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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: 22nd June

■ **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: 6th July

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● From your President:-

Hello Everyone,

Our last meeting was "talk about how **you** grow **your** plants" meeting. Our newer members were really impressed by this so thanks to all who participated. Welcome new members **John Livock** Pot #10 and **Albert Van Tuinen** Pot # 17 and **Dennis & Margaret Reick** Pot # 20. We all hope you enjoy your stay with us. Please members make them feel welcome. Help is needed for the STOCQ meeting. Please spend a couple of hours helping out. Don't forget next meeting AGM and presentation of yearly trophies.

See you at the next meeting. Di

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

1. Our club is holding the June STOCQ meeting on 27th June.. (See article page 3)
2. All fees now due. Please see Pam at next meeting.
3. Caboolture show 9th July. Please take your plants and bench them.
4. BBQ at Darryl's on Sunday 19th July for members and workshop members please all attend. See article page 5.
5. Bunnings BBQ Sunday 6th September.



◆ *June Meeting*

June 22nd. This meeting is our AGM and presentation of annual trophies. Fees have to be paid by this meeting to keep you financial.. Please bring your payment to the next meeting or send a cheque/money order to the society address on the front page.

■ *July Meeting*

July 27th Darryl will be giving a talk on growing and looking after your paphs. Plants will be on sale. Please bring your wallet/purse.

■ *Sunday Workshop*

Our last workshop was well supported and all were very interested. Peter brought some flasks, we showed them the beginning of a seed pod and I pollinated a couple of dens for all to see the process up to buying an orchid in a 50ml pot. I was really surprised how interested all were in this topic. Next month the talk is on fungisiding & fertilising. More info on next months meeting see back page.

Please remember the STOCQ meeting on June 27th. Our guest speaker is Graham Mc Kay. He grows some absolutely beautiful phally's. His talk is definitely worth listening to. The club is supplying a BBQ lunch and dessert for \$7.00. Morning tea is at 9am, judges meeting 9-30am, open meeting 10am, guest speaker 11am, lunch 12noon. There will be 3 bushhouse visits after lunch. If you can give some time please do so. We need cakes & slices for morning tea, and helpers to serve and to cook and organize the BBQ & salads etc.

Caboolture	10th 11th 12th July set up 9th	Display
Maroochy	8th - 9th August set up 7th	Display
Nambour	4th - 5th Sept Set up 3rd	Display
Glasshouse	2nd - 3rd October Set up 1st	Display
Bribie	10th - 11th Set up 9th	Benched
Our Show	7th - 8th November Set up 6th	Benched & Display.

DON'T FORGET JUNE IS OUR AGM. ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE ON A POSITION PLEASE LET ONE OF THE PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW. ALL POSITIONS ARE DECLARED VACANT COME JUNE. THINK ABOUT IT. PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE RUNNING OF YOUR SOCIETY. THIS MEETING IS ALSO PRESENTATION OF YEARLY TROPHIES. CARRYN SULLIVAN WILL CHAIR AGM AND PRESENT TROPHIES. NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY BY 5PM JUNE 8TH.

Phrag Eric Young “Natasha”

This is a primary hybrid between Phrag besseae and Phrag longifolium. The cross was registered in 1991 by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in England an organization that does a lot of breeding with Paphs & Phrags.

The Plant.

I purchased the plant about 6 years ago as a 50mm seedling from P & R Orchids for about \$20 or \$25. Phrags tend to be a little expensive as they do not breed very well and nurseries need to charge more to recover costs on all the crosses that they do and flask but nothing grows from the ones that do grow. I purchased 5 or 6 plants of this cross at the time (never buy one of a cross always a minimum of 5 so you have a chance of getting something worth while out of it). On the upside most Phrags tend to be very strong growers and this plant flowered in about 2 ½ years from being purchased and has flowered every year since.

The flower is a very large form of Eric Young and at over 14cm spread is award quality when compared to overseas awards. The plant will (as many Phrags do) sequentially flower for 6 mths or more from the one spike. I have not had it tested but looking at the size of the plant and texture of it & comparing that to the other Eric Young's I have I would say that it is a 3N or 4N (remember from the talk of a few months ago).

Growing It

I find most Phrags to be easy and rewarding plants to grow.

This plant grows in a covered bush house with a solid roof of 55% laserlite and 50% shade cloth sides. The plant grows on the southern side of the bushhouse (no reason that is just where it is).

It is potted in 50% med grade bark & 50% perlite (super coarse). The plants must be repotted every 2 years.

