

# Orchid Talk

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**June 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: 28<sup>th</sup> July**

## 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: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008**



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From your President:-

Hello Everyone,

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin of my 12 months.  
Hopefully we will be able to get some more  
new members by going to a few different  
places and showing ourselves off. We would  
like to put on a display in the next few  
months at Caboolture Park Shopping Centre  
& maybe have a BBQ or two at Bunnings. If  
we do manage to advertise ourselves in this  
way I do hope some members will help out  
in some small way. Don't forget to bench at  
Caboolture Show on 10<sup>th</sup> July.  
Maroochydore show coming up. See further  
down in the bulletin Next meeting Patrick is  
speaking on ***Den. speciosum***. Please make  
sure you come & listen.

See you at the next meeting. Di

### FROM YOUR COMMITTEE -

February 2008

Future Cultural Meetings (Mark  
Your Diary)

- *Please note committee meetings are  
now on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month not  
Tuesday*
- *Pumicestone will be starting up a  
New Growers. David & Di & Darryl*



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- Banks will be the speakers. It will mostly be at 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere with visits to Darryl's bush house as a trip periodically. Will let you know more soon.*
- The changes to the constitution are under way.*

Upcoming shows:-

**Maroochydore** Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> set up 1<sup>st</sup>

**Nambour** Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> set up 4<sup>th</sup>

**Glasshouse** Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> set up 25<sup>th</sup>

**Bribie** Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> set up 10<sup>th</sup> benching only

**Pumicestone** Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> set up 7<sup>th</sup> benching and table top displays

### July Guest Speaker

*Patrick will be speaking on **Den speciosum** on July 28<sup>th</sup>. We have not had anyone speak on speciosum before so please attend this meeting and stay for supper and a chat.*

### Maroochydore Show.

*This show is set up on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August and pull down is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. Please have your plants ready to display and either take them yourself or leave them with me at Beachmere or Ernie on the Island. This show is a table top so we do not need heaps but we do need variety. Email or send me your plant names for labeling.*

### Guest Speakers

<i>This month</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Den speciosum</i>
<i>August 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Jim Day</i>	<i>on ferns</i>
<i>September 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Barry &amp; Althea Connor</i>	<i>on African Violets</i>
<i>October 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Barry Kable from Peters Glen</i>	<i>he will speak on his Choice of orchid</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Our Christmas party and rolling raffle.</i>	
<i>December</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>	

### Meeting Plant Sales

*Just a reminder that Members can sell plants at Cultural Meetings as long as they are free from pests and diseases. Patrick Devereux is the Meeting Plant Sales co ordinator. Please see him if you have plants to sell at a meeting. Please be aware the club takes a 15% commission.*

### Society Library

*The society has a large selection of books on orchids, which all members are welcome to borrow. Please see David Eyles if you wish to borrow books. At the moment our books are in a cupboard in a shed away from the hall. Please ask on of the committee and we will take you to this cupboard. We have a lot of lovely books and it's well worth a look.*



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## Committee Meetings

### PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE

*All members are always welcome at committee meetings held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm at 635 Beachmere Road, Beachmere.*

## AGM

*The last meeting was the AGM. The new committee is as follows:-*

- President Di Smith
- Vice President Allan Nalder
- Secretary Ernie Stewart
- Treasurer Pam Milliner
- Show Organiser David Newell
- Committee Member Dennis Barnes
- Librarian David Eyles
- Scribe Sheyne Stewart
- Raffles Sheyne Stewart



## *Rhynchostylis gigantea*

The genus *Rhynchostylis* has about four species and is a member of the Vandaceous group of monopodial orchids.

The species *gigantea* is found in nature in Southern China, Burma, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam at low to moderate altitudes. Flower colour in the species ranges from red/purple through various spotting to pure white. The example tabled in this instance is the red/purple form and has been in my possession for many years, being originally acquired as a seedling in a 70mm pot in 1996 and repotted into a wooden basket in 1997 in which it has since remained. Very little substrate is required as *Rhynchostylis gigantea* seem to prefer to grow its roots in the air. Growth is assisted with an occasional spray of very weak fertilizer alternated with water.

The plant has proved to be a reliable flowerer, usually producing two racemes on opposite sides each year in late autumn or early winter.

The plant is usually housed under 70% shade hung high in the shade house.

