

# JANUARY 2024 BULLETIN

## Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.



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**Next New Growers Meeting**  
**SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
**Next Birthday Lunch**  
**TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
**Next Cultural Meeting**  
**TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2024**

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

wish<sup>ing</sup>  
You a  
Speedy  
Recovery

## ***A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Hello and welcome to our first bulletin for 2024.

I trust you all had an enjoyable Festive Season and are eager to get back in to the swing of our orchid programme for the year.

It was good to such a great roll up at our first Cultural Meeting for the year on Tuesday to hear Jen Ison speak on growing Oncidiums. Thank you Jen. Sadly the recent weather has played havoc with some of our orchids and we were a bit light on for benchings. Hopefully after this coming week with a further weather event forecast, we might get back to normal in time for our plants to produce their best for our Easter Show which is only about 8 weeks away.

Our Show Co-ordinator Di Kennedy has been busy talking to vendors, sponsors and Council to ensure all avenues are covered for the Show and is looking to members to provide support in the setup (Wednesday/Thursday 27th/28th March, during Friday/Saturday 29th/30th March and pulldown Saturday/Sunday 30th/31st March. None of us are getting any younger and we need all the help we can get. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. We're also looking for donations of cakes, slices etc for the kitchen if you're a keen cook. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Di on 0407 943 207.

We have a busy couple of months ahead with our first New Growers Meeting for the year on Saturday 10th February, starting with a welcome barbeque at 12 noon followed by the meeting at 1.30pm, plants to be benched by 1.15pm please. We look forward to seeing lots of New Growers and their plants that day.

Friday 16th April will see a number of members and guests heading on a bus trip to the Queensland International Orchid Fair at Belmont to acquire some badly needed orchid plants to add to their collections. More details follow in this bulletin.

Our first Birthday Lunch for 2024 will be on Tuesday 20th February 12 noon at the Bribie Island Bowls Club to celebrate both January and February birthdays (a record number of 12 Birthdays to be celebrated) so come along and join the gang for lunch and a catchup. No New Growers meeting in March due to the Council elections.

Before we know it, we'll be showing off our beautiful blooms at our Easter Show.

Happy growing!

***Diann Sirett, President B I O S***



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



## **SIGNING IN AT MEETINGS**

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

# BRIBIE ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

## 2024 Easter Orchid & Foliage Show

*Proudly supporting  
The East Pumicestone Community Support Association*



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

*Admission \$5pp (EFTPOS available at Entry)  
(Groups of 10 or more \$4.50pp) Children under 16 Free*



*Good Friday 29th March 2024 8.30am – 4pm &  
Easter Saturday 30th March 2024 8.30am – 2pm*



### VENDORS

Pacific Beach Orchids, Kingfisher Orchids, RoLin Orchids,  
Fong Ping Orchids, Ivan's Orchids & Janet's Craft stall

### Refreshments available for purchase

Please note:- EFTPOS will only be available at some Vendors.

Contact Teresa Watson, Secretary Mobile 0407 782 290

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## *Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc. 2024 Easter Orchid & Foliage Show*

### **IT'S NEARLY SHOWTIME AGAIN.....**

With only weeks to our Easter Show, it's time to go through your collection to remove dead leaves/flowers and weeds and generally tidy up any prospective Show plants, either for sale or benching. Make sure that pots are clean and will not fall over when benched. Plants for benching or sale should be well established in their pots and free of pests and diseases. Buds should be staked to ensure that blooms are displayed to their best advantage. Presentation is everything. This applies not only to flowering plants but also to the myriad of non-flowering plants in the Plant Sales area. It's no good leaving these chores until the last minute as time is racing by. Please use the cream plant tags, available from Teresa for any plants being benched in the Open section and Foliage. New Growers can still use their blue plant tags as the New Grower Classes are restricted to Bribie Island Orchid Society New Growers only. Sales tags will be also be available from Teresa.

If you are selling plants, be realistic with your pricing and please make sure that your price tags are legible—whole dollars only please. All sales need to be keyed in to the computer so it really does help if figures are clearly written otherwise you may end up a little light in your expected return.

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 so please give some thought as to what /where you might be able to contribute, however small. Many hands make light work and none of us are getting any younger!

