SEPTEMBER 2024 BULLETIN

Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.



Celebrating 37 years 1987—2024

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NOTE Next New Growers & Cultural; Meeting combined—Car pooling trip to Rolin Orchids @ Wamuran

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

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 September bulletin for 2024.

It's Spring and time for many Orchid Shows, including ours just a week away. Bribie Members have been out and about at Shows, Redcliffe, Pine Rivers, Nambour and Glasshouse to name a few. More info further on in this bulletin.

Thanks to Kurt Ison for his very lively and interesting talk on how he views the basics for growing orchids and some simple fixes. Members also took the opportunity to add to their collections with some of the lovely flowering plants on offer.

The scheduled store room clean up went ahead on Wednesday 18th September after the Glasshouse Orchid Society borrowed 85 tables for their Show. A very big thank you to Paul & Di, Ros, Zelda, Sue, Julie D and Liz who turned up and made a cracking good job of things. Some boxes/cupboards hadn't seen the light of day for years so some 'executive decisions' were made on the spot as to their fate with Paul's vehicle making yet another trip to the dump. Well done everyone!

Don't forget in lieu of our usual October New Growers and Cultural meetings, we will be car pooling and heading off to RoLin Orchids at Wamuran on Saturday 12th October to visit Rob & Lynde Trost's property, arriving at 10am. Names and numbers to Liz on 0407 388 771 or email kundecrew@bigpond.com if you plan to attend, if you have not already done so.

Please take note of the new requirements re payment of Show Prize money and also the need for exhibitors to sign a Fire Ant Declaration in the article on our coming Show.

Countdown to our Spring Show.....less than 1 week away!!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Show with your beautiful bloom. Remember, don't judge your own plants, that's the judges' job! You just have to be in it to win it.....

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

PS See our Save the Date for our Christmas Party further on in this bulletin.

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.





Our October New Growers Meeting will be combined with our Cultural Meeting on SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER as our hall will be being used by the Electoral Commission for the coming State Election.

We will be car-pooling to travel to Robert & Linde Trost's RoLin Orchids. Arrival time at Wamuran 10am.

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





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

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

This will be our last meeting for the year.

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



A very warm WELCOME to our New Member

JOAN MCNEVEN POT # 53



BRIBIE ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

2024 Spring Orchid & Foliage Show

Proudly supporting

The East Pumicestone Community Support Assoc.





The Orchid House & Indoor Bowls Club Entrance 3 – 156A First Ave, Bongaree, Q 4507

Admission \$5pp (EFTPOS available at Entry) (Groups of 10 or more \$4.50pp) (Children under 15 free)

Friday 4th October 8.30am—3pm & Saturday 5th October 8.30am—2pm Refreshments available for purchase

VENDORS: Pacific Beach Orchids, RoLin Orchids, Orchids in Print, Robertson's Orchids, Fong Ping Orchids, Steve Flood Tropicals, Aaron's Air Plants and Orchidaceous







Bríbie Island Orchid Society Inc. 2024 Spring Orchid & Foliage Show



SHOWTIME IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN

With barely a week to our Spring Show, it's time for a couple of friendly reminders.

All prizemoney will be paid in to your nominated account, not cash as has happened in the past. See Ros our Treasurer for a form if you do not already have your bank details registered. You need to register both Orchids and Foliage Plants at the Administration Desk located in the right hand corner at the back of The Orchid House. You will be given yellow stickers to record your Pot/Member number to put on your plant labels and you will be required to sign a Fire Ant Declaration, including the number of Orchids and/or Foliage Plants at this time. Schedules will be available at the Show or ask one of the Marshalls if you need help determining the appropriate class for your plants.





A SPECIAL AWARD FOR BRIBIE ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY NEW GROWERS

A special award for the most successful New Grower (Bribie Island Orchid Society Members only) will be awarded at our coming Spring Orchid & Foliage Show.

This Award will be sponsored by Rob & Linda Trost from RoLin Orchids and the winning grower will receive a \$100 voucher to purchase plants from their nursery at Wamuran, so New Growers be sure to bench your orchids at the Show. You have to be in it, to win it!

