JULY 2024 BULLETIN

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Next New Growers Meeting SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST
Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

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!!



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to our July bulletin for 2024.

Our recent Bus trip to the Nambour Garden Expo was a great success with participants keen for a repeat trip next year. Thanks for organizing Liz.

It was great to see several Bribie members benching orchids and foliage at the recent Caboolture Orchid Society Winter Show at Morayfield and we are hoping that members will again bench orchids at future shows, the next one being Maroochydore Orchid Society Show at Buderim on the 9th and 10th August and lots of shows to follow. Supporting other societies is an essential part of having other societies support our shows so please consider taking part.

We have scheduled a store room clean up for Wednesday 18th September at 1pm, as Glasshouse Orchid Society are going to borrow 85 tables for their Show and it will give us a chance to clean out the area where the tables are stored so we will be looking for a few volunteers to help.

Our New Growers Meeting was well attended and we look forward to hearing/ seeing the results of some members trying out the recipes for propagating/ treating their orchids in the coming months.

For those who have ordered Polo shirts, they have gone up in price so will now cost \$38 each, up slightly since we last purchased polos in 2021.

Lastly, just a reminder that our Spring Show scheduled for 4th & 5th October is only about 10 weeks away so it's time to start thinking about preparing your plants for benching or sale.

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

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



A very warm welcome to the following new members of our Society.

We hope you enjoy learning about orchids and meeting new friends with a common passion

Linda & Robert Edwards
Sheryll Steele Boyce





Please support our loyal sponsors where possible.



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. EFTOS available. For more information contact Paul on 0475 851 603.



PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

AUGUST: Brian Heath— TBA

SEPTEMBER : Kurt Ison (Red Fox

Orchids)

NO OCTOBER CULTURAL MEETING (State Elections in Hall)

NOVEMBER: Peter Farquharson. "Plant of Health" supplier, Fertilisers for orchids

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

CABOOLTURE ORCHID SOCIETY WINTER SHOW 2024

Thursday 11th July saw a few Bribie members venture in to Morayfield to bench plants at Caboolture Orchid Society's Winter Show.

Mother Nature has been playing tricks lately and whilst some plants like Dendrochillums aka Coelogynes were pretty light on for this time of the year, there were also some early Soft Cane Dendrobiums which we don't usually see until September/October. Nevertheless there was a feast of colourful orchids and luscious foliage plants on display. There were a number of familiar faces at the Show with some of our regular visitors to the Island from Glasshouse, Sunshine Coast and surrounding areas benching. It is mutually beneficial for Societies to support each other when our Shows roll around so please give some thought to benching at other Shows. If transporting your plants to and fro is a problem, please contact Teresa and she will endeavor to arrange assistance.

Bribie members Teresa & Joe, Ron R, Paul & Di, Ros R and Sandy J benched a total of 22 plants with 11 plants bringing home the bacon with a total of 4 x 1sts, 4 x 2nds and 3 x 3rds in all. Well done all!

















OUR BUS TRIP!









Our recent bus trip to Nambour for the Queensland Garden Expo was well attended with 39 on board along with our driver Emma, and despite the very unseasonal rain in the lead up, the weather turned out fine, albeit a little overcast and chilly. The group spent their day wandering amongst the many stalls and exhibits. The great variety of plants and orchids was massive as were some of the prices but that did not stop our crew from shopping! Under the bus was chockers on both sides , with some of the purchases ranging from \$150 Paphs to raised garden beds in packs and lots of plants, not just orchids. A big thank you to Liz for organizing the day out.

There were also friends to visit at the Nambour Orchid Society display, Red Fox Orchids and Fong Ping Orchids to name a few. Kurt Ison from Red Fox Orchids gave a great talk and has agreed to repeat it as our guest speaker at September's Cultural Meeting for those who missed out.

The food on offer was quite good with steak sandwiches being very popular, along with the yummy coffee.

Everyone had a great day and our departure time of 2.45pm came all too soon to head back to beautiful Bribie. It's a wonder the Island hasn't sunk a bit with the load of plants brought home! *Teresa*







Some of our shoppers!!



All shopped out!





Nambour Orchid Society's information booth and display







Both sides of the bus luggage compartments groaning with plants purchased....

QUEENSLAND



GARDEN EXPO— NAMBOUR



Succulents



Paphs



Vandas



Fong Ping Orchids



Natives





JULY 2024 NEW GROWERS MEETING

The Orchid House was a popular venue on Saturday 13th July with 34 members and 1 visitor attending our New Growers meeting with Zelda giving an interesting talk on some experiments she has been conducting using common household ingredients eg rice, garlic, onions and yeast. Some of the ideas for these came from googling Happiness Garden Orchids and Universal Orchids where these products are used for pest control along with producing keikis or more blooms. Three of the New Growers group took home Zelda's experiments and will report on their progress at August's meeting. See the recipes further on in this bulletin and *please note these recipes should not be sprayed on buds/blooms*.

