



North Moreton News

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our 40th Anniversary celebration came and went with little fanfare. The display planned for our Summer Show didn't materialise to my disappointment. These things happen and we move on as too did the year of 2023. My, it went quickly and not without some challenges for some.

Sadly we lost Trevor Leach who was a long serving NMQOC delegate for Aspley Orchid Society. Another challenge has been the long-running health/mobility issues for both Vice Presidents.

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned the need for a President to be found and again do so as the 2024 AGM is rapidly approaching.

One of my goals for the next year is to have the society delegates to be more involved in communicating both ways between the Council and the Societies. Many decisions made by Council are passed at our meetings by your representatives and in many cases, I believe, should be at the direction of the societies. This I feel is not always the case and the delegates have to make a last-minute decision on behalf of their society. My aim in 2024 is to improve the process so we are acting as the societies wish, i.e. no surprises.

I would ask that all member societies discuss within their membership what they want and need from the Council and most importantly, who is going to stand for committee positions within the Council. It's important that societies have their say in how the Council can support them.

Have a good break from orchid society business and wishing you a joy-filled Christmas with family and friends.

Trevor Porteous



NMQOC Inc. Judging Subcommittee Registrar Report

It has been a very busy year for the judges and a successful one.

At our last meeting the judges unanimously decided to promote our six Provisional Judges to Full Judge status and it great to have them on board. It will relieve a lot of the work that the other judges do. Please congratulate and support our new judges Amanda O'Reilly, Anne McGinn, Colin Barker, Hendrika Kwan, Hazel Barker and Keith McGinn as they attend your meetings. Unfortunately we have received the resignation of Callyn Farrell due to his work and study commitments. He will be missed as his knowledge was of a great standard.

Our training day went extremely well although we were down one speaker due to health issues. The two speakers, Hendrika Kwan and Amanda O'Reilly, did a fantastic job and I personally thank them very much for their efforts.

We have been asked if we could run another Stewarding course and I intend to put this to the Council with the expectation that it will be run early next year. We have run several Stewarding courses over the years to help people understand the role of a steward and so making current and prospective stewards more confident. The Societies will be informed of the date and venue for the course so please come along if you're interested (we can promise you a good morning tea).

The awards given out this year are fewer than in the previous couple of years but the ones that we did award were of exceptional quality. Since our last newsletter only one plant has been awarded, *Den. New Horizon 'Charal Mabe'* which received both an HCC and a CCC at the NMQOC Inc. Show in October.



Den. New Horizon 'Charal Mabe' HCC-CCC/NMQOC 2023
Paul Horgan

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Dave Hanlon

Registrar
NMQOC Judging Subcommittee

NM20C Inc. Species Appreciation Group

North Moreton Queensland Orchid Council Inc. Species Appreciation Group



by David James

The North Moreton Queensland Orchid Council Inc. Species Appreciation Group (NMQOCSAG) meetings are an informal “show and tell” open to all NMQOC society members.

Attendees bring along any flowering species orchids they may have, their cultural information, any botanical information they can find and they tell those present about their species orchid(s).

Having a flowering species orchid or botanical information is not a prerequisite for attendance. Those present are probably most interested in viewing the flowering species orchids and your cultural information (how you keep them alive and flower them).

When “show and tell” is completed an afternoon tea is provided to conclude the meeting. This allows the attendees to socialise and discuss orchid species.

All meeting participants are asked to donate \$1 per meeting they attend.

Meetings are currently held in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall, 2126 Gympie Road, Bald Hills.

Meetings are held every second month on Saturday afternoon from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm. In 2024 this will be the fourth Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. In 2025 the month will alter to January, March, May, July, September and November so that the full range, of as many as possible, of the flowering times of the orchid species are covered.

