

# NOVEMBER 2024 BULLETIN

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**Next New Growers Meeting**  
**SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025**

**Next Birthday Lunch**  
**TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2025**

**Next Cultural Meeting**  
**TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025**

*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 November bulletin for 2024.

With 2024 fast disappearing, it is time to tidy our books and bring some good news to our chosen charity the East Pumicestone Community Action Group with our cheque for \$1000 being presented to Greg Rolleston to enable his group to carry on their great work in the community.

Thank you to our Guest Speaker for November Peter Farquharson from Plant of Health Fertilisers who gave members an informative talk on fertilisers, not specifically for orchids, but most aspects can also be applied to our preferred type of plants. Peter also provided some packs of their products for our raffle which were much appreciated.

Liz has been busy organizing our first bus trip for 2025 to the Queensland International Orchid Fair at Belmont on Saturday 22nd February. A couple of changes to our norm—while we usually have our bus trips during the week, we've decided to give Saturday a try so that some of our members who are still working (ie not retired) are able to join the group. We also have a change of coachlines from Freneys Transport to Evans Bus & Coach Services. Freneys who have been our preference for the last few years are closing their business on 31st December and we wish them well in their further endeavours. More details on the day further on in this bulletin. Again our thanks go to Liz who does a great job in the background with her organizational skills.

Just a reminder that there will be NO New Growers Meetings in December or January and we'll kick off the New Year with our Cultural Meeting on Tuesday 28th January. Our first New Growers meeting will be on Saturday 8th February with this meeting following a welcome sausage sizzle commencing at 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

For those who are unable to attend our Christmas Party next Tuesday 3rd December, the Management Committee would like to wish you and yours a happy, health and safe Christmas and New Year. There will be a special bulletin after our Christmas Party so this is the final call for Misstimed bloom photos to be included in that bulletin. Please send your photos to our Editor Sandy Jensen—email [sandyjens@bigpond.com](mailto:sandyjens@bigpond.com) by 5pm Friday 6th December for inclusion.

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.**

## STOCQ AND THE NAMBOUR SPECIES SHOW

Hi All,

For our newer members who are wondering who STOCQ is, one of their many functions is to supply Judges for our shows. They also hand out awards, pass on to Societies orchid name changes and discuss with Judges up coming changes. That is just for starters so with the many functions they perform it is important for the clubs between Rockhampton and Bribie Island to be members of STOCQ and to have a representative at the meetings.

I made the most of being up at Buderim by first attending the Nambour Species Show, always worth checking out for the weird and wacky plus the best of the species plants growing in the area. I had my lucky green shoes on and managed to win 2nd prize in their raffle, well worth the drive back to Buderim to collect the following day. (Photo attached)

On to the main event and the meeting is made up of 3 separate groups OQI (Orchids Qld Inc.), STOCQ and the Judging panel meeting. Basically the only concrete thing that came out of the OQI meeting is that Ros R. can expect a bill for annual membership, a big \$15.

The STOCQ meeting was next and an application for Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society to join STOCQ was approved and they are planning a show for August next year in Gladstone. Delegates were also asked to vote on a new STOCQ trophy and the winner was an acrylic 🏆. Another present for Ros R. to look out for is the annual membership bill of \$55. The big announcement was the details for the Spring Orchid Expo 2025 to be held on the 6/7th September by the Nambour Orchid Society Inc on behalf of STOCQ. Everyone needs to get cracking on looking after those orchids as the Champion orchid will pay a whopping \$600. The prizes are very generous and as has happened in the past Nambour will be looking for club sponsorship. I have a folder with all the details and flyers that I will be passing on to the Management Committee

The 3rd meeting was the Judges meeting and this does affect changes to names etc, and is basically for Judges only although we are allowed to listen in.

All in all a good day

Ros G



*Den. spectabile* and *Phal Love Waltz*

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Our next New Growers Meeting will be held on Saturday 8th February 2025.  
**Topic to be advised.** A welcome Sausage Sizzle will be held from 12 noon so we look forward to seeing you all there!

