

Bulletin for July 2008.

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Committee Meeting. Held on the second Tuesday of the month (12th Aug.) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade Bongaree & commencing at 1 pm.

Cultural Meeting. Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (22nd July) 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 (26th July) at the Church of Christ hall on the corner of Foley St & Fifth Ave Bongaree. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm.

Diary Dates.

- Jul 19 BIOS bus trip to Mt Coot-tha
Aug 2-3 Maroochydore OS show at Millwell Rd community hall, Millwell Rd East, Maroochydore. We display at this show
Aug 22-24 Qld Orchid society open show in the auditorium at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. Set up 21st Aug from 3 pm. Judging starts at 8 pm. 40 orchid classes & 6 floral art classes. Ph 3366 2214. We are visiting this show.
Aug 23-24 ANOS Kabi Group Aussie Native Orchid show at the Lion's hall, Lawnton Showgrounds
Aug 30 BIOS bus trip to Mt Coot-tha
Aug 26 Bribie Community Options is again holding their Seniors' Expo at the Recreation Hall on First Ave.
Aug 30-31 Logan & District OS show at Logan Central Community Centre cnr Jacaranda Ave & Wembley Rd Logan Central.
Aug 30-31 North Brisbane OS spring show at Mt Coot-tha auditorium ph 3353 4851
Sep 5-6 Nambour OS show at the Uniting Church on Coronation Drive. Set up 4th. We display.
Sep 4-6 Childers & Isis OS show
Sept 6-7 Orchid Species Society show at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens auditorium.
Sep 12-13 Noosa District O & F society show at CWA hall Cooroy Set up on the 11th from 2.30 pm. This is a benching show. We support this show.
Sep 18-20 Maryborough District OS show
Sep 20 BIOS bus trip to Toowoomba
Sep 25-29 West Australian Orchid Spectacular (see last month's bulletin.)
Sep 26-27 Glasshouse Country OS show at Beerwah community hall. Set up from 2pm on 25th. We display.
Oct 11-12 BIOS spring show "Orchid Bonanza" at student centre , Bribie Island SHS First Ave Bongaree.
Oct 10-12 Hervey Bay OS show.
Oct 18-19 Boonah OS show & incorporating the 2nd Qld Sarcocochilus festival at Boonah High School in Macquarie St.
Nov 7-9 Pumicestone & District O & FS show at Ningi community hall on Bribie Island Rd. We display.
Dec 16 **BIOS Christmas party ay Bribie RSL.**

18th AOC Conference & Show hosted by the Marybynong OS at Werribee in Victoria 8th-13th Sept '09 I have on hand more info. from the organizers. Please ask the editor at the cultural meeting.

Listen to radio 88fm for all the latest news & entertainment.

There are worse things than getting a wrong number at 4 am. It could be the right number.

President's Annual Report.

Firstly, I must say, it is with a BIG 'Thank you' to the Committee and Society members for your help, encouragement and support since my election as President last year. This was something I never dreamed I would ever take on.

We held two very successful Orchid Shows. Our 20th Anniversary was celebrated at the October Show and then at our Easter Show, Easter Bunny himself put in an appearance.

Our Home..... for so long it seemed to be one step forward and two back. Although monthly meetings with Council never eventuated, with a couple of firm "stating the facts" letters from Ian, we were kept abreast of meetings that were being conducted within the Council; so realised the cogs were turning, no matter how slowly. December brought good news that things were getting closer and then in January we received word that a meeting with surveyors was only a couple of weeks away. In February we had a meeting to discuss the wording and contents of the lease. Surveying of our land was finally done in March and in April the Committee received the plans of our home. Once the quotes are in, then we can submit an application for a grant.

Bus trips..... These have certainly been a social activity in which many of us have participated in the past year. Day trips supporting other Orchid Shows are always enjoyable whilst the overnight trips have been a ton of fun. Plans for 2009 trips should bring more surprises.

This Society of ours goes from strength to strength both financially and socially. It is only with the help and dedication of the Committee and you, our members that this can and will continue

I have much pleasure in formally moving the adoption of this report.

Judith Carleton 24.06.2008

New Growers' Annual Report.

We are pleased to report on a successful year's activities & programme. Our society emphasizes the importance of encouraging & nurturing new growers. To this end we try to include a balance of basic & advanced information on orchid growing.

Our efforts have been well supported by the judges & experienced growers who have been only too willing to offer helpful advice & information. Our thanks to John Hopgood (preparing orchids for showing), Ian McLaren (orchid care during the summer months & also in autumn) & Merv Anderson (tips on potting & repotting.)

Informative talks on specific orchid species were continued this year.

