

MARCH 2024 BULLETIN

Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.



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**Next New Growers Meeting
SATURDAY 13TH APRIL**

**Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 16TH APRIL**

**Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 23RD APRIL**

To those members/family/friends who are not enjoying the best of health at the moment, we wish you all the best for your recovery and look forward to seeing you at Society functions in the future. Stay safe!!

wish^{ing}
you a
Speedy
Recovery

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to our March bulletin for 2024.

The question on everyone's mind these days seems to be 'When will this rainy weather ever end?' Mother Nature sure is putting out some challenges to orchid growers nationwide this year. On a positive note, most orchids just love rain water, albeit not too much, and the local lawns and gardens are reaping the benefits after the long dry spell.

This month's bulletin is a bit smaller than usual with there being no benching by our Open growers at our March Cultural Meeting due to it being held just days prior to our Easter Show. However we've still got lots of items of interest. There will be a special Show Bulletin published in the coming days so keep a look out for it.

The outcome from our recent applications for grants to replace our airconditioning and solar panels will soon be felt, both physically and in our bank balance. See more details further on in this bulletin.

At April's New Growers Meeting, repotting orchids will be the topic and we have Jill from Searles Garden Products coming along as our Guest Speaker at our April Cultural Meeting. Jill has a wealth of knowledge about all things gardening, and is only too happy to share it with you all, usually with a lot of laughs along the way. She also usually brings a box of goodies to distribute.

In May, Robert Trost from RoLin Orchids will be our Guest Speaker on the subject of growing Bulbophyllums.

Check out our long list of Orchid Shows in south east Queensland over the next two months giving members the opportunity to enjoy lots of eye candy, retail therapy and to reciprocate support for other societies!

I look forward to seeing you all at future meetings and welcoming some more new members who signed up at the Show.

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea at Meetings however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members.



SIGNING IN AT MEETINGS

All members and visitors must sign the Attendance Book which is on display at the front of the hall for attendance/Insurance purposes. Thank you.



The Next New Growers Meeting will be held on Saturday 13th April commencing at 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Benching by 1.15pm please.

Topic will be Repotting Orchids.

New Growers, please feel welcome to bring along any problem plants for advice.



Check out the wide range of pots & vanda baskets, fungicides, ties, cutters, bark and perlite etc available at both the New Growers and Cultural Meetings at The Orchid House. For more information contact Paul on 0475 851 603.

PLEASE NOTE : EFTPOS is now be available for purchases at both monthly meetings.



PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

APRIL Jill from Searles Garden Products

MAY Robert Trost from RoLin Orchids—Bulbophyllums

If you have any suggestions for Guest Speakers or if there is a particular topic you would like to hear about, please contact our Secretary Teresa on 0407 782 290



A very warm welcome to the following New Members

Sherill Canicula

Euleen Fuller

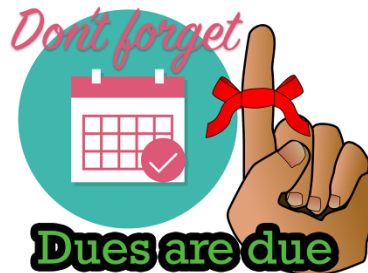
Jacqueline Lonzar

Tony & Sue Magner &

Bob Saunders



Bunnings at Caboolture, where we have held our fund-raising sausage sizzles in the past, recently gave the Society the opportunity to promote our Easter Show at an information night just prior to Easter. Our President Di Sirett (pictured talking to one of the Easter Bunny's helpers) and Treasurer Ros Ramsey were the volunteers who handed out Show flyers and information on the Society. Thank you ladies. Their efforts were rewarded with a gift card from Bunnings. Thank you Bunnings!



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE BY THE END OF APRIL - \$15 PER ANNUM SINGLE, OR \$20 PER ANNUM FAMILY.

FEES CAN BE PAID BY CASH/EFT AT MEETINGS. OTHERWISE WESTPAC BANK BSB 034 119 ACCOUNT NUMBER 161085 IF YOU ARE DOING INTERNET BANKING OR IN PERSON. PLEASE INCLUDE 'FEES & YOUR SURNAME' AS THE REFERENCE.