If you are **selling plants**, be realistic with your pricing and please make sure that your price tags are legible—whole dollars only please.

Donations of cakes, biscuits, slices etc are greatly appreciated for morning/afternoon teas.

The success of our Show really depends on the efforts of Society members. Many hands make light work!

Set up for the show will be at the Orchid House on Wednesday 3rd October at 1pm.

Set up of the Indoor Bowls Club will start at 10am on Thursday 4th October.

Those helpers who wish to bench orchids or foliage on Thursday are welcome to bring them in to The Orchid House prior to benching times.

NAMBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW 2024

September is a very busy month for Orchid Shows in South East Queensland and the Nambour Orchid Society once again put on a wonderful display of very colourful orchids, some of which were quite fragrant.

Our Secretary Teresa and her partner in crime Joe, took a trip up the highway to see what was on offer and both were impressed with the quality and quantity of plants benched despite the recent spate of crazy weather, rain, icy winds and some hot days thrown in to the mix. Mother Nature—can't beat her!

Here's a bit of eye candy for all to enjoy. Thanks for the photos T.











Don't forget Nambour's Species Show Saurday 9th November at Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim

GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW 2024

Friday 20th September saw a number of Bribie members enjoying the sights and perfumes of the stunning array of orchids and foliage at the Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Spring Show for 2024. We were welcomed at the entry with a fabulous display of all colours, shapes and sizes which then led us in to the benching area. However, our first stop was of course the Sales area, with the queue very long but well worth the wait. It looked like most people had learnt their lesson to 'shop first then admire' instead of the other way round. There were a myriad of plants on offer with many boxes of colourful soft canes walking out the door. The GCOS volunteers did a great job marshalling the mob!

After our purchases were safely stashed in the plant minding area and a yummy morning tea enjoyed, it was time to take in the Show itself. Spring is the time we see the soft cane Dendrobiums in full bloom along with many of the 'indian canes' and this year and Show were no exception. Our member Paul benched 6 plants and came up trumps with his Dendrobium Nigrenscens Fragrance taking out 3rd place.

Unfortunately other BIOS members had flowers just finishing or still in bud so weren't able to contribute to benching. Hopefully next Show!









Paul's 3rd place for his *Den.* Nigrescens Fragrance







SEPTEMBER 2024 NEW GROWERS MEETING

28 members and 1 visitor attended our September New Growers Meeting to hear all about viruses in orchids. The topic for discussion was brought about by Bev B bringing along a division of a plant which showed signs of 'colour break' at our August Meeting.

Zelda gave her PowerPoint presentation on various types of viruses that can be found in orchids, and the importance of sterilising tools etc. She brought along some virus testing kits and was assisted in the testing by Bruce, Debbie and Bev. Small pieces of leaves were put into the small test vials provided, mushed up, the test strip added and then the wait of 15 minutes before the results could be measured against the control strips. Out of the three tests, one returned a positive result and the other two were negative. The virused plant was immediately binned. One of those tested by Zelda had been in her family since the '70s and she was pleased to see it was 'virus free'. This plant showed no sign of virus but Zelda has just used it for hybridising and wanted to know if it was clean.

Ros G brought along a Brassia plant that looked decidedly unhappy. A possible virus was suspected however on testing this plant and receiving a Negative result Zelda advised to isolate that plant and retest it with a different test kit. Further discussion led to the conclusion that the problem could possibly be a fungal problem as some Brassias are susceptible to fungal issues so that plant also went home with a second chance.

It was very pleasing to see sixteen plants covering four classes benched for judging with Julie De Haviland taking out 'The Finger' for her lovely C. Unknown. A big thank you to those 6 members who benched their plants. It was an opportune time for New Growers to understand some of the judging rules regarding the percentage of flowers that need to be fully out for judging, and what constitutes a 'Cluster' and some techniques to achieve the latter. Well done all and we look forward to seeing lots of plants benched at our show which is fast approaching.

Afternoon tea always was enjoyed by all who stayed on, with lots of goodies on offer. Thank you to those who contributed and aa reminder that cakes, slices etc would be appreciated for morning/afternoon teas during the Show.