Vandas – Mel Wheeler

Soft cane Dendrobiums Ann Sales

Oncidium Alliance – Darryl Banks at Glasshouse Country orchid show

Catasetums – John & Sarah Knight

At the February meeting on the hottest day of the summer Lawrie Smith, noted landscape architect, gave an outstanding visual presentation of his work at Expo '88 & also took us to the Butchart Gardens in Vancouver, Kew Gardens in London & the huge sub-tropical igloos in Wales.

At the May meeting last year Joan Venz presented a very informative talk on the history of our society.

It was pleasing to see so many of our new members participating in the huge Island Orchid Fantasy last June. Well done.

At the June meeting last year the annual trophies were presented to Derek & Barbara Mason (Novice section) & John & Bev Hopgood (Open section). Congratulations! The trophy winners for the current year are Barry & Maureen Elliott (Novice) & again John & Bev Hopgood (Open). Congratulations!

The November meeting became our Christmas party with competitions & a very successful rolling raffle.

The average attendance for the year was just under 30, not counting the August & September outings.

We thank those who contributed plants etc for prizes for our raffles.

For the August meeting we visited the Noosa Orchid show & also the Ginger Factory. In September we travelled to glasshouse Country Orchid show.

A special thankyou to Maureen Elliott for her catering efforts and a bouquet for her thoughtfulness in providing icy cold water on the hottest day.

We encourage new & experienced growers to continue to support this activity of our excellent society.

If the society is satisfied with our efforts we are willing to take this responsibility for another year.

Our thanks to all who contributed in making this a successful year.

Don & Margaret Neldner, Co-ordinators.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you are in hot water.

June Cultural Meeting.

It was our AGM & cultural meeting & after listening to all the reports on our past year's activities you realize what a great & active society we have. It was pleasing to see our patron on hand to present the annual prizes & conduct the election of officers. Our president Judy announced that she & John Hodges would be doing the judges' course. The raffle was won by J Carleton (fruit tray) with K Read & S Knight

being other winners. The judges for the day were John Hopgood, Tom Davis & learner judge John Hodges. The scribes were Bev Pritchard & Bev Hopgood

Cattleya				
Exhibition	<i>Blc.</i> Heatherington Horace	W & J Corney	D & M Neldner	K Read
Mini / compact	<i>Pot.</i> Free Spirit x <i>Slc.</i> Dal's Magic	T & B Pritchard	T & B Pritchard	J & B Hopgood
Novelty	<i>Epc.</i> Renee Marquis	J & B Hopgood	W & J Corney	D & M Neldner
Cluster	<i>Lc. Caulescens</i>	D & M Neldner	T & B Pritchard	M & V Anderson
Species	<i>Epi. Haematanthum</i>	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner	G Cooper
Dendrobium				
Spatulata & inter.	<i>Den.</i> Gloucester Sands	J & B Hopgood	J & B Hopgood	D & M Neldner
Any other	<i>Den.</i> Kuranda Classic	D & M Neldner		
Vandaceous				
Over 60 mms	<i>Ascda.</i> Boonyarit Beauty	W & J Corney	J & B Hopgood	D & M Neldner
Any other	<i>Srts.</i> Blue Knob	M & J Venz		
Species	<i>Angcm. Eburneum</i>	W & J Corney		
Phalaenopsis				
Any type	<i>Phal.</i> Flight of Birds	M & F Wheeler		
Paphiopedilum				
Any other	<i>Paph.</i> Luther Slaughter	M & F Wheeler	J & J Stokes	J 7 J Stokes
Species	<i>Paph. barbatum</i>	M & F Wheeler		
Oncidium				
Species	<i>Onc. isthmii</i>	T & B Pritchard		
Any other	<i>Onc.</i> Copper Falls	T & B Pritchard		
Other alliance	<i>Odcdm.</i> Wildcat 'Doris'	K & J Carleton		
Miscellaneous				
Any hybrid	<i>Z.</i> Unknown	J & B Hopgood	J & B Hopgood	W & J Corney
Species	<i>Coel. speciosa</i>	D & M Neldner	T & B Pritchard	
Cymbidium				
Any type	<i>Cym.</i> Geraint 'Benwick'	D & M Neldner		
Aust. Natives				
Any hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Hilda Poxon	T & B Pritchard	J & S Knight	M & V Anderson
Any terrestrial	<i>Pter. nutans</i>	D & M Neldner		
Foliage				
Foliage	Dieffenbachia	D & M Neldner		
Fern	Nephrolepis Exalta	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
Bromeliad	Tillandsia	M & J Venz	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner
Anthurium		D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner

Popular vote for orchids was *Z. Unknown* owned by J & B Hopgood
 Foliage popular vote went to *Nephrolepis Exalta* owned by M & V Anderson
 Judges' choice was won by J & B Hopgood with *Z. Unknown*

Notes from the Benches.

