

**Bulletin for September 2008.**  
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**Committee Meeting.** Held on the second Tuesday of the month (14<sup>th</sup> Oct.) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade Bongaree & commencing at 1 pm.

**Cultural Meeting.** Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (23<sup>rd</sup> Sep ) at the Ningi community hall on Bribie Island Rd. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. The guest speaker will be Dr Graham McKay, speaking on Phalaenopsis orchids.

**New Growers' Meeting.** Held on the last Saturday of the month (27<sup>th</sup> Sep ) The guest speaker is Ron Powell telling us about some of our local native orchids.

**Diary Dates.**

- Sep 12-13 Noosa District O & F society show at Memorial hall Maple St Cooroy Set up on the 11<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 pm. This is a benching show. We support this show.
- Sep 13 Grand opening day for the Ningi Garden centre 1421 Bribie Island Rd Ningi (opposite the lights)
- Sep 12-14 Aust native orchid society Beenleigh group spring Orchid show at Showground hall, cnr James & Milne Sts Beenleigh. Set up Thursday 4 to 7 pm. Ph D Walker 5527 3781
- Sep 13-14 Buderim Garden Festival. Spring flower show, open gardens, sculpture exhibition, plant stalls, workshops refreshments. [www.BuderimGardenFestival.com.au](http://www.BuderimGardenFestival.com.au)
- Sep 13-14 West Brisbane OS Spring Charity Orchid Spectacular at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens
- Sep 17 Bribie Island Uniting Church presents "Years of Yore" at 9.30 am. Beginning with morning tea then a concert.
- Sep 18-20 Maryborough District OS show.
- Sep 20-21 Eastern Districts OS show at Wondall Heights SS at Manly West
- Sep 20 **BIOS bus trip to Toowoomba** for the Carnival of Flowers.
- Sep 25-29 West Australian Orchid Spectacular.
- Sep 26-27 Glasshouse Country OS show at Beerwah community hall. Set up from 2pm on 25<sup>th</sup>. We display.
- Sep 27-28 Geraniums Annual show at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens
- Sep 27-28 Beaudesert & District O & F S spring show at School of Arts hall Pine St Canungra. Ph 55432108
- Oct 4 **BIOS bus trip** to the Redlands OS show.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Qld Sarcocochilus 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.**

18<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference & Show hosted by the Marybynong OS at Werribee in Victoria 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sept '09  
Sept – Oct 2009 An Orchid Lovers Tour of Borneo & hosted by Wayne Harris.  
Contact editor Joan for details on both these items.

*Be careful reading the fine print. There is no way you are going to like it.*

**Jude's Jottings.**

Ah ! My bones are finally thawing out – thanks to the warmer weather – must remember to water my orchids a bit more often.

The Seniors lifestyle expo was a huge success, so much information is available for our ever changing needs as we age. A very excited Mary of Woorim won our orchid raffle. If this event is held next year, make the effort to come. It's well worth the time....

Thanks to all those who donated to the Cambodia project. ....money, toys & other goodies were handed over to teacher, Paul Hodges & the students.

After many hours of blood, sweat & tears, our dear secretary, Lynn, posted the grant application for the Q150 Easter show. Now we have to cross our fingers & toes for a successful outcome.

Don't forget members; food items are needed for our October show dinner. Please see the catering committee girls to see what is needed & tell them what you can donate.

Ken & I are off to Fraser Island for a week. Hope to catch a tailor or two – wish me luck !!

Judy.

### August Cultural Meeting.

Another quiet month as far as attendance goes but there were certainly some beautiful blooms on the benches. All those with the 'flu' of some kind we wish you all a speedy recovery. Some exciting news as we were shown plans of what our new home on Bribie might look like. It is on paper at last & not just a dream. All the cash & goods collected by our members is to be presented to the high school Cambodia orphanage project as the students will be soon leaving for Cambodia

Nev Roberts was our guest speaker telling us all about fire safety in the home. He is the only permanent member at the Bribie station which has 12 volunteers. They have approximately 260 callouts per year.

The fruit tray raffle was won by J Venz while G Davis & J Saviane also won prizes.

Judges were T Davis, M Wheeler, J Hopgood & J Stokes while B Hopgood was the scribe.

