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Any Meetings for Bundaberg Orchid Society will be advised by The Secretary.
Due to the COVID 19 Restrictions there will not be any hall meetings for the near future.

Orchid News for Meetings

Current COVID 19 Restrictions are permissible enough for our Orchid Society to hold outdoor Club Meetings and the next NIGG Meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday in August (9 August) in the Garden of Bob & Deborah Shield.

Members are asked to observe all restrictions put in place by Queensland Health where there is the Presentation and Consumption of Food.

These rules only allow members to bring their own Morning Tea to this meeting. Any food available must not be shared or presented for distribution by any one during a meeting. Therefore, preventing the transition of any Virus germs.

There are no restrictions for you to bring an Orchid plant/s along to talk about, seek advice or merely have the opportunity to share your success. Everyone loves an Orchid.

Meetings/Outings: There will be NO Meetings of any kind due to Covid 19 Restrictions unless you are advised by Our Secretary, Andrew Straume.

The Club merchandise is available only to BOSI members not the public.

Please phone Bev on 4159 3291 or Email aheidke@bigpond.com to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting.

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.

Potting Supplies Requirements:

Changes must be made for collecting your Potting Supplies. Members are still able to collect the orders which have been placed with Bev.

You must phone Bev or Email her to make a time to collect your Orders which will be at staggered times in line with COVID 19 Rules.

Available supplies are Labels, Steriliser, Pencils, Fertilizer, Pots, Bark, Charcoal, Perlite, and some Mixes (in small quantities for New Growers).

She also has 3 x bags of Clay Pebbles.

Any supplies ordered will be held for 4 weeks only, then sold off as spare merchandise.

Do NOT leave the ordering of your supplies to the last minute as there will **not** be another order placed till much later in the year.

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Virtual Popular Vote

Last month Graham organized a competition for members to have some fun with a competition for showing and Judging for members who had orchids out in flower. This attracted some interest resulting in some great photos of orchids in bloom being put forward to be Judged. This month, the competition will run again. The photos of that competition are not in this Newsletter, but I have included some of my collection of orchid flowers that we would have seen at a Club Meeting.

The orchid competition results from the competition that is being held will be available to all members locally, so every effort will be made to get the results to members without computers who then can appreciate the Blooming lot.





Dendrobium



Phragmipedium



Blc. Golden cane fields



C . Pastoral 'innocence'



Dendrobium



Phalaenopsis





Oncidium



Rlc. Taiwan 'chief wine'



Unknown



Phalaenopsis

It has been a pretty year in the Orchid House. Plants have been healthy and have produced lots of Blooms that has helped to replace some of the loss of socializing at the orchid meets. Though, frustrating as it has been, I guess like me, you have caught up on lots of chores that must be done. I for one, think I have learned more about my orchids because I have had the time. Moving the odd orchid around the orchid house or even in your own home allowed for a new position which has helped that orchid flower just when you thought you might have to escort the poor thing to the resting place just under the lid of the wheelie bin. Monitoring the moisture levels of the orchids is educational on its own. Orchids do not need much at this time of the year, Dens no, Vanda's yes, Phallys just enough, Cats, the same and the soft canes just the occasional drink.

The slipper orchid has been a surprise this year, flowering for the first time has shown me the ideal place, sheltered, warm and real damp to wet. It has taken a couple of years to find the perfect place and now they flowered for weeks.

Just so rewarding, though I feel bad because of my harsh words to them occasionally.



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