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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.

Meeting Duty Roster: February: B Group March: C Group April: A Group

Month: January

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: W. Newton

2nd Prize: J. Williamson

Lucky Door: Jeff Staines

Exhibitors Prize: Jean Williamson.

New Members: Jeff & Debbie Staines, Les & Edna Martin, Lyn Tysoe.

Visitors: Gale Woltast

This Months Talk: Sprinkler Systems and Humidity.

by Reg Dix

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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.

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. **Bev will be away until 13th March.**

Date Claimers

March 5th /March 6th 2016. Gladstone Annual Field Trip. Club will provide the bus with members paying for meals and accommodation in Gladstone on Saturday night.

The cost of the weekend will be \$70 per person for meals, plus approximately \$110 for a room on Saturday night, this includes a continental Breakfast. The Club will pay for the Bus. The meals are those provided by the Gladstone Society and include: Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. Smoko's will also be supplied.

Bookings will need to be made by close of the February meeting. Bus will leave at 6am from Bundy Coach Tours, Verdant Siding. New growers are especially welcome.

New and Interested Growers Meetings

March 13th 2016. New and Interested Growers Group meeting: 9am start at:- Christine Tholstrup's residence 116 Kirby's Road, East Bundaberg for morning tea and visit, and then proceed to Eddie Cross's residence at 30 Wilson Street.

April 3rd A visit to Rick and Bronwyn Emmerson, 2 Kentia Street, Moore Park at 9am for smoko and then on to Barry and Diane Barnes, at 11 Egret Street. Moore Park.

Sterilization of Cutters

Reg Dix, the Clubs Cultural Officer gave an excellent talk on how to reduce cross contamination of disease in your orchid house. The talk concentrated on the sterilization of cutters used in the orchid house. It is important to sterilize your cutters between plants. To do this successfully you will need the following: 3 x Storage bins (one of which should be black, air tight and approx. 3 litres – a Tupperware container painted black will suffice), Trisodium Phosphate, any number of cutters (depending on the size of your orchid house), a scrubbing brush and water.

Into the Black bin prepare a saturated solution of Trisodium Phosphate until a layer of undissolved crystals is formed in the bottom. After washing/scrubbing your cutters with detergent, place all your washed cutters in this solution (make sure that the handles are covered by the solution). Allow them to rest in this solution for at least 20 minutes. The cutters are then ready for use - remove from solution and rinse under clear water prior to use, place in clean bin (you may label this bin "Clean"). When you have finished with that plant place cutters in dirty bin (you may label this bin "Dirty"). Take another pair of cutters from the clean bin and proceed to the next plant. Once a number of cutters are in your dirty bin and if you have a lot of work to do it is best to then scrub and wash with detergent your dirty cutters and place in the Trisodium Phosphate solution making sure you allow **at** least 20 minutes prior to removal for use. Over time the trisodium phosphate solution will weaken but need only be recharged with more crystals, the water level will also drop but just needs topping up with water and observing that the solution is still saturated. Provided you clean your cutters prior to placing in the solution there should rarely be a need to throw this solution out. The cutters are not affected by the trisodium phosphate - in fact you can leave your cutters in this solution between uses, you then know they are sterilized. Further reading on this subject may be found on page 30 of the Club's booklet "Orchid Growing in Queensland" A basic Guide for all growers. **NB** Trisodium Phosphate is available to all members from the Club's Merchandising Officer Bev Heidke. Check with Bev as to price and quantity available. Cutters are also available from her. **NB** Some cutters have aluminium handles, do not place them in the Trisodium Phosphate solution as they will be corroded by this alkaline solution. It is best to use carbon steel or the stainless steel cutters available from Bev at all times.

**Reg Dix's correct contact details are as follows: 104 Kepnock Road 4670
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Novice

Ctsm. Rebecca Northern

G & N Sargent



C, Caudebec x C. Lumita

B & D Barnes
Best Cattleya



Any Other

Onsca. Alosuka

C. Trudgian

Dendrobium

Den. Miss Singapore

A & B Heidke





Species and Judges Choice

Rhy. Retusa

A & B Heidke



Vanda

V. Ladda Gold

R & B Emmerson

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Jamieson Webb
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The Orchid House, situated in the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens, welcomes John Hughes on Wednesday, 2nd March from 10am. John will talk on exciting new innovations in orchid culture that he has adopted for use in his own orchid collection. John and his wife Bethyl are life members of the Bundaberg Orchid Society and have been members of the American Orchid Society since 1970. John's love of orchids began in 1966 and he has since collected several thousand of different genera and personally created many hybrids especially of the *Cattleya* alliance. John's passion and eye for detail led him to become an orchid judge and he has had many informative articles published, including a contribution to *Growing Orchids in Queensland*, a book which is regarded as the beginner's bible for orchid growers in Southern Queensland. Please come along and listen to John as he shares his enthusiasm for these unique plants. Hopefully John will have some of his quality orchids for sale on the day.

\$3 entry includes a cup of tea or coffee. It would be appreciated if attendees could bring a fold-up chair for personal use.

For enquiries, please phone Darryl on 0448001759 or the Orchid House on 41259870.

Diamond Festival of Orchids
Sub Tropical Orchid Council Queensland Inc.
Triennial Orchid festival 2016
Hosted by Nambour Orchid Society Inc.



Saturday June 11 & Sunday June 12, 2016

Featuring the best Orchids South East Qld has to offer

Vendors selling orchids and supplies Art, Craft & Photography Displays

Demonstrations of Potting, Craft & Botanical Art

Five Guest Speakers over two days

Catering by Caloundra Meals on Wheels

Lake Kawana Community Centre

114 Sportsmans Parade Bokarina, Sunshine Coast, QLD 4575

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Club Notes: 1. Any member who has not received their 2016 Calendar, please contact Jean Williamson or Robert Shields to arrange collection.

2. The BOSI Show will be held on 6th, 7th & 8th May 2016.

3. The Theme for this years May Show will be “Your Favourite Song Title”.

4. STOC Meeting – hosted by our Club and is to be held at the Barga Cultural Hall, Cnr. Hughes and Watson Roads. Saturday 12th November 2016.

5. Our spring show will be held on the 15/16th October in the North Progress Hall.



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