

## March Bulletin 2009

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**(A note from the Editor.** I have started this bulletin but will not be finishing it. Merv's health is deteriorating & mine is not far behind so it is time to give someone else a go. Here's to a better & brighter bulletin in the future. *Joan*)

### Committee Meeting

This will be held on the first Tuesday in of the month (April 7th) 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 (March 24th) 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 (March 28th) at the Church of Christ hall on the cnr of Foley Street & Fifth Ave. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm.

### Date Claimers (More information on the events closer to the time.)

Mar 11	Talk by <b>Gary Yong Gee</b> on "Weird and Wonderful Species" at Redcliffe O.S. meeting commencing 7.30pm at CWA Hall, cnr Victoria Ave. and Georgina St., Woody Point. RSVP Secretary, Helen Tindall, Ph-32030150
Mar 21-22	Eastern District Orchid Society Show Wondall Road Primary School Ph 3286 4910
Apr 3-4	Caloundra show at Caloundra Uniting Church hall, cnr Queen & Ulm Sts Set up 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>Apr 10-11</b>	<b>Bribie Island OS Q150 show at the Bribie Island High School. Set up 9<sup>th</sup>. Benching only.</b>
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.
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Bus Trip-Mystery Tour (details below)</b>
May 16	South Burnett Show at the Uniting Church hall Kingaroy.
Jul 10-12	Caboolture OS show. Set up 9 <sup>th</sup>
Aug 8-9	Maroochydore OS show at community centre in Millwell Rd. Set up 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Bus Trip-Logan and District Orchid Show</b>
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 <sup>th</sup> .
Oct 2-3	Glasshouse Country OS show at community hall Peachester Rd, Beerwah. Set up 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<b>Oct 10 -</b>	<b>Bribie Island OS "Bribie Orchid Bonanza" at Bribie Island SHS. Set up 9<sup>th</sup>.</b>

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<b>Oct 17-18</b>	<b>Bus Trip - Boonah Orchid Show</b>

### 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.

### February Cultural Meeting

<b>Cattleya</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> (Plant Name)</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Exhibition	<i>C. Fitz Eugene Dixon</i>	W & J Corney	W & J Corney	W & J Corney
Novelty	<i>Lc. Loog Tone 'Kurrana'</i>	M & V Anderson	M & V Anderson	W & J Corney
Cluster	<i>C. Fitz Eugene Dixon</i>	D & M Neldner	J & B Hopgood	W & J Corney
Species	<i>C. skinneri</i>	I & F McLaren		
<b>Dendrobium</b>				
Spat & inter	<i>Den. Masaki Taki 'Blue'</i>	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
Any other	<i>Den. Dal's Pennies x Dal's Guy</i>	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
<b>Vandaceous</b>				
Over 60mms	<i>Ascda. Krailerk White 'White Crystal'</i>	J & B Hopgood		
Under 60mms	<i>Ascda. Viraphandhu</i>	J & B Hopgood	J & J Stokes	W & J Corney
Any other	<i>Rhv. Colmarie</i>	J & B Hopgood		
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>				
Species	<i>Phal. lueddemanniana</i>	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	
<b>Oncidium</b>				
Species	<i>Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana</i>	J & J Stokes	D & M Neldner	
Any other	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	M & V Anderson	J & B Hopgood	
Other alliance	<i>Mtssa. Mardi Gras</i>	M & V Anderson		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Hybrid	<i>Ctasm. Doris's Choice</i>	J & J Stokes		
Species	<i>Dend. macranthum</i>	J & B Hopgood	J & B Hopgood	I & F McLaren
<b>Aust Natives</b>				
Species	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	D & M Neldner		
Den. hybrids	<i>Den. X superbiens</i>	D & M Neldner		
Any terrestrial	<i>Spa. Plicata</i>	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	
<b>Novice</b>				
Any type Cat.	<i>C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x Blc. Toshi Aoki 'Robyn'</i>	D Haupt	D Haupt	
<b>Foliage</b>				
Bromeliad	Tillandsia	D & M Neldner	M & V Anderson	M & V Anderson

Fern	Nephrolepis exaltata	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner	
Foliage other	Aglaonema	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner	W & J Corney
Anthurium	Pink Pearl	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D. Haupt
Other	Caladium	M & V Anderson		

The orchid **popular vote** went to John & Bev Hopgood while the foliage vote went to Merv & Val Anderson

**Judges' choice** was awarded to John & Bev Hopgood

**Novice of the month** was Del Haupt.

The judges were: Mel Wheeler, John Hopgood & student judges, Judy Carleton and John Stokes.

