

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Our visitors loved our Mother's Day show, and it showed in plant sales



NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY
2026 MOTHER'S DAY
ORCHID & FOLIAGE SHOW
COOROY MEMORIAL HALL 23 Maple St
Friday 8 MAY 8.30am - 1pm Saturday 9 MAY 8.30am - 1pm

237 Maple St Cooroy QLD 4563
We supply everything including the orchid, you get to take it home!




- * \$4 admission, \$1 raffle tickets
- * Beautiful orchids and foliage
- * Lovely Mother's Day orchid gifts
- * Experienced orchid growers' advice
- * Members, giftsets plants for sale
- * Orchid literature for sale
- * EFTPOS available

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 Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Members

Calendar of events 2026

June

6	NDOFS meeting – Peter Young from Maroochydore OS; talk and powerpoint on fertilisers for orchids plus info to take home	Tinbeerwah Hall
6 TBC	STOCQ meeting	GCOS hosts
20	New Growers & Species meeting	Tony Forde, 968 Cootharaba Road, Cootharaba
20	Gympie & District Orchid Society Show (members only)	Indoor Bowls Club Hall, Graham Street Gympie

July

4	NDOFS meeting – Nick Hutchinson from Fernlands	Tinbeerwah Hall
17-18	Caboolture Orchid Society Show	TBC

August

1	NDOFS meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall
1-2	Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society Show & STOCQ meeting	Gladstone
14-15	Maroochydore Orchid Society Show	Buderim Uniting Church, Gloucester Road
15	New Growers & Species meeting	TBC

JUNE NEWSLETTER NOTE:

Your June newsletter will be delayed and will come out with the July newsletter, as a special double-edition. This is because I will be away for June and July meetings as I am travelling to China and Central Asia for six weeks. However, photos of winning orchids and events will be taken in my absence, and Rodney will also be putting up meetings photos on Facebook. If you have any good additional newsletter snaps, please email to me at fayruthknight@gmail.com

Fay Knight, Editor

RIGHT: This dress by Stephane Rolland Haute Couture was designed as the 'orchid dress', and featured on the Cannes Film Festival red carpet recently, worn by the 92 year-old Joan Collins, looking fabulous as usual. Very white, ruffled, exhibition cattleya vibes...



President's report

Hi Members

Unfortunately, I missed the May meeting, but by all reports Julie did a great job! – do I see a leadership spill coming up, or is that wishful thinking? (Just joking!)

Our Mothers' Day show (pages 8-10 and this page) **was a great success**, once again. Everything went smoothly from the set-up to the wrap-up. **Thank you to everyone** who contributed so much. To mention everyone by name would be almost a full list of members (and family). **What a great club we have!** The feedback from visitors confirms **they love what you are doing**; many saying they will make the effort to get here earlier next time.

While we are yet to get the final wrap-up, it appears **our results in numbers and dollars will be similar to last year**. For a relatively small club you filled that large hall with orchids and foliage and gave the community a great event. As always, **plant sales were a hit** (below), with flowering orchids selling quickly. Speaking of hits, **the potting workshops** (top) were well received and will be a **regular feature** of future shows. **Congratulations to all the prize winners** and to everyone who tabled so many beautiful plants.