It sits year round in a saucer of water about 1cm deep to keep it moist/ wet all the time (which is why you must repot it frequently as the mix will break down).

The plant is watered twice a week in spring, summer & autumn & once a week in winter.

To be honest it would be lucky to get 4 to 6 feedings of liquid fertilizer a year (I must look to feed them more but time is an issue). I use Campbell's Diamond Blue fertilizer at a rate of 1gm per litre of water.

It would get 2 sprays a year with fungicide (Phospot) and 2 sprays a year with a pesticide (Crown) both times this would be mixed with a fertilizer and sprayed on the plants with a wetting agent to the point of run off.

I would recommend that all of you try some Phrags as they are easy to grow and generally stay in flower for many months.

An Aside

You would normally be used to seeing my clonal name on good plants being “Montville” however about the time this plant flowered for the first time my best friends wife – Natasha died. Natasha was only 30 years old with 2 young kids – she went into hospital for a minor operation connected with a sporting injury and suffered a blood clot that moved to her brain. In memory of her for about 12mths after that all my good orchids were called “Natasha”.



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July workshop is a trip to Darryl's nursery. This is for Pumicestone members and workshop members and the club is putting on a sausage sizzle for lunch. If you wish to car pool we are leaving 635 Beachmere Road at 12noon sharp. If you would like to make your own way to Darryl's please be there by 1pm. After lunch Darryl will give us a talk and a wander around his nursery. Please attend.

With all this rain around it is time to take a good look at you orchids. Most of our bushhouses are under solarweave but the ones that are not are very wet. We don't usually get rain like this, this close to winter, so with the cooler nights and wet roots, problems can happen. A spray of mancozeb will help but that is wetting the orchids again. Keep an eye on them. If you have snails use whatever method you prefer to eliminate them. They love this weather. If you do have some covered area make sure you put plants under it as soon as you see a sheath appearing. Remember some of your plants manage winter better than others. If you have warmer growing varieties put them under cover or hang them so you don't water as much.

A NUN WAS SITTING AT THE AIRPORT, WAITING FOR HER FLIGHT TO CHICAGO . SHE LOOKED OVER IN THE CORNER AND SAW ONE OF THOSE WEIGHT MACHINES THAT TELLS YOUR FORTUNE AND THOUGHT TO HERSELF, 'I'LL GIVE IT A TRY AND SEE WHAT IT TELLS ME.' SHE WENT OVER TO THE MACHINE, STEPPED UP ON THE SCALE AND PUT HER NICKEL IN, OUT CAME A CARD THAT READ, 'YOU ARE A NUN, YOU WEIGH 128 LBS, AND YOU ARE GOING TO CHICAGO .' THE NUN SAT BACK DOWN. SHE TOLD HERSELF THAT THE MACHINE PROBABLY GIVES THE SAME CARD TO EVERYONE. THE MORE SHE THOUGHT ABOUT IT THE MORE CURIOUS SHE GOT SO SHE DECIDED TO TRY IT AGAIN SHE WENT BACK TO THE MACHINE AND AGAIN PUT HER NICKEL IN, AND OUT CAME A CARD THAT READ: 'YOU ARE A NUN, YOU WEIGH 128 LBS, YOU ARE GOING TO CHICAGO AND YOU ARE GOING TO PLAY A FIDDLE.' THE NUN SAYS TO HERSELF, 'I KNOW THAT IS WRONG, I HAVE NEVER PLAYED A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT EVEN ONCE IN MY LIFE.' SHE SAT BACK DOWN. FROM OUT OF NOWHERE A COWBOY CAME OVER AND SAT DOWN, PUTTING HIS FIDDLE CASE ON THE SEAT BETWEEN THEM. WITHOUT THINKING, SHE OPENED THE COWBOY'S CASE, TOOK OUT THE FIDDLE, AND STARTED PLAYING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. SURPRISED AT WHAT SHE HAD DONE, SHE LOOKED OVER AT THE MACHINE, THINKING, 'THIS IS INCREDIBLE, I'VE GOT TO TRY THIS AGAIN.' BACK TO THE MACHINE SHE WENT, PUT IN ANOTHER NICKEL, AND ANOTHER CARD CAME OUT. IT READ, 'YOU ARE A NUN, YOU WEIGH 128 LBS , YOU ARE GOING TO CHICAGO AND YOU ARE GOING TO BREAK WIND.' NOW SHE KNOWS THE MACHINE IS WRONG ,AS SHE THOUGHT TO HERSELF, 'I'VE NEVER BROKEN WIND IN PUBLIC A SINGLE TIME IN MY LIFE.' BUT GETTING DOWN OFF THE MACHINE SHE SLIPPED, AND AS SHE WAS STRAINING TO KEEP HERSELF FROM FALLING TO THE FLOOR, SHE BROKE WIND. ABSOLUTELY STUNNED, SHE SAT BACK DOWN AND LOOKED AT THE MACHINE. SHE SAID TO HERSELF, 'THIS IS TRULY REMARKABLE. I'VE GOT TO TRY THIS AGAIN.' SHE WENT BACK TO THE MACHINE, PUT IN ANOTHER NICKEL AND ANOTHER CARD CAME OUT. IT READ, 'YOU ARE A NUN, YOU WEIGH 128 LBS, YOU HAVE FIDDLED AND FARTED AROUND AND MISSED YOUR FLIGHT TO CHICAGO

