

JANUARY 2025 BULLETIN

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Next New Growers Meeting
SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025
Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2025
Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 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!!

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You a
Speedy
Recovery

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to our first bulletin for 2025.

It was great start to the year to see a good roll-up to our Cultural Meeting on Tuesday 28th January and to hear Aaron Handley's interesting talk on Air Plants aka Tillandsias. Thank you Aaron for your kind donation to our raffle and we look forward to seeing you at our coming Show and also later in the year.

I trust your orchids have appreciated all the recent rain and very warm weather and are well on their way to hopefully putting on a great display at our Easter Show which is only about 10 weeks away.

Welcome to our new advertisers Bribie Bug Busters, Bribie Island Solar Panel Cleaning and KC Air Con Service. Why not give them a try!

You will find details of our Bus trip to the Queensland International Orchid Fair on Saturday 22nd February further on in this bulletin. Our lovely and lively Social Co-ordinator Liz is your contact point for this event. We're trying a Saturday bus trip this time so hopefully some of our New Growers who work during the week can participate. Two more bus trips are also in the planning stages to the Nambour Garden Expo in July and to the 2025 Orchid Expo at Bokarina on the Sunshine Coast in September. Thanks Liz.

Despite it being the holiday season, your Committee has been working hard in the background doing a lot of groundwork for changes to our constitution to adopt the standard end of financial year (1st July—30th June), the purchase of a new mobile phone for the Society, a more economical system for EFTPOS and all the Council requirements for our coming Show. Thank you all concerned.

Due to some operational issues, please note the Society's mobile phone number has now been changed to 0491 158 104. All electronic media is being updated.

We look forward to welcoming all our New Growers to our first meeting for 2025 on Saturday 8th February commencing with a BBQ at 12 noon. Just a reminder that flowering plants must be benched by 1.15pm for judging.

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.

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Our February 2025 NEW GROWERS MEETING will start with a welcome BBQ at 12 noon on Saturday 8th February, followed by a presentation on rare/unusual orchids and some hands on repotting. So come prepared to get your hands dirty, and please feel free to bring along any problem plants you may have for advice.



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.**

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PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

FEBRUARY : Jill from Searles

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***SHEPHERD'S CROOK ORCHID* -**

Source: Wikipedia

Geodorum densiflorum, commonly known as **pink nodding orchid** or **地宝兰 (di bao lan)**, is a plant in the orchid family and is native to areas from tropical Asia to eastern Australia and some Pacific Islands. It is a terrestrial orchid with broad, pleated, dark green to yellowish leaves and up to and twenty pale pink flowers with dark red veins on the labellum. It grows in wetter habitats including rainforest, woodlands, grasslands and swamps.

It is a leafy, terrestrial herb with crowded pseudobulbs and the pale pink flowers do not open widely. Flowering occurs between December and February in Australia and between June and July in Asia.

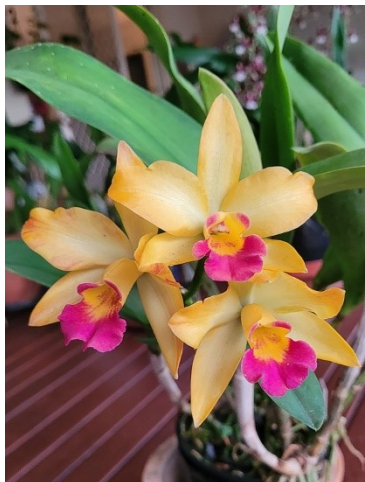
In Australia, the species occurs in Western Australia, northern parts of the Northern Territory and from Cape York in Queensland to the Macleay River in New South Wales.

Geodorum densiflorum is listed as "endangered" under the New South Wales Government *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. The main threats to the species are habitat loss, weed invasion and trampling.

Do you have any of these growing in your yard/garden? There are lots on the Island but are often not recognized as an orchid—Geodorum densiflorum aka Shepherd's Crook Orchids.



Bc. Binosa 'Lynn' AM AOS x C. Fascelis 'Autumn Leaves'



Lc. Susan Holcombe 'Yellow and Red'



Cym. Golden Elf



Rlc. Amazing Thailand 'Rainbow'

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.

