

DECEMBER 2024 BULLETIN

Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.



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Next New Growers Meeting
SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2025

Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025

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



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to our final bulletin for 2024.

Our 2024 Orchid year finished with the final activity our Christmas Party on Tuesday 3rd December.



Thank you to the crew who gathered at The Orchid House on Monday afternoon to set up for our party— you know who you are. Tables were dressed and set, decorations put in place, and the Secret Santa and Raffle prize table readied. This year, as we were due to have the carpet cleaned, it was decided to spread out the tables on the carpet instead of having to confine the tables to the linoed area and this provided some much welcome space for all. Best of all was the air conditioning doing its job keeping everyone cool in the hot muggy weather. Our prior Christmas Party was quite uncomfortable due to our aircon malfunction.

57 members and guests attended and were served a yummy traditional Christmas dinner and dessert by the staff from the Serenity Café with the general consensus of opinion being to book their services again next year. The table service was welcomed by those present as was the fact that members/guests didn't have to do the washing up. Many thanks to the Serenity crew once again.

Unfortunately our Patron Cr. Brooke Savage had a late minute family issue and was unable to attend. Our nextdoor neighbours from the Community Nursery David & Lyne Wearne and Alex & Brenda Peerman were our guests for the day. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Once again, the dulcet tones of our own 'Frank Sinatra' Bruce rang throughout the hall and members could be seen tapping their feet and singing along, Zelda with the help of Julie and Debbie despatched all the Secret Santa presents and Teresa & Di K oversaw the running of the raffle with the many prizes donated by the Committee and members, along with some vouchers donated by the Community Nursery. Thank you one and all. Congratulations to those who won prizes and commiserations to those who missed out— better luck next year!

Again the Manager and owner of the IGA at Sandstone Point generously donated a half ham, with the society purchasing another seven. These hams were used as lucky door prizes which were very much appreciated by all the winners.

Thank you to all those who stayed behind to tidy up so that the cleaners had a clear go. Many hands made light work of it on such a hot and humid day.

Lastly, I, along with your Committee, wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy 2025. See you next year!

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



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.

YEARLY AWARDS

Each year, we have the **Wal Corney Award presented for the best Open Grower plant** and the **Merv Anderson Award presented for the best New Grower plant**. These awards are based on the yearly Judges Choice Winning photos taken at each Cultural Meeting. This year, the winners were judged by David & Lyn Wearne and Alex & Brenda Peerman from our neighbours the Wallum Action Group Community Nursery. Unfortunately our Patron, Brooke Savige was unable to attend at the last moment. Congratulations to all the contenders/winners and thank you to our judges.



**Merv Anderson Award
Winners—NEW GROWERS**

**G Gow & D Kennedy
(Diann Kennedy with
President Diann Sirett)**

Contenders for New Growers :

D & B Birt — February, July , September & November

R Ramsey —March

G Gow & D Kennedy— April, May (**R/c. Barbara Jewel**) & June

B & L Kiepert —August



R/c. Barbara Jewel



**Gom. Bob's Dream
'Chocolate King'**



Contenders for Open :

J & T Watson —January

D & Z Holm—February, April & September

Bob Saunders —May (**Gom. Bob's Dream 'Chocolate King'**)

R Grant—June & July

R & L Kunde—August

**Wal Corney Award Winner —OPEN
Tony & Sue Magner & Bob Saunders
Unfortunately Bob has not been well
and was unable to attend today.
We hope the Wal Corner Award
brightens your day Bob!**

THE ORCHID HOUSE, BONGAREE, BRIBIE ISLAND

CHRISTMAS 2024



Some of the great raffle prizes on offer, Santa's helpers for the raffle and Secret Santa presents, our very own 'Frank Sinatra' aka Bruce, and some of the raffle winners! Thanks to all those who donated or helped. To those who dipped out, better luck next year!!





Barry, Susan & Julie



With Sue L's birthday on the day, it was cupcake time!

