

APRIL 2025 BULLETIN

Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.



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Next New Growers Meeting
SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025

Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025

Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 27TH MAY

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!!

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to our April 2025 bulletin.

I trust you all had a very relaxing Easter break, a far cry from our usually hectic Easter Show, and that you didn't end up suffering from chocolate overload! Hopefully your orchids received plenty of TLC over the break and are now relishing the cooler temperatures on offer.

Thank you to those who have completed and returned their surveys. If you have not already done so, you still have until the end of May to respond either by email to our Secretary—bribieorc@gmail.com.au, by post to PO Box 127, Bribie Island 4507 or placing it in the Suggestion Box on the table on the right as you come in to the hall if you would rather respond anonymously at either the New Growers Meeting on 10th May or the Cultural Meeting on the 27th May. Please remember, this Society belongs to you and your input is welcomed. In early June, the results will be collated and the outcome shared with members.

Following our change to align the Society's Financial year to 30th June, fees will be due by this date and our Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of August. Please think about what you might be able to contribute to the running of the Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc. Your input and participation is very important, it's time to have your say.

Each year, the Australian Orchid Foundation run their annual Essay Competition with the 2025 topic being 'What sparked your interest in orchids?'. Is this something you'd like to share? Details further on in this bulletin.

We look forward to seeing all our New Growers at our next meeting on Saturday 10th May. Don't forget to bring your plants, preferably the flowering ones!

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

PS You can still get your Orchid Show fix by attending any of the many Shows listed further on in this bulletin. Enjoy!

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

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, QR scanning is no longer required, however Members must still sign the Attendance Book which is on display at the front of the hall for attendance/Insurance purposes.

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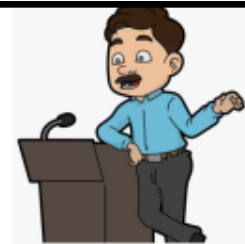


Our next **NEW GROWERS MEETING** on **Saturday 10th May** will see the division of more plants from the collection of donated orchids, with the resulting plants being added to the raffle prizes to share with all members.

Also please feel free to bring along any problem plants for advice. Someone else possibly has the same problem and is too shy to put their hand up!



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. EFTPOS available.



PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

(TOPICS TO BE ADVISED)

MAY : TBA

JUNE : AIRPLANTS BY AARON
plus plenty of plants for sale

JULY : BRIAN HEATH

AUGUST—AGM—no speaker

SEPTEMBER—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 0491 158 104

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Did you know that we have a great array of books and magazines on all types of orchids lurking in the cupboard in the corner of the hall?

Please see Sue Harrison, our librarian, if you would like to borrow any or if you would like to donate any surplus items you might have.



If there any topics you would like to see more information on eg particular orchids or foliage plants and how to grow them, Pests and Diseases, building shadehouses etc, please let our Editor Sandy know and she will endeavor to source the information for all to share.

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April Birthday Lunch

Charlies at the Bribie Island Hotel was the place to be for our April Birthday lunch with 18 members and 1 guest (Ros's granddaughter Elsie) in attendance to chill out and enjoy good company and food (one little person really enjoyed the fish & chips!). The fact that we should have been readying to set up for our Easter Show the following day did not go unnoticed.

Birthday people present were Bev Birt and Di Kennedy. Margaret Svensson deputized for husband Barry and took charge of ensuring his cupcake made it home. Hope you all enjoyed your cupcakes!

Thanks again to Liz for organizing things and to Di F for the happy snaps. Our next Birthday celebration lunch will be held at the Bribie Island Bowls Club, 11—23 Wesley Parade, Bongaree on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 12 noon.

☆ = Birthday people



Daryl & Bev



Di K



Ros & Elsie



Lynette & Bruce



Margaret & Kay



Sandy & Bob B



Steph

Paul



Di S, D K, Rainie & Liz



Teresa & Joe

Bob L, Liz, and Ros

'MISSTIMED BLOOMS' (Those plants that flower when there are no meetings or Shows)!



Rlc. Tainan Gold 'North Sword'



C. Unknown



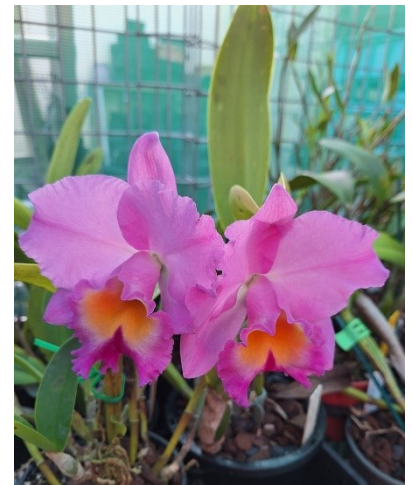
Fdk. After Dark



C, Hawaii Stars 'Only One'



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Ctt. Little Susie Orchidglade'



***Den. John's Charm X
Den. Lye's Pride***



Rnps. Lena Rowold

C. Unknown

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.