The dates, locations and starting times for the 2024 meetings are proposed to be (not yet confirmed and thus able to be scheduled):

Saturday 24 February 2024 in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm

Saturday 27 April 2024 in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm

Saturday 22 June 2024 in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm

Saturday 24 August 2024 in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm

Saturday 26 October 2024 in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm

Saturday 28 December 2024 in the Bald Hills Memorial Hall from 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm.

Meeting reminder notices can be emailed. Anyone who wishes to be emailed a reminder notice should contact me at davidljames@bigpond.com.

Items held by NMQOC Inc. for Society use

The following are items available to all member societies at no cost:

Tables 86 (cost if delivery and pick up required) PLEASE NOTE THAT TABLES MUST BE RETURNED IN A CLEAN CONDITION AND PLEASE REPORT ANY DAMAGE OR REQUIRED REPAIRS ON RETURN TO NMQOC Inc.

Cash drawers 5

Sorting box 1

Collection box 1

Entry ticket dispenser 1

Banners 4

Orchid show direction signs Plain 2, Charity show 2

Plant sales labels, benching labels and Bundaberg New Growers books are available at cost of \$3 each

100 sets of cutlery

25 dinner, soup and bread and butter plates

10 teapots, 8 small and 3 medium milk jugs, 9 sugar containers

8 serviette holders

Leaf blower

6 stands for hanging plants

6 Bollards – with spaces at top suitable for threading rope through

* NMQOC Inc. can organise EFTPOS machines from Bendigo Bank

To book or make enquiries, please contact the NMQOC Inc. Secretary, David Board Ph: 0400834044 or NMQOC Inc. email

NMQOC Inc. is always happy to consider any suggestions of other items the Council could provide, so please speak to your NMQOC Inc. delegate if you have any ideas.

Upcoming NMQOC Inc. Events

Aspley Orchid Society	10 – 11 February 2024 (benching 9 th February)	Mt Coot-tha Auditorium
West Brisbane Orchid Society	9 – 10 March 2024 (benching 8 th March)	Mt Coot-tha Auditorium
ANOS (Qld) - Kabi Group Inc	6 th April 2024 (benching 5 th April)	Newman Room Geebung RSL 323 Newman Road Geebung
Redcliffe & District Orchid Society	19 - 20 April 2024 (benching 18 th April)	Scarborough Bowls Club Cnr Scarborough Road & Sunnyside Rd Scarborough
Pine Rivers Orchid Society	13 - 14 April 2024 (benching 12 th April)	Kallangur State School 139 School Rd Kallangur
Aspley Orchid Society	11 – 12 May 2024 (benching 10 th May)	Wavell Heights Community Hall Murray Duus Park Edinburgh Castle Road Wavell Heights
NMQOC Inc.	29 - 30 June 2024 (benching 28th June) 7:30 pm	Mt Coot-tha Auditorium

Most societies hold open shows. For more information, see your NMQOC Inc. delegate.

NMQOC Autumn Show 2023 report

The NMQOC Inc. Spring Show was held on the 29th and 30th October and got off to a great start with several hard-working volunteers assisting in setting up the venue on the Friday. As usual, Anne and Keith McGinn brought along the multitude of tables and equipment required and David Board looked after the administrative side of the show.

The number of exhibitors was quite small but those who brought plants made a concerted effort to bring in as much as they could and we are very grateful to each and every one of them. Consequently the show was a great display of benched plants, probably one of the best NMQOC Inc. shows in recent years.

Judging of the show went well and again we were assisted by people volunteering to be stewards on the night and helping in the kitchen. The Champion table certainly was impressive. The Reserve Champion was granted an HCC and a CCC. With a flower count of almost 1000 flowers and buds on 30 inflorescences it was a spectacular contribution to the show, eliciting a lot of interest from the patrons. The Champion plant has been a winner many times and previously received an AM.

Saturday got off to a great start with people lined up at the door waiting for opening time and a constant busy flow of people until about 11:30am, at which time, an orchestral group began performing on the lawn in front of the Planetarium and sadly attendance at the show plummeted. We were told there was just nowhere to park. We all know what a slog it is to get up that hill, not to mention if you have to park some distance away, so it's understandable that people didn't get to the show.

