

Albany Orchid Society

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Gail's *Potinara* Burana 'Beauty'

July 2020 Newsletter

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

To protect the health of our members, everyone will need to sanitise their hands upon arrival and practice physical distancing. Please do not come along if you are feeling unwell. The Committee have been working on a COVID Safety Plan which will be in place for our meetings.

We hope to see as many as possible attending the meeting.

AOS Calendar 2020 Please keep these details handy on your fridge or on your mobile phone

Wednesday 22 nd July Committee meeting	1.30 am, at Vancouver Street Cafe
Sunday 26 th July AOS meeting	1.15 pm Benching, 2.00pm General meeting

Competition Plant for July

Eplc Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'



WINTER SHOW

We will not be having a winter show due to the Coronavirus situation.

SPRING SHOW

The spring show looks like going ahead. It has been discussed by the committee and will be discussed further at the meeting.

JULY BENCHING

Orchid benching is starting earlier than usual because of the interest in floral art using orchids. The theme for July's floral art is "Christmas in July".

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

At the February meeting it was suggested that members may like to bring in some floral arrangements to be judged at the monthly meetings. The idea was put forward, voted on and accepted at the meeting Floral arrangements will be judged at 1.15, just before the orchid plant judging commences. Please note that floral arrangements must be benched by 1.15.

Here are a few examples of floral arrangements using the Christmas in July theme using orchids.



Samples of floral art with a christmas theme.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT RULES AS BELOW

Floral arrangement means any arrangement of orchid blooms and foliage without wiring or any other means of artificial support in or on a container, with the use of oasis or water, intended for interior decorating, not intended to be worn or carried.

POINTS STRUCTURE

Design including the container chosen 20 points

Balance actual and visual 15 points

Scale of flower(s) proportionate in size to materials used 15 points

Originality of design and use of materials 20 points

Colour including clarity of colour and blending of colours 15 points

Condition of materials including freshness substance, texture and free of damage or defects 15 points

TOTAL of 100 POINTS

NOTES

When judging, if all things are equal the orchid flowers of good shape are preferred.

Some embellishments are permitted providing they suit the schedule and the orchids remain the dominant feature of the arrangement i.e. fruit, nuts, seed pods, braid and materials natural or coloured. Other flowers i.e. Gypsophilia, small misty blue, pink or white flowers may be used as a secondary flower material

The use of materials normally used by florists will be permitted; this includes the use of extension vials as long as they are concealed. The arrangement must be able suitably to last for the duration of the display/show.