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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:

Oct 2015: Hervey Bay Orchid Club Spring Show. (Set-up Friday night 2nd) Show Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Oct. This is a Long Weekend with the Labour Day Holiday held on Monday 5th Oct.

Nov 8th 2015: At North Bundaberg Progress Hall, Queen St.

Orchid Show/Display. Any Member wishing to sell Orchids at this Show will be committed to the Donation of a Flowering Orchid for the 'Raffle of the Day'.

Nov Fri 27th 2015 Club's Christmas Break-up Dinner. Rowers Club Hall Quay St. 6:00-6:30. Brilliant continuous Raffle, Bring Money !!

Meeting Duty Roster: **Oct: B Group** **Nov: C Group** **Jan: A Group**

August Prize Winners:

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: V Trudgian

2nd Prize: M Hood

Lucky Door: D Piltz

Exhibitors Prize: Val Trudgian

Bulk Booklet Orders and/or Enquires: jbhughes4@bigpond.com Ph. 4153 6971

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

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

As all Merchandise has to be firstly ordered by Bev, please indicate to Bev your guesstimated requirements, so as to help with the volume required.

It is of importance that you contact Bev at your earliest convenience; most of all, any large orders that is out of the ordinary cannot be met unless through early ordering and large orders will not be delivered to a Thursday Night Meeting.... Please consider Bev's position.

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Membership Renewal:

Your yearly Membership fee is now due. Single \$6 and Double \$10.

So that your Phone Number and Address can be included in our Calendar for 2016, please ensure your Membership is currently financial and your Phone Number is recorded as correct. It was noted, the occasional misprint was detected by some Members in last year's Calendar.

Our Club's AGM will be held on Thursday night of 15th October 2015. Members must be of financial status to be eligible to vote should the need arise.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome Cheryl Isles as a New Member to our Orchid Club.

We trust you will have a long and active association as a member and grow Orchids to the best of your ability.

New and Interested Growers Group Meeting:

Sunday November 1st will be held at Col and Jule Dawson's Orchid House. Check your Calendar for direction & Phone number etc.

Bring a plate for M'Tea, it is a great morning and venue. **9 am is Smoko !!**

Hervey Bay Orchid Club Spring Show '*Symphony of Orchids*' will held the first weekend in October. Members will need to have the Names of the Orchid Plants/Entries to Barry Barnes by 11:30 Sunday 27th September for Labels to be made, as late entries beyond this point cannot be prepared.

The Club encourages Young Growers, Beginners and New Members to enter into these Competitions and be surprised by what ability they have.

As this Orchid Show may have a large number of entries, it is important members make arrangements for their Orchid Entries to be transported to Hervey Bay. The generosity of the few who do most of the transporting of entries may be limited in assisting with transportation for such a busy Show.

Make arrangements early, be a good planner, help others..

Meeting Night and Problem Plants:

It is of the most importance for Members to bring along a *Problem Plant* to our Thursday Night Meetings. There is some of the best advice available out there that can alleviate any concerns that you have. Knowledge is gained through the answers you receive. We need all the possible blunders you have in your Orchid House so we can help you be a better grower. There are no secret when it comes to ordinary basic growing of an Orchid, or else, we wouldn't find the occasional Orchid strapped to a tree in someone's back yard with more blooms on it than on yours, in a nurtured environment . Bring them on...

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Winners for August Meeting



Cattleya: Rth. Redland Nugget
R & G Coster



Den: Den. Ellen
B & D Barnes



Novice: Clowesia Species
C THOSTRUP



Other: Phcal. Schroderiana
Lea Crawford



Species: C. Skinnerii
G & R Reimer



Orchids Tabled at August Meeting



Through the eyes of a beginner:

As orchid growers, we expect the best, from the start of our new found interest. But we first have to ascertain 'What Kind of Orchid I have got'.

Many new/young/ first timers go out buy up heaps and go home, water them madly, buy up big on fertilisers, literally by the shelf full, then sit back and wait for the 'didn't happen'.

Firstly find out what kind of an orchid have I got. What family does it belong too; there may be others in the family. This is very important.

It is easy to go to a meeting, listen to all the good advice and want to join in and do just that, without any knowledge of what you are doing to your orchid.

Is it a Cattleya?

Is it a Den, Dendrobium?

Is it a Vanda?

What family (genera) does your Orchid belong to? What is its genus?

The usual reply is 'I dint know', it is just an Orchid.

The needs of the above 3 Orchids have different needs of light, water, fertiliser, potting mix (Medium), air, and what you have to offer them in your backyard/ orchid house; in the form of 'atmospheric' conditions.

Start with sorting your Orchids into their individual families (genera) and address their specific needs.

Another important step to take is the knowledge of Orchid Jargon; you will understand what the 'Big Guys' are talking about if you get on board with Terminology.

Don't take on more than what 'Your Orchids' mean and need. We can sometimes get smothered with 'all that stuff' that they talk about and we walk away with utter confusion. Understand your own orchid needs first and then expand.

These are the most important steps to take; ask questions!!

All of the 'bigger' growers were once 'new' growers.

They have done some hard yards to get to where they are today; they now give basic knowledge freely to you at Meetings. Should you have the fear of speaking, write down your questions and let someone else do the speaking, take your notebooks.

That is what the Meetings are for..



Some Orchid Terms

Aerial roots—any roots produced above and beyond the potting medium.

Backbulb—an old pseudobulb behind the part of a sympodial orchid that is actively growing, though there may be a slight sign of an eye and therefore some form of hope of growth

Bifoliate—having two leaves, usually opposite each other

Cane—an elongated pseudobulb usually found on Dendrobiums

Epiphyte, epiphytic—a plant which grows naturally on another plant, though it doesn't get nourishment from the plant, Orchids naturally grow this way in cultivation.

Eye—the bud of a sympodial orchid that will eventually develop into a new lead

Foliar spray—lots of rather minor nutrients and trace elements which are beneficial to the growth of plants are sometimes best absorbed through the stomata of the orchids leaves, when mixed with water and applied by way of spray feeding

Genus-- a natural grouping (with common characteristics) of closely related species

Inflorescence—the flowering portion of a plant

Keiki—meaning 'baby' produced asexually by an orchid plant, usually when referring to Dendrobiums or Vandaceous orchids

Lead—an immature vegetative growth of a sympodial orchid that will develop into a flower producing part of an orchid

Lip—a modified petal of an orchid flower specialized to assist in the pollination of flowers and is different to the other petals

Lithophyte—is an orchid that grows on rocks (rather exposed)

Pseudobulb-a thickened part of the stem of many orchids which is a food and water storage area

Raceme—an unbranched inflorescence of stalked flowers

Rhizome—a root bearing stem of sympodial orchids that progressively send up leafy shoots

Sheath—a modified leaf that encloses an emerging inflorescence or leaf

Species—a kind of plant that is distinct from other plants

Spike-an unbranched inflorescence of unstalked flowers

Stolon—a branch that grows horizontally above the medium and produces roots and shoots at the nodes

Stomata- the breathing pores on the surface of a plant's leaves

Sympodial—an orchid which grows laterally and produce leafy growths along the rhizomes

Terrestrial—growing in the ground and supported by soil

Unifoliate—having one leaf

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