**Set up** for the show will be **at the Orchid House on Wednesday 27th March at 1pm.**

**Set up** of the **Indoor bowls club** will start at **11am on Thursday 28th March.**

Those helpers who wish to bench orchids or foliage are welcome to bring them inside out of their cars into The Orchid House.

Benching will take place from 2pm—5pm before the Judges dinner.





Our first **New Growers Meeting** for 2024 on **Saturday 10th February 2024** will start at **12 noon** with a **welcome BBQ lunch** followed by our meeting at **1.30pm**.

The topic will be 'How to care for your orchids in wet/humid weather'.

*Don't forget your plants for judging need to be benched by 1.15pm, and you are welcome to bring along any problem plants you may have.*



*A little bit of trivia for those interested in statistics.....*

*During 2023, a total of 498 orchids and 349 foliage plants were benched over 11 Cultural Meetings, and 49 orchids were benched over 8 New Grower Meetings. Well done exhibitors! Let's see if we can exceed those numbers in 2024.*



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

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

*After many years of business on the Island, and supplying most of the stationery needs of BIOS, we wish Mark & Kim Roberts from Bribie Island Stationery & Office Supplies, all the best for their retirement on the 31st January.*

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## A ROADMAP FOR NEW GROWERS



You've joined the Bribie Island Orchid Society and have an **orchid in flower**. What should you do?

Firstly, remember that you must have owned your plants for at least 6 months before you are able to bench them for judging. If you have recently acquired a plant and it is flowering, you may bench it with a sign 'Not to be judged - Display only'. Please don't judge your own plant/s and bring them along to the New Growers Meeting held on the second Saturday of the month, and the Cultural Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

You will then need to complete a blue slip with the name of your plant on the front (if you don't know the name, just put 'Unknown') and add your name and Pot/Member number on the back. The blue slip should be displayed on a wire in your pot with the name of the plant facing forward.

**At Cultural Meetings only** -Enter The Orchid House and sign the attendance book at the front counter. When signed in, proceed with your plant to the rear of the hall on the left hand side and from the pegboard select the tag with your 'Pot/Member Number' and drop it in the tin on the table where the President, Secretary and Treasurer sit for the meeting. During the meeting one of those tags will be drawn with the owner of that tag receiving a \$5 voucher to spend with Paul Firth at our Cultural Supplies corner. Your name and Pot/Member No. can be found on the board beside the tag board.

Then proceed to the tables on the right hand side of the hall where you will find signs designating the various genera eg Novice Cattleya, Novice Dendrobium, etc and deposit your plant. If you don't know which section fits, any of our friendly members are only too happy to help.

B I O S run 2 competitions each year for New Growers, apart from our two shows (Easter and October). The first competition is run at the New Growers Meetings where points are allocated – 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd. The Judge's Choice at this meeting not only wins points but also 'The Finger' (a small wooden trophy shaped like Bribie Island), which the grower gets to hold for the next month, and a plant. These points are accumulated from 1st June to 30th May each year with the winner/s announced at our AGM/Cultural Meeting at the end of June.

The other competition is run for New Growers who bench their plants at the monthly Cultural Meetings. In addition to points and 'The Finger', the Judges Choice plant is also photographed and these photos are judged at the end of the year and the winning grower/s presented with the Merv Anderson Award for the best New Grower plant.

*There will be a special award for the most successful New Grower (Bribie Island Orchid Society Members only) at our Easter Show in March 2024.*

*This Award will be sponsored by Rob & Linda Trost from RoLin Orchids and will be a \$100 voucher to purchase plants from their nursery at Wamuran. According to Rob, this voucher should buy you 6 – 8 plants to grow your collection.*

**NB Foliage plants are judged at monthly Cultural Meetings only**, and there is no separate section for New Growers. Foliage plants are benched on the tables to the right as you enter The Orchid House, with categories of Bromeliads, Tillandsias, Anthuriums, Ferns, Other Foliage and Foliage with Flowers. New Growers are welcome to bring foliage plants along to the New Grower Meetings for display only.