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Den. Starlet Beauty



**Blc. Golden Canefields x
Goldenzelle**



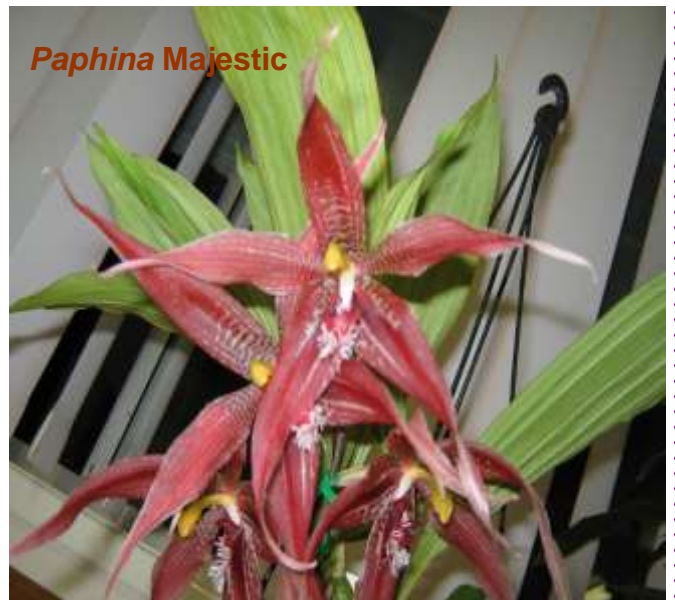
Blira. Tahoma Glacier



Anthurium



Paph. insigne



Paphina Majestic

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Judges for the night: Darryl Banks

Benching Results of Cultural Meeting May 2009

<u>Genera</u>	<u>Placing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Judges Choice:-		<i>Phrag.</i> Eric Young	D. Banks
Cattleya Exhibition	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Blc.</i> Goldenzelle Canefields x Goldenzelle <i>Blc.</i> Burdekin Storm <i>Blc.</i> AdoltHeckler x Drumbeat	J. Livock R & C Clark J. Livock
Cattleya Any Other	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Pot.</i> Free Spirit <i>Pot.</i> Sweet Cherry <i>Pot.</i> Free Spirit	J. Livock R & C Clark David & Di
Dendrobium	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Den.</i> Starlet Beauty <i>Den. helix</i> x <i>Queen Cobra</i> xx <i>canaliculatum</i> <i>Den.</i> Dal's Pixie	David & Di Ernie Stewart David & Di
Paph Allianc	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Phrag.</i> Eric Young Paph. Fire Lady <i>Paph</i> Flinders Park	D. Banks D. Banks D. Banks
Oncidium	1 st 2 nd	<i>Bllra.</i> Tahoma Glacier <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	D. Banks R & C Clark
species	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Paph insigne</i> <i>Den. bigibbum</i> <i>L. anceps</i>	D. Banks Ernie Stewart R & C Clark
Any other Hybrid	1 st 2 nd	<i>Paphina</i> Majestic Zygo. Kuiypo	D Banks D. Banks
Foliage	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Anthurium Anthurium Anthurium	David & Di David & Di David & Di
Bromeliad	1 st	Neo. Enchantment	David & Di

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Pumicestone District Orchid Growers Workshop

Our workshop is every third Sunday of the month except December. Next workshop is June 21st. This meeting will be a discussion on fertilising & fungisiding. Please bring a plate of something for afternoon tea. Don't forget to bring some money for a raffle ticket or to buy a plant or two. Visitors most welcome. Contact Di on 54 962 861 or email sizzlin@bigpond.com for enquiries or information.

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