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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 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 COVID 19 Restrictions Permitting. We will be looking at reinstating our supper at the end of this meeting. We are also going to sell plants at this meeting as we have done in the past with little success, however we have been told that a number of new members are keen to buy some orchids, so we will give it another bash.

**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.**

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## **CHRISTMAS FUNCTION 26 NOVEMBER 2021**

Our Christmas Function held at Rowers on the River was well attended with around 66 attendees including our guests from local Societies being Ron Stillman from Childers, Giles & Janine Blaber from Hervey Bay and Alan Richards & Beryl Hunter from Maryborough. All seemed to have a good time and the best dressed Christmas attire was won by Bruce Moller and Jackie O'Brien, well done to all as there was some very entertaining outfits.

That magnificent chap Andrew Straume won the 2021 Patrons Award for his efforts during the year (I like to refer to it as the Club Best and Fairest Award).

The food was very good as was the venue, staff and services etc. It looks like Rowers will get the tick of approval for this year as well.

# CHRISTMAS FUNCTION FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022









# Anthurium

There are two groups of Anthurium grown in green houses; flowering varieties and those with magnificent foliage. You mainly find the flowering varieties with their multicoloured spathes and red and yellow tail-like flower spike. They are native to tropical rainforests throughout Central and Southern America and need high humidity and warmth to survive. They are also known as Painted Tongue, Flamingo Flower, Flamingo Lilly or tail Flower. They are grown for their brightly coloured flower spathes and their ornamental leaves. They are part of the Araceae family.

## Light

Bright, indirect light. Do not expose to direct sunlight, except in winter or plants that have been carefully acclimated. They thrive in temperatures between 18<sup>0</sup>-27 °C. 70<sup>0</sup> shadecloth is excellent.

## Potting

**Medium:** Must be quite porous and well drained to allow the roots to run but moisture retained at the same time. Mix –together 1 bucket approximately 10lts. Brunnings 'Orchid potting Mix - premium grade coir block'. (Must be a product of Sri. Lanka – there is less sodium (salt) in it. ALWAYS check for the country of origin. 1 1/2 Litres Cymbidium Mix, 1 ½ litres Course Perlite, 11/2 litre pre-soaked Peak Moss, 2 litres of fine to medium grade Charcoal, 1 ½ tablespoons Dolomite, 2 tablespoons Complete Plant Food, 2 table spoons Blood & Bone, 2 tablespoons Super Phosphate. This mix will keep them fed for approximately 3 months & then apply liquid fertiliser at an interval of approximately 2-3 weeks during the growing period – September to April. From April to September feed at 6-week intervals as they almost stop growing in the cooler months.

Anthuriums thrive when the temperature ranges between 18 ° - 27 ° C. They suffer under about 15 ° C

### **Potting**

Repot when they have filled their current container. Repot in spring. Keep the crown at the original level as it will tend to rot if buried too deep. When dividing a plant always make sure there are at least 2 plants being potted together, they prefer to grow in clumps. They love and thrive on companionship. They can be done singly but this seems to retard the growth of the plant. If there are not enough roots on the plant being repotted, wrap the plant in some newspaper or Sphagnum Moss for 5 - 6 weeks. You will know when the roots are growing as they will grow out of the paper. Keep the paper moist. If cutting long trunks (where the plant is long and straggly) you must seal the cut with Steriprune or a fungicide prior to repotting.

### **Fertiliser**

They prefer a fertiliser with less than 12% - 14% Nitrogen as they are grown for their flowers & not their foliage.

Remember low Nitrogen in fertiliser for more flowers and high Nitrogen for good foliage but no flower spikes. Every three weeks foliar spray your plants with Epson Salts. Approximately 3 heaped teaspoons to 10 ltrs. This can be included with your fertiliser. Water through the pot every second watering. They also like a foliar spray of fish emulsion periodically.

### **Fungicides / Insecticides**

Never mix Organic and non-Organic fungicides together. A compatible fungicide/ insecticide is Captan (fungicide) and Maverick (Insecticide) can safely be mixed together.





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