Eight plants covering three classes were benched for judging with Suzette, being awarded 'The Finger' for her very well grow *Cym*. Celtic Imp. This plant is the product of Ron Russell's back bulb experiment a couple of years ago and you have to admit Suzette has done very well with this plant. Bruce braved the opposition and brought along his lovely pink cymbidium. Shame he ran into Celtic Imp on the day but you've got to be in it to win it so please bring along your plants for judging and maybe pick a up a tip or two to improve your presentation which is all part of judging.

Again our raffle was well patronized and four lucky people added to their orchid collections. As usual, afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who contributed the sandwiches, cakes, biscuits etc and the members who manned the kitchen.



Judge's Choice

Cym. Celtic Imp

Grower—S. Hetherington



Den. Starsheen 'Botanical Fireworks' X Self

No! It's not the creature from the black lagoon but Zelda modeling her new mask for use when she is handling pesticides etc





Cym. Unknown



Rth. Topaz Classic



Zelda with some of her experiments

UPCOMING SHOWS

	9th, 10th	Maroochydore Orchid Society open show, Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Rd & King Street, Buderim	Set up Thurs Fri 8am - 3pm Sat 8am - 2pm
AUGUST	17th & 18th	IS NOW, AUDITORIUM NIT LOOF THE DOTENIC (-or	Sat 8.30am - 3.30pm Sun 9am - 3pm
	30th, 31st	Childers Isis District OS show	Set up 29th.
SEPTEMBER -	12th,13th,14th	Maryborough DOS	Set up Wed 11th
	13th & 14th	Redcliffe & District Orchid Show, Webb Hall, Redcliffe Showgrounds, Scarborough Road, Redcliffe	Fri 8.30am - 3pm Sat 8.30am - 2.30pm
	20th, 21st	Doorwah Community Hall opposite channing	Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm Sat 8.30am - 2.30pm
	20th - 22nd	Hervey Bay Orchid Society Spring Show, Xavier Catholic College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay	Fri 8am - 4pm Sat 8am - 4pm Sun 8am - 2pm
	20th - 23rd	Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Spring Show, St Paul's Church, Cnr James & Phillip Streets, Toowoomba	Fri, Sat & Sun 8.30am - 4pm Mon 8.30am - 3pm
	21st - 22nd	Pine Rivers OS Autumn Show, Kallangur State High School- entry Old Gympie Road,	Sat - Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	28th - 29th	Orchid Species Society Annual Show, Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	Sat from 8am Sun from 9am
	28th - 29th	Ipswich Garden Spectacular, Silkstone State School, Prospect Street, Silkstone	Sat 8.30am - 3.30pm & Sun 9am -1pm
OCTOBER	4th, 5th	Bribie Island Orchid Society Spring Orchid & Foliage Show	Set up Thurs 3rd Fri 8.30am - 4pm Sat 8.30am - 2pm
NOVEMBER	9th	Nambour Orchid Society Species Show Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim	Set up Friday 8th Show Sat 9th

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



L - Rlc. Burdekin Dream 'DJ' and R - Rlc. Burdekin Bells



Rlc. Young Kong 'Sun # 16'



Rlc. George King 'Serendipity' X Pot. Deception Bingo



Rlc. George King 'Serendipity'



Rlc. Paradise Supreme 'Claire'

July Birthday Lunch

Bribie Island RSL Social Café—Outdoors was the venue for July's Birthday celebration with 20 members and one little visitor in attendance, again sadly with no Birthday people present.

Di's photos again showed everyone enjoying the great food and good company. Thanks Di.

The next Birthday Lunch will be held at the Solander Lakes Bowls Club on Tuesday 20th August. Come along and join in the fun!



Elsie, Ros R & Julie



Bruce, Jenni & Allen



Di K & Lynette



Karen & Liz

Kay & Margaret



Paul, Daryl & Bev



Bob, Vicki & Sandra



Leisa & Rainie



JULY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING

Our Cultural Meeting was well patronized on Tuesday 23rd July at The Orchid House.

With our President and new Vice President unable to attend, our Secretary Teresa did a great job of chairing the meeting as well as standing in as our proposed Guest Speaker notified us that morning that he had come down with the flu. We look forward to hearing Peter Farquharson from "Plant of Health" speak at our meeting in November, all being well. Sue & Greg Harrison had donated a number of pieces of wood that are ideal to be used as Tillandsia mounts so Teresa took the opportunity to demonstrate how they could be turned into interesting items. Teresa's demo model was added to our list of raffle prizes for the day and with a number of members acquiring some of these mounts, we look forward to seeing them put to use on the benches down the track.

