

Albany Orchid Society

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Ron's Phaleonopsis

December 2019 - January 2020 Newsletter

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Next Meeting: - Sunday 19th January 2020

1.30 pm	Bench Orchids
2.00 pm	General Meeting
Venue:	Albany Bridge Club, Mill Street Albany

COMPETITION PLANTS - January 2020

Encyclia Green Hornet 'Buttons' and *Zygopetalum* Denpasar 'Red Rocket' x *Zygo.* King's Road 'Mini Purple'
AOS Calendar 2019 - 2020

Friday 6 th December 2019	10.00.am	Cuppa at Handasydes Chester Pass Road
Saturday 14 th December 2019	12.00 Midday	Christmas Lunch at Le Grande Motel
Sunday 19 th January 2020	1.30.pm benching	2.00.pm AOS general meeting

BENCHING RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

OPEN SECTION

Ron Gresswell 3 points
Julie Elliott 13 points
Diedre Black 7 points

NOVICE SECTION

Barbara Hawes 3 points

Most Popular vote went to, *Phalaenopsis* unknown and was grown by Ron Gresswell

GUEST SPEAKER TONY BUDROVICH

At the November meeting Tony gave an interesting and informative presentation on various varieties of orchids and a Q and A session where members had brought in plants they wanted help or information on. He also had a segment on taking photographs of orchids and hints for using various cameras. Thank you Tony, we hope you come back next year!

November meeting Raffle results:-

1 st Prize	Sandra Bright
2 nd Prize	Jenny Ridgway
Door Prize	Glen Diggins

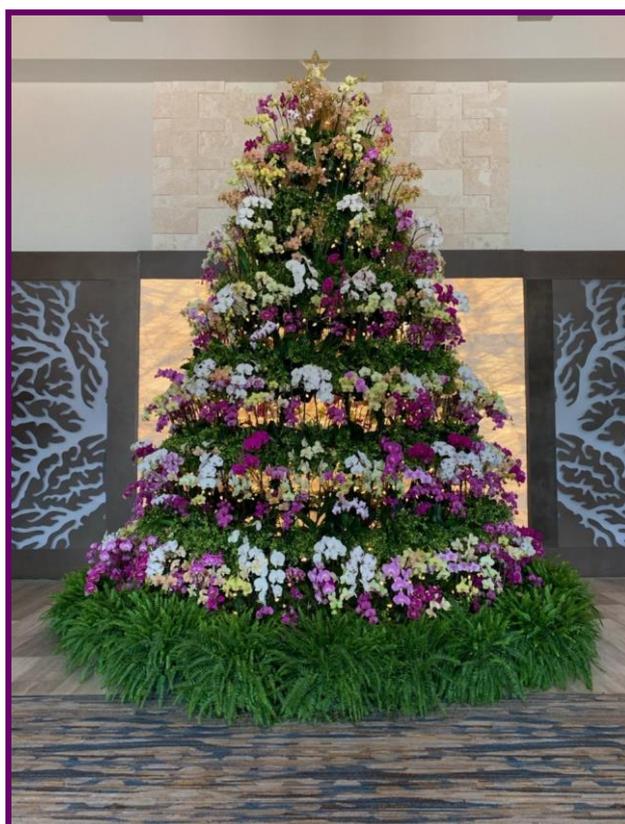
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Albany Orchid Society Christmas luncheon will be held on 14th December at Le Grande Motel, 479 Albany Highway, Orana. The cost is \$43.50 each, numbers to be advised, 23 people have signed up so far, you can pay on the day if it is easier. If you would like to buy a Christmas raffle orchid for \$10 please pay Mary when you get to the Christmas luncheon. Benching prizes will be given out at the luncheon.

DECEMBER CUPPA MORNING

Our next cuppa morning will be at Handasydes, 382 Chester Pass Road on Friday 6th December, hope to see you there, 10 00 am.

Merry Christmas everyone and may you all have a very happy and prosperous New Year in 2020
Best wishes from Gail and David Brodziak



CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019)

Most of the dividing and repotting of our Cymbidiums should be completed by now because as we reach the end of November, the weather pattern will have changed from warm spring days to hot, dry days with easterly winds. These conditions, of course, are not suited to dividing and repotting our plants. Any pots that were not attended to will be better left until autumn. From November on, with the increase in temperatures, we must increase the watering too. Provided the pots have good drainage, the plants will appreciate having the surrounding area nice and damp all through the summer period. This is the start of the summer culture, and this means added fertilizing: once a week or fortnightly as you prefer. If you are not too certain as to how much fertilizer you should apply, then always err on the lighter side. It's far better to give the plants two applications of half strength fertilizer than one dose that is too strong. Always remember to give the pots a good watering before you apply the fertilizer, then another good, heavy watering several days later. In the meantime of course, if you have fine misting overhead, then use this to keep the plants' leaves, benches and surrounding areas nice and damp. During November and December, the sun's rays are increasing and shining more directly overhead each day, and if it should shine through a break in the shade cloth the plants beneath will suffer with badly sunburnt leaves. This will affect the efficiency of the plant in producing the necessary plant sugars. Once plant leaves are burnt, they do not repair themselves and the scar will stay there until the leaf eventually dies.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019)

Although this year has seen a mild spring and cooler temperatures well into November, the weather is now warmer a little more consistently. It is now getting too late to do much more dividing of your Cattleyas, but you may still pot some on if they are badly in need of it. They will not be too traumatised provided that the roots are not disturbed too much. As the weather heats up further, you should assess the degree of shade needed to keep your plants protected. The best indication for this is the colour of the leaves. If the leaves are deep green, then it indicates that they are too shaded, whilst reddening of the leaves means that too much light is hitting the plants. The ideal is to have a greenish yellow leaf colour. At this time of the year liquid fertilising can be carried out once a week, or every fortnight, with a high nitrogen product. Fertilising is best done the day after the plants have been given a thorough watering to flush out the salts in the mix. Because of the warmth, be on the lookout for caterpillars, scale and mealy bugs that multiply very quickly in these conditions. Treat them as soon as they are identified as this will prevent them causing a big problem.