WONDAI ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW APRIL 2025

Joe and Teresa recently attended the Wondai Orchid Society Show benching 13 orchids to support the show resulting in 2 x 1st, 1 x 2nd and 2 x 3rds, winning the Oncidium section with the most points scored.

Exhibitors were greeted by everyone and invited to stay for breakfast, sausage sanga, while the judging was happening. Everyone was made to leave the hall with an annex available for all to stay and wait as well as the breakfast.

Plant sales were vast with lots of garden plants. They also had foliage, creative floral and photography sections with lots of entries. Total benched in all categories was 178 entries.

Teresa reported that for a society of 14 members the show was a great success given the numbers involved. The Show was well supported and a credit to their club.

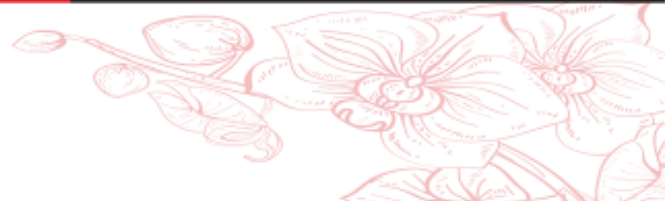


Softcane Dendrobiums

Mainly Spring flowerers. In the warmer months, new green leafy growths develop, lengthen and produce roots. New growths may need staking. In the cooler months, plants may lose their leaves and produce flowers along the cane. Water sparingly in Winter and DO NOT fertilize in Winter. Softcanes grow well in the Brisbane area under shade cloth, however it is beneficial to expose Softcanes to full sun (hang them on the clothesline if possible) from Mother's Day, returning them to more shade on Father's Day.



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APRIL 2025 NEW GROWERS MEETING

April's New Growers Meeting was attended by 27 members and 1 visitor.

Zelda obliged with some tips and tricks on overgrown/unruly plants and suggested new growths hanging down could be remedied by placing a label under the growth in a hollow and turning the plant to the sun to encourage the growth to change course. There was some discussion on rotting growths and the use of boron as a remedy.

Zelda tackled yet another Cattleya of the large neglected plants that had been donated to the Society and proceeded to divide it into 5 pieces, explaining the process along the way. The resulting pieces were given to Alan, Liz, Sandra & Ross, Bob B and Sheryll to leave them on the bench in their shadehouses until Spring by which time they should have developed strong root systems, ready for potting.

Rainie brought along 16 bundles of Softcane keikis to give away and they were snapped up by members wanting to try their hand at growing Softcane.

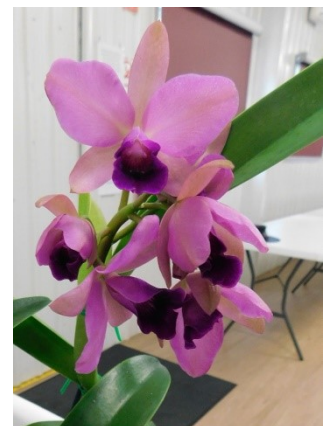
There were only 2 plants benched with Alan taking home 'The Finger' for his lovely white Miltoniopsis—*Milt.* Lillian Nakamoto 'tonto', and Rainie claiming 1st for her *C.* Unknown. New Growers, please don't be shy Bring along your orchids, we'd love to see what you're growing out there and there's nothing more disappointing than to see nearly empty benches at meetings. Benching your plants is a great way to start a conversation/share with other members, learn from the judges what they're looking for quality wise and perhaps get some advice on how better to present your blooms. It's all good practice for our Shows.



Milt. Lillian Nakamoto 'tonto'



Using the computer to project an up-close look at what Zelda is doing has been a great investment in that everyone gets an uninterrupted view.



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2025 AOF Essay Prize

The AOF Essay Prize is an annual writing competition, established with a generous endowment by the Slade family.

There will be three prizes –

1st	Prize	\$350.00
2nd	Prize	\$250.00
3rd	Prize	\$150.00

The Foundation invites all Australian orchid growers to consider the topic for 2025 and submit an entry.

ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2025:

What sparked your interest in orchids?

Were you given a gift of an orchid, did you by chance go to an orchid show, did you go for a walk in the bush one day and notice some fascinating, intricate flowers?

The deadline for receipt of all entries is July 31st 2025

Send your entry:

electronically to aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au
or AOF Essay Prize P.O. Box 440, Yarra Glen Vic. 3775

Please include your name, address and telephone contact.

