

**Bulletin for October 2008.**  
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**Committee Meeting.** Held on the second Tuesday of the month (11<sup>th</sup> Nov.) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade Bongaree & commencing at 1 pm.

**Cultural Meeting.** Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (28<sup>th</sup> Oct ) at the Ningi community hall on Bribie Island Rd. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. The guest speaker will be B & R Gardens.

**New Growers' Meeting.** Held on the last Saturday of the month (25<sup>th</sup> Oct ) at the Church of Christ hall on the corner of Foley St & Fifth Ave. the guest speaker is Bev Hopgood.

**Diary Dates.**

- Oct 18-19 Boonah OS show & incorporating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qld Sarcochilus festival at Boonah High School in Macquarie St.
- Nov 1 Gympie OS is holding a bus trip to the Gold Coast - Tweed Annual Orchid Fair at the Tweed Civic Centre. They are leaving Gympie at 6 am & picking up from various societies along the way. Around 7.30am at Bribie turn off. Cost is app \$30 for a large bus. Please contact our secretary Lynn if you are interested.
- Nov 7-9 Pumicestone & District O & FS show at Ningi community hall on Bribie Island Rd. We display.
- Nov 15 BIOS bus trip to celebrate "Red November" on the Granite Belt. (see bus trips)
- Dec 16 BIOS Christmas party at Bribie RSL commencing at noon. Cost is \$20 for members & \$25 for non members. Please give names to Val Anderson & money to the treasurer.

Sept – Oct 2009 An Orchid Lovers Tour of Borneo & hosted by Wayne Harris.  
Contact editor Joan for details on both these items.

*If a pig loses its voice is it disgruntled?*

**Jude's Jottings.**

October Orchid Bonanza Raffle Winners; Major prize; Towel set won by Mrs Egan of Bongaree  
Fertilizer Pack won by Judy Robins  
Box of Orchids won by J. Jamieson

NOTICE; Members; The Society has received a letter from the Bribie Island and District Community Hospice asking for donations for their silent auction to be held at their Christmas Dinner on Dec. 5th. I do know they would really appreciate an orchid in flower. If you wish to donate one please contact me. Judy . (President)

Yes, Ken and I had a good holiday on Fraser, but here's THIS FISHERWOMANS LAMENT:  
I waved that rod all over the place. I practiced till I was blue in the face.  
But still couldn't get that blasted hook and line out into the middle of the gutter.

WOH!! WHAT A SHOW!!

Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Congratulations to all the winners. Ladies, thank you for all those beautiful floral arrangements - great work. THANK YOU to all of our members who helped throughout the weekend. Take a bow - you deserve it.

Now folk, we can relax a little. Enjoy. Judy.

**September Cultural Meeting.**

The benches were weighed down with all the orchids on display, a good prelude to our show. The good quality society shirts are again available from Florence BUT I am not sure of the cost. From now on the bulletin will either be posted or emailed to our members. The raffle was won by S Knight who took the fruit tray while G Strickland was lucky to get the beautiful Phalie donated by G & G McKay & D Haupt won third prize. Dr Graham McKay was our guest speaker with his beautiful Phalaenopsis orchids. The notes from his talk begin on p. 3.

The judges were L Ratcliffe, M Wheeler, John Hopgood & trainee judge J Stokes. B Hopgood was the scribe.

