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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: 25th February 2013**



Hello Members,

Hope you all survived the shocking winds and rain we had over the Australia Day weekend. We had a Palm Tree snap near ground level on our property and of course it brought down the power lines. We were without power for 4 days. Isn't it surprising how we take power for granted. I turned lights on for the whole 4 days without thinking. Thank goodness I had a good book.

You should be seeing lots of new growths on all your orchids now. It's time to start thinking about low nitrogen fertiliser. This helps the growths fatten up and should produce some nice flowers in a few months.

See you at our next meeting,

Di.



Day Meeting

**Ningi Community Hall
Bribie Island Road, Ningi
Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday
of each month starting at 9am.
Next meeting: 8th February 2013**



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: 4th March 2013**



*Dendrobium
engae*



Bifrinaria



Day Meeting February 8th 9am Ningi Hall

At this meeting Ernie Stewart, one of our experienced members, will be showing us how to make and use baskets, hangars etc. Ernie has made a lot for me over the years of which I still use. This will be a very interesting talk and Ernie knows a lot about orchids so ask him plenty of questions.



Cultural Meeting February 25th 7-30pm Ningi Hall

David will be talking about the plants on the bench and how to best present them.

OUR BUS TRIP

We will be leaving 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere at 8am sharp on March 1st. (Friday). We will be heading straight for the Queensland International Orchid Fair at Beenleigh. Don't forget to bring your wallet as you will find a lot of different stalls to buy from. This is an excellent place to buy all different genera & potting supplies. Bring a box or bag with your name on to take your goodies home.

On the way home we will be calling into somewhere for lunch where you will purchase your own meal.

The cost of the bus is \$28.00 per person & we will be having a raffle on the bus on the way home. This will not be a late afternoon possibly home by around 2-3pm. We are nearly full on the bus but can order a larger one so please give me your names as soon as you can. People who gave me your name at the November meeting please let me know to confirm.

OUR SHOW

It is time to start thinking about our own show in May. This show is always on the second weekend which is Mothers Day weekend. We always need help so please put some hours over this weekend in your diary. We will do a roster closer to the time. Please start saving boxes. Cereal, cake mix, tea, any that we can use in the plant sales. You can bring them to any meeting and we will store them in our shed. More about our show next month.

New Member

Welcome new member Bob West. Your Pot number is 21. We all hope you enjoy our company, meetings and functions.

Don't forget the club has a web site. www.pdofs.org.au. If anyone would like to add some information to this site please feel free to email it to me and I will forward it to Phillip.

Kay's food at both meetings must have been a hit. I have been asked for the recipe of the food she bought to the morning meeting. So here it is.

Marshmallow Balls

250G melted butter

1 ½ packets arrowroot biscuits

2 tablespoons cocoa

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1 cup coconut

Take about 1 teaspoon of mixture, flatten (have hands wet) in palm of hand place marshmallow in middle and fold in edges. Roll in coconut.

Why We Love CHILDREN!!

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead. "How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked him. "Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently. "You did WHAT?!!" the teacher exclaimed in surprise. "You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

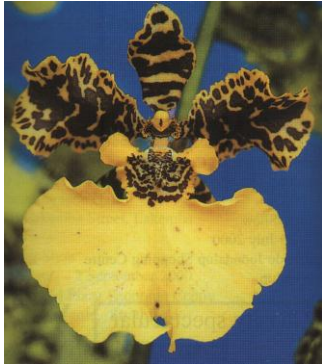
My neighbour was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn. He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair.

"My goodness," he said with excitement, "you appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore. The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the wastebasket, saying, 'You won't be needing this anymore,' so I thanked him and left!"

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE

Everyone is probably familiar with the common yellow 'Dancing Lady' orchid that grows in your garden. The term 'oncidium alliance' refers to a large number of different genera all belonging to the subtribe Oncidiinae, such as *Brassia*, *Miltonia*, *Odontoglossums* etc. By interbreeding between and coloured flowers easy to grow. As some growing it is a good of the genera used as are very useful for genera used to make



Milt. Arthur Cobbledick

these different genera a great range of different shaped has been produced.. These intergeneric hybrids are quite of these genera are warm growing and some are cool idea for the grower to find out the growing requirements

parents . Reference books such as 'What Orchid Is That' this. You will of course need to be able to decipher the the hybrid.

GROWING CONDITIONS

As a general rule most Oncidium Alliance require slightly cooler Cattleyas, Dendrobiums etc. Grow your plants in the shadier greenhouse where they do not get the hot summer sun. If you do then grow them lower to the ground where they will get any breeze greenhouse. If you look at the leaves of your Oncidium type plants have a soft type of leaf. As a guide usually plants with soft leaves like more shade, plants with hard thick leaves like more sun.



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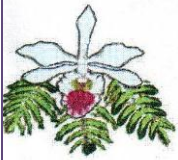
POTTING MIX

If you look at the roots on the Oncidiums you will see that they have a finer type of root. This indicates they like a bit more moisture than orchids with larger, fleshier roots like cattleyas and vandas etc.. Use a bark mix a bit finer than you would use for potting cattleyas in the same size pot. eg if you use large bark in a 140mm pot for cattleya's then use medium bark in 140mm pot for oncid.



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Orchid Talk

Our day meeting is on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road Ningi, starting at 9am. Please bring plants you are having a problem with, or need to know how to repot, and if you have something you would like to discuss, please ask.