<b>Cattleya</b>				
Exhibition	<i>Blc. Rosemary Hayden</i>	W & J Corney	S Maller	W & J Corney
Mini or compact	<i>Lc. Mini Purple</i>	J & B Hopgood	J & B Hopgood	W & J Corney
Novelty	<i>Lc. Gold Finger 'Fuch's Mandarin'</i>	I & F McLaren	I & F McLaren	
Cluster	<i>Lc. Gold Finger</i>	I & F McLaren	S Maller	W & J Corney
Species	<i>C. intermedia</i>	W & J Corney	I & F McLaren	W & J Corney
<b>Dendrobium</b>				
Any other	<i>Den. Hatsushimo x Zuiko</i>	S Maller	W & J Corney	S Maller
<b>Vandaceous</b>				
Over 60 mms	<i>V. Shizu Kanno x Hilo Blue</i>	D & M Neldner		
Species	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	W & J Corney	W & J Corney	
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>				
Any type	<i>Phal. Orchid World</i>	M & F Wheeler	J & B Hopgood	M & F Wheeler
Species	<i>Phal. amabilis</i>	M & F Wheeler	M & F Wheeler	
<b>Paphiopedilum</b>				
Any other	<i>Paph. Double Deception</i>	M & F Wheeler	W & J Corney	K & J Carleton
<b>Oncidium</b>				
Any other	<i>Onc. John Louis Shirah x cheiophorum</i>	D & M Neldner		
Other alliance	<i>Colm. Wildcat</i>	D & M Neldner		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Hybrid	<i>Z. B G White x Blue Banks</i>	D & M Neldner		
Species	<i>Lus discolor</i>	K & J Carleton	J & J Stokes	D & M Neldner
<b>Cymbidium</b>				
Any	<i>Cym. Toowoomba</i>	D & M neldner	D & M Neldner	J & B Hopgood
<b>Aust. Natives</b>				
Species	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	I & F McLaren	D & M Neldner	J & J Stokes
Any Dockrillia	<i>Dock. wassellii</i>	I & F McLaren	D & M Neldner	
Any hybrid	<i>Den. Zeppelin</i>	J & B Hopgood	G Cooper	M & V Anderson
Terrestrial	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	D & M Neldner		

<b>Novice</b>				
Any Cattleya	C. Unknown	L Binnie	G & J Watson	
Any species	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	D Haupt		
<b>Foliage</b>				
Foliage	Dieffenbachia	D & M Neldner	W & J Corney	W & J Corney
Ferns	Adiantum	A Pecci	D & M Neldner	G & J Watson
Bromeliad	Tillandsia	D & M Neldner	M & V Anderson	M & V Anderson
Anthurium		D & M Neldner	A Pecci	D & M Neldner

The orchid popular vote was won by J & B Hopgood with *Phal.* Unknown  
The foliage popular vote went to a Dieffenbachia owned by D & M Neldner  
The novice of the month was Lorna Binnie  
Judges' choice was awarded to *Lus discolor* owned by K & J Carleton.

**Notes from the Benches.**

*Den.* Yondi x Zip = *Den.* June Mac

*Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.*

**Bus Trips**

**Toowoomba Bus Trip.**

Just a reminder for those who have booked for the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers trip on 20th September and not yet paid. Can you please give the money to either Diann or Treasurer Ian as soon as possible? The cost of this trip is \$37 which covers the bus fare, covered seating to watch the Parade, entry to the Native Orchid Society of Qld Toowoomba Show and lunch. Please put the money into an envelope with the date, bus trip to Toowoomba, your name/s and the amount on the front to save confusion. We will also drive around the city of Toowoomba and look at some of the gardens. We will leave Woorim at 7.30am and return late.....

For further information please phone Diann on 3408 1130 or Lynn on 3410 1919. Thanks.

**Redlands Bus Trip.**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> Diann has a bus trip organized to the Redlands OS show at the Donald Simpson Centre 172 Bloomfield St Cleveland. Cost of the trip is \$25. Please book with Diann Ph. 3408 1130. This is the last of the quickie trips for the year with a visit to the show & lunch venue to be named.

**A Very Special Bus Trip on the 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

We are planning a very special bus trip to round out what has been a most successful year of visiting other Societies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, their families and friends for the great support they have given to the trips this year. Everywhere we go, folk are talking about what a great, active society we have.

This one is going to be extraordinary so don't miss out!!! Our plans are to go to the Granite Belt to celebrate "Red November". This promotion was begun in 1997 and is centered on Glen Aplin on the Granite Belt. It begins mid-October and lasts until the end of November – a 6 week period. For all the info, go to <http://www.granitebelt.com.au/red-november-information.htm>

We will leave Bribie EARLY - 6.00am - stopping at Warwick for quick coffee/food break then on to Severnlea to **Thunderbolt Farm**. Red November was set up to promote the red cherries, red strawberries, red wines and the red poppies of the Remembrance Field all at Thunderbolt Farm about 9km south of Stanthorpe. It is best to see the garden between 9.00am and 12.00 mid-day as the poppies look their best in the morning. It takes about 40 minutes to escort a bus group through the garden and show them the field at a \$5.00 charge per person.