Benching numbers were down quite a bit with Mother Nature playing tricks with extra cold weather. With our resident judges Tony and Martin unavailable, the 'orchid judging' was done by Zelda, Ros G and Sandy, with each standing aside from classes in which they had plants entered. Ros Grant's lovely *Cal. vestita*, also a winner at Caboolture's Winter Show again took out the Judge's Choice—Open with Bev Birt taking our 'The Finger' for her very well grown *C.* Unknown. Bev was the only New Grower who benched plants (4) and therefore scored 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Bev's winning plant had numerous blooms plus a lot more buds to come, as did another division of this plant. You certainly are taking on all the growing advice offered Bev. Keep up the good work! New Growers—please don't judge your own plants. Bring them along to meetings for us all to enjoy. The People's Choice for Orchids (their first) went to Ron and Liz Kunde for their well grown and fragrant *Z.* Kiwi Choice 'Imperial & Zest Towi'. Well done folks!

Foliage plants once again were light on in numbers with *Tillandsia variabilis* with its unusual black foliage, grown by Sandy, the Judge's Choice for the day and Paul & Di's lovely Anthurium, the People's Choice. Our Foliage Judge Trish made the comment that while orchids each have their 'flowering season', Foliage plants are generally consistent so there should be no excuse for low numbers of foliage benched so come on people, let's see what you've got lurking in the Foliage department.

The raffle was well patronized with Bruce scoring three prizes, and Ros R and Ros G winning one each.

With Spring not all that far away, Paul's Cultural Corner was doing a roaring trade with a great variety of pots, fertilisers, fungicides etc available, so don't leave it until the last minute to stock up.

Members then lingered to enjoy a cuppa, some of afternoon tea offerings and a chat before heading home. Thank you to those who contributed to the spread and to the ladies in the kitchen who did the serving and washing up etc.

JULY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



C. Mem. Ralph Yagi '4 Good'



Rlc. Burdekin Bells 'Mary'



Rlc. Haw Yuan Gold '0-2'



C. Unknown



Ctna. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii'



Epi. Candypops



Den. ellipsophyllum



Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut



Rhy. giganteum 'Red'

JULY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



Onc. Twinkle



People's Choice— Orchids

Z. Kiwi Choice
'Imperial & Zest Towi'
Growers R & L Kunde



Cym. Lunar Sands 'Intense Gold'





Judge's Choice Orchids—Open Cal. vestita Grower — R Grant



Spa. plicata 'Far Out Freckles'



Judge's Choice—Novice
C. Unknown
Growers D & B Birt

JULY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)

FOLIAGE



Vriesea 'Maroochy Hot Lips'



Anthurium Unknown



Popular Vote—Foliage Anthurium Unknown Growers P & D Firth



Judge's Choice —Foliage

Tillandsia variegata

Growers—N & S Jensen



Nephroleopsis falcata



Aglaonema Unknown



Kalanchoe - Tangerine

JULY 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition over	3	1st	C. Mem. Ralph Yagi '4 Good'	P & D Firth
110mm Lavender/Mauve/				
Purple		2	No December 1	D 0 7 H-1
		2nd	Rlc. Dream Trader 'Colossus'	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rlc. Mem. Warren Jones 'Highway to Heaven'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm (White)	5	1st	Rlc. Burdekin Bells 'Mary'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	C. Orglades Grand	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rlc. Mount Hood 'Mary'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Exhibition over	6	1st	Rlc. Haw Yuan Gold '0-2'	D & Z Holm
110mm (Any other color or				
colour combination)				
		2nd	Rlc. Sunstate Camp Fire	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rlc. Zelda's Destiny 'Herman's Wish'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya 75 – 110mm	2	1st	C. Unknown	R & L Kunde
		2nd	Lc. White Sparkle ? Not on OrchidWiz	J & T Watson
Cattleya Non Exhibition	1	1st	Ctna. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii'	D & Z Holm
Epidendrum	1	1st	Epi. Candypops ? Not on OrchidWiz	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Species	1	1st	Den. ellipsophyllum	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Any Other	2	1st	<i>Den</i> . Roongkamon Vejvarut	J & T Watson
		2nd	Den. Gerald McCraith X	N & S Jensen
V Cassian	_	1-4	Den. alexandrae	LO TIMALO
V. Species	2	1st	Rhy. giganteum 'Red'	J & T Watson
		2nd	Rhy. giganteum 'Peach'	N & S Jensen
Oncidium Any Other	4	1st	Onc. Twinkle	R & L Kunde
		2nd	Onc. Twinkle 'Chian-Tzy Yearning'	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'Chian-Tzy Dragon'	D & Z Holm
Miscellaneous Hybrid	2	1st	Z. Kiwi Choice 'Imperial & Zest Towi'	R & L Kunde
		2nd	Bulb. pingtumgensis X Bulb. echinolabium	J & T Watson
Miscellaneous Species	2	1st	Cal. vestita	R Grant
		2nd	Angcm. veitchii	J & T Watson
Cymbidium	3	1st	Cym. Lunar Sands 'Intense Gold'	J & T Watson
		2nd	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Cym. Unknown	J & T Watson
Aust. Native Species	1	1st	Spa. Far out Freckles	N & S Jensen