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MARCH 2024—COMBINED NEW GROWERS AND CULTURAL MEETING

Our decision to hold our combined March New Growers and Cultural Meetings just before the Show saw the group gathered at The Orchid House on Saturday 23rd March. The format of the meeting was somewhat casual with much discussion around the setup for the Show and whether all activities would be covered and by who. Thank you to those members who put their hands up to help with the setup of both The Orchid House, where our orchids would be displayed on Wednesday, and our neighbours the Bribie Island Indoor Bowls Club on Thursday, where our foliage display and vendors would be located, and numerous other tasks required.

Zelda took the New Growers present through how to best display their Show plants and encouraged everyone to bring their plants along to the Show with the carrot being the New Growers Champion being rewarded with \$100 worth of orchids from RoLin Orchids at Wamuran.

Five plants grown by New Growers were benched for judging with Ros Ramsey taking home 'The Finger' with her very colourful *Ctt. Ploenpit Fantasy*. Congratulations Ros.

With the raffle run and won, members headed off to get their plants ready for the Show.



Ctt. Ploenpit Fantasy

MARCH 2024 RESULTS - NEW GROWERS MEETING

(# = No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya	3	1st	<i>Ctt. Ploenpit Fantasy</i>	R Ramsey
		2nd	C. Horace 'Maxima' X <i>Chz. Hsinying Pink Doll</i>	C Pickering & J Lumsden
		3rd	C. Unknown	R Ramsey
Other Hybrids	2	1st	<i>Bulb. Tollenongleurum X Bulb. Lobbii 'Kathys Gold' = Bulb. Gardiner Allan</i>	R Ramsey
		2nd	<i>Brs. Unknown</i>	R Ramsey
Judges Choice			<i>Ctt. Ploenpit Fantasy</i>	R Ramsey

NEW GROWERS : BENCH YOUR ORCHIDS AT CULTURAL MEETINGS AND ANY PLACINGS RESULT IN POINTS FOR THE YEAR'S AWARDS.

NB Corrections in red have been made after checking with OrchidWiz. Please change tags for new registrations and correct spellings....Zelda Holm



Rolin Orchids



Robert & Linda Trost

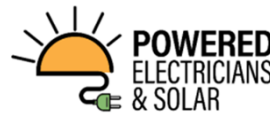
***THE SPECIAL AWARD FOR BRIBIE ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY
NEW GROWERS AT THE 2024 EASTER ORCHID & FOLIAGE
SHOW WAS WON BY CHRIS PICKERING***

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS

This Award was sponsored by Rob & Linda Trost from RoLin Orchids and the winning growers received a \$100 voucher to purchase plants from their nursery at Wamuran,



**RECENT GRANTS
APPROVED**



The work to replace our airconditioning system will be carried out on Tuesday 2nd April and Thursday/Friday 4th/5th April by AH Airconditioning and Electrical, while the replacement of our Solar system by Powered Electricians & Solar will happen on Monday 8th April.

Our thanks again to the Gaming Community Benefit Fund and Busy Fingers for providing the funds to cover these activities.



March 2024 Birthday Lunch

Solander Lakes Bowls Club at Banksia Beach was the place to be for the March Birthday lunch with 22 members and guests in attendance. From all accounts, the food again went down a treat.

Zelda was the only 'Birthday girl' present and she had only a short walk across the road to the venue so no worries about having a glass of wine or two!.

Once again our thanks to Liz for organizing lunch, and to Diane our volunteer photographer for the day. The April Birthday lunch will be held at the RSL Social Café (Indoors).



Don & the 'Birthday Girl'



Paul & Ros



Rainie & Liz



Sue & Tierney



Di S & Margaret



Bob & Allen



Vicki, Di K & Sandra



Helene



Margaret, Kay & Barry

'MISSTIMED BLOOMS' - Those plants that flower when there are no meetings (or you can't get there) or Shows!



Unknown



V. Lou Sneary



V. Su Fun Beauty



**Bulb pingtungensis X
Bulb echinolabium**



Den. macranthum



**Ctsm. Orchidglade '
Jack of Diamonds'**



**Den. Dal's Stunner X
Den. Tanamera Beauty 'Hailie'**



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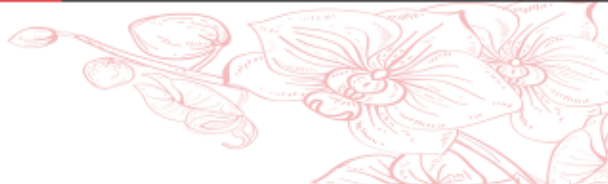
If you have any plants that flower between meetings, email the photos to our Bulletin Editor—sandyjens@bigpond.com for inclusion in the next bulletin.