Entry Rules:

- This competition is open to Australian residents only.
- The essay will be an original article, not previously published.
- The essay must be no more than 4,000 words, short essays are most welcome.
- The essay is to be in English and typewritten.
- Entries may include art work or images.
- The authors of the essays will remain undisclosed to the judges, whose decision will be final. If in the opinion of the judges, no worthy essays are received, there will be no award that year.
- Non-winning entries will be returned to the sender if requested. These entries may be submitted to the editors of Australian orchid periodicals for publication, with permission from the author.
- The winning essay will be announced at the AGM of the Foundation in October 2025.
- The winning entries will be placed on the AOF web site and maybe published in Australian orchid periodicals.



SEED CAPSULE MATURITY

Estimating the ripening time of a seed capsule is a difficult task. Many an amateur and professional hybridizers have had the disappointment of finding the seed capsule of that desired cross split and its contents scattered to the wind.

There are many factors that come into play regarding the ripening of a seed capsule e.g. time of the year, weather conditions during maturation of the capsule, the fertility of a cross etc.

After fertilization, seed development can be gauged by the swelling and ripening of the developing seed capsule which may take a few weeks or occasionally as long as a year or more, depending on the genus. As a seed capsule ripens it changes colour from green to yellow or brown then splits to release the seed into the air. It is recommended that when the seed capsule begins to yellow at one end, it is ripe for harvesting and sending to the seed bank.

If you are unsure of how much time is left before the capsule will split, try tying tissue paper or an empty tea bag over the capsule a few weeks beforehand and examine it from day to day.

Below is a list of the expected time for ripening of seed capsules. This is an *approximate guide only* and may be of assistance to new growers.

Genus	Approx.days for ripening	Genus	Approx.days for ripening	Genus	Approx.days for ripening
Ascocentrum	150-170	Laelia	140-160	Phalaenopsis	130-140
Bulbophyllum	80-120	Leptotes	120-140	Phragmipedium	180-190
Cattleya	160-180	Masdevallia	100-110	Pleurothallis	45-50
Cymbidium	250-330	Maxillaria	130-150	Renanthera	180-200
Dendrobium	160-180	Miltonia	145-160	Sarcochilus	200-210
Encyclia	160-180	Oncidium	100-130	Restrepia	50-80
Epidendrum	130-145	Paphiopedilum	150-170		

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

MAY	2nd - 3rd	Redcliffe Orchid Society Autumn Show, Webb Hall, Redcliffe Showgrounds	Fri 8.30am - 3pm Sat 8.30am - 3pm
	3rd - 4th	Gympie & District Show, Gympie Indoor Bowls Club	Setup 2nd
	9th - 10th	Caboolture Orchid Society Mini Show, Caboolture Square Shopping Centre, King Street	Thurs 10am -8 pm Fri 7am - 3pm
	9th - 10th	Noosa Orchid Society Show (Closed show)	
	10th	Aspley Orchid Society May Show, Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights	Sat 8am - 3.30pm
	10th	Maroochydore OS Show Buderim (Closed Show), Bli Bli	
	10th	Toowoomba Orchid Society Autumn Show, St. Paul's Church Hall, Phillip Street	
	9th - 11th	Bundaberg Orchid Society Show, Civic Centre	Fri - Sun 9am - 4pm
	17th	Redlands Orchid Society Autumn Show, Birkdale Sports Club (enter via Randall Road	
JUNE	21st	Gympie & DOS Closed Show, Indoor Bowls Hall, 26 Graham Street, Gympie	Table before 8.30am 9.30am - 3pm
	28th - 29th	North Moreton Orchid Council Inc. Winter Orchid Show, Lawnton	
JULY	18th - 19th	Caboolture OS Winter Show, Morayfield Community Hall	
	26th - 27th	John Oxley Orchid Society Annual Show, Mt Coot-tha	

PLEASE ENDEAVOUR TO SUPPORT OTHER ORCHID SOCIETIES BY BENCHING PLANTS AND/OR ATTENDING THEIR SHOWS TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. AS WE DO NOT HAVE MANY BIG GROWERS IN OUR SOCIETY, WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM OTHER SOCIETIES BENCHING AT OUR SHOWS.

Redcliffe Orchid Society Inc.
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May Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 20th May

Time : 12 noon

**Venue : The Bribie Island Bowls Club,
11—23 Welsby Parade, Bongaree**

Please contact Liz on 0407 388 771 or Diane on 0475 851 603 if you intend to attend

**Many Happy Returns to our members
celebrating their Birthdays in May**

KAREN QUINN 6TH MAY

BEVERLEY HOPGOOD 12TH MAY

LOIS McKANE 13TH MAY

TONY MUSIAL 19TH MAY—THE BIG 70!!

SANDRA RANKIN 23RD MAY

VICKI FERGUSON 26TH MAY

JANET WATSON 29TH MAY

JENNI MAE 29TH MAY

MARGARET SVENSSON 31ST MAY

Looking forward to seeing you all at lunch to celebrate our 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 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** Email bribieorc@gmail.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

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.

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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