During the Cultural meeting, the President will call for members to select their favourite orchid and foliage plant, and record those plant numbers of slips of paper which are then deposited into the appropriate container at the management table. The votes are then counted and \$5 Cultural Corner vouchers are presented to the growers of **the 'People's Choice' Orchid and Foliage plant**. New Growers plants are known to have been winners of these categories in the past.

So New Growers, don't be shy! Please bring your flowering plants along to be benched. We'd all love to see what you are growing.



## ***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 Easter Orchid & Foliage Show to be held 29th & 30th March 2024.***

***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!***



### **PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS**

***FEBRUARY Tony Musial - What do Judges look for when judging a plant?***

***APRIL Jill from Searles Garden Products***

***MAY Robert Trost from RoLin Orchids—Bulbophyllums***

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

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



**C. Magic Melody 'Superb'**



**Onc. Sharry Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'**



**Phal. Unknown**



**Rlc. Canyon Run x Rlc. Scargate x Rlc. Nspaywin**



**Den. eliiophyllum**



**Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'**



**Till. capitata 'Rubra'**



**Brat. Estreleta**



**Pros. Radiate 'Fragrance'**



**Till. unknown**



**Diagramma pictum subsp Labiosum aka Sweetlip**

**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.**



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



*Stan. oculata*



*Joe's Vandas are enjoying their new Shadehouse*

### January Presentations

At our January Cultural Meeting, our President presented Di Kennedy with her photo of *Alcra*. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' the winner of the Merv Anderson Award for the best New Grower for 2023. Di and her other half were off floating around on their holiday cruise so was missing in action for the presentation at the Christmas Party. Congratulations Di. Well done.

Martin Gunther was also missing in action for the Wal Corney Award for the Best Open Grower for 2023. Martin was in the running with his *Den. spectabile* with Zelda taking out the award with her *Phal.* Unknown.

Congratulations to all the monthly winners, and the eventual overall winners.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	10th & 11th	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show, Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	Sat 8am - 3.30pm & Sun 9am - 3pm
<b>MARCH</b>	16th	Maroochydore Orchid Society (closed show) Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim	Saturday
	16th & 17th	Bromeliads & More, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8am - 4pm & Sun 8am - 1pm
	29th & 30th	<b>Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid &amp; Foliage Show</b>	<b>Benching Thursday 28th from 2pm, Good Friday 8.30am - 4pm &amp; Easter Saturday 8.30am - 2pm</b>

## JANUARY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING

We had a great roll up of 33 members and 2 visitors for our first Cultural Meeting of 2024 so thanks to the members who attended. There were concerns numbers might be down due to the holiday season and the relentless hot humid weather.

Our Guest Speaker for the day was Jen Ison from Red Fox Orchids who gave a very interesting talk on growing Oncidiums. Red Fox source a lot of their young stock from the Netherlands and Thailand. Jen brought along a series of Oncid plants in various stages of growth and discussed their process of progressively moving up pot sizes as plants grow from the small coir/peat 'plugs' (which stay attached to the plant throughout it's growth) then 70mm tubes through to 150mm pots which have a bit of depth using a cocochip/perlite mix with gypsum (calcium) added. They also use controlled watering every 2-3 days and ideally water for 10 minutes, wait for about an hour and water again. Don't forget the snail bait! Repotting occurs every 12—18 months as coconut breaks down faster than bark. Oncids like bright light and good air movement, keep an eye out for mealy bugs and scale and brown leaf tips = too much fertilizer so make sure you flush your pots regularly, Thank you Jen.

Numbers on the benches were a bit light on—38 orchids and 24 foliage plants, but the numbers were not surprising given the crazy weather we've endured over the last few weeks. Those with open shadehouses certainly haven't had to worry about watering for a while! Our Orchid judges for the day were Martin and Zelda, who had to step aside for the other to judge any plants they had in various classes in Tony's absence. Trish was also absent so our President Di and Secretary Teresa judged the Foliage section. Thank you judges. Teresa and Joe took out the Judges Choice - Open and People's Choice—Orchids with their stunning V. Fantastic Fanfare and Zelda took out the Judges Choice and People's Choice—Foliage with her unusual *Bowiea volubilis* (Climbing Onion Plant) which she says is just loving the current weather conditions. This plant, which is about 40 years old, proved a bit tricky to photograph and though they're very hard to see, it's covered with tiny yellow flowers and buds.

