

# John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

## April 2018 Bulletin



*Rth Jungle Jumbalaya*

### Society Founded 8<sup>th</sup> April 1970

Society meets at 7.30pm on the Second Wednesday each month at Oxley Bowls Club

Committee Meeting                      Mon 30 April 7.00 pm

General Meeting                         Wed 9 May at 7.30 pm

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### President's Report:

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting. It's been six years now since I was first elected as President of the John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc. and I would like to thank the members for their confidence in me and the support they have given throughout the year, for which I am extremely grateful. Thank you to the tirelessly working committee who make this club great and I look forward to another great year of fun and learning about orchids.

The judging of the growing competition occurs again tonight. The best of luck to everyone. Hopefully everyone has remembered their plant. As well, we will be giving out the new plants for this year's competition. Good luck with that as well. Hope everyone is enjoying their collections growing as a bonus.

In July we will be hosting our annual show. The committee is already on the ball with Sonia presenting the Show Schedule at our March committee meeting. We look forward to another great show with members giving their full support to the venture. Thank you to all those dedicated members who gave up their time and energy in any way to make last year's show so successful. It is vital that this show gets support since without the success of our shows we are unable to do the things we do.

As a committee we have tried to be open and accountable and are extremely happy that

members feel comfortable in approaching us with suggestions on improving our society, most of which we have tried to take on board. Thank you for the great suggestions. We have also had people come up with concerns that we hope we have addressed to everyone's satisfaction. Please let us know if this is not the case.

Last year we ran our auction and bus trip as well as the yearly show. This year the auction will be in August and the bus trip will again be in October. Final arrangements will be made at a later date - watch this space.

A reminder to members that plants may be sold at monthly meetings with no commission charged. Please feel free to give any suggestions that you think might be appropriate to our hard-working committee, who will discuss and implement wherever possible. Thank you again for a great year. A reminder too that our beautiful website created by Jennifer Radford can be viewed at your leisure with great blogs and articles which answer many of the questions growers have. Thank you to those people who are regularly inputting into the site. Have a great night and year.

Thanks

Michael.

### From the Editor

See page 4 for notes from the presentation by Brett Maloney

**Judges:- JODOS Judges: John Buckley–Don Nitschinsk --. Emeritus Judge Les Lobley – Plus  
Q.O.S. Judges**

**Life Members :- Les Lobley - Margaret Lobley - Don Nitschinsk - Barbara Shooter**

**COMPETITION WINNERS for March 2018**

<b>CATTLEYA</b>	1	G Markcrow	<i>Rsc Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross'</i>
<b>Exhibition</b>	2	J & H Rutter	<i>C Cuadebec 'Carmela'</i>
<b>Over 100 mm</b>	3	B & S Brown	<i>C Chocolate Drop x harrisoniana</i>
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	1	G Markcrow	<i>Rth Deception Variable</i>
<b>Compact / Mini</b>	2	W Semple	<i>Ctna Starrlyn</i>
<b>Under 100 mm</b>	3	B & S Brown	<i>Slc Katherine Clarkson x Rlc Sun Spots 'Svo Best'</i>
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	1	C & H Barker	<i>Rth Jungle Jumbalaya</i>
<b>Any Other</b>	2	C & H Barker	<i>C Towering Inferno 'Geoff'</i>
<b>Cluster, novelty etc</b>	3	M & B Byrnes	<i>C Cuadebec 'Carmela'</i>
<b>PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>	1		
	2		
	3		
<b>PHALAEOPSIS</b>	1	R Mollee	<i>Phal John's Second</i>
	2	S Addison	<i>Phal Tzen-Wen Sentra x Dor pulcherrima var champornensis</i>
	3		
<b>DENDROBIUMS</b>	1	R Mollee	<i>Den Buttercup</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Den Apricot Ransom</i>
	3	G Markcrow	<i>Den Blue Horn x Sakol Blue</i>
<b>ANY OTHER GENERA</b>	1	C & H Barker	<i>Phrag Noirmont</i>
	2	J & H Rutter	<i>Ctsm Marge Soule</i>
	3	C & H Barker	<i>Phrag Conchiferum 'Montville'</i>
<b>NOVICE</b>	1	C Russell	<i>Den Little Gem</i>
	2		
	3		
<b>FLORAL ART</b>	1	L & J Abbate	<i>Shades of Autumn</i>
	2	S Cavalea	<i>Shades of Autumn</i>
	3	M & N Donsky	<i>Shades of Autumn</i>
<b>VANDACEOUS &amp; OTHERS</b>	1	R & G Kerr	<i>V Fuchs Rosy Charm 'Christine'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Neost Fuchs Ocean Spray</i>
	3	M & B Byrnes	<i>V Robert's Delight 'Garnet Beauty'</i>
<b>ONCIDIUMS '&amp; OTHERS</b>	1	J & H Rutter	<i>Onc Liz 'Full Moon'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</i>
	3	L & J Abbate	<i>Onc Sharry Baby</i>
<b>SPECIES</b>	1	B & S Brown	<i>C tenebrosa</i>
	2	R & G Kerr	<i>Epi porpax</i>
	3	B Humphreys	<i>Trgl atropurpurea</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVES</b>	1	O Sengstock	<i>Den bigibbum 'Traditional'</i>
	2	G Markcrow	<i>Den bigibbum var. superbum</i>
	3	O Sengstock	<i>Den bigibbum var. superbum</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID</b>	1	G Markcrow	<i>Den John's Charm</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Den bigibbum x ??</i>
	3		
<b>JUDGES CHOICE</b>	1	C & H Barker	<i>Rth Jungle Jumbalaya</i>
	2	R Mollee	<i>Den Buttercup</i>
	3	R & G Kerr	<i>V Fuch's Rosy Charm 'Christine'</i>
<b>POPULAR VOTE</b>	1	C & H Barker	<i>Rth Jungle Jumbalaya</i>
	2	G Markcrow	<i>Rsc Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross'</i>
	3	M & B Byrnes	<i>V Robert's Delight 'Garnet Beauty'</i>