GET YOUR ORCHID FIX.....UPCOMING SHOWS

APRIL	5th, 6th	Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Show, Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Queen & Ulm Streets, Caloundra	Set up Thursday 4th. Fri 9am - 4pm Sat 9am - 2pm
	6th, 7th	Ipswich Garden Spectacular, Silkstone State School, Prospect Street, Silkstone	Sat 8.30am - 3.30pm & Sun 9am - 2pm
	12th, 13th	Childers Isis District OS	show set up 11th.
	13th, 14th	Eastern Districts Orchid Society 58th Autumn Show, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8.30am - 4pm Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	13th, 14th	Pine Rivers OS Autumn Show, Kallangur State High School entry Old Gympie Road,	Sat - Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	19th & 20th	Redcliffe Autumn Orchid Show, Scarborough Bowls Club, Scarborough Rd & Sunnyside Road, Scarborough	Fri 8.30am - 3pm Sat 8.30am - 2pm
	20th	Redlands Orchid Society Inc. Autumn Charity Show Redlands Multi Sports Club Inc. - Open Show, Judy Holt Park, Randall & Bailey Rd, Birkdale	Saturday 8.30am - 3pm
	20th	South Burnett OS show, Diggers Club, Wondai	Saturday
	27th & 28th	Gympie & DOS show, Albert Park Bowls Club	Set up Friday 26th.
MAY	2nd, 3rd, 4th,	Caboolture Orchid Society Show (Closed), The Square, King Street	Thurs & Fri 7am - 8pm & Sat 7am - 3pm
	4th & 5th	Brisbane Orchid Society 50th Anniversary Show, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8am - 4pm Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	10th, 11th, 12th	Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre	Set up Thurs 9th May, Fri, Sat & Sun
	11th & 12th	Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Show (Closed)	Saturday & Sunday
	11th May	Maroochydore Orchid Society - Closed show, Uniting Church, Bli Bli	Saturday



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April Birthdays

Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Time : 12 noon

Venue : RSL Social Café (Indoors), 99 Toorbul Street, Bongaree Q 4507

Please contact Liz on 0407 388 771 if you intend to attend, if you have not already done so

Many Happy Returns to our members
celebrating their Birthdays in April

10th	Bev Birt
21st	Ingrid Fox
24th	Barry Svensson
27th	Di Kennedy
30th	Paul King

Is your name and Birth date in our Birthday Book? If you're shy, your year of birth is not necessary, just the day and month!



BIOS Birthday Lunches

Our monthly Birthday lunches are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 12 noon various locations around the Island and surrounds. They are a great way to get to know other members of the Society. Everyone pays for their own meal/drinks so the choice is yours whether it be a low cost outing or something a bit more up-market.

Website Our new website address is www.bribieislandorchidsociety.com.au

FACEBOOK

Members are reminded that our Society has a Facebook page. Just type in Bribie Island Orchid Society in the Facebook search field and the group page will appear. In the section headed Groups ask to join. Our administrator will then accept your request. Our Facebook page is attracting a large number of views and comments from both within the Society and outside and it is interesting to note that some of our new members found us on Facebook. Many thanks go to Teresa Watson and Sue Harrison for their contribution to this platform.

Suggestions for our monthly Bulletin



If you have any suggestions for our monthly bulletins or would like more information on any particular subjects, please don't hesitate to contact our editor **Sandy Jensen on 3408 3317 or email sandyjens@bigpond.com** and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Cultural Meeting

Cultural Meeting is normally held on the Fourth Tuesday of the month at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island. Meeting times are arrival 1.00 pm for start at 1.30 pm. Plants must be benched by 1.15 pm when judging will commence. Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members due to COVID-19 restrictions.

New Growers' Meeting

The New Growers' Meeting is normally held on the Second Saturday of the month. These meetings are held at The Orchid House, arrival time 1.00 pm for start at 1.30 pm. Plants must be benched by 1.15 pm when judging will commence. Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members due to COVID-19 restrictions.

CLUB BADGES AND/OR SHIRTS To order your Club polo shirt and/or name badge, see our friendly Treasurer. The costs are Polos \$ 35 each and Name badges \$15. Wearing a Club shirt and name badge readily identifies Bribie Island Orchid Society members to the public who patronize our Shows and name badges come in handy at our meetings/functions when we sometimes experience a 'Senior's moment or two'. **Be proud to stand out in the crowd!**



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