



Bribie Island Orchid Society **Bulletin August 2011**

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 **MEETINGS**

Committee Meeting

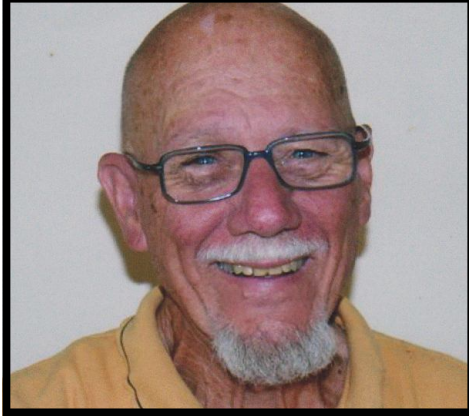
Held on the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting commences at 1.30 pm at The Bribie Island Bowls Club. This meeting is restricted to Committee members only.

Cultural Meeting

Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island. Meeting time is 1.30pm.

New Growers Meeting

Held on the second Saturday of the month. These meetings are also held at The Orchid House commencing at 1.30pm.



Vale John Knight.
 John along with his wife Sarah joined our society in August 1996. From that time on John was a loyal, hard working member. Those who knew John knew how he loved to talk, especially about his beloved Binna Burra. John grew many varieties of orchids but his favourites were the Australian natives. John helped the society in many ways ...the new growers meetings... plant sales at shows & was Vice President in 2005. Unfortunately John contracted Alzheimer's disease which slowly ate away at his health until he passed away on the 9th July. His ashes were scattered at Binna Burra. Farewell John old friend.



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July Cultural Meeting

There was a good turn up for the July meeting but the number of plants benched was down. Been a fairly cold winter I guess.

The new format proved popular with less time spent on administration and more time on learning about orchids. Zelda Holm enlightened us on how she manages to flower so many beautiful cattleyas. Forty years perfecting her growing skills probably explains a lot. John Hopgood also spoke about cultivation of Den. Hilda Poxon (Popular and Judges' Choice) and Don Neldner about flowering cymbidiums in Bribie's less than ideal summer conditions.

Our guest speaker was the inimitable Len (from Talbot Lodge), ably assisted by his wife Cheryl. Many thanks for the raffle donation Len and Cheryl. As always his demonstration of how to split and pot bromeliads was appreciated by all.



Hopgood's Den. Hilda Poxon was voted best orchid by both the judges and the other attendees.



The popular choice for Foliage was Mel and Fay Wheeler's anthurium.



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Caboolture Show

This proved to be a good show for our society.

Our display was judged third overall and our members received a total of 21 ribbons including a first in Floral Art to Jean Corney.

Those who shared in the spoils were:

M&F Wheeler: two firsts, three seconds, two thirds.

D&Z Holm: one second, one third.

J&B Hopgood: two firsts, one second, one third.

G. Cooper: one first.

B&M Elliott: one second.

M&V Anderson: one first, one second.

I&F McLaren: one second.

J&J Stokes: two seconds.



Grand Champion was this Lycaste Aquila benched by G&R Smith of Glasshouse.

New Growers Report

The first meeting with our new coordinator (Merv) and the new format held the interest of our newer growers as Merv demonstrated his tried and proven method for repotting orchids.

Merv's special mix combines bark and coir and to ensure the plant is secure in the pot he secures it with wire across the pot.

There was a dearth of plants benched attributed to the time of the year but a good number of attendees to hear the master's words of wisdom.

Alex Wrigley was to be the guest speaker at this meeting but he couldn't risk exposure to all the flu bugs that are around given his state of health so his presentation has been postponed to a future date.

Members were reminded that there are now three sections in which orchids can be benched. These may change throughout the year depending on which varieties are in flower but for the time being the classes will be **Cattleya**, **Dendrobium** and **Others**.

New growers can bench as many as they like in each class but experienced growers will be limited to one plant per section.