Sunday was, as usual, quiet but steady. Due to two of our societies having other commitments and not able to provide volunteers we were extremely humbled and blessed that other members volunteered to give extra time to fulfil the rostering requirements. Overall the numbers attending the show were quite reasonable given the Saturday afternoon issues.

Volunteers are the backbone of any show and we were able to coordinate the entry, plant sales, plant minding, the kitchen, security, set up and pull down because of all the people who gave of their time and effort. You are the people who made this show such a success and while we won't name people, we are very aware of the assistance you gave and very appreciative of your support for NMQOC.



Grand Champion
Brassia Rex 'Kylie's Star' AM/NMQOC 2019
Steve & Dawn Waters



Reserve Champion
Den. New Horizon 'Charal Mabe'
 Paul Horgan



Champion Specimen
Den. New Horizon 'Charal Mabe'
 Paul Horgan



Champion Species
Coel. salvanerianiana
 Gary Yong Gee



Champion Native
Den. Cherub 'Fraser's Best'
 Paul Horgan

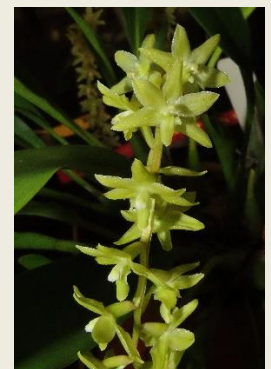
Just a selection of other plants tabled



Den. lindleyi var. *majus*



Ren. Wynn McPheeters



Dcdm. pangasinanensa



C. maxima h.f. *coerulea*



Den. stratiotes



Den. anosmum

A.N.O.S. (2ld) - Kabi Group Inc.

The year 2023 has had its ups and downs like many. The winter was tough on a number of our native plants but most pulled through.

We held our Autumn show at the Geebung RSL and had a good little show and it was also a great learning curve about that space and what can be done at the venue. We saw some high-quality plants and DUNO (nursery) also got one of their orchids awarded, so congratulations to owners Callyn and Graham. The effort of bringing the plants up to our show from NSW was worth it.

Kabi held some great social events for members with our bush house visits offering a chance to share food and see great plants while having a great yarn with others. We find these visits are a wonderful opportunity to build stronger ties between members and to share knowledge.

Our Spring Show was also a success. We were concerned we would not have enough plants for the show as many of our members' speciosums (King orchids) had already finished. We set up the tables with fingers crossed; well the plants came in thick and fast and we ended up rearranging the tables and squeezing more tables in to meet the need. There was a great range of species and hybrids on display. A few more terrestrial orchids than usual were on the tables this year, more than ever before. It is great to see these also becoming available through correct channels and being grown successfully by some of our members. There was still a great display of speciosums, and the hybrids have been growing in popularity and also diversity. The *Latourea* dendrobiums are also becoming more popular now with more breeding finally happening and becoming more available for purchase.

We have Australasian orchid vendors to help those attending the show purchase the latest breeding and to give the opportunity to talk with the plant breeders to hear what is expected of these seedlings; it's always a buzz to see what the first seedlings look like. This show also saw a few plants awarded and we send congratulations to those growers.

We have a few things planned for the year ahead and hope to see members and guests at our meetings and shows.

May you all have a safe happy festive season and see you on the other side at a meeting or show.

Regards

Harald (President)



Champion Dendrobium Species

Den. speciosum var. *curvicaule* 'Blew Moon' x 'Herbmere'



Champion Dendrobium Hybrid

Den. Duno Merilyn 'Brian'



Champion Any Other Hybrid

Den. Mini Snowflake



Champion Hybrid Specimen

Den. Living Eyes 'Maroon'



Champion Any Other Species

Ptst. erecta

Aspley Orchid Society Inc.