<b>Cattleya</b>				
Exhibition	<i>C. Lynn Spencer</i>	W & J Corney	J & J Stokes	
Novelty	<i>Slc. Teacher's Pet</i>	M & L Hauck	I & F McLaren	J & J Stokes
Cluster	<i>Ctna. Brandi 'OC'</i>	D & M Neldner	I & F McLaren	I & F McLaren
Species	<i>C.intermedia</i> var. <i>amethystina</i>	M & V Anderson	D & M Neldner	I & F McLaren
<b>Dendrobium</b>				
Species	<i>Den. farmeri</i>	D & M Neldner	B & M Elliott	J & J Stokes
Any other	<i>Den. White Cloud</i>	W & J Corney	I & F McLaren	S Maller
<b>Vandaceous</b>				
Under 60 mms	<i>Ascda. Suk Sumran 'Sunlight'</i>	D & M Neldner	A Pecci	
Any other	<i>Lsa. Recurva</i> var. <i>lilacina</i>	M & V Anderson		
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>				
Species	<i>Phal. stuartiana</i>	M & F Wheeler		
Any type	<i>Phal. Matthew Spats</i>	M & F Wheeler	J & B Hopgood	M & F Wheeler
<b>Paphiopedilum</b>				
Any type	<i>Paph. Delophyllum</i>	M & F Wheeler		
Species	<i>Paph.</i>	M & F Wheeler		
<b>Oncidium</b>				
Onc. alliance	<i>Onc. Issaku Nagata</i>	I & F McLaren	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner
<b>Cymbidium</b>				
Any type	<i>Cym. Nonna</i>	M & V Anderson	D & M Nerldner	D & M Neldner
<b>Aust. Natives</b>				
Species	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>	J & J Stokes	J & B Hopgood	
Any hybrid	<i>Den. Kingrose</i>	J & J Stokes	M & J Venz	J & J Stokes
Terrestrial	<i>Phaius wallichii</i>	W & J Corney	J & J Stokes	M & J Venz
<b>Novice</b>				
Any type hybrid	<i>Den. Gion 'Pink Lady'</i>	J & G Watson	J & G Watson	
<b>Foliage</b>				
Fern	<i>Adiantum</i>	A Pecci	D & M Neldner	G & J Watson
Foliage	<i>Dieffenbachia</i>	D & M Neldner	W & J Corney	D & M Neldner
Bromeliad	<i>Tillandsia Giric</i>	S Maller	M & V Anderson	I & F McLaren
Anthurium		D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner	D & M Neldner

Popular vote Orchid *Phaius wallichii* owned by W & J Corney

Foliage *TillandsiaGiric* owned by S Maller

Novice of the month is G & J Watson with their plant *Den. Gion 'Pink Lady'*

Judges' choice was *Phal. stuartiana* owned by M & F Wheeler

### Notes from the Benches.

*Blc. Jeremy Island* x *Pot. Sally Taylor* = *Pot. Hawaiian Option*

*Paph. Dr Jack* x *delenatii* = *Paph. Jack Fowlie*

*If your feet smell & your nose runs then you're built upside down.*

### Committee News.

We have 4 new members to welcome to our merry group

Gerry & Helen Van Dinter Pot No. 9

Len & Sheryl Waite Pot no. 29

Please give them a very warm welcome when

you see them.

### **Recognition Award.**

Every Year on October 1<sup>st</sup> the United Nations' celebrates the International Day of Older Persons. This gives the community the opportunity to recognize the contributions older Australians make through their work, their skills and by sharing their experiences. This year Jon Sullivan, Federal Member for Longman presented Val and Mervyn Anderson, who were nominated by the Executive Committee of the Society, with an "Recognition Award 2008" for their significant contribution during the past year. Jon noted that "folk like these are not only the backbone of the Society but of the wider community and it was gratifying to see so many local associations represented at the ceremony and receiving like awards". Val and Merv were most surprised when their names were called for the presentation as they thought they were accompanying President Judy and Secretary Lynn to a Morning Tea at the Longman Office at Morayfield as representatives of our Society. Congratulations from all of us, Val and Merv.

Thank you Lynn for this great news.

### **New Growers Report**

Special thanks to Merv and Val Anderson for leading the New Growers meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September in the absence of Don and Margaret Neldner. Several factors combined to limit the attendance to 14, but they were not disappointed. Ron Powell, our botanical adviser, gave a detailed account of his knowledge of native orchids on Bribie Island. He was able to pass round much of his research evidence in detailed notes. Thank you, Ron.

At our next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October we will be informed of the variety of Orchids with Fragrances. Bev Hopgood has prepared a talk on this topic.

At the November meeting, our Christmas Breakup, there will be a rolling raffle. All are encouraged to bring a gift for the raffle, something that you yourself would be happy to win. Not necessarily orchids or plants, but any item suitable as a gift and nicely wrapped. It should be a fun day and a fitting climax to our year.

Don & Margaret Neldner, Coordinators.