We will then go to **Ballendean Winery** for lunch in the Barrel Room Cafe and a wine tasting session. Example of the menu and prices are Carbonara \$12.50, Bolognese \$12.50, Cabernet Beef Pie \$15.00 Soup of the Day \$8.00 etc. From there we will go to **..The Bramble Patch Berry Gardens**. At these gardens, we will be able to enjoy "The total berry experience". They offer the best seasonal berries, jams, sauces, coulis and fortified wines, plus delicious waffles, berry baskets and berry ice creams. (It is berry good!!) Lots of goodies to bring home at your own cost.

Once our tummies are full of good food and wine (we don't have to drive - great isn't it), we will head back to Bribie probably arriving home some time around 8.00pm. As usual, we will stop for comfort where necessary. Cost, still to be confirmed, should be about \$30 plus whatever you want for food/drinks again at your own cost. I am already saving both my appetite and money!!!

Can you please contact Diann on 3408 1130 or Lynn on 3410 1919 to book your seats? As usual, all are welcome so put your name down as soon as possible.

*It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.*

### **Phaius bernaysii**

(Editor. At the moment our Phaius are flowering beautifully – both *bernaysii* & *tankervilleae* – it must be a good season. Remember their common name is swamp orchid so it likes the shade & damp)

*Bernaysii* was first described in the "Gardener's' Chronicle" in 1873. It is a plant of similar habit & appearance to *Phaius australis* but the flowers are a striking more-or-less sulphur yellow colour. The labellum is usually rather indistinctly trilobate & does not form a tight tube. The stigma is quadrangular & much smaller than in *Phaius australis* & the pollinia are attached in a different manner. It has a narrow distribution but was once abundant on some of the islands in Moreton Bay ; however, over-collecting has reduced the tax on to rare & endangered status. There have been reports of its occurrence on the mainland in south Queensland but it certainly is not & never has been a common plant in the region.

*Taken from an article appearing in the Australian Orchid Review, Oct'95 & called "The genus Phaius in Australia by Alex Dockrill.*

### **Bits & Pieces.**

**Pest control.** Look for evidence of insects, scale or fungus& rot damage & treat as needed.

Many orchids can be repotted towards the end of September. Most plants could benefit from a thorough watering to leach out any salt build up during the colder months.

Orchids Australia Aug '08.

**Earthworms.** These are beneficial in the garden but a pest in your foliage pots where their tunneling upsets the drainage so that water pours right through, rather than reaching the roots. A watering with diluted Permanganate of Potash (Condy's crystals) will bring them to the surface.

What Indoor Plant is That? By Stirling Macoboy.

**An invitation.** The Orchid Species Society Qld is holding a presentation by Ron Parsons, USA on Rarities & Oddities (rare & unusual orchid species). To be held on Monday night the 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. at the auditorium at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. Admission is \$2 & a plate of food for supper.

**Marking pencil** A long time ago Frank Simpson told us that a 2B lead pencil made an excellent label marker. Buy a cheap one at the supermarket.

### **Showtime.**

At the recent Nambour OS show our society was fourth in the display class. Well done to the members who put their heart & soul into the work. Members gained 12 ribbons. Wal & Jean Corney had a first & second, Don & Margaret Neldner had a second while Mel & Fay Wheeler had 1 first, 3 seconds & 5 thirds.

The next show is the Glasshouse Country OS show at Beerwah. Set up is on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **BIOS Orchid Bonanza.**

- Remember to get your plant sales tags from Merv Anderson. Merv is very proud of our reputation for having well grown, good quality plants on the sales table. He asks us to keep up this record.
- Val Anderson needs raffle ticket sellers for 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Banksia Beach shopping centre, October 2,3,4 at IGA Bongaree & October 9<sup>th</sup> at Woollies. Ph 3408 7706. This is for our main "Orchid Bonanza" raffle.
- Again the week before the show a display will be set up at the Bribie library to advertise our show.

- There will be leaflets at the September cultural & new growers meetings to distribute to the general public. Make sure you take some home & spread the word.
- Our secretary has been extremely busy with items being sent to 26 different media outlets & items to 32 different societies with brochures & schedules included. What a whiz is this woman from Woorim
- **Floral art for the show.** This is a reminder of the titles for the October show. There is only an open class & the arrangements are "An orchid arrangement" to be named & "A song title" to be named. Qld Floral Art society rules apply.

