

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

President's report

Hi Members

It's good to see the rain has finally eased and clear skies are with us again – cold nights, but beautiful sunny days. Our orchids appear to appreciate these conditions, judging by the quantity and quality of plants benched at our July meeting.

Thank you to all the members who brought plants. As we have quoted Ray so often in the past: 'It's not about winning, it's about putting on a good show'. It is a pity there were no Novice plants benched – these meetings are a great opportunity to get advice on improving your plants. **I encourage our newer members to** take advantage of that opportunity, **bring your plants** and seek out the 'experts' advice.

Enjoy the fine weather. because **August heralds the start of the busy period** for us orchid growers – getting plants ready for **our meeting on the 2nd**, then the **Maroochydore show on the 8th and 9th**, then the **New Growers meeting at Bob and Deborah Shield's on the 16th**.

At our August meeting we are fortunate to have **David Hunter talk to us about caring for ferns**. As a **trained horticulturist and professional nurseryman**, David has a wealth of knowledge on many aspects of horticulture, but has a particular love for ferns and native orchids. His talk will be full of practical advice tailored to our conditions on the Sunshine Coast – **a talk not to be missed**.

Places are filling quickly for our **bus trip to the Bribie Island orchid show** (returning **via Robertson's Orchids**) on **Saturday October 11**. If you haven't done so already, give your details to Julie and deposit your payment (\$30) to the club account with your name as reference. Also, while you have your banking app open, if you haven't already paid, deposit your membership for 2025/26 - \$25 a single, or \$35 for a family.

Regards

Trevor Cook



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Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Members

Calendar of events 2025

August

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 | NDO&FS meeting | Tinbeerwah Hall |
| 2-3 | Port Curtis O&FS | Gladstone |
| 8-9 | Maroochydore OS Open Show | Buderim |
| 16 | New Growers' meeting | Bob and Deb Shield |
| 29-30 | Childers & Isis OS Spring Show | |

September

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| 6 | NDO&FS meeting | Tinbeerwah Hall |
| 6-7 | Orchidfest and STOCQ meeting hosted by Nambour | 114 Sportsman's Parade, Bokarina |
| 11-13 | Maryborough DOS show | |
| 12-13 | Caboolture (closed) show | Caboolture Square |
| 18 | 1pm setup; 3-5pm bench | Cooroy Memorial Hall |
| 19-20 | Noosa DO&FS | " " " |
| 20-21 | Rockhampton Orchid Society show | Robert Schwarten Pavilion, Rocky Show Grounds |
| 26-27 | Glasshouse Orchid Society show | |
| 26-28 | Hervey Bay Orchid Show | Xavier Catholic College, Eli Waters |

October

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| 1-5 | Australian Orchid Conference and show | Wilgugla Sports Complex, Woolgoolga NSW |
| 2 | NDO&FS meeting | Tinbeerwah Hall |
| 10-11 | Bribie Orchid Society Show | Bribie Island |
| 11 | Bus trip: Bribie & nursery | Bribie show, Robertson's Nursery |

NEXT MEETING: 2 August, Tinbeerwah Hall 12.30pm

12.40pm: all plants must be benched

1.30pm: meeting starts (agenda available on arrival)

Email Julie for info on bark orders, collect before meeting starts

JUDGES' CHOICE July 2025

Mini Cattleya Under 70mm

Sgr. Yokosuka Story
L Walters



Cattleya Interm. 70-100mm

(*Rth. William Farrell* x *Ctt. Aussie Sunset*) X (*Ctt. Highland Bauble* x *Rocket Burst*)
L Walters



Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm

Rlc. Burdekin Sunrise x
Rlc. Home Hill
B & D Shield



Cattleya Cluster

Ctt. Amaroo
L Walters



Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Caesar Candy
T & C Cook



Natives

Den. Island Fantasy 'Sweetie'
J & B Murphy



Phalaenopsis

Phal. Charming Crystal Water
B & D Shield



Species

Cal. vestita
T & C Cook



Vanda Alliance

V. Brightons Leopard 'Boonyarit'
B & D Shield



Oncidium Alliance

Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'
T & C Cook



Cymbidium

Cym. Aart's Dream
T & C Cook



Other Genera

Paph. crossianum x
Paph. venustum
J Murphy



Epidendrum

Epi. (Pacific Mulberry x Marine Valley) x *Epi* Wedding Valley
T & D Lyons



Bromeliad

Unknown
J & G Menkens



Anthurium

Anthurium Black Beauty
T & C Cook



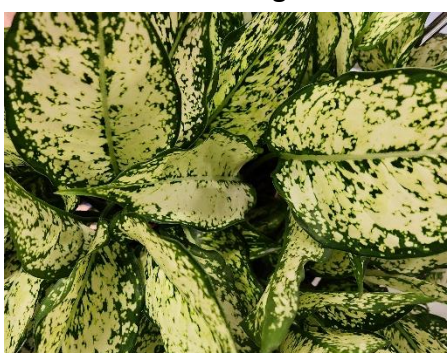
Ferns

Qld. Layered Tassel Fern
I Skipworth



Foliage

Aglaonema Snow White
N Bettridge



Memberships

NOW due

\$25 individual

\$35 family

Please pay by bank transfer or see Sue Morell at our next meeting.