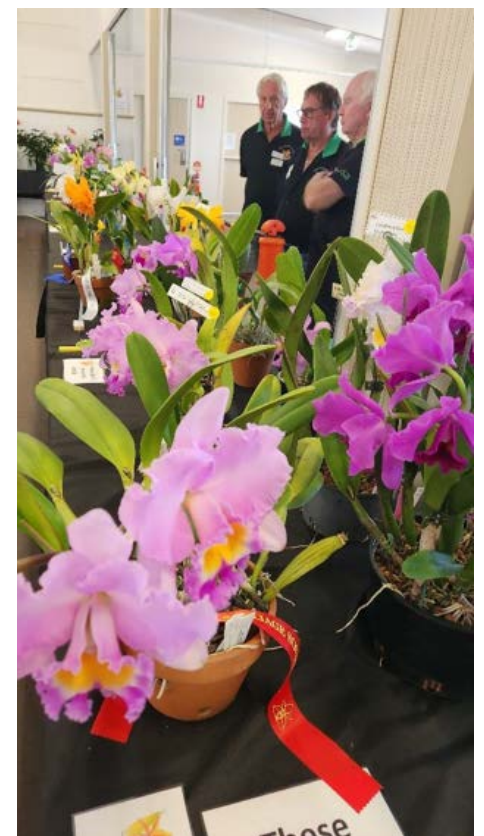
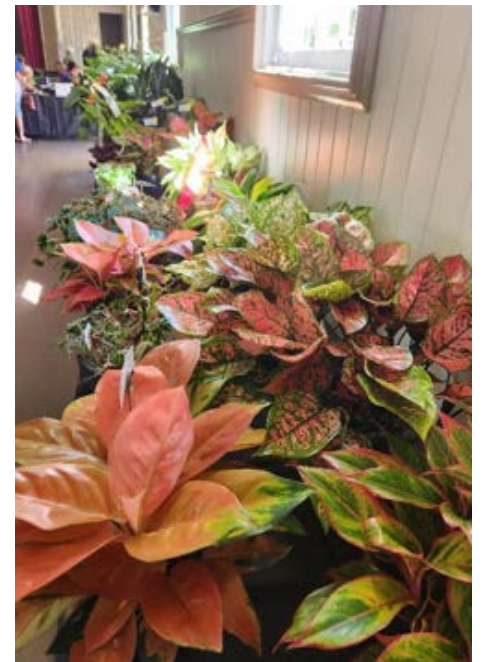
Now the cool weather is approaching, it may be the time to attend to some of those cleaning up jobs around the orchid house; and even think of other things than orchids?

Our **June meeting** will be on **Saturday June 6**, and our **guest speaker will be Peter Young** from **Maroochydore Society**. Peter will be giving us a presentation on fertilising orchids. He has undertaken extensive research on the subject, and is the acknowledged expert in Queensland. After his presentation there will be no excuse for your orchids not bursting out of their pots with award-winning blooms.

Looking forward to seeing you then

Regards,

Trevor Cook



JUDGES' CHOICE May 2026

Mini Cattleya under 70mm
C. Topaz Froglet X
Ctt. Susan Holcombe
 J & G Menkens



Cattleya Interm. 70-100mm
Bc Gulfshore's Beauty
 S Flower



Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm
Rlc. Deception Penny
 B & D Shield



Cattleya Cluster

Bc. Makai X Ctt. Loog Tone
 D Phillips



Cattleya Novelty

C. Jungle Queen
 N Bettridge



Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Blue Planet
 T & D Lyons



Species Asian

Coelogyne. fimbriata
 N Bettridge



Species American

Onc. sotoanum
 M Maclachlan



Vanda Alliance

V. Kulwadee
 B & D Shield



Oncidium Alliance

Brsdm. Golden Gamine
 T & D Lyons



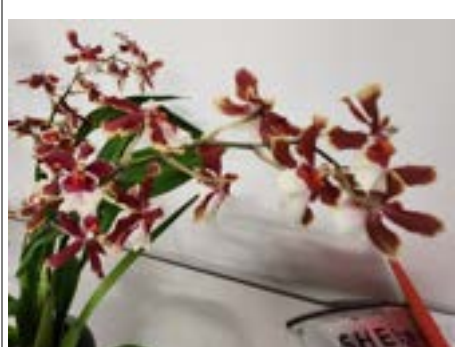
Other Genera





Fdk. After Dark
 B & D Shield



Novice

Onc. Fire Cracker
 S Lancaster



<p>Bromeliad Tillandsia Tectorum 'Fuzzball' J & G Menkens</p> 	<p>Antherium Anthurium Livium Red T & D Lyons</p> 	<p>Ferns Adiantum J & G Menkens</p> 
<p>Foliage Aglaonema J & G Menkens</p> 	<p>Anthurium Potting Mix</p> <p>2 parts coir chips 1 part coir 40 / 60 ½ part Rocky Point Coco Pro ½ part perlite</p> <p>Add slow-release fertilizer when potting up</p> <p><i>With thanks to Nita Bettridge</i></p>	

Plant of the month: *V. Kulwadee Fragrance*

This strap leaf Vanda hybrid is noted for producing large rounded flowers, often in purple, red and 'black' spot forms, and occasionally yellow.

