

Bulletin for June 2008.
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Committee Meeting. Held on the second Tuesday of the month (8th July) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade Bongaree & commencing at 1 pm.

Cultural Meeting. Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (24TH June) at the Ningi community hall on Bribie Island Rd. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. This will be our AGM.

New Growers' Meeting. Held on the last Saturday of the month (28th June) at the Church of Christ hall on the corner of Foley St & Fifth Ave Bongaree. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm.

Diary Dates.

- Jun 21 STOCQ meeting at RSL club North St Yandina. 9am is morning tea. Guest speaker is Wayne Harris – 'Orchids of Borneo & surrounds'. Ph 5441 7201. Info on the next judges course will be available at this meeting.
- Jun 28-29 North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Charity Orchid Spectacular in aid of Breastsreen Qld at Mt Coot-tha auditorium. PH 33534851
- Jul 10 BIOS Free barbecue at Caboolture Centenary Lakes at noon to meet Gladstone OS members.
- Jul 11-13 Caboolture OS show Set up on 10th. We display
- Jul 11-13 Qld Home Garden Expo at the Nambour showgrounds. Ph 5441 4655. Gates open 8am daily.
- Jul 12-13 Visit by Gladstone OS to Bribie Island OS.
- 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 30-31 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
- 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 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

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

Chickens – the only animals we eat before they are born & after they are dead.

Food Handling Course.

This is most important for all our kitchen workers. There will be a Food Handling course conducted by Greg Francis, Team Leader – Public Health Management Team Compliance Services Unit, Moreton Bay Regional Council at the Church of Christ hall in Foley St on Thursday, 17th July 2008 at 9 am. All members are welcome to participate. Please contact Lynn on 34101919 for further details.

Judy's Jottings.

Does life ever slow down? It seems not.

Coffs Harbour Bus Trip:- Its three cheers for Diann, and with a little input from our bus driver Dave, 22 of our members and friends had one fantastic weekend. As you can imagine, we couldn't resist buying some orchids.

At the New Growers meeting, Kirk, a student of the Bribie Island High School attended to tell us of the Cambodia Orphanage project he is involved in. Thirteen students will spend 3 weeks over there in Sept./Oct. Each have to raise \$3,500 to cover their fare etc. The school is holding a monster raffle to raise funds for items that have to be purchased in Cambodia. It was great to see those members present dig deep and buy plenty of raffle tickets.

The rain was heaven sent but by the Monday evening I was singing "rain, rain go away, come again another day". Were you?

Best wishes Judy.

May Cultural Meeting.

Attendance was down but quite a few of our members are on the sick list so get well quickly, we need you & we love to see your smiling faces. An abundance of beautiful orchids on the benches. Everyone noticed that the 3 novices who were elevated to the open class all took out places. Congratulations Judy, Maureen & John.

Des Warnock from Batphone was our guest speaker with his environmentally friendly fertilisers & insecticides. The product name is 'Plant of Health'. The Organic Link is available at Bunnings. (I'm not sure about the others, Triple Boost, Plant Care, etc)

The fruit raffle was won by J Venz with other prizes going to M Elliott & I McLaren. I hear Ian's prize was a bit fishy. The exhibitor's draw went to W & J Corney. Judges for the day were Mel Wheeler & Tom Davis with Bev Hopgood as scribe.

Cattleya				
Exhibition	C. Unknown	B & M Elliott	B & M Elliott	J Stokes
Mini / Compact	C. Fitz Eugene Dixon	D & M Neldner	J Stokes	D & M Neldner
Novelty	C. Unknown	B & M Elliott	D & M Neldner	B & M Elliott
Cluster	Lc. Pure Yellow	K Read		
Species	L. <i>anceps</i>	W & J Corney	W & J Corney	D & M Neldner
Dendrobium				
Spatulata & inter	Den. Jaydee Jim	R & M Mitchell	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
Any other	Den. Kuranda Classic	D & M Neldner	S Maller	T & G Davis
Vandaceous				
Over 60 mms	(V. Kasem's Delight x Sirirat) xx Kasem's Delight 'Blue'	I & F McLaren	I & F McLaren	J & B Hopgood
Any other	Rhv. Colmarie	I & F McLaren	W & J Corney	
Phalaenopsis				
Any type	Phal. Jackie Debonis	M & L Hauck	M & F Wheeler	K & J Carleton
Species	Dor. <i>pulcherrima</i>	M & F Wheeler	T & G Davis	
Paphiopedilum				
Any type	Paph. Nettie McNay	K & J Carleton	M & F Wheeler	B & M Elliott
Species	Paph. <i>barbatum</i>	M & F Wheeler		
Oncidium				
Any other	Onc. Sweet Sugar	I & F McLaren		
Species	Onc. <i>maculatum</i>	M & F Wheeler	M & F Wheeler	M & V Anderson
Other alliance	Dgmra. Winter	W & J Corney	K & J Carleton	B & M Elliott