Foliage will also be in three classes and will still be open to all. The classes will be

Ferns, **Anthuriums/Aglaonema** and **Bromeliad/Tillandsia**.

This new format will enable those not able to attend our cultural meeting a better opportunity to present and view plants.



JULY BENCHING RESULTS

	1 st (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
Cattleya	.			
Exhibition	Sc. Shellies Hope 'Fame'	Z&D Holm	Z&D Holm	Z&D Holm
Miniature/compact	Lc. Rosa Parks	W&J Corney	L. Hauck	
Novelty	Epicat. Rene Marques	J&B Hopgood	Z&D Holm	
Cluster	Slc. Bloodshot	W&J Corney	D&T Walterfang	
Species	<i>Schom. Superbiens</i>	T&G Davis		
Dendrobium	None benched			
Vandaceous	None benched			
Phalaenopsis	None benched			
Paphiopedilum	None benched			
Oncidium				
Any Other	Onc. Twinkle	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	
Miscellaneous				
Species	<i>Den. wenzellii</i>	J&B Hopgood	J&J Stokes	
Cymbidium				
Any	Cym. Celtic Imp	J&B Hopgood	D&M Neldner	A. Budge
Aust Natives				
Hybrid	Den. Hilda Poxon	J&B Hopgood		
Novice	None benched			
Foliage				
Anthurium	Hughies Red	M&F Wheeler	M&F wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Tillandsia		Gardneri	J&J Stokes	
Ferns		J&J McKinnon	D&M Neldner	
Bromeliad		D&M Neldner		
Foliage other	Aglaonema costatum	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler

Popular Vote Orchid– Den. Hilda Poxon (J&B Hopgood)

Popular Vote Foliage– Anthurium (M&F Wheeler)

Best Perfume– Blc. Owen Holmes x Sunstate Colour Chart (D&T Walterfang)

Judges Choice– Den. Hilda Poxon (J&B Hopgood)

Judges– M. Wheeler, T. Davis, K. Webster, J. Hopgood, J. Carleton (Scent-J. Watson)

Scribes– B. Hopgood



DATES TO REMEMBER

6-7 August	Maroochydore Show (set up 5th.)
13 August	New Growers Meeting
23 August	Cultural Meeting
27 August	Bus Trip to Logan Show
2-3 Sept	Nambour Show (name tags requests to Mel by 30th August please). Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave., Nambour.
6 September	Committee Meeting
10 September	Bus Trip to Blackbutt Festival
23-24 Sept	Glasshouse Show
1 October	Savoyard Theatre Trip to see Mikado
8-9 October	BIOS October Spring Orchid Bonanza
12-13 October	Pumicestone Show
29 October	STOCQ Meeting, Hervey Bay
1 November	BIOS Melbourne Cup Day
5 November	Nambour Species Show

National/International Shows.

13-20 Nov 2011, 20th World Orchid Conference, Singapore

10-16 Sept 2012, 19th AOC Conference and Show, Perth (more info at website www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm - note underscores before and after AOC).

10-12 June 2013, Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular

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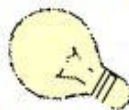
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Birthdays for the month: Carolyn Macqueen, June Payne and John Stokes— If you want to join the birthday brigade just put your name and birth month on a slip of paper and hand to the Editor. Best Wishes to this month's celebrities.

Attendance at Committee meetings

As announced at the last Cultural Meeting, in future attendance at Committee meetings will be restricted to Committee members unless another member wishes to present a particular submission to the Committee.

A Reminder At the Cultural Meeting President Ian read out the following By-Law from our constitution as a reminder to members:

"By-Law 15 Code of Conduct - A member who insults, abuses, threatens or acts in any way that is detrimental to another member may be required to meet with the Management Committee to show cause why his or her membership shall not be terminated."

Craft Day—the Tuesday gathering will resume closer to our next show. Probably in September. Watch this space for more news.

