



## NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY Inc.

# 2022 ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SHOW

To be held at the CWA Hall, Maple Street, Cooroy

Friday May 6th - Saturday May 7th

NDOFS Inc. Members only

**Hours of Show:** 8.30am to 4.00pm Friday 6th May 2022  
8.30am to 2.30pm Saturday 7th May 2022

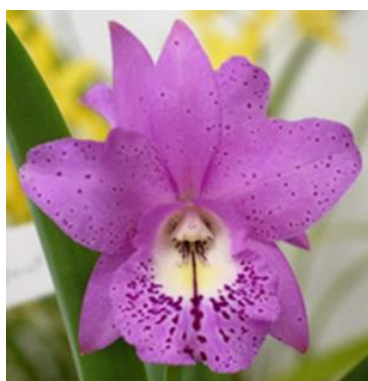
**Admission – \$4**

**BENCHING:** 3pm to 5pm Thursday 5th May 2022  
**JUDGING COMMENCES:** 7pm Thursday 5th May 2022  
**PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:** 2.30pm Saturday 7th May 2022

<b>Grand Champion Orchid</b>	Cash prize of \$100.00
<b>Reserve Champion Orchid</b>	Cash prize of \$60.00
<b>Champion Foliage</b>	Cash prize of \$50.00
<b>Champion Novice Orchid</b>	Cash prize of \$50.00

**SHOW MARSHALL** Lesley Beare ph: 0410 629 639

**ENQUIRIES:** President Dave Lyons ph: 0419 722 104  
Show Organisers Ray McEwan ph: 0400 544 262



## PRESIDENTS PIECE APRIL 2022

It was great to see so many good quality orchids in the “novice” section and elsewhere at our April meeting. This all augers well for our Mother’s Day Show, only three weeks away.

Our Show Sub-Committee has met a few times now and we think we have all bases covered, **but we need your help**. In particular setting up on Thursday afternoon (5th May) and then tidying up from 2:30 on Saturday afternoon.

At any time on Friday and Saturday before closure, we need 8 volunteers to stay on top of things – more if possible at peak times. **Julie is maintaining a roster so please put your name down to spread the load.**

Julie emailed all members the Schedule of Classes and Conditions for the show on 31 March.

There are a few other shows on in April. Five of our growers put plants in the Caloundra show recently and all five picked up a prize or two. Congratulations to Ray and Margaret, Marty and Anita, Julie and Gav, and Lois. Ray’s award winning plant lasted just long enough to take out the best specimen prize. Also the Gympie show is on soon and is worth a visit. Plants are to be benched on Friday the 29th of April. 2 pm to 5 pm. Venue: the INDOOR bowls club hall, Graham Street Gympie. Ray and I will be going and can take plants up and back for you if you can’t make it. Contact me on 0419722104 or Ray.

Finally a big thank you to the non-committee members for their on-going assistance in organising our Mother’s day show, namely Gabi Dick, Ray McEwan and Phil Barry. Gabi is our promotional officer and has organised fliers, advertising and articles in local newspapers and other forums.

See you soon.

