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CAIRNS GARDEN CLUB NEWS



General Meeting 19 May at the garden of Andrew Prowse at Holloways Beach



Unfortunately our advertised guest speaker, was unable to attend this meeting, but Peter Everist rose to the occasion and gave a very interesting and detailed talk on the vanilla orchid. This very labour intensive plant must be hand pollinated as we do not have the insect which pollinates the flower in Australia. The vine flowers once a year and when the flowers form each morning, they need to be pollinated immediately with a toothpick. The vine grows in the shade and prefers a good covering of compost. More information from Peter, he sells the plants for \$20. The competition for a cut shrub was won by Fran Lindsay, and the cut flower by Nola Adcock.



MEMBERS COACH TRIP- SUNDAY 3 JUNE
On a beautiful Autumn day we enjoyed a trip to the Whyanbeel Valley; first to the garden of Liz Showniruk. Plenty of interest here in this very large tropical property. After a tour of the garden with Liz and morning tea we then moved across the road to the Studio and Gallery where this very talented lady displays her art work, pottery and glass work. Her botanical illustrations are outstanding with fine detail and authenticity; as are the rest of the pieces on display, and members made many purchases. A leisurely lunch at High Falls Restaurant followed by a visit and wine tasting at the Cannonvale Tropical Fruit Winery completed the day.



JUNE MEETING

The meeting on Saturday 16 June will be held at the garden of Sandy Long at 10 Edge Close, Kewarra Beach. The guest speaker, Lesley Townsend, will tell us about orchids, and the competition is for an orchid flower ; this can be either a cut flower or a potted plant in flower. Please remember to bring a chair and a plant for the raffle table; and looking ahead to the July meeting which will be our annual Plant Auction, members are reminded to prepare two or three worthy plants for the sales table, to help make it a success.

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