	Wonderland			
Miscellaneous				
Hybrid	<i>Cal. William Murray</i>	J Stokes	J Stokes	
Species	<i>Coel. speciosa</i>	D & M Neldner		
Cymbidium				
Any type	<i>Cym. Geraint</i>	D & M Neldner		
Aust. Natives				
Species	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	T & G Davis		
Any Dockrillia	<i>Dock. Unknown</i>	WE & J Corney		
Any other hybrid	<i>Den. Superbiens</i>	S Maller	S Maller	
Any terrestrial	<i>Acianthus formicatus</i>	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
Novice				
Any Cattleya	<i>C. Unknown</i>	D Haupt		
Any hybrid	Unknown	D Haupt		
Foliage				
Foliage	Dieffenbachia	D & M Neldner		
Ferns	<i>Nephrolepis Exalta</i>	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
Bromeliads	Tillandsia	M & V Anderson	J & B Hopgood	M & V Anderson
Anthuriums	Pink Pearl	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner

The popular vote for orchids went to Rhv. Colmarie owned by I & F McLaren
The foliage popular vote was won by a Tillandsia owned by J & B Hopgood
Congratulations to our novice of the month, D Haupt
Judges' choice was awarded to Rhv. Colmarie proudly owned by I & F McLaren

Notes from the Benches.

C.intermedia x *Lc. Trick or Treat* = *Lc. Pure Yellow*

Rhv. Colmarie. This orchid was an outstanding colour – so dark that it looked black. Rhv. Stands for Rhynchovanda which is a cross between Rhynchostylis & Vanda. Colmarie is a cross between *V. Sri-Siam* & *Rhy. gigantea*

Visit by Gladstone Orchid Society.

- Our society is hosting a visit by Gladstone OS on July 12 & 13. We visited them in May so now we will be able to return their wonderful hospitality. The first outing will be a FREE barbecue at Centenary Lakes in Caboolture at 12.30 pm. on July 12th
- Gladstone are doing some orchid house visits & at about 3.30 pm. afternoon tea will be provided at the Wheeler home. Members are requested to provide some delicious finger food.
- At 6 pm on Saturday 12th July we are hosting a dinner for Gladstone at the Bribie RSL. Cost is \$17. At this event a rolling raffle will be held. Please bring the usual good items for the raffle.
- During the morning of July 13th, Gladstone will visit Aranbeem, Wankas & Brighton Orchid nursery. At about 10 am Bribie will provide morning tea at the Wanka home. Again finger food is required.
- Finally a farewell luncheon for Gladstone will be held at the Caboolture Sportsmen Club at Morayfield at 12.30 pm. on the Sunday

To help & to get further information please ring Val Anderson. Val is also taking bookings for all the events.

Ph. 3408 7706 or Diann 3408 1130.

Please try to attend as many of these events as possible & make the Gladstone visit a memorable event.

Wrinkles – something other people have, I have character lines.

Bus Trip to Mt Coot-tha.

Our next jet star bus trip is to the John Oxley OS show at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens auditorium on the 19th July. Cost is \$20. The bus will leave Woorim at 8.30 am. Book with Diann on 34081130 & let her know where you are catching the bus. Location for lunch to be advised.

May New Growers' Meeting.

Don started the day with his usual 'joke'. Yes I still love them. He then introduced a student from Bribie Island High School who is a member of the group travelling to Cambodia to do humanitarian work for 3 weeks. The students have to raise their fares & buy needed items for the orphanage where they'll be living & working. All I can say is that our future is in safe hands when we have young folk like these students.