Our social butterfly Liz gave an update on planned activities—the bus trip to the Queensland International Orchid Fair on Friday 16th February is now fully booked however Liz has a Wait List if you would still like to put your name down as there are usually a couple of last minute casualties. After our visit to the Orchid Fair, the group will head to the Elysium Restaurant & Bar at Victoria Point for Lunch, followed by a visit to Fame Orchids at Thornlands and the adjacent Timbara Nursery before heading back to the Island. Sounds like a great day out.

B I O S members have been invited to attend Bryan Hillier's Dracena Farm Nursery at Beachmere on Friday 1st March from 9am—2pm. This is a Production Nursery and normally not open to the public. Members who attended in the past were very impressed with the setup and the tours of some of the growing houses and were able to purchase some of the thousands of orchids, tillandsias, succulents and foliage plants that the nursery produces. Car pooling is suggested and members must register their intention to attend with Liz by Friday 23rd February for Hillier's insurance purposes.

After the Judges' commentary and raffle draw, the meeting finished with afternoon tea and a catchup before members headed home.



# JANUARY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



**Rlc. Mem. Susan Hawkins  
'Dark Eyes'**



**Rlc. Zelda's Star 'Lemon Berry'**



**C. Rosella's Angel**



**C. intermedia 'alba'**



**Den. bigibbum var. compactum  
'Bleeding Heart X Self'**



**Den. Sakda Blue X Den. Negro  
No. 2 'Rod'**



**Den. Excelsa**



**Judges Choice—Open &  
People's Vote—Orchids  
V. Fantastic Fanfare  
Growers J & T Watson**



**V. Su Fun Beauty**

## JANUARY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



*Pda. Arjuna*



*Phal. Unknown*



*Phal. Unknown*



*Brat. Estralita*



*Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Yokahama'*



*Coel. Celebensis*

*Phal. cornucervi*



*Spa. plicata 'Rocking Plum'*

Web site	<a href="http://pvorchids.com">Pronunciation Guide (pvorchids.com)</a>	<a href="http://orchidsplus.com">My Huge List of Orchid Abbreviations (orchidsplus.com)</a>	
	Abbreviation (always written in italics)	Name	Pronunciation
	<i>Aranda.</i>	Aranda	a-RAN-da
	<i>Brat.</i>	Bratonia	brah-TONE-ee-ah
	<i>Bulb.</i>	Bulbophyllum	bulb-oh-FILL-um
	<i>C.</i>	Cattleya	KAT-lee-ah
	<i>Coel.</i>	Coelygne	see-loh-GYNE-nee
	<i>Ctsm.</i>	Catasetum	kat-AH-see-tum
	<i>Den.</i>	Dendrobium	den-DROH-bee-um
	<i>Guar.</i>	Guarianthe	gwar-ee-AN-thee
	<i>Onc.</i>	Oncidium	on-SID-ee-um
	<i>Pda.</i>	Papilionanda	pap-ee-lee-oh-NAN-da
	<i>Phal.</i>	Phalaenopsis	fail-en-OP-sis
	<i>Rlc.</i>	Rhyncalaeliacattleya	Rinca-la-lia-cat-lee-ah
	<i>Spa. plicta</i>	Spathaglotis	Spath-ah-glotis
	<i>V.</i>	Vanda	VAN-dah

