

# **orchid talk**



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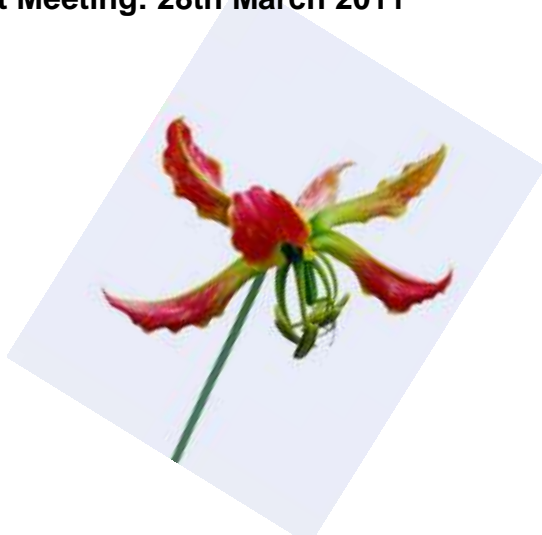
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**March 2011**

◆ 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: 28th March 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: 4th April 2011**

● From your President:-

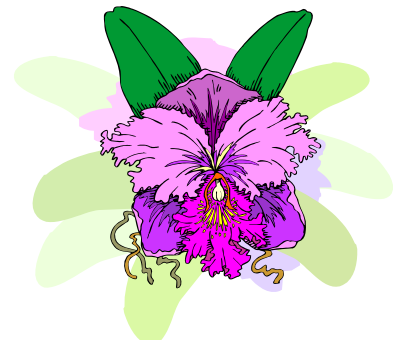
Hello Everyone,  
Many thanks to Ann Sales for speaking  
at our last meeting on 'Orchids on  
Mounts'. Anyone who missed this  
meeting, Ann's notes are on page 5.  
Ann's talk was very informative and very  
easy to understand.

Our first show for the year is Caloundra  
in April. We will be putting on a table top  
display. Please put your plants in bud  
under cover and stake them up. Plant  
names can be sent to me by 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
Show set up is on 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you can  
help please let me know. Welcome new  
member Unice O'Donnell. Your new  
members kit will be ready for you at New  
Growers. 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.

Di.

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

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- ❖ **Pumicestone web site:**  
[pdfs.org.au](http://pdfs.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> .  
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- ❖ Our show 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> May. See page 3 for  
details



➤ **Cultural Meeting March 28<sup>th</sup>**

At this meeting Browne will be speaking on 'Weeds in your Orchids'. We all have this problem so all should be at the meeting to find out what to do. Bring your plants along with weeds in them and hopefully you will get help.

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

At this meeting we will be repotting from a compot. One of the committee members will buy a compot from the International Orchid Show. We will try to get one that will be able to be taken out in April. Hopefully a cooler grower. This meeting is on Easter Monday with the Anzac day holiday the following day.

 **Workshop March**

We are speaking about Oncidiums at this meeting. If you have any you would like to talk about bring them along. If an Oncidium needs repotting it can still be done at this meeting. They are happy in the cooler weather. The following meeting we will be speaking about hard cane dendrobiums. There should be plenty out at the April meeting for you to have a look at. See back page of bulletin for details.

● **Bus Trip**

We are having our first bus trip for the year 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 need numbers from members soon as we will advertise in the local papers in the upcoming weeks. Cost \$35.00 per head inc morning & afternoon tea.

 **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

I am really proud to be advertising our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We have had some very hard times and now the club has never had so many members, all seem really happy at the meetings and our New Growers is going from strength to strength. You should all be proud of the club you have now made.

Our dinner is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Beachmere Tavern. \$25.00 per head at 6-30pm. 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 2-30pm 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.

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

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### **Bunnings BBQ**

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

#### **Upcoming Events**

Nambour Orchid Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Montville Church Hall Montville
Sunshine Coast Caloundra	8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Table top display
EDOS Orchid Society	16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> April	
Bribie O/S Show	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Benched Show
Toowoomba Orchid Soc.	30 <sup>th</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Gardenfest, Lindsay St
Pumicestone Show (Our show)	7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road Ningi

#### **➤ Welcome new members**

*Unice O'Donnell      Pot # 31      Your buddy is Dennis Barnes*

*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 com pot (this meeting is Easter week end)</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Jim Day speaking on ferns</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>No guest speaker (AGM)</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Ann Sales on "Equitant Oncidiums"</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 by Robert Trost</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Christmas Break up</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>

### ***Oncidium Sharry Baby "Sweet Fragrance"***

This plant grew great this summer, must have been all the rain, as it grows out in the open .

I did not water this summer only a spray around the floor to keep things humid.

I tend to move this plant to more shade in summer and toward more sun in the winter.

It grows under 70% shade cloth

Last spring I potted - on this plant as it outgrows the pot in one year, I will do the same again next spring as it is already trying to get out of the pot.

I tend to use a mixture of small/medium bark with about 10% perlite to fill in around the pot.

