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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

Sunday 5th March: N.I.G.G. Meeting: R & B Emmerson's residence at 2 Kentia Ave. Moore Park. 9am, Please bring a plate for smoko and bring your chair and a hat. The discussion will centre around Vandas.

Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th March Field Day Weekend. Please refer to page 2.

Meeting Duty Roster:

February: D Group

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

Month:

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: Elaine Webb

2nd Prize: Christine Tholstrup

Lucky Door: Eva Linderberg

Exhibitors Prize: Christine Tholstrup

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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.

The Field Day/Weekend 11th and 12th March 2017

Our Club will be hosting clubs from Rockhampton, Gladstone, Boyne/Tannum and Agnes Water. The visitors will have the opportunity to tour Orchid collections in the Bundaberg district.

The proceedings will commence with morning tea at the North Bundaberg Progress Hall at 9am. The visitors will then move to Heidke, Hughes and Schouten properties and then to return to the Progress Hall for lunch at 12.00pm.

At 1.00pm the groups will again depart to visit the Cross, Linderberg and Shield properties. Afternoon smoko will be at the North Progress Hall.

The evening will be dinner at the Rower's Restaurant, Quay Street, commencing at 6:30pm.

On Sunday the visits will be to Williamson, Dawson/Fry and Emmerson properties finishing with Lunch at the Moore Park Bowls Club.

For those members from our club who wish to participate and attend any of the lunches or dinner – payment will be required by the February meeting. Saturday lunch - \$10.00 Saturday dinner - \$35.00. Sunday lunch - \$12.50.

ATTENTION ALL COOKS Help is required to provide the smoko's on Saturday – any help with slices, cakes, etc would be appreciated. Please contact Kay Thompson phone number 07 41521619 if you are able to help.

Novice Champion 2016

Christine Tholstrup receiving the 2016 Novice Trophy from Club President Robert Shield. Some of the orchids presented by Christine.



POPULAR VOTE RESULTS

CATTLEYA



C. Deception Drop

I & G Neilson

Species



Rhy. retusa

A & B Heidke

Vanda



V. Ladda Gold

R & B Emmerson

Any Other



Paph. Snow Squall

A & B Heidke

Dendrobium



Den. Miss Singapore

A & B Heidke

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A & B Heidke

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Nomenclature – The written language of Horticulture

Before we can understand the names of orchids, what family they belong to, whether the plant is a species or a hybrid, we must understand basic nomenclature or the written language of horticulture.

To standardise the system throughout the world, the International Rules of Nomenclature and Registration were devised, laying down absolute rules on the written form of orchid names, abbreviations, etc.

The aim of plant nomenclature is to provide every kind of plant with an internationally agreed name that applies only to that particular plant. What we are concerned with here are the general principles of plant nomenclature as applied to orchids, how to write down correctly the names of both species and hybrids and recognise what is written on a label.

Let us look at a label and work out what is written on it and what it means:-

<p><i>C. skinneri</i> var. <i>alba</i> 'Pendentive'</p> <p>or</p> <p><u>C. skinneri</u> var. <u>alba</u> 'Pendentive'</p>

Here we have a label, with the same orchid name written twice, each of which is correct.

THE GENUS

On the label the *C.* is an abbreviation for *Cattleya* – the genus to which the orchid belongs. This is called the 1st TERM.

Species

Within each genus, each species has a specific name (epithet) – in this case *skinneri* – this is a 2nd term – in a Latinised form. These 1st and 2nd terms reveal instantly that we have here an orchid species of the *Cattleya* genus identified as *skinneri*. When the 1st and 2nd terms are written down for a species they are always in italics or underlined.

The generic name *Cattleya* starts with a capital but the 2nd term is written with lower case letters (even when derived from a personal name).

A varietal epithet (3rd term) may be given to identify a particular variety within the species; this 3rd term is preceded by the abbreviation var. (in roman letters) and this 3rd term is written in italics or underlined and without a capital. Note that the abbreviation var. is in ordinary type, not italics and is not underlined.

Special individual clones may be given a cultivar epithet (4th term). This 4th term is not in a Latinised form – has a capital letter and is not in italics but it is enclosed in single quotation marks.

So much for species.

C. Princess Bells 'Betty's Bouquet'

HYBRIDS

When writing the name of hybrids, the 1st term remains the same as for species. That is, the genus *Cattleya* has a capital – it is in italics or underlined.

The 2nd term in this case is Princess Bells. This is the registered name of the orchid hybrid, commonly known as the GREX. It is in roman letters – has capital letters starting each word.

The 3rd term 'Betty's Bouquet' is in roman letters, has a capital starting each word and is enclosed in single quotation marks.

Therefore, the label informs us that this particular orchid is a member of the genus *Cattleya* – is a hybrid registered as Princess Bells and is a clone with the specific name of 'Betty's Bouquet'.

B/c. Sylvia Fry 'Wallacia'

FCC/AOC, AM/AOS

Sometimes when reading a label, book or catalogue you will come across odd groups of letters such as AM/AOS, FCC/AOC, AD/NSW and so on. These groups signify that the particular clone has been examined by a recognised panel of Orchid Judges and awarded a standard of excellency.



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