

# Orchid Talk

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**December 2008**

◆ **Cultural Meeting**

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

■ **Committee Meetings**

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

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**FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

The show was the main topic of conversation at this months committee meeting. We are all organised just need good weather now.

Ernie is going to talk at our February meeting. He is always coming up with brilliant ideas for his orchids or bushhouse so I think he will be very interesting. I know I have taken on some of his tips.

The STOCQ meeting is being held by Caloundra this time. John Woolf is their guest speaker. He is speaking on Oncidium. They also have some bush house visits after lunch. The meeting is on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at CCSA Hall Nutley Street, 9am Judges meeting, 9-30 Morning tea, 10am Business Meeting, 11am Guest speaker, 12noon lunch. If you wish to go please order your lunch by 20<sup>th</sup> November to [fmlenz@westnet.com.au](mailto:fmlenz@westnet.com.au).

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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 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. As we have been trying hard to get a BBQ date with them we cannot afford not to go to the meeting. Two members from the committee will attend.

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



■ *November 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Break Up*

As always at our Christmas party the club will be supplying the chicken. Members are asked to bring a plate of Christmas food. We have a rolling raffle on this night so please bring a present or two to add to the others. The club is buying some too. Plants are benched on this evening same as always. Lets all get into the Christmas spirit and come along to the meeting for some fun.

■ Guest Speakers

|          |                                                                |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| December | No Meeting                                                     |
| 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 10<sup>TH</sup>. AT 6PM PLEASE BRING YOUR PARTNER WITH YOU. IT IS A VERY RELAXED AND ENJOYABLE EVENING. SEE YOU THERE.



◆ Sunday Workshop

We had another good day. David spoke on hardcane Dens. Its always nice to get lots of questions, which he did. We potted a small den to a 100ml pot then cut up a much bigger one. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. June Alden won the first raffle. Daryl is the speaker in **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Come along. It's an enjoyable afternoon. Remember No Workshop in December. It will return on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

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***Vanda tricolor* (Judges choice)**



*V. tricolor* is a strap leaf species which is found in nature in Java and Timor and questionably in New Guinea, growing in the upland regions of those islands. The subject of this write up was acquired as a top cut in July 2003 and installed in a 150mm pot with no substrate, which was hung high in the shade house and watered and fertilised along with other orchids according to my usual schedule. As it had several arterial roots initially it settled in well and produced two flower spikes in Oct. 2003 and has flowered annually in the spring ever since and has produced many additional aerial roots. Bright light, good air movement, frequent spraying in dry conditions seem to suit it's requirements. It is an easy orchid to grow. David Eyles.

## **Maiden Hair Fern**

(Popular Vote)

I have owned this fern for quite a while but it has never looked this good. We visited Jim Day at his home before he spoke at our August meeting and I saw how he grew his ferns and had quite a talk to him. I came home and cut all the foliage of my fern and now it is just beautiful. The fern now sits in water at all times. I never let it dry out. It is in the bushhouse with 70% green shade cloth and sits on the bench. I fertilise all my ferns and foliage with orchid fertiliser. At the moment it is HSO 22 but by December I will be using HSO 10. This is the same regime as for the orchids. Di

A boy asks his granny, 'Have you seen my pills  
, they were labeled LSD?'  
Granny replies, bugger the pills, have you seen the  
dragons in the kitchen?!

### **Photographing Orchids by Ralph O'Brien**

### **Part 3**

**Sharpening pictures on the computer** is quite a trap. Any sharpening must be minimal or else the edges of the subject look very artificial. Now for the best kept secret. The one computer adjustment which really helps your picture print well is called 'Unsharp Masking' or perhaps 'Smart Sharpen'. This emphasizes the edges of objects in a much kinder way than normal sharpening. Experiment with settings but try the following:- View the screen at 100% Actual pixels. For subjects with average detail to say 4m away Amount 150% Radius 1.5. For highly detailed close ups Amount 300% Radius 0.3. Apply Unsharp Masking (USM) as the last step before printing.

**Some more hints** If you want to get a black background you can try the following:-Set the camera to manual: high shutter speed and a small aperture 8 – 16. This will effectively underexpose the picture so that it is black or very dark. Fill the screen with your flower. Now turn on the flash which will light the flower only – which will be perfectly exposed. You may need to vary the flash power. A telephoto setting on your lens may help. It will not be possible to use this technique on all point & shoot cameras, but it may work on some models. It certainly works well with more advanced reflex cameras with interchangeable lenses.

**Pint Size** Although your camera can produce nice prints of A4 size or larger, it is worth while making your prints smaller – about 5" x 7" (127mm x 178mm). A photo of this size printed on A4 glossy paper will have a nice wide border and make your orchid glow beautifully. For best results, do try to keep the area you photograph to about the size of an A4 sheet of paper too, or a bit less.

**In summary** Try different settings for your camera and see what each one does. In particular experiment with White Balance, exposure compensation and saturation. You will be amazed at what you can do. Good Luck.