*Chinese proverb – Man who eat many prunes get good run for money.*

### **Oncidium Growing in Spring.**

**Culture** There are warm growing Oncidiums, some of which are called Tolumnia & mule eared. There are also a number of the strap leaf variety which require warmth in winter. The mule ears have thick leaves shaped like mule ears. They have no pseudobulbs. The Tolumnia have leaves which are narrow, thick & slightly grooved. They too have no pseudobulbs.

The cool growing Oncidiums have thin leaves & pseudobulbs & their flowers are mostly yellows & browns. They can be grown in most areas of Australia provided they are protected from cold winds, frosty nights & prolonged low temperatures. In the cold areas, they are better grown in a green house. Try to provide them with the same environment they would get in their natural surrounds. Fresh air, plenty of water when needed, weak fertilizer & most of all, protected from the sun.

**Treatment in spring.** Because the weather is unpredictable, it is not possible to tell when or how often to water your plants. If it is cold and/or raining don't water. When it is warm, water. The warmer the days get, the more the plants require water remembering to allow the roots to dry out between waterings. Around October the plants will send out their new leads & the roots will start to appear even little roots will pop out of the dead looking ones. As the weather warms up increase watering & fertilizer to half strength twice a week. The plant growing on the tree fern can now have the same treatment as those growing on cork. Plants in pots need to have the roots sprayed as they start to grow & require fertilizing the same as those on slabs.

**Treatment in summer**—The heat & hot winds can be very stressful for Oncidiums so keep them in the shade house during summer. The warmer the weather becomes the more the plants get watered & fertilized. If the temperature rises to 30° C. and above, wet the floor & lower the plants nearer the floor. It is also a good idea to place some Old Man's beard or sphagnum moss around the roots at the beginning of summer, this will help them from drying out in the heat. Do remove the material placed around the roots at the end of summer. Some time in February, the flower will spike. Don't spray late in the evening in case water gets down the leaf where the spike is.

*Taken from notes found on our web site.*

### **On the grapevine.**

It must be judges month as it's birthday wishes to Mel Wheeler & Tom Davis.

We hear Allan Sirett is in Melbourne visiting his brother.

Some people have all the luck. Ian & June Payne have just returned from a sailing trip around New Caledonia.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Phil & Margaret McMurdo will celebrate 50 years of marriage.

We will help them celebrate by attending a dinner at the Bribie RSL at 6 pm. Please call Val Anderson 3408 7706 to book your place at the celebration.

I am told that we average about 1000 hits on our web site each week.

### **New Growers' Report.**

27 members and friends enjoyed the bus trip on Saturday, 30th August. Dave took us in the large coach to Mt Coot-tha for the North Brisbane Orchid Show followed by lunch at the Bunya Park Club. Brighton Orchids hosted us for afternoon tea and the chance to buy quality Vandas, etc. Thanks to Ros and Fred for donating orchids for the raffle. Thank you, Diann for arranging this trip.

Ron Powell, our botanical adviser, is our guest speaker at the next meeting at the Church of Christ Hall on Saturday, 27th September, at 1.30 p.m. He will enlighten us on the Orchids that grow around Shirley Creek. Ron has studied the native orchids on Bribie for many years. Thanks, Ron.

Bev Hopgood will be our guest speaker at the October meeting. Her topic: Fragrant Orchids.

Don't forget the bus trip to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers on 20th Sept.  
(Ed. Many thanks to Don & Margaret Neldner for this report.)

*Anything free is worth what you pay for it.*

**Committee News.**

- Congratulations go to Sarah Knight & Diann Sirett who have now completed a first aid course.
- The Moreton Council food handling course was completed by Bev Hopgood, Tom & Gwenda Davis, J Saviane, Lynn Hauck, Val Anderson, Gwendolyn Cooper, Bob Bimrose & Judy Carleton & certificates were presented at the September cultural meeting.
- The Moreton Shire Council has sponsored our October show with a grant of \$3000.
- Our society T-shirts will once again soon be available. These are the better quality ones. With the fancy white collar.
- A beautiful Phalaenopsis orchid painting by Beryl Robinson has been purchased in remembrance of Ron & Audrey Chant. This painting will be hung in pride of place in our new home on Bribie.
- Merv Anderson, Mel Wheeler & John Stokes represented our society at the monthly QOS meeting. Of course Mel told their members all about our coming show.

*That's all folks.*