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Newsletter

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Flowering in my greenhouse (One inflorescence and many buds)



Odontocidium Sunlight 'Hilo Honey'

CLUB BUSINESS

Many members enjoyed our Christmas party on Nov 20th at the Commercial Hotel. Unfortunately the air-conditioning wasn't working which made being comfortable very challenging. In fact Dennis had to leave and we thought took the Xmas present calendars home with him. However, hats off to Dennis as he had politely left them, but we didn't find them till the cleanup after everyone left. Never mind, they will be distributed!

As I flicked through the Dec 2014 'Orchids Australia' I was delighted to see that Graham and Marion Gamble were awarded 'AOC Orchid Species of the Year 2013' which was just announced in Oct 2014. Their *Dendrobium chrysopterum* 'Marion' AM/AOC had 19 inflorescences and a total of 129 flowers. Well done!

Dennis and Lynne Frank, our President and Treasurer, have moved to Warwick but will try to give their support till the AGM in February 2015. Please think carefully whether there is any position that you could possibly undertake. All experienced committee members will help as much as possible. We will need a new President, Treasurer, Manager of kitchen affairs for the shows and committee members.

The next meeting will be Thursday 22nd January 2015. There will be a slide show of the 2014 Autumn and Spring Shows.

Casino Orchid Society 50th Anniversary

Another reason to participate in keeping the club going is to celebrate the milestone of the 50th Anniversary of the club and its shows.

Ideas for celebrating the event throughout the year and ideas for the shows are encouraged. Think about a big July function perhaps in-lieu of the July meeting – perhaps a one day display show and even invite other clubs to participate.

Summer care of orchids

Personally I have lost some orchids during some of Casino's

heatwave conditions – some days were over 40 degrees and we even reached 44.

I would love to hear any advice or hints on how to protect and relieve orchids during these hot spells. Is misting OK any time of the day, and watering any time of the day? Is early or late best, and what about the middle of the day?

All of us beginners would be interested in your response.

2015 Australian Orchid Conference and Show

A website is being worked on which will grow and be updated with information about the 2015 Conference and Show at Mackay. Check out Orchidsinparadise.com.au

OTHER SHOWS

* Aspley Orchid Soc Summer Show - 14th to 15th Feb 2015– Mt Cootha Auditorium

* Qld Internation Orchid Fair – 6th to 8th March– Beenleigh Showground

* Casino Anglican Flower Show – 21st Feb– Orchid and Potplant sections – Casino Anglican Hall

CULTURE NOTES

(Ref Orchids Australia Dec 2014)

Water and Fertiliser Requirements during peak growing period

Dendrobiums - Water every second day and try to avoid water sitting in the new growths. Fertilise every two weeks.

Cattleya – water every two or three days and fertilise every week.

Vandaceous – water root system daily if exposed, every two or three days if in potting mix. Fertilise weekly.

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