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◆ Cultural Meeting

Ningi Community Hall
Bribe Island Road, Ningi.
Meetings are held on the **4th Monday**
of each month starting at 7.30 pm.
Next Meeting: 23rd August 2010

■ Committee Meetings

All members are always welcome
at committee meetings.
Meetings are held on the **1st Monday**
Of the month at **7.30 pm** at
635 Beachmere Rd Beachmere
Next Meeting: 6th September 2010

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- ❖ As stated in the last bulletin members who had not renewed their fees would no longer be receiving a bulletin. If you know of a member who has not paid but wishes to rejoin please let them know.
- ❖ Please consider even small positions within the club just to make it a bit easier on the few.



● From your President:-

Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to members who won sections at our yearly point score presentation. Winner of the novice section in all 3 sections was Jim Day. Winners of open sections Paph – Darryl Banks, Any other – Peter Furniss, Vanda/Phal section - Stan Miles, Species section – Patrick Devereux, Den, Cattleya, Oncid sections and Yearly winner – David & Di. Jim is now in the open section so come on novices let us see your plants.

Di.



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August is now our AGM. All positions become vacant on that night. Anyone wishing to stand for any positions please fill out the nomination form that was sent or emailed to you. Nominations can be taken off the floor if no form has been filled out previously.

August meeting will be the AGM. The accountant has assured me all will be ready.

🌿 **September meeting 27th September**

Darryl Banks will be speaking at this meeting.

August Workshop will be on 15th August

It is at 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere at 1-30pm please bring a plate and a chair. We will be starting our repotting at this workshop. Please attend.

■ **Glasshouse Country Orchid Show**

■ This show is a fair time away but please put it in your diary. Set up 24th September Show dates 25th & 26th. It is held in Community Hall Beerwah.

A.N.O.S – Kabi Group is holding an Australian Native Orchid Show on 21 – 22 August at The Lion's Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds 757 Gympie Road Lawnton. Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 8-30am – 2pm.

North Brisbane O/S Show Auditorium Botanical Gardens Mt. Cootha August 28th & 29th



This is the display Allan put up and pulled down for Pumicestone at the Caboolture Show.

Many thanks Allan.

Congratulations Stan Miles, John Livock, Patrick Devereux, Jim Day and David & Di on receiving prizes.

Dendrochilum wenzellii

By Stan Miles

This is a genus of more than 120 epiphytic species found from New Guinea to South East Asia mainly in Borneo & the Phillipines. They can be mounted on slabs, but prefer small pots preferring to be pot bound. Care should be taken not to disturb the roots when potting up. I grow mine in fine bark in warm sunny area keeping the bark moist but not wet in a well ventilated section of the shadehouse.



REPOTTING

Before you start repotting you will need the right equipment to do the job:-

1. *Secateurs - a few in different styles.*
2. *Steriliser for secateurs eg. Sterri- Kleen.*
3. *Stakes and ties.*
4. *Labels and pencils*
5. *Correct orchid pots in different sizes. Orchid pots are shallower and have more drainage holes in them.*
6. *Good quality orchid mix. The mix you use is a personal choice, but most mixes use bark in them. Ensure you buy a good hard treated bark that will last for two years.*
7. *Clean newspaper*
8. *Mancozeb.*

Lay clean newspaper on workbench. Remove label. Gently squeeze sides of pot to loosen plant. Remove plant from pot and take old mix from around the roots. Using sterilised secateurs remove old back canes and any rotten roots. If dividing plant ensure each division has at least three canes and a new growth. Return secateurs to the sterilising solution. Seal any cuts made to the orchids rhizome with Mancozeb. Apply Mancozeb with cotton bud then throw away. Roll all rubbish in newspaper and dispose of. Plant is now ready to go in new pot.

Select the correct size pot – this should allow for two years growth. Do not overpot as orchids like being pot bound. Place plant in pot with back of plant against side of pot so front of plant is in the middle of the pot. (The back of the plant is the end with the smallest growths).

While holding plant with one hand fill pot with mix. Ensure the rhizome is not buried, but lies along top of mix. Gently tap pot on bench to help settle mix around roots. Stake plant to stop it moving and breaking new roots. If label needs replacing, make up new label. Put date of repotting on back of label and put the label back into the pot. If you use slow release fertiliser put a pinch of fertiliser on mix and put plant back into bushhouse in a cooler position until roots begin and plant has settled in.