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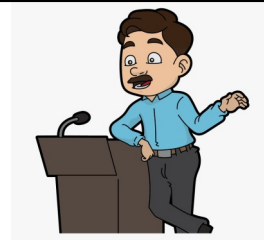
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### PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

**JANUARY : Aaron Handley from Airplants by Aaron**

**FEBRUARY : Jill from Searles**

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

*Please support our loyal sponsors where possible.*





**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*

**Adam Critchell & Leah Lock—Pot # 38**

**Marjorie Hamilton —Pot # 108**

**Andrew & Natalie McAlister—Pot # 110**

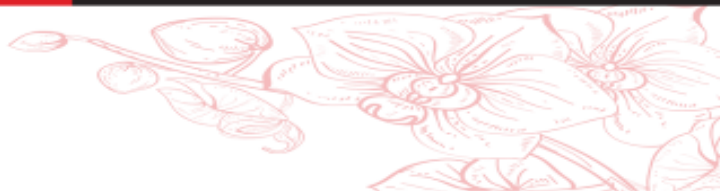
**Lyn Wymer—Pot # 53**

**Dick & Debbie Newman - Pot # 62**

**Trudy Martin - Pot # 107**

**Betty Watson—Pot 55**

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# NOVEMBER 2024 NEW GROWERS MEETING

November's New Growers Meeting attracted 35 members and 1 visitor to The Orchid House to hear about the results of Zelda's recent experiments following some tricks she has learned from YouTube. For those plants like Bat Plants and Anthuriums which can get very leggy, the trick seems to be to slit a plastic pot so that you can secure it around the top roots then pack it with sphagnum moss. When those top roots are established, you can then sever the bottom section, seal the top section and proceed to repot as normal. Photo—Bat Plant. Zelda also showed a similar experiment with an Anthurium with similar results.



Her previous method ended up with a few casualties.

Unfortunately some of the members who took part in experimenting with some orchids were not present at the meeting so hopefully we'll catch up on their progress in the new year.

There were 8 orchids benched by 6 members and it was good to see two of our newcomers Tracey and Leonie get their first runs on the board with their *Phal.* Unknown (1st) and *Onc. sphacelatum* (2nd) respectively, for our yearly points competition.

Alan took out 'The Finger' for November with his lovely *Paph.* Doya Green Prince X *Paph.* Hsinying Citron, with Rainie's *Onc. sphacelatum*, Bev's *Ctt.* Scarlet Imp X *Ctna.* Capri the winners of the Cattleya, Vandaceous and Species Classes. Well done all!

The meeting finished with a cuppa, some goodies to share and time to catch up with other members. This was the last New Growers Meeting for 2024. Next New Growers Meeting is Saturday 8th February, sausage sizzle beforehand at 12 noon. [Plants for judging to be benched by 1.15pm please.](#)



**Ctt. Scarlet Imp X Ctna. Capri**



**Paph. Doya Green Prince X  
Paph. Hsinying Citron**



**Phal. Unknown**



**Onc. sphacelatum**



# November Birthday Lunch

The Birthday Lunch crew decided on a change of venue and headed to The Deck at the Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club for November's get-together which was well attended with Joe Watson celebrating his 89th Birthday on the 9th, Paul Firth on the 16th, Tierney Thomas on the 19th, and Leisa Parks on the 20th. We hope you all had a great day. From all reports the food was great but the service left a lot to be desired. We might need to reconsider The Deck as a future venue. Due to the number of commitments in the 'silly season' for members, December Birthdays will be celebrated at our Christmas Party at The Orchid House on Tuesday 3rd December. See you all there!



**Tierney**



**Leisa**



**Paul**



**Teresa & Joe (89 years young!)**



**Sue H & Sue L**



**Barry & Margaret**



**Bruce & Lynette**



**Di K**



**Stephanie**



**Daryl & Bev**



**Liz & Rainie**

## NOVEMBER 2024 CULTURAL MEETING

November's Cultural Meeting was rather busy. First cab off the rank was the presentation of a cheque for \$1000 to Greg Rollestone from East Pumicestone Community Action Group. Greg responded telling those present about the Group providing emergency accommodation for some of the vulnerable residents, not only on the Island, but those on the mainland and was very appreciative of our contribution. The East Pumicestone Community Action Group will also be the recipients of some of the proceeds of our Easter Orchid & Foliage Show in April 2025.

Next we heard from Ros Grant about her trip to the Nambour Species Show and her attendance at the STOCQ (Sub Tropical Orchid Council Queensland) meeting held in conjunction. Ros is the STOCQ representative for both the Bribie Island Orchid Society and Caboolture Orchid Society of which she is also a member. Thank you Ros for your light-hearted approach to it all.