### **Bribie Orchids by Ron Powell.**

#### **Cymbidium madidum**

Cymbidium from Greek. It may be a small boat because of the shape of labellum. Described by John Lindley 1790-1863. Flowers Spring to Summer – green/brown flowers on 60cm racemes. On Bribie Island restricted to the northern National park areas. Lost to southern end through land clearing resulting in the loss of mature eucalypts with hollows. In National Park found growing in stumps and a fallen log. Seeds germinate in the broken down timber from the centre of trees and hollow stumps etc. This orchid can be seen growing in trees on the mainland. Cymbidium madidum grows in rainforest situations and also littoral rainforest. The orchid is probably reliant on native bees for pollination. Aboriginal use for this orchid – pseudobulbs used for food and dysentery. Fruit also used.

#### **Spiranthes sinensis**

Named by L Richard 1818 – more than 300 species in genus – occurs every country except Africa  
The name from Greek – 'speira' a screw and 'anthos' a flower  
In Australia Spiranthes Sinensis occurs in all states except Western Australia. Also in New Zealand.  
On Bribie Island Spiranthes grows in damp areas in peaty sand close to the zones of Wallum and open woodland country.

Prefers a high water table below.

Once a very common orchid seen on Bribie growing on footpaths (damp situations) and in yards. I had this specie in my yard when I bought the land in 1969 -also Geodorum . With dry conditions only the Geodorum survives now.

Also in grassland close to creeks.

Possible pollination by Meadow Argus Butterfly (Precis Villida Calybe).

#### **Microtis unifolia** (Onion Orchid)

Described by Robert Brown in 1810

Micros from Greek – Mitros - small and Ous – an ear

Found on Bribie in damp areas in woodlands and grasslands. Growing in small colonies in the grass.

Spikes appear through a split in the side of a hollow.

Onion like leaf with up to 50 tiny green flowers. Stem is 15 inches.  
These tiny flowers need a hand lens for viewing. Some petals almost a shiny emerald green  
Aboriginal use – tubers eaten  
Flowering October – December  
Possibly pollinated by flies, ants, beetles and small wasps.

### **Glossodia minor**

(Small Wax Lip Orchid)

From Glossa – a tongue and Odus – a tooth

Named by Robert Brown 1810

Flowering time winter – July to August

Plant growing to 4 inches

Found fringes of heathland and forest borders, in grassland and leaf mould – forming colonies.

Prefers damp conditions from heathlands to open forest in broken light.

Prefers poor soils and sand.

Leaf short and narrow, green to pink in stems and bracts.

Aboriginal use – tubers eaten.

### **Phalaenopsis by Dr Graham McKay – Director I.P.A.**

There are about 80 species found in nature. They are either saprophytic, (grow on trees), or lithophytic, (grow on rocks). They are found principally in S.E.Asia through the Philippines, Indonesia & through northern Australia.

Phalaenopsis is the most widely grown orchid in cultivation because of :

1. Ease of culture.
2. Floriferous.
3. Fast growing.
4. Colourful & excellent presentation.
5. Can be compact & easily transported.
6. Flowers can last for 3 months or longer.

Plants should be grown under covered 70% shade or generally less light. In winter, preferably sheltered cover or ideally hot house not less than 15°. When watering plants in winter it must be definitely ensured that plants, particularly the central crown, be dry before night time when the temperature drops. Therefore it is best to water on warm mornings, sunny days & possibly use fans to dry.

Air movement is important, (fans or convection), and humidity should not be less than about 70%

I am currently trialling growing in the following medium :

1. Coconut Husk (already PH adjusted).
2. Coconut Husk 2 : Foam 1.
3. Coconut Husk 2 : Bark 2 : Foam 1.

All 3 medium will have the added benefit of less watering and appear to be doing well. I will re-pot all plants each year.

Fertilizer : Peters General Purpose *full strength* all year round.

Temperature : Up to 28° and no less than 15° but these can be exceeded for short periods, (a few days),  
provided high humidity and plants dry out after watering respectively.

Colours available include :

White, pink, purples, red, orange, yellow, brownish and to a lesser extent, blues, greens and combination of colours.

*Isn't it scary that doctors call what they do 'practice'.*

## Showtime.

At the Glasshouse Country OS show our society was third in the display section with quite a few prize ribbons

## On the Grapevine.

Only one birthday this month. Are there any more I haven't got ?

Extra special best wishes to Ailsa Heggie from us all.

On the recent bus trip to Toowoomba Val Anderson won a beautiful painting from the Toowoomba OS.