How's this array of Misstimed Blooms of **Stanhopeas** grown & flowered by our members? Obviously they've enjoyed the rather crazy weather we've had for the last couple of months. Well done and thank you for the pics everyone! *Editor*



Stanhopea Unknown (Bruce)



**Stanhopea tigrina
var nigroviolacea
(Ron)**



Stanhopea Unknown (Joe & Teresa)



**Stanhopea oculata—Di K
16 blooms from 3 spikes**



Stanhopea Unknown—Margaret & Barry



Stanhopea Unknown—Ros R

Stanhopea

Stanhopea is a genus of the orchid family from Central and South America. The abbreviation used in horticultural trade is *Stan*. The genus is named for the 4th Earl of Stanhope (Philip Henry Stanhope) (1781-1855), president of the Medico-Botanical Society of London (1829-1837). It comprises 55 species and 5 natural hybrids. These epiphytic, but occasionally terrestrial orchids, can be found in damp forests from Mexico to Trinidad to NW Argentina. *Stanhopea* is noted for its complex and usually fragrant flowers that are generally spectacular and short-lived with most flowers lasting three days or less. Their pendant inflorescences are **noted for flowering out of the bottom of the containers in which they grow**, lending themselves to culture in baskets that have enough open space for the inflorescence to push through. Grow them in a pot and the flowers just 'can't get out'! **They are sometimes called upside-down or bucket orchids.**

Stanhopeas are widely grown from Brisbane down to Melbourne and will cope with all but the coldest climates. Try a shade house with 30% – 50% shade cloth – no direct sun, 60 – 70% humidity, bright filtered light and temperatures from 25C daytime to 8C at night. Good air circulation, Slatted or wire hanging baskets lined with sphagnum moss, bark and coir seem to work well for *Stanhopea* species. They do not like to dry out at all, although less water during the cooler months, being a summer flowering species, they do not like to be too wet when dormant. *Stanhopea* Alliance species prefer to be evenly moist. Allow the potting medium to approach dryness between waterings, without drying out. During warmer months, *Stanhopea* Alliance species require more frequent watering. Leaves of species in the *Stanhopea* Alliance tend to be large, and as such, they transpire a relatively high volume of water. The leaves develop pleats and the pseudobulbs shrink when they are dry too long, or watering is inconsistent.

Stanhopea Orchid Species

- ***Stanhopea candida*** is a beautiful pure white species, while
- ***Stanhopea martiana*** is a deep red and white orchid.
- Other species include ***Stanhopea graveolens***, ***Stanhopea tigrina*** with its wonderful red, yellow and white flowers, ***Stanhopea oculata*** and ***Stanhopea wardii*** with its yellow flowers are popular
- ***Stanhopea panamensis*** with its wonderful white and crimson flecked flowers, a yellow lip and a chocolaty, vanilla fragrance is one of the rarest forms.

All *Stanhopea* Alliance species should be potted in baskets or pots that can accommodate flowering. Use hanging baskets with 1~2" spaces in the bottom, or plastic pots from which the bottom has been removed. New Zealand Sphagnum Moss is an ideal potting medium. Repot every 1 to 2 years, preferably in Spring, when active growth resumes. When repotting, choose a basket or pot large enough to accommodate 1 to 2 years of growth. Remove old media, rinse the root system, and trim away dead roots. Before adding fresh media, position the plant with the oldest pseudobulbs close to the edge of the pot, and newest pseudobulbs facing the middle, so that new growth has space to emerge and become established. Mature *Stanhopea* Alliance species can be divided when there are 6 or more pseudobulbs. If you divide, ensure each division has a minimum of three fully mature, leaf-bearing pseudobulbs, in addition to new leads. Old, leafless pseudobulbs can be retained as part of the divisions (they continue performing photosynthesis and water storage functions).

January Birthday Lunch

The Bribie Island Hotel Bistro was the place to be for our January Birthday lunch with 25 members attending, including Sandy Jensen, Jan Lumsden and Diann Sirett celebrating their birthdays on the 8th, 22nd and 25th respectively. Thanks for the yummy cupcakes Liz! Liz provided a bit of trivia that in January 2024, as we only had 6 names down for lunch, it didn't go ahead so it was great to see the numbers this time around. We've not been to this venue for some time and we had forgotten how noisy it could be, however the food on offer more than compensated.

