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We are currently holding our meetings both Monthly and New and Interested Growers Group Meetings. The Secretary will advise if the situation changes.

### Orchid News for Meetings

Current COVID 19 Restrictions are still permissible enough for our Orchid Society to hold outdoor and indoor Meetings and the next NIGG Meeting will be held on 6 February 2022 at Mel and Carolyn Smith's place. Their address will be sent by separate email.

There will be a BBQ Sausage Sizzle at the conclusion of this meeting.

Feel free 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.

Our next Monthly Meeting is 17 February 2022. We will be looking at reinstating our supper at the end of this meeting.

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

Please phone Bev on **0427 667 706** or Email [ahaidke@bigpond.com](mailto:ahaidke@bigpond.com) to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting. If you want to collect Items from Bev at the monthly meetings please let her know a few days prior of what you need. **Please do not ask for more than what you have ordered when collecting your items as this places our wonderful merchandising lady in an awkward position. Also if you call use her mobile number above, not the home phone.**

**Merchandise sales will cease from 10 December to 10 January for the Christmas Break period.**

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### **New and Interested Growers Group Meeting**

Our November NIGG Meeting was at the home of Rick and Bronwyn Emmerson who provided a great venue. We had more than 60 members attend. Rick gave a very informative talk on Columbia Orchids and also provided some very useful information of what to do with a newly purchased orchid.

Hope to see you all at the next NIGG Meeting on 6 February 2022.

# NIGG MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2021







**The results of this month's Judges Choice and Popular Vote are below.**



**Winner - Vanda Category Phal. Brother Girl  
D & V Trudgian**



**Winner Cattleya and Champion Orchid  
Cty. Burdekin Honey  
I & C Nielson**

**Winner Dendrobium – Den. Fire Wings  
A & B Heidke**



**Winner Species – Den. Wassellii  
R & K Thompson**



**Winner Any Other – Gramsn. Jumbo Grand  
A & B Heidke**



**Winner Novice – Onc. Aka Baby  
A & A Straume**

Benefits Of Cinnamon On Plants:

# Using Cinnamon For Pests, Cuttings, & Fungicide

Cinnamon is a wonderful flavour addition to cookies, cakes, and any number of other foods, but to gardeners, it's so much more. This versatile spice can be used to help root cuttings, to prevent fungus from killing small seedlings, and even for keeping pests away from your home. Once you learn how to use cinnamon powder for plant health, you'll think twice about grabbing harsh chemicals for your gardening needs.

### Benefits of Cinnamon on Plants

The benefits of cinnamon on plants is widespread and you may end up reaching for the spice almost daily. Here are some of the most common uses of cinnamon in gardens:

#### Cinnamon for pests

If you have a problem with ants in your home or greenhouse, cinnamon is a good deterrent. Ants don't like to walk where cinnamon powder lays, so summer ant problems will be decreased. Use cinnamon for pests inside and outside your house. Find their entryway and sprinkle cinnamon powder in the path. Cinnamon won't kill the ants in your home, but it will help to keep them from coming inside. If you have a problem with ants in your child's sandbox, mix a container of cinnamon powder with the sand, mixing it well. Ants will steer clear of the sand.

#### Cinnamon as rooting agent

Cinnamon as a rooting agent is as useful as willow water or hormone rooting powder. A single application to the stem when you plant the cutting will stimulate root growth in almost every plant variety.

#### Give your cuttings a quick start with the help of cinnamon powder.

Pour a spoonful onto a paper towel and roll damp stem ends in the cinnamon. Plant the stems in fresh potting soil. The cinnamon will encourage the stem to produce more stems, while helping to prevent the fungus that causes damping-off disease.

#### Cinnamon fungicide control

Damping off disease is a fungus-based problem that

hits small seedlings just as they begin to grow. Cinnamon will help prevent this problem by killing the fungus. It also works with other fungal problems exhibited on older plants, such as slime mould and with deterring mushrooms in planters. Take advantage of cinnamon fungicide control by making a cinnamon spray for plants. Stir some cinnamon into warm water and allow it to steep overnight. Strain the liquid through a coffee filter and put the results into a spray bottle. Spray the stems and leaves of affected plants and mist the potting soil in plants that have a mushroom problem.



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