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Day Meeting

**Ningi Community Hall
Bribie Island Road, Ningi
Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday
of each month starting at 9am.
Next meeting: 14th February 2014**



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 March 2014**



From your President

Hello Members,

We are having nice weather at the moment but I'm sure our grass and gardens would like a little more rain. You should be fertilising your orchids with high potash now. They should have nice long new growths and now need to fatten them up. You can still repot if you really have to but not hardcane dendrobiums. They should have all been done around December/January so they are nicely settled in their pot before the weather gets cooler.

Please have a good read of this bulletin. There are a few changes this year regarding the meetings.

See you at the meeting.

Di.

This month is associated with St. [Valentine](#)'s Day and red roses. However, the flower for the month is [Violet](#). The flower symbolises faithfulness, humility and chastity. Gifting violets in the Victorian era conveyed the message 'I'll always be true'. The flower is found in shades of blue, mauve as well as yellow and cream.

Happy birthday to all members having a birthday this month.

*Your birthstone is **Amethyst** & your birth flower is **Violet** which stands for faithfulness, wisdom and hope*

Have a wonderful day

Meeting



The meeting is Friday 14th Feb. Valentines Day. Hopefully we can get into the hall. Over the past few months we have all potted plants from flask or com pot. Please bring your plants along to the meeting for us to see how well you are growing them.

BARK

Cost is \$28.00 For members only. Normal price is \$33.00 this is for 50 litre bags. Smaller bags of 25 litres are available in small & medium only. These are \$15.00 for members and \$18.00 for non members.

Bark sizes - small, medium and large. Let me know what size you want. The bark is at 635 Beachmere Road not at the hall. Phone me on 04108711043 if you would like to collect some. **The large bags are running very low but we still have $\frac{1}{2}$ size bags available.**

Next Bus Trip

The Queensland International Orchid Fair is on again on Friday 7th March 2014.

A small bus for this trip has been organised so please put your names down early. It is held in the Beenleigh Showgrounds James Street, Beenleigh. There will be morning tea and cold drinks to buy if you wish. We will be having our lunch at the Beenleigh Sports Club, same venue as last year. It was very nice. Everyone commented on the lovely food. You pay for your own lunch so you can have as much or as little as you wish. Cost of the bus trip is \$30.00 each member. Same as last year. Many thanks to Dennis & Sue for organising this trip.



Club Changes

At the last committee meeting it was decided the club should meet quarterly at David & Di's place for a hands on growing/potting day. This Sunday meeting will be instead of the Friday meeting that month. Please see the list of meeting dates following this paragraph. We can make as much mess as we like at our place which we can't at the hall.

It was also decided to charge \$4.00 entry to the show this year with a free morning or afternoon tea.

There will be no more November shows.

We are hoping to visit a couple of nurseries this year on a Sunday and by car pooling instead of the expense of a bus. Will give more details in later bulletins.

Many thanks to Lisa France for accepting our invitation to become patron of our club,

Date	Event
March 3 rd	Committee Meeting 7-30pm Beachmere
March 7 th	Bus Trip 8am Beachmere to Beenleigh
March 9 th	New Growers Beachmere 1pm
April 7 th	Committee meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
April 11 th	Day meeting Ningi Hall 9am
May 5 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
May 9 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am
May 9 th	Set up show all afternoon BBQ dinner 6pm
May 10 th	Mother's Day Show <u>Helpers Needed</u>
May 11 th	Mothers Day Show Pull down after show <u>helpers needed.</u>
June 2 nd	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
June 8 th	New Growers Beachmere 1pm
July 7 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
July 11 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am AGM
August 4 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
August 8 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am
September 1 st	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
September 14 th	New Growers Beachmere 1pm
October 6 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
October 10 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am
November 3 rd	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
November 14 th	Day Meeting Last for year
December 14 th	Break up Christmas Party Beachmere 11-30am

At the moment we do not have any guest speakers confirmed for 2014. As the confirmations arrive I will slot them into the appropriate dates.

Due to our new meeting place format this years AGM will be held On July 11th in the hall.

A sales rep, an administration clerk, and their manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp.

They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, 'I'll give each of you just one wish.' 'Me first! Me first!' says the admin. clerk. 'I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world.' Poof! She's gone.

'Me next! Me next!' says the sales rep. 'I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas, and the love of my life.' Poof! He's gone.

'OK, you're up,' the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, 'I want those two back in the office after lunch.'

Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say..

Our Mother's Day Show

This year it will be held on May 9th (set up) 10th & 11th (show). As you have these dates nice and early this year please do not make any arrangements for this weekend. We are only having one show a year now and your committee would like to see all members to help in some way this year.

Please start saving small boxes and plastic bags for the plant sales. Cooking will be needed for all helpers morning & afternoon teas, and to sell to the public. Cost is \$4.00 entry this year with tea, coffee and cake or biscuits included.

We will be having a craft stall. Any members who do craft and would like to sell some at the show please talk to me.

Helpers are needed on Friday to set up outside gazebos, tables, power etc. Inside the hall helpers will be needed to set up the showing area and making salads etc for the judges dinner. We are always looking for donations to help the show along. Please talk to me at the next meeting about this. I will tell you more about our show as the months proceed.

Raffle Plants

We have purchased a nice new lot of orchids from Darryl for this years Raffle plants at the meetings. Don't forget to put a few dollars in your pocket before the meeting. They are well worth winning.

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Top row - *Bulb. Lobyú* - *Bc. Dal's Charm "Gran"*
Row 2 *Bulb. Affine* - *Den. Pieriárdú*
Row 3 - *Epi. Bees Knees* - *Slc. Seagulls Mini Catt Heaven "Always"*

Shows Other Societies

Feb 15 th 16 th	Aspley O/S Mt. Cootha Auditorium
March 7 th - 9 th	Qld International Orchid Fair (our bus trip) Beenleigh
March 29 th	Redlands O/S Autumn show Donals Simpson Centre Cleveland (Saturday only)
April 5 th 6 th	EDOS Autumn Show 420 Wondall Rd Manley West
April 11 th 12 th	Sunshine Coast Caloundra Show
April 12 th 13 th	Brisbane O/S Show 1263 Logan Rd Mt. Gravatt (School)
April 18 th 19 th	Bribie Island O/S Show
April 26 th 27 th	Ipswich Autumn Garden Spectacular Silkstone State School (orchids, broms etc)

Coco choc banana Muffins

Makes 12

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

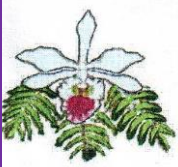
Ingredients

- 125g butter, softened
- 1/2 cup (100g) brown sugar
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup (200g) milk choc chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- Pinch salt

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C. Line 2 6-cup muffin pans with paper cases.
2. Cream brown sugar and butter in a bowl. Add bananas, milk, vanilla and eggs. Stir to combine.
3. Add sifted flour, cinnamon, coconut, choc chips, walnuts and salt. Fold through very gently until just combined. Add walnuts and stir gently.
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and bake for 25 minutes or until starting to brown and a bamboo skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

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Orchid Talk

Our meetings are divided between the Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road Ningi, and 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere.

At the Hall you will hear a guest speaker talk & at Beachmere we will be doing hands on potting and talking about all genera of orchids.

Anyone wanting to learn how to grow an orchid please attend all meetings.

Day meeting at Ningi cuppa at 9am for a 9-30 start at the hall - 1pm start at Beachmere. Please bring a plate of food.

Problem plants most welcome. If you have an orchid you are not sure what to do with bring it along.



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.