

President's report

Hi members

Well, winter has finally arrived – beautiful sunny days followed by cold clear nights. No wonder so many 'Southerners' come here this time of year! **The cattleyas and hard cane dendrobiums in particular are putting on a great display** – as we saw at our Mother's Day Show and the June meeting.

Finally, the rain has stopped and the place is starting to dry out. As David Hunter reminds us, now is the time to put your phalaenanthe dendrobiums under cover and wait till the roots show life in spring before watering again (not sure I can be that tough).

I have moved my soft cane dendrobiums out into the winter sunshine to harden them up and (hopefully) give me some flowers this spring. It is a pity Keith Gowlett was not able to make our June meeting as Keith is the unchallenged expert on growing and flowering soft cane dendrobiums. Hopefully he gets better quickly, and we may be able to re-schedule his presentation – if not, we can just look with envy at the plants he benches at our Spring show!

There is **so much combined knowledge within this club**, built up over thousands of joint years of growing (and killing) orchids. In addition, there are many sources of information that we variously call upon in books, websites and other on-line sources.

At our July meeting we are hoping you will **share some of that knowledge** with your fellow members. In particular, websites, newsletters, YouTube sites, journals etc. that you have found informative and applicable to our location. After the meeting we will put together a list of those sources and copy that to all members.

Don't forget, **membership is due for renewal next month**. Looking forward to seeing you at the **6 July meeting**. I was so disappointed to have missed the New Growers meeting at John and Kaye Green's this month; I will look forward to reading Fay's report and photos in this issue of the newsletter (*pages 7-8*).

Regards

Trevor Cook



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Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Members

Calendar of events 2024

July		
6	NDO&FS meeting Share your knowledge sources >	Tinbeerwah Hall – bring names of websites, newsletters, YouTube or Facebook sites
11-13	Caboolture Orchid Society show	Morayfield Community Hall, 298 Morayfield Road, Caboolture
August		
3	NDO&FS meeting John Simmons – plant nutrition, fertiliser	Tinbeerwah Hall
8-10	Maroochydore Orchid Society open show	Uniting Church, Buderim (<i>Julie and Gav will be benching plants, drop your plants to their place</i>)
17	New growers and species meeting	Julie and Gav Menkens, 94 Outlook Drive, Tewantin (bring chair and cup)
30-31	Childers Isis District OS show	
September		
7	NDO&FS meeting Spring show planning	Tinbeerwah Hall
12	Show set up from 1pm Benching 3-5pm	Memorial Hall, Cooroy
13-14	Friday 8.30am-4pm Saturday 8.30am-1pm	“
20-21	Glasshouse Country Orchid Society show (set-up 19).	Beerwah Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are car-pooling for this show
20-22	Hervey Bay OS show	Xavier College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters

ORDER YOUR BARK EARLY

Please **email Ian Skipworth** ianskipworth29@gmail.com by **Thursday night before** each meeting (next order 4 July) **with number of bags and size** (small, medium or large - \$15 per bag). **Pay at meeting** and show Ian your receipt to collect bark before meeting starts.



JUDGES' CHOICE June 2024

Mini Cattleya Under 70mm

C. Lana Coryell
M & A Vlekkert



Cattleya Intermed. 70-100mm

C. Lana Coryell
D Hunter



Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm

R/c. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'
T & C Cook



Cattleya Cluster

Sgr. Yokosuka Story
L Walters



Cattleya Novelty

Ett. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'.
L Walters



Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Pacific Pride
M & A Vlekkert



Phalaenopsis

Phal. Unknown
J Murphy



Species

Zygopetalum. mackayi
T & C Cook



Vanda Alliance

V. Bai Blue
J & G Menkens



Oncidium Alliance

Onc. Tsiku'Hof'
L Walters



Other Genera

Paph. TB Varanda Tea
M & A Vlekkert



Novice

Onc. Tsiku Marguerite
G Creemers



Bromeliad

Xsincoregelia Galctic Warrior
G & A Gibson



Anthurium

Anthurium Unknown
J & G Menkens



Ferns

Asplenium Nidus
D Hunter



Foliage

Aglaonema
G & A Gibson



AT RIGHT: I found this souvenir tea towel in a Gympie antique store. But it seems the Fleur International Orchid Gardens in Rotorua, New Zealand, are long gone. Anyone have memories of it?



