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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. This meeting is restricted to Committee members only.

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

Normally held on the second Saturday of the month. These meetings are also held at The Orchid House commencing at 1.30pm. September Meeting postponed until 17th and our Show replaces October Meeting.



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July Cultural and New Growers Meetings

Cultural Meeting

A good number of plants were benched at this meeting and the members heard from Dries how he manages to grow soft canes so well.

Our guest speaker was that walking orchid encyclopaedia, Gary Yong Gee, who gave an excellent presentation on small sized orchids.



Popular Choice Orchid was Zelda's Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Hamey's'.
 Popular Choice Foliage was Mel and Fay's Anthurium.
 Judges Orchid Choice was Dries' and Tina's Epi. Orange Glow.

New Growers Meeting

At our last meeting the presentation by Merv was all about fertilising as a follow on from potting at the previous meeting.

Attendance of 33 members was recorded.

The same benching classes will continue next meeting.

At the next meeting (note new date of 17 September) John Hopgood will talk about preparation of plants for benching at our show in October.

As this show falls on the normal date for the New Growers meeting there will be no meeting in October but new growers are encouraged to attend the demonstrations at the show.



Class winners were:

Cattleya : Lc. Tokyo Magic (Anonymous)
 Dendrobium : Den. Elegant Heart (Anonymous)
 Other : Rhy. gigantea (Anonymous)
 Novice : Den. Burana Star (Lyn Freeman)
 Fern: Maidenhair (D&M Neldner)
 Bromeliad : Gold Fever (D&M Neldner)
 Anthurium: M&V Anderson



Maroochydore Show

Maroochydore is another regional show in which BIOS participates as a club. All of our members are encouraged to contribute plants for these shows and this month (Spring) is when most of them are held. If you are unable to transport to and collect the plants from the show please contact our show organiser, Mel Wheeler, or Merv Anderson or John Stokes, one of whom could normally assist.

The format for Maroochydore is a table display from each club containing a maximum of 20 plants and any plants in excess of this number can be benched.

A photo of the BIOS display is shown below.

One of the highlights, from a BIOS point of view, was the magnificent species plant *Schomburgkia superbiens*, which was benched by Gwenda and Tom Davis. The size of this plant is shown in the photo below. It won first in class and was also nominated for several Championship awards but unfortunately didn't take out any of these. Congratulations to the Davis's.

Other BIOS members who won ribbons were:

Mel Wheeler - 2 x firsts, 2 x seconds and 3 x thirds

Steph Maller - 1 x third

John and Bev - 1 x third



Schom. superbiens



Champion-Ascda. Candace's
Sunshine,
Reserve Champion-Blc. Chin-
cogan
Species Champion-*Rhy. gigan-*





Nambour Show

Unlike Maroochydore this show required full-sized displays and there was no provision for benching other than for a special class of very tiny orchids.

BIOS members who participated were rewarded with 5x firsts, 3 x seconds and 5 x thirds.

The firsts all went to Mel and Fay.

Seconds also to the Wheelers and Don and Margaret Neldner.

Thirds to Wheelers, Anderson and Stokes.



BIOS Display



The Champion



Reserve Champion
Paph. malipoense



Nambour's winning island display



AUGUST BENCHING RESULTS

	1 st (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
Cattleya	.			
Exhibition	Blc. Dal's Horizon 'Petula'	D&Z Holm	D&Z Holm	D&Z Holm
Miniature/compact	Lc. Mini Purple	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood	
Novelty	Sc. Batemania 'Bette'	J&B Hopgood	L. Hauck	M&V Anderson
Cluster	Epi. Orange Glow	D&T Walterfang	M&V Anderson	I&F McLaren
Species	<i>C. intermedia</i>	M&B Elliot		
Dendrobium				
Any Other	Den. nobile type	D&T Walterfang	W&J Corney	W&J Corney
Vandaceous				
Over 60mm	V. Sansai Blue x coerulea	M&V Anderson	J&J Stokes	D&M Neldner
Under 60mm	Vasco Prapin x Ascda. Muang Thong	M&V Anderson	J&B Hopgood	
Other	Opst. Mem Mary Natrass	M&F Wheeler		
Species	<i>Ang. eburneum</i>	M&V Anderson	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Phalaenopsis				
Any type	Phal. Ho's French Fantasy	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Species	<i>Phal. amabilis</i>	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Paphiopedilum				
Oncidium				
Any Other	Onc. Robsan's Gold	M&F Wheeler	M&V Anderson	M&F Wheeler
Miscellaneous				
Species	<i>Bulb. ambrosia</i>	J&J Stokes	D&M Neldner	J&B Hopgood
Cymbidium				
Any	Cym. Toowoomba	D&M Neldner	W&J Corney	D&M Neldner
Aust Natives				
Species	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	I&F McLaren	J&J McKinnon	I&F McLaren
Hybrid	Den. Burgundy Cream	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood	J&B Hopgood
Novice				
Foliage				
Anthurium		M&F Wheeler	D&M Neldner	M&F Wheeler
Tillandsia		M&V Anderson		
Ferns	Tassle	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	
Bromeliad		M&V Anderson	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner
Foliage other	Aglaonema costatum	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler

