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CLUB BUSINESS

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“If we wish to increase membership, we as clubs have to become more proactive to create the interest, especially as now some of the Baby Boomers are looking for things to do. Sometimes, what has worked in the past doesn’t always work now”.

Any suggestions you may have to improve our Society, please talk to me, or one of the committee, I am very approachable and open to all input. Meg.

As January was our first meeting since last October, we

had a lot to discuss; we hope to have a very busy and exciting year. Although the number of orchids benched was small in number they made up for it with the beautiful flowers shown on this page.

Thanks to Manfred for his very informative and interesting talk on native orchids. Also his overview on the differences of Microsoft 7,8 and 10 software. We hope you finish your talk at another meeting Manfred.

Thanks also to Martin for his brief outline of our webpage which he set up for us last year. I do hope members will send in photos of their orchids with the name of the orchid (not their own name).

Thanks to Kathy Rose, Margaret Hyde and other helpers, for always providing a lovely supper at our monthly meetings.

Thanks to Simon and Donna, who have offered to take on the benching and recording of the orchids at the monthly meetings. A big thank you to Gary for his dedication to the CDOS; he has decided to take a break after holding this position for 10 years.

Thanks also to Margaret Scofield for operating the ‘Orchid Shoppe’.

We are car-pooling **18 February, at 9.00am at Aldi’s carpark** to visit Steve and Bruce Wedd’s Dahlia farm at **100 Friday Hut Rd, Coorabell**. Phone 66633162 if you are attending).

Orchid growers please support the St Marks Dahlia Flower Show 20 Feb, benching 7.30-9.00am.

TRIP TO BEENLEIGH
4 March 2016

Please contact Lionel Frame if you are interested in going on this trip. Departs Alstonville 6.30am.

NEXT MEETING

AGM 25 February, please try and attend this meeting. We have vacancies for the committee. If you are interested in a position please contact myself, Jack or Joan for a nomination form. You can email if you prefer and I can send you a form by return email.

OTHER SHOWS

St Marks Dahlia Show 20 Feb.
Tweed District OS Thurs 10 - Sat 12 March, 2016.
Manly Warringah OS Auction 20 March 2016.
Alstonville Orchid Society Autumn Show 30 March – 2 April 2016.
Gold Coast Orchid Show Friday 8 - Sat 9 April, 2016.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TRIPS:

Wolfe Orchid Nursery - Toowoomba
Rosella Orchid Nursery
Eastern District Orchid Show
Members Shade houses
Fame Orchids – Qld
BBQ my place (Meg) Saturday 7 May.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Suggested by Simon.
Winter protection for orchids
Summer heat control.
Light levels for orchids (shade Cloth).

We need more suggestions!

DENDROBIUM BEETLE



Photos taken by MJ Raupp

Text by Jeff Howes:

If you do not have these beetles that originated in Queensland on your Australian native *Dendrobium* orchids read no further and count yourself lucky.

If you do ... you can control by spraying an insecticide when you see them. The easier and more challenging way is to sneak up on them (there is always two of them), place your hand slowly below the leaves being eaten by the buggers and then, with your other hand try to grab them - if you miss, they will hopefully drop into your other hand as their defence is to drop to the ground when disturbed, now with a smile on your face, crush them.



Eggs laid by dendrobium beetle.

BEEF WEEK AUTUMN ORCHID SHOW

We are introducing a popular vote section for the general public. A prize will be awarded.

ACTUAL AUSTRALIAN COURT DOCKET 12659 ---

A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested.

The case came up in court.

The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself. The man replied, 'Well, your Honor, it was like this: When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat down under a sign that said, 'The Double Mint Twins are coming' and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, 'Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling,' and I had to smile. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, 'William's Big Stick Did the Trick,' and I could hardly contain myself. But, Your Honor, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, 'Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident!' ... I just lost it.'

CASE DISMISSED!

JOAN CAUSLEY

Joan is taking a much needed break this year, after serving many years on the committee. She will still be available to help at our Autumn and Spring Shows.