

orchid talk

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December 2008

◆ **Cultural Meeting**

Ningi Community Hall
Bribe Island Road, Ningi.
Meetings are held on the **4th Monday** of each month.
Except December
Next Meeting: 26th 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*

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

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 brought 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 growing 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 the ones 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 participated 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, then 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 . More details next month.

Ph. 54 962 861 or email sizzlin@bigpond.com. Other societies most welcome.

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

Cultural Notes

With the hot days, warm nights and rain from the storms your orchids should be just about jumping out of their pots. Time now to get in and finish off the last of your repotting you have been putting off to take advantage of the conditions. Watch the cooler growing genera such as oncidiums, miltoniopsis etc to see if they are coping with the higher humidity. You may need to move them to a cooler part of the shadehouse if they seem stressed.

Of course with summer comes the eternal problem of pests like dendrobium beetle, grasshoppers, cockroaches, snails Keep your eyes open for signs of their presence and take the necessary action to control them.

Watering of your orchids at the moment should be restricted to the early morning before the sun gets up too high and heats the plants. A good exercise for you to do is to go to your bush house in the morning and feel the leaves of your plants. Then do the same thing in the middle of the day and you will be surprised how much warmer the leaves are. A watering of the floor of your orchid house in the middle of the day is a good idea as it brings the humidity up and helps cool the air without actually watering the heated plants. Some growers water their orchids in the cool of the evening but I do not like this as it means the plants are going to bed with wet feet and possibly encouraging fungus problems.

New Members

Welcome to Janet & Graeme Watson . Your pot number is 9 and your buddy is Di. We hope you have a long & enjoyable association with the club.

A fireman is at the station working outside on the fire truck when he notices a little boy next door. The boy is in a little red wagon with ladders hung off the side. He is wearing a fireman s hat and has the wagon tied to a dog. The fireman said "Hey little boy, what are you doing?" The little boy said "I m pretending to be a fireman and this is my fire truck. The fireman walks over to take a closer look. "Little boy, that sure is a nice truck" the fireman says. "Thanks mister" says the little boy. The fireman takes a closer look and notices the little boy has tied the dog to his wagon by his testicles. "Little boy" he says " I think your truck would go faster if you tied it around the dogs neck". Little boy says " your probably right mister, but then I wouldn't have a siren!"

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Judges for the night: Kathy Beatty & Darryl Banks

Benching Results of Cultural Meeting November 2008

Genera	Placing	Name	Grower
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 <i>C. walkerana</i>	David & Di
Dendrobium	1 st	<i>Den.</i> Spiral Gem	Ernie Stewart
	2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Burana Stripe	Ernie Stewart
	3 rd	<i>Den.</i> Gloucester Sands x <i>cochliodes</i>	Ernie Stewart
Vanda/Phal Hybrid	1 st	<i>Ascda.</i> Mallai Aristocrat	Patrick Devereux
	2 nd	V. Unknown	Patrick Devereux
	3 rd	<i>Ascda</i> Truman Motes	Patrick Devereux
Paph. & Alliance	1 st	<i>Phrag.</i> Grande x <i>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 matter of fact, yes! She replied. "I've been divorced three times". Thanks Peter for the jokes.

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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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