Roster for Cleaning of The Orchid House

Val has kindly drawn up the following roster for August:

August-1st, Margaret and Don Neldner
8th, John Stokes and Ro Clyne
13th, Attendees at New Growers meeting

This roster also allows for cleaning by hirers.

Cleaners will have to arrange for a key from one of the key holders.

Cleaning duties will be displayed in The House.

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Club Shirts

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We do encourage our members to wear these to our shows and bus trips please.

Sheila Wilson Trophy

Member's attention is drawn to the criteria of the Sheila Wilson Memorial Trophy.

This is a trophy which is to be voted on by all financial club members at each Cultural Meeting. Voting papers will be handed to each member who wishes to vote but it is not compulsory. Votes will be placed in a sealed container and handed to the donor of the trophy (Pam Board). The last vote taken will be in May of each year and the trophy and replica will be presented at the AGM. As this is a secret vote, Pam Board and somebody independent from the club will count these votes, get the trophy and replica engraved and it will be presented (with nobody knowing the result) at the AGM. Winners of the trophy will be ineligible to compete again for a period of two years. The trophy will remain the property of the club with the winner retaining the replica.

The Queensland Orchid Society Inc. and The Australian Paphiopedilum Society Inc.

invite you to

**Two Presentations by
Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn Ltd., Illinois, USA
On Paphiopedilums**

Friday, 2 September 2011 at the
Ithaca Bowls Club

7.30pm

(further details from Editor)



HARD TO FIND AT THE BEST OF TIMES THIS ORCHID IS IN GRAVE DANGER

The *Prasophyllum petilum* or Tarengo Leek Orchid

A TINY, endangered orchid that is inconspicuous even when it flowers in the spring could force the closure of Canberra's oldest operational cemetery.

The *Prasophyllum petilum* or Tarengo Leek Orchid, is known to appear in only two places - Hall Cemetery, and the NSW town of Boorowa.

But although it only exists in Hall because of the presence of the bush cemetery, its highly threatened status means any burial activity has to be restricted.



World Orchid Conference



A hybrid orchid, the Renanthera 20th WOC Singapore 2011, was created for the orchid show.

Besides having a rare chance to view about 50,000 breeds of orchids, visitors to the largest event in the international orchid calendar can also be the first to check out Singapore's latest tourist attraction in November before it opens officially next year.

Tickets to the 20th World Orchid Conference (20WOC) will come with complimentary access to the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay, 20WOC organisers told reporters at the Botanic Gardens yesterday.

The 1.2ha Flower Dome - slightly larger than two football fields - will be open to 20WOC ticket-holders only for the duration of the event.

The largest garden, Bay South, will be open to the public in June next year. Other parts of the Gardens will be opening in phases.

This is the second time the conference, to be held in Nov at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, is coming to Singapore. It was last held here in 1963.

The triennial event, which will cost \$8 million to be held, will showcase orchids from 23 countries. A new orchid hybrid (above) was specially created for and named after the conference.

Orchids galore

The 20th World Orchid Convention will be held from Nov 13 to Nov 20 at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre at the Marina Bay Sands.

The event comprises three segments:

- The orchid show will span 16,000 sq m, showcasing 75 displays from 23 countries.
- The marketplace will offer for sale the world's finest orchid plants and unique orchid-related products by 62 vendors from 14 countries.
- The conference will feature 140 speakers from around the world. Registration for the conference costs \$400. There is an early-bird promotional rate of \$300.



Thought this might strike a chord with some of our chocolate eaters and bus trippers (as we don't have any seniors!).

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about 45 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts.

She repeats this gesture two more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch againhe asks the little old lady, 'Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?'

'We can't chew them because we have no teeth', she replied.

The puzzled driver asks, 'Why do you buy them then?'

The old lady replied, 'We just love the chocolate around them.'

That's all folks.

(Note-Bulletins can be viewed in colour on our website)

Contact Editor John (phone 3408 9228 email stokes@sillyfrog.com) for more information on any of above items.

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