JULY 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
NOVICE				
Cattleya	4	1st	C. Unknown	D & B Birt
		2nd	C. Unknown	D & B Birt
		3rd	Rth. Topaz Chelsea 'Sprite'	D & B Birt
Judges Choice - Novice			C. Unknown	D & B Birt
Judges Choice - Open			Cal. vestita	R Grant
Judges Choice - Foliage			Tillandsia variabilis	N & S Jensen
Popular Vote - Orchid			Z. Kiwi Choice' Imperial & Zest Towi'	R & L Kunde
Popular Vote - Foliage			Anthurium	P D & Firth
FOLIAGE				
Bromeliad	3	1st	Vriesea 'Maroochy Hot Lips'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Guzmania	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Vriesea 'Red Chestnut'	N & S Jensen
Tillandsia	5	1st	Tillandsia variabilis	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Tillandsia unknown	J & T Watson
		3rd	Tillandsia Capitata 'Rubra'	J & T Watson
Anthurium	6	1st	Anthurium Unknown	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Anthurium Unknown	P & D Firth
		3rd	Anthurium Bugatti Royale	N & S Jensen
Ferns	3	1st	Nephroleopsis falcata (Fish Fern Sword Tail)	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Nephroleopsis duffi	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Maidenhair Fern	N & S Jensen
Other Foliage	4	1st	Aglaonema Unknown	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Diffenbachia 'Tropic Marianne'	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Aglaonema Unknown	N & S Jensen
Foliage with Flowers	2	1st	Kalanchoe - Tangerine	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Kalanchoe - Orange	N & S Jensen

39 ORCHIDS BENCHED 23 FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED

JULY 2024 RESULTS - NEW GROWERS MEETING

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

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya	2	1st	Rth. Topaz Classic	J De Haviland
		2nd	C. Unknown	R Daniels
Dendrobium	1	1st	<i>Den.</i> Starsheen 'Botanical Fireworks' X Self	S Hetherington
Other Hybrids	5	1st	Cym. Celtic Imp	S Hetherington
		2nd	Cym. Unknown	B & L Keipert
	·	3rd	Onc. Unknown	J Jackson
Judges Choice			Cym. Celtic Imp	S Hetherington

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

RECIPES FOR FERTILISING, PEST CONTROL AND KEIKI PROMOTION

Sources—Google— Happiness Garden Orchids and Universal Orchids

Fermented water

- 1 Banana skin chopped
- 2 Cloves of garlic skin and all sliced
- 1 teaspoon of yeast
- Place ingredients in a jar with 1 litre of warm water. Leave for 3 days turning occasionally. Drain before use.

Rice Water

5 teaspoons of rice in 1 litre of warm water, add 1 teaspoon of yeast. Drain off before use.

Banana & Aspirin/Garlic & Aspirin

Crush one aspirin tablet. Add one chopped banana skin to 1 litre of water. OR use Garlic & Aspirin. Let soak and drain off.

Garlic Water

2 cloves of garlic including skins sliced. Add 1 litre of water. Let soak for 30 min. Drain off.

Onion Water

Skin of one large brown onion. Add 1 litre of boiling water. Allow to cool before using. Drain off.

August Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on Tuesday 20th August 2024

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Solander Lakes Bowls Club

70 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach

Please contact Liz on 0407 388 771 or email kundecrew@bigpond.com if you plan to attend, if you have not already done so

Many Happy Returns to our members celebrating their Birthdays in August

2nd June Payne

14th Teresa Watson

24th Don Holm

25th Ros Grant

27th John Grubb *80*

27th Debbie Simpson

30th Ron Russell

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!

We Look forward to seeing you all at lunch to celebrate coming Birthdays.



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.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 Debbie Simpson 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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