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Newsletter

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Champion of Show, Champion Species & Champion for Culture, grown by K & K Rose, congratulations.



Reserve Champion, grown by Kevin Foster, congratulations.



Winner Popular Vote – Bob Saunders, congratulations.



Section of orchids at the show.



Winner Photography Competition – Narelle Wynn congratulations.



Table display by Meg Kerr.

CLUB NEWS

Sorry this newsletter is a little late this month, still recovering from the show and the orchid trip away to the Sunshine Coast during the long weekend.

Firstly, I want to thank two special couples who turned up every day (even Wednesday) and worked all day at the show. Sincere thanks to Margaret Hyde (and Jackson), Stan and Marlene Heywood.



Display of moss by Manfred Marschall.

Margaret did a marvellous job in preparing food for the volunteers and the general public.

Marlene manned the door every day and did a great job writing out hundreds of raffle tickets. Stan helped with plant sales.

The number of orchids exhibited was down on last year due to the unseasonal weather, however, the orchids that were exhibited were of a high standard and extremely beautiful. Thanks to all exhibitors, particularly the exhibitors from Lismore and environs. We appreciate your continual support.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set-up and take-down the stands, potting demonstrators, plant sales and plant advisors, kitchen helpers, seller of food tickets and memorabilia, entry and selling raffle tickets, our recorders, and lastly our marshals. I hope I haven't missed anyone, if I have, it is not intentional.

Thanks to Margaret Hyde, Narelle, Marlene and Meg who provided dinner for the volunteers and judges.

The show was a great success with positive feedback from the general public; re the change of display of orchids, the photographs and the table display. All our hard work was rewarded.

I hope all the members who have had operations or illnesses recently are recovering. We missed your support at the show.

It was good to see Eric back at the show, sincere thanks for your continued sponsorship.

OTHER SHOWS

Singapore Tour July 22-26, cost \$2,670 twin share, \$3,460 single (plus flights).

21st AOC conference and Show NSW, 'Orchids in the Foothills' July 17-22, 2018.

St. Ives Orchid Show August 19-21, 2016.

Logan & District Orchid Society 27-28 August, 2016.

Southern Orchid Spectacular 7-9 October, 2016.

Boonah Orchid Society 15-16 October, 2016.

INFORMATION FOR SENDING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR OUR WEB PAGE

Photos can be emailed to Martin Marschall (martin336@gmail.com Format: 800 max width and saved as a Jpeg image, no large files by email please!) or you can save your photos to a USB stick or SD card (any size or format) and give them to Martin at the meetings.

CARE OF ORCHIDS – WINTER

Now is the time to cover shade house with plastic (or other covering) to protect plants from frost if you are prone to frost in your area and to control watering of orchids.

At this time of year orchids are dormant (resting) and do not need watering or fertilizing as frequently.

Look for flower spikes on your orchids and protect them from slugs and snails.

Check temperatures at night and if necessary provide more heat in the coldest periods in your shade house.

Avoid cold and damp conditions, which will encourage fungal spores particularly on the flowers.

Indoors give your orchids as much light as possible but keep them away from heat and radiators or other heat appliances.

Phalaenopsis and *Paphiopedilum* orchids growing indoors need to be watered and lightly fed. These orchids do not have a resting period, but their growth will slow during this time.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

These are mainly *Dendrobiums*, but also *Sarcochilus*, *Phaius* and various terrestrials. Tolerant of a wide range of climatic conditions, and parentage should be checked eg. *Den bigibbum* from North Queensland and its hybrids require warmer conditions.

They grow well under 50% to 70% shade cloth and like good air movement and high humidity in summer. They are easy to grow providing that they are grown under the right conditions.

Heavy fertilising must be avoided. Use low nitrogen in Oct, Nov, Dec (half strength) regularly in summer. Fertilise with a high potassium fertiliser Jan through to flowering (generally July, August and September) to promote flowering production. Premature yellowing of the leaves could be an indication

that the fertiliser is too strong or perhaps the wrong type.

Watch for insect pests, especially aphids, mites, mealy bug, etc., and treat in accordance with the spray manufacturer's instruction.

Pot most natives and hybrids (not terrestrials) in free draining bark mix, but slabs or mounts are also suitable, as is mounting on trees or shrubs in the garden.

JOKES

Little Johnny's teacher is giving a lesson on nutrition, and decides to ask her students what they had for breakfast.

To add a spelling component, she asks the students to also spell their answers. Susan puts up her hand and says she had an egg, 'E-G-G'.

'Very good', says the teacher..

Peter says he had toast,

'T-O-A-S-T'.

'Excellent.'

Johnny has his hand up and the teacher reluctantly calls on him.

'I had bugger all', he says,

'B-U-G-G-E-R-A-L-L'.

The teacher is mortified and scolds Johnny for his rude answer.

Later when the lesson turns to geography, she asks the students some rudimentary questions.

Susan correctly identifies the Capital of Canada ... Peter is able to tell her which ocean is off Canada's east coast.

When it's Johnny's turn, the teacher remembers his rude answer from the nutrition lesson, and decides to give him a very difficult question.

Johnny, she asks, 'Where is the Pakistani border?'

Johnny ponders the question and finally says, "The Pakistani border is in bed with my mother. That's why I got bugger all for breakfast'.