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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: March: C Group April: A Group May: B Group

February Winners:

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: Col Lindberg

2nd Prize: Reg Dix

Lucky Door: Unknown

Exhibitors Prize: Christine Tholstrupe

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Humidity

Humidity is the amount of water vapour in the air and for our purposes is expressed as a percentage. It is correctly termed "relative humidity" and Orchids grown in Australia generally do best in an environment with a humidity of 50% to 70%.

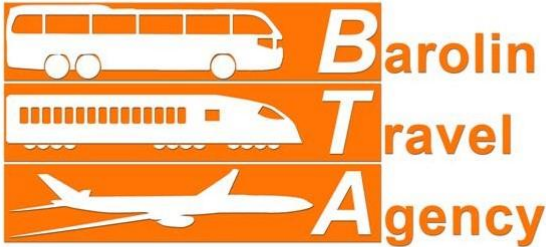
Investing in an inexpensive humidity gauge is a necessity for all but the smallest collection if you want to grow orchids well. Whilst the Bureau of Metrology (BOM) can supply the relative humidity figures for your area these may be vastly different in your growing area. Having a simple humidity gauge takes the guesswork out of knowing what the humidity is in *your* growing area. Also keep in mind that humidity is usually highest at night and lowest during the afternoon peak of sunlight and warmth. It will also be affected by the volume and shape of your orchid house and the current wind direction.

There are a number of ways to increase humidity in your growing area: (a) If you only have a couple of plants, addition of some ferns or other houseplants to your growing area may be sufficient. These plants do a reasonable job of adding humidity to the air around them. (b) For small collections grown under lights or windowsills, humidity trays may be sufficient. These trays are nothing more than a shallow water-holding tray filled with gravel (small river stone or aquarium gravel works well). The gravel-filled trays are filled with water to a level just below the surface of the gravel. To prevent plants sitting on constantly wet gravel the plants are placed on small saucers or pieces of plastic or metal grid placed on top of the trays. It is the evaporation of the water that increases the humidity. (You may incorporate a water level control system to maintain the water level). (c) A timer controlling the wetting down under the growing space during the mid to late afternoon may be sufficient. (d) The next step up in the humidity game would be an ultrasonic humidifier or one of those fog-generating ultrasonic devices you see sold for terrariums. Or as Reg Dix has shown us - build your own. (e) If you are fortunate enough

to have a greenhouse or grow your plants outside, you might want to invest in a set of misting nozzles connected to a timer and/or humidistat.

Whatever method you use to control humidity you should see a gradual improvement in the quality of your orchids.

This Months Talk: Preparing Orchids for Show.



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BOCI MAY SHOW

TICKET SELLERS REQUIRED: The financial success of our May Show is supported by the sale of tickets in our major raffle. Volunteers are required for the 30th and 31st March to be at “North Bundaberg IGA” 9-12 am and 12-3pm. Two people are needed for each time slot or you may share your time slot with another person. Other times are: 2nd April Bargara “Woolworths”. And the 7th and 8th April “Best and Less”, Bourbong Street. Any help would be appreciated. Telephone Graham Price 0409896307 or see the roster at the March meeting.

Please Note: Any one holding winning vouchers which were issued as prizes until end of 2015 will need to redeem these at the May Show.

Results for February Meeting

Any Other



Alcera Flying High

R & G Coster

Cattleya



C.lumita x C. Lulu

I & C Nielson

Novice



C.Caudebex x C.Lulu

G & L Sargent

Dendrobium



Den Aridang Blue

I & C Nielson

Species



Stan wardii

R & G Coster

Vanda & Judges Choice



V. Brighton's Best

R.Dix

Looking forward in 2016

- March 19th** Childers Charity Show.
- April 1-2nd** Rockhampton Orchid Show.
- May 6-8th** Bundaberg Orchid Show.
21-22nd Boyne-Tannum Orchid Show
- June 11-12th** Diamond Festival of Orchids – Nambour Orchid Soc.
- July 9th** Wide Bay Orchid Societies Annual Workshop
Howard Community Hall
- August 13-14th** Agnes Waters Orchid and Foliage Society Show.
- September 2-3rd** Childers and Isis Spring Show.
15-17th Maryborough Spring Show.
- October 1-2nd** Rockhampton Spring Show.
8-9th Hervey Bay Spring Show.
16th Bundaberg Orchid Society Spring Show.
- November 12th** STOCQ Meeting. Hosted by Bundaberg.
25th Bundaberg Orchid Society Christmas Breakup.

Next Interested Growers Meeting: APRIL

April 3rd, 9am at Rick and Bronwyn Emerson's residence at 2 Kentia Avenue Moore Park for morning tea – please bring a plate –
And then onto Barry and Diane Barnes, 11 Egret Lane, Moore Park Beach.

Members Please Note

The Committee is planning on providing a bus for the visit to the Diamond Orchid Show at Kawana and hosted by Nambour. It is hoped to make it a one day visit leaving Bundaberg around 5am on the Sunday 12th June 2016. A book will be provided to enable members to record their interest in this trip. Please record your interest as soon as possible.

Congratulations John Maughan

Our Patron, John Maughan being presented with the Status of Judge Emeritus in honour of his services to the judging of Orchids.