They are primarily influenced by *V. sanderiana*, *V. coerulea* and *V. curvifolia*. They thrive in warm to intermediate conditions as the parents originate from places such as south east Asia, Thailand, Myanmar and parts of India.

They prefer high humidity (60-90%) and bright, indirect light.

Mine is grown with the rest of the Vandas under 70% black shade cloth in a high tunnel house. Nearly all my Vandas, apart from young plants, are hung; insuring air movement and drainage. Growing them in slatted baskets insures this happens. All have slow-release fertiliser and are watered regularly, especially in summer. They are not potted on regularly as they are overgrown in Spanish moss.

Deborah Shield



POPULAR VOTE May 2026

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
Mini Cats Under 70mm	<i>C. Topaz Froglet</i> X <i>Ctt. Susan Holcombe</i> J & G Menkens	<i>C. Amorn Impression</i> J & G Menkens	–
Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm	<i>Bc Gulfshore's Beauty</i> S Flower	<i>C. Orchid Affair</i> J & G Menkens	<i>Ctt. Molly Tyler</i> J & G Menkens
Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm	<i>Rlc. Midnight Delight</i> J & G Menkens	<i>Rlc. California Girl</i> N Bettridge	<i>C. Caudebec</i> X <i>Rlc. Goldenzell</i> B & D Shield <i>Rlc. Deception Penny</i> B & D Shield
Cattleya Cluster	<i>Bc. Makai</i> X <i>Ctt. Loog Tone</i> D Phillips	<i>Ctt. Little Susie</i> N Bettridge	–
Cattleya Novelty	<i>C. Jungle Queen</i> N Bettridge	<i>Bc. Keowee Mania</i> N Bettridge	–
Dendrobium Alliance	<i>Den. Blue Planet</i> T & D Lyons	<i>Den. Popeye Two Tone</i> D Phillips	<i>Den. Mikz</i> N Bettridge
Aus. Natives	–	–	–
Species Asian	<i>Coelogyne. fimbriata</i> N Bettridge	<i>Phal. pulcherrima</i> D Phillips	<i>Ornithophora. radicans</i> N Bettridge
Species American	<i>Onc. sotoanum</i> M Maclachlan	<i>Onc. sotoanum</i> N Bettridge	–
Phalaenopsis	–	–	–
Vanda Alliance	<i>V. Kulwadee</i> B & D Shield	<i>Ascda. Mokara Ruby</i> K & A McGregor	<i>V. Roberts Delight</i> T & D Lyons
Oncidium Alliance	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar Lemon Drops</i> N Bettridge <i>Onc. Howeana Lava</i> N Bettridge	<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine</i> T & D Lyons <i>Miltonia Xenia</i> J & G Menkens	–
Cymbidium	–	–	–
Other Genera	<i>Fdk. After Dark</i> B & D Shield	<i>Bulb. Vindabona</i> L Walters <i>Zygo. Meddows</i> D Phillips	<i>Paph. Invisible</i> P Barry

Epidendrum	–	–	–
Novice	<i>Den. bigibbum superbum</i> D Black	<i>Onc.</i> Heaven Scent S Lancaster	<i>Onc.</i> Fire Cracker S Lancaster
Bromeliad	Tillandsia B Prideaux	Tillandsia Tectorum 'Fuzzball' J & G Menkens	Tillandsia N Bettridge
Anthurium	Anthurium Unknown N Bettridge	Anthurium Unknown N. Bettridge	Anthurium Vanilla T & D Lyons Anthurium Livium Red T & D Lyons Anthurium Unknown J & G Menkens
Ferns	Adiantum J & G Menkens	Fern Unknown N Bettridge	Pteris Umbrosa D Hunter
Foliage	Aglaonema J & G Menkens	Begonia J & G Menkens	–

Fungal issues in cooler weather – courtesy *Red Fox Orchids*

With the recent drop in temperature and increased rain here in SEQ, conditions are ideal for fungal issues to start showing up in our orchids.

Cooler weather means plants and their potting media dry out more slowly. Combined with higher humidity levels overnight, this creates the perfect environment for fungal and bacterial problems to develop. Reduced light and slower growth also weaken plant defences, making them more susceptible.