Judge's Choice C. Unknown Grower—J De Haviland



Zelda & Ros G testing for virus





Bruce, Debbie& Bev with their virus tests



Cym. Unknown

Phal. Unknown

UPCOMING SHOWS

OCTOBER	4th, 5th	Foliage Show	Set up Thurs 3rd Show Fri 8.30am - 3pm & 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

Pronunciation Guide (pvorchids.com)

Abbreviation	Orchid Name	Pronunciation		
(always written in italics)				
C.	Cattleya	KAT-lee-ah		
Brsdm.	Brassidium	brass-SID-ee-um		
Chsch.	Chilochista	kye-loh-SHISS-tah		
Cym.	Cymbidium	sim-BID-ee-um		
Gp.	Gastrophaius	gas-troh-FAY-us		
Gur.	Guarianthe	gwar-ee-AN-thee		
<i>Gp.</i>	Gastrophaius	gas-troh-FAY-us		
Rntda.	Renantanda	ren-AN-TAN-dah		

Chiloschista (Chsch.) parishii aka Starfish Orchid Pronounced as 'kye-loh-SHISS-tah'

Discovered by missionary and plant explorer Charles Parish. This species is native to Southeast Asia and grows as an epiphyte on tree branches. The plants are basically leafless for much of the year but can develop a couple of small leaves during the summer months. The 1/4-3/8" flowers emerge on spikes that arise from the base of the root system. There can be quite an abundance of beautiful yellow flowers that are long-lasting. The flowers typically emerge in spring but can appear at different times if the conditions are correct. Grow in medium light and mist every one to three days. Fertilize with mist once every other week. Reminiscent of the famous ghost orchid but very easy to grow. Our plants are sometimes grown on folded layers of shade cloth which works well at retaining some moisture or they may be grown on cork slabs. *Source Orchidweb*.

See a photo of Joe and Teresa's 'pink form' benched at our Cultural Meeting.









TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Venue: THE ORCHID HOUSE

Gate 3, 1st Avenue, Bongaree

Names/numbers to Liz please on 0407 388 771 or kundecrew@bigpond.com

Menu: Traditional Christmas Dinner

Alternate Drop Dessert

Drinks: BYO

Tea and Coffee

COST: \$10 per head for members/\$35 per head for non-members.

Secret Santa— limited to \$15

Please bring along a gift that you would like to receive yourself, and mark the parcel Male, Female or Unisex

To receive a present, you must bring one to the lunch.

Live entertainment

Raffle

December Birthdays will also be celebrated!

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



Bit hard to fit these in the car......



Den. linguiforme





Onc. Twinkle 'Oro'



C. Mini Purple 'Lea'



Den. Miyumi



Renantanda Cherry Rose

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.

September Birthday Lunch

The Bribie Island Bowls Club was the place to be for our September Birthday lunch. 17 members attended, with Ros R, our Treasurer and Allen M the Birthday people present. Happy Birthday folks. A few of the usual lunch crew were conspicuous by their absence, with other commitments, family visiting for school holidays and illness taking their toll on numbers. Nevertheless, those present all had a good time!

The next Birthday Lunch will be held at the Bribie Island RSL Social Cafe on Tuesday 15th October at 12 noon. Hope to see you there. This will also be a celebration of another Show done and dusted!



Birthday Belle Ros R









Di K, Liz, Teresa & Joe





SEPTEMBER 2024 CULTURAL MEETING

Benching numbers were down a bit at our September Cultural Meeting with Mother Nature appearing to take its toll on some genera, or were members saving their best blooms for our Spring Show? Nevertheless we still had a lovely display of blooms—43 Orchids and 21 Foliage Plants. Thank you to all those who contributed to the display.

Kurt Ison from Red Fox Orchids was our guest speaker for the day and spoke on what he sees as the basics of growing orchids and some of the things being done at their nursery eg trialing the new trend of plastic 'wooden' mounts and mesh pots to give better air flow around the roots so that when they get wet they dry out quickly. Using plastic pots tends to keep the roots moist which can lead to root rot in some cases. Kurt discussed the 3 general ways of growing—pot, mounted or natural. They all have their place.

