



NOOSA DISTRICT ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The August 7TH Monthly Meeting has been **CANCELLED**

The August 14th Social BBQ has been **CANCELLED**

Hope all you members are enjoying the winter. I'm disappointed we will be unable to meet in August and have our much-deserved social gathering at the Botanic gardens. On a positive note, we do have the Spring Show to organise for mid-September so keep an eye out for emails and updates.

Phil has organised a bark delivery and last weekend we were able to successfully mix and bag another 300bags to be available for club members to replot in September. Thanks to everyone who assisted.

As of July 1st, Annual Membership Fees were due for renewal. The Management Committee understands members pay when they can, however if a membership fee has not been paid by the end of September that member will not be eligible to vote at the AGM or take up a role on the Management Committee. Membership fees go towards expenses such as; Association Insurances and general administration costs, hall hire for monthly meetings, the Mother's Day show and the Spring show, as well as expenses such as purchasing plants and gifts, the Club Shirts, and social events etc.

It's great to see members uploading photographs and notes onto FACEBOOK, especially photos of plants that are growing in gardens or up trees like Julia's 'bootstrap orchid'. Thanks also to John S. for sharing the 'deflasking' of his new Cattleyas. Interesting.

Looking forward to more FACEBOOK and hopefully a September meeting before the Spring Show. Please keep an eye out for information regarding the SPRING SHOW.

Cheers to everyone, Jenny.



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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 4



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

7th	Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Monthly Meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall, Sunrise Rd, TINBEERWAH
6th - 7th	Maryborough Orchid Society Annual Show	Uniting Church Hall King St, BUDERIM
14th	NDOES Social BBO	Noosa Botanic Gardens, COOROY
21st - 22nd	ANOS QLD KABI GROUP ORCHID SHOW - Featuring Dendrobium speciosum	Albany Creek Community Centre, 15 Earnie St, ALBANY CREEK
28th - 29th	North Brisbane Orchid Society Spring Show	Auditorium, Mt Coot-Tha Botanic Gardens, TOOWONG
28th - 29th	Logan & District Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show	Springwood Road State School, 94 Springwood Rd, SPRINGWOOD

SEPTEMBER

4th	Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Monthly Meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall, Sunrise Rd, TINBEERWAH
3rd - 4th	Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show	Uniting Church Hall, NAMBOUR
5th	Noosa Botanic Gardens Fathers Day Plant Fair	Noosa Botanic Gardens, COOROY
11th - 12th	Eastern Districts Orchid Society Spring Show	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, BELMONT

Wed 15th - Friday 17th	Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society SPRING SHOW	Cooroy Memorial Hall, COOROY Please note the mid week dates
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16th - 18th	Maryborough District Orchid Society Show	St Paul's Hall, MARYBOROUGH
18th - 19th	West Brisbane Orchid Society Spring Show in	Auditorium, Mt Coot-Tha Botanic
24th - 25th	Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show	Beerwah Community Hall, BEERWAH
24th - 26th	Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show	HERVEY BAY
25th - 26th	Ipswich Orchid Society Spring Show	Silkstone State School, Prospect St, SILKSTONE

OCTOBER

	Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Monthly Meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall, Sunrise Rd, TINBEERWAH
1st - 2nd	Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Spring Show	Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Ulm St & Queen St, CALOUNDRA
9th	Bribie Island Orchid & Foliage Spring Show	The Orchid House & Indoor Bowls Club, First Ave, BONGAREE
9th - 10th	Queensland Orchid Society Spring Show	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, BELMONT
23rd	Nambour Orchid Society Species Show	Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Rd, BUDERIM

A fresh load of quality Orchid Bark has been delivered, bagged up, and is ready for members.

A big thanks to Phil and Christine for allowing the society to use their shed as a temporary landscaping supply yard, and thanks to all the volunteers and grandsons who celebrated Jenny's birthday while mixing and bagging up the Orchid Potting Mix for NDOFS members convenience.

Every last bag of Medium and Small sized orchid mix was transported and squeezed into the storage container at Tinbeerwah ready for Spring. Job well done Phil, Dave, and Kim.

Bark and Fertiliser products will be available at monthly meetings:

Orchid Bark	Medium and Small grade	\$10 per bag
Fertiliser	Plantecote – (slow release)	CalMg finisher



MEMBERSHIP FEE RENEWAL

As of July 1st, Annual Membership Fees became Due for Renewal.

\$15.00 – Single \$20.00 – Family

Direct Debit Bank Details: Bendigo Bank

ACCOUNT NAME: Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society

BSB: 633 000

ACCOUNT NO: 156770182

Please use your NAME in the reference section for the Treasurer to identify the payment made and issue your receipt.



Jaqueline's nice surprise

**Members are encouraged to provide plant related contributions to the newsletter.
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A WORD FROM JOHN GREEN ON WHY HE DECIDED TO BREED HIS OWN ORCHID

When I first started growing orchids over 25 years ago, I was told the best orchids were imported. These were cloned plants being imported into Australia. After doing the Australian Orchid Council Judging Course I soon realised the Australian bred Cattleyas were of higher quality than most of the imported plants.

