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Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the third THURSDAY of each month at the Avenell Heights Hall, Thabeban Street.

Visitors and past members are especially welcome to attend.

Date Claimers

April 18th, 19th Rockhampton Autumn Show

May 8th, 9th, 10th Bundaberg Autumn Orchid Show (set-up 7th)

May 23rd, 24th 2015 Boyne Tannum Floral Fantasy

July 11th Wide Bay Orchid Societies Annual Orchid Workshop (Howard)

Meeting Duty Roster: April: B Group May: C Group June: Group A

My apologies for the discrepancy in last month's Roster...Editor

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: C Trudgian

2nd Prize: D Barnes

Lucky Door: N Sorenson

Exhibitors Prize: L & J Schouten

Judges Choice: Blc. Burdekin Delight x Blc. Canyon Dusk. I & C Neilson

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

Please phone Bev on 41593291 to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting.

While the Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc. endeavours to ensure reliability and accuracy in this Newsletter's editorial content, responsibility for advice and views expressed is not assumed by the Society or the Management Committee.

This month, our Club said goodbye to a special member.

Our very much loved Wally Christensen passed away.

Many of our club members attended what was a very fitting funeral service for Wally.

Wally had a remarkable career in the Navy.

On his discharge, Wally applied the roll of helping people from many walks of life.

He soon found himself talking about gardens, and so growing orchids and rare plants became a passion.

The eulogy that was read, always reflected Wally's characteristics where his symbolic need to help others was carried throughout his Naval Career and into a social life of retirement.

Wally was a walking encyclopaedia. His knowledge was measurable against none. Wally gave freely the knowledge of orchids to any one in any walk of life.

Wally will sadly be missed and our Club extends the most sincere of Condolences to Wally's family.

New & Interested Growers Group Meeting dates:

June 7th Col & Eve Linderberg

July 5th Ian & Carolyn Neilson

August 2nd Alwyn & Bev Heidke

September 6th Tony M^c Garry

October 4th T B A

(Bus Trip to be confirmed)

November 1st Col & Jule Dawson

Show Schedule Requirements.

The Class your Orchid is in, or should be in, is important.

This can be better clarified by a Judge or by contacting Bob Shield for Advise, Ph. 4155 0783.

There is a Show Schedule & Companion File available; this will be available at a meeting. A red dot sticker will be issued to Novices for identification.

Each of the groups is in competition class at the Orchid Expo.

Any member with an Orchid in the Group display is entitled to sell plants at the Orchid Expo.

There will be an allocated area for plant sales.

Once again there is a requirement for each plant, Quality, Name of Orchid and your **Pot Number** (which you were allocated when joining) and Tag.

These Tags should be obtained at the Thursday meeting in readiness for the Expo; this tag will contain all of the required information when it is delivered to the workers who man *the Plants for Sale* Stall during the Expo

A photo of the Orchid's flower would be advantageous in the selling of your Orchids. 10% commission is retained by the Club.

Show Information

The Group Display will have specific conditions, so familiarize yourself with these needs prior the Expo. All entries must be recorded with your Group Leader.

Relevant details will include Class, Plant details and Pot Number

This information has to be to your Group Organiser by Sunday 4th May. Any late entries have no guarantee of being in the show. If you have any query, ask sooner rather than later, as these organisers have a busy schedule during that week.

Please, when writing the names of your Orchids and relevant details write clearly, this has then to be clarified by Barry Barnes for final sanction before any paperwork can be finalised for the show. There is such a lot going on behind the scene, so do help those hard workers.

