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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: 27th August 2012



Day Meeting

Ningi Community Hall
Bribie Island Road, Ningi
Meetings are held on the **2nd Friday**
of each month starting at 9am.
Next meeting: 10th August 2012



Committee Meeting

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: 3rd September 2012



Hello Members,

We had a wonderful turn up of members and visitors at our last day meeting. Many thanks to all who came.

You will read on page 4 of this bulletin the itinerary of a bus trip we are having in September. Please put your name down early for a seat.

You will also read in this bulletin we have a new treasurer. Allan has decided to have a break from treasurer for a while. He is staying on as vice president.

Welcome 2 new members this month, Lyn Auger and Alana Naylor. We hope you enjoy your time with our club.

Next day meeting our guest speaker is David . He is speaking on repotting your orchids

Cultural meeting is Albert Gibbard on bulbophyllums.

See you at our next meeting,

Di.

From Your Committee



Bus trip organized and details are in the bulletin. Please read and let me know a s a p if you wish to book a seat.



Please consider buying a club tee shirt. \$20.00. See Di.



Anyone wanting a name badge. They are \$10.00. Please see Allan.



Welcome new members Alana Naylor and Lyn Auger. Your pot Numbers are 16 &17 respectively. We hope you enjoy your time at Our club.



All members are welcome to the committee meetings.



Day Meeting August 10th 9am Ningi Hall

This month we are speaking on orchids. We will be showing you how to repot an orchid and have a general talk on the care of orchids. David will be our guest speaker. He is an excellent speaker and very knowledgeable on this subject. If anyone has an orchid plant they would like some help with please bring it along. Many thanks to Arnold and Phyllis James for their very interesting talk on tillandsia's last month.



Cultural Meeting August 27th 7-30pm Ningi Hall

This month our guest speaker is Albert Gibbard. He is a QOS judge and knows a lot about orchids. He is speaking on bulbophyllums (photo above). These are a very interesting orchid to grow with many different varieties. Please attend this meeting. It is a long way for our guest speakers to drive for a small amount of members to attend.

Cultural Meeting Upcoming guest speakers in 2012

AUGUST 27TH	Albert Gibbard bulbophyllums
SEPTEMBER 24TH	Hands on repotting
OCTOBER 22ND	Browne
NOVEMBER 26TH	Chrissy Party

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Day Meeting Upcoming guest speakers in 2012

AUGUST 10th	Talk on orchids
SEPTEMBER 14th	Darryl Banks
OCTOBER 12th	Orchid repotting
NOVEMBER 9th	Christmas Party

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Bus trip 30th September

Our next bus trip will be on September 30th . We are leaving 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere

at 8am. Our first stop is Society Show, where you buy plants from their having morning tea there. Markets. We will give around this market. This lunch. Stop number three a plant nursery, they also last stop of the day is will also be having



cost of this trip is \$27.00 \$30.00 each for non club members. Please get your name in early as we will be advertising this trip in the local papers. You can phone or email me now, or give me your name at the next meeting.

Eastern Districts Orchid can walk around the show plus plant sales. We will also be Next stop is the Chandler you plenty of time to walk is where you buy your own is King Country nursery. This is have rain forest walks. The Burbank Orchid Nursery. We afternoon tea here. The each for club members and

Our treasurer Allan, has decided to have a break from this job. His work has awkward hours for him to get to the bank for floats for the BBQ's etc. It was decided at the committee meeting to vote in David Newell as our new treasurer. David will do the job till someone else puts their hand up (soon).

Coming events

Aug 11 – 12th	Maroochydore show Community Hall Millward Road.
Aug 25 -26th	Kabi Native Orchid Show Lawnton Showgrounds
Aug 31st Sept 1st	Nambour O/S show Uniting Hall.
Sept 28 -29th	Glasshouse Country O/S

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

REPOTTING VANDAS

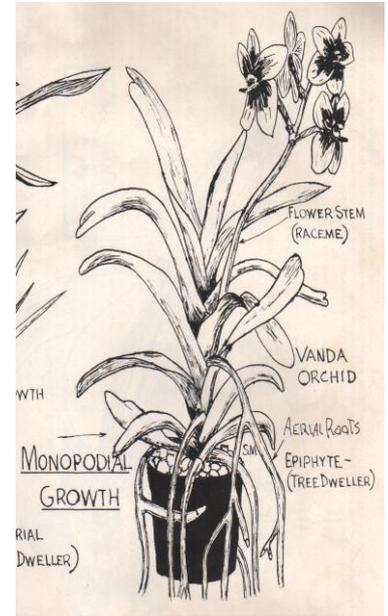
In their natural environment vandas grow on the sides of trees and rocks with their roots exposed to all the elements. After they get wet when it rains they dry out very quickly. In our greenhouse culture we have to try to duplicate these conditions. If you look at your vanda you will note that the roots are very thick and fleshy. You will also note that the growth habit is different to cattleya's, dendrobiums etc. in that it has monopodial type growth - that is that it grows singly upward instead of growing across the pot with multiple canes. There are generally two methods of potting vandas most commonly used - Pot culture and Basket culture.

Before you start potting your vandas ensure you have all the necessary equipment ready to use - secateurs, steriliser etc. as per the cattleya potting sheet.

POT CULTURE

When choosing the correct size pot to put your vanda into, select the size that will comfortably support the vanda on your bench. The size of the height of the vanda will dictate what is suitable. Next you will need to decide what mix to use. Keep in mind the rule of thumb to work by - the thicker the roots the coarser the bark. As vandas have very thick roots you will need to use a coarser bark mix than you would use for cattleya's, dendrobiums etc. A good mix would be your standard cattleya mix you would use for that size pot and add the next grade bark up from that to the mix to make it a little bit coarser.

After removing the vanda from its old pot remove the mix from around the roots. If a few bits of the old bark are attached to the roots and cannot be taken off without damaging the vandas roots then leave them on. Place the vanda in the centre of the pot with base of the plant where the roots meet growth, level with the top of the pot. Fill the pot with your mix making sure it is fairly firm in the pot. If the plant is loose in the mix you may have to stake it. Ensure you put the label back in the new pot. Return to the greenhouse. If you are repotting at a very hot time it is advisable to put in the plant in a shadier position until the plant re-establishes itself in the new mix.



BASKET CULTURE

The type of basket you decide to put your vandas into is a personal choice for you to make. The old wooden baskets are still very popular for their aesthetic look, but the more modern plastic baskets are practical as they will not rot like the wooden ones will do. You can also make your own baskets out of gutter guard and similar material if you choose.

Potting into baskets is very simple. After you have removed the plant from the old mix, simply thread the roots through the holes or slots in the basket ensuring the base of the plant stays level with the top of the basket. Put some coarse bark in the basket around the roots. If the plant is wobbly attach it to the basket's wire hanger. Ensure the name label is in the new basket. It is beneficial to put a bit of old man's beard around the top of the basket to help hold moisture and keep up humidity. Don't let the beard grow too thick as it can hold too much moisture. Hang back in your greenhouse as for pot culture.

You will find you will need to water basket grown vandas more than pot grown vandas as the extra air movement in the basket makes them dry quicker.

REMEMBER : POT YOUR VANDAS IN THE WARMER WEATHER WHEN THEY ARE SHOWING GREEN TIPS ON THE ROOTS AND ARE IN GROWTH MODE.

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Orchid Talk

Please note New Growers is no longer on a Sunday afternoon but on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road Ningi, starting at 9am. Still bring problem plants, and if you have something you would like to discuss, please ask.

