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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.

Important Notes

Annual subs due end August. \$10 couple, \$6 single (within 4670 area) outside \$15 and \$10 respectively. Please secure your entitlements by retaining your financial membership

Christmas Break-up November 22nd – see notes

No December meeting

Field day 4th April 2020. More information as it comes available

Meeting Duty Roster

October: B Group November: D Group

December: No meeting January: A Group

Please remember, the group rostered on are required to assist with set-up of supper also the cleaning. But all Members are required to supply suitable food items for supper.

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. If you can't get to Bevs' and there is something you would like, could you PLEASE phone Bev with your requirements. Bev will bring your order to the meeting. Bev will no longer be bringing stock to the meeting - only what is requested.

While the Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc. endeavours to ensure reliability and accuracy in this Newsletter's editorial content, responsibility for advice and views expressed is not assumed by the Society or the Management Committee.

**Bulk Booklet Orders and/or Enquires: Jean Williamson and Tony McGarry,
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August Meeting Winners:

Raffle winners: 1st Prize: Leith Schouten

Lucky Door: John Hughes **Exhibitors Prize:** Eva Linderberg

MEETINGS: Members are reminded of the New and Interested Growers Group Meeting which is held on the 1st Sunday of each Month. This is a meeting that should not be missed, it is social, it is informative and most of all, members get to visit another member's Garden/Orchid house collection and observe how Orchids are growing in a totally different location/environment. Many ideas are available, and where members can freely ask questions and consider ideas that may suit their individual needs of trialling. Bring along some treats to share for Morning Tea, your favourite Deck Chair and Big Hat so then you can walk freely around the gardens. After Tea there is always a chat on the Host Gardeners' interests and then on a topic on Orchids.

November's Meeting is at Dennis & Val Trudgian's Garden.

Make a promise to buy another pair of secateurs, so that you have enough to work on your orchids with, a pair for your birthday, pair for Mother's Day and a pair for Father's Day, then you will have a collection started, it's that easy...

Our Christmas Function will be held at Rowers Club (junction of Quay & Toonburra Streets, on Friday Night 22 November 2019. The cost will be \$35 per person. All monies must be paid by Friday 15th for catering numbers.

There will be **NO** refund on cancellations. Arrival time is 6:30 for 7 :00 Dinner .

Bank details for your convenience is as follows.

BSB: 034 122 Account: 216227 or directly into your favourite

Westpac Bank Branch



What's wrong with my orchid?

Bud Drop

There are many reasons why buds fall off before flowering:

Under or over watering.

Temperature extremes and rapid temperature changes (heating vents, air conditioning blowing directly on the plant).

Fumes from natural gas leaks, paint, other chemicals.

Ethylene - high producers are apple, avocado, peach, pear, plum, melons, figs, and tomatoes.

Low humidity.

Genetics.

Aphids, thrips and some mites.

Changing growing location. If you want to change a plant's location so that it will be enjoyed, wait until the flower opens first.

Novice Winner



Dendrobium. Lindleyii
Sue Brennan

Winning Orchids



Cymbidium: Swallow
P & R Francey



Cattleya: Hsinying Sunbeam
L & L Schouten



Dendrobium. Sagimusume
R & G Coster



Dendrobium: Primulinum
Eva Linderberg



V. Tiarrong Golden Butterfly
Phalaenopsis
R & K Thompson

New Members:

Dorothy Wingard, Beryl De Rider, Connie Barotssi, Bob & Denise Massie, Louise & Vincent Urquhart, Sue Smart, Sue Brennen and Simon & Jackie O'Brien

We welcome new members to our Orchid Club and invite you to attend as many meetings as you can, to familiarise yourselves with the running of our club. You will receive an information package at your first night meeting. This package will contain important documentation so to enable you to understand your entitlements and the product availability.

Please ensure you obtain your name badge as soon as possible so other members have a name to address you with, your most important tool is communication. We need to be there to assist you, for you to gain the knowledge of Orchid growing, being the purpose of your joining.



Good Advice.

Although insect vectors can spread virus among orchids, the main cause is using contaminated tools to cut plants with.

Virus

Orchids, like people, are susceptible to viruses and today there is no cure. Just like with people, you may

not necessarily be able to tell that a plant is infected with a virus. So whenever cutting on orchid plant always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. Even dead leaves and old inflorescences can harbor virus.

Pick up around your plant, pick up old leaves and dropped flowers.

Always remove any leaves as soon as they leave the plant, don't allow dead vegetation to sit on benches. Have a rubbish bin handy, create good housekeeping habits, then you don't have to bend and collect rubbish from the floor which is full of contaminations.



Cercospora leaf spot on an Oncidium leaf. **Leaf Spot**, typically fungal diseases that start out as yellow areas on the undersides of leaves. As these spots develop they become visible on both sides of the leaf and turn brown or black.

Petal Blight, a common fungal disease favoured by high humidity and cool conditions. The disease appears as small circular pink, grey or tan spots that appear on the open flowers. While this disease is not life-threatening to the plant, flowers infected are ruined and unsightly. The disease spreads by Aerial spores and good housekeeping is essential to control.



Sunburn is usually caused by plants suddenly being exposed to much brighter light, such as the change of seasons can bring.
Sun Burn

The sudden appearance of white or brown areas on leaves that dry and subsequently turn black may be sunburn. Sunburn, while not in itself a serious problem is irreversible and will make your plants look ugly. In serious cases the plant can be killed outright, and any leaf damage is an invitation to a secondary infection in the damaged area.

Orchid foliage should be a light yellow-green. The first sign of too much light is often yellow foliage. If left alone, this yellow foliage will eventually turn white and then dark brown and dry as the sunburned area dries out. If the problem is caught before the chlorophyll has been completely destroyed it is often possible to reverse the damage. Once white spots or sunken areas have appeared, the damage is irreversible, and the best thing one can do is stop further progression with more shade.

YELLOW STICKY CARDS FOR BUSH SNAILS

Plagued by those tiny pesky snails that are nearly impossible to eradicate?
Here's a little trick I learned a few years ago:

Cut a piece of the yellow sticky cards sold in agricultural supply houses
for trapping small flying insects and insert it into the pot..

Wait a couple of days. If you have bush snails they will be attracted to the card and get **stuck**.

You will not get them all, but you will get an amazing number of them.



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