Happy and successful orchid growing. David Eyles



### **Yearly Points Winners Open**

Cattleya	David Eyles
Any other Cattleya	Patrick
Dendrobium	David & Di
Oncidium Alliance	Darryl Banks
Vanda & Phalaenopsis	Patrick
Paphiopedlum	R & C Clark
Any other Hybrid	Darryl Banks
Species	Patrick

**Overall Winner Patrick Devereux**

Congratulations to all

A man on Bribie calls his son in Adelaide two days before Christmas and says 'I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you your Mother & I are divorcing; 45 years of misery is enough'. Gees Dad what are you talking about, screams his son. "we can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says "we're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this so you can phone your sister in Darwin and tell her".

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone "no way they're getting a divorce" she shouts, "I'll take care of this". She calls Bribie immediately and screams at her father "You are not getting divorced, Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we will both be there tomorrow. Until then don't do a thing. DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "okay" he says, "they're coming for Christmas and they are paying there own way".

### **Important Notes on Labelling**

1. Make sure you always copy correctly. Eg. We have a plant called *C. Minerva*. The first person changes (by mistake) the M to an N and comes up with *C. Ninerva* and so on. By the time the fourth person has copied incorrectly this label now reads *B. Nanarva*. This is nothing like the original and impossible to look up in the Sanders.
2. Always ensure that the correct generic make up is written down as this can also give a lot of information of size of flower and growing conditions required. eg. *Blc.* Large flower – warmer grower, *Slc.* Smaller flower – cooler grower.
3. Only *species* orchids can have varieties.
4. A registered name of an orchid must not be printed in italics to avoid confusion with a species.
5. A registered name of a hybrid may not have more than three parts. eg. Mary Ann Barnett.
6. The names used in the registered name of an orchid may not be abbreviated eg. Mount Hood not Mt. Hood.
7. Mem. may be abbreviated in the case of memoria. eg. Mem Crispin Rosales.

### **AWARDS**

*Sc.* Lana Coryell 'Bette'  
AM/AOC - QOS

Sometimes when reading a label, book or catalogue you will come across odd groups of letters such as AM/AOS, FCC/AOC or AD/QOS and so on. These groups signify that the particular clone has been examined by a recognised panel of Orchid judges and awarded a standard of excellency.

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**Judges for the night: Kathy Beatty**

**Benching Results of Cultural Meeting June 2008**



Genera	Placing	Name	
<b>Judges Choice:-</b>		<i>Cym. Unknown</i> <i>Rhy. Gigantea</i>	R & C Clark David Eyles
Cattleya Exhibition	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Blc. Sylvia Fry</i>	Di & David Newell
Cattleya Any Other	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Lc. Scarlet Imp X Slc. Napalm</i> <i>Slc. Maris Beat</i> <i>L. rubescens x L. anceps</i>	B & C McClure Patrick Devereux David Eyles
Dendrobium	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Den. Spiral Gem</i> <i>Den. Unknown</i> <i>Den. Wee Mary</i>	Ernie Stewart Ernie Stewart Ernie Stewart
Oncidium & Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Colm. Space Race</i> <i>Onc. Unknown</i>	Ernie Stewart Patrick Devereux
Vanda/ Phal Hybrids	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>V. Kultana Gold x V. Rasripfai</i>	David Eyles
.Any Other Hybrid	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	R & C. Clark
species	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Rhy.gigantea</i> <i>Paph insigni</i> <i>Dendlm. wenzellii</i>	David Eyles R & C Clark Patrick Devereux
Fern	1 <sup>st</sup>	Maiden Hair	R & C Clark
Bromelaid	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tillandsia Bromelaid	R & C Clark R & C Clark

**Cultural Note**

Now the nights and days are getting a little chilly it's time to lay off the watering of your orchids. If you have some under cover areas make sure your hard canes dens are nicely tucked under it. Any orchids in bud should also be under cover. Orchids like vandas, hardcane dendrobiums, phalaenopsis, catasiums also appreciate some cover. Once a week to 10 days between watering is sufficient. If you need to water choose a nice sunny morning so they can dry before night. Do not water if it is rainy or overcast. Your cold tolerant plants like the oncidium alliance, softcane dendrobiums, cymbidiums, masdevallias, Australian natives, etc will appreciate the cooler weather. Fertilising monthly is all that is required now with low nitrogen. A spray of Mancozeb will help any rot problems.

<b><u>Yearly Points Score Novice</u></b>			
Cattleya	B & C McClure	Any Other Hybrid	B & C McClure
Species	B & C McClure	<b>Overall Winners</b>	<b>B &amp; C McClure</b>
<b>Foliage Winners</b>	<b>R &amp; C Clark</b>	<b>Congratulations</b>	

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