On Saturday May 12th, we held our May Show at Wavell Heights Community Hall. It exceeded our expectations with 361 visitors through the door. Queues for plant sales began early with the new layout in the upper hall being well received. Floral art sales remained brisk throughout (Mothers' Day weekend bonus for us!)



Champion Orchid of Show

Den. Magenta's Carroline 'Ashley'



**Reserve Champion Orchid
Champion Australian Native Orchid and Champion Specimen Orchid**
Den. Fantasy Land 'Sweetie'



Champion Species Orchid
Coel. ovalis

Benching numbers improved on last year with the *Cattleya* Alliance classes well represented.

Champion Orchid went to Robert Reitano for *Den. Magenta's Carroline 'Ashley'*.

Reserve Champion, Champion Australian Native and Champion Specimen were taken by Chris and Lorna Duffy's *Den. Fantasy Land 'Sweetie'*.

Champion Species orchid was Neville Bone's *Coel. ovalis* and Champion Novice was won by Christine Sauer with *Rlc. Aussie Sunray 'TNT'*.

All worthy winners and well deserved!

Champion Novice *Rlc. Aussie Sunray 'TNT'* (left)



On 31st August, we held a bus trip to Mt Tamborine visiting the Knoll National Park (morning tea), Windemere Farm gate and Fame Orchids. An excellent lunch was had at the Spice of Life café before visiting the shops on Gallery Walk. The trip was well supported by our members and visitors, and we hope to organise another soon.



In December, the Presentation of Trophies and Christmas Party will be at Aspley Hornets Football Club, a fun get-together to wrap up the year before getting ready for our February Summer Show in 2024.

North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc.

This year North Brisbane Orchid Society has again held an Annual Orchid Show at Mt Coot-tha Gardens Auditorium in late August. Public interest in these events seems to be continuing and attendances are always good. Plant sales are well patronised as orchids are seen as lovely gifts, or the shows are a great place to purchase plants for home and help is always available with cultural information on how to care for your new orchid plant. Our Champion orchids are shown below



Champion of Show

Ddc. cobbianum 'Gold chain'
T Truong



Reserve Champion

Paph. Fanaticum
A & K Twomey



Champion Specimen

Den. Cassiope
T Truong

Recently we awarded our Annual Competition prizes. Winners in all the categories were presented with cash prizes at our Christmas Party.



Anne and Keith McGinn winners of
Cattleya Exhibition over 90 mm,
Cattleya exhibition under 90mm,
Dendrobium, Oncidium, Vanda,
Australian Native Species, Australian
Native Hybrid, Species up to 25mm,
Species over 25mm and Any Other
Genera



Sylvia and Bob Thomas winners of
Cattleya Other



Doug and Dallas Weller winners of
Paphiopedilum



Gordon Grant
winner of Phalaenopsis



Our well-liked late member Trevor
Leitch and his wife Leonie winners of
Cattleya Cluster



John and Anne Maloney winners of
Cymbidium

The Day Meeting Popular Vote was won by Bob and Val Martin who were not present.

We wish all North Moreton members a very Merry Christmas and good growing in the New Year.

The Orchid Species Society Inc.

Our meetings provide a very friendly, supportive and educational environment for both members and for those in judging roles. It's rewarding to see members supporting the society and enjoying the presentations and social aspects of our meetings.

Orchid benching at our meetings is non-competitive, with a Cultural Plant of the Month and Plant of Interest chosen by members.

Here are those chosen at our September 2023 meeting.



Cultural Plant of the Month

Cattleya jongheana
Philip Arrowsmith



Plant of Interest

Oxysepala gadgarrensis
Bill Williams

This year we lost Dave Groffen after a long battle with cancer. Dave was a very active member of the society and was Treasurer from 2013 to 2023. He was well known for his passion and knowledge of orchids, and in particular, species and Australian Native orchids.

