

orchid talk



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January 2011
Happy New Year

◆ Cultural Meeting

Ningi Community Hall
Bribie Island Road, Ningi.
Meetings are held on the **4th Monday**
of each month starting at 7.30 pm.
Next Meeting: 24th January 2011



■ 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: 7th February 2011

● From your President:-

Hello Everyone,

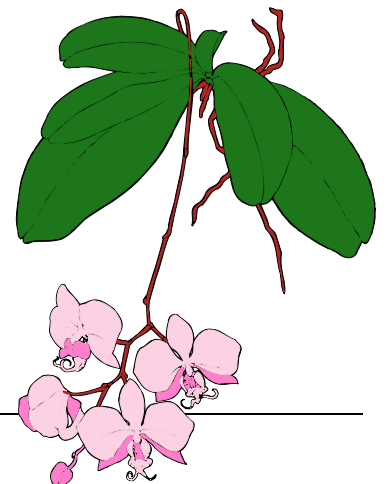
Hope everyone had a very happy
Christmas and New Year. David & I had
Christmas lunch with my family then the
afternoon with his, so we had a busy
day. We did nothing for the next few
days. (the cricket was not worth
watching).

I hope all your plants survived the rain.
Didn't we have a drenching?
Our first show for the year is Caloundra
in April. We will be putting table top
displays on from now. Please put your
plants in bud under cover and stake
them up.

PLEASE NOTE FIRST COMMITTEE
MEETING FOR THE YEAR IS ON
JANUARY 10TH AT OUR PLACE AT 7-
30pm.

FIRST WORKSHOP IS JANUARY 16TH
1-30pm AT 635 BEACHMERE ROAD
BEACHMERE.

Di.



FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- ❖ **Pumicestone** now has it's own
email address. The emails go to
Helen our Asst secretary. It is
pumicestoneorchids@bigpond.com.
- ❖ Any members wishing to purchase a
club T shirt please see Di.
- ❖ Any members wishing to order a name
badge please see Allan Nalder.
- ❖ We are going to try to run a bus trip
first half of the year. Thanks to Kathy
for giving us heaps of names and
phone numbers. Will let you know
when.
- ❖ Please start saving small boxes eg.
Cereal, cake mix, ice block etc. for
show, plant sales.



 **Cultural Meeting January 24th**

MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO REPAIRS TO NINGI HALL

 **Cultural Meeting February 28th**

Ann Sales will speak at this meeting. She is speaking about growing plants on mounts. Ann is a good grower and a really interesting speaker so please come to this meeting. We all need to know how to grow orchids on mounts successfully.

 **Workshop January 16th**

This is the first workshop for the year. We have been tidying up our hard cane dendrobiums and have a lot of kiki's. We thought maybe each workshop member would like to pot their own kiki and take it home. It is still the repotting season and dens grow really well in the hotter weather. See back page of bulletin for details.

Our Christmas BBQ on the beach was very disappointing with the number of members attending. The members who did attend had a lovely time and plenty to eat and drink. Our Christmas breakup at the Beachmere Tavern was very well attended and we all had a great time. The staff at the tavern set a Christmas Table up for us which looked great, the food was lovely and company very friendly. We will certainly be going back there again.

Upcoming Events

Aspley Orchid Society Show	12 th 13 th Feb	Botanic Gardens Mt. Cootha
Qld International Fair	4 th 5 th 6 th March	Pine Rivers PCYC Baker St Bray Park.
Sunshine Coast Caloundra	8 th 9 th April	Table top display
EDOS Orchid Society	16 th 17 th April	
Bribie O/S Show	22 nd 23 rd April	Benched Show
Pumicestone Show (Our show)	7 th 8 th May	Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Ro Ningi



Our Christmas party at the beach. Lovely day shame more members did not attend.

CULTURAL NOTES

As we are having so much rain at the moment you should keep an eye on some aspects of your orchids. Any new growths you have on any genera should be kept free of water getting into the top of it. Excessive water will dampen off the new growth very easily. Try to put your plants under some sort of cover. If you do not have too many plants put them under a patio or the like. If you have a sloping roof on your shade house some solar weave on the roof is ideal to control how much water your plants are getting. This can also be done in winter to both control water and frost/heavy dews in the colder weather. A spray of Mancozeb will help once the rain clears up but that won't help while it is still raining. Anything you have in bud at the moment would also like a bit of cover. Ensure you do not overcrowd your plants so they get plenty of air circulation around them to help them dry out quickly. In this type of weather slugs and snails are also active. Treat with snail baits ensuring any pets cannot eat the baits. If your plants are under cover still be careful with your watering as the extra moisture in the air will mean your orchids will not dry out as fast.

