

# Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

## President's report

Hi Members

November certainly started with a bang – the regular monthly meeting, plus the AGM, plus the annual awards presentations. The hall was once again full of beautiful orchids and foliage plants; so many that we had to re-lay the tables several times to fit them all in – especially the number of species orchids.

Members were advised the **container storage facility is closing in January**. Council was approached for help finding an alternate location; unsuccessfully. As moving the container and paying rent is increasingly expensive, we have decided to cease stocking bark, and sell the container. **We are selling off our bark stocks on Friday 22 November from 1-3 at Premier Box Shipping Containers, Unit 1/18 Taylor Ct, Cooroy at \$15 a bag.**

The AGM went smoothly, and I would like to repeat my thanks to the outgoing committee for all their efforts on your behalf. In particular, **I would like to thank Jacqui Murphy, who has decided to stand down after many years of service**; and to thank **Bev Prideaux who has accepted the Vice Presidency**, and to **Don Black, who volunteered to fill the committee vacancy left by Jacqui**. And of course, thank you to those executive and committee members who have agreed to serve you for another year. Thank you also to all those members who volunteered to take on the responsibility for those many non-committee positions that are vital to the smooth running of our Society. Finally, thank you also to John Simmons for running the AGM.

**This year's awards list was significantly increased, (pages 7-9) with the addition of the inaugural Ray McEwan Encouragement Award**, plus the **People's Choice awards** for the seven major orchid genera. **Congratulations to all the award recipients.**

**Thank you to Desiree Phillips for hosting the final New Growers & Species meeting** for 2024 (pages 9-10). Fortunately the weather held off, enabling those members who attended to wander through Desiree's extensive gardens and to wonder at how she manages to look after such a large property and orchid collection. Our meeting finished on a sad note, learning that Marty Vlekkert had passed away (pages 2 and 6). Our thoughts went immediately to Anita as she copes with her loss.

Finally, our **Christmas lunch is fast approaching, Sunday 1 December at the Cooroy RSL Club;** 11.30 for 12.00. And then, on **18 January, the first New Growers meeting at David and Trish Lyons.**

Regards

*Trevor Cook*



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Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Members

# Calendar of events 2024/25

## November

22 1-3pm	<b>Bark stocks sell-off, \$15 per bag</b>	<b>Premier Box Shipping Containers, Unit 1/18 Taylor Ct, Cooroy</b>
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## December

1	<b>NDO&amp;FS Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>Cooroy RSL</b>
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## January 2025

18 9-11am	<b>New Growers &amp; Species meeting</b>	<b>Dave and Trish Lyons, 158 Blueberry Drive, Black Mountain</b>
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Just a few of the many beautiful orchids grown by Marty Vlekkert: Vale Marty.