I fertilize my orchids once a week in summer and once a fortnight in winter.

This regime only happens if I am home otherwise they wait.      Dennis

**Orchids on Mounts –A Presentation by Ann Sales**

- There are lots of mounts that can be used for orchids. Some of the most commonly used ones are... trees, logs, cork, aged dead tree fern (black not brown), untreated aged wood slabs.
- The best time to mount an orchid is when it is “in growing mode” and the new roots are only just starting to appear. This is also the time to remove an orchid from an old mount and put it on a new one.(that is also the best time for repotting)
- Most orchids I have mounted grow upwards so you would place them at the bottom of the mount, so that they have lots of room to grow.
- Carefully tie the plant firmly to the mount with the area where the new growth is appearing closest to the mount. Take care not to damage the new roots. The orchid must not be able to move around when tied. It must be firmly attached.
- A small amount of sphagnum moss over the roots can assist in retaining moisture in the root area until the plant is established on the mount.
- Make sure all the old mix has been removed from the roots before you attach to the mount, but try not to break off or damage the roots as you do this.
- Orchids like rough bark logs, for example bottle brush trees. Logs and trees which shed their bark are not suitable for mounting orchids.
- Orchids can be attached to the bare trunks of palm trees but only in areas where the fronds have detached already. Take care attaching orchids to golden cane palms, as those palms seem to be very prone to harbouring mealy bug where the fronds join the trunk, and your orchids will become easily infested.
- Attach using old stockings, fishing line, flat wide green tie wire.... I have even used hairpin (Ushaped) wire to attach orchids to tree fern. I once saw a Leptotes attached to cork using a Staple gun. It usually takes about 3 months for the orchid to attach itself firmly to the mount but be cautious about removing ties too early. Ensure you support the upper part of the plant so it does not hang down and put additional pressure on the new roots. Only remove ties once the orchid is very firmly attached and established. I quite like fishing line because it is unobtrusive though some consider it is very sharp and likely to cut roots. Don't forget the name label.
- Keep the newly mounted orchid in a cool place. Initially, I water daily until they are established and especially in hot weather. Avoid hot, dry windy areas. I grow my mounts on the back ‘southern’ covered walls of my orchid houses, and those that are newly mounted are kept in the cooler lower area.
- Be cautious with Tree fern mounts. The mount can turn ‘sour’ and the plant can go backwards very quickly. It's not good enough to give the mount a quick shower of water. Water to fully penetrate the mount and then flow through it freely. This will also flush it out. Close observation of established plants on tree ferns is strongly recommended as they age, so that you can ensure you relocate the plant when it shows any signs of losing vigour.
- I fertilise my mounts with liquid fertilisers, at the same time as I am fertilising my potted orchids. Similarly, if I am spraying insecticide they get their spray at the same time as the potted orchids.
- If you have a mount which will allow the orchid to grow around it, then hanging it using a fishing swivel which will allow the mount to turn or be turned to ensure the orchid receives light to all sides of the mount.

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

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*Pot. Free Spirit*



*Ascda.*



*Den. Burana Jade*



*Den. Dal's Pride*



*Den. Unknown*



*Vasco. Brisbane River*



*Ctna. Morse Code*



*Onc. Sharry Baby*



*Phal. Little Skipper*



*Den. Always Killani Jaq*



*V. Unknown*



*Pteris Fern*



*Begonia*



*L. purpurata*



*Bc. Dal's Charm*

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**Benching Results of Cultural Meeting February 2011**

**Judge for the night: Kathy Beatty**

**Judges Choice**

***Onc. Sharry Baby***

**Denis Barnes**

<u>Genera</u>	<u>Placing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Cattleya	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Blc. Crispin Rosales</i>	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Cattleya Any other	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Vkt. Rosellas Ripper</i>	Kathy Beatty
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Pot. Free Spirit</i>	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Slc. Seagulls Minicatt Heaven</i>	David & Di
Dendrobium	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den Dal's Pride</i>	David & Di
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Den. Always Killani Jaq</i>	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Den. Burana Stripe</i>	Ernie
Oncidium	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	Dennis
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Milt. Guanabara</i>	Jim Day
Vanda/Phal Hybrid	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Vasco Brisbane River</i>	Stan Miles
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Phal. Little Skipper</i>	Kathy
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>V. Luke Thai x Aer maculatum</i>	Bruce Mc Clure
species	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dend. macranthum</i>	David & Di
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Polidota</i>	David & Di
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Geodorum densiflorum</i>	Ernie
Novice Catts	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Ctna. Morse Code</i>	Janet Watson
Novice Any Other	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Martha Piccinich
		<i>Vanda Unknown</i>	Janet Watson
Broms	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Brom.</i>	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Neo. Vibrant</i>	Janet Watson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Neo. Hybrid</i>	Janet Watson
Fern & Foliage	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Foliage</i>	Jim Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Fern</i>	Jim Day

**Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him. Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture? "**

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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 **March 20<sup>th</sup>** 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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