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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

1.New and Interested Growers meeting: 6th November. Visit:- Jule Fry & Col Dawson, 34 Pashley's Road, Gooburru. 9am. **Please** bring hat, chair and smoko. Col will talk on Hydroponics.

2. STOC meeting on Saturday 12th November at Bargara Cultural Center, Cnr Hughes Road and Watson Street, Bargara. *See Page 3 for details.*

3. Our Christmas Function will be held on Saturday 19th November 2016 at the RSL, Quay Street. Reservations are required by the end of October. A sheet will be available at the meeting to record your booking. The final date for bookings will be Friday 11th November. This is an excellent social evening open to all members. ps Do not bring an exchange gift.

4. There will no meeting in December.

5. Keep in mind or on your calendar the "Field Weekend" on 11th / 12th March 2017. Bundaberg is the host for this year.

Meeting Duty Roster:

October: A Group

November: B Group

January: C Group

February D Group

**Bulk Booklet Orders and/or Enquires: : Jean Williamson and Tony McGarry,
Phone# 0448879969 Email: jw.484@bigpond.com**

Month: September

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: Ray Whitney

2nd Prize: Tony McGarry

Lucky Door: Col Symonds

Exhibitors Prize: N/A

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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. **PLEASE NOTE: Bev will be closed over Christmas/ New Year – dates will be advised in the November newsletter.**

New Members : Christine Cousins.

Andrew and Annette Straume, Welcome to our Club – we hope you have an enjoyable and edifying time as you extend your journey with Orchids.



STOC MEETING

Saturday 12th November

Venue: Bargara Cultural Centre ,Cnr. Hughes Road / Watson Street Bargara 4670

Approximate agenda : 9.00am. Start. Judging meeting

9.30-9.50am Morning Tea. 9.50 – 10.45am STOCQ meeting.

10.45- 11.15am OQI meeting. 11.15-12.00pm Guest speaker

12.00-1.00pm Lunch 1.00pm Afternoon visits.

The meeting is open to all members. Lunch is available for \$10.00. Members who wish to attend and have lunch please advise Kay Thompson (4152 1619) to allow for the catering. There will be orchids required for display, particularly those that are unusual. It would be appreciated if these could be brought along on the day.

Rick Emmerson will be the Guest Speaker and will speak on his “Orchid Journey”

Kay would also appreciate slices for morning tea – bring them with you when you come. If you wish to provide some slices but are not coming to the meeting drop them off at Kay’s (28 Moncrieff St.) on Friday 11th November.



CONGRATULATIONS!!



Den. Frasers Elite Dragon

Barry and Dianne Barnes



ORCHID HOUSES

By Rick Emmerson (Continued from August Newsletter)

The nurseries were standard prefab size, from Fernlands, with 6 metres being a standard width, length can be any size, going up in additional 2 metre lengths. The beauty of these nurseries is that they do not need to be cemented into the ground and can be relatively easily moved if needed. The nurseries are held down by the burying of the side material into the ground all around by about one metre, which also means it is virtually insect proof except for the doorways. I choose to have 1 metre high straight sides added prior to the curved pipe forming the dome roof to give me some extra height as Vanda roots can be rather long below the pots and the growth quite high above the pots. This additional height also just gives the whole structure a more functional shape and allows walkways along the outer edges of the houses if required. With ventilation in mind I decided to have 50% shade cloth sides and a fully weather proof solar weave dome top and ends. Both ends however have a large shade cloth covered opening in the high part of the dome to allow hot air to escape. Ventilation and temperature control were later improved by the addition of a thermostatically controlled extraction fan mounted into the roof of the dome.

The weather proof dome roof was strongly recommended to me to avoid the anticipated long periods of wet weather during the summer months, and to keep any chance of damage from the cold during winter. Both houses are fitted with roll down solar weave side covers, which are activated automatically by controllers; based on temperature; which are mounted in the garage. These run on a thermostat which feeds the information back to the controller which has a range of options which would suit anyone. I chose to have these so that the small motor activated by the controller raise and lower the sides in my absence without me lifting a finger; these were a major improvement over the old manual versions that had been used previously in Toowoomba. I also use two fans in both nurseries just to keep the air moving and assist in avoiding any fungal problems.

In went the benches and the hanging rails and finally the orchids arrived and moved into their new home.

Living close to the beach turned out be a lucky break and not one that was planned in particular, however it certainly helps temperature control and humidity when the afternoon sea breeze kicks in and this has been a real added bonus.

I have not installed any watering or misting systems at this stage however they may become a future feature. Personally I like to water and fertilise by hand as it gives me the opportunity to view each plant as I move along, by doing this I can see any problems that occur at an early stage so that corrective measures can be taken before it becomes a major problem. As the collection grows and time runs short I may need to water more efficiently as the personal touch is somewhat time consuming.

I am very pleased with the whole set up and the outcome. The plants seem happy and healthy so I believe I made some good decisions which I am more than happy to share with anyone wanting assistance.

Thanks to Rick for this article.



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