Common issues to watch for include leaf spotting, soft or rotting tissue, and fungal growth such as mould or mildew. These can spread quickly if not addressed early.

Prevention is key. Improve airflow, avoid overwatering, and remove any affected plant material promptly. Where treatment is required, rotate fungicides with different Mode of Action groups with each application to reduce the risk of resistance and maintain effectiveness.

Always remember to use appropriate PPE when applying any chemicals.

Fungicide Rotation Guide

Type	Use For	When to Use
Copper spray	General fungal and bacterial issues	Great all-round preventative
Mancozeb	Leaf spots and markings	Use early before it spreads
Chlorothalonil	Fungal spots and mould	Good in cool, damp weather
Systemic fungicide	Rot and more serious infections	When problems are already present
Phosphorous acid	Root issues and plant health	Helps strengthen plants
Sulfur	Powdery mildew	Use in mild conditions only

Red Fox TIP: Don't use the same product every time. Rotate between different types to keep them working effectively

Mother's Day Show winners - May 2026

**Cattleya Ex. Type 110mm plus
(pred. Mauve/Purple/Pink)**
C. Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'
T & C Cook



**Cattleya Ex. Type 110mm plus:
any other colour**
R/c. Burdekin Dream
J & K Green



Cattleya Novelty
C. Jungle Queen 'Glenlee'
N Bettridge



Cattleya Ex, Type: 70-110mm
C. Minyama Magic
J & K Green



Cattleya Ex. Type under 70mm
Gr.t. Why Not
B Quinn



**Cattleya Cluster: including ex.
& non-ex. type**
C. Unknown
B Prideaux



Cattleya - Non Exhibition type
Bc. Rustic Spots 'H&R'
F Knight



Phalaenanthe - Red/Purple
Den. Popey Two Tone
D Phillips



Phalaenanthe - any other colour
Den. Chao Praya Sweet
D Phillips



**Dendrobium - incl. intermed.,
spatulata & latouria types**
Den. Gloucester Charm
J & K Green



Vanda - 60mm and over
V. Kulwadee Fragrance
B & D Shield



Vanda - less than 60mm
V. Ascda Mokara Ruby
A & K McGregor



Vandaceous - intergeneric

V. Renanstylis Azima x Perrera
Bangkok Sunset
M & J Pritchard



Paphiopedilum Hybrid

Paph. Invincible
P Barry



Australian Native Species

Den. bigibbum
I Skipworth



Oncidium Alliance Hybrid

Wilsonara Tan Treasures
S Flower



Phalaeonopsis

Phal. Unknown
S Flower



Bulbophyllum Species

Bulb. medusae
M & J Pritchard



Bulbophyllum Hybrid

Bulb. Vindabona
J & K Green



Any other Species

Ornithophora radicans
M & J Pritchard



Any other Hybrid

Fdk. After Dark
B & D Shield



Novice: Cattleya

Alyssa Valmadre 'Clifton'
D & R Black



Novice: Any other Genera

Wilsonara Pearberry 'Eye Candy'
D & R Black



Foliage Plant- 300mm and over

Aglaonema Kresna
J & G Menkens



Foliage Plant- under 300mm

Synogonium 'Mini Pixie'
T & C Cook



Bromeliad or Allied

Tillandsia Juncifolia
J & G Menkens



Fern or Allied

Phlegmariurus Phlegmarioides
Philippine Layer Tassel Fern
D & R Black



Flowering Anthurium

Anthurium Black Beauty
T & C Cook



Thank you very much

To all our members who made this show a success by helping organise the show, volunteering for set up and pack down, for the kitchen/café meals and duties, by entering your plants to make a lovely display, by spreading the word about the show, by buying raffle tickets and selling them, by bringing in plants for sale or cakes and slices for our café to sell, by working during the show in sales, in door entry, in answering visitors' questions and putting hours in each day on the potting workshops which are so popular and the myriad tasks which make each show happen.

Well done

Congratulations to our champions

From left:

Champion Foliage – Synogonium 'Mini Pixie' – T & C Cook

Champion Novice – Wils. Pearberry – D & R Black

Reserve Champion – Rlc. Dal's Girl – J & K Green

Grand Champion – Den. Gloucester Charm

