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**Bribie Island Orchid Society** **Bulletin March 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. Any financial member may attend the Committee Meetings.

**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.



*Greetings All*

*Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc Committee and Members would like to extend an invitation for you to join us at the Official Opening of "The Orchid House". It will be held on Saturday 19th March at 1.30pm at 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island.*

*As this is a very special occasion for us, we do hope you can come along and join in this celebration.*

*If you could reply by 12th March for catering purposes, it would be appreciated. For further information, please contact me on 07 3410 1919 or [lynn@bribieislandorchidsociety.com](mailto:lynn@bribieislandorchidsociety.com)*

*Kind regards  
Lynn*



## Official Opening of "The Orchid House"

Preparations are well underway for the Official Opening of "The Orchid House". Just in case your invitation has gone astray in the snail mail or wandering around somewhere in cyberspace, here is another one for you all. Please feel free to extend the invitation along to anyone who has been actively involved in our Society throughout the past 24 years. If you would like me to send a personal invitation, please contact me with their names, address etc. We want to have a celebration that will always be remembered. **After all, we have ALL worked hard to make this dream come true.**

So far I have emailed or posted around 100 invitations (still more to go) though I am sure not everyone will be able to come. However, supplying Afternoon Tea for such a large number of folk will be a mammoth task for Val and the ladies. The Society will be providing tea, coffee and all the sandwiches but we need donations from our members of cakes, biscuits, slices etc (all those ones which you usually make for the shows that are so popular). If you are like me and are not into baking these days, you can contact Val - 3408 7706 - and donate ingredients (flour, sugar, butter, eggs) or money to purchase same. The ladies would really appreciate whatever you can contribute. Please phone Val for any more details. Could you please bring your 'goodies' to the Orchid House on Saturday Morning from 9.30am - 10.30am as the ladies wish to plate all the food ready for the Afternoon Tea before the commencement of the activities. That way they will be free to enjoy the afternoon with the visitors and members too. Please phone Val for any more details.

Now, as you can imagine this being a special celebration, we are going to decorate our clubhouse to make it look really festive. No...not with balloons, streamers and the like but with LOTS AND LOTS of beautiful, fragrant, flowering orchids. I have one in flower at the moment but am not sure it will last another month so could you please bring everything that you have blooming. We want everyone to know that we can not only build a great clubhouse but can also grow all sorts of orchids - big, small and in between. So please bring your plants and even those other (not quite show quality) along for an outing. I sure they will all grow better for you if you take them out for the afternoon to be admired by all. Naturally your broms, anthuriums and ferns etc are most welcome and will add colour to the display.

The dress for the afternoon is smart casual - not our usual Club Shirts - but please remember to **wear your name tag** so our visitors will know who we are. If you don't have a name tag, please contact me as soon as possible and we will organise it. Thanks.

This is sure to be a very special occasion and I look forward to hearing from you with your numbers attending as soon as possible. For more details, you can phone me on 3410 1919 or email me [lynn@bribieislandorchidsociety.com](mailto:lynn@bribieislandorchidsociety.com)

Cheers, Lynn

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## CULTURAL MEETING

We could have done with a few more plants (and people) at the last meeting but there was some quality on the benches.

Ian announced that we had finally satisfied all requirements for Council approval of our Home. Ann Sales gave the presentation and shared her secrets on how to use the computer to record orchid data and the web to research.

Di confirmed that the bus trip to EDOS is on and will include a visit to Burbank nursery. Departure at 7.30am. Cost \$25 (bus only). Entry is \$3. She also said she has finally been given one date for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Val advised dates for selling raffle tickets and asked for support from members for manning the booth on these days, ie 12th March and 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, April.

She also asked for anyone able to help with catering for the Official Opening to contact her. Two new members, Cecelia Goos and Margaret Ellis were confirmed by the membership.



