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# OrchidTalk



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### Day Meeting

July 10<sup>th</sup> in the Ningi Hall Bribie Island Road Ningi. Morning tea 9am meeting starts 9-30am. If anyone has a plant they would like to bring for discussion please do so. We will not be having a guest speaker at this meeting because it is the AGM. If you would like to be on the committee or take on another position please feel free to contact me.



### Committee Meeting

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 August 3<sup>rd</sup>



### From your President

Hello Members,

Hope you are all well and happy. It's a little cooler tonight as I type this but we have the fire burning so the house will be lovely and warm soon. Please do not water too much now. I have not watered my hard canes for over 2 weeks.

The AGM is our next meeting. Please attend. We had a good number of members at our last new growers. Plenty of problem plants. We cut up an old cattleya of ours and repotted it and also cut up an oncidium. We got 4 plants out of that one. We all had a lovely afternoon tea and a good talk. Thanks everyone for coming.

Di.

### Upcoming PDOFS Meetings

Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> at Ningi 9am  
Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> New Growers at Beachmere 1pm

**Members please keep  
Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> free.  
The club has been given  
this day for a BBQ at  
Masters.**

### Growing Bulbophylliums

The largest genus of orchids with over 1500 species it is also the most geographically diverse. It is found in all tropical areas on earth and is quite diverse in its flower. The flowers have the foot of the column which is hinged, attached to the labellum so the flower has a moving part which bobs, weaves, jiggles or jumps in the slightest breeze. The petals have various shapes and sizes but are always much smaller than the dorsal sepal. The column is short, often with 2 erect horns, winged or not, base produced to a long curved foot and 4 collateral, naked pollina. They have sympodial pseudobulbs with one to two leaves, closely or far spaced on the rhizome. Some bulbos like wooden slat baskets with some treefern and sphagnum as potting media

I grow mine in shallow pots. I buy plastic saucers used for under pots, from both Bunnings and Masters. This depends on the size I am looking for. Using an electric drill I drill a number of holes in the bottom of the saucer for drainage. A Bulbohyllum has a very long rhizome so when you are repotting you will need to realise the length of 2 years growth and buy a saucer accordingly. I cut a piece of twist tie and thread it through one hole and out another catching a rhizome as you go. This will help your plant to stand up while you fill the rest of the saucer with bark.

I grow mine on the cooler side of the bushhouse with a little less light than some other genera.



*Bulb. maxillarioides*



*Bulb. brevilabium*



*Bulb. ophyrhodosticum*

## Gotta Love the Irish

*A coach load of paddies on a mystery tour decided to run a sweepstake to guess where they were going.....  
the driver won £52!*

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*Joe says to Paddy: "Close your curtains the next time you're making love to your wife.  
The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."  
Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them because I wasn't even at home yesterday."*

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*Paddy finds a sandwich with two wires stickin out of it.  
He phones the police and says "Bejasmus I've just found a sandwich dat looks like a bomb."  
The operator asks, "is it tickin?  
Paddy says "No, oi tink it's beef"*

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### Licorice Allsort Slice.

**1 x packet Arrowroot Biscuits crushed**  
**375G licorice all sorts cut into ¼ 's**  
**½ tin condensed milk**  
**125G melted Butter**  
**Block of chocolate melted to spread on top.**

**Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Press into a slice tray.  
Spread melted chocolate over top & refrigerate to set.**

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Many thanks to Ann Sales for erecting our table top display at Caboolture Show. Also congratulations to her for winning reserve Champion and a number of other ribbons. Also to Jim Day for his second with a beautiful Fern. Thanks to all members who participated.

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*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](http://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.**