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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

CIDOS: Autumn Charity Show – (Childers)

March Friday 20th noon set-up. Show Saturday 21st. 2015

Gladstone Orchid Show: Bill Robertson Toyota. Hansen Road.

April 3rd & 4th April 2015

Meeting Duty Roster: Mar 15. A Group Apr 15. B Group May 15. C Group

January Meeting Results:

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: G Coster 2nd Prize: B Mellefont
Lucky Door: Marg Bock Exhibitors Prize: Don Milton

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Are you a financial Member?

Your Membership Renewals are due 1st September each year

Don't miss out on your newsletter

We can all forget things when we are busy in the Orchid House.

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.

Large orders /merchandise cannot be brought to a Meeting.

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.

New Members: We welcome Chris Trudgian, Ron Stillman and Christine Tholstrup to our Club and invite you to partake in all outings so as to gain the most from your membership. Familiarise yourselves with your Group Leader and feel welcome.

The Next New & Interested Growers *Sunday Meeting*, on March 1st will be at Jean Williamson's Residence, Bring a chair and hat, and a problem plant if you want to, and Jean will do a Biopsy or an Autopsy on it for you.

A new booklet on 'Orchid Growing in Queensland' is available to all Members.

This Booklet is revised from time to time and therefore, it is advisable that our grower/members obtain a copy and be familiar with the changes that come through, be it in knowledge or techniques. This booklet is the bible of orchid growers, and recommended by thousands of growers over the years.

Ask at the next meeting for the latest booklet and notice the difference from the version tucked away in the cupboard, read it often. Many a question is asked at meetings and the answer was at your fingertips all the time.

Our Deepest of Sympathy goes to Col and Eva Linderberg in the recent loss of their Grandson. May our sincere thoughts and understanding be of comfort to you in this great loss.

Bus Trip- Rockhampton Field Day.

Members are reminded to book a seat on the bus for the trip to Rockhampton on weekend of Saturday 14th & Sunday & 15th March.

The bus will leave 6am Saturday sharp from the new terminal of Bundaberg Coaches.

This terminal is now situated on Verdant Siding, so familiarise yourselves before the time and not miss an opportunity to see some great Orchids/Orchid houses by other growers.

Cost for the weekend is \$255-couple/shared and \$127- single.

Our Annual Orchid Expo will be held in the Civic Centre again this year.

This year's Theme is "Happy Mother's Day."

New members are invited to join in and offer any assistance they may wish to and in any way they can. This is the most rewarding time on the Orchid Calendar for our club.

Just by turning up to the venue on Thursday 7th May (9am-11am) will enlighten you greatly as to what a great effort is made by such dedicated members to make this expo the success it is. Other times that may suit you can be discussed with your group leader. This event goes over 4 days.

Baking slices, biscuits and small cakes is always another way in which members can assist. Behind the scene assistance is in the catering areas.

Raffle ticket sellers are again required, either personally or at designated sites with a companion, these sites will be named at our Thursday night meetings. More details will be discussed as the time nears and become available.

Members are allowed to sell Orchids, providing, that the member has Orchids displayed in their individual *Group's Display*.

All Orchids must be free of known Disease and be well presented so as to do the club proud. All Orchids must be named with the correct information label. This label will become available soon as the organisers complete their individual duties. Ask plenty of questions at the meetings ..

Popular Votes January Meeting:



Cattleya: Toowong x Walkerina
I & C Nielson



Den. Magenta's Galaxy
A & B Heidke



Den. Blue Foxtail
C Dawson



Rhy: retusa
A & B Heidke



Oncidium: Moon Shadow 'Tiger Tail'
A & B Heidke

Orchids Tabled January Meeting



Paph. Isabel Booth

Orchidwiz

The three species in the genetic makeup of *Paph.* Isabel Booth are *Paph. philippinense* 50%, *Paph. rothschildianum* 25% and *Paph. stonei* 25%.

Light Analysis: *Paph.* Isabel Booth is composed of species of which 75% take low light and 25% take medium light. Grow this hybrid in shaded conditions. It may be tolerant of dappled light conditions.



Temperature Analysis: *Paph.* Isabel Booth is composed of species of which 100% take hot temperatures and 25% take intermediate temperatures. Grow this hybrid in hot to hot conditions, or 24°C to 29°C at night. It may be tolerant of intermediate (20°C to 24°C) night temperatures.

Water, Medium and Feeding Recommendations: 60%-70% humidity. Do NOT allow mature plants to dry out between watering. Grow in a plastic pot with media that drains well but retains moisture. Commonly cultivated indoors, fertilize weekly, very lightly (one quarter the normal dose). Common media: fine fir bark, with a little perlite.

Paph. micranthum

Common Name: The tiny flowered *Paphiopedilum*

Pronounced my-KRAN-thum (with tiny flowers)

Paphiopedilum micranthum is native to southern China, where it grows on Limestone Mountains in particular areas called "wet throats", where moisture-laden air is pushed through passes in the mountains causing the air to condense on the rocks and drip down onto the plants. The plants are very often found growing in leaf litter and decomposed limestone in somewhat vertical situations. It is not unusual for the plants' growths to eventually break off from each other and tumble down the mountainside, only to lodge in another site suitable for their growth. This moisture-laden air is quite warm in the summer with the onset of the monsoons, but in the winter the air will change and dry out, although moisture is always present at the roots. It would not be uncommon in nature to have a slight frost on the plant. The leaves of these plants have a scaly appearance when looked at under a microscope. These scales have a small appendage on top of them that is actually above the leaf itself. Frost settles on these appendages, protecting the leaf tissue below from freezing. These plants have huge flowers and generally last for about one month, sometimes longer. The size of the flower can very often equal or exceed the size of the plant

What we find hanging on the clothes line.

Stanhopea tigrina.

One of the most unusual of orchids with small ribbed bulbs and large 25cm light green leaves are like several other epiphytic orchids, but the flowers come from the base of



the plant. Stanhopea tigrina must be grown in a wire basket or a timber slatted basket thinly lined with tea tree bark or coconut fibre as the flower spike grows downwards from the bottom of the bulb, out through the roots and through the bottom of the basket and opens up to 2 or more huge tiger striped flowers as big as an open hand and around Christmas time. One of the most bizarre plants which can range from the minutely small, beautiful and to the positively ugly.

These Orchids are not fussy about the potting mix which is similar to that of Cymbidiums, loose and never gets wet and soggy, allowing them to dry out a fair bit in winter and allowing them to harden.

With 50% shade, hanging under a tree is often suitable, these orchid blooms come in cream or white with maroon blackish splotches (tigerish colouring hence the name tiger). Blooms can be up to 6-8 inches 20-25 cm across and can live from 1 -5 days only.



Stanhopea can be grown in the shade house under the bench quite successfully, remembering, to look under the basket for the flowering surprise.



Remember to support those that support our club.

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