I thought I would try some breeding of my own as I like to have plants, which are unique. A lot of older members thought I was mad as it takes so long to grow and flower them from seed. I endeavoured to purchase the best breeding stock I could afford as it is no good crossing this with that and waiting 7 years to see what they turn out like.

The photo of the plant belonging to John Simmons is Rlc. Andean Treasure X Rlc. Dal's Horizon, which were plants I brought from Aranbeem Orchids as seedlings in 50mm tubes. I did this cross as the Rlc. Andean Treasure is a rich gold colour and flowers 2 times a year and the Rlc. Dal's Horizon is an orange of great shape.

When I started flowering these I was very pleased with the result and decided to register the hybrid as **Rlc. John Green**



The Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society

Spring Show is on in 6 weeks



(COVID conditional)

Please note the days and dates:

Wednesday 15th September

- Set up
- Benching
- Judging

Thursday 16th

- Open to the public

Friday 17th

- Open to the public
- Presentation of Trophies and Prizes
- Clear out, and Clean up

The NDOFS SPRING SHOW is held in the **Cooroy Memorial Hall**. It is an Open Show with a traditionally larger number of participants and public attendees compared to the Mother's Day Show. If all goes to plan, and the Spring Show dodges the COVID scourge, it will be a great opportunity for members and public to celebrate Spring and have some fun.

The Show Schedule of Classes and Conditions will be available soon along with the rosters and jobs list.

So, put on your volunteer boots, grab your name badge, and prepare your beautiful plants for the 2021 Spring Show.



TIPS ON PREPARING PLANTS FOR SHOW

EXTRACTED FROM NEW MEMBERS HANDBOOK

Make sure that the plant is clean, and that you have removed unsightly dead leaves and bracts. This first step makes a big difference to the way a plant appears. If the plant has dusty or dirty leaves you may want to wash them. Hold the leaf firmly by the base with one hand to make sure you don't pull it off altogether, and gently wash the leaf using a soft cloth. Popular techniques include using a mixture of water and milk or just plain water. NOTE. This technique should not be used on species that have a natural waxy bloom on leaves such as many brassavolas, (*Epidendrum*) *sophronitis*, or *Encyclia citrina*.

Make sure that the plant is in a clean pot: if the pot is dirty you may want to try cleaning it, or you may find it easier to double pot the plant into a second container. This can be quite decorative, and a number of our members use a variety of decorative pots and containers.

Please check your plants for all manner of pests and diseases. Every year the Show Marshals have the unhappy task of disqualifying the odd plant for suspected disease or infestation. It is in everyone's best interests to make sure that their plants are free of all insects and other pests. An orchid show offers a rich opportunity for all manner of nasty creatures to colonise new plants and display their maleficent claw and mandible work.

Make sure your plants are labelled clearly and legibly: the public (and other growers) want to know what plants you are showing. Whilst the good old, faded plastic tag might be enough in your greenhouse, the judges need to have plants clearly identified. Write out a new tag with the plant's name IN FULL, that is write *Brassolaeliocattleya* rather than *Blc*. Also make sure that the plant has a tag with your name concealed under the pot or inside the pot: this helps avoid confusion later on.

If the plant is normally hung or suspended in your growing area it is your responsibility to ensure that the plant is appropriately staged. Some members have created a variety of stands for their plants: all you need is something that will display the plant to its best advantage. This is particularly important for plants with trailing or hanging flowers.

Staking is one of those tasks that should commence (but rarely does) early in the development of the flower spike. If staking is left too late the results can look rather peculiar, as flowers can be twisted out of position. To a large extent staking is now at the individual's discretion. The judges have the right to remove the stake if they so wish. As a general aesthetic comment, be sensible with your staking, and try to keep the stake shorter than the raceme of flowers it supports: this avoids the unsightly phenomenon of the 'tomato stake syndrome', a rich and varied forest of stakes, with the occasional flower. By all means, use additional stakes and ties to help support your flowers and racemes while you transport them to the Show but remove the 'transport stakes' once you have the plant safely benched.

Water your plants well the day before you bring them in because it will not be possible to thoroughly water them for the duration of the Show.

For more tricks of the trade in preparing your plants for the

SPRING SHOW

refer to the April 2021 Newsletter where Anita, Lesley and Ray have shared their advice (thanks guys).

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Find us on 

The Noosa District Orchid & foliage Society Facebook Page is a private page for members only of the Society where they can showcase orchids they are growing and offer support to fellow members in developing the skills of growing and flowering orchids of various species and hybrids.

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post however anyone can follow the page.

When posting your pictures, if possible, can you include the names of the species or hybrids in the photo.

If you would like to join the private Facebook group, email a note to the Newsletter Editor: newsletternoosaorchids@gmail.com.

There are Rules to follow: Be kind and courteous, No hate speech or bullying, No promotions or spam, and please Respect everyone's privacy.

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