## Show Dates for 2018

<b>Society</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Apr	14 - 15	Silkstone State Primary School
Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3841 3330	Apr	21 - 22	Mt Gravatt State School Hall, Logan Rd opposite Spotlight.
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Apr	28	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland
Aspley Orchid Soc Inc 3269 7537	May	12	Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights.
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	June July	30 1	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)
John Oxley District Orchid Soc. Inc.	July	28 - 29	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)
Australian Native Orchid Soc – Kabi Group 3399 9208	Aug	18 - 19	Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3355 7175	Aug.	25 - 26	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)
Logan & District Orchid Society Inc. 3208 8721	Aug	25 - 26	Springwood Rd State School Hall
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Sept	1	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland
Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society Inc. 5543 2108	Sept	8 - 9	Canungra Hall, 3/7 Pine St, Canungra
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 0408 900 860	Sept	8 - 9	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 3245 5428 or 0438 223 880	Sept	15 - 16	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Toowoomba Orchid Soc Inc. 0424 644 068	Sept	21- 25	St Paul's Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Sept	29 - 30	Silkstone State Primary School
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Oct	13 - 14	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Boonah Charity Show 0437 923 878	Oct	20 - 21	Boonah High School, Macquarie St, Boonah
Orchid Species Society Inc. 3351 6138	Oct	20 - 21	Auditorium Mt.Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	Oct	27 – 28	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)
<b>Floral Art</b>			
<b>April</b>	<b>Eastern Influence</b>		<b>May</b>
		<b>Using Triangles</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Touch of Frost</b>		<b>July</b>
		<b>Double Delight</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>Fun at the Fair</b>		<b>Sept</b>
		<b>Let's Recycle!</b>	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>Split Level</b>		<b>Nov</b>
		<b>Night Before Christmas</b>	

# Wardian Cases and Terrariums

Brett Maloney

Orchids are sometimes grown in an enclosed container, variously called a Wardian case or terrarium. They are especially helpful if you are growing plants that like a lot of humidity and a temperature different to what you can provide naturally. They are best suited to growing miniature plants. If proceeding down this route, first decide what you want to achieve and then go about designing your enclosure. Do you want to be able to take plants out of the enclosure? If so, a Wardian case is appropriate; if not, a terrarium is appropriate. You also need to consider the enclosure, lights, water and fans.

**Watering** needs to be by a fogger with a timer to regulate the time of operation. Note that misters will exude small droplets of water and this leads to problems. Put a few inches of water in the bottom, and immerse a fogger in it. (Foggers create an ultrasound vibration that produces mist.) You will need good measurement of humidity and trial and error will give the running time and interval.

**Air Movement** is a very critical issue helping to dry out media and dry off foliage and flowers before pathogens can invade. Brett uses fans salvaged from old computers.

**Lighting** requirements depend on the orchids you intend to grow. Brett uses 12V caravan strip lights with LED tubes he obtains from Beadesert, adjusting spacing to give the required light. These are satisfactory for an enclosure height up to 700 mm. Sunlight has a colour temperature of 6,000 Kelvin while LED lights have 6,500 Kelvin.

**Temperature** is important and you need to research the temperature for the orchids you intend to grow and adjust accordingly.

Brett went on to show photos of the construction of a Wardian case 1200 by 700 by 900 high. He showed a base fully lined and sealed, the interior waterproofed with 5 coats of pond paint, features created with cork and gap filler and texture created with a mix of half sand and peat moss mixed with a sealant that was dried and brushed on. Mosses and orchids were placed as desired. He recommends a drain hole to ensure stagnant water does not accumulate.

Brett also showed a commercial refrigerator that he converted to a Wardian case. The thermostat was removed and computer control of temperature was added. Insulation allowed good temperature control. A hole to provide power access for fans and lights was added.

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