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**January 2013
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: 25th February 2013



Day Meeting

Ningi Community Hall
Bribie Island Road, Ningi
Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday
of each month starting at 9am.
Next meeting: 11th January 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 February 2013

Hello Members,

Hope you all had a very happy New Years Eve and will continue for 2013. Helen & Jim and David and I had a lovely afternoon and evening on the banks of the Bribie Passage, waiting for the fireworks and enjoying a lovely meal.

Hope all your orchids are growing nicely. You should have heaps of new growths now and be fertilising with a high nitrogen fertiliser at the moment. Any queries ask at the meeting.

See you at our next meeting,

Di.

From Your Committee



Our Tee Shirts come from Totally Workwear Morayfield. Please talk to Di about how to order them. They cost \$20.00. Club pays for logo.



Anyone wanting a name badge. They are \$10.00. Let me know if you wish to order one.



All members are welcome to the committee meetings.



Day Meeting January 11th 9am Ningi Hall

This meeting will be repotting. We would like members to bring one of your plants along that needs some T L C. We will show you how to repot it, if that is what is needed, or just some advice if necessary. Remember if you are having a problem with a plant, so are other members.



Cultural Meeting February 25th 7-30pm Ningi Hall

The night cultural meetings will begin in February due to the Australia day long weekend falling on the 4th Monday of the month. Guest speaker will be notified next bulletin.

The committee spent the morning at the hall over the break cleaning out our shed. We now have an up to date stock take for the auditor this June. If anyone has any of the clubs library books, or knows an ex member who has any, could you please bring them to a meeting as soon as possible please. A list of all our books will be sent to you for you to select and borrow if you wish.

The Queensland International Orchid Fair has moved in 2013 to Beenleigh Showgrounds, James Street, Beenleigh. This is an excellent fair to buy orchids. There are nurseries from Townsville to Victoria attending. A lot of our members have been to this fair for many years while it was at Strathpine. We are having a bus trip on 1st March 2013 (Friday) to this event. Please let us know as soon as you can because, at the moment, we have only organised a 20 seat bus. We will also call into somewhere for lunch. This venue is not yet organised.

I have received pamphlets from Aspley Orchid Society advertising their Summer show at Mount Cootha Botanic Gardens Auditorium on February 16/17th 2013. Put this date in your diary.

Orchid Show & Trade Fair Albert Waterways Community Centre Sunshine Blvd (opp. Pacific Fair) Sat 1st June & Sun2nd June 2013. 18 commercial Traders. If interested put this date in your diary.

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.

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At the night Christmas break up Kay Waller made a lovely Lemon Slice. Below is the recipe. Thanks Kay for sending it to me.

**1 ½ cups plain flour
½ cup Icing Sugar
150G melted butter**

Combine all together and press into tray lined with baking paper. Bake in moderate oven for 15minutes or until golden brown. Then beat together 1 tin condensed milk, 2 eggs yolks and ½ cup lemon juice. Pour over base. Then beat 2 egg whites and 2 tablespoons of sugar gradually. Cook meringue for about 10 minutes or until golden brown.

This slice is really yummy.



We had 2 Christmas parties this year. One for the day meeting and one for the night meeting. We all went home with a rolling raffle prize or two. Thank you to all who bought a plate of food. It was delicious. Many thanks to Helen for organising the meal for us and presenting it so nicely.



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Thought you may like to have a look at these beautiful little orchids. I would think not many of you have seen or heard of these. They are a cool grower. Their name is *Dracula* and they remind me of a little monkey.



These epiphytic and terrestrial species are distributed in Central America and the northwest Andes, almost half in Ecuador alone. They prefer shadow and an even, rather cold, temperature.

These orchids grow in tufts from a short rhizome, with a dense pack of stems. They lack pseudobulbs. On each stems grows one large, thin, plicate leaf with a sharply defined midrib. These light to dark green leaves may be spongy, taking over the function of the missing pseudobulb.

The flower stalks grow either horizontally from the base of the plant or descend, often for great distances. A few species grow upright flower stalks. The long-tailed terminal flowers are basically triangular. The flowers are borne singly or successively. Some species may have up to three simultaneously open flowers on a single stalk. In general, though, if there is more than one flower bud on the raceme, they open up with long intervals. These flowers have a weird aspect, due to the long tails on each sepal. The petals are small and somewhat thickened. The lip is often quite large for a Pleurothallid and may resemble a mushroom or fungus. The fleshy basal part of the lip is cleft. The terminal part is rounded and concave. There is a well-developed column with two pollinia.

These grow well in the southern states but not up here unless you want to spend a lot of time getting the temperature correct. I have tried to grow a number of Masdevallias but no luck. I will try again though. Di

This elderly Newfoundland fisherman is on his deathbed and summons his 3 sons to his bedside. "Well boys, the time is near, and when I pass I'd like to be buried at sea." So the boys agreed. A few days after his passing, the local front page read, "Local Fishermen Were Shocked Today When Their Nets Brought in Patrick McRay in a Coffin, 3 Shovels and the Bodies of His Three Sons... Funeral arrangements haven't yet been made, however, it is believed all wished to be buried at sea."

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say, "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot: "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus."

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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.