Popular Vote Orchid– Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Hamey's' (Z&D Holm)
Popular Vote Foliage– Anthurium (M&F Wheeler)
Best Perfume– Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Hamey's' (Z&D Holm)
Judges Choice– Epi. Orange Glow (D&T Walterfang)
Judges– Gary Yong Gee, M. Wheeler, J. Hopgood and N. Lee (Perfume)
Scribes– B. Hopgood



SOCIAL AND PROMO ACTIVITIES

Up and Coming Events.

Bus Trips

Sat 10th Sept... A trip to Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival where there is food, arts, gardens and country markets. With lots to do and see there, we will have to leave early. This will be a long day commencing regular pick-ups at 7am from Woorim and returning at about 6pm. The cost of this excursion is \$30 which only covers the bus transportation.

Sat 1st October... We are off to Savoyards to see a performance of "Mikado" at the Iona Performing Arts Centre at Lindum. First pick-up at 9am from 19 Eighth Ave, Woorim then proceeding via usual pick-up points and proceeding to Cannon Hill Shopping Centre for shopping and lunch (at own expense) before continuing on to Lindum for the show. The cost of this excursion is \$55 which includes bus and ticket entry to the performance.

On the **1st November** we are, again, running a **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**, so mark your calendars for this. This is a dress-up event. All those that attended last year will remember the great day we had.

For all of these we need names to get the numbers to make the events and excursions viable.

Please get together with family and friends and help make this a great success. Please phone Diann or Allan on 34081130 anytime with your booking requests or any enquiries.

From all reports everyone enjoyed their trip to the Logan Show and afterwards to a couple of very nice nurseries. The weather wasn't ideal but the good company made up for it. Photo on right taken at the show with two reluctant human interest subjects. Sorry ladies! Below is the champion orchid.



Woolworths Promo

On Thursday 25th August, the Society was invited to participate in a free "Community Morning" being staged by Charter Hall Ltd in the Bribie Island Woolworths Shopping Complex. This gave various community organisations the opportunity to promote their activities as part of "Seniors Week". Mel, John H and I were able to distribute over 100 flyers and brochures for our upcoming October Orchid Bonanza as well as talk to folk about our clubhouse and activities. We sold raffle tickets in an orchid and fertiliser pack (kindly donated by Merv and Val) and the winner, Margery from Banksia Beach, was thrilled when her prize was delivered the next day. A most successful morning and my thanks go to all involved. Cheers Lynn.



DATES TO REMEMBER

10 September	Bus Trip to Blackbutt Festival (New Growers Meeting deferred to 17th)
12 September	BIOS guests at QOS Meeting
16-17 September	Noosa Show (benching only)
17 September	New Growers Meeting
17-18 September	EDOS Show
27 September	Cultural Meeting
4 October	Committee Meeting
23-24 Sept	Glasshouse Show (tag names by 20th, set up on 22nd)
25 September	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
1 October	Savoyard Theatre Trip to see Mikado
8-9 October	BIOS October Spring Orchid Bonanza (set up on 7th) (No New Growers Meeting in October)
12-13 October	Pumicestone Show
29 October	STOCQ Meeting, Hervey Bay
1 November	BIOS Melbourne Cup Day
2 November	Committee Meeting (at Orchid House)
5 November	Nambour Species Show
12-13 November	Orchid Species Show at Mt Cootha
22 November	BIOS Christmas Party

National/International Shows.

10-16 Sept 2012, 19th AOC Conference and Show, Perth (more info at website www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm - note underscores before and after AOC).

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October Orchid Bonanza

Saturday 8th October - 9.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 9th October - 9.00am - 2.00pm

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Birthdays for the month: Happy Birthday to Tom Davis and Mel Wheeler

Table Sale Bargain

There are still plenty of these tables remaining at the special price to members of only \$5 each. These are an ideal size for such activities as sewing, potting etc. Very solid (and heavy) units. If they are not all sold by the time the new ones arrive we will open the sale up to the general public (and the price will go up!). Assistance with transport is available through John Stokes if necessary (one table at a time please).

Charcoal

The Committee needs to know if there is sufficient interest amongst members to make a bulk purchase of charcoal. Please advise Mel if you are interested.

