



NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 4 March** at the **Combined Coastal Car Club at Cooroy**. Thanks to Ian Skipworth and Jacqui Murphy for separately suggesting this venue while renovations are going on at Tinbeerwah Hall.

Drive past the two halls on the right in Cooroy that have been venues for our Mother's Day Show and Spring Show over time. Continue down the road, round the bend and you will see four tennis courts on the left. Turn right into a lane just past the last tennis court.

On the left you will see a pony club and behind a building you will see the Car Club Hall. Plenty of parking and it has air-conditioning. Usual times for benching, judging and popular voting.

We received information from the Tinbeerwah Hall Committee advising that the hall will be closed to the end of March. Unfortunately our April meeting will be on April Fool's Day. Lesley Beare is on that Committee and she will advise if we need to book an alternate hall. Stay tuned.

Thanks to David Hunter for leading the discussion last meeting titled *For the Love of Orchids*. We might continue that discussion a bit more.

There will be no guest speaker for the March meeting. So please bring in any plants for discussion be they problem plants, ones you want to brag about, whatever.

I spent \$35 online buying some used orchid books and several *Malayan Orchid Review* booklets for the library. The latter provide a lot more information than we get from the AOC booklets. The seller tossed in a couple of extra books. One titled *Orchid Fever* is a riot and well worth the read.

Our Mother's Day Show is not far off, so Show Coordinator Gav is calling a meeting at the Menkens' residence on Sunday 12 March.

A big thank you to Dian and Peter James for hosting our third New and Improved Growers meeting. We are seeing more members attending each meeting which is great. Our fourth meeting will be at Ian Skipworth's residence at Cooroy on Saturday 25 March. More info to come.

Kim Luff and Gabi Dick have been mentoring our new Committee member Fay Knight in preparation for her to become Newsletter Editor and Publicity Officer. On behalf of members, a big thank you to Kim and Gabi for their contributions over recent years.

See you soon.
Dave L

NB: March 1 meeting at Combined Coastal Car Club
Mary River Road COOROY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

MARCH		
18	Maroochydore one-day show	Buderim
24-25	Childers and IDOS show (set up 23 March)	
25	New and Improved Growers Meeting (9am)	Ian Skipworth, Cooroy
APRIL		
1-2	Eastern District Orchid Society Autumn Show Sat - 8.30am - 4.00pm Sun - 8.30am - 2.00pm	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
7-8	Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid & Foliage Show Easter Friday 8.30am—4pm Easter Saturday 8.30am—2pm	The Orchid House, 156a First Avenue, Bongaree
11-12	Bromeliad & Tropicals Autumn Show & Sales, Sat - 8am - 4pm; Sun - 8am - 1pm	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
14-15	Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show	Kallangur State School Hall—entrance on Old Gympie Road.
15	ANOS (Qld) - Kabi Group	Venue TBA
15-16	Ipswich Garden Spectacular (Ipswich Orchid Society and Ipswich & District Bromeliad Society)	Silkstone State School, Prospect Street, Silkstone
21-22	Redcliffe & District Orchid Society Show	Scarborough Bowls Club, Scarborough
MAY		
	Noosa & District Annual Mother's Day Show	

PLANT SALES

Members are welcome to bring plants to sell at the monthly meetings. You are responsible for looking after your own plants with \$1 from each plant sold going to the club.

Please give this money to the Treasurer.

Be mindful of the quality of the plants you are selling:

- Potted for at least 6 months
- Roots are well established
- 100mm pots - minimum size
- **Disease Free**
- Show Condition



HELP WITH

YOUR SICK PLANTS

Our more experienced members will be available at the meeting to answer questions you may have regarding your sickly plants.

Bring your plants along but beware to not spread the problem. Keep them in a box or bag and please leave them outside the hall.

POPULAR VOTE: FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING 2023

Class	1ST	2ND	3RD
Mini Cattleya Under 70mm	Vkt. Bay Village L. Walters C Lana Coryell M & A Vlekkert	L. Lue's Angel Beau L Walters	Rth. CRB's Success 'Full Moon' L Walters
Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm	Rcv. Jimminey Cricket 'Super Bug' L Walters C Dendi's Perfection 'Kaye' L Walters	Rlc. Chief Journey 'First Class' L Walters	C. Cariad's Mini Quinee L Walters
Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm	Rlc. California Girl 'O.L' x Goldenzelle 'G.P' L. Mills	C. Orchid Affair L Walters	C. Mistress Herbert Greaves L Walters
Cattleya Cluster	Pcv. Golden Peacock R & M McEwan	Ctt. Meadii D. Jensen	Bc. Yellow Bird 'Rothwell' J & G Menkens
Cattleya Novelty	C. Lulule R & M McEwan	n/a	n/a
Dendrobium Alliance	D. Twisted Blue L. Walters	D. Mint Magic R & M McEwan	D. Chaweevan Beauty R & M McEwan
Natives	Den. X superbiens R & M McEwan	n/a	n/a
Phalaenopsis	Phal. unknown L. Walters	Phal. unknown D. Phillips	Phal Tying Shin Phoenix x Fusheng Pink Pearl J. Simmons
Species	Psh. cochleata J Simmons Paph. barbatum M & A Vlekkert	Epi. ciliare R & M McEwan	Psh. radiata J & G Menkens
Vanda Alliance	V. Roman Choice R & M McEwan	V. unknown D Phillips	V. Mamo (Sonsit x Bangyikhan Blue) D Phillips
Oncidium Alliance	Bandfieldana Gilded Tower 'Sunburst' J Murphy	Ons. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee' B Quinn	Brsdm Golden Gamine 'White Light' J Murphy
Cymbidium	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Genera	Lyc. Sagano M & A Vlekkert Paph. Deperle M & A Vlekkert	Pyp. Mendenhall R & M McEwan	Paph. Armeni White M & A Vlekkert
Epidendrum	n/a	n/a	n/a
Novice	Bct Sunmei Gold J Kratzmann	Rlc Sunnystate's Spring Dawn Fusako Yamaoto M Healy	Stanhopea tigrina Ian Skipworth

