

# Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc.

## Newsletter

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### Orchid News for Meetings

The next **New and Interested Growers Group (NIGG) Meeting** will be held on 8 October 2023 at John and Leith Schouten's place. Their address will be sent by separate email. Members can bring plants for sale and a plate along to supplement the biscuits that are supplied for morning tea, if you feel like contributing to the day with some of your awesome home cooking. Remember also to **bring a chair** and a hat and of course your sense of humour. There **will be a BBQ** at this meeting.

Our next **Monthly General Meeting** is our Annual General Meeting on 19 October. Starting at 7.00pm. Committee Nomination Forms will be emailed on 1 October. Competition plants must be benched by 6:45pm. Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits will be provided.

### MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

Our **Monthly General Meeting** for September was attended by 36 members. There was no Popular Vote Competition at this meeting to allow members to show their flowering plants at the Maryborough Orchid Show. Debbie Ball did bring along a very healthy well flowering Phalaenopsis that she generously gave a talk about how she grew this very impressive Phally and how she grows her orchids in general. It was indeed interesting to see how others grow their orchids and what issues they have. Alwyn gave a talk on the rights and responsibilities of Novice growers and how they progress to open class.

## **NEW AND INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING** **10 SEPTEMBER 2023**

This meeting was well attended at the home of Ramon and Pat Francey with 45 plus members in attendance. Ramon and Pat have some very healthy and interesting Orchids. Pat showed us how she made a very special pot from very porous plastic netting which was really interesting and I am sure several of our members will try to replicate this pot as the orchid that was in that pot was extremely healthy. There was also more discussion and demonstration of how to repot various orchids which went down well with those present.

### **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 magnificent merchandising lady in an awkward position. Also if you call, use her mobile number above, not the home phone. She is still waiting on members to place their annual potting requirements so let her know ASAP.

Bev has some bark remaining if anyone needs some more bark. She also recently purchased a number on 100 metre rolls of thin green tie wire that is suitable to support flowers for showing.

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Remember that your annual renewal of Membership is due prior to our AGM on 19 October less those new members that have joined after 1 June 2023 who are also members for the upcoming year.

At the last meeting we gave a vote of thanks to Pauline Heath who very generously donated a box of portion-controlled biscuits.

Len Johnstone suggested that I put ads in these newsletters to assist members who are trying to source a particular orchid and I am happy to do this. If you are such a person, please send me an email with your contact details and the name of the orchid that you are seeking.

## **NEW AND INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2023**



**Our magnificent Host for the day  
Pat Francey  
(I think Raymon was a little camera  
shy)**



## The Assembled Masses



**Mel Smith demonstrating  
how to sharpen various  
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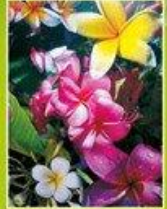


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