We enjoy collaborating with other societies and recently put in a table display at the Brisbane Orchid Society show. Lyn Groffen and Gary Yong Gee set up our first prize winning display. Many thanks to our members for contributing orchids for the display.

The Orchid Species Society display at the Brisbane Orchid Society show



Our annual show in November was a big success, with many high-quality orchid species benched. Bill Williams was awarded Champion Orchid Species with his *Paphiopedilum phillippinense*. Our show results are due to the hard work our members put in leading up to, and during the show weekend. A big thank you to everyone involved. Below are the major prize winners.



Champion Orchid Species
Paphiopedilum phillippinense
B & M Williams



Reserve Champion Orchid Species
Cattleya schilleriana 'Montville'
K Haase



Champion Orchid Specimen
Maxillaria sanguinea
B & S Brown

Our 2024 Orchid Species Show will be held at the Mt Coot-tha Auditorium with setup on Friday 27 September, and the show on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September.

You might like to visit our Facebook page, which is very popular for facilitating discussions about species orchids. Also, our website at orchidspeciessoc.org.au provides more detailed information.

For further information about The Orchid Species Society, email secretary@orchidspeciessoc.org.au or contact the Secretary, Lyn Groffen on 0403 957 225.

Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc.

Pine Rivers Orchid Society has had strong growth with new members joining during the 2023 year. Our Society continues to provide New Growers workshops on a regular basis, sometimes at different members' homes. Our experienced growers always share their knowledge with new growers.

Our monthly meetings are held at Kruger Hall, 22 Ann St, Kallangur every third Tuesday at 130pm. The meetings are well attended and very busy! We usually have the whole stage and several tables covered with flowering orchids from our enthusiastic members. Visitors are always welcome to come along, enjoy the chatter, the flowers, a cuppa and some cake.

Our regular Spring and Autumn Shows in 2023 were held in a new venue – the Kallangur State School Hall. (The entrance to this new hall is on old Gympie Road, not School Road.) What a wonderful, spacious venue it is! Our shows this year were large and the attendance was excellent. Our members brought in their most spectacular orchids. Our sales area was hugely popular too. Next year promises to be successful as well.

Pine Rivers has one unique monthly meeting in November each year where we place the emphasis on species! The November 2023 meeting was exceptional with a great display of species orchids. There were close to 100 orchids benched at this meeting. We had a specific Species competition and a regular competition as well. Our members and visitors were privileged to see some unusual orchids in full flight at this meeting!



Rhy. retusa

Champion Species Orchid
and first prize in *Vandaceous*
Species Class at the
November 23 Species
Meeting

Lynda Brown



V. curvifolia



C. purpurata



Bulb. lobbii



Bulb. bicolor



Den. lindleyi



Ctsm. Pileabrosum Green

Pine Rivers appreciates the help given by our regular judges. We also value the help given by all our members as they volunteer in various roles to help our Society prosper! We aim to provide a welcoming community group where friendship and learning are fostered.

West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc.

WBOS had a successful and rewarding 2023 with Monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month January to October at The Gap Baptist Church.

WBOS runs a New Growers Group before the General Meeting, providing practical advice and support to new (and not so new growers) on a variety of orchid growing fundamentals and topics. Each month there is a benching of flowering plants and this year has been very interesting with a wide variety of diverse orchids. Thanks to our members for sharing their plants with us on a regular basis.

We especially thank our judges for providing helpful advice and commentary backed by years of experience and knowledge. Members were always appreciative when the judges offered advice on how to improve our growing experience.



Our meeting nights have included a variety of “home grown” talent along with a selection of very knowledgeable and interesting guest speakers.

WBOS ran two very successful and well attended shows in 2023 from our Autumn Show in March to our combined Spring Show in conjunction with TAPS in September. We were able to provide a significant donation to Orange Sky Charity.

