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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 Claimer

New and Interested Growers Group Meeting: Sunday, August 7th. Potting Demonstration: Bev and Alwyn Heidke, 159 Heidke Road, Bundaberg. 9am start, Please bring a plate for smoko, and some orchids that need repotting and you will be guided through the process. This is hands on and you will do the repotting. Experienced growers are also required to help with the “teaching”. Bring a chair and don’t forget Alwyn’s smoko. Orders for potting supplies can also be picked up at this time.

New and Interested Growers Group Meeting: September 4th – Jean Williamson.

Meeting Duty Roster: July: A Group August: B Group September: C Group

Month: June

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: Heather Silkstone

2nd Prize: Bronwyn Emmerson

Lucky Door: Annette Moore

Exhibitors Prize: Tony Mc Garry

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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.

Visitor: Jenny Brooks

NAME BADGES

Members are requested to wear their name badges. To further encourage this practice, commencing with the August meeting, a member will be ineligible to win the lucky door prize if they are not wearing their badge. Temporary badges are available to be made on the day.

Howard Trip

Some forty members travelled to Howard for the Workshop on Saturday 9th July. The weather was reasonably kind. The talks were interesting and generally appreciated by all who attended.



More Orchid Terms

Node: A swelling on an orchid spike. Orchids sometimes produce [side shoots](#) from nodes that are still healthy (i.e., green and plump).

NOID: An acronym for “no identification”. This is used for any orchid whose exact species is unknown. Most orchids available for sale at big box stores are NOID.

Pseudobulb: This is the storage reservoir on sympodial orchids such as Oncidiums, Cattleyas, Zygopetalums, and many, many other orchid genera. A pseudobulb is a part of the plant that can appear as a normal stem or a large, swollen growth. Leaves and – ultimately – spikes grow off of pseudobulbs. The pseudobulb stores water and nutrients that the plant needs to thrive.

Rhizome: The horizontal stem of an orchid that is usually found growing underground, but sometimes at or just above the surface. Rhizomes are responsible for producing new roots and shoots.

Sheath: A leaf pocket that holds one or more flower buds until they are ready to bloom. Some types of orchids that produce sheaths are Cattleyas and Paphiopedilums.

Side shoot: A new spike that sprouts from the node of an already established flower spike. Often produces more blooms!

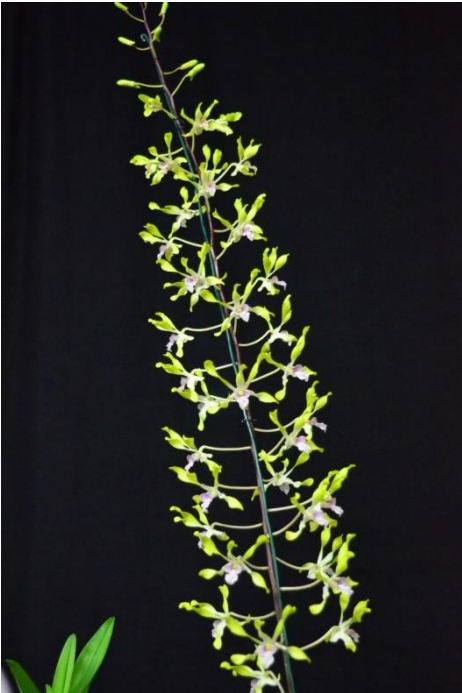
AGNESWATER ORCHID SHOW

The Club has been invited to show a table at their Show on the 13/14th August. If you wish to show a plant please have the names into Barry Barnes by Saturday 6th August .Bob Shield will be going up and if you cannot go but would still like to show a plant he will take it for you. Please have it to Bob by 10.30am on Friday 12th .For others who are going up, set up is noon to 5pm on Friday. New members are especially invited to have a go.

Popular Vote Results

Judges Choice

Any Other



Den. Fraser's Sulphur Dragon

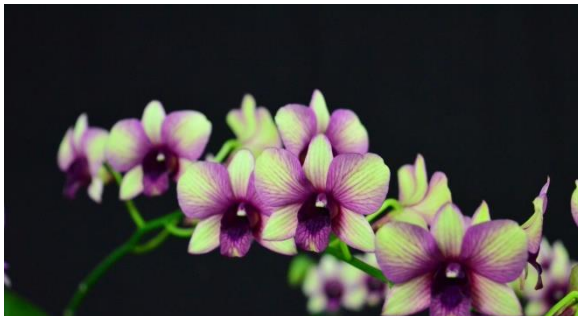
R. Dix



Dgma. Flying High

R & G Coster

Dendrobium



Den. Nopporn Green Star

R & D Shield

Cattleya

Rlc. Melody Fair
A & B Heidke



Novice

Phal. Unknown
N.G.Sargent



AAA
Electrical & Plumbing



Species

Phal. pallens
R & B Emmerson



Vanda

Phal Tiannong Glory
R & D Shield



CULTURAL NOTES

As seasons change orchids require a variation in their care. Below is Guide for such care – in this case as we change from winter to spring.

August	WATER REQUIREMENTS	FERTILISER	PEST CONTROL	OTHER
CATTELEYA ALLIANCE	Water weekly for larger pots every two to three days smaller pots	Fertilise every two weeks quarter strength with high PK.	Use a fungicide every three weeks. Look for evidence of scale	Water only of a morning on clear sunny days.
Dendrobium. Hard-canes	Water only if signs of dehydration of the canes	Do not fertilise	As above	Note should signs of new growth appear increase watering . This may be evident towards the end of the month
Dendrobiums Soft-canes	Water only once a week	Do not fertilise	As above	There should be evidence of flower spikes along the canes. Stake with minimal stakes.
Phalaenopsis	Twice per week early morning	Fortnightly quarter to half strength using high PK fertiliser	As above but also Watch for evidence of crown rot.	Flower spikes may start to appear. Increase humidity by spraying under benches.
Paphiopedilum	Water directly into pots, not over the plant weekly on larger pots every 3 days smaller pots	Monthly using a high PK fertiliser at half strength	As with Phal.	Mix should be kept moist but not wet. Mix should not completely dry out
Vanda	Water weekly. Misting of the exposed root system will help.	As above	As with Cattleya	Keep plants warm of a night with a cover will assist in the prevention of leaf drop.

General. August is a change of season month here in Bundaberg. Particular attention should be given as the temperature increases towards the end of the month. Keep an eye on the development of root growth especially in Uni- Growth Cattleyas (single leaved). Preparation for the potting season should now be under way this month (July). Treatment of bark and other potting materials with Calcium Nitrate and Algenox. All used pots should be sterilised in preparation for the coming season.

Watering of plants should increase as the temperature rises, but keep an eye on the weather as a cold front may still come through. The Bureau of Meteorology is your best friend <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/map7day.shtml> click on Bundaberg on the map.



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