



Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

NEWSLETTER

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President's report

It's getting near that time of the year – Christmas decorations everywhere, kids finished school, Christmas parties...and orchids needing extra attention (drat). Talking of Christmas parties, what a great time was had by those members and guests who were able to make the NDOFS party last Sunday (*see photos over page*).

A special thanks to Jacqui and her helpers, and of course Leanne and the ladies at the RSL for giving us all such a great time.

On **Saturday 20 January** we have the New Growers' meeting at **Bev Wilson's, 58 Grays Road, Doonan**. We start at 9am with morning tea provided; \$2 each includes a raffle ticket. Don't forget a hat and chair; and Bev says there is plenty of parking in the street. As usual please bring any problem plants for diagnosis; and if you have a species plant in flower and would like to give a bit of information about its background and care, please bring that along.

The **Aspley Orchid Society** is a very big and well-established group of which Dave Lyons has been a member for many years. Their **February show** is a major event with lots of plants on show and on sale. **We are organising a bus trip** to their show on **Saturday 10 February**, followed by lunch and a visit to **Red Fox Orchids** on the way home. The club has been able to retain the cost at \$45 per person for the bus and raffles; the entry fee (\$4) and lunch will be up to those attending.

We need confirmed numbers, with money paid by 14 January, to lock in the bus etc. As usual, please make your payment by direct deposit to the club's account including your name and 'bus trip' in the reference (*see page 3 for more information on the trip*).

Our first meeting for 2024 will be on Saturday 3 Feb at Tinbeerwah Hall.



On behalf of all your friends at NDOFS may you and your family have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Trevor Cook

Calendar of events 2024

January

20	New and Improved Growers' meeting	Beverly Wilson – 58 Grays Road, Doonan
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February

3	NSO&FS monthly meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall
10	Day bus trip to Aspley Orchid Show and Red Fox Orchids	TBC, similar to last trip
10	Sub-Tropical Orchid Council Queensland AGM and Ordinary Meeting	Indoor Bowls Hall, Graham St, Gympie
10-11	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show	Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium
24-28	TIOS & 23 rd World Orchid Conference	Tainan, Taiwan

Christmas lunch at Cooroy RSL



Members enjoyed Christmas lunch with lots of lucky-door prizes and chances to catch up and socialise after a successful year – top right, new member Steve Potter was very pleased with his prize.



Enjoy a day out on our February bus trip to Aspley Orchid Society show and Red Fox Orchids

The idea of this bus trip was first raised at our last meeting in November. There was good support for the bus trip resulting in us raising the issue again at our Christmas party. We need to finalise numbers and pay by mid-January, before our 3 February meeting.

Mid last year we visited the North Moreton Orchid Council Show at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, near Mount Coot-tha. While there were plenty of plants for sale (*see photo below*), their show display in the main hall was a little disappointing.

Aspley Orchid Society will be having their **summer show** close to Valentines Day, on the weekend **10-11 February** (we go on the 10th). Aspley have many members and exceptional growers. They have two meetings each month (excluding December and January), a day and an evening meeting. They have a new growers meeting each of these months as well.

We will see many plants of very good quality on display. Their **show schedule has 37 categories** including four foliage, so expect to see foliage plants for sale too. We will spend two hours at the botanic gardens and leave about 11am. If you have had enough of looking at orchids, run out of money or your partner is not interested in orchids, then there are 52 hectares of land for your enjoyment including:

- Wandering through the many themed areas of the gardens including a Japanese Garden
- Look at the stars inside the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium
- Take a reflection photograph in the Tropical Dome
- Enjoy a break at the Café nearby. Aspley OS will be selling coffee and light refreshments.

We will have lunch at the Stafford City Shopping Centre for an hour or so; the bus should be able to park nearby. **After lunch we have lined up Red Fox Orchids** near Caboolture to host us. No doubt they will have good quality orchids (and perhaps foliage plants) for sale.

The intention is to get to Cooroy about 3:30 pm and the Atrium at Tewantin soon after.

We need 35 people on the bus to make it viable.

More info will follow including the itinerary and how to pay on line. Julie is keeping a record of those intending to go, so please contact her by mid-January.

Have a merry and safe Christmas, and a floriferous new year.

Dave L