Your Display Leaders are:

Group A organiser is Barry Barnes...Ph. 4159 8631 be.ddbarnes@bigpond.com

Group B organiser is Bob Shield...Ph. 4155 0783 rshield2@bigpond.com

Group C Organiser is Leith Schouten...4155 6056 jandschouten@yahoo.com

Photos tabled at March Orchid Meeting



Cattleya: Rsc. Toshie Aoke Pizzazz
X
Rsc. Dals Horizon
J & L Schouten



Species: digbyana
E Linderberg



Any Other. Algra. Flying High 'Stars & Bars'

R & G Coster



Den. Den Tanida- Two Tone

A & B Heidke



Vanda. Unknown

D & N Sorenson



Novice. Rlc .Living Treasure 'Erin Gold'

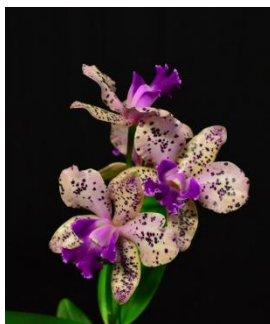
C Dawson

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NEW MEMBERS:

Sharon Howe and Rick & Bronwyn Emmerson have joined our Club.

We wish you a long and happy membership. May you learn as you expect, and we invite you to join in the many outings so that you can share in some of the best knowledge from some very talented growers.

New & Interested Growers Group:

There won't be any such meeting in May because of the Orchid Expo. The next such meeting will be at Col & Eva Linderberg, Ph. 4152 7585

Mark this on your Calendar with details of this meeting in next month's Newsletter.

As the Orchid Expo is a very busy time on our functions calendar, Members are reminded of the opportunity to meet for a Social Dinner on Saturday night May 9th.

It will be held at Across the Waves Club, 6:00- 6:30.

As this is a social event, members meet the costs personally and can make any selection off the menus available. Casual dress only.

Any enquiries can be addressed with Rob Coster Ph. 4152 7980

Orchid Expo: May weekend Thursday 7th set-up, Friday 8th 8am-4pm Saturday 9th 8am-4 pm and Sunday 10th 8am-12 noon for Presentations .

All Raffle ticket stubs are required back to the Treasurer as soon as you have sold your allocated tickets.

Any assistance that you can offer can be added to the various rosters available at a meeting. From lunch time on Thursday there is much to do so come along and be a part of the excitement of setting-up.

The theme for the Expo is 'Happy Mother's Day'.

Our Sunday 12th April social meeting was held at Alwyn & Bev Heidke's Residence. As usual we were blessed with the best of Dendrobium Orchids.

Special thanks must go to Alwyn & Bev to put on such a morning and be at the busiest time of the Orchid calendar. The orchid house was a mass of colour and presented in such a manner that each and every one of those who attended would have been encouraged to strive a little harder to achieve better results in their own houses.

Dendrobium bigibbum

Dendrobium bigibbum is a species of genus [Dendrobium](#), it has been the floral emblem of Queensland since November 19, 1959.



This beautiful but variable orchid occurs in several subspecies. It used to be prolific around Cooktown but is now rare in the wild, due to over-collecting by amateur and commercial collectors. The colour of the flowers varies from pinkish-mauve to lavender or purple and sometimes almost white, with the base of the labellum being a much darker purple.

The plants can grow up to 80 cm in height. The flowers are on canes 10-40 cm long. Flowering time is usually in the dry season between March and July; but sometimes all year in commercial cultivation.

Queensland, in preparation for its 1959 Centenary, sought advice what native species would be a good floral emblem. Specifically, the government was looking for an easily grown species found only in Queensland, which was decorative, distinctive, and close to the State colour, maroon. The Cooktown Orchid, which meets these criteria, was one of the four initial suggestions, the others being the Red Silky Oak (*Grevillea banksii*), the Umbrella Tree (*Brassaia* (now *Schefflera*) *actinophylla*), and the Wheel-of-Fire (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*). The Courier-Mail sought additional suggestions from its readers, and compiled a list of 13 possibilities. In a public poll, the Cooktown Orchid came in first place, the Red Silky Oak in second, and poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*), already the floral emblem of the capital city Brisbane, came in third.

Dendrobium bigibbum
var compactum

Dendrobium bigibbum
var coerulea

Den. bigibbum
var. superbum

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