

John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

February 2021 Bulletin



Dendrobium affine

Society Founded 8th April 1970

Society meets at 7.30pm on the Second Wednesday each month at Oxley Bowls Club

Committee Meeting Monday 22 Feb 7.00 pm

General Meeting Wednesday 10 March at 7.30 pm

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President's Report:

It's great to see everyone ready to start what hopefully will be a great year in 2021. How complex was 2020. We were looking forward to having our 50th Anniversary celebrations and along came COVID. Well in 2021 we begin our 51st year since our incorporation, so it can still be celebration time. It is lovely to see everyone tonight after so long.

We have planned for this year but for now let us be happy to take each month as it comes and be grateful for making it through safely up till now. Unfortunately, it is our sad duty to announce that we have lost some very valuable members since we last met, members we loved dearly but also who mentored us and held extensive knowledge in orchid growing. We express our deepest sympathy to their loved ones and hope and pray that 2021 is not only a new year but also a new season in the life of the John Oxley District Orchid Society. Let us keep the deep tradition of being sharers of knowledge that these people have left and continue mentoring and sharing knowledge.

One of the things that I had purposely decided with the support of the committee was for each member of the society to have their own Den. Affine. They now have another year's growth compared to when they were supposed to be given out and so I need to repot them before they can be distributed. I have started doing this and will have them ready to give out at our AGM in April. They are looking very healthy (a concern I had since I have had to keep them alive a lot longer than I anticipated), so I am pleased to be

able to give everyone our emblem and look forward to them receiving prizes in due course.

Thank you to the tireless support of the committee who tried many times to have meetings last year but alas the Bowls Club would not have it, so here we finally are ready to begin with fresh enthusiasm and hope for the future for ourselves and the club.

Thank you everyone for coming. The committee and I wish you a good night and good year and a long life for the future of the club. I wish to remind everybody the subs are due now and will help us to get back to some normality, as soon as possible

The annual general meeting is fast approaching and it would be lovely to see new faces take up the reins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have taken on positions in the past and have done an excellent job. If you wish to take on a position and feel like you don't know enough, these people would always be happy to help you in your new position. Please give a real consideration to **all** the roles and consider what you could do to help run a very successful club. The Vice President position has now become vacant. If anybody is interested in taking on this position, please come and see me. It is not a difficult role. As well we need a new photographer for this year. Thank you to Don for his tireless work over the time he has been in the society.

Now is the time to get your plants ready for sale so they are well established in their pots for selling. Please make sure you get your necessary sales tickets and show tickets to have them ready

in the next couple of months. Let us hope and pray that this year we get to have a show!

If you have a passion, which you would love to share as a guest speaker, we would love to have you. It doesn't necessarily need to be about orchids. We encourage everyone to have a go at speaking. The amount of expertise in the room is huge. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Regards, Michael Byrnes.

From the Editor

Michael has said it all so there is no need to add much.

We did not meet and there are no photos. A photo of *Den affine* seemed appropriate. There are no show dates. We take it a month at a time.

Editor

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