Remember **ALECS**    **A = Angle**    **L = Lighting**    **E = Exposure**    **C = Colour**  
**S = Sharpness**

**November Show Results 2008**

|            |                                                 |                   |                                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Catt 1.01  | J. Kemp<br>B & M Elliott<br>D. Banks            | Onc. 5.03         | I & N Frizzo<br>R & E Hemmling<br>R & E Hemmling |
| Catt 1.02  | I & N Frizzo<br>D. Banks<br>Ann Sales           | Native 6.01       | M & M Shepherd<br>R & J Hopkins<br>A Sales       |
| Catt 1.03  | R & J Hopkins<br>I & N Frizzo<br>J.Livock       | Native 6.02       | D. Danks<br>D. Banks                             |
| Catt 1.04  | R & J Hopkins<br>J. Day<br>Ann Sales            | Species 7.01      | I & N Frizzo<br>I Mc Laren<br>D. Banks           |
| Den 2.01   | V & H Seibenhausen<br>Ann Sales<br>I & N Frizzo | Misc 7.02         | I & N Frizzo<br>I & N Frizzo<br>I & N Frizzo     |
| Den 2.02   | K & R Gowlett<br>E. Stewart                     | Fern 8.01         | J. Day<br>L. Beare<br>A. Sales                   |
| Den 2.03   | K & R Gowlett<br>K & R Gowlett<br>I & N Frizzo  | Anthurium         | N. Douglas                                       |
| Den. 2.04  | J & P Hopgood<br>N. Douglas<br>R & J Hopkins    | Brom 8.03         | A. Sales<br>N. Banks<br>N. Banks                 |
| Vanda 3.01 | J & B Hopgood<br>N. Douglas<br>N. Douglas       | Grand Champion    | I & N Frizzo                                     |
| Vanda 3.02 | G & R Smith<br>M & F Wheeler<br>M & F Wheeler   | Reserve Champion  | R & G Smith                                      |
| Vanda 3.03 | G & R Smith<br>P. Furniss<br>M & F Wheeler      | Champion Species  | I & N Frizzo                                     |
| Vanda 3.04 | N. Douglas<br>M & F Lenz<br>J & B Hopgood       | Champion Specimen | I & N Frizzo                                     |
| Paph 4.01  | M & F Wheeler<br>D. Banks<br>D. Banks           |                   |                                                  |
| Paph 4.02  | D. Banks<br>D. Banks<br>D. Banks                |                   |                                                  |
| Onc. 5.01  | M & F Wheeler<br>R & J Hopkins<br>A. Sales      |                   |                                                  |
| Onc. 5.02  | D. Banks<br>I & N Frizzo<br>D. Banks            |                   |                                                  |



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**Judges for the night: David Eyles & David Newell**

**Benching Results of Cultural Meeting October 2008**

| Genera                 | Placing         | Name                                            | Grower           |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Judges Choice:-</b> |                 | <i>Vanda tri color</i>                          | David Eyles      |
| Cattleya               | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Slc. Maris Beat</i>                          | Patrick Devereux |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Ctna. Maui Maid</i>                          | Peter Furniss    |
|                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>C. loddigesii x C. walkerana</i>             | David & Di       |
| Dendrobium             | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Den. Spiral Gem</i>                          | Ernie Stewart    |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Den. Unknown</i>                             | David & Di       |
|                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>Den. Waiani Valley</i>                       | David & Di       |
| Oncidium<br>& alliance | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Alcra. Alice 'Oka'</i>                       | Peter Furniss    |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Odcdm. Wildcatt</i>                          | David Eyles      |
|                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>Colm. Spacerace</i>                          | Ernie Stewart    |
| Vanda/Phal<br>Hybrid   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Phal. Sunflower x Phal Ching Her Goddess</i> | Peter Furniss    |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Phal. Golden Peoker</i>                      | Peter Furniss    |
|                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>Phal. Unknown</i>                            | Peter Furniss    |
| Any Other<br>Hybrid    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Cym. Aussie Midnight</i>                     | Patrick Devereux |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Lycaste Koolena x cruenta</i>                | Patrick Devereux |
| <i>species</i>         | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>V. tricolor</i>                              | David Eyles      |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Paph delenatii</i>                           | Peter Furniss    |
|                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>Den. discolor</i>                            | Ernie Stewart    |
| Bromeliad              | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Brom. Unknown</i>                            | David & Di       |
|                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>Neo. Aussie Dream</i>                        | David & Di       |
| Fern                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Maiden Hair</i>                              | David & Di       |
| Foliage                | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>Dieffenbachia</i>                            | David & Di       |

- > Two guys, one old timer and one young, are pushing their trollies around
- > Bunnings when they collide.
- > The old timer says to the young guy, 'Sorry about that. I'm looking for my
- > wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going.
- > 'The young guy says, 'That's OK. It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my
- > wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate.'
- > The old guy says, 'Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife
- > look like?'
- > The young guy says, 'Well, she is 24 yrs old, tall, with blonde hair, big
- > blue eyes, long legs, big boobs, and she's wearing tight white shorts, a
- > halter top and no bra. 'What does your wife look like?'

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> The old timer says..... 'Doesn't matter --- let's look for yours.' Most old timers are helpful like that!

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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 **November 16<sup>th</sup>** at **1-30pm** and our speaker will be Darryl. He will speak on re potting & general care of Oncidiums. It will be at **635 Beachmere Road Beachmere**. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Visitors most welcome. Contact Di on 54 962 861 or email [sizzlin@bigpond.com](mailto:sizzlin@bigpond.com) for enquiries or information.

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