February's Birthday Lunch will be held at VERNAZZA ristorante @ THE BRIBIE ISLAND GOLF CLUB, Links Court, Woorim at 12 noon on Tuesday 18th February.

Look forward to seeing you all there. PS Sorry if I couldn't fit your pic in this time. *Editor*



Sandy



Jan



Di S



Margaret & Barry



Leisa



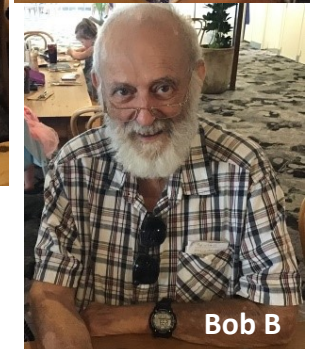
The Firths—Di, Emily (grand daughter from Townsville) & Paul



Kay



Ros R



Bob B



Lyn & Bruce



Sandra, Vicki & Bob



Joe & Teresa

JANUARY 2025 CULTURAL MEETING

34 enthusiastic members and 1 visitor attended 2025's first Cultural Meeting on Tuesday 28th January which was an excellent turnout. The number of plants benched were down slightly however there were quality plants in the midst. Tony was our Orchid Judge for the day whilst Trish took care of the Foliage. Zelda, Sue and Ros R took out the January Judge's Choice for Open, New Growers and Foliage respectively.



Tony Magner and Bob Saunders were presented with their Wal Corney Award for 2024 by our President Diann for their winning *Gom*. Bob's Dream 'Chocolate King', as they unfortunately were not able to attend our Christmas Party. Congratulations!

Our guest speaker for the Day was Aaron Handley from *Airplants by Aaron*. Aaron spoke on the cultural requirements of Tillandsias aka air plants. They will grow in everything other than soil and are very easily pollinated so there are thousands of man-made hybrids. Air plants are long flowering however some take 10 years to flower. Silver foliage can tolerate full sun and green foliage requires some shade but bright light so hang them high. A bit like orchids, they don't like to be cold and wet at the same time. Aaron says the trick to big healthy plants is to fertilise weakly weekly. Sound familiar?

Aaron prefers to use aluminium wire (don't use copper wire) but there are many ways of hanging /mounting them eg cork, timber using Gorilla Glue or Selleys Liquid Nails (Green). Do not use hot glue guns as the heat can easily damage the plant tissue. Aaron brought along a number of plants for sale and members were keen to add to their collections. Aaron also donated a number of plants for the raffle, and will also be our guest speaker later in the year. Thank you Aaron.



Members stayed behind to enjoy a cuppa, some yummys and a catchup after the Christmas Break.

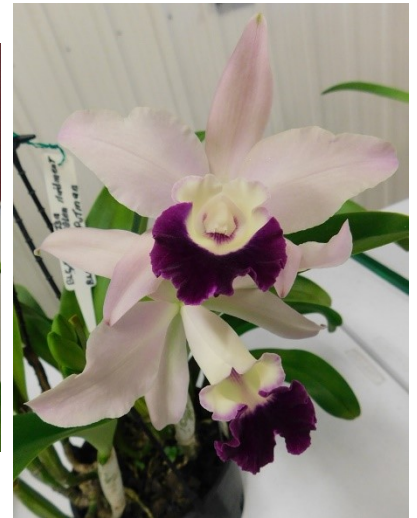
JANUARY 2025 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



Judge's Choice—Open
Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Calypso'
Growers—D & Z Holm



Rlc. Zelda's Star 'Yellow River'



