

# Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc.

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## Newsletter

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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:**

**March 14-15<sup>th</sup>**

Field Trip to Rockhampton.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

New & Interested Growers Group Meeting.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

New & Interested Growers Group Meeting

(Due to Easter there is a change of date)

**April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

ROSI (Rockhampton Orchid Club) Autumn Show.

**May 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>**

**BOSI: (Bundaberg Orchid Society) Autumn Show.**

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

### **November Meeting Results:**

**Raffle winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: M Aplin

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: M Moore

**Lucky Door:** B Daly

**Exhibitors Prize:** T McGarry

**Bulk Booklet Orders and/or Enquires:** [jbhughes4@bigpond.com](mailto:jbhughes4@bigpond.com) Ph. 4153 6971

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.

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## Web News:

For all the Computer Savvy Members, you can now access the Orchid Club's web page through going onto Google and typing in [bundabergorchidsociety.com.au](http://bundabergorchidsociety.com.au)

This will take you to the club's information site.

## Membership News:

All new Membership will have a Joining Fee of \$25 as of October 2014.

Membership Fees will stay the same as Single \$6. Couple \$10.

All Membership outside of the 4670 Post Code will remain the same as Single \$10. Couple \$15.

All renewals of Membership are due on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

**All New and existing Membership details must be completed and correct when recording any Membership details.**

*"If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?"*

**CIDOS News:** Childers Orchid Club has a change of date for us to record on our Calendar. Childers Autumn Charity Show will be on weekend of 21th March 2015. Set-up will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. (This was printed as March 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.)



**Our photo shows a proud moment for Ian & Carolyn Nielson receiving the STOC certificate for their awarded Orchid at our November Meeting.**

**BITSOF:** (Boyne Island Tannum Sands Orchid & Foliage Society) will be holding their Orchid & Foliage Expo on 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

There is a change of Venue for Members to make adjustments on their Calendars. St Francis Catholic Primary School Hall, Francis Way, Tannum Sands is the new Venue.

All Clubs can participate in the Show, with a Show Schedule out shortly.

### **New & Interested Grower Group:**

All Members are encouraged to take the time on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and attend these social outings where there is various hands-on knowledge to gather.

If at all possible, bring a few questions about an item which you consider a problem in your Orchid House.

Next Cultural Meeting for our Sunday outing will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, at the residence of Bob & Deborah Shield. (7 Hutchins St, Branyan.)

This will be of a barbeque style meeting commencing at 3-3:30.

Members are invited to bring a Dessert. Please bring your trusty chair and hat, plate, knife, fork, spoon & cup. **(Mozzie Spray, don't forget the Mozzie spray. )**

Popular Vote Results Nov 2014



**Any Other:** Mps. Breathless  
E Linderberg



**Cattleya:** Cct. Tiny Treasure  
D & N Sorrensen



**Den.** D. Magantas Galaxy  
A & B Heidke



**Novice:** Brs. Dat Costa  
A Moore



**Species:** Den, Gibsonii  
D & N Sorrensen



Orchids Tabled November 2014 Meeting:



Judge's Choice  
Bulb. Herlyns' Delight  
B & D Barnes



Den: Hsinying Susan



Exhibitors Prize  
Tony McGarry



Phal: Smiling Dog







**Native Orchids** have been somewhat growing noticeable well this last year.

I have had the pleasure of seeing them in the wild, in their native environment on trees of particular species on private properties.

These Trees are some times of the Ironbark variety where the orchid has attached its self in the older broken limb , some on Gum trees with broken limbs from where storms have shattered the timber and made it easy for the young plants to slowly and most times 'on a wing and a prayer', stay safe and grow to bring us the beautiful specimens that must be, of many years old, and surviving through really harsh conditions.

There are literally hundreds growing on the chosen trees on the side of the road from the Boyne Valley to Bundaberg.

The Orchids most times grow on the eastern side of the host tree, but there are the lucky ones on the various directions of outer exposed limbs that survive on moisture from dew and rain and lots of luck...Ed

*These photos are by the generosity of a proud farmer/photographer..*

## **Dendrobium Beetle: (Stethopachys formosa)**

This relentless creature is one of the most destructive orchid pests. Really it is fortunate that this pest only likes Dendrobium Orchids.

This beetle is native to Australia only and has been found in Northern N S W & Northern Territory.

This critter will eat any part of the Dendrobium plant.

The Females lay eggs on new growth, buds or flowers and these eggs hatch out in 10 days where the Larvae will tunnel into the new shoots which cause decimation of the area of its *living quarters*. The Larvae will pupate in a mass of white and waxy looking material similar to that of mealy bug; this then will protect the pest before the adult emerges. The life cycle is only for a few months.

The adult has a vibrant gold stripe with a black band across its bottom and 3 black markings at its shoulders. The Larvae are cream in colour, short and covered in slime like substance, then, when they pupate they produce whitish foam and are usually found at the base of the plant

The Larvae tunnel down in the pseudobulb and new shoots and the adults will eat the base of new leaves plus any part of a flower.

Keeping the beetle out of the Orchid House is one way of control, but applying a cocktail that has more effectiveness will make more sense.

Spray with a suitable insecticide for beetles. Confidor is one of the effective sprays. This process will need to be repeated in 2 weeks because the Larvae will be protected inside of the Dendrobium cane. It is then very important to thoroughly wet the plant with Confidor.

### **Bus Trip Field Day: (Rockhampton)**

Arrangements are underway for this trip on March 14-15<sup>th</sup> March.  
Details will be available at this month's meeting.

A Seating list will be available at our meeting with Moneys payable at February's Meetings. Please phone the Trip Organiser 41527980 so as seats can be confirmed, should you not be able to attend the meeting.

It is of consideration toward the Treasurer not to leave payment to the day of the Bus Trip. Payment options are available to assist her.

Bhavana Shukla | Admin Manager/Travel Consultant

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