**Exhibitor's number** was won by G. Cooper

**Raffle prizes** to T & G Davis and W & J Corney

### STOCQ News

At The recent STOCQ AGM the top orchid displayed was the unusual Bulbophyllum grandiflorum which has now received an AOC award. Several colour variations of this orchid can be seen at the Orchids Online\_site([www.orchidsonline.com.au](http://www.orchidsonline.com.au)) along with lots of other orchid photos.

STOCQ is looking for southern area candidates for the next judges course to start in May. Contact Mel if interested.

### New Growers' Meeting

Hardcane Dendrobiums was the topic presented by Don and Margaret Neldner at the New Growers meeting on 28th Feb. Don used Ken Unsworth's notes as a basis and added his own experience of success and difficulties in growing these beautiful blooms. Examples of various types of hardcanes were on display. Margaret explained in detail the process by which they had propagated a new cross and examples of the progeny were shown. Ian McLaren's MidSummer Cultural Notes were distributed for beneficial reading. Bev Hopgood brought a umber of fragrant orchids to tickle our olefactory sense.

About 20 prizes were won in the raffle which yielded \$48. Open skite plant winners were J & B Hopgood, M & V Anderson and D & M Neldner. Novice winners were J Saviane and G & J Watson. Foliage winners were M & V Anderson, G & J Watson and J Saviane Thanks to all who brought plants for prizes, the providors and the judges.

Next month Fred Kleimeyer of Ipswich will enlighten us on the world of Orchid Species.

*Don and Margaret Neldner, coordinators*

### Bus Trips (Planned Bus Trips for 2009)

A fabulous day was had at RSL Caloundra on Wednesday 25th February.

Our next bus trip will be **Tuesday, 12 May**. It will be a Mystery Tour with lunch (2 courses, coffee and tea). 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.

Then, on **Saturday, 29th August** a Bus Trip to Logan and District Orchid Show with a special invitation and discount to New Growers. Further details to follow in next newsletter.

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

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### Computer site for Month

There is so much interesting orchid stuff on the web if you've got a computer and the time to indulge. I just thought I'd mention one that took my fancy each month.

For this month I enjoyed looking at the slide show of Borneo orchids at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/7212964@N08/sets/72157601573716611/>

## **Q150 Easter Orchid Show**

### **Dressing up**

As you may be aware, we are all (hopefully) dressing up for our Q150 Easter Orchid Show in the theme of 'Then and Now' or 'Stepping Back in Time.' Gents could possibly wear waistcoats over their 'normal' clothes and a cloth cap. Ladies could wear a white or cream shirt/blouse, a long skirt with a frill around the bottom and a white or cream mop cap. If you have some ideas of what might have been worn in the past 150 years, please contact Judy to share them with her.

This is not essential but we thought it would be fun and make our Q150 Easter Orchid Show stand out from other orchid shows as well as celebrating Queensland's 150th Anniversary. If you have any questions or need help, please see Judy or phone her on 3410 0789. Thanks.

### **Sponsors**

If you or anyone you know is able to sponsor a class at the show please let Ian or one of the committee members know.

### **Plants for sale and plants for benching**

Tags for sale plants from Merv and for benching plants from Lyn.

### **Floral Art**

There is a change in the floral art titles for the Easter show.

There is one class – OPEN.

The titles are ;-

An Easter orchid arrangement/ Orchids must predominate.

Q150.

### **Catering**

As in previous years, we will need home made slices, biscuits etc for our Morning and Afternoon Teas. So get out those recipe books and start getting organized. If you are not that way inclined, please feel free to donate ingredients such as sugar, SR flour, eggs or even cash so we can support those cooks amongst us. Thanks. Contact the Catering Committee (Beverley, Diann, Gwendella, Janet or Val) for more information. Salad contributions would also be appreciated. Please advise the Catering Committee what you can provide.