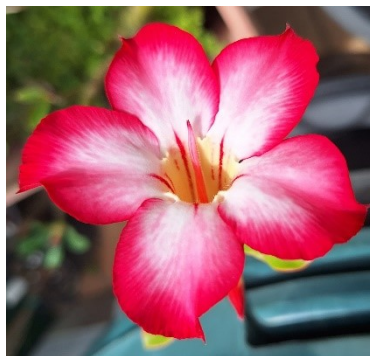




*December Birthday
belles Sue L & Jan
with their cupcakes!
Happy Birthday
ladies!*



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



Desert Roses



Den. chrysotoxum



Onc. Ake Baby



***Tolu. John Thelander X
Tolu. Kyelle's Dream 'Pinky'***



Phal. Unknown



***Rlc. Perfect Match*—one of Paul’s raffle prizes from 2021. It still has another bud to open.**

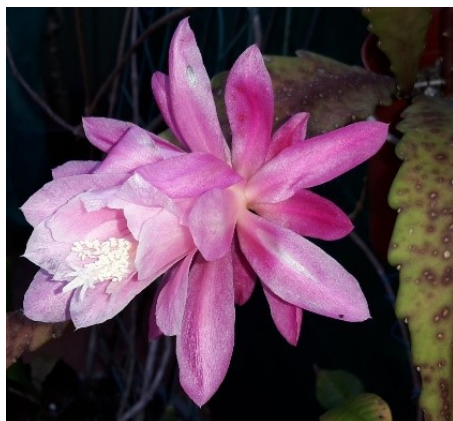


Bc. Phyllis Brackin

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.

Early S E Qld Orchid Shows for 2025

FEBRUARY	8th February	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show, Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton	Saturday 8am - 3.30pm
	21st—22nd	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)	
	20th – 22nd	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	



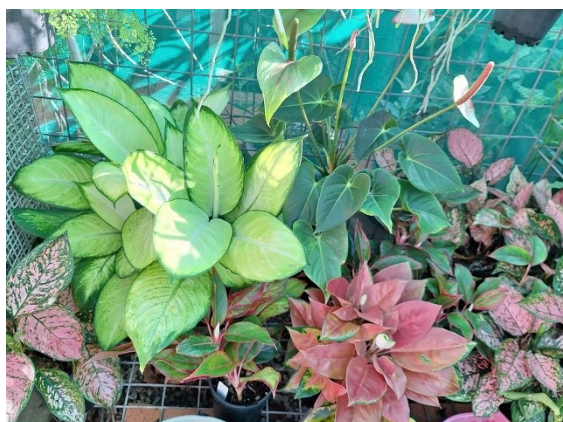
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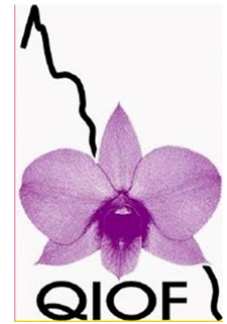


Den. elliophyllum



Native Cymbid





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

Date : *Saturday 22nd February 2024* 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. We usually leave the Island around 8am, returning approx. 4.30pm.

After we've exhausted ourselves, or should that be our wallets, we'll head off to lunch at the Norths League & Service Club, Kallangur (at your own cost) and another venue before we head home. More details to come.

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.

ALICES ORCHIDS & FOLIAGE TOWNSVILLE
BRISBANE ORCHID SUPPLIES BRISBANE
CHING HUA ORCHIDS TAIWAN
DARK STAR ORCHIDS
FAME ORCHIDS THORNLANDS
FOLIAGE PLUS IPSWICH
FONG PING ORCHIDS LOGAN CITY
KINGFISHER ORCHID NURSERY KHOLO
ORCHID MANIA GUNALDA
PACIFIC BEACH ORCHIDS MOORE PARK BEACH
QUEENSLAND ORCHID BIO
RED FOX ORCHIDS CABOOLTURE
ROLIN FARMS WAMURAN
ROSELLA ORCHIDS GRAFTON
SAKDISRI & DAUGHTERS NURSERY THAILAND
SUNNYVIEW ORCHIDS TOWNSVILLE
THE TROPIC GARDENER KENMORE
WINDERMERE NURSERY TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

January Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on
Tuesday 21st January 2025

Time : 12 noon

**Venue : Charlie's at the Bribie Island Hotel,
29 Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara**

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 January**

8th January	Stephanie Maller
8th January	Sandy Jensen
12th January	Michael Isaac
15th January	Ron Kunde
17th January	Florence McLaren
18th January	Kay Stephenson
22nd January	Jan Lumsden
25th January	Val Anderson
25th January	Diann Sirett

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!







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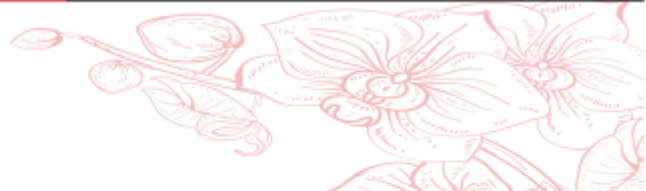
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BIOS Birthday Lunches

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

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** 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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