Judy's Onc. Sharry Baby took out Judges' Choice and her very floriferous Milt. Moreliana (behind) was Popular Choice



Our champion fern grower, Jim McKinnon, won the Foliage Section, with his Black Caterpillar Fern



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## FEBRUARY BENCHING RESULTS

	1 <sup>st</sup> (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Cattleya</b>	.			
Miniature/compact	<i>Ctna. Brandi</i>	D&M Neldner		
Novelty	<i>C. Cherry Song 'Lea'</i>	B&M Elliott	J&J Stokes	M&V Anderson
Cluster	<i>Blc. Maui Golden Anniversary</i>	J&J McKinnon	W&J Corney	J&J McKinnon
Species	<i>C. bicolour 'Tenius' x bicolour 'Broylensis'</i>	D&M Neldner		
<b>Dendrobium</b>				
Spatulata/Intermediate	<i>Den. John's Charm</i>	J&B Hopgood	J&J Stokes	
Any Other	<i>Den. Chao Praya x Somsak</i>	D&M Neldner	B&M Elliott	J&J Stokes
<b>Vandaceous</b>				
Over 60mm	<i>V. Chao Praya Delight</i>	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	
Under 60mm	<i>Ascda. Suksumran Sunlight</i>	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood	B&M Elliott
Other	<i>V. Charlie Clark</i>	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood	B&M Elliott
Species	<i>Asctm. miniatum</i>	M&F Wheeler	B&M Elliott	
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>				
Species	<i>Dor. pulcherrima</i>	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
<b>Paphiopedilum</b>				
Any Other	<i>Paph. Hamana Wave</i>	S. Maller		
<b>Oncidium</b>				
Species	<i>Milt. Spectabilis 'Grey Sarland'</i>	J&B Hopgood	K&J Carleton	K&J Carleton
Any Other	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</i>	K&J Carleton		
Other Alliance	<i>Milt. candida</i>	D&M Neldner	M&V Anderson	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Species	<i>Coel. massangeana</i>	J&B Hopgood		
Hybrid	<i>Spath. Muriana cola</i>	B&M Elliott		
<b>Aust Natives</b>				
<b>Novice</b>				
Cattleya	<i>Ctna. Morse Code</i>	G&J Watson		
Hybrid	<i>Onc. flexosum x Golden Flower</i>	D&T Walterfang	D&T Walterfang	
<b>Foliage</b>				
Anthurium	Pink Pearl	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner
Tillandsia	Fuego	M&V Anderson	M&V Anderson	
Ferns	Black Caterpillar	J&J McKinnon	M&V Anderson	
Bromeliad	Neo hybrid	G&J Watson	M&V Anderson	
Foliage other	Aglaonema	M&V Anderson	K&J Carleton	M&V Anderson

**Popular Vote Orchid**– *Milt. Spectabilis* 'Moreliana' (K&J Carleton)  
**Popular Vote Foliage**–Black Caterpillar Fern (J&J McKinnon)  
**Best Perfume**–*Onc. Sharry Baby* (K&J Carleton)  
**Judges Choice**– *Onc. Sharry Baby* 'Sweet Fragrance' (K&J Carleton)  
**Novice**– *Onc. flexosum* x Golden Flower (D&T Walterfang)  
**Judges**– M. Wheeler, J. Hopgood, T. Davis. Scribe—B. Hopgood



## NEW GROWERS

Growing Cattleyas well was the topic presented at the last meeting by Rod and Jackie OConnor. Helpful advice was drawn out of the speakers by lots of questions from the 36 members and visitors present. Practical comments were made about plants brought by Don. Thanks, Rod and Jackie. Orchids donated by the OConnors and members, fruit packs and other plants were the prizes which attracted strong support for the raffle resulting in over \$90 being added to the funds.

Skite plant winners were: Novice: Dries Walterfang 1 & 2. Open: J & Hopgood 1, D. Haupt 2, and M & V Anderson 3. Foliage: J & J McKinnon 1, M & V Anderson 2 and G & J Watson 3.

At the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March our Guest will be Lyn Langford enlightening us on Orchids on EBay.

Stop Press: Graham & Glenda McKay will be the presenters at the meeting on June 11.

Don and Margaret Neldner, Coordinators



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Hopgood's delightful Rhy. Retusa caught the judges' eye in the Experienced Section



Jim McKinnon was a winner again, this time with his specimen size Davallia Hare's Foot Fern



Our New Grower, Dries Walterfang is advancing in leaps and bounds. Here he is with his winning Phal. Sogo Yukidian.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>12 Mar</b>	<b>New Growers Meeting.</b>
<b>19 March</b>	<b>Official Opening of The Orchid House</b>
20 Mar	Judges Training, 1.00pm at John Green's. Subject is Dendrobiums.
<b>22 March</b>	<b>BIOS Cultural Meeting</b>
7-9 April	Sunshine Coast Show- <b>BIOS displays.</b>
16-17 April	EDOS Show- <b>Bus Trip</b>
<b>22-23 April</b>	<b>BIOS Easter Show</b>
30 April-1 May	Gympie Show
7-8 May	Pumicestone Show
7-8 May	Noosa Mother's Day Show
4 June	STOCQ Meeting at Murgon
<b>4-5 June</b>	<b>QLD Week Orchid &amp; Garden Expo on Bribie</b>
8-10 July	Caboolture Orchid Show
6-7 August	Maroochydore Show
2-3 Sept	Nambour Show
23-24 Sept	Glasshouse Show
5 November	Nambour Species Show (see under notices)