**JANUARY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)**



**Vriesea Maroochy Hot Lips**

**FOLIAGE**



**Till. funckiana**



**Anthurium Black Beauty**



**Huperzia phlegmaria**  
(Qld. Layered Tassel Fern)



**Aglaonema Unknown**



**Judge's Choice & People's Choice—Foliage**

***Bowia volubilis***  
(Climbing Onion Plant)

This plant is 40 years old  
Growers—D & Z Holm



## JANUARY 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

# = No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
<b>Cattleya Exhibition</b> (Lavender/Mauve/Purple)	1	109	<i>Rlc. Mem. Susan Hawkins 'Dark Eyes'</i>	D & Z Holm
<b>Cattleya Exhibition</b> - Any other colour or colour combination	4	1st	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Star 'Lemon Berry'</i>	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Rlc. Stephanie Maller 'Happy 80<sup>th</sup>'</i>	D & Z Holm
		3rd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Star</i>	D & Z Holm
<b>Cattleya</b> 75 – 110mm	3	1st	<i>C. Rosella's Angel</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Gamble</i>	D & Z Holm
<b>Cattleya Species</b>	4	1st	<i>C. intermedia 'alba'</i>	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Psh. radiata</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Gur. skinneri</i>	R & L Kunde
<b>Dendrobium Species</b>	2	1st	<i>Den. bigibbum var compactum 'Bleeding Heart X Self'</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. bigibbum var compactum 'Harley's Sunshine'</i>	P & D Firth
<b>Dendrobium Spatulata/ intermediate</b>	4	1st	<i>Den. Sakda Blue X Den. Negro No. 2 'Rod' ? Both parents not registered</i>	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Den. Blue Gem</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Den. Australia</i>	M Gunther
<b>Dendrobium Any Other</b>	3	1st	<i>Den. Excelsa</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. Lime Delight</i>	M Gunther
		3rd	<i>Den. Hibiki</i>	M Gunther
<b>Vanda Over 60mm</b>	2	1st	<i>V. Fantastic Fanfare</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>V. Unknown</i>	J & T Watson
<b>Vanda Under 60mm</b>	2	1st	<i>V. Su Fun Beauty</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>V. Varut Leopard X V. Rungsan</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Aranda. Moonlight</i>	J & T Watson
<b>Vanda Species</b>	1	1st	<i>Pda. Arjuna (not Species)</i>	J & T Watson
<b>Phalaenopsis Any Type</b>	2	1st	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Phal. Surf Song</i>	N & S Jensen
<b>Phalaenopsis Species</b>	1	1st	<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>	J & T Watson
<b>Phalaenopsis Miniature</b>	1	1st	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	R & L Kunde
<b>Oncidium Any Other</b>	2	1st	<i>Brat. Estrelita</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Onc. Purple Rainbow ? not reg</i>	J & T Watson
<b>Miscellaneous Hybrid - Any Other</b>	3	1st	<i>Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Yokahama'</i>	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Bulb. Wilbur Chang</i>	R Grant
		3rd	<i>Bulb. Squidly</i>	R Grant

## JANUARY 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Miscellaneous Species	2	1st	<i>Coel. celebensis</i>	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Bulb. dearei</i>	J & T Watson
Aust Native Species	1	1st	<i>Spa. plicata</i> "Rocking Plum"	J & T Watson
			NO NOVICE PLANTS BENCHED @ THE JANUARY 2024 CULTURAL MEETING	
Judges Choice - Open			<i>V. Fantastic Fanfare</i>	J & T Watson
Judges Choice - Foliage			<i>Bowiea volubilis</i> (Climbing Onion Plant)	D & Z Holm
Popular Vote - Orchid			<i>V. Fantastic Fanfare</i>	J & T Watson
Popular Vote - Foliage			<i>Bowiea volubilis</i> (Climbing Onion Plant)	D & Z Holm
<b>FOLIAGE</b>			Denotes New Grower	
Bromeliad	2	1st	Vriesea 'Maroochy Hot Lips'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Brom. Unknown</i>	N & S Jensen
Tillandsia	4	1st	<i>Tillandsia funckiana</i>	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Tillandsia variabilis</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Tillandsia Unknown</i>	S Linsley
Anthurium	4	1st	Anthurium Black beauty	R & L Kunde
		2nd	Anthurium Utah Pink	R & L Kunde
		3rd	Anthurium Alexa	N & S Jensen
Ferns	4	1st	Huperzia phlegmaria – Qld Layered Tassel Fern	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Maidenhair Fern	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Maidenhair Fern	N & S Jensen
Other Foliage	8	1st	Aglaonema Unknown	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Xanathosma lindenii	B Power
		3rd	Alocasia Cuprea Bronze	N & S Jensen
Foliage with Flowers	2	1st	<i>Bowiea volubilis</i> (Climbing Onion Plant)	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Bougainvillea	S Hetherington

