

# *orchid talk*



**April 2011**



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◆ Cultural Meeting

Ningi Community Hall  
Bribie Island Road, Ningi.  
Meetings are held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
of each month starting at 7.30 pm.  
**Next Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011**



■ Committee Meetings

**All members** are always welcome  
at committee meetings.

**Meetings** are held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday**  
Of the month at **7.30 pm** at  
635 Beachmere Rd Beachmere  
**Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011**

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- ❖ Pumicestone email address.  
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- ❖ Pumicestone web site:  
[pdofs.org.au](http://pdofs.org.au). Have a look.
- ❖ Any members wishing to purchase a club T shirt please see Di.
- ❖ Any members wishing to order a name badge please see Allan Nalder.
- ❖ See page 3 for information on 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- ❖ See page 3 for Bus Trip information. May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ❖ Bunnings BBQ information July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Page 4
- ❖ Our show 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> May. See page 3 for details
- ❖ We are having floral art at this show to sell. If anyone has some spare flowers could you please donate them to the floral art ladies
- ❖ Fees are due before 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please see Allan. If you joined after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011, your fees are not due till next year.

● From your President:-

Hello Everyone,  
We have lots coming up. Our show, Bus Trip, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Bunnings BBQ. Hopefully we will see you at them all.

Many thanks to Browne for being our guest speaker at our last meeting. Everyone was so interested in his talk I thought we were going to have questions all evening.

Congratulations to Kathy and Stan. Kathy received a first and Stan a third at the Caloundra Show.

Our show is getting closer. We really need someone to stay back till midnight on Saturday night. If you can help will you please let me know. Allan will arrive at midnight to take over. Please keep some time over the weekend to help.

Di.

➤ Cultural Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>

At this meeting we will be repotting from a compot. I bought 2 compots at the Pine Rivers Fair. They are different names. Each member can pot 1 plant and we want to see them back at the November break up with their plant. Just to check up on you. This meeting is on Easter Monday with the Anzac day holiday the following day.

🌱 Workshop April 17<sup>th</sup>

We are speaking about Hardcane dendrobiums at this meeting. If you have any you would like to talk about bring them along. It is too late in the year to repot them but we can tell you where to put them in the winter months. There are plenty out at the moment for you to have a look at. See back page of bulletin for details.

🚌 Bus Trip

Don't forget our bus trip on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We are leaving 635 Beachmere Road at 7-45am sharp. First stop Oz Orchids then an open garden & Hoya Nursery for morning tea. On to Fame Orchids then lunch. We will all be purchasing our own lunch at Capalaba Sports Club. After lunch we will visit Barry Kable and have a cuppa there before heading home. We are hoping to be home around 4-30pm.

We have started to advertise so if any member would like to put their name down contact me soon. Cost \$35.00 per head.

🌱 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Our dinner is on 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Beachmere Tavern. \$25.00 per head. It's our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. All members present will receive a gift from the club. Your committee would love to see all members at this function. Please give me your name to book a seat.

🛠️ Our Show

Set up for our show is May 6<sup>th</sup>. The guys will set up the grounds from 9-30am and we will then set up the inside hall. We are expecting our visitors benching from 3pm onwards. We need help all this weekend so please put a few hours aside to help.

Presentation from 2pm Sunday. Pull down is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 3.00pm.

Please start saving small boxes eg. Cereal, cake mix, ice block etc. for show, plant sales. We also need people to bake. Please let me know if you can do some cooking for the patrons and members working.

**Bunnings BBQ**

We have been given a BBQ day on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please let me know at the next meeting if you can help.

## *Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.*

### • Upcoming Events

EDOS Orchid Society	16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wondall Rd. Manly West
Bribie O/S Show	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Benched Show
QOS	22-23-24 <sup>th</sup> April	Botanic Gardens, Mt. Cootha
Toowoomba Orchid Soc.	30 <sup>th</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Gardenfest, Lindsay St
<b>Pumicestone Show (Our show)</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road Ningi</b>
Oasis Orchid & Garden Expo	21-22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Cnr Surf & Charles Ave Broadbeach
Caboolture Orchid Show	8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July	
North Brisbane O/S	20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Botanic Gardens, Mt. Cootha
Nambour Show	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	
Glasshouse Show	23-24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	

### ❖ Upcoming guest speakers in 2011

April	<i>repat a com pot (this meeting is Easter week end)</i>
May	<i>Jim Day speaking on ferns</i>
June	<i>No guest speaker (AGM)</i>
July	<i>Ann Sales on "Equitant Oncidiums"</i>
August	<i>Sue Jones Cymbidiums</i>
September	<i>Albert Gibbard QOS Judge</i>
October	<i>Talk on species by Robert Trost</i>
November	<i>Christmas Break up</i>
December	<i>No Meeting</i>

#### Dendrobium Green Elf Novice Popular Vote February Meeting

This is an orchid I've had for a few and miss handling. It flowers twice a just sits there in my shade house & way to go. *Martha Piccinich*



years now. it seems to thrive on neglect year, early spring & again late summer. It does its thing with no problems. The only

### The growing of Begonias by *Jim Day*



To regrow Begonias you take a mature leaf on a stem, cut the stem 25 – 30 cm from the leaf 1" – 1 1/2 ". Mix up some seed raising mix with 50% vermiculite and 50% seed raising mix. Put some honey on stem, then cut 27 degree cut, and make whole in pot and place stem into pot up to the butt of the leaf. This takes about 8 – 10 weeks when plant is well developed, put into a nice size pot 8 – 10 inches. This needs a reasonable drainage mix, such as a good potting mix with some rotted down orchid mix. Begonias don't like to have wet feet. Place in a well-lit place under about 50% shade cloth. Slugs, snails and grasshoppers love to munch on begonias.