### National/International Shows.

**14-23 Nov 2011**, 20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference, Singapore

**10-16 Sept 2012**, 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference and Show, Perth (more info at website [www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm) - note underscores before and after AOC)

**June 2013**, STOCQ Orchidfest at Gympie.

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### Membership Renewals

Due by end April. \$15 to the Treasurer please.

### Wondergrow

Our wonderful supporter Alex Wrigley of **Wondergrow Products** is finding it difficult to maintain his business with his illness but Merv Anderson has a limited of his products available from his home so please contact him if you need something from Alex's range.

**New Members**-Please welcome Cecelia Goos of Bellara (Pot No. 61) and Margaret Ellis of Bongaree (Pot No. 67).

**Birthdays** for the month—Jackie O'Connor, Maureen Elliott, Gwenda Davis, Ian Macqueen. Best Wishes to you all.

**Craft Day**— The Craft and Social Ladies Group had a lovely morning talking, making STUFF and wrapping goodies for the Easter Show. A new member was also present. A big thankyou to all who attended. Next meeting is on Tuesday 8th March so please come and join us. (report from Bev Hopgood).

### We U-Knight Youth Activities

Kirstie from this organisation explained to our last Committee meeting how she organises group activities for young people to give them safe options for their recreational activities. She will be hiring The Orchid House for her Youth Drug and Alcohol Free Disco. We wish her success with this new initiative.

**Easter Show**-Once again we are calling for sponsors for the various classes (commercial and private). For anyone able to help with this cost for full class is \$35 or individual prize sponsorships also gratefully accepted (First \$20, Second \$10, Third \$5). Also of course there are the Champion Classes for those wishing to make a grand gesture (\$110 Champion, \$50 Reserve and four \$40 prizes).

**"The Vocabulary of Orchids" – An Amateur Perspective** is a book written by Allen B Martin in which he explains, in lay-man language, all of the technical terms concerning orchids plus he has translated (again in lay language) most of those baffling long-winded botanical & scientific name of worldwide orchids. All is revealed on our website.

**Caboolture Society** have invited our members to attend a presentation by Ray Clements of Tinnonee Orchids on 1st March.

They also have a few seats left for their bus trip to Grafton on 26/27 March. Visiting nurseries, orchid houses and a bromeliad grower. Cost is only \$125. Departure at 6.00am. Contact Jackie O'Connor if interested (54954087)



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## STOCQ/JUDGING

Mel, Judy, John H., Bev, Tom, Gwenda, Ian and John S. attended the STOCQ AGM at Gympie. The hall was full with delegates from all regions (incl the recently added far north) except for Emerald.

Most existing incumbents were reappointed including our Mel as Registrar.

QLD Orchids of the Year were judged for our region in the three categories of Hybrid, Species and Specimen and these will be added to results from other areas to decide the Queensland winners. Sam Cowie, a specialist oncidium alliance grower from Kin Kin was the guest speaker.

He has a wholesale only nursery and gave us some insight into how to grow these varieties including Miltonia which usually prefer cooler conditions than those in this part of the world.

His tips included:

1. Open free draining mix
  2. In the heat of summer water Miltonias every morning.
  3. Most varieties in this alliance do not like to dry out.
  4. He mainly uses slow release fertiliser on top of the pot.
  5. The higher the roof of the orchid house, the better.
- After the meeting visits to 3 orchid houses were arranged (Ross, Wilso and Green).

All in all a worthwhile day.



A plant from Sam Cowie which he had on display.

It didn't have a tag but I thought he called it "Katatane Killawarrakama!" which is obviously wrong as I can find no record of it!

This plant of Rynchorides Bangkok Sunset was awarded a HCC during the month.

The grower is Tom Buckley from Nambour Society.

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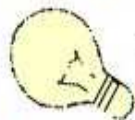
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(reproduced from an article in Australian Geographic)

### That's all folks.

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

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