Dave L

## General Conditions 2022 ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SHOW

1. Entries are free and open to all financial members of Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society.
2. No plant or plants may be removed from the Show until the official termination of the Show without permission of the Show Marshalls.
3. Plants not in Show Bench condition, diseased or pest infected, are not eligible as decided by the Show Marshalls.
4. All plants to be clearly labelled. (Owner’s identification and Society on reverse and plant name on the front). All exhibitors are responsible to see that all plants are correctly labelled.
5. All plants must have been owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the commencement of the Show.
6. The NDOFS Inc. accepts NO responsibility for theft, loss, destruction or damage occasioned to plants at the Show or on the sales tables. However, all care will be taken to avoid the above happening.
7. A pollinated or dead/dying or missing flower or flowers on a plant or inflorescence shall not disqualify that plant or inflorescence but shall detract from the merit of the exhibit.
8. A MINIMUM of two thirds of buds on an inflorescence must be fully opened before it is eligible to be judged unless it is the natural habit of the species to flower progressively.
9. All prize winners will be eligible for judging in selection of the Champion Orchid. After selection of Champion, the second Prize Winner in the Champions Class will be eligible for selection of reserve Champion along with other first prize winners from other classes.
10. Staking and tying to support the inflorescence will be permitted. The Judging Panel has the right to remove all staking and/or tying if necessary, to ascertain the strength of the flower spike. On all inflorescences no staking or ties are allowed on or above the pedicel or ovary of the flower. All ties must be such that they can be removed easily at the request of the Judging Panel and must allow any missing flowers to be seen clearly.
11. If there are less than three eligible entries in the class, the Show Marshalls will be consulted as to whether that class be judged, or the plants included in another appropriate class.
12. If after judging, a flower does not hold up to the expectations of its Class, it is the right of the Show Marshalls to remove the plant from the bench.
13. The Show Marshalls have the authority to remove any plant or plants from the sales table area if deemed unfit for sale.



# PLANT OF THE MONTH



Our plant Aliceara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' was bought around 2014, it was transferred from a pot to a hanging basket about 5 years ago and repotted in increasing sized hanging baskets 3 times to its current size of 450mm diameter. The potting mix is medium Kiwi bark with jumbo perlite and medium size charcoal. Back when I potted it in a hanging basket I made a T post fixed it to our back retaining wall and it has hung there out in the open getting a couple of hours morning sun about an hour of midday sun and a bit of late afternoon sun and whatever rain the heavens can throw at it ever since. I give it a spray of Cal Mag fertilizer weakly weekly and Mangozeb fungicide every couple of months. This year the flowering has been exceptional resulting in about 105 flowers on 33 inflorescences and was awarded an Award of Cultural Commendation [ 78.8 points out of 100 ] by a convened judging panel at the Maroochydore closed show 2 weeks ago. This past weekend the plant won Champion Specimen at the Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show at Caloundra. The time has arrived where Marg and I will have to decide if we will break it up or find a bigger hanging basket. Regards, Ray.



# POPULAR VOTE APRIL 2022

Class	1ST	2ND	3RD
Mini Cattleya Under 70mm	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm	Rth. CRB's Success 'Full Moon' L Walters	C Sojourn M & R McEwan	Ruby Tang Time J & G Menkens
Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm	Rlc Thaksina Gold D Lyons	Rlc Donna Kimura 'Paradise Jami' D Lyons	Rlc. California Girl 'Orchid Library' M & R McEwan
Cattleya Cluster	Rth Lois McNeil L Walters	Bc Hawaii Stars J Simmons	Ctt Lucida M & R McEwan
	Rth Netrasiri 'Starbright' J Simmons		
Cattleya Novelty	Rlc Village Chief North 'Green Genius' M & R McEwan	C. Caudebec Candy 'Freckles' x B nodosa 'Green Star' D Lyons	C CRB's Nice Spots D Lyons
	C Sara Elizabeth D Lyons		
Dendrobium Alliance	Den New Hope L Walters	Den French Rose L Walters	Den Dals Guy x self J Simmons
Natives	Den Fantasy Land x Den Lovely Girl L Walters	Den bigibbum L Walters	Den Biggibum 'Superbum' D Lyons
Phalaenopsis	n/a	n/a	n/a
Species	C mossiae M MacLachan	Gur. bowringiana J & G Menkens	Liparis condylobulbon M MacLachan
Vanda Alliance	V. Pat Delight M & R McEwan	V. Princess Mikasa 'Alba' J & G Menkens	V Adisak Happiness J & G Menkens
Oncidium Alliance	Alcra Marfitch 'Howards Dream' M & R McEwan	Alcra Marfitch A & M Vlekkert	Oncsa. Sweet Sugar A & M Vlekkert
Cymbidium	Cym Doctor Seton M & R McEwan	Cym Red Ruby A & M Vlekkert	Epi Comet Valley M & R McEwan
Other Genera	Z Goliath x Zga Maverick A & M Vlekkert	Bulb Wilmar Galaxy Star L Walters	Paph spicerianum 'M4' x Paph spicerianum 'M3' M MacLachan
	Paph Hsinying Lime x Paph Hsinying Citron		
Epidendrum	n/a	n/a	n/a
Novice	C unknown D McFarlane	Rlc Mariah Crawford's Merriment M Healy	Cym Past Its Time T Forde
	Bct Little Mermaid J Crucci		
Bromeliad	Till Fuego M & R McEwan	Brom unknown J & G Menkens	Brom unknown J & G Menkens
Anthurium	Anthurium Painter's Palette M & R McEwan	Anthurium Princess Alexia Brown L Walters	Anthurium Ariane Pride L Walters
Ferns	Fern Davallia M & R McEwan	Andiantum J & G Menkens	n/a
Foliage	Alocasia x mortfontanensis J & G Menkens	Begonia unknown J & G Menkens	Alocasia M & R McEwan