Special cake and biscuit labels

We welcome all our members' cakes and biscuits generously provided for our meetings and shows – always appreciated.

If you make something which you know is **gluten-free** or **vegan**, please **label your plate** so our kitchen helpers can advise anyone who asks. (No other labels are needed.)

We have several members who cannot tolerate gluten in their diet. We also have dietary questions at shows, so labels are very helpful.

Gluten-free: no wheat, rye or barley products can be used as they are dangerous for coeliacs and others who are gluten-intolerant/sensitive.

Vegan: no meat, fish, dairy or egg products can be used. Those who are lactose intolerant may also ask for vegan to avoid dairy products.

People become vegan as they do not want animals killed and/or because of health reasons and/or environmental concerns. (It is not the same as vegetarian, which is simply no meat or fish.)

Thanks from the kitchen.

Orchid travel memories?

I know we all like to go to orchid shows and some of us have been through the botanic gardens in Singapore. John Simmons recently posted some Icelandic ground orchids seen on his travels. If you have a special souvenir featuring orchids, or a photo of somewhere special you've seen orchids I'd love to hear about it for a little piece in our newsletter. I'm happy to write it up, just contact me on fayruthknight@gmail.com or 0415 825 357. **Thanks, Fay**

Popular vote: June 2024

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
Mini Cattleya Under 70mm	<i>Rth.</i> Topaz Starshine D Phillips	<i>C.</i> Lana Coryell M & A Vlekkert	<i>Rth.</i> Chief Sunny G & A Gibson
Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm	<i>Bc.</i> Morning Glory 'H & R' T & C Cook <i>C.</i> Lana Coryell D Hunter	<i>Ctt.</i> Molly Tyler V. Todd	<i>C.</i> Unknown T & D Lyons
Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Delight 'Dreamtime' G & A Gibson	<i>Rlc.</i> Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami' T & C Cook	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Storm 'Midnight' T & C Cook
Cattleya Cluster	<i>Sgr.</i> Yokosuka Story L Walters	<i>Rlc.</i> Tzeng Wen Beauty N Bettridge	<i>Ctt.</i> Scarlet Imp 'Amy' T & D Lyons
Cattleya Novelty	<i>Ctt.</i> Jungle Eye G & A Gibson	<i>Bc.</i> Keowee N Bettridge	<i>Ett.</i> Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'. L Walters
Dendrobium Alliance	<i>Den.</i> New Burana T & C Cook	<i>Den.</i> Pacific Pride M & A Vlekkert	<i>Den.</i> Airy Crimson T & D Lyons
Natives	-	-	-
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Anagram J Murphy	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown J. Murphy	-
Species	<i>Paph. spicerianum.</i> M & A Vlekkert	<i>Paph. Unknown</i> G & A Gibson	<i>Zygopetalum. mackayi</i> T & C Cook
Vanda Alliance	<i>V.</i> Rothschildiana J & G Menkens <i>V.</i> Bai Blue J & G Menkens	<i>V.</i> David Donpon D Phillips	<i>V.</i> Robert's Delight – Black L.Walters
Oncidium Alliance	<i>Oncsa.</i> Sydney Smith M & A Vlekkert <i>Onc.</i> Tsiku 'Hof' L. Walters	<i>Lsv.</i> Lava Burst M & A Vlekkert	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown T & D Lyons
Cymbidium	-	-	-
Other Genera	<i>Lyc.</i> Sunray M & A Vlekkert <i>Paph.</i> TB Varanda Tea M & A Vlekkert	<i>Bulb.</i> Worayuth White Fang G & A Gibson	<i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Allen Hsinying Maruch Macabre Chatch Hsinying Welchnghua Flame N Bettridge
Epidendrum	-	-	-
Novice	<i>V.</i> Pachara Delight B Bigmore	<i>C.</i> Arizona P Haynes	<i>Onc.</i> Tsiku Marguerite G Creemers
Bromeliad	<i>Xsincoregelia</i> Galactic Warrior G & A Gibson	<i>Sin coreglia</i> Galactic Warrior T Forde	<i>T.</i> Fuego N Betteridge Unknown V Todd
Anthurium	<i>Anthurium scherzerianum</i> J & G Menkens <i>Anthurium Unknown</i> J & G Menkens	<i>Anthurium Unknown</i> T & C Cook	<i>Anthurium Alexia Mint</i> J & G Menkens