Mel was our guest speaker instead of Fay & telling us all we need to know to grow Paphs. He then demonstrated breaking up the plants & repotting them.

The skiting plant competition for the novices was won by B & L McKane while L Binnie was second & B & L McKane third. In the open section J & J McKinnon won while J & J Stokes was second & M & L Hauck was third.

The raffle winners were J McKinnon, D Neldner, M Anderson & P Shaw.

The guest speaker for next month will be Dr G McKay who will tell us all about Phalaenopsis. I am sure he will have plants for sale.

Remember the skiting plants !

Watering.

This item was found in a very old paper issued by Red Comb House in Brisbane (no date but I think it was in the 1940's) but the information is still relevant.

The following are rules for water control, which may help to guide you towards better orchid culture :

1. Water your orchids when growth is active & vigorous, & water copiously. Then wait until they need water before watering again.
2. If growth slows up or stops when it should be vigorous, look for root trouble instead of going into an overwatering programme.
3. Water mostly on bright, sunny days. If it is dark & cloudy, postpone watering.
4. Don't use water with a high mineral content, as the plant can't tolerate large quantities of dissolved material in water.
5. It is easy to overwater when the humidity is high.
6. Ventilation is important to promote evaporation & cooling at the leaf surfaces.
7. Most orchids require a rest period after blooming. Withhold water until the plant gives you the signal to start watering again by starting new root growth, & then don't water until there are enough roots to use the water.
8. If honey appears on your plant, take it as a sign that things are well.
9. Keep your plants clean. Dirt & dust clog the pores through which water evaporates.
10. It is possible to starve your plant by watering it too sparingly, although most orchids are lost through over watering rather than under watering. When your plant shows the need for water by growing new roots, water it but – be careful.
11. Remember, the humidity is always higher at night than in the daytime, so don't water in the evening.
12. Wrinkled pseudobulbs may indicate either over or under watering.
13. When you have your orchid doing well on a regular watering schedule – don't change it. Orchids like regular habits.
14. Study your green house, especially with regard to ventilation. It may have in it a great range of conditions which affect watering & other factors. Find for each orchid its own spot in the house & leave it there.
15. Provide ample water when flowers are forming.
16. Protect your plants against extremes of temperature by controlling water & humidity.
17. Don't expect your plants to change their habits to suit your convenience. They have already made the rules for the game. You must be governed by them & fit your programme to their requirements.

Cannibal – someone who is fed up with people.

Bits & Pieces.

Envy – This product is useful for preventing frost burn & sun scald. The rate of application to prevent these would be 1 part envy to 10 parts water. The plants should then be thoroughly sprayed on all surfaces to the point of drip-off. As the coating will last only a few days it will be necessary to repeat the applications when the plants face stress (eg. extremely hot conditions or when freezing is expected).

An old Kalhari bulletin.

Overcrowding & light. Correct light plays an important part in good flowers. Don't cram as many flowering pots as possible into small areas. They will only give you weak spikes & weak spikes mean poor flowers.

Shoalhaven OS bulletin.

Charcoal. This is used to improve the aeration of the potting mix. It is known to absorb some materials supposed to be harmful to orchids. Absorbing moisture & holding it for use by the roots, along with its aerating properties, are the main advantages of charcoal.

American OS bulletin, July'80

Floral art hint. To prevent ornamental grasses wilting, stand them in vinegar & water.

"Living with Flowers" by P Hamilton.

Vandaceous tips to remember. The best fertilizing programme in the world will not compensate for poor growing conditions. When vandaceous orchids are poorly grown or carelessly handled, they will fall victim to insects & disease, however with reasonable attention given to their basic needs, their troubles will be few.

Brighton Orchid Nursery.

On the grapevine.

Hearty birthday greetings go to Allan Sirett, Jenny Saviane, Don & Margaret Neldner

Don & Margaret have another celebration as this month is their Golden Wedding anniversary. The society is celebrating with them by having a dinner at the RSL on June 7th.

A get well call to our members who have been sick or in hospital. Kevin Cheatham, John Hopgood, Ken Webster, Derek Mason & Graeme Watson.

Back Cutting.

