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We are currently holding our meetings both Monthly and New and Interested Growers. The Secretary will advise if the situation changes.

Orchid News for Meetings

Current COVID 19 Restrictions are still permissible enough for our Orchid Society to hold outdoor and indoor Meetings and the next NIGG Meeting will be held on 4 July at Ian and Carolyn Nielson's place. Their address will be sent by separate email.

Members are asked to observe all restrictions put in place by Queensland Health where there is the Presentation and Consumption of Food.

These rules only allow members to bring their own Morning Tea to this meeting. Any food available must not be shared or presented for distribution by any one during a meeting. Therefore, preventing the transition of any Virus germs.

There are no restrictions for you to bring an Orchid plant/s along to talk about, seek advice or merely have the opportunity to share your success. Everyone loves an Orchid.

Our next Monthly Meeting is on 15 July. No food or beverages will be provided or taken to these meetings.

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

Please phone Bev on 0427 667 706 or Email aheidke@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.

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POTTING DAY 1ST AUGUST 9 A.M. AT A & B HEIDKES.

As our potting day draws closer, please consider the following.

We will be having a Bunning's Style Sausage Sizzle after the morning talks.

PLEASE RSVP TO BEV HEIDKE ON PHONE 0427 667 706 OR TEXT IF ATTENDING BY THE 25TH JULY.

All new and interested growers are encouraged to attend this morning as we will be having potting demos.

If you have a plant with problems or need help on repotting or dividing a plant, you are welcome to bring It along that morning.

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Monthly Meetings

The July Meeting continues with the new format for our Monthly Meetings. The new format is to have our Judges award 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5. We will keep the same categories with the exception of the Novice Section having two prizes one for Cattleyas and one for all other novice entries. This system is working well with the exception of NOVICE Entries with very few Novices entering. **We need more entries from novices.** The new format for a popular vote is to hand each attendee a token to be placed next to the orchid that they like the most. Members are encouraged to bring in as many plants as they can carry.

It was decided at the June Committee Meeting that if any category has less than three entries they will be moved into another category.

Aside from bringing along plants, (the more the better), is that we ask you to have a label placed in the pot with the name of the orchid on the front and the owners name on the back. This is as per the system that is used at shows and if you are unsure how to do this just ask someone as most people know this system.

New and Interested Growers Group Meeting

Our June NIGG Meeting was at the home of Dale and Diana Searle who looked after us royally. Thank you, Dale and Diana you have a very impressive property and some pictures courtesy of our intrepid photographer Gerry Riemer, are below. Alwyn Heidke pointed out that that was the first time he had seen orchids doing so well under white shade cloth and surmised that it was probably due to the fact that the shade house was quite high and therefore allowed plenty of airflow to keep the orchids cooler than is otherwise the case where other than black or green shade cloth is used.



OUR NEXT BUS TRIP

Carolyn and Ian have been busy researching an agenda for our next bus trip.

The dates are 24/25 July.

The plan is to depart Bundaberg at 6.30am on 24 July stopping at Gympie for morning tea and a comfort stop.

The next stop will be the Caboolture Orchid Show where we can purchase lunch at the venue.

Next, we visit Red Fox Orchids, a stop of about 1 hour, then travel onto Garden Gems Nursery again for 1 hour approximately.

From there we go to our accommodation at Best Western Gateway Motel Caboolture.

Dinner Saturday night will be the Bowls Club Bribie Island overlooking Pumicestone Passage and then back to the motel.

You can bring your own breakfast or if you wish you can have breakfast at the motel.

Sunday, we visit The Plant Shack Deception Bay first and then onto Aranbeem Orchids also at Deception Bay.

Lunch will be at the Nambour RSL. From there we travel home. We may stop at Yandina if time permits.

Payment as per the email updates is due by 4 July.

You need to let Carolyn know ASAP of your intention to attend, as the available seats are filling up. You also need to advise Carolyn of your Dinner Saturday Night and Lunch Sunday Menu choices - ASAP.

The results of this month's Judges Choice and Popular Vote are not available as we did not hold our June Monthly Meeting due to the Avenell Heights Hall being renovated.

Acknowledgement of Bundaberg Regional Council Support to Our 2021 Orchid Show

The Committee on behalf of our members would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the Bundaberg Regional Council for their generous donation of \$1,000 via their Micro Grants Program that paid for the additional 20 tables that we needed to hold our new style of Bench Show.



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