A bit of our history.
From 1998 Issue of
Australian Orchid
Review

Den. bigibbum var. superbum 'Bribie Special'



This fabulous specimen has been owned and grown by Mr and Mrs C. Heggie of Bribie Island for over 30 years. The orchid originally came from a tin mine on the Palmer River near Crooktown. It was just a piece of cane lying around in a caravan for three months. When it was given to the Heggies they were told "see what you can do with it" – this rather dead looking stick and a coconut shell in which to grow it.

For years, while the Heggies lived in Brisbane, the orchid did not flower successfully. Now it is growing under a pergola at their home on Bribie Island and flowers magnificently every Easter. This year it had 277 spikes with an average of 10 flowers per spike. The orchid is 2 metres across and 1.5 metres high. In fact it is too large to transport to shows.

In 1995 this specimen was awarded A.C.C.'s by the Australian Orchid Council, the Queensland Orchid Council and the Sub-Tropical Orchid Council of Queensland. It received a Cultural Award from the Australian Native Orchid Society and a Cultural Certificate from Bribie Island Orchid Society. It was also champion specimen at Bribie Island's Easter orchid show. In 1997 it was champion specimen at the Bribie show and at the Queensland Orchid Society show. In 1998, a keiki taken from the parent plant gained champion specimen at Bribie's Easter show with a display of 43 flower spikes.

'Bribie Special' grows in a 50/50 mix mix of Cymbidium mix and coarse Cattleya mix. It gets only town water from the hose and the usual orchid fertilizer.

The many keikis taken from this specimen are all growing in the same fashion into beautiful specimens.

What a truly beautiful specimen of Queensland's floral emblem – the Crooktown orchid.

Cynthia Whatnough and Joan Venz



VANDAS - THAI DISEASE

The Dreaded Thai Disease Orchid Alert

Courtesy of Dr. Martin Motes, Motes Orchids, from his book *Vandas*

Phyllosticta capitatus, also known as *Guignardia* is most commonly referred to in Florida as Thai fungus. In fairness to the Thais, it is in fact cosmopolitan. Amateur growers have exceptional difficulty controlling this disease largely because of a lack of understanding of its life cycle. An understanding of this fungus makes it no more difficult to control than any other of the leaf spotting fungi such as *Cercospora*.

Phyllosticta seems to appear suddenly on otherwise healthy plants; usually after they have been subjected to cold stress in the late fall or early winter. The distinct, rough, often diamond shape lesions are in fact the fruiting bodies of the fungus. The fungus has been present in the leaves for some time and the sudden appearance of the lesions is analogous to the appearance of "fairy rings" of toadstools after a heavy rain. Just as mystery surrounded the latter phenomenon for ages, many growers cling to the mistaken notion that *Phyllosticta* is a systemic problem like a virus. Strictly speaking this fungus is a disease of the leaf not the entire plant. The disease spreads upward on the plant from lower infected leaves to the newly formed leaves as they emerge. Only under the most adverse growing conditions is this disease fatal to the plant. It is, however extremely persistent. To control this highly successful organism requires equal persistence on the part of the grower.

In Florida, *Phyllosticta* is spread from August through early October. Ironically, for the remainder of the year this disease is difficult to transmit. The corky lesions of the fruiting bodies need to be wet for a prolonged period in order to open and release their spores. For much of the year, *Phyllosticta* is much less virulent than most fungi but alas; the slow drizzles of late summer and early fall provide ideal conditions for this fungus to spread. Awareness of this period of peril is critical to control of the disease.

As with all disease control programs; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Good air movement, bright light, and adequate plant spacing are all of great importance. In Florida September, these good cultural measures are not enough if the pathogen is already present in the collection. When infected plants are present to provide inoculum, the entire collection needs to be immunized with systemic fungicides. Early and consistent spraying, beginning in mid-May is the best practice. Thiophanate Methyl (Cleary's 3336 or Thiomil) is the systemic most readily available to homeowners. An initial spraying in early to mid May should be followed by a second spraying in two weeks. This second spraying should be followed with regular spraying every 4-6 weeks. Consistency is particularly important when using Thiophanate methyl to control *Phyllosticta* as some strains may have developed some resistance. Strobins such as Heritage (azoxystrobin) are also effective in controlling *Phyllosticta*. A proper spray program will give complete control of *Phyllosticta* but isolating infected plants and removing leaves that bear the spore carrying lesions are also good practice. Some growers have had limited success painting the lesions with clear nail polish to prevent the emergence of the spores. The other virtue of the spray program outlined is that nearly total control of other leaf spotting fungi will result. *Cercospora* and anthracnose will be eliminated as well. *Fusarium* infections will also be severely curtailed or eliminated.

Guignardia on vanda leaf, note the raised, diamond shaped lesions



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