Members also enjoyed visits to bush houses during the year and we thank our members who made their properties available for these enjoyable social gatherings. A special treat was our visit to the bush house and plant collection of Robert Reitano. Everyone was very impressed with his collections and by the informative talk and advice he provided to our members.



2023 concluded with our end of year party at the Paddington Tavern where everyone enjoyed the entertainment and some very nice flowering orchids as part of our raffle. Members are looking forward to 2024 and the Orchid Growing adventures that it will bring.



NMQOC Inc. AGM

The NMQOC Inc. AGM will be held at the April, 2024 meeting.

All positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant. Please consider if you could fill one of the positions.

President

Vice President (2)

Secretary

Treasurer

Society Delegate (each Society may have two delegates attend meetings but only one vote per Society. It's recommended that Societies have someone who is able to fill in for their delegate/s should they be unable to attend a NMQOC Inc. meeting.

NMQOC Inc. holds six meetings a year, on the first Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Meetings are held at the Baptist Church Hall, Cnr. Hartley St & Musgrave Rd, Banyo

From 7:30pm to approximately 9:00pm.

NMQOC Inc. holds two shows a year which the Management Committee oversees with support from volunteers from the Societies.

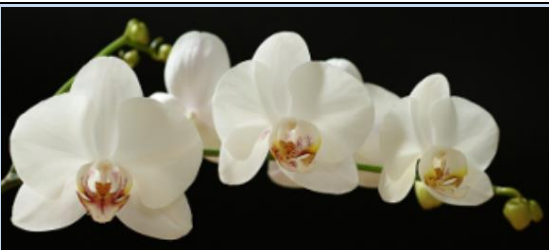
Society Delegates are the link between the NMQOC Inc. Management Committee and the Societies. Their role is to report to their Societies on NMQOC Inc. matters and to represent their Societies in discussing and informing decisions.

FOR SALE

BOX TRAILER

One of the trailers which has been used for transporting tables is no longer required and is up for sale. It is in good condition, rust free. It's a normal sized box trailer. COST is \$500

If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, David Board Ph: 0400834044



The orchid is mother nature's
masterpiece!!

North Moreton 2ld Orchid Council Inc.

Member Societies Meeting details

Society	Meeting time	Venue	For more info contact
North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc.	1st Monday 7:30 pm February, April, June, August, October, December	Baptist Church Hall Cnr Hartley St & Musgrave Rd Banyo	nmqoci@gmail.com or David Board 0400834044
Aspley Orchid Society Inc. Aspley Orchid Society holds a day meeting and an evening meeting	1 st Thursday 7:30 pm 3 rd Thursday 9:00 am February to November	Wavell Heights Community Hall Murray Duus Park Edinburgh Castle Rd Wavell Heights	aspley@y7mail.com or Ros Hunt 3865 5615
ANOS (Qld) - Kabi Group Inc.	2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm February to December	Newman Room Geebung RSL 323 Newman Road Geebung	ANOS.KABI@gmail.com
North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. North Brisbane Orchid Society holds a day meeting and an evening meeting	4 th Thursday 7:30 pm 2 nd Tuesday 9:30 am February to November	Baptist Church Hall Cnr Hartley St & Musgrave Rd Banyo	northbrisbaneorchidsociety@yahoo.com.au or Anne Maloney 3355 7175
Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc.	3 rd Tuesday 1:00 pm January to November	Kruger Hall, Ann Street Kallangur	samsaralynda@gmail.com Lynda Brown
Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc.	1 st Thursday 9.30 am February to November	Country Women's Association Hall Cnr Victoria Ave & Georgina St Woody Point	secretary@rdos.com.au
The Orchid Species Society Inc.	3 rd Monday 7:45 pm January to November	Red Hill Community Sports Club Fulcher Road Red Hill	secretary@orchidspeciessoc.org.au or Lyn Groffen 0403 957 225
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc.	4 th Wednesday 7:30 pm January to October	The Gap Baptist Church Waterworks Rd The Gap	wbossec@yahoo.com.au