### **Raffle**

We have several days booked at the shopping centres at IGA Bongaree, IGA Banksia Beach, Bribie Woolworths and Caboolture Park and are looking for folk who would like to sit in air conditioned comfort for either a morning or afternoon session and hand out our flyers telling folk about our show and selling tickets in our Easter Rabbit raffle. You can even bring a friend of yours to keep you company or we can team you up with another member. This is an important part of our show as it is where we get to tell the community what a great society we belong to and how great our shows are as well as helping with fundraising. Please contact Val Anderson on 3408 7706 if you are able to spare some time. Thankfully, most timeslots are now filled.

### **Foliage Show Rules**

Mel has advised that all foliage plants may be benched in flower except Dieffenbachia which must have the flowers removed.

### **Committee News**

Again the Committee spent most of the meeting sorting out details for the Q150 Show and afterwards attended a meeting at the school (venue) to finalise details.

Florence McLaren is organizing an historical display in the hall in keeping with the 150 yrs theme. Vendor positions are now filled. Fliers, posters, signs have been organized. Mel is treating his Q150 orchid brood with tender loving care so that they will star on the day.

Welcomed into the society was new member Kirk John Lambie, Pot no.15.

### **Judy's Jottings**

Thoroughly enjoyed the bus trip to the Caloundra RSL. Some were lucky to have a win on the pokies. Others moaned about their losses all the way home.

Sewing these long skirts for our lady members to wear at our Q150 Easter Orchid Show is keeping me busy.

It's great to have flowering orchids in the house and on the patio but frustrating that they aren't at their best to bench at our meetings. Cross fingers I'll have a couple to bench at our Easter Show.

Didn't I say last month cooler weather was just around the corner. Well, no sign of it yet and its killing me!

### **Technical Stuff**

**Question:** I've heard that chemical fertilisers break down to produce nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas, whereas organic ones such as animal manures and blood and bone don't. Is this true?

**Answer:** Nitrous oxide is a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming, as does carbon dioxide. This question was asked of the 'gardening experts' in the January 2009 issue of Gardening magazine. Nitrous oxide is 300 times more damaging than carbon dioxide but is less concentrated in the atmosphere. It accounts for about 6 per cent of all the greenhouse gases. The main problem with fertilisers in relation to this issue is that nitrogen nutrients leach into the waterways and then react in the water's sediments anaerobically to produce nitrous oxide. So, rather than talking about organic versus chemical fertilisers, we really need to look at how quickly their nutrients are released to determine which fertilisers are best for the environment. To prevent leaching of nutrients, use slow-release fertiliser, such as blood and bone, Osmocote, Acticote or Ferticote. Manures, such as pelletised chook manure or raw animal waste, are not slow release so have a higher potential to leach and produce nitrous oxide."

Fertilisers are not magic potions: Many people place much too much emphasis on fertiliser. They think fertiliser is some type of magic potion that will save the day. Actually, if the orchid is in poor health it will not help one bit. In fact if the roots are in poor condition applying fertiliser will make the problem greater. If the roots are not functioning they can't take the fertiliser up into the plant. If the fertiliser isn't used by the plant it will accumulate in the potting material thus building up salts that will further damage the remaining roots. Fertilisers are really only useful as a boost to already healthy growing orchids. Fertiliser is not a food; plants produce their own food from unlight, carbon dioxide and water, which is called the photosynthesis of a plant. Fertilisers help the photosynthesis cycle be more efficient. When choosing a fertiliser make sure it has the words nitrate nitrogen or ammoniacal nitrogen NOT urea. Look for a fertiliser with 20% or less nitrogen. High amounts of nitrogen, more than 20%, are not necessary to grow good orchids. When too much fertiliser has been applied, if it has been applied when the media is dry, or if the roots of the particular orchid are hypersensitive to the salts in fertiliser, the roots can become dehydrated by these moisture-robbing salts, resulting in fertiliser burn. This damage shows up as brown or black root tips and/or leaf tips. It looks as though the root tips or leaves have been burned (thus, the name). To prevent it, don't apply more fertiliser than is recommended and fertilise only when the potting material is damp. Foliage fertilising can help if your root system is not brilliant."

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### **On the Grapevine**

Best wishes to all the birthday people. Judy Carleton, Vic Horton, Gwenda Davis, Jackie O'Connor, Maureen Elliott & Joan Harrison. Have a great day from us all.

Contact Asst. Editor John (phone 3408 9228 or email [stokes@sillyfrog.com](mailto:stokes@sillyfrog.com)) for more information on any of above items.

**That's all folks**

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