# JUDGES' CHOICE November 2024

## Cattleya Intermed. 70-100mm

**Lc.** Angel Heart 'Hihim Anu'  
T & C Cook



## Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm

**Rth** Dal's Girl 'Aerial'  
John Simmons



## Cattleya Novelty

C. Landate X C. Commet's Tail  
J & G Menkens



## Dendrobium Alliance

*Den. Amabile*  
G & A Gibson



## Natives

*Cym. madidum*  
T & C Cook



## Phalaenopsis

*Phal.* Unknown  
Lois Walters



## Species

*Max. tenuifolia*  
Lois Walters



## Vanda Alliance

*Aer. Supatra Delight*  
J & G Menkens



## Oncidium Alliance

*Onc. Speckled Spire*  
T & C Cook



## Other Genera

Z. Debbie De Mellow  
T & C Cook



## Epidendrum

*Epi. Pacific 'Candypops'*  
Tony Forde



## Novice

*Onc. sphacelatum*  
Fay Knight





### **Bromeliad**

Bromeliad Unknown  
Nitta Bettridge



### **Anthurium**

Prince of Orange  
Nitta Bettridge



### **Ferns**

Borneo Black Stem Tassel Fern  
G & A Gibson



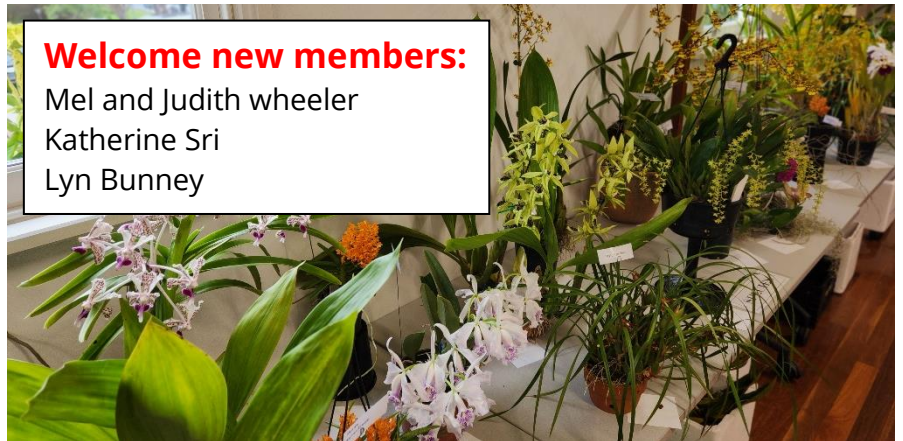
### **Foliage**

Aglaonema 'Chinese Evergreen'  
G & A Gibson



### **Welcome new members:**

Mel and Judith wheeler  
Katherine Sri  
Lyn Bunney



## **Plant of the month: Maxillaria tenuifolia**

This orchid typically grows in the Mexico - Nicaragua area and is known as the coconut orchid, for when in flower its coconut perfume fills the air.

I have had this very hardy plant for many years and have divided it several times. It is watered and fed along with all my other orchids and does not seem to be susceptible to pest or fungal attack. It's grown in small bark with perlite and charcoal added.

At present, it is growing under trees which provide dappled light in the morning, but it is exposed to the western sun in the afternoon, which it seems to tolerate.



**Lois Walters**

## Popular vote: November 2024

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
Mini Cattleya Under 70mm	–	–	–
Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm	<i>Lc.</i> Angel Heart 'Hihim Anu' T & C Cook	<i>Pot.</i> Southern Aurora X <i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Thunder T & D Lyons	–
Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm	<i>Rth</i> Dal's Girl 'Aerial' John Simmons	<i>Bc.</i> Glorious May J & G Menkens	–
Cattleya Cluster	–	–	–
Cattleya Novelty	<i>C.</i> Landate X <i>C.</i> Commet's Tail J & G Menkens	<i>C.</i> Jungle Gem 'Kelsey' J & G Menkens	–
Dendrobium Alliance	<i>Den.</i> Amabile G & A Gibson	<i>Den.</i> Gatton Sunray T & C Cook	<i>Den.</i> Unknown J & G Menkens
Natives	<i>Den.</i> <i>wassellii</i> John Simmons	<i>Cym.</i> <i>madidum</i> T & C Cook	<i>Den.</i> Gloucester Sands Dianne Jensen
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown Jacqui Murphy	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown Valerie Todd	<i>Phal.</i> Mini Unknown Jacqui Murphy <i>Phal.</i> Unknown Lois Walters
Species	<i>Max.</i> <i>tenuifolia</i> Lois Walters	<i>C.</i> <i>maxima</i> var. <i>semi alba</i> Lois Walters	<i>Laelia purpurata</i> G & A Gibson
Vanda Alliance	<i>Aer.</i> Supatra Delight J & G Menkens	<i>V.</i> Princess Mikasa 'White Angel' Barbara Woodfine	–
Oncidium Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Intergeneric 'Lemon Sorbet' G & A Gibson	<i>Onc.</i> Speckled Spire T & C Cook	<i>Onc.</i> Sherry Baby 'Red Fantasy' G & A Gibson
Cymbidium	–	–	–
Other Genera	<i>Z.</i> Debbie De Mellow T & C Cook	<i>Paph.</i> Unknown G & A Gibson	<i>Paph.</i> Bini Maud Valerie Todd
Epidendrum	<i>Epi.</i> Pacific 'Candypops' Tony Forde	<i>Epi.</i> Topaz Special Tony Forde	–
Novice	<i>Onc.</i> <i>sphacelatum</i> Fay Knight	<i>C.</i> <i>Meadii</i> Fay Knight	–
Bromeliad	<i>Ionantha</i> Stricta Nitta Bettridge	Bromeliad Unknown Nitta Bettridge	Bromeliad Unknown Bev Prideaux
Anthurium	Anthurium Black G & A Gibson Prince of Orange Nitta Bettridge	Anthurium Andraenium T & D Lyons	Anthurium T & D Lyons



