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# NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

Our Annual General Meeting was held in February and the following members were elected as office bearers for 2018.
President – Paul Noone, Secretary/Publicity Officer – Jan Caban, Treasurer – Jack Caban, Committee – John Murphy, Margaret Scofield, Narelle Wynn, Gary McAteer and Manfred Marschall. Librarian – NarelleWynn, Membership Co-ordinator – Jan Caban, Plant Recorder at meetings – Margaret Scofield, Plant Recorder at Shows – Margaret Scofield, Newsletter Editor – Jan Caban, Supper at meetings – Pam Murphy. Photographer – Narelle Wynn, Patron – Shirley Wheatley.
A big thankyou to all those members who held positions in 2017.

**Sale of Plants.**
Members may now sell their plants at monthly meetings. Please put your name and the price of the plant clearly on the pot and put on table provided for sales plants. Those wishing to purchase a plant, please see the owner of the plant and pay them.

**Club Activities for the Future.**
It has been decided that our society will subsidize some bus trips during the year that the members can participate in. Please let us have your input as to where you would like to go so that we can organize this.

**Forthcoming Events**
Beaudesert Orchid Show - 10th & 11th March
Queensland Orc. Soc. Show 30th & 31st March at Auditorium Botanical Gardens Mt. Cootha
Alstonville Show 4th to 7th April at Alstonville Plaza Shopping Centre
City of Lismore Show 12th to 14th April at Lismore Centre Shopping Centre
Brisbane Orchid Society Show 21st & 22nd April at Mt. Gravatt State School Hall

## Article from member Benedicta Radic

**My First International Orchid Fair**
**The 2018 Queensland International Orchid Fair at Beenleigh was my very first experience at any orchid fair.**

**Having no idea what to expect or indeed, any idea how these affairs are conducted, I set forth with an open mind and a full wallet of cash (as instructed from one more experienced in these matters).**

**An early start and a long drive then an even longer bus trip, and I had the good fortune of meeting an excellent traveling companion which made the trip even more enjoyable.**

**When we arrived at the Fair, I must admit that I was a little taken aback at the small size of the building and the overwhelming number of cars in the carpark! I wondered how everybody fitted inside? I soon found out!**

**The place was packed with people and plants. I was impressed not only at the variety of orchids but also the variety of the sizes, prices and people. Being a novice, I had no idea about what I was looking at let alone the finer details of care. However, other buyers and sellers were very generous with their knowledge and sales information and I felt I could purchase with some degree of confidence. The tables were, in most instances, three buyers thick and one had to be patient while waiting to get a look at the goodies. I found the prices way less than I anticipated, which is always a good thing.**

**I brought home with me six new plants, five young plants in small tubes (2 Dendrobiums, 1 Stanhopea, 1 Catasetum and 1 Bulbophyllum) and one older bare rooted Encyclia. I went with what I knew and two news varieties. I was also very pleased to find a good selection of accessories such as wire hangers, hooks, clips of which I bought plenty. Our outing also included a very delightful stop at a native nursey for a most enjoyable lunch which, I thought, rounded the day out just nicely.**

**So, in conclusion. It was fun. I was positively impressed with my first experience at an orchid fair.**
**Ben Radic**

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It would be greatly appreciated if more members could submit articles for the newsletter. My thanks to Ben for her article.

## Yearly Competition Winners

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| Novice | J. Murphy |
| Ex.Cattleya | G.McAteer |
| Min.Cattleya | G.McAteer |
| Cl.Cattleya | N. Wynn |
| AO Cattleya | J. Caban, K. Rose, G.McAteer, N. Wynn |
| Dendrobium | K. Foster |
| Oncidium | K. Rose J. Murphy L. Frame P. Noone |
| Vanda | J. Causley |
| Phalaenopsis | L. Frame |
| Paphiopedilum | N. Fraser, N. Wynn |
| Cymbidium | N. Fraser |
| AO Variety | L. Frame |
| Species | N. Fraser |
| Native | K. Foster |

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS.

Judges choice overall – L. Frame

## STOCK LIST

**POTS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 80mm dome | @ | $ 0.15 |
| 100mm dome | @ | $ 0.20 |
| 120mm dome | @ | $ 0.25 |
| 140mm dome | @ | $ 0.30 |
| 120mm Slimline | @ | $ 0.30 |
| 165mm Slimline | @ | $ 0.35 |
| 180mm Slimline | @ | $ 0.40 |
| 120mm clear | @ | $ 0.25 |
| 140mm clear | @ | $ 0.30 |
| 165mmsq.vanda | @ | $ 1.35 |

**MISCELLANEOUS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stakes | 100 bundle @ | $ 5.00 |
| Yo-Yos | @ | $ 2.50 |
| Fertilizer | Blue 500 g @ | $ 5.00 |
| | Yellow 500g @ | $ 5.00 |
| Wire hangers | (currently out of stock) | $ 0.60 |
| Tags (100) | @ | $ 4.00 |

**BARK**

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|---|---|---|
| 9x12mm Small | @ | $ 25.00 |
| 12x18mm Med. | @ | $ 25.00 |
| 18x25mm Lge. | @ | $ 25.00 |
| 9x9mm Sdlg. | @ | $ 25.00 |
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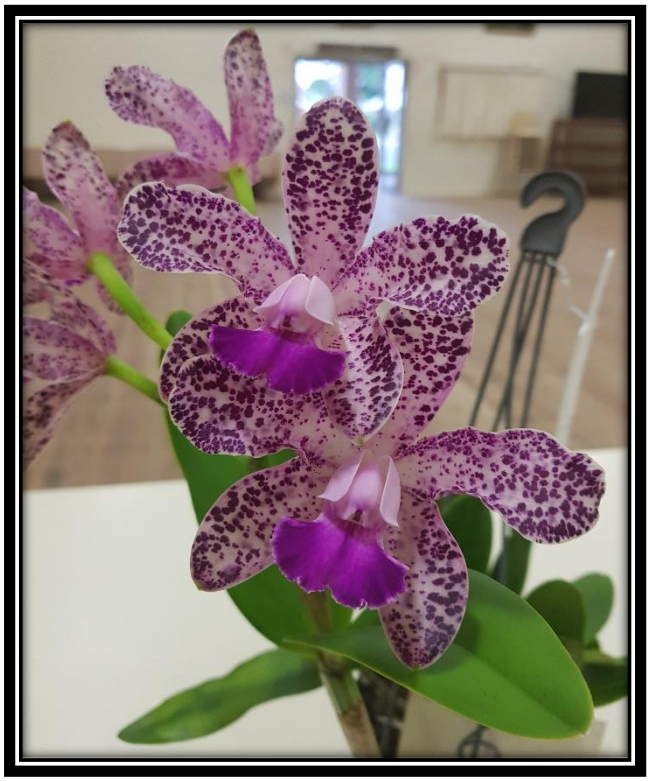
Members can purchase stock by contacting Jack Caban on 66625106.

# ORCHIDS BENCHED IN MARCH

## JUDGES CHOICE AND POPULAR VOTE - GARY MCATEER

Cattleya – Hawiaan Passion Kermit



Many thanks to Narelle for taking the photos of the orchids, as always a great job.
My apologies for not naming them, hopefully this will be resolved in the next newsletter.

The next meeting of the Orchid Society is Thursday 22nd March. Benching commences at 6.45p.m. meeting starts at 7.30p.m. It would be greatly appreciated if a few members could bring a small plate of food for supper. Thankyou.