Everyone should be well under way with their repotting if you have not already finished. The fresh rain water and humidity will help the plants to quickly reestablish in their pots. Some **high nitrogen/low potash** fertilizer at this time will assist in strong root growth.

Once you are happy that your plants are well established in their pots with good root growth you should then ease back on the high nitrogen fertilizer and give more **low nitrogen/high potash** fertilizer. This will help to produce bigger, better and stronger flowers when your orchids flower in autumn.

Don't forget all your orchid growing needs are available from Peters Glen Shadehouses (refer to ad in this bulletin on back page).

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

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Welcome new members

- ❖ Elaine Grant pot # 17 your buddy is Jim Day
- ❖ Rhonda Gray pot # 23 your buddy is Allan Nalder
- ❖ Martha Piccinich pot # 24 your buddy is Ruth Eaton
- ❖ Debbie & Phillip Smith pot # 11 your buddy is Denis Barnes
- ❖ John Cockinos Pot # 9 your buddy is Allan Nalder

We hope you enjoy your stay with us and learn plenty about how to look after Your orchids.

Upcoming guest speakers in 2011

<i>March</i>	<i>Browne on "Weeds in Orchids"</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>repot a flask (this meeting is Easter week end)</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Talk on Cattleyas (to be confirmed)</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>No guest speaker (AGM)</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Ann Sales on "Equitant Onciciums"</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Sue Jones Cymbidiums</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Albert Gibbard QOS Judge</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Talk on species (to be confirmed)</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Christmas Break up</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>

Bulbophyllum affine

This is my plant and it is it's first flowering. I bought this plant from Robert Trost's Nursery about 12 months ago or so. It is not a real big plant. Its in a 140ml pot but will soon be repotted into a shallow bonsai pot. I use bonsai pots for all creeping type orchids. They look good on the bench and they are heavy so take a bit to topple over. This plant grows in Northern India to Nepal and around Taiwan. Each flower rises from the base of the pseudobulb and the flowers are about 25ml across. This is a lovely plant to grow, it's a bit different and flowers don't have too long on a small plant. So you grow a lot of species. It's nice to walk into the bush house and find something different. I grow this plant on an eastern bench of the bush house and have just a couple of taller plants behind it to give a little more shade.



If you don't normally have your bulletin posted to you but you have this one, it is because I have lost all my email addresses. Our computer 'died' over the holidays and we had to get a new one. I had everything backed up on an external drive but not email addresses. Please send me an email so I can get your address again. Many thanks
Di

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Benching Results of Cultural Meeting December 2010

Judge for the night: Kathy Beatty

Judges Choice

Den. wassellii

Partick Devereux

<u>Genera</u>	<u>Placing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Cattleya	1 st	<i>Pot. Dal's Moon</i>	Jim Day
	2 nd	<i>Blc. Unknown</i>	Ruth & Jim
Oncidium alliance	1 st	<i>Colm Spacetante x ornithurincum</i>	Kathy Beatty
Dendrobium	1 st	Den Waianae Valley 'Lei'	David & Di
	2 nd	Den. Gatton Sunray	Patrick
	3 rd	Den superbiens	David & Di
species	1 st	<i>Den wassellii</i>	Patrick
	2 nd	<i>L. purpurata</i>	David & Di
	3 rd	<i>Aeranthus ramosus</i>	Patrick
Novice any other	1 st	Epi Unknown	Janet Watson
	2 nd	Brs. Starex	Janet Watson
Novice species	1 st	<i>L. purpurata</i>	Janet Watson
Broms	1 st	<i>Brom. Orange Glow</i>	Jim Day
	2 nd	<i>Neo. Red Plate</i>	Jim Day
	3 rd	<i>Neo. Nonis</i>	Janet Watson
Fern & Foliage	1 st	Fern	Jim Day
	2 nd	Fern	Jim Day
	3 rd	Fern	Jim Day

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



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Address _____

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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 **January 16th** at **635 Beachmere Road Beachmere**

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 for enquiries or information.



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