

Bribie Island Orchid Society Bulletin

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Committee Meeting

This will be held on the first Tuesday in of the month (May 5th) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade, Bongaree. The meeting commences at 1 pm. Just a reminder - any financial member may attend the Committee Meetings

Cultural Meeting

Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (April 28th) at the Ningi Community Hall on Bribie Island Rd. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm.

New Growers' Meeting

Held on the last Saturday of the month (May 30th) at the Church of Christ hall on the cnr of Foley Street & Fifth Ave. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. (Note-no meeting in April due to Anzac Day).

Important Notice

Annual subscriptions are due 30th April. Please make payment to Ian as soon as possible.

Date Claimers

More details closer to the event.

Apr 10-11	Bribie Island OS Q150 show at the Bribie Island High School. Set up 9th from 3.00pm.. Benching only.
Apr 10-12	QOS Easter Orchid show at the Botanic Gardens auditorium, Mt Coot-tha
May 2-3	Gympie OS show
May 7-8	Maroochydore OS Mothers' day show at Kawana shopping town.
May 9-10	Pumicestone Show-benching only.
May 12	Bus Trip-Mystery Tour (details below)
May 16	South Burnett Show at the Uniting Church hall Kingaroy.
Jul 10-12	Caboolture OS show. Set up 9 th
Aug 8-9	Maroochydore OS show at community centre in Millwell Rd. Set up 7 th .
Aug 29	Bus Trip-Logan and District Orchid Show
Sep 4-5	Nambour OS show in Uniting Church hall Donaldson Rd
Sep 18-19	Noosa OFS show at RSL hall in Maple St Cooroy
Sep 17-19	Maryborough District OS show. Set up 16 th .
Oct 2-3	Glasshouse Country OS show at community hall Peachester Rd, Beerwah. Set up 1 st .
Oct 10 -11	Bribie Island OS "Bribie Orchid Bonanza" at Bribie Island SHS. Set up 9th.
Oct 17-18	Bus Trip - Boonah Orchid Show

Special Events

- ❖ **18-26 July 2009**, Orchid Tour of Singapore and Malaysia (incl visits to orchid shows, growers and botanical gardens). Contact Ron Glew for more information (5495 6078 or 0419 649 795 or email ronjg@hotmail.net.au).
- ❖ **First 2 weeks August**, Thailand Tour-these tours are very popular and numbers are limited so contact Ross at Aranbeem soon if interested.
- ❖ **8-13 Sept 2009**, AOC conference & show at Werribee Events & Leisure Centre (west of Melbourne.) Hosted by Marybynong OS.
- ❖ **Sept-Oct 2009**, 'An Orchid Lovers Tour of Borneo', hosted by Wayne Harris.
- ❖ **Queen's birthday weekend in June, 2010** is the STOCQ "Golden Orchidfest" hosted by Sunshine Coast, OS Caloundra Inc. at the Kawana Lakes Community Centre.

In Memory of Sheila Helen Wilson

Born in London 29th May 1925.
Died in Caboolture 18th March 2009.

It is an Honour to be asked to write this memorial for Sheila Helen Wilson.

Sheila was a Caboolture Shire Councillor from 1971-1990. She and her Husband, Dr. Bill Wilson moved to Bribie Island in 1985, and she continued in Council, serving as one of the councillors for Bribie for the remaining 5 years.

When the Bribie Island Orchid Society was founded in 1987, Cr. Wilson was approached on the 11th April 1988, to become our first Patron. She accepted and she served from 1988 until 1990 when she left the district and moved to Woongarra (Bundaberg). She served again as a Councillor for the Woongarra Council from 1991 to 1994, when she suffered a stroke. She spent the latter part of her life at the RSL Home in Caboolture.

As Patron of our Society, she gave a "Patron's Trophy". This was for the Best Grown Orchid exhibited by a BIOS member, and was presented at our Annual General Meeting on 25th May 1988.

Winners were	PM & AM Clench	1988
	B & R Powell	1989

Sheila Wilson was held in such high regard that the Moreton Bay Regional Council even changed their meeting time so that Councillors and staff could attend her funeral.

The world is a much richer place for having had the presence of this dedicated and inspiring woman among us.

REST IN PEACE, SHEILA. (Written by Pam Board)

March Cultural Meeting

Guest Speaker was Clarrie Wilkins who gave a very interesting talk on carnivorous plants. The main advice that stuck in my mind is that all these plants, except pitcher plants (Nepenthes), will thrive in full sun provided they are always kept moist (eg stand in saucer of water) and colour and flowering will be better than if kept in shaded conditions.