We back cut our plants so as not to waste the older part of the plant, as dormant eyes on the old canes or pseudobulbs do not generally grow unless the leading growths are cut off.

The optimum time to do this is when one of the eyes on the leading growth just starts to grow its next seasons pseudobulbs. That is generally the only time of the year a dormant eye on a back growth will grow on that plant.

- Sterilise cutters to prevent spread of disease such as bacteria, fungus, or worst of the lot, virus.
- Cut the rhizome generally between the third & fourth growths.
- Check the cut is a creamy green colour. (Any black or brown mark could be disease & should be cut out now.)
- Seal the cut faces with a thick paste of Mangozeb or similar material.
- Place a small piece of brightly coloured label in the cut. Always return cutters to the sterilizing solution.
- Put the plant in a shady spot where you won't water it until it is bone dry. (About a week in summer, 2 or 3 weeks in winter.) This will seal up the cuts & prevent infection.
- **Do not water** the plant for this drying out time. Watering will wash off the fungicide & leave the plant open to infection by fungus & bacteria.
- Plants are generally not repotted at this time, unless they are making new roots.
- If the leading growths are making new roots as well as new growths, then the leading 3 or 4 growths can be cut off & repotted now.

The back cut is then treated as follows :

Remove from the old pot & cut into groups of 3 or 4 pseudobulbs. Take a cut off the back of the rhizome to check for disease. If the face of the cut is a clean creamy green colour, it is OK. If there is a brown or black mark in it, keep on cutting to eliminate. Cut all the old roots off & soak in a Mangozeb solution for 10 minutes. After soaking, seal all cuts with a thick paste of Mangozeb, label the cuts . (tie labels low near the base of the plant.) Then stand upright in an empty terra cotta pot & place it in a fairly shady spot on the bench. The pot will absorb moisture & will create a moist micro-climate inside

the pot. Soon a new growth will start from dormant eyes, & when new roots appear pot as described in the next section on repotting. (next month)

An article from the Sunshine Orchid Nursery.

A committee – a body that keeps minutes but wastes hours.

Committee Nominations.

The following list contains the nominations for positions on the committee for 2008-9 :-

Patron – Joy Leishman	Nominated	- M Neldner	Seconded – L Hauck
President – Judy Carleton -		- A Pecci -	- S Maller
Vice President – Tom Davis -		- A Budge -	- J Venz
Secretary Lynn Hauck		- V Anderson	- D Haupt
Asst Secretary – Val Anderson		- M Neldner	- J Venz
Treasurer – Ian McLaren		- J Stokes	- K Read
Editor – Joan Venz		- B Wilson	- J Payne
Labeler – Joan Venz		- J Corney	- S Knight
Show Organiser – Mel Wheeler		- W Corney	- G Cooper
Librarian – Sarah Knight		- J Knight	- M Neldner
New Growers’ Co-ord – D Neldner		- G Cooper	- D Haupt
“ “ Asst – M Neldner		- D Neldner	- J Knight
Providore – M Elliott		- G Cooper	- A Pecci
Social Organiser – Diann Sirett		- J Corney	- W Corney
Management Com Member – Diann Sirett		- J Corney	- K Read
Management Com Member – John Stokes		- J Carleton	- W Corney
Management Com Member – John Hopgood		- G Cooper	- J Corney
Management Com Member – M Anderson		- J McKinnon	- J McKinnon

Committee News.

- Ken & Judy Carleton, John & Jackie Stokes & Barry & Maureen Elliott are now in the open class of orchid growers. Congratulations to them all.
- Jeanette Saviane is our qualified First aider. Sarah Knight & Diann Sirett have volunteered to do the First Aid course so they may assist Jeanette when she is unavailable. This means we will always have a first aider at all our activities. All Sarah & Diann’s expenses will be met by the society.
- The society purchased a copy of the First Aid Handbook & this will be placed with the First Aid Kit.
- Don’t forget the food handlers course mentioned at the start of the bulletin.
- Next year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Queensland. Our society is going to participate with an historic display at our show. The committee is looking for your ideas & suggestions.
- Our library is now stored at the Church of Christ hall so books are available at the New Growers meeting. Sarah brings some of the library books to the cultural meeting.

That’s all folks !