## Bribie Island Orchid Society Spring Orchid Bonanza.

**Champion orchid of the show.** *Phal.* Taisuco Crane owned by M & F Wheeler.

Reserve champion *Paph.* Bengal Lancers owned by D Banks

Champion species *C. skinneri* owned by Robertson orchids.

Champion specimen *C. skinneri* owned by J & M Jarvis

Champion Australian native *Sarco.* Heidi owned by M & F Wheeler

Champion foliage *Alcantaurea* Bromeliad owned by A & E Wrigley

Champion floral art "White Delight" created by J Corney

## Cattleya Exhibition type predominantly white

*C.* Lynn Spencer 1. M & F Wheeler 2. A Heggie 3. M & F Wheeler

## Exhibition type predominantly yellow & green

*B/c.* Goldenzelle 1. J Kemp 2. M & F Wheeler 3. D & M Neldner

## Exhibition type predominantly lavender, purple or pink

*C.* Aran Powder Puff 1. J Kemp 2. B Raabe 3. K Gowlett

## Exhibition type any other colour

*Sc.* Royal Beau 1. G & G McKay 2. J Day

## Exhibition type 75mms to 110mms

*Sc.* Rosella Bells 1. A Heggie 2. B Raabe 3. N Frizzo

## Exhibition type up to 75mms

*Lc.* Mini urple x *Sc.* Royal Beau 1. N Douglas 2. N Douglas 3. N Douglas

## Non exhibition type

*Lc.* Jungle Eyes 1. J Day 2. D & M Neldner 3. R & E Henling

## Cluster non exhibition types 5 flowers or more

*Lc.* Trick or Treat x *Epi.* *Atropurpureum* 1. J & B Hopgood 2. A Heggie 3. B Raabe

## Cluster exhibition type 5 flowers or more

*Iwan.* Apple Blossom 1. W & J Corney 2. J & J McKinnon 3. W & J Corney

## Species

*C. skinneri* 1. Robertson Orchids 2. J Robbins 3. J & M Jarvis

## Broughtonia type hybrids

*Ctna.* Why Not 1. J & J McKinnon 2. A Heggie 3. A Heggie

## Dendrobium – Intermediate type

*Den.* Gerald Mc Graith x Elva Ann 1. D & M Neldner 2. D & M Neldner

## Spatulata type

*Den.* Alice's Rainbow 1. K Gowlett 2. A Heggie

## Eugenanthe type any colour

*Den.* Larapinta Barbara 1. K Gowlett 2. N Douglas

## Dendrobium species

*Den.* *polysema* 1. K Gowlett 2. N Frizzo

## Any other type

*Den.* Green Leopard 1. B & A Kable 2. K Gowlett 3. M & F Wheeler

## Indian Type species – any other colour

*Den.* *farmeri* 1. W & J Corney 2. K Gowlett 3. N Frizzo

## Indian type species – yellow

*Den.* *lindleyi* 1. J Livock 2. K Gowlett 3. N Frizzo

## Indian type hybrids

*Den.* Mousmee 1. N Douglas 2. S Maller 3. M & F Wheeler

**Vandaceous** – Vanda

<i>V. Madame Rattan x coerulea</i>	1. R & M Mitchell	2. F & R Xerri	3. F & R Xerri
Ascocenda 60mms & over			
<i>Ascda. Doctor Leopard</i>	1. F & R Xerri	2. K Gowlett	
Ascocenda 60mms & under			
<i>Ascda. Ken Kone</i>	1. M & F Wheeler	2. M & F Wheeler	3. M & F Wheeler
Vandaceous – any other hybrid			
<i>Vasco. Pine Rivers</i>	1. N Frizzo	2. M & F Wheeler	3. B & A Kable
Vandaceous species			
<i>V. lamellate</i>	1. J Dunn	2. B & A Kable	3. J Dunn

**Phalaenopsis** – Exhibition type predominantly white

<i>Phal. Taisuco Crane</i>	1. M & F Wheeler	2. M & F Wheeler	3. G & G McKay
Exhibition type predominantly pink			
<i>Dpts. Kun Nan's Black Rose Diamond</i>	1. 2. & 3. G & G McKay		
Exhibition type any other colour			
<i>Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope</i>	1. G & G McKay	2. M & F Wheeler	3. G & G McKay
Yellow any type <i>Phal. Tia Yellow Bird x Haur Jin Diamond</i>			
	1. Robertson Orchids	2. M & F Wheeler	3. G & G McKay