# JUDGES CHOICE - APRIL 2022

**Cattleya**  
**Intermediate 70-100mm**  
 Ruby Tang Time  
 J & G Menkens



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**Exhibition over 100mm**  
 Rlc Donna Kimura 'Paradise Jami'  
 D Lyons



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 Den French Rose  
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 Den Fantasy Land x Den Lovely Girl  
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**Species**  
 C mossiae  
 M MacLachan



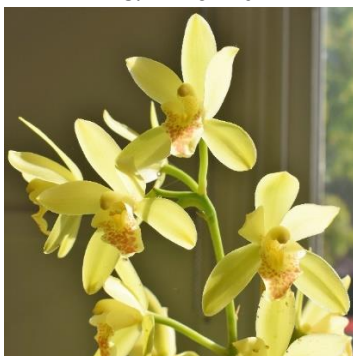
**Vanda Alliance**  
 V. Pat Delight  
 M & R McEwan



**Oncidium Alliance**  
 Alcra Marfitch 'Howards Dream'  
 M & R McEwan



**Cymbidium**  
 Cym Doctor Seton  
 M & R McEwan



**Other Genera**  
 Paph Hsinying Lime x  
 Paph Hsinying Citron



**Bromeliad**  
 Till Fuego  
 M & R McEwan



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## Anthurium

Anthurium Princess Alexia Brown  
L Walters



## Ferns

Fern Davallia  
M & R McEwan



## Novice

Bct Little Mermaid J Crucci  
Sorry. No picture available.

## Foliage

Alocasia x mortfontanensis  
J & G Menkens



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

### APRIL

23rd - 24th	Queensland Orchid Society Show	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Rd Belmont
30th - 1 May	Gympie & District Orchid Society Show	Albert Bowls Club

### MAY

5th, 6th, 7th	<b>NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID &amp; FOLIAGE SOCIETY Inc</b> <b>MOTHERS DAY SHOW - (Closed Show)</b>	CWA HALL, Maple St, COOROY
14th - 15th	Pine Rivers Garden and Plant Fair	SHOW RING 757 Gympie Rd Lawnton. Website: prgpf.com.au
28th - 29th	Queensland Orchid Society Autumn Orchid Show	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Rd Belmont

### JUNE

4th	<b>NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID &amp; FOLIAGE SOCIETY Inc</b> <b>MONTHLY MEETING – Plants benched by 12.40pm.</b>	Tinbeerwah Hall Cnr Cooroy-Noosa Rd and Sunrise Rd, Tinbeerwah.
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## TIPS ON PREPARING PLANTS FOR SHOW.

Make sure that the plant is clean, and that you have removed unsightly dead leaves and bracts. This first step makes a big difference to the way a plant appears. If the plant has dusty or dirty leaves you may want to wash them. Hold the leaf firmly by the base with one hand to make sure you don't pull it off altogether, and gently wash the leaf using a soft cloth. Popular techniques include using a mixture of water and milk or just plain water. NOTE. This technique should not be used on species that have a natural waxy bloom on leaves such as many brassavolas, (*Epidendrum*) *sophronitis*, or *Encyclia citrina*.