Caboolture show awards three orchids



Welcome

to our new member

Laurie Daams

We encourage all members to bench plants to make it a good show



Dave Lyons was a judge at the Caboolture Orchid Society's show last Thursday and I went along as part of the training (four years to go). Fortunately we got some orchid shopping done before the serious bit of actual judging. Some stunning plants, with awards made.

Fay Knight

POPULAR VOTE July 2025

| CLASS | FIRST | SECOND | THIRD |
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| Mini Cattleya Under 70mm | <i>Rth.</i> Momilani Rainbow 'Buttercup' J & G Menkens | <i>Sgr.</i> Yokosuka Story L Walters | <i>C.</i> Unknown J & G Menkens |
| Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm | (<i>Rth.</i> William Farrell x <i>Ctt.</i> Aussie Sunset) X (<i>Ctt.</i> Highland Bauble x Rocket Burst) L Walters | <i>Ctt.</i> Tutankamen 'Pop' D Phillips | <i>C.</i> Kaye Star T'nt T & D Lyons |
| Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm | <i>Rlc.</i> Nadia Song J Simmons | <i>Rlc.</i> Bernadine Kennedy 'White Empress' T & C Cook <i>Rlc.</i> Irene Creeden 'Vocano Queen' B Wilson | <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Sunrise x <i>Rlc.</i> Home Hill B & D Shield |
| Cattleya Cluster | <i>Ctt.</i> Amaroo L Walters | <i>Bc.</i> Morning Glory 'H + R' AM/AOS T & C Cook | <i>Rth.</i> Young Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction' T & D Lyons |
| Cattleya Novelty | – | – | – |
| Dendrobium Alliance | <i>Den.</i> Airy Crimson T & D Lyons | <i>Den.</i> Caesar Candy T & C Cook | – |
| Natives | <i>Den.</i> Issy's Star X <i>Den.</i> <i>speciosum</i> T & D Lyons | <i>Den.</i> Island Fantasy 'Sweetie' J & B Murphy | – |
| Phalaenopsis | <i>Phal.</i> Charming Crystal Water B & D Shield | – | – |
| Species | <i>Cal. vestita</i> T & C Cook | – | – |
| Vanda Alliance | <i>V.</i> Brightons Leopard 'Boonyarit B & D Shield | <i>V.</i> Pakchong Blue J & G Menkens | <i>V.</i> Soroa Cherry Bomb 'Pink' I Skipworth |
| Oncidium Alliance | <i>Onc.</i> Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' T & C Cook | <i>Onc.</i> Up The Waterspout T & C Cook | <i>Onc.</i> Tsiku Marquerite Chian Tzy Grangon N Bettridge |
| Cymbidium | <i>Cym.</i> Aart's Dream T & C Cook | <i>Cym.</i> Amber Wall T & C Cook | <i>Cym.</i> Barossa Ruby 'Emily Kate' D Phillips |
| Other Genera | <i>Zygo.</i> Debbie de Melow 'Honolulu Bay' T & C Cook | <i>Paph. crossianum</i> x <i>Paph. venustum</i> J Murphy | – |
| Epidendrum | <i>Epi.</i> (Pacific Mulberry x Marine Valley) x <i>Epi.</i> Wedding Valley T & D Lyons | <i>Epi.</i> Comet Valley B Quinn | – |

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| Novice | – | – | – |
| Bromeliad | Til. Stricta N Bettridge | Til. Tectourum N Bettridge | Brom. Unknown J & G Menkens |
| Anthurium | Anthurium Black Beauty T & C Cook | Anthurium Andreanum T & D Lyons | – |
| Ferns | Qld. Layered Tassel Fern I Skipworth | Adiantum J & G Menkens | Phlegmanurus Flagellaeus New Guinea Little John Tassel J & G Menkens |
| Foliage | Syngonium Mini Pixie T & C Cook Aglaonema Snow White N Bettridge | Calathea Pinstripe J & G Menkens | Caladium Bi Colour T & D Lyons |

Updates to Plant Names that should have their labels corrected are clearly marked in blue and bigger font.

Cattlianthe Amaroo is a hybrid whose parents are *Guarianthe bowringiana* (purple) and *Cattleya milleri* (orange/red). It is considered a primary hybrid because it is a cross between two species.

Guarianthe bowringiana is a medium to large epiphytic orchid with long, upright, tall stems and grows on the rocky cliffs and on the slopes of ravines near high-speed streams. It is a native to Guatemala and Belize.

Cattleya milleri is found in Brazil and is a miniature warm to cool growing *rupicolous lithophyte which grows on iron ore outcrops or at the base of Vellozia shrubs.

I have had *Cct. Amaroo* for over 15 years, growing under 50 – 70 per cent shade cloth. I use a medium bark mix and don't give it any special treatment other than the usual dose of Plantacote and occasional foliar feed.

**Rupicolous means living or growing on or among rocks!*

Lois Walters

Plant of the month: *Cct. Amaroo*