Rlc. Deception Peak X
Bc. Marg Putman



Ctt. Edith Loomis



Psh. radiata



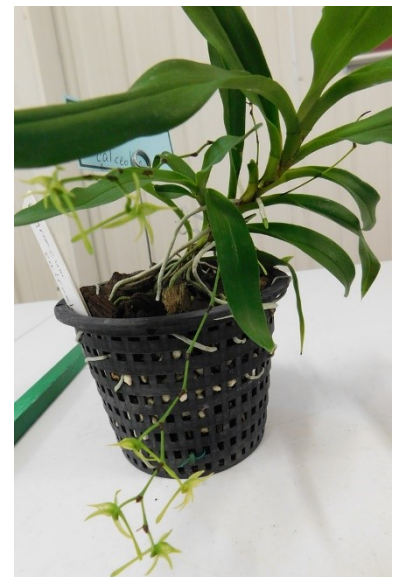
Den. ellipsophyllum



People's Choice—Orchids
Den. Roongkamon Vejvarut
Growers J & T Watson



V. Su Fun Beauty



Angcm. calceolus

JANUARY 2025 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Contd)



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



Bulb. Wilbur Chang



Spa. plicata



Spa. Mellow Yellow



**Judge's Choice—New Growers
C. Unknown
Grower S Harrison**

**NEW GROWERS @ JANUARY'S
CULTURAL MEETING**



Zyg. Jumpin Jack



C. Unknown

JANUARY 2025 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Contd)

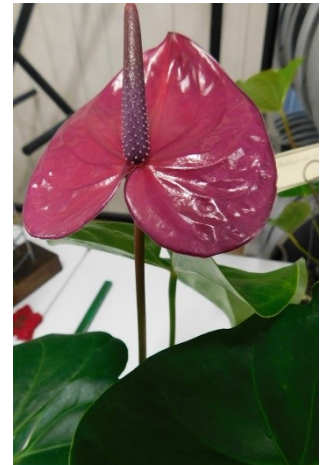
FOLIAGE



Bromeliad Unknown



Tillandsia juncea



Anthurium 'Purple'



**Hemionitis arifolia
(Heartleaf Fern)**

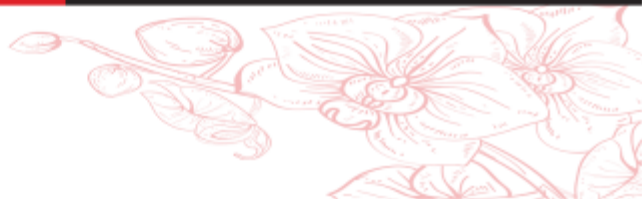


Begonia



**Judge's Choice—Foliage
Hoya Lacunosa
Grower—R Ramsey**

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JANUARY 2025 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition (Lavender/Mauve/Purple)	3	1st	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Calypso'</i>	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Calypso'</i>	D & Z Holm
		3rd	<i>Rlc. Mari's Joyance</i>	P & D Firth
Cattleya Exhibition - Any other colour or colour combination	3	1st	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Star 'Yellow River'</i>	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Gamble 'Majestic'</i>	D & Z Holm
		3rd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Star 'Golden Touch'</i>	D & Z Holm
Cattleya 75 – 110mm	1	1st	<i>(Rlc. Mount Isa X Rlc. Glenn Maidment) X Rlc. Marg Putman = Rlc. Deception Peak X Rlc. Marg Putman</i>	P & D Firth
Cattleya Non Exhibition	2	1st	<i>Gur. bowringiana X C. walkeriana = Ctt. Edith Loomis</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Bsn. Maikai</i>	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Species	2	1st	<i>Psh. radiata</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Species	1	1st	<i>Den. ellipsophyllum</i>	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Any Other	1	1st	<i>Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut</i>	J & T Watson
Vanda Under 60mm	3	1st	<i>V. Su Fun Beauty</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>V. Princess Mikasa 'Pink'</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>V. Unknown</i>	R Grant
Vanda Species	1	1st	<i>Angcm. calceolus</i>	J & T Watson
Oncidium Any Other	2	1st	<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Onc. Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'</i>	J & T Watson
Miscellaneous Hybrid - Any Other	5	1st	<i>Bulb. Wilbur Chang</i>	R Grant
		2nd	<i>Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Ctism. Orchidglade 'Yokahama'</i>	D Kennedy & G Gow
Aust. Native Species	1	1st	<i>Spa. plicata</i>	J & T Watson
Native Species or Hybrid	2	1st	<i>Spa. Mellow Yellow</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Spa. Far Out Freckles</i>	J & T Watson
NEW GROWERS				
Cattleya	1	1st	<i>C. Unknown</i>	S Harrison
Any Other	1	1st	<i>Zyg. Jumpin Jack</i>	J De Haviland
Species	1	1st	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	S Harrison