Nepenthes on the other hand will do well in the orchid house and, unlike orchids, like to be overpotted so that the roots are always moist. They may even catch some of those orchid pests.

Clarrie will be one of the vendors at our Easter Show.

Benching Results

Cattleya	1st (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
Exhibition	<u>C. Fitz Eugene Dixon</u>	W&J Corney	J&J Stokes	M&V Anderson
Miniature	<u>Ctna. Why Not Walkabout</u>	M&V Anderson	M&V Anderson	W&J Corney
Novelty	<u>Blc. Golden Tang</u>	B&M Elliot	J&J Stokes	D&M Neldner
Cluster	<u>C. Fitz Eugene Dixon</u>	D&M Neldner		
Species	<u>C. bowringiana</u>	W&J Corney		
Dendrobium				
Spatulata	<u>Den. Jaydee Jim</u>	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner
Intermediate	<u>Den. Pauline</u>	J&B Hopgood	M&V Anderson	M&V Anderson
Any other	<u>Den. Autumn Snow 'Alba' x Paradiae x Kultana 'Lou' x Dal's Praise</u>	J&B Hopgood	J&J Stokes	J&B Hopgood
Vandaceous				
Under 60mms	<u>(V. Kapiclani x Ascda. Yip Sum Wha) x V. Mimi Palmer</u>	J&J Stokes	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood
Any other	<u>Vasco. Pine Rivers</u>	W&J Corney	W&J Corney	
Phalaenopsis				
Any Type	<u>Phal. Brother Princess</u>	M&F Wheeler		
Species	<u>Dor. Pulcherrima</u>	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	D&M Neldner
Paphiopedilum				
Any type	<u>Paph. Spectral Freeze x Fairrieanum</u>	M&F Wheeler		
Oncidium				
Species	<u>Onc. Onostum</u>	M&F Wheeler	B&M. Elliot	
Other alliance	<u>Mtssa. Aztec</u>	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	M&V Anderson
Miscellaneous				
Hybrid	<u>Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star</u>	A. Linsen-Perez	D&M Neldner	A. Linsen-Perez
Species	<u>Prosthecea Cochleata</u>	J&B Hopgood	I&F McLaren	
Aust Natives				
Species	<u>Den. bigibbum</u>	I&F McLaren	D&M Neldner	I&F McLaren
Any terrestrial	<u>Spa. plicata</u>	D&M Neldner		
Novice				
Any type Cat.	Unknown	G&J Watson	G&J Watson	
Species	<u>C. bowringiana</u>	D. Haupt		
Foliage				
Bromeliad	Tillandsia	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	M&V Anderson
Fern	Nephrolepsis exalta	M&V Anderson	B&M Elliot	D&M Neldner
Foliage other	Aglaonema	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	D. Haupt
Anthurium	Pink Pearl	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner

- ❖ **Popular vote** went to Wal & Jean Corney's C.Bowringiana while the foliage vote went to Del Haupt's Rex Begonia
- ❖ **Judges' choice** was awarded to Agnes Linsen-Perez's Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star
- ❖ **Novice of the month** was Janet Watson.
- ❖ **Judges** were: Agnes Linsen-Perez (except Judges Choice), Tom Watson, John Hopgood & student judge John Stokes.
- ❖ **Exhibitor's number** was won by G&J Watson

New Growers' Meeting

At the meeting on 28th March 32 members and visitors were enthralled with the *Power Point* presentation by Fred Kleimeyer of Ipswich on the topic of Orchid Species. Not only did he show excellent examples of many orchid species, but he also loaned to members laminated photos of orchids to be identified by the recipients at home. These A4 sheets are to be returned to the coordinators at the May meeting. Several donated orchids and many other prizes coerced members to contribute \$79 in the raffle.

Skite plant winners were:

Open: McKinnon, Anderson and Hopgood;

Novice: McKane, McKane and Haupt.

Foliage: Anderson, Neldner and Haupt

Thanks to Fred Kleimeyer, our judges and providor.

There will be no meeting in April (Anzac Day) and the next meeting will be at the C.O.C. Hall on May 30th to be led by Tom Davis in the absence of the Neldners.

Don and Margaret Neldner, Coordinators

It would be nice to have orchids as raffle prizes at our meetings and Don and Margaret's supply is now exhausted so this is an SOS to all attendees to consider whether you are able to bring along an occasional orchid for a prize donation.

Bus Trips

(Planned Bus Trips for 2009)

URGENT !!!!!. If you plan to go on the bus trip scheduled for **12th May**, please contact us as soon as possible as we need final numbers to allow us to confirm final arrangements for lunch. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Our next bus trip will be Tuesday 12th May. It will be a Mystery Tour with lunch (2 courses, coffee and tea), departing Woorim at 7.30 am with all regular pick-ups following.