Many thanks to the Community Gaming Fund for supplying us with computers and a laser printer to produce this bulletin.

**WINTERING YOUR ORCHIDS.**

One of the most often asked questions from new growers is “What do I do with my orchids in winter?” A lot depends on how severe our winter is in a particular year. These notes are based on the climate in South East Queensland where some winters can be almost like spring and others can be very cold and wet.

To successfully winter your orchids you will need to know what climatic conditions your different orchids require. This usually brings the question “How do I know that?” The information you require can be very easily obtained by reading a few of the many orchid texts available and for those that you can’t find out about, an experienced grower can give a wealth of information that most are happy to pass on.

We generally recommend that growers have a covered area in their bush house. Not only is this useful for keeping flowering plants out of the weather, it can also be used to put your cold intolerant plants under in winter. Orchids like vandas, hardcane dendrobiums, phalaenopsis, catasetums etc. will cope with winter much better if you can keep the cold winds and dews off them. If your covered area is not large enough for your warm growing plants you may need to extend your covered area by putting extra solarweave or similar on the roof. It is also a good idea if your greenhouse gets the westerly winds blowing through it, to put solarweave on the western wall as well. Solarweave is not very expensive and you will find the small expense and bit of trouble in putting up the solarweave to be well worth while.

Your cold tolerant plants like the oncidium alliance, softcane dendrobiums, cymbidiums, masdevallias, Australian natives, etc. will appreciate the cooler weather and will not need the covered protection. With these you will find you will have more problems with them in the heat of summer and will need to protect them from excessive heat.

Cattleya’s will generally cope with most of our weather conditions be it summer or winter. However some, due to the parentage used, may be susceptible to either extreme of temperatures. These will let you know by not looking ‘happy’. If the plant does not seem to be doing well, move it to another position that is warmer or cooler as the case may be.

Watering during the winter months is crucial. Reduce your watering to a minimum in the cold weather. On an average once a week is adequate if we are having our usual winter days. If we are having a spell of particularly cold weather, it will not hurt the orchids not to be watered for a couple of weeks. Always water in the morning and try to water on a fine day so your plants have a chance to dry by night. Watch your new growths that they do not get water in them and dampen off.

During the cooler weather your orchids generally will go dormant. The green tips on the roots will seal over and plant growth will slow down. Fertilising should be reduced to about once every three to four weeks, and a low nitrogen fertiliser (eg. HSO 12, Aqua K) used. Once again ensure you fertilise early in the day.

If we have a spell of wet weather a precautionary spray of Mancozeb fungicide (readily available from the hardware) is advisable to prevent any rot problems. If you have black marks or soft rot on the leaves a couple of doses of Mancozeb given a week apart will usually stop the problem. Often removal of the affected leaf and then plant sprayed will better help bring the problem under control. Remember - prevention is better than cure! The correct growing environment with plenty of air movement, will ensure happy healthy plants and save the expense and hassles of spraying fungicides.

It is difficult for a new grower to decide what is the best to do for their orchids and to be able to read the symptoms the orchid is showing of a problem. If you are in doubt, seek the advice of an experienced grower whose judgment you can trust.



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**Benching Results of Cultural Meeting March 2011**

**Judge for the night: Kathy Beatty**

**Judges Choice**

*Dend. magnum*

**Martha Piccinich**

<u>Genera</u>	<u>Placing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Cattleya	1 <sup>st</sup>	C. Unknown	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Blc.</i> Ports of Paradise	Ruth & Jim
Cattleya Any other	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Blc.</i> Rustic Spots	Patrick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Pot.</i> Free Spirit	Jim Day
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	C. Chocolate Drop	David & Di
Dendrobium	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den</i> Dal Maree	David & Di
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Den.</i> Always Killani Jaq	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Den.</i> Dal's Queen x bigibbum	David & Di
Oncidium	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Onc.</i> Sweet Sugar	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Milt.</i> Ebony Beauty	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	Patrick
Vanda/Phal Hybrid	1 <sup>st</sup>	V. Unknown	Ruth & Jim
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Fuji Yama x Dr. Anek	Bruce Mc Clure
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Ascda.</i> Marilyn Farwell	Patrick
species	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Aer. lawrencea</i>	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>C. bowringiana</i>	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	David & Di
Novice Any Other	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	Jan & John Hopson
		<i>Bulb.</i> Louis Sandes	Martha Piccinich
Novice species	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dend. magnum</i>	Martha
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Phrag. sendenii</i>	Martha
Fern & Foliage	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alocasia	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Begonia Rex	Jim Day

*Fees due by 30<sup>th</sup> April. See 'From your committee' on page 2 for details.*



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# *Orchid Talk*

## *Pumicestone District Orchid Growers Workshop*

Our workshop is every third Sunday of the month except December. Next meeting is on **April 17th** at **635 Beachmere Road Beachmere. 1-30pm start.**

See **page 3** of this bulletin for details. Please bring a chair, some afternoon tea, money for a raffle, and your problem plants. Contact Di on 54 962 861 or email [sizzlin@bigpond.com](mailto:sizzlin@bigpond.com) for enquiries or information.



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