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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 February (7th February) in the garden of Diana and Dale Searle. Their address will be sent by separate email.

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.

Corona virus restrictions are now such that we can hold our monthly meetings on the third Thursdays of each month. The first meeting being the 21st of January 2021

Meetings/Outings: There will be NO Meetings/Outings 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 <u>aheidke@bigpond.com</u> to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting.

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Virtual Popular Vote

November hopefully will be will be last popular vote EVER! Vacinces and politicians permitting.

This month we will continue to send a copy of the entries by email in the expectation of a better voting response.

NIGG Meeting 8th of November

It was well attended with 45-50 people attending. John and Leith have done a great job of presenting their place and orchid collection and all who attended had an interesting time. The results of the Reg Dix Dendrobium, handed out last November, to see who could grow it the best in the 12 Months was won hands down by ME. The middle photo above is the collection of the renamed Dendrobium 'John Hughes' that people brought along. Mine is the one on the left with the flowers. This is the second time it has flowered. It had 4-6 flowers on one flower spike in June and this time had about 20 flowers on three spikes. A number of members asked for the plant to be swabbed for drug testing and I had to explain how I managed to get it so big in such a short space of time. I explained that I did not repot it but I did put the original pot in a larger pot with river gravel to stop it from falling over and I placed it in my Grow House (like a small Green House), it got plenty of water and fertiliser. It just seemed to be in a happy place. I think that only one other member has got it to flower and that was John and Illonka Beverage back in June with 3-4 flowers











My name is lan read. I have been a member of the Bundaberg Orchid Society for one year. I joined at the annual orchid show at the Bundaberg Civic centre last year. I have been growing orchids for about 3 years. I have about 150 orchids. I start4ed with orchids from Bunnings but found I lost a lot of orchids. Bunnings orchids come from Victoria and are not always suitable for our climate. I started with Phalaenopsis, but5 found something about myself, I am a serial killer of Phalaenopsis because most books do not tell you, you need to keep them moist, but not wet. I thought I had to keep them fairly dry. I then progressed to cattleyas. I had better success but still needed to improve my growing medium. Since then I have started growing Dendrobiums, Oncididiums, and last year Vandas. Below are a couple of my orchids.







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