V. Doctor Anek x *Ascda. Yip Sum Wah* = *Ascda. Boonyarit Beauty*
Den. Virginia Jupp x *racemosum* = *Den. Olga Wenck*
L. anceps x *cinnabarina* = *L. Ancibarina*

Annual Benching Results from AGM.

R & J Hopkins Cattleya Exhibition Type
 Cattleya Miniature

A Pecci Oncidium species
 T & B Pritchard Oncidium any other

M & V Anderson Cattleya Novelty

T & G Davis Aust. native species

Cattleya Cluster
Bromeliad

M & J Venz Dockrillia

I & F McLaren Cattleya Species

Novice

B & M Elliott Cattleya

Any other yhbrid

J & B Hopgood Dendrobium Species
Vandaceous over 60mm.
Vandaceous under 60mm.
Vandaceous Any Other
Vandaceous Species
Miscellaneous Hybrids
Miscellaneous Species
Cymbidium

J Savianne Species

Native

Most points novice B & M Elliott

D & M Neldner Dendrobium Spatulata
Dendrobium Any Other
Aust. Native Hybrid
Foliage
Fern
Anthurium
Native Terrestrial

Helping hand award.

was presented to Merv Anderson
for the way he quietly helps members & non-members
with their orchid growing problems.

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M & F Wheeler Phalaenopsis Any Type
Phalaenopsis Species
Paphiopedilum Any Type
Paphiopedilum Species
Sarcochilus

Most points overall J & B Hopgood

Bus Trips.

Saturday, July 19 we visit the John Oxley OS Show at Mt Coot-tha. Plus a tour through the gardens. Cost \$20.

Saturday August 30 we visit the North Brisbane OS Show at Mt Coot-tha & Brighton Orchid Nursery who specialize in Vandas. Cost \$20. This is a new growers' outing.

At both these trips buy your own lunch or take a picnic lunch. Entry into show at own expense (App \$5 each with morning tea)

Saturday September 20 to the Toowoomba Carnival of flowers parade & 2 orchid shows. Cost \$25. For lunch we can organize Subway platters for \$5 per person.

Saturday October 4 we visit the Redlands OS show.

If you are interested in any or all of these trips please don't hesitate to contact me as seats are limited. I need to know numbers as soon as possible for the 30th August New Growers' excursion to Mt Coot-tha & the Carnival of Flowers trip to determine whether I need to book a large or small bus. Please contact Diann on 3408 1130

Bits & Pieces.

- The first Australian native Cymbidium hybrid was *Cym. Little Black Sambo*, a cross between *Cym. Canaliculatum* & *Cym. Madidum*, registered by Cooper in 1966.

June New Growers' Meeting.

Dr Graham McKay made the successful growing and flowering of Phalaenopsis orchids sound so simple that many new and experienced growers were encouraged to purchase some of his quality plants. However, we know that he did not become the President of the International Phalaenopsis Association without an outstanding record of achievement in this area. He enthralled the 33 members present with visual displays of award class orchids and gave an insight into why these orchids are the most popular internationally. Thank you, Graham and Glenda.

An orchid donated by Graham was an incentive for frenzied buying of raffle tickets (\$90 worth), but Patricia was the lucky winner. Other raffle winners were Dell, Ron, Gwendella, Joan and Merle. No skite plants were benched by new growers. The open winners were John Stokes, J and B Hopgood and Amy Pecci

Diann Sirett encouraged those present to book on the bus trips that have been arranged. At the next meeting on 26th July Merv Anderson, John Hopgood and Don Neldner will provide insights on their experience of growing the beautiful Cymbidium orchids. We hope you will find these orchids can be grown successfully in this area outside of a greenhouse.
Don and Margaret Neldner, Coordinators

BIOS supports Bribie Island SHS Cambodia Project.

Our society will help raise funds for the students.

This year a team of 13 Bribie Island students & 2 teachers will be undertaking a humanitarian aid project in Cambodia for 3 weeks from 13th September to 3rd October.

The aims & objectives of this trip are twofold.

1. To work alongside a local non government organization (NGO) to aid their project, specifically to work with the orphaned Khymer children of the region. This group's work will include being involved in a construction project (manual labour), teaching, & actively contributing to making improvements in the living & educational standards of some of the poorest people in Cambodia.
2. To have our students to live & work alongside Khymer people & hopefully to be inspired as future leaders, to deepen their own identity as young adults & to strengthen & inform their growing sense of international social justice.