<b>Ferns</b>	Maiden Hair Bev Wilson	Asplenium Hurricane Fern Bev Wilson	Borneo Black Stem Tassel Fern G & A Gibson
			Adiantum Fern J & G Menkens
<b>Foliage</b>	Calidum Unknown Nitta Bettridge	Calidum Unknown Nitta Bettridge	Calidum Red G & A Gibson
	Aglaonema 'Chinese Evergreen' G & A Gibson		
NB: If your plant name has been corrected in <b>bold</b> , please correct your label			

## VALE MARTY VLEKKERT

Marty was a real gentleman and elder statesman of our society. As such he was always keen to pass on his wisdom to others and in doing so, was much respected by members

He and Anita were very generous donating many plants as raffle prizes at Christmas parties. Moreover, before our meetings started, Marty and Anita brought in good quality orchids and foliage for members to buy at very generous prices.

Marty assisted Anita for many years checking orchid names for members, enabling members to put the correct name on their labels. It is important to do this, but it is time-consuming.

Marty and Anita grew exceptional orchids that were awarded by the Australian Orchid Council. Seven of their plants were awarded over three genera.

- Three Dendrobium – ACM (Award of Cultural Merit), ACC (Award of Cultural Commendation), HCC (Highly Commended Certificate)
- Three Lycaste – AM (Award of Merit), AM, HCC.
- One Oncidium – AM

Marty will be missed in many ways.

**Committee NDOF**

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The society has lost a member we will find hard to ever replace, and our thoughts and prayers go out to Anita in her time of loss. I first met Marty and Anita while working with John Green as Vice President of the society. Anita offered to make up the name tags for orchids being prepared for other society shows. Anita said Marty will look after the computer and I will operate it. Marty said 'I knew there was a job in it for me somewhere', and got a laugh out of all those present.

In my first year as president, they mastered Orchid Wiz, and made all our lives easier giving advice on names and spelling for all members who asked. Marty also gave us all some really good advice on growing and showing orchids.

In my second year Marty and Anita both came onto the committee and made our year so much easier. About halfway through the year, Marty gave me an orchid with a big smile on his face, telling me it had beautiful flowers but it only flowers in December so you can't show it.

I walked into my shade house today and the now two plants are both coming into bud, I am sure Marty will be having a quiet smile about this plant, I will continue to enjoy the flowers in memory of a man I know I can call a friend.

**Phil Barry**

# Congratulations to all winners of our annual awards

## New genera awards – introduced this year

### Cattleya Award

Julie & Gavin Menkens



### Dendrobium Award

Trish & Dave Lyons



### Australian Native Award

Lois Walters



### Phalenopsis Award

Lois Walters



### Vanda Award

Julie & Gavin Menkens



### Oncidium Alliance Award

Trevor & Cheryl Cook



### Cymbidium Award

Trevor & Cheryl Cook



### Epidendrum Award

Lois Walters



### Any Other Genera Award

Marty & Anita Vlekkeert





## Perpetual awards

### Reg Dyson Award for Novice

Philip Haynes



### Species Award

Trevor & Cheryl Cook



### Popular Vote Award - Orchids

Trevor & Cheryl Cook



### Judges' Choice Award

Lois Walters



### Foliage Award

Julie & Gavin Menkens



### Outstanding Service Award

Julie Menkens





## New Ray McEwan Encouragement Award *presented by Marg McEwan*

Trevor & Cheryl Cook

*Congratulations to everyone who received an award this year and thanks to all members who entered their orchids and foliage each month, creating wonderful displays.*



## Last New Growers morning for the year a big gathering

More than two dozen members enjoyed walking around Desiree Phillips' (right) property at Cooroibah and admiring her beautiful gardens, vegetable patches (old bathtubs are the answer!), shadehouses and rainforest areas despite the rain. In the 24 years since she moved in, she has done a huge amount of clearing and gardening over the almost two acres of the property. Members brought in plants with problems and species which were discussed and then enjoyed the morning tea laid out on the verandah. (Photos also next page.)

**Fay Knight**

