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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

Friday 24th November 2017 Christmas Break-Up. Rowers Club 6pm for 6.30pm. Please pay for your tickets by the November meeting (\$35.00 per head). This should be a great social evening for our members.

March 10/11th 2018 Field Day – Rockhampton. Mark this excellent weekend in your calendar. The committee is considering the same arrangements as the recent visit to the North Coast. See future newsletters for information as it updates.

Meeting Duty Roster:

November: D Group

January: A Group

February: B Group

March: C Group

Bulk Booklet Orders and/or Enquires: Jean Williamson and Tony McGarry,

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October: Prize Winners

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: Carolyn Neilson 2nd Prize: Phyl Power

Lucky Door: D. Barnes

Exhibitors Prize: C. Tholstrup

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 can bring a small amount of merchandise to the monthly meeting, however, if you know there is something you would like to buy at the meeting could you PLEASE phone Bev with your requirements. This will enable Bev to not have to hire a pantechnicon to bring in merchandise.

Visitor: Sue Shaw

New Members: Denise Morrison & Sue Shaw – Welcome Denise and Sue, may you enjoy time as members of The Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc. and do not hesitate to ask for any help you may need.

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North Coast Bus Trip

Thirty Five bleary eyed souls boarded the bus at the Bundaberg Bus Depot at Verdun Siding for the trip south for the weekend. Things soon brightened up when everyone was on time and Glenda handed out our issue of lollies. With everyone present we left Bundaberg early (by 1 minute) and everyone settled down until our first stop at the Gympie duck ponds for smoko. Even if you didn't like orchids the food for the weekend was fabulous. The next stop was Heatons Ferns in Nambour where we were impressed by the very professional set up. They supply Bunnings - and there is a regular loading of Double'B's to supply the demand – sending out ferns and antheriumns.

After this was the Species Show by the Nambour Orchid Society. The display of flowers was impressive with many unusual varieties. Lunch was provided by the Society which

satisfied everyone's needs. The afternoon took us to Frizzo's, a private Orchid garden in the Glass House Mountain region. Again there was a huge range of species and a number of purchases were made.

We then travelled north and went past the "Big Pineapple" (which brought back memories of long ago). The next visit took us to Robertson's Orchid Nursery where members picked up their pre-ordered items as well as new ones. Again a very professional setup – our Christmas plants come from this supplier (it was interesting to see from whence they came). After that it was off to the Nambour Lodge Motel for a short rest and then to dinner at the Nambour RSL. The food was delightful and is recommended to anyone looking for a meal while in Nambour.

Breakfast on Sunday was at a bit more sensible hour allowing us to depart at 8am. Our first stop was to the Evans property at Gympie (again, a private collection). There were a massive number of orchids housed on rolling benches to conserve space. The property is in a beautiful setting in South Gympie. The trip then took us to Bauple, (remember that turnoff you always see as you travel south past Tiaro but never have time to stop) with a little time to kill before lunch we visited the museum. There were some interesting things to reminisce over – eg. The Atari computer and monitor with the sign saying: "Persons under the age of 18 years must not use the computer" – of course now-days you ASK the person the under the age of 18 HOW to use the computer!. How times change so rapidly.

Lunch was provided by the Bauple Recreation Grounds Committee. The lunch was very delicious, being topped off with home-made Plum Pudding and fruit! Then it was off to Burbank Nursery. This orchid collection has been shifted from Brisbane recently and the business is still being re-established. The bus was slowly filling up with plants – fortunately there was only one more place to visit – the Gerbera Farm. This business is a supplier of cut flowers (gerberas) to florists. Some members were, however, able to purchase his plants. It was interesting to learn that all their seedlings come from Holland in flasks. On behalf of those who travelled I would like to thank:- our bus driver Craig, for getting us around safely and with impeccable courtesy, the various properties we visited – Heaton's, Frizzo's, Robertson's, Evan's, Burbank and the Gerbera Farm for putting up with the un-ending questions and allowing us to visit. In particular, I would thank the Nambour Orchid Society and the Bauple Community for their lunches. Lastly I would like to thank Rob and Glenda Coster for organising the trip and the Society for putting it on.

Popular Vote Results

Cattleya



Epc. Saengari Fantasy

C. Dawson

Species



Phal Phillippinensis

J. Maughan

Vanda



V. Crown Fox Golden Dawn

A. & B. Heidke

Any Other



Paph. Clair De Lune

A. & B. Heidke

Denrobium



Den. Blue Sparkle

A. & B. Heidke

Novice



Obta. Memoria Markin Orenstein

C. Tholstrup

Judges Choice



Den. Blue Sparkle

A. & B. Heidke

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Tourists at Gerbera Farm



The Origin of the Name - Macadamia

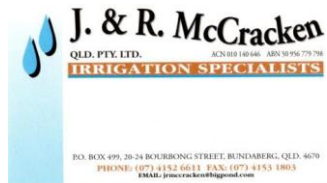
The German-Australian botanist Ferdinand von Mueller gave the genus the name *Macadamia* in 1857 in honour of the Scottish-Australian Chemist, medical teacher and politician John Macadam. John Macadam, born in 1827, was a Scotsman, tall, with long red hair and beard. He was a Doctor of Medicine but did not practice. In Australia, from 1855 he was firstly a lecturer in Chemistry and Natural Science at Scots College, Melbourne. He held the posts of Government Analytical Chemist, then the Health Officer of Melbourne and was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1859, becoming Post Master General in 1861. He was an outstanding speaker and promoter in analytical medicine. In 1857 he was Honorary Secretary of the Philosophical Institute of Victoria and later became its President. He died in 1865 largely due to self-neglect because of overwork. There is no record of him ever seeing a Macadamia tree or tasting the fruit.

Alan Cunningham, the explorer, saw the “Macadamia” nuts on Tamborine Mountain in 1828 and reported that they would make good pig food.

Ludwig Leichardt collected specimens of a small inedible species near Maleny in 1843. In his diary he wrote that Macadamias were growing at Bopple and that the quality was better as he got closer to the Mary River. This entry was written on 18th September, 1843. He sketched the nut and gave a description of the Bopple Nut (Queensland, Australian, Macadamia) thought to be the first scientific report on it and the first of the native name Jindjilli (pronounced Yindilli).

Walter Hill, Brisbane’s first Botanic Gardens Superintendent, was in for a nasty shock when he happened on his young assistant gobbling up the horticultural specimens Hill had discovered the previous day on the Pine River in 1853. He had asked the boy to break open the fruit, an extremely tough, brown nut and set the kernels aside for germination, Under no circumstances were he to taste the nut, instructed Hill, because aborigines had told him it was poisonous. But, far from dying, the boy arrived at work next day alive and kicking. Hill sampled the nut himself and so began what is a \$40million export industry based on the Macadamia Nut.

The macadamia is the only Australian Native Plant that has been commercialised and now grows in many parts of the world. At one time Bauple Mountain was home to the largest natural forest of Bopple Nuts.



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