Each member of the group has accepted the demanding task of raising \$3500 to cover the expenses of travelling to Cambodia & also allow for a contribution to be made to the project in Cambodia.

Repotting.

Continued from last month. We repot because :

- a) The compost has broken down & so keeping the roots too wet & preventing air flow through the pot & over the roots.
- b) The plants new growth is out over the edge of the pot (These growths, if left too long, can grow at 90 degrees to the rest or even down to 180 degrees making repotting very difficult.)

The optimum time for repotting an orchid is when new roots are just starting to show from the base of the leading pseudobulb, as this is the time when roots grow very fast, & will quickly grow down into the new compost to become established.

1. Gently squeeze the plastic pot until the plant with roots & compost slips easily out of the pot with minimal damage.
2. Inspect roots for any rot or insect damage then sterilize cutters.
3. Gently remove compost & drainage material & cut off any roots not solid & healthy.
4. Cut a bit off the back of the rhizome & inspect for tell tale marks of disease. A healthy rhizome cut is a clean creamy, green colour generally. If there is a black or brown mark, cut back until it disappears.
5. Soak the whole plant for about 10 minutes in a solution of Mangozeb (1 tsp. to 4 ½ litres) . Add 2 mls of wetting agent to this solution.
6. Then seal up the rhizome end cut with a thick paste of Mangozeb or similar product.
7. Prepare a new or sterilized pot that will hold an adult plant for as long as possible.
8. Hold the plant in the pot with the back of the rhizome to the side of the pot. If the roots are root balled, make sure you spread them or they will stay that way in the new pot.
9. Choose the appropriate grade of bark mix for the size of pot & type of plant & pour it through & around the root system. Tap the side of the pot to consolidate the mix. **Do not press the mix down** to consolidate as this will break the roots.
10. If the plant is unstable when potted, place one, two or several stakes & tie the pseudobulbs. **NB.** Cut tops off stakes so you don't poke your eyes out next time you inspect for growth.
11. Always write 2 new labels as the old ones usually fade & go brittle very quickly. Write one small label & poke it right down inside the pot so no one can see it. Then if you do lose the main label either to grandchildren or short sighted show patrons, next time you repot you will find the plants correct name.

12. Now the plant is repotted, place it in a shady spot where you are not tempted to water it until it is bone dry & all cuts healed. You don't want to wash off all the fungicide. After the cuts are healed up place back in your collection & fertilise with a high nitrogen formula for plant cell growth.

On the Grapevine.

Warmest birthday wishes to Rose Clyne & Lester Ratcliffe

The society received a letter from Melva Whiting who is in Melbourne having a great time.

Mel & Fay are looking for new sources of charcoal at reasonable prices.

We have heard that a bus load is coming to the October show from Ballina.

Committee News.

Members are invited to participate in the Bribie Island Environmental Protection Assoc. Inc "Wonders of the Wallum Wildflower Walk" being held on Sunday 17th August 2008. Please meet at Bribie Island Arts Centre Car Park, Solander Drive, Bribie Island at 8.45am. Please bring hat, sunscreen, camera, walking shoes and own refreshments. Walk is from 9.00am to 12 noon. Further information contact Diane on 3410 0757.

We have received a grant from the Festivals and Events Assistance Scheme, Caboolture District, to help with the costs of our October Orchid Bonanza. We appreciate the support provided through the Festivals and Events Assistance Scheme as part of the Moreton Bay Regional Council's ongoing commitment to improving the lifestyle of residents.

The Australian Government is soon to mount a display of all things related to the activities of the famous botanist explorer, Charles Darwin and are wishing to purchase 10 plants of *Angraecum sesquipedale*. If you have any of these plants which you wish to sell (or donate) to this display, please contact Secretary Lynn Hauck for details.

Our friends at Priorities Sensory & Community Garden Club Inc are embarking on a fund-raiser at the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens on 3rd August 2008. They are looking for our support in the form of a donation of orchid plants which they can sell on the day. We have been involved with this Deception Bay group since their beginnings and applaud their worthwhile contribution to the disadvantaged in the community. If you have any plants which you would like to donate, please bring/send them along to our next meetings on Tuesday 22nd or Saturday 26th July and we will organise to get them to the club members.

A reminder to all members that you must have **permit** for any **Australian Native Species** plants which you wish to sell or give away. These are available **free** of charge from Environmental Protection Agency csc@epa.qld.gov.au or EPA Customer Service Centre, 160 Ann Street, Brisbane QLD 4000
Postal address - PO Box 15155 - City East QLD 4002

That's all folks.