Our Guest Speaker for the day was Peter Farquharson from Plant of Health Fertilisers. Peter spoke on the similarities of soil texture—soil minerals and organic matter/micobes/climate and the bark/charcoal/perlite combinations in which we tend to grow our orchids. A couple of quotes from Peter which are good food for thought —'Insects & disease are designed by Nature to remove unhealthy plants'. 'Pest attacks and disease are symptoms of stressed plants, **not** the cause!' An interesting website is [www.soilfoodweb.com](http://www.soilfoodweb.com). Thank you Peter.

Plant numbers were a bit on the light side with only 1 Exhibition Cattleya benched but quite a few Dendrobiums, and only 2 New Growers plants on display. Our orchid judges for the day were Zelda and Martin with Tony providing the plant commentary. Trish did the honours as Foliage Judge. Thank you Judges.

We had a good lineup of raffle prizes, including some fertiliser products donated by our Guest Speaker Peter. Thank you again Peter.

As usual, the meeting finished with a cuppa and some yummy goodies to indulge in before the normal chores like washing up and the vacuuming were taken care of by our regular helpers. Thank you all!

Your blood is worth bottling....



Greg Rollestone receiving the cheque on behalf of EPCAG from President Di Sirett



Guest Speaker Peter Farquharson from Plant of Health Fertilisers



# NOVEMBER 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



***Ctna. Koolau Sunset***



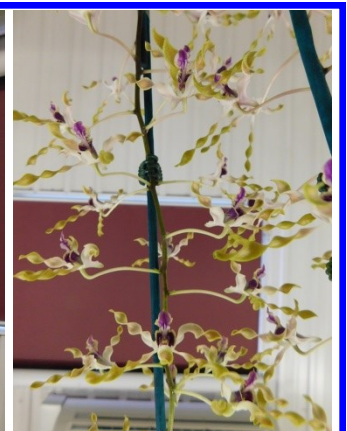
***Enc. Alda***



***Enc. cordigera***



***Den. cochliodes***



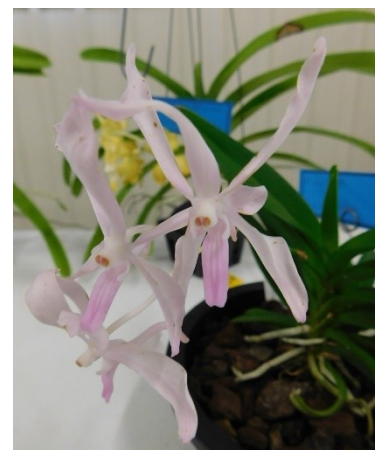
**Judges Choice—Open  
*Den. Sally Koh Siew Aye*  
Growers—P & D Firth**



***Den. Aussie's Velvet***



***V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'***



***Aerdv. Kongsakdi Promthep***



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*Phal.* Unknown



*Phal.* Purple Royalty



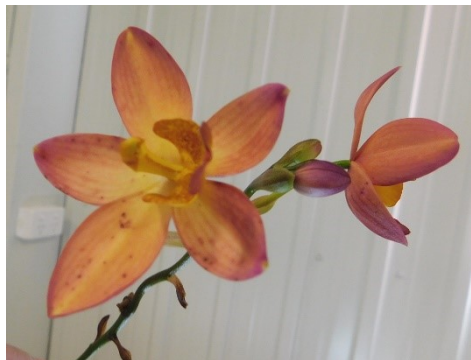
Popular Vote—Orchids  
*Paph.* Saint Swithin  
Growers J & T Watson



