

Orchid Talk

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◆ **Cultural Meeting**

Ningi Community Hall
Bribe Island Road, Ningi.
Meetings are held on the **4th Monday** of each month.
Next Meeting: 23rd January 2009

■ **Committee Meetings**

All members are always welcome at committee meetings.
Meetings are held on the **1st Monday** of each month at **7.30 pm** at 635 Beachmere Rd Beachmere
Next Meeting: 12th January 2009
2nd Monday January only.

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

We will be needing help to run the BBQ's at Bunnings. One on Sat. 17th January and one on Sunday March 15th '09. Please contact one of the committee if you can help. Only an hour or two would be great.

Your Committee wishes you all a very merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



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● **From your President:-**

Hello Everyone,

Firstly I must all let you know the date of the Christmas dinner has been changed from the 10th to 11th December at the Bribie RSL.

The reason for this is we have been given 2 dates to have a BBQ at Bunnings and they expect us to go to a compulsory meeting which happened to fall on the 10th. As we have been trying hard to get a BBQ date with them we cannot afford not to go to the meeting. Allan will be attending this meeting. The Christmas party was great. Plenty to eat, lots of rolling raffle gifts and plenty of members. Nice work everyone.

David & I would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

See you at the next meeting. Di



■ *Guest Speakers*

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| January | Kathy will be showing us a DVD on her recent trip to Thailand |
| February | Ernie Stewart speaking on the gadgets he makes for his orchids |
| March | Darryl Banks speaking on Nomenclature |

All members are invited to our annual Christmas dinner at the Bribie RSL On Dec 11th. (Thursday) At 6pm . Please bring your partner with you. It is a very relaxed and enjoyable evening. See you there. Please note change of date.

◆ Sunday Workshop

Darryl was this months speaker. He spoke on the Oncidium genera. It was a very interesting talk. Darryl bought along lots of oncid alliance flowers for all to see and some lovely plants for sale. Janet (new member) won the raffle We had about 12 people present which was nice to see. Remember No Workshop in December. It will return on Sunday January 18th. David and Di will be watching you pot this time. Please bring along \$3.00 each person for plant pot bark etc. We will be looking over your shoulder keeping an eye on you.

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***Phrag Grande x longifolium* (Judges choice)**



This genus which is related to Paph & Cypripedium orchids and range from Southern Mexico to Bolivia and Brazil. They grow in moist conditions in the wild hence my reason for grooving them in saucers of water with the exception of caudatum which likes to be dryer. I fertilise weekly at full strength and also flush the old water out of the saucer and refill it. This goes against all teachings for other orchids but works for these beautiful plants that produce such a wonderful array of flowers. To have some of these orchids in your collection would enhance your range dramatically. It is so worth it for something so lovely.



Caladium (Foliage)

I grow these in a mix of bark, perlite, foam, peat & gravel & give them plenty of water & fertiliser, weak dynamic lifter and a monthly dose of orchid fertiliser. These plants add good colour to our garden with so many leaf patterns.



Show Report

Thanks to everyone who helped at the show. You all know who you are and without you we could not keep the shows going. We did not have as many plants on the bench this year but what we had made a lovely display and our visitors were all happy. We had 45 on a bus from Bundaberg for Morning tea. Plant sales were down a little but what we had helped us to make a good profit overall. We have a very good raffle seller, our raffle took more than we have taken before. Our shows are always successful. Many thanks to all who participate and to other societies for displaying and benching.

Bus Trip

We are holding a bus trip on Saturday 14th February 09 to Aspley Orchid Society Show at Mt. Cootha & a wander around the gardens, and to Olive Branch Bromeliad Nursery Ferny Grove. Morning and afternoon tea will be supplied and we will purchase our own lunch. Anyone interested please contact me with your name ASAP. \$25.00 each

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Cat. Unknown Equal First Novice Sect

Tag on the plant "Empress of Russia"

Daryl Banks suggested it was an old plant, he was right. I have had it in my possession for over twenty years and it refuses to die.

I had it in a clay pot and never once re-potted the plant until last year.

The bark mix had disappeared and the plant survived on the pot and old roots alone. It kept flowering and looked ok so I left it alone, the only issue was that the flowers were getting smaller. Since re-potting with medium pine bark the flower has increased in size and the plant looks better.

I have the plant under 70 % shade cloth with most of the watering done by the rain. The flower has a lovely perfume, usually released in the evening.

Dennis. B

Encyclia unknown equal first Novice Sect

Someone gave me this plant, probably a weed

I grow it with all my other orchids under 70% shade and with very little care.

The rain does a lot of the watering and the potting mix is medium pine bark.

This plant was potted twelve months ago and is already trying to get out of the pot, the bulbs are plump and healthy, I will have to re-pot it after the flowers fall.

I fertilize whenever I can but not that often. Dennis

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November Show



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Dendrochillum wenzelii



Den. Spiral Gem



Den. Lady Gem



C. walkerana x C. loddigesii

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Judges for the night: Kathy Beatty & Darryl Banks

Benching Results of Cultural Meeting November 2008

| Genera | Placing | Name | Grower |
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| Judges Choice:- <i>Phrag Grande x longifolium</i> | | | Peter Furniss |
| Cattleya | 1 st | Sc. Lana Coryell | David & Di |
| | 2 nd | Slc. Maris Beat | Patrick |
| | 3 rd | C.Horace x C. walkerana | David & Di |
| Dendrobium | 1 st | Den. Spiral Gem | Ernie Stewart |
| | 2 nd | Den. Burana Stripe | Ernie Stewart |
| | 3 rd | Den. Gloucester Sands x cochliodes | Ernie Stewart |
| Vanda/Phal Hybrid | 1 st | Ascda. Mallai Aristocrat | Patrick Devereux |
| | 2 nd | V. Unknown | Patrick Devereux |
| | 3 rd | Ascda Truman Mates | Patrick Devereux |
| Paph. & Alliance | 1 st | <i>Phrag. Grande x longifolium</i> | Peter Furniss |
| Any Other Hybrid | 1 st | <i>Ang. leonis</i> | Patrick Devereux |
| | 2 nd | | |
| species | 1 st | <i>Den. lindleyi</i> | Patrick Devereux |
| | 2 nd | <i>L. purpurata</i> | David & Di |
| | 3 rd | C. unknown (white) | Patrick Devereux |
| Bromeliad | 1 st | Brom. | David & Di |
| Fern | 1 st | Silver | David & Di |
| Foliage | 1 st | Caladium | Peter Furniss |
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Hours after the end of the world soccer match, a border dispute emerged between heaven & hell. God invited the devil for conversations to find a way to resolve the dispute quickly. Satan, the devil, proposed a soccer game between heaven & earth. God, always fair, told the devil "The heat must be affecting your brain, the game would be oh so one sided. Don't you know all the "good" players go to heaven?". The devil smiling responded "Yeah, but we've got all the refs..."

A woman applying for a job in Florida lemon grove seemed way too qualified for the job. "Look Miss", said the foreman "Have you any actual experience in picking lemons?" Well , as a mater of fact, yes! She replied. "I've been divorced three times". Thanks Peter for the jokes.



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Orchid Talk

Pumicestone District Orchid Growers Workshop

Our workshop is every third Sunday of the month except December. Next workshop is **January 18th 2009** at **1-30pm** and our speaker will be David & Di. We will be looking over your shoulder while YOU do the potting this time.

Please bring \$3.00 per person for plant, pot, bark etc. It will be at **635 Beachmere Road Beachmere**. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea. Visitors most welcome. Contact Di on 54 962 861 or email sizzlin@bigpond.com for enquiries or information.

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