Snips are banned in his shadehouses to ensure that any problems are not passed from plant to plant. Spiders are seen as a help to trap any dreaded dendrobium beetles that should trespass and one of the reasons that you will not see orchids growing on the trees as you enter the Red Fox property is Kurt's theory that orchids in surrounding trees attract dendrobium beetles so no orchids = no dendrobium beetles to ruin their livelihood. Also a lot of growers do not grow Epidendrums (Crucifix Orchids) in the open as they are claimed to attract dend beetles. On the subject of light needed for flowering, if your plants are not flowering try moving them to a lighter, brighter spot and your orchids may love the change of location. Members were keen to add to their collections so thanks again Kurt for bring along sale plants.

Bev B won the Judge's Choice —New Growers, aka The Finger for her very well grown *Gur. aurantiaca*. It would be nice to see that one on the bench at the Show Bev, and Zelda got the gong in the Judge's Choice—Open for her lovely *Phal*. Unknown.

Thank you to our Judges for the day—Tony for the Orchids. In Trish's absence, Suzette got to test her skills in judging the Foliage, with Teresa stepping in to judge the classes in which Suzette had plants entered, and also Judge's Choice.

After the raffle was run and won, members stayed on to enjoy afternoon tea and catch up on last minute things for the show.

Just a reminder that our next Cultural Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November and this will be our last meeting for 2024. Our last activity for 2025 will be our Christmas Party on Tuesday 3rd December then a well deserved break until the first Cultural Meeting for 2025 on Tuesday 28th January with the first New Growers Meeting for 2025 to be held on Saturday 8th February.



Kurt from Red Fox giving one of our newer members some advice, and some of the lovely plants for sale.

SEPTEMBER 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



C. Aran Powder Puff 'Natty'



C. Hawaiian Jewel 'Whitehaven'



Rlc. Majestic Light 'Crown'



Popular Vote—Orchids Rth. Deception Clown Growers P & D Firth



Rth. Topaz Suitor



Epi. Topaz Rose



Dn. palpebrae



Den. Golden Blossom X Den. Yodogimi



V. Unknown

SEPTEMBER 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



V. Su Fun Beauty



Judge's Choice—Orchids

Phal. Unknown

Growers D & Z Holm



Onc. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'



Chsch. parishii



Den. lindleyi



Gp. Micro Burst



Judges Choice—New Growers
Gur. aurantiaca
Growers D & B Birt

SEPTEMBER 024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)

FOLIAGE



Vriesea Maroochy 'Hot Lips'



Tillandsia ionantha



People's Choice —Foliage

Tillandsia ionantha

Growers —N & S Jensen



Anthurium Bugatti Royale



Nephrolepis



Judge's Choice—Foliage

Aglaonema Unknown

Growers N & S Jensen



Sundew

SEPTEMBER 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm Lavender/Mauve/Purple	4	1st	C. Aran Powder Puff 'Natty'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Rlc. Brunswick Blush 'Royal Purple'	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rlc. Chrissy Compton	P & D Firth
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm (White)	2	1st	C. Hawaiian Jewel 'Whitehaven'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Bc.</i> Donna Kimura 'Robinson Heights' X <i>C.</i> Tiffin Bells	S Maller
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm (Any other color or colour combination)	2	1st	Rlc. Majestic Light 'Crown'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Rlc. Heidi Wilkinson 'Lemonade'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya 75 – 110mm	5	1st	Rlc. Toshie's Magic X Ctt. Aussie Sunset = Rth. Deception Clown	P & D Firth
		2nd	Rth. Hunabu Delight 'Goldie'	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rth. Hunabu Delight ' Canary'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Non Exhibition	1	1st	Rlc. Love Sound X Ctt. Susan Holcombe 'Jaffa' = Rth. Topaz Suitor	J & T Watson
Epidendrum	2	1st	Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Epi.</i> Tomorrow Valley 'Tropical Yellow'	N & S Jensen
Dendrobium Species	2	1st	Den. palpebrae	J & T Watson
		2nd	Den. nobile	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Any Other	9	1st	Den. Golden Blossom X Den. Yodogimi	T & S Magner & Bob Saunders
		2nd	Den. thyrsiflorum X Den. farmeri = Den. Thyrsiflorum-Farmeri	P & D Firth
		3rd	Den. Fancy Angel 'Lycee'	R & L Kunde
Vanda Over 60mm	1	1st	V. Unknown	J & T Watson
Vanda Under 60mm	1	1st	V. Su Fun Beauty	J & T Watson
Phalaenopsis Any Type	3	1st	Phal. Unknown	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Phal. Unknown	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Phal. Unknown	R & L Kunde
Oncidium Any Other	2	1st	Onc. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'	S Maller
		2nd	Alcra. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Spaceship'	J & T Watson
Miscellaneous Species	1	1st	Chsch. parishii 'Pink'	J & T Watson
Aust. Native Species	3	1st	Den. lindleyi	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Sarco. hartmannii	J & T Watson
		3rd	Den. discolor	J & T Watson