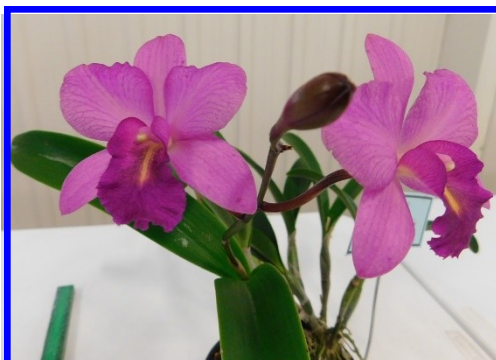
*Bulb.* Gardiner Robert



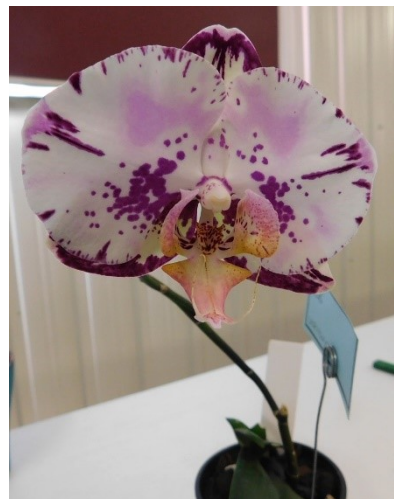
*Coel.* *celebensis*



*Spa. plicata* Mellow Yellow



Judge's Choice—New Growers  
Ctt. Scarlet Imp X Ctna. Capri  
Growers—D & B Birt



*Phal.* Unknown



# NOVEMBER 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS

## FOLIAGE



**Bromeliad Unknown**



**Tillandsia Unknown**



**Popular Vote—Foliage**  
**Anthurium Bugatti Royale**  
**Growers N & S Jensen**



**Nephrolepis 'Emina'**



**Nepenthes (Pitcher Plant)**

**Judge's Choice —Foliage**  
**Calathea**  
**Growers D & Z Holm**





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



**C. Dominiana Coerulea X  
C. intermedia coerulea**



**Bulb. longifolium**

**Coel. Burfordiense** is a really big robust plant in Coelogyne terms, and was formally bred and registered in England in 1911 by Sir Trevor Lawrence, despite the fact that it has been found occurring naturally - Pod parent *Coel. asperata* and *Coel. pandurata*, therefore it's a Primary Hybrid (2 Species crossed).



**V. Varut Leopard X  
Vascostylus Rungsan**



**Onc. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'**



**V. curvifolia 'Incisional'**



**Di F's Anthurium**



**Bulb. Dianne Clift**

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

## NOVEMBER 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

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

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya 75 – 110mm	1	1st	<i>Ctna.</i> Koolau Sunset	D & Z Holm
Epidendrum	2	1st	<i>Epi.</i> Alda	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Epi.</i> Wedding Valley 'Sakura' X <i>Epi.</i> Topaz Rose 'Rosie'	J & T Watson
Cattleya Species	2	1st	<i>Enc. cordigera</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Enc. cordigera</i>	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Species	3	1st	<i>Den. cochliodes</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. ellipsophyllum</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Den. tongii</i>	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Spatulata/ Intermediate	2	1st	<i>Den.</i> Sally Koh Siew Aye	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Den.</i> Bulbul	M Gunther
Dendrobium Any Other	4	1st	<i>Den.</i> Aussie's Velvet	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den.</i> Roongkamon Vejvarut	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Den.</i> Dawn Maree 'Giant'	S Maller
Vanda Over 60mm	1	1st	<i>V.</i> Somsri Glory 'Blue'	J & T Watson
Vanda Other	4	1st	<i>V. falcata</i> X <i>V. coerulea</i> = <b>Aerdv.</b> <b>Kongsakdi Promthep</b>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Ascda.</i> Mem Thianchai X <i>V.</i> Tricolor = <b>V. Sumatra Sunspot</b>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>V. Lucknow</i>	J & T Watson
Phalaenopsis Any Type	2	1st	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	D & Z Holm
Phalaenopsis Miniature	1	1st	<i>Phal.</i> Purple Royalty ? <b>Not registered</b>	J & T Watson
Paph/Phrag Any Other	1	1st	<i>Paph.</i> Saint Swithin	J & T Watson
Miscellaneous Hybrid Any Other	2	1st	<i>Bulb. basisetum</i> X <i>Bulb. lobbii</i> 'Star Dust' = <b>Bulb. Gardiner Robert</b>	R Grant
		2nd	<i>Bulb.</i> Mem. Richard Mizuta	R Grant
Miscellaneous Species	1	1st	<i>Spa. plicata</i> Mellow Yellow	J & T Watson
NOVICE				
Cattleya	1	1st	<b>Ctt.</b> Scarlet Imp X <i>Ctna.</i> Capri	D & B Birt
Other Hybrids	1	1st	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	R Daniels



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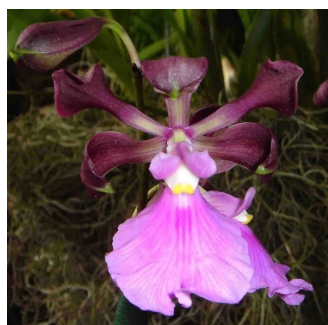
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CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Judges Choice - Novice			<i>Ctt. Scarlet Imp X Ctna. Capri</i>	D & B Birt
Judges Choice - Open			<i>Den. Sally Koh Siew Aye</i>	P & D Firth
Judges Choice - Foliage			<i>Calathea</i>	D & Z Holm
Popular Vote - Orchid			<i>Paph. Saint Swithin</i>	J & T Watson
Popular Vote - Foliage			<i>Anthurium Bucatti Royale</i>	N & S Jensen