Bromeliad	Vrissea Cooloola R & M McEwan	Dyckia Purple Sensation J & G Menkens	Cryptanthus Zebra Earthstar G & A Gibson
	Brom unknown J & G Menkens		
Anthurium	Anth Black Queen L Walters	Anth Andreanum White Heart S Morrell	Anth unknown L Walters
Ferns	Fern Nephrolepis V Stevens	Haresfoot Fern J & G Menkens	Asplenium belangeri R & M McEwan
Foliage	Begonia Fire Flash D Jensen	Alocasia Longiloba Amazonica G & A Gibson	Caladium Miss Muffet G & A Gibson

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Paphiopedilum Deperle

We have two Paph. Deperle plants of this name and both were raffle prizes. These plants go back to 2006 and 2007, I think they may be slow growers!!

Deperle is a Primary Hybrid. A cross between two species; Paphiopedilum primulinum introduced by a gentleman by the name of Liem in 1972, so a fairly recent discovery in Indonesia, in the Lueser mountains, Sumatra. This is where the plant deperle gets it's multi floral strain. This plant has shown us its first attempt at two buds on the same stem. For such a small plant this is quite a feat.

The other half of this paph is another species, with the handle of delenatii and was introduced a lot earlier, by a gentleman with the name of Guillaumin in 1913, in the Tonkin region, North Vietnam. Again another plant found growing at a high elevation of 3000-4000 feet.

Perhaps this has something to do with why we can have so many paphs that will flower for us. We do get warm weather up here, but most of the time not as hot as down on the lowlands. We can also experience fairly cool temperatures. We have at some periods, in the years we have lived here, dropped down as low as three degrees. We do have a solid roof on the paph house; but the sides are just 70 per cent shade cloth.

A trusty old paph book that we have was a gift from an old orchid grower who we knew, who also lived up here on the range, and I use it often. It's full of detail on many paphs, and lots of pictures too.

In nature most paphs grow in leaf litter etc, but we mad orchid growers tend to spoil the little devils. I use bark, charcoal, and perlite. I fertilise weekly, weakly, and most of the year I have these beautiful plants flowering in the lounge and dining room.



ABOVE: Plant of the month, the Paphiopedilum Deperle

The hardest part is the repotting every year. This might sound excessive, but Marty uses my discarded mix for potting up his Bulbophillums and Dendrochilums. It must be our age, but 'waste not want not' is part of his mantra.

Anita and Marty Viekkert

JUDGES' CHOICE – FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING 2023

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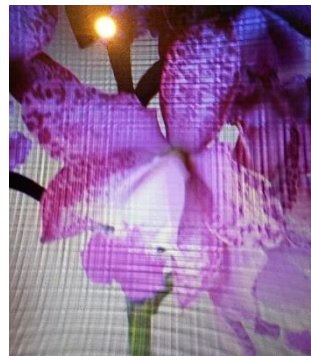
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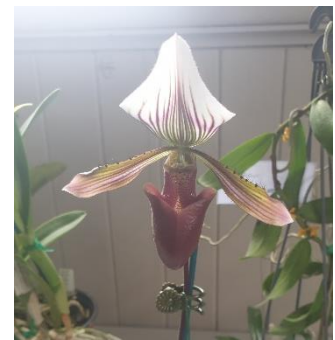
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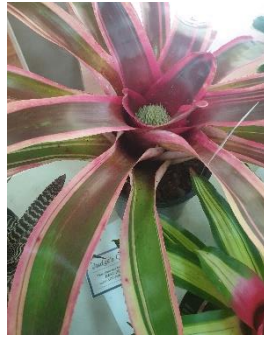
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Want that award winning plant?

Worried that the flower won't be blooming in time for the competition?

The clubs experienced members will be happy to share their wisdom with you to help grow that award winning plant you dream of.

You are welcome to bring your plant along before the meeting starts and ask the masters for their advice as to what to do to win that ribbon.

Guest speaker: David Hunter

For the love of orchids

David Hunter opened his talk with a welcome to Darwin, which was the general consensus on the un-airconditioned temporary hall's atmosphere on a very humid day.

What followed was a wide-ranging and interesting talk on orchids, a long-term fascination for David, who says orchids are 'all girls, there are no boy orchids'. He noted that orchids are now believed to have developed around 85 million years ago, and are found all on continents except Antarctica.

David discussed the ways he finds orchids tough, hardy and basically easy to grow; and noted he enjoys the actual growing of orchids, not just having them flower. He also detailed some of his experiments in 'testing' how hardy orchids could be, which was surprising to some of us.

There were many questions from the audience and we thank David for his presentation.

Fay Knight



ABOVE: Guest speaker David Hunter with two of his 'girls'.