JANUARY 2025 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Judges Choice - Open			<i>Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Calypso</i>	D & Z Holm
Judges Choice - Foliage			<i>Hoya Lacunosa</i>	R Ramsey
Popular Vote - Orchid			<i>Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut</i>	J & T Watson
Popular Vote - Foliage			<i>Hoya Lacunosa</i>	R Ramsey
FOLIAGE				
Bromeliad	2	1st	Brom. Unknown	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Guzmania	N & S Jensen
Tillandsia	10	1st	<i>Tillandsia juncea 'Red'</i>	S Hetherington
		2nd	<i>Tillandsia stricta bak</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Tillandsia cyanea</i>	N & S Jensen
Anthurium	6	1st	Anthurium 'Purple'	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Anthurium scherzerianum</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Anthurium Black Love	N & S Jensen
Ferns	3	1st	<i>Hemionitis arifolia</i> (Heartshape Fern)	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Maidenhair Fern	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Fern Unknown	N & S Jensen
Other Foliage	8	1st	Begonia	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Philodendron 'tortum'	P & D Firth
		3rd	Anthurium 'crystallinum'	P & D Firth
Foliage with Flowers	1	1st	<i>Hoya Lacunosa</i>	R Ramsey

28 ORCHIDS BENCHED 30 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

Early S E Qld Orchid Shows for 2025

2025

FEBRUARY	8th February	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show, Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton	Saturday 8am - 3.30pm
	21st—22nd February	Qld. International Orchid Fair, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Fri 8am—4pm Sat 8am—3pm
MARCH	8th March	Maroochydore OS Show Buderim (Closed Show) Buderim Uniting Church, 2-10 Gloucester Road, Buderim	Sat 8am - 3.30pm
	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
	March 2025	15th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference (APOC) & Show, Tainan, Taiwan	
APRIL	11th – 12th April	Caloundra OS Show, Uniting Church (Setup 10th)	
	12th – 13th April	Rockhampton OS Autumn Show	
	18th - 19th April	Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid & Foliage Show	Set up Thurs 17th Good Friday 8am-3pm Easter Sat 8am - 2pm
	26th - 27th April	Rockhampton OS 70th Anniversary Show, Robert Schwarten Pavilion, Rockhampton Show Grounds	

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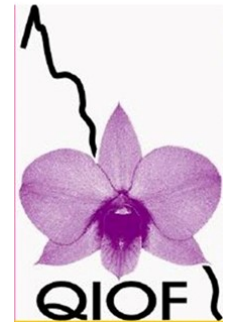
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Liz has organised another **BUS TRIP !!!**

Date : *Saturday 22nd February 2025* so save the date!

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

This will be a great opportunity for members to see/purchase lots of different types of orchids and foliage from numerous vendors listed below. This has been a very popular destination for members over the last couple of years. The bus will leave the Orchid House at 8am, returning approx. 4pm.

After we've exhausted ourselves, or should that be our wallets, around 12.30pm we'll head off to lunch in a function room at the Carina Leagues Club, Carina (at your own cost). Membership is just \$2 per person. **IF** time permits, we will visit The Plant Shack at Deception Bay on the way home.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Liz Kunde on mobile 0407 388 771 or email: kundecrew@bigpond.com to book your seat. First in best dressed! Cost Members \$10 each, Visitors \$25 each.

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February Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Time : 12 noon

**Venue : VERNAZZA ristorante @ THE BRIBIE ISLAND
GOLF CLUB, Links Court, Woorim**

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

**Many Happy Returns to our members
celebrating their Birthday in February**

8th February Henry Williamson

13th February Jenelle Lewis

16th February Bob Bimrose

22nd February Raewin 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 or text her at 0407 388 771 to have
your name and birthday registered if you're not already in the book.**

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.

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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.

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