

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

NEWSLETTER
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President's report

Hi Members

It's that time of the year again! Christmas decorations up, presents to wrap, and orchids taking second place. **Spring started early** with a period of warm weather combined with some rain, so **hopefully your collection is bursting into growth** ready for a bumper display next year.

We had a **wonderful Christmas party** on December 7 at the Cooroy RSL Club (pages 3-6). **54 members and partners** were able to make the event, which was a great success – **thank you to Julie and Ian** for your organisation skills and to **Leanne and the team at the Club** for treating us to a very enjoyable luncheon. **Thank you** also to all those **members who brought gifts for the raffle**, everyone won a prize.

While handing out the thanks, I would like to make special mention of the **wonderful support we receive from the Cooroy RSL Club**. This year we were again successful in our request for financial support – the **Club has donated \$2,000** for us (page 2) to use for purchasing the Champions Table light stand and for a data projector for our meetings and shows.

There will be a **New Growers and Species meeting on Saturday 17th January**, at Ruth Dillon's. Julie will email details closer to the time. Ruth is one of our newer members who has already shown a keen interest in learning, and in playing an active role in the Society. As always, this will be a **learning experience for us all**, plus the opportunity for Ruth to get some practical advice on her orchid growing arrangements. As a novice a couple of years ago, I know I benefited a lot from the advice I was given when we had a New Growers meeting here.

Our first monthly meeting for 2026 will be on Saturday **7th February**.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and successful orchid-growing New Year.

Regards,

Trevor Cook



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Calendar of events 2026

January

17	New Growers and Species meeting	Ruth Dillon, TBA
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February

7	NDOFS meeting - Red Fox Orchids cattleya potting on for members	Tinbeerwah Hall
14	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show	Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton
20-21	QLD International Orchid Fair	1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
21	New Growers and Species meeting	TBA

March

	NDOFS meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall
	New Growers and Species meeting	TBA

Calling for new growers' locations

Next year we are hoping to have a **New Grower's meeting every month** in the warmer weather so we can give as much hands-on experience to not only those who are new to orchid growing, but anyone who needs help.

If you would like to have a meeting at your place, please let Julie Menkens know. **You don't have to have a big shade house or a big collection of orchids.** In fact it is very interesting how some members grow their orchid collection in a small area. No matter what your situation, it is a chance for like-minded orchid enthusiasts to get together and you always pick up some tips.



Cheque presentation at Cooroy RSL

Our society vice-president Bev Prideaux stepped up when Trevor Cook was caught up in issues from the recent storm blackouts. She collected the \$2000 cheque from club officials at a presentation night for local organisations and individuals. Thanks, Cooroy RSL.

Christmas cheer at Cooroy RSL party >



Society president Trevor Cook announced the RSL's grant of \$2000 at the start of our Christmas party. And everyone won a prize in the raffle, even Greg 😊 and we all enjoyed a lovely social occasion.
More photos over...







John Green, Cheryl and Trevor Cook in serious discussion near the overflowing raffle tables, before we got down to the more serious business of eating and choosing our raffle prizes.



Late awards presentations at the Christmas party



LEFT: Nita Bettridge, with her Foliage award.
ABOVE: Fay Knight with Novice award.

New phalaenopsis growing tips >

Dave Lyons shared these tips he recently picked up from phalaenopsis 'guru' Gordon Grant of the Aspley Orchid Society.

Dave reports that Gordon now uses sphagnum moss for potting phalaenopsis.

"He is a guru when it comes to growing and presenting phalaenopsis at meetings and shows," says Dave.

"He advises that using sphagnum moss will encourage roots to grow and will be easily seen if they are in clear pots. Like most other orchids over-watering will kill the roots. If the roots are grey, then water, if green don't water,"