A lot of new mixes do not hold much water, so you may need to water newly potted plants a bit more frequently until the mix does hold some water.

Fertilise newly potted plants with high nitrogen fertiliser (eg. HSO 22 or Aquafeed) to promote growth. A dose of root hormone also helps.

Den. Pixie Princess

This flower was voted popular vote at the July meeting. I can understand why. It is very pretty, it's a prolific flowerer and there are very few around so it's not seen a lot. I have 3 of these plants and would not part with any. They are all divisions of the original plant. This does not mean they all flower at the same time. The plant on the bench has been out for about 3 months. It had 7 spikes. Now the other two are in spike one is nearly out and one has very tight buds so I am going to have these flowers for months. Most of you know our tunnel house. These plants are all hanging in the northern end of it. They are about 2 meters apart so have slightly different conditions. When the end door is open one of them gets the filtered sun. That is the one that flowered first. So obviously that tells us this plant likes lots of light. In the winter all the dens are kept very dry. I water every 20 days or so, and very seldom open the sides of the tunnel house so they are quite hot in there. Of course in the summer all the tunnel house is open so there is about the same temperature all year round. The reason for so much water in the summer is humidity. I water twice a week. Not necessarily the plants but the floor. Most dens originate from the Singapore areas where it is very humid. I don't fertilise very often. When I repot they all get slow release, so each time I water they get a little fertiliser. Some say Dens are hard to grow. They are very easy if you can give them the correct conditions. Undercover and a little warmer in the winter & out in the open bushhouse in the summer. Di

A blonde decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons or prior experience.

She mounts the horse, unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into action. As it gallops along at its steady and rhythmic pace, the blonde begins to slip from the saddle.

In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but despite her best efforts, slides down the horse's flanks.

The horse continues to gallop along, seemingly oblivious to its slipping rider. Finally, giving up her frail grip, the blonde attempts to leap away from the horse and throw herself to safety.

Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup.

She is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground time and time again.

As her head is battered against the ground, she is mere moments away from unconsciousness when to her great fortune, Frank, the Woolworth's trolley boy, sees her dilemma and unplugs the horse.



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Plants tabled by members at the July meeting. Left to right Rhy. Gigantea Jim Day, Phal. John Moon x Dtps. Mount Lip Kathy Beatty, Blc. Dream Trader 'Colossus' David & Di, Pot Free Spirit x Sc Lana Coryell Patrick Devereux, Den. Jaq Hawaii x *canaliculatum* David & Di, Epicat Renee Marquis Stan Miles.

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Benching Results of Cultural Meeting July

Judges for the night: Kathy Beatty

Judges Choice

Dend wenzellii

Stan Miles

| <u>Genera</u> | <u>Placing</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Grower</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| | | | |
| Cattleya | 1 st | Blc. Dream Trader | David & Di |
| | 2 nd | | |
| | 3 rd | | |
| Catt any other | 1 st | Bl. Yellow Bird | Patrick |
| | 2 nd | Pot Free Spirit x Lana Coryell | Patrick |
| | 3 rd | Slc. Maris Beat | Patrick |
| Dendrobium | 1 st | Den Pixie Princess | David & Di |
| | 2 nd | Den. Jaq Hawaii x <i>canaliculatum</i> | David & Di |
| | 3 rd | Den. Wee Mary | David & Di |
| species | 1 st | <i>Dend wenzellii</i> | Stan Miles |
| | 2 nd | <i>Rhy. gigantea</i> | Jim Day |
| | 3 rd | <i>Phal. amabilis</i> | Kathy |
| Oncidium | 1 st | Onc. Twinkle | Ernie |
| | 2 nd | Odcdm Wildcatt | Stan Miles |
| | 3 rd | | |
| Vanda/Phal Hybrid | 1 st | Phal. John Moon x Dtps. Mount Lip | Kathy |
| Any Other Hybrid | 1 st | Epicat Renee Marques | Stan Miles |
| Fern & Foliage | 1 st | Maiden Hair | Jim Day |
| | 2 nd | Maiden Hair | Jim Day |
| Brom | 1 st | Tillandsia | Ernie |
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Pumicestone District Orchid Growers Workshop

Our workshop is every third Sunday of the month except December. Next meeting is on **August 15th**. Please see page 3 of this bulletin for details.

Please bring a chair, some afternoon tea money for a raffle and problem plants. Contact Di on 54 962 861 or email sizzlin@bigpond.com for enquiries or information.

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