Make sure that the plant is in a clean pot: if the pot is dirty you may want to try cleaning it, or you may find it easier to double pot the plant into a second container. This can be quite decorative, and a number of our members use a variety of decorative pots and containers.

Please check your plants for all manner of pests and diseases. Every year the Show Marshals have the unhappy task of disqualifying the odd plant for suspected disease or infestation. It is in everyone's best interests to make sure that their plants are free of all insects and other pests. An orchid show offers a rich opportunity for all manner of nasty creatures to colonise new plants and display their maleficent claw and mandible work.

Make sure your plants are labelled clearly and legibly: the public (and other growers) want to know what plants you are showing. Whilst the good old faded plastic tag might be enough in your greenhouse, the judges need to have plants clearly identified. Write out a new tag with the plant's name IN FULL, that is write *Brassolaeliocattleya* rather than *Blc*. Also make sure that the plant has a tag with your name concealed under the pot or inside the pot: this helps avoid confusion later on.

If the plant is normally hung or suspended in your growing area it is your responsibility to ensure that the plant is appropriately staged. Some members have created a variety of stands for their plants: all you need is something that will display the plant to its best advantage. This is particularly important for plants with trailing or hanging flowers.

Staking is one of those tasks that should commence (but rarely does) early in the development of the flower spike. If staking is left too late the results can look rather peculiar, as flowers can be twisted out of position. To a large extent staking is now at the individual's discretion. The judges have the right to remove the stake if they so wish. As a general aesthetic comment, be sensible with your staking, and try to keep the stake shorter than the raceme of flowers it supports: this avoids the unsightly phenomenon of the 'tomato stake syndrome', a rich and varied forest of stakes, with the occasional flower. By all means, use additional stakes and ties to help support your flowers and racemes while you transport them to the Show but remove the 'transport stakes' once you have the plant safely benched.

Water your plants well the day before you bring them in because it will not be possible to thoroughly water them for the duration of the Show.



## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	- Dave Lyons
Show Organiser	
Vice President	- Jacqui Fray
Secretary	- Julie Menkins
Treasurer	- Sue Morrell
Committee Members	- Gavin Menkins - Jacqui Murphy - Beverly Prideaux
Newsletter Editor	- Kim Luff

## NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Cultural Advisor	- John Green
Front Entry Desk	- Gerry Cremers - Anne McGrath
Greeters	- Jacqui Murphy - Lois Walters - Jane Crulci
Judges' Choice & Popular Vote	- Rodney Marr
Librarian	- Trish Lyons - Dian James
Plant Labels	- Anita Vlekkert
Provedores	- Bronwyn Quinn - Lynne Mills
Provedore Assistants	- Dianne McFarlane - Trish Lyons - Tracey Whitbread
Publicity Officer	- Gabi Dick
Show Marshall	- Lesley Beare
STOCQ Delegates	- Lesley Beare - Ray McEwan

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**BSB: 633000      A/C NO: 156770182**

## PLANT SALES

Members are welcome to bring plants to sell at the monthly meetings (limit of 12 plants). You are responsible for looking after your own plants with \$1 from each plant sold going to the club.

Please give this money to the Treasurer.

If you are going to leave your plants unattended, please have the plants marked clearly with your name and the price.

**Be mindful of the quality of the plants you are selling:**

- Potted for at least 6 months
- Roots are well established
- 100mm pots are the minimum size
- **Disease Free**
- Show Condition

## AFTERNOON TEA

Please bring a plate of goodies to share. This food will be served with tongs to everyone during afternoon tea.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP**

## AVAILABLE FOR SALE

### Orchid Bark

Medium and Small Sized bags

Only **\$10 per bag**

**All products available for sale at the meeting.**