Ferns	Fern Silver Lady Blechnum Gibbum T Forde	Asplenium Nidus D Hunter	Adiantum Maidenhair Fern G & A Gibson
Foliage	Aglaonema G & A Gibson	Copper Swirl Begonia V Todd Begonia Unknown J & G Menkens	Aglaonema Siam Aurora G & A Gibson

Plant of the month

Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'

I bought this plant of Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami' at our Mother's Day Show two years ago. It was one of the plants the Society purchased from Jim Evans. Jim certainly grows strong and healthy plants, most of which for me have been reliable flowerers. It has filled the pot now, and has branched into two directions (both new growths flowered this year – one had three flowers which was how it was displayed at our June meeting, and the other has just opened now, with two equally beautiful flowers).

It will need repotting this spring, which will be the test of my skill. Jim really should be getting the credit so far. As those of us who have purchased Jim's plants know, he uses pure Perlite with a top dressing of fine blue metal (for weight) in a plastic pot. I have always used a bark/Perlite/charcoal mix in terracotta pots. So, it will be interesting to see how it goes.

As far as care goes, this plant is in with my other Cattleyas under 50 per cent shade cloth. I give them all a weekly fertilising during spring with a mixture of liquid Yates Orchid Food plus Seasol; in summer/autumn I add liquid potash, then in winter I switch to Amino-K (which I get from Orchidaceous). In winter I cover my tunnelhouse with Solarweave, so the catts get a fortnightly watering. I spray once every two to three months with Chlortan fungicide to prevent black spotting.

As I said, Jim deserves all the credit so far; next year (here's hoping) I can share his glory. **Trevor Cook**



Trevor with his winning Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami', one of the many lovely cattleyas benched last month.

NEXT MEETING: 6 July Tinbeerwah Hall

12.40pm: all plants must be benched

1.30pm: meeting starts

(agenda available on arrival)

Collect bark orders before meeting begins

**NOTE: Membership
fees now due:**

\$15 single

\$20 family

EFTPOS available

Record crowd at Greens' Gympie growers' morning

More than 30 members enjoyed a lovely drive to the Mary Valley area to see John and Kaye Green's gardens (*centre right*) and shadehouses, hear tips and talks and enjoy a delicious morning tea (*bottom left*). It was a record crowd.

John and Kaye have built up their garden and orchid collection over decades of hard work. To avoid big water bills, John has always handwatered his orchids, which are under shadecloth only (*top right*).

He says to focus on the orchids which will do well in your particular climate, which in his area is not phalaenopsis, as it's too cold. Although never a commercial grower, John used to have three shadehouses, but now has just one. (*next page>>*)





With just one big shadehouse still in use packed with orchids, members loved the colourful display and John's tips.

LECA balls and handy tools

Julie Menkens and Trevor Cook stepped in when our June guest speaker was ill. Julie (*top right*) is an admitted 'over-waterer' and is gradually swapping all her cattleyas over to LECA balls. These do not need replacing as bark does, do not damage roots when repotting, and retain moisture while draining easily (*top left*).



Trevor (*bottom right*) brought along many examples of things he's found handy in orchid care, and also explained how to keep your tools clean so you don't spread diseases. He also explained how a 'wick' (*bottom centre*) helps phalaenopsis mix stay moist as well as various handy uses for stocking socks when protecting plants (*left*).