<b>FOLIAGE</b>				
<b>Bromeliad</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1st</b>	Bromeliad Unknown	N & S Jensen
<b>Tillandsia</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1st</b>	<i>Tillandsia Unknown</i>	S Linsley
		2nd	<i>Tillandsia capitata 'Rubra'</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Tillandsia funckiana</i>	N & S Jensen
<b>Anthurium</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1st</b>	Anthurium Bugatti Royale	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Anthurium Black Love	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Anthurium Princess Elegant	N & S Jensen
<b>Ferns</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1st</b>	Nephrolepis Emina	D Kennedy
		2nd	Maidenhair Fern	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Polypodium fallax	N & S Jensen
<b>Other Foliage</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1st</b>	Nepenthes – Pitcher Plant	D Kennedy
		2nd	Aglaonema Unknown	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Anthurium forgetii</i>	P & D Firth
<b>Foliage with Flowers</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1st</b>	Cala	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Begonia	L Westdorp
		3rd	Spathiphyllum	N & S Jensen

**BENCHINGS - 32 ORCHIDS (16 Classes) 23 FOLIAGE PLANTS (6 Classes)**

The same but different .....



At Tuesday's meeting, there was some discussion around 2 very different looking plants with the same name i.e *Enc. cordigera*, The pink/purple form owned by Martin Gunther and the brownish one owned by Joe & Teresa Watson. OrchidWiz shows a few different colours and sizes with more in the brownish range. Thanks for the research Zelda



## NOVEMBER 2024 RESULTS - NEW GROWERS MEETING

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

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya	1	1st	<b>Ctt.</b> Scarlet Imp X <i>Ctna.</i> Capri	D & B Birt
Vandaceous	1	1st	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	T Tierney
Other Hybrids	2	1st	<i>Paph.</i> Doya Green Prince X <i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Citron	A & P Hinde
		2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Parish Dash	D & B Birt
Species	4	1st	<i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>	L Daniels
		2nd	<i>Chsch. parishii</i>	S Hetherington
		3rd	<i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>	L Stresser
Judges Choice			<i>Paph.</i> Doya Green Prince X <i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Citron	A & P Hinde

**8 ORCHIDS BENCHED – WELL DONE EVERYONE!!**

**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**

## UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS FOR 2025

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	8th February	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show, Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton	Saturday 8am - 3.30pm
	21st—22nd Feb.	Qld. Intrnational Orchid Fair, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Fri 8am—4pm Sat 8am—3pm
<b>MARCH</b>	8th March	Maroochydore OS Show Buderim (Closed)	
	20th – 22nd March	Childers & Isis OS Autumn Show	
	29th - 30th	Qld Orchid Society Show, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8.30am - 3pm Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	8th—10th March	15th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference (APOC) & Show, Tainan, Taiwan	
	11th – 12th April	Caloundra OS Show, Uniting Church (Setup 10th)	
<b>APRIL</b>	12th – 13th April	Rockhampton OS Autumn Show	
	<b>18th - 19th April</b>	<b>Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid &amp; Foliage Show</b>	<b>Set up Thurs 17th Good Friday 8am-3pm Easter Sat 8am - 2pm</b>
	26th - 27th April	Rockhampton OS 70th Aniversary Show, Robert Schwarten Pavilion, Rockhampton Show Grounds	

## Cultural Notes – Summer



Now that Summer is here we are entering what is probably the busiest period of the orchid growing year, just when everything else is demanding attention too. Not many plants are coming into flower, but there are a few: ***Cymbidium madidum***, some **Epidendrums** and **Encyclias**, some Coelogynes, ***Oncidium sphacelatum***, the splendid ***Calanthe triplicata*** or **Christmas Orchid**, and soon the magnificent **Stanhopeas**. This year we have had unusual weather conditions so you may even have late flowerings of soft cane **Dendrobiums**. However all plants are going into their main growth period and need regular, and probably more frequent, water and a higher Nitrogen fertiliser. With the longer, hotter days and higher light levels there is a possibility of leaf burn so you must consider extra shading or repositioning plants to give them less severe light. However while keeping up the humidity try to do it early in the day and keep water out of the tops of new growths and the papery sheaths that persist on many **Cattleyas** and some **Dendrobiums**. There is an exception to the 'early' watering. Most **Cymbidiums** want to experience a drop in temperature from day to night. They will not develop new flower spikes for next year if there are persistent hot summer nights. Water late to keep them cool in the evenings. While attending to all this do not forget that this is when much of your repotting should be done when the flowering is over and before there are too many tender new shoots. In summer watch out for chewing pests and for fungus problems. You have to take precautions here as by the time you see the signs it is too late.