**38 ORCHIDS BENCHED 24 FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED**

**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**

## **Cultural Notes - Mid-Summer**

February and March are active growing months so make sure the growing conditions encourage this fully. Unfortunately pests and some diseases also enjoy hot, moist conditions. Maintain shading, watering and feeding to benefit from this active growing period, but make an extra effort to ensure good ventilation. Ventilation does not only mean air movement around the stems and leaves. Your potting medium should be open enough that the roots can dry out between waterings. As well as removing any old or dead leaves and other material from the plants, remove any weeds or 'volunteer' ferns and foliage plants, etc. Most of our commonly grown orchids will burn during our hot dry spells in summer, so usually we should provide extra shade and extra water, even just misting on days between waterings. However it has been great weather for aphids, mealy bugs and fungus. Check whether your plants need some Conguard (for aphids), metho, for mealy bugs and Mancozeb or Fongarid (for fungus).

**Cattleyas (and their hybrids with Brassavolas, Laelias and Sophronitis)** Many of these will be preparing for Autumn flowering. As these began as true epiphytes they need occasional thorough soakings followed by drier spells but still with high humidity. Give a thorough soaking twice a week but be prepared for more if the humidity drops. Make sure that water does not sit for long in developing flower spikes. Continue with weak, balanced fertiliser.

**Dendrobiums (Hard cane types, Australian natives & their hybrids, including Intermediate types.)** These are used to a hot, wet, monsoon type summer with a winter drought. They come from open woodlands so need high light levels. Water them three times a week but allow them to dry out between waterings. Continue with weak balanced fertiliser You should be seeing new flower spikes ready for autumn flowers. Dendrobiums are particularly sensitive to light direction so try to stake spikes early and keep them oriented to the north.

**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 at this stage. The deciduous forests they come from do not have high light levels in summer. However by Autumn they will require completely different treatment.

**Oncidiums** (As well as Miltonias, Brassias & their hybrids) Generally these take less light than Cattleyas but the situation is complicated. Most of the hybrids will take the same light as Cattleyas but any hybrid with Odontoglossum will need cool conditions. In Summer the main requirement is not to let their leaves burn, and to keep them moist. By now you should have finished any repotting and many of the Brassia hybrids will be sending out new flower spikes.

**Vandas** (and their related species and hybrids) Most of these grow with bare, exposed roots and so need to have moist air around them. 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.

**Phalaenopsis** These orchids are like the Vandas in their growth habit, their big fleshy, exposed roots and their lack of pseudobulbs. They must not be left to dry out, nor should they be left with water in the crown of the plant. Treat them as indoor plants but make sure they have good light.

**Paphiopedilum** 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.

*Ian McLaren 23-02-09 These notes have been used at our Cultural and New Grower's Meetings. They are from various sources and we thank the authors. All articles are supplied in good faith and the Bribie Island Orchid Society and its members will not be held responsible for any loss or damage*



# COMBINED January & February Birthdays

Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

**Tuesday 20th February 2024**

**Time : 12 noon**

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

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

**Many Happy Returns to our members  
celebrating their Birthdays in January & February**

**2nd January Warwick McLean**

**8th January Stephanie Maller**

**8th January Sandy Jensen**

**15th January Ron Kunde**

**17th January Florence McLaren**

**19th January Kathy Beatty**

**25th January Val Anderson**

**25th January Diann Sirett**

**8th February Henry Williamson**

**13th February Jenelle Lewis**

**16th February Bob Bimrose**

**22nd February Raewyn Spearitt**

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!

Email Liz—[kundecrew@bigpond.com](mailto:kundecrew@bigpond.com) or text her at 0407 388 771 to have your name and birthday registered if you're not already in the book.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**



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# BIOS Birthday Lunches

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

**Website** Our new website address is [www.bribieislandorchidsociety.com.au](http://www.bribieislandorchidsociety.com.au)

## FACEBOOK

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

## Suggestions for our monthly Bulletin



If you have any suggestions for our monthly bulletins or would like more information on any particular subjects, please don't hesitate to contact our editor **Sandy Jensen on 3408 3317 or email [sandyjens@bigpond.com](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 \$ 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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