SEPTEMBER 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Native Species or Hybrid	2	1st	Phaius tankervilleae 'alba' X Phaius pulchera 'alba' = Gp . Micro Burst	J & T Watson
		2nd	Spa. plicata Far Out Freckles	N & S Jensen
NOVICE				
Cattleya	3	1st	Gur. aurantiaca	D & B Birt
		2nd	Rlc. Liu's Joyance	R & S Berg
		3rd	C. Unknown	R Daniels
Judges Choice - Novice			Gur. aurantiaca	D & B Birt
Judges Choice - Open			Phal. Unknown	D & Z Holm
Judges Choice - Foliage			Aglaonema	N & S Jensen
Popular Vote - Orchid			Rth. Deception Clown	P & D Firth
Popular Vote - Foliage			Tillandsia ionantha	N & S Jensen
FOLIAGE				
Bromeliad	2	1st	Vriesea 'Maroochy Hot Lips'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Bromeliad Unknown	N & S Jensen
Tillandsia	6	1st	Tillandsia ionantha	P & D Firth
		2nd	Tillandsia schiedeana	J & T Watson
		3rd	Tillandsia ionantha	N & S Jensen
Anthurium	4	1st	Anthurium Bugatti Royale	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Anthurium Jambo Big Red	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Anthurium Unknown	N & S Jensen
Ferns	3	1st	Nephrolepis Fern	D Kennedy
		2nd	Nephrolensis exalta 'Emina'	R Daniels
		3rd	Nephrolepis falcata	N & S Jensen
Other Foliage	4	1st	Aglaonema	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Monstera Thai Constellation	S Hetherington
		3rd	Succulent Unknown	R Daniels
Foliage with Flowers	2	1st	Sundew	S Hetherington
		2nd	Cactus Unknown	J De Haviland

SEPTEMBER 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

BENCHINGS - 43 ORCHIDS (15 Classes) 21 FOLIAGE PLANTS (6 Classes)

SEPTEMBER 2024 RESULTS - NEW GROWERS MEETING

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

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya	7	1st	C. Unknown	J De Haviland
		2nd	Gur. aurantiaca	D & B Birt
		3rd	Ctt. Beachmere Fireworks	J De Haviland
Dendrobium	2	1st	Den. Buderim Moonlight X Sibling	S Steele Boyce
		2nd	Den. Pink Doll 'Magic'	S Steele Boyce
Vandaceous	5	1st	Phal. Unknown	B & L Keipert
		2nd	Phal. Unknown	J Lumsden
		3rd	V. miniatum	B & L Keipert
Other Hybrids	2	1st	Cym. Unknown	B & L Keipert
		2nd	Brsdm. Yelllow Star 'Golden Gambol'	C Pickering
Judges Choice			C. Unknown	J De Haviland

16 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



Julie D



Ros & Sue, Paul in the background supervising-background

A few happy snaps from our recent storeroom

cleanup. Looks like the crew were having a bit of fun in the process. Great job folks! We can actually find things now—all clean, neat, tidy and labeled and we have some more space.

Any guesses?

October Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Bribie Island RSL Social Cafe

99 Toorbul Street, Bongaree

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 October

Bob Lloyd 4th October

Chris Pickering 7th October

Darryl Birt 7th October

Pauline Palmer 18th (93!!)

Bruce Keipert 25th October

Julie Bacon 25th October

Sheron Strasser 27th October

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 \$ 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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