Use snail baits and Two-in-One [**Killyptus & Pyrethrum**] for insects, and **Mancozeb** or **Fongarid** (for fungus). **Note: *Killyptus is no longer available and it has been suggested that Malathion be used as an insecticide. As a rule, do not to use insecticides with 'oil' in their name when temperatures are in the 30° Cs as new leads/shoots will burn.***

**Cattleyas** (and their hybrids with **Brassavolas**, **Laelias** and **Sophronitis**) Most of these have finished flowering and have new shoots. Many of these plants will be scorched by full sun on hot afternoons, so require more shade. Repotting is probably the main task, especially if your plant is starting to "climb out" of the pot. **Cattleyas** "enjoy" repotting. Consider dividing the plant and potting the back bulbs.

**Dendrobiums** (Hard cane types, Australian natives & their hybrids, including Intermediate types.) These plants love this time of the year. Give them plenty of light but do not let them overheat as they will do in our common black plastic pots.

**Dendrobiums** (Soft cane types & their hybrids) These are used to a hot, wet, monsoon type summer so it is impossible to overwater or overfeed them in the summer months. Depending on the sort of summer we have you may have to shade them

**Oncidiums** (As well as **Miltonias**, **Brassias** & their hybrids) In Summer, the main requirements are not to let their leaves burn and to keep them moist. Most hybrids have already but ***Oncidium sphacelatum*** will have sent up its 4 foot long flower spikes ready to flower in November. Give them some support as they may have up to 200 flowers. Fertilise with high nitrogen fertilisers for new plant growth. **Repot** if necessary, probably because the plant has out grown the pot. Most of them were not designed to live in pots. Be adventurous and try mounting them but remember they will then need more frequent watering.

**Vandas** (and their related species and hybrids) These plants need humidity so they should be watered every second day, and humidity levels can be kept up by extra, light mistings or by damping down the floor below them. A few may already be showing flower spikes. Give them high phosphorus fertiliser alternated with the high nitrogen one you are using on everything else.

## Cultural Notes – Summer (Cont'd)

**Phalaenopsis** Like the **Vandas** they must not be left to dry out, nor should they be left with water in the crown of the plant. During the summer months they also appreciate a high nitrogen fertiliser. If they are developing a 'trunk' they may have to be repotted lower in a pot.

**Paphiopedilum** (The Asian 'slipper orchid') These plants also lack pseudobulbs and so need regular watering, probably every third day. Again, water sitting in the crown of the plant can rot newly emerging flower bulbs. Remove old dead leaves.

**Phragmipedium**, (South American 'Slipper Orchid'). There have been 'phrags' at each of the recent shows in our region. Mine has not even started to show a spike. It grows in straight sphagnum moss, kept continually moist and sitting in a tray of water.

By Ian McLaren 21-10-08 Bribie Island Orchid Society.

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We're getting in early for the New Year and Liz is organizing another **BUS TRIP**

**Date : Saturday 22nd February so save the date!**

**Destination : The Queensland International Orchid Fair at Belmont—**

a great opportunity for members to see/purchase lots of different types of orchids and foliage from numerous vendors. This was a very popular destination for our first bus trip this year.

After we've exhausted ourselves, or should that be our wallets, we'll head off to lunch and possibly another venue before we return to the Island.

More details to follow.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Liz Kunde on mobile 0407 388 771 or email: [kundecrew@bigpond.com](mailto:kundecrew@bigpond.com) to book your seat.

**Liz will also be running a Wait List for those who might like to take advantage of any last minute cancellations.**



# December Birthdays



**Many Happy Returns to our members  
celebrating their Birthdays in December at our  
Christmas Party!**

**Sue Linsley 3rd December**

**Bob Ferguson 7th December**

**John Hopgood 18th December**

**Cheryll Daly 31st December**



**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](http://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](mailto: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 \$ 38 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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