The total cost is \$35 provided we get 40+ people. Price includes bus and lunch . We will visit a nursery on the way home.

Please book your seat as soon as possible. As we only have a limited number of bookings so far, please help to support this day by asking your friends, family and neighbours.

Saturday, 29th August a Bus Trip to Logan and District Orchid Show with a special invitation and discount to New Growers. We will leave Woorim at 7am with our first stop to be at the Pine Rivers Orchid Show at The Deception Bay Shopping Centre before proceeding on to the Logan and District Orchid show where we will have morning tea as soon as we get there. We will then proceed to the Logan Sporting Club for lunch. Afterwards, a visit to a member's green house there before returning home to Bribie Island.

October 17th & 18th a bus trip to Boonah Orchid Show. This will be an over-night trip. Prices and details in a future newsletter.

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Caloundra Show Results

We were a little short of plants for this Show but still managed the following places:

*M&F Wheeler – First – Rhya Jade Magic

*J&B Hopgood – Second – Thecostele alata

*J&B Hopgood – Second - Den. Kuranda Classic

*M&F Wheeler – Third – Onc.onustum

*M&VAnderson – Third – Agloanema fern

Congratulations to the winners.

Show Champion was a magnificent specimen of Ascda. Roslyn's Best owned by Russell Hopkins Reserve Champion went to the biggest Paph. I've seen, Harold Koopowitz owned by Beryl Robertson

Q150 Easter Orchid Show

By the time you receive this newsletter the much anticipated Q150 Show will be upon us. Here's hoping that all our members achieve at least one award. Good luck, all.

Following is from Val Anderson:

Thank you to the following people who generously gave goods and money to help the Bribie Q150 Show along:

D.Lloyd, K.Read, J.Smith, L.McKane and K.Beatty.

And also to those who have promised salad items for the Thursday night meal at the show:

M.Neldner, D.Haupt, G.Davis, J.Corney, F.Wheeler, J.Hopgood, G.Cooper and J.Savianne.

Please have all items to the kitchen at the school by 4.30pm on Thurs 9th

Many thanks.

And from Judy

Ladies, please wash and iron your skirts and bonnets after the show, place in a bag and label it with your name. Then hand back to me and I'll return them in time for our October Show.

Many thanks.

Committee News

As you would appreciate most of the meeting was again devoted to discussion of the many details surrounding the organisation of our Easter Show. It was very pleasing to hear how all our members have rallied to the cause and we are expecting another huge success.

Lyn reported that the approval process for our new home is making progress and with any luck all the necessary approvals will be in hand by the end of May.

A draft of the Bribie Orchids leaflet which will be distributed at the Show was tabled by Ian McLaren.

As we are close to our annual stocktake of BIOS property, anyone in possession of items belonging to the society is asked to advise Lyn or Mel.

Judy's Jottings

Another month has slipped by and our Show is just around the corner. I've certainly been kept busy sewing skirts, items for our craft stall and many other odd jobs that have to be done for the Q150 Show.

Did you watch the Channel 10 news on Mon 16 March? Mark Suleau's story on Mel and our Q150 Bribie Orchid was very impressive.

Like me you have probably been watching your orchids like a hawk, hoping and praying some will be open in time for the Show.

Don't be surprised if I front up and ask you to sell raffle tickets on the day. I still have some gaps in the roster to fill.

Let's celebrate Queensland's 150 years in style.

Cultivation Notes

1. Bud Drop

(with thanks to Denis Oliver's article on OSCOV website)

One of my major frustrations in keeping orchids is bud drop or flower spikes aborting before all or maybe any flowers open. According to the experts the main cause of this phenomenon is temperature fluctuations which I guess is largely out of our control unless you are lucky enough to have a climate controlled environment in your bush house or use fans and/or misting in Summer and heating in winter. One of my advisors tells me it can also be due to sub-optimal growing conditions (eg insufficient water/ fertilizer) when the spike is forming which makes sense.

Another less well-known cause (which I've personally experienced) is spraying buds with white oil for pest control. White oil, despite its beneficial pest control properties, is phyto-toxic. To quote from an article by Denis Oliver on the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria's website. "Its main disadvantage is phyto-toxicity, as white oil will damage flower buds and may also damage sensitive leaves. This phyto-toxicity is caused by two factors, namely, (a) UV radiation, which causes the breakdown of the oil to phyto-toxic components, and (b) rapid uptake of oil by the leaves, which may cause cell membranes to rupture."