## Harlequins

<i>Dpts. Ching Yong Diamond x Da-Chien Spider Beauty</i>	1. 2. & 3. G & G McKay		
Novelty or non exhibition			
<i>Phal. Tying Shin Cupid</i>	1. G & G McKay	2. M & F Wheeler	3. G & G McKay
Species			
<i>Phal. Stuartiana</i>	1. M & F Wheeler	2. G & G McKay	3. Robertson Orchids

**Paphiopedilum** - Exhibition type

<i>Paph. Covergirl</i>	1. D Banks		
Multi hybrid non exhibition type			
<i>Paph. St Swithin x Toni SEmple</i>	1. D Banks	2. K Stead	3. Robertson Orchids
Primary hybrid			
<i>Paph. Bengal Lancers</i>	1. D Banks	2. K & P Webster	3. M & F Wheeler
Species			
<i>Paph. haynaldianum</i>	1. Robertson Orchids	2. K Gowlett	3. K Stead

**Oncidiae** – Tolumnia type

<i>Rrm. Catherine Tesch</i>	1. J Dunn	2. J Dunn	3. A Heggie
Any other Oncidium			
<i>Onc. Solar Landing</i>	1. K Gowlett	2. I m& F McLaren	
Intergeneric hybrid			
<i>Wils. Linda Isler</i>	1. D Banks	2. N Frizzo	3. D Banks
Oncidium species			
<i>Onc. ampilatum</i>	1. M & F Wheeler		

## Brassia Hybrid

<i>Brs. Rex</i>	1. Braabe	2. M & F Wheeler	
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**Cymbidium** – Miniature & intermediate hybrid

<i>Cym. Nonna</i>	1. M & V Anderson	2. D & M Neldner	3. D & M Neldner
Species			
<i>Cym. Lowianum</i>	1. R & E Hemming		

**Australian native** – Species any other

<i>Den. discolor</i>	1. J Dunn	2. J & J McKinnon	3. D & M Neldner
Species terrestrial			
<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>	1. K Gowlett	2. B & A Kable	3. B & A Kable
Native hybrid including Australian & spatulata hybrid			
<i>Den. Ovoz's Little Kiss</i>	1. S Maller	2. G Cooper	
Sarcochilus hybrid			
<i>Sarco. Heidi</i>	1. 2. & 3. M & F Wheeler		
Sarcochilus species			
<i>Sarco. Hartmannii</i>	1. D Banks	2. M *& F Wheeler	

**Miscellaneous** – Any other intergeneric hybrid

Z. Mackayi	1. S Maller	2. K Gowlett	3. N Frizzo
Any other species not in schedule			
<i>Prosthecea baculus</i>	1. K & J Carleton	2. K & J Carleton	3. J & B Hopgood
Any orchid with flowers less than 10mms			
<i>Ddt. Bartonii</i>	1. N Frizzo	2. G Cooper	3. D & M Neldner
<b>Foliage – Bromeliad</b>			
Bromeliad Alcantaurea	1. A & E Wrigley	2. A Pythian	3. B & A Kable
Tillandsia	1. J Dunn	2. M & F Wheeler	3. J & M Jarvis
Foliage 300mms & over			
Dieffenbachia	1. L Beare	2. T & B Pritchard	3. K Gowlett
Foliage under 300mms			
Selaginella Brisbanensis	1. J & J McKinnon	2. J Day	3. J Day
Flowering Anthurium	1. A & E Wrigley	2. K Gowlett	3. J Robbins
Fern or allied plant.			
NephrolepisSmithii	1. K Gowlett	2. J Day	3. G Cosin
<b>Floral art</b> Open – An arrangement using orchids. To be named.			
White Delight	1. J Corney	2. J Venz	3. V Cameron
Open – A song title to be named.			
Chain Reaction	1. J Payne	2. J Carleton	3. V Cameron
<b>Novice – Cattleya</b>			
Lc. Steven Oliver x C. Lynn Spencer	1. J Saviane	2. G & J Waqtson	3. G & J Watson
Any other hybrid			
<i>Onc.</i> Jungle Monarch	1. G & J Watson		
Dendrobium			
<i>Den.</i> Jaq-Hawaii	1. J Saviane		
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***That's all folks.***