rdos.com.au

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THE HUMBLE ORCHID

Decoration, Ceremonial & Other:

Orchid flowers have been used over the centuries for decorations in many ceremonies. Commonly seen were the orchid corsages, often with *Cattleya* flowers. Bridal bouquets have frequently featured orchid blooms, particularly *Phalaenopsis*.

Many Polynesians & Asian cultures make leis of *Dendrobium* & *Vanda* flowers for a wide range of ceremonies. Orchid flowers have also been used extensively for cake decorating, drinks, dishes & floral arrangements. So much so that an orchid industry developed in Thailand where *Dendrobium* flowers were sold in bags by the kilos. Other parts of the orchid have also been used. The dried & beaten fibres of the pseudobulbs of *Dendrobium* discolor turn a bright yellow. These fibres were used in the binding for head coverings. & implements used in Australian & PNG indigenous cultures. In various parts of the world a glue substitute is made from the pseudobulbs of orchids. Commercially marketed perfumes have been produced from the flowers of a number of *Vanda* species. *Vanilla pompona* is used to flavour tobacco in Cuba. *Cattleya* plants were used as outside packing material for the protection of the precious cargo of bromeliads & cacti collected in the South Americas by early explorers for transportation back to Europe.



Medicine:

There are countless documented medicinal uses of orchids around the world. The Chinese were the first to describe & document orchids for medicinal use. *Bletilla striata* is used in Chinese medicine to stop excessive bleeding. In Japanese culture, there is a legend that an Emporer's wife unsuccessfully in conceiving inhaled the perfume of *Cym. ensifolium* and she went on to have 13 children. In Chile, *Spiranthes diuretica* is considered a strong diuretic. In Africa, various medicines from orchid species are used for stomach and fertility problems. In Australia *Cym. canaliculatum* is used as a cure for dysentery, while *Cym. madidum* is used as an oral contraceptive. *Dendrobium teretifolium* is used as a rub to relieve pain and many more.



Food:

Many orchids are rich in fibre & Vitamin C. The only commercially important food product derived from orchids is Vanilla. Most vanilla is produced from *vanilla planifolia*, but it is also produced from *Vanilla pompona* & *tahitensis*. Salep flour is made from the tubers of several orchid species. They are boiled, powdered & used as a flour substitute. When mixed with cream & sugar it makes an ice cream called Dondurma and consumed in Turkey & Greece. Many orchid flowers can be crystallised & used as edible decoration for cakes & desserts.

Apart from all of the above uses and their beauty, growing orchids is definitely good for the soul.