2. Phallies

Anyone who has as much trouble growing these as I do might appreciate a few of the tips given by Beryl Robertson (Robertson Orchids) at the Feb meeting of the Caloundra Society, to supplement the advice from Graham McKay at our meeting. The notes were taken by John Oates at the meeting.

- ❖ Require waterproof roof, not just shadecloth.
- ❖ With artificial heat they will flower earlier.
- ❖ When potting don't press down or you will damage roots.
- ❖ Roots should touch the sides.
- ❖ Trim off dead/damaged roots.
- ❖ To rejuvenate sick plants and encourage new roots place in sphagnum moss for 2 months only.
- ❖ Lowest leaf joint should be above pot rim.
- ❖ She repots every year.
- ❖ A good water twice a week is better than a light water every day.
- ❖ Avoid sudden temperature changes, eg morning sun after cold night.

Wildcatt Database

Everyone with a computer and internet connection can now access this database free of charge. The following advice from the owner was sent to Jan at Glasshouse Society and included in their March Newsletter:

"I have decided to discontinue sales of the Wildcatt Orchids database and the Wildcatt database update. I do however intend to make these products available online for free download and will continue to support them with data updates in the Spring and Fall. This is being done so that I can concentrate work on a new Wildcatt program which I hope to release within a year. You can download the current Wildcatt update at the following link for free :

<http://www.wildcattdata.com/NewWeb/WcUpdateF2008.EXE>.

You will be asked whether you want to run the program file or download, choose download. This can take up to one hour by dialup modem (it only took me about 5 minutes on broadband). Once downloaded double click to run the program. The password is **fafnir** .

The full Wildcatt program can be downloaded for free at <http://www.wildcattdata.com/NewWeb/WcAppF2008.EXE> using the same password.

Also be sure to print and review the following document: <http://www.wildcattdata.com/NewWeb/CattleyaChanges.pdf> which contains notes about the recent nomenclature changes in the Cattleya group and how they affect Wildcatt."

Note: Jan recommends that you download the full application as she has experienced problems downloading just the update.

Awards worth striving for

Quality Awards (out of 100)

HCC – Highly Commended Certificate – 75 to 79 points

AM – Award of Merit – 80 to 84 points

FCC – First Class Certificate – 85 to 100 points

Cultural Awards (out of 100)

ACC – Award of Cultural Commendation – 75 to 79 points

ACM – Award of Cultural Merit – 80 to 84 points

ACE – Award of Cultural Excellence – 85 to 100 points

Other awards

AD – Award of Distinction – must have some outstanding feature and score minimum 75 points

ASR – Award of Special Recognition – recognises an outstanding feature or achievement (eg in breeding) not covered by another award.

CBM – Certificate of Botanical Merit – once only recognition for a species or natural hybrid that is rare or unusual in cultivation. Becomes the standard for future judging.

Computer sites for Month

Well the site for the month is definitely ours because Lyn has just told me that our site is linked with 639 other sites worldwide and we are number 5 in the World Top Orchid Societies listing. Well done, Brad!

Also, in case you haven't found it yet a good starting point is www.orchidwire.com which lists 1455 sites in 58 countries including 108 in Australia.

And thanks to the QOS Bulletin for this one. Check out the moth with 12inch proboscis fertilising *Angraecum sesquipedale* at Youtube under search "Darwin's Comet Orchid".

Fertilizer and Compost Supplies

Advice just received from Des Warnock that Mitre 10 are now stocking 25kg bags of Organic Link fertiliser.

And have you heard that Moreton bay Council is giving away 2 cubic metres of mulch at all their waste management sites incl Ningi from 2 to 10 May in support of National Composting Awareness Week.

Plant Name Changes

Recently the powers that be (The International Register of Orchid Hybrids) implemented a lot of name changes (eg. separation of *Rhyncholaelia* from *Brassavola*, *Guarianthe* from *Cattleya*, transfer of Brazilian *Laelias* to *Sophranitis*, and division of *Schomburgkia* between *Laelia* and *Myrmecophila*) so that, for example, a prefix/abbreviation Blc. would now be Rsc. or Rsg.

Members will increasingly see these changes on plant labels but will be pleased to hear that the old names will still be acceptable in our area until further notice. This was decided at the last STOCQ meeting.

On the Grapevine

April birthdays known to us are Daphne Lloyd, Fay Wheeler, Margaret McMurdo. Best wishes to all the birthday people - Have a great day from us all.

Contact Asst. Editor John (phone 3408 9228 or email stokes@sillyfrog.com) for more information on any of above items. My special thanks to Joan for her wonderful contribution for so long. I'm ready to hand it back to you Joan as soon as you are well enough!

That's all folks.