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We are currently holding our New and Interested Growers Group Meetings, and our Monthly Meetings. The Secretary will advise if the situation changes.

### Orchid News for Meetings

The **July NIGG Meeting** at Ian and Carolyn's place was cancelled due to COVID in their dome. They both survived and are looking fit and happy.

The next **NIGG Meeting** will be held on 7 August 2022 at Alwyn and Bev Heidke's place. Their address will be sent by separate email. There will be Morning Tea and a BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch provided. There will be a raffle and members can bring plants for sale. Alwyn has something special and spectacular planned for this Meeting as we will be demonstrating how to divide and repot different types of Orchids. A must attend for new growers!!!

Feel free to bring an Orchid plant/s along that is sadly needing repotting and you will be shown how to deal with the neglected. Everyone loves a repotted Orchid.

Our next **Monthly Meeting** is 18 August 2022. We will be having supper so please bring a plate for all to enjoy. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 21 JULY 2022

Our recent Monthly General Meeting was well attended with 31 people in attendance on a wet and miserable (weather wise) evening.

Aaron and Steven, the tech chaps who are the lecturers at the Bundy Library on all matters tech gave a very informative talk on smartphones and other computer info and we thank them for the efforts in answering some tricky tech questions from our members.

John Hughes gave a very informative talk on the nights winning Orchids from a judges point of view.

### **The Club merchandise is available only to BOSI members not the public.**

Please phone Bev on **0427 667 706** or Email [ahaidke@bigpond.com](mailto:ahaidke@bigpond.com) to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting. If you want to collect Items from Bev at the monthly meetings please let her know a few days prior of what you need. **Please do not ask for more than what you have ordered when collecting your items as this places our magnificent merchandising lady in an awkward position. Also if you call use her mobile number above, not the home phone.**

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Members, please note that next year is our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** so let the **good ideas fairy** visit and let the Secretary know if you come up with a cunning idea to commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup>. One suggestion already made is to grow Yellow/Golden coloured Orchids to adorn the 2022 Show photo arch for our Golden Anniversary.

## **HISTORY OF THE SUB-TROPICAL ORCHID COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND – Penned by Their Secretary John Rees**

The STOCQ was founded on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1972. It is 50 years old this year. Earlier its concept had been discussed at a picnic at Wappa Dam. It was formed to co-ordinate the activities of orchid societies in the area.

The original affiliates were societies from Maryborough, Gympie, North Coast (Nambour), Maroochydore and Sunshine Coast (Caloundra)

A line bound the area of the council from the coast just north of Bundaberg southwest toward the South Burnett and then with a straight line to the coast just south of Caboolture. Very soon after this, Bundaberg Orchid Society and Caboolture Orchid Society joined the 'Council' followed by Glasshouse Country Orchid Society. Noosa and District Orchid and Foliage Society joined next and then Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Childers and Isis District Orchid Society and, still later, Bribie Island Orchid Society and South Burnett Orchid Growers Club. Pumicestone Orchid and Foliage Society was founded later, affiliated but has closed.

From the beginning, a primary objective of the 'Council' was to produce a panel of judges to make STOCQ awards and to judge the shows of member societies by invitation and several society members trained to be judges in a course organised by the Queensland Orchid Society. A few members had completed this course by 1968 and these people, when they became full judges, ran judging classes in the area under the auspices of the STOCQ.

STOCQ awards were given at a small charge, but this charge has been waived in recent years.

In 1988 Alan Pearce, president of Gympie, headed up a team to organise Expo88 at Caloundra Civic Centre. The organisation was regarded by many as the best they have seen, and it started the concept of an Orchidfest every three years. The next is in Hervey Bay in 2023.

## HISTORY OF THE SUB TROPICAL ORCHID COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND - CONTINUED

Prior to 2009 the Orchid Council in the Capricornia area was terminated. An offer was made to the five orchid societies to join the STOCQ and its judging panel would then be called the Central Queensland Area Judging Panel of the Australian Orchid Council. The societies from that area that had approached the STOCQ were from Rockhampton, Gladstone, Capricorn (now closed) Boyne-Tannum (closed) and Emerald, which did not affiliate. They had to wait after their application in 2009 until the STOCQ boundaries were redrawn in the bylaws. Since then, Agnes Water and Calliope have formed orchid societies and affiliated.

It was recently suggested that the STOCQ area has become too big. The meeting in Childers did not have delegates from Gladstone or Bribie, which are at each end of the area and three of the other northern societies were represented by the same single person.

Until two years ago, the most popular form of show was to arrange plants in displays organised by societies. This form encouraged society members to provide plants, even if they were mediocre, to support their neighbours' shows so they would return the favour. COVID and restrictions on crowding has meant that all societies seem to have gone to benching. This makes judging much quicker and does not seem to have diminished the involvement of members of neighbouring societies.

Current executive members, Jim Evans was elected president in 2003 and John Rees in 1999. Col Parker served as treasurer for a long period and has been followed by Judy Wheeler.

The tradition of cooperation, hospitality and fellowship, which has been a feature of STOCQ all of its existence, was on display at the Childers meeting of STOCQ in July. I doubt that this exists at this level anywhere else.

## THE DEMISE OF *Dendrochilum*

Recently the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew has transferred all species within the genus *Dendrochilum* to the genus *Coelogyne*. Kew is the international authority on species classifications and records these on its World Checklist of Vascular Plants. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is the international authority on hybrids and it applies such changes to hybrids.

This has resulted from DNA studies which have impacted many genera.

One of the side effects of the change is that the genus *Coelogyne* is a feminine Latin word whereas *Dendrochilum* is masculine and some epithets have to change from masculine to feminine.

Consider *Dendrochilum grandiflorum*. '*grandiflorum*' is the epithet, is masculine and has to change to move the plant in to *Coelogyne*.

When you relabel your *Dendrochilums*, I suggest the surest way of doing it is as follows:

In the case of *Dendrochilum grandiflorum*, go to the World Checklist of Vascular Plants, <https://wcvp.science.kew.org/> and type in '*Coelogyne grand*' the site will then prompt you *Coelogyne grandiflora*.

You can do this for any *Dendrochilum* species. Generally, the feminised epithet will have only the last letters changed.

Generally, epithets that end in 'um' become 'a' so *cobbianum* becomes *cobbiana* but

*Dendrochilum convallariiforme* becomes *Coelogyne convallariiformis*

If, like me, your Latin is not very flash, go to <https://wcvp.science.kew.org> which is a more helpful site than <https://wcsp.science.kew.org/> which website is being closed down shortly.

John Rees

**MONTHLY MEETING  
ORCHID COMPETITION  
WINNERS 21 JULY 2022**



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Winner

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