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# OrchidTalk



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## June 2015

### Vale

It is with much sadness I have to advise members of the passing of Bob West. Bob was a valued member of our club and a friend. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences to his wife and family. RIP Bob.



### New Growers Meeting

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 635 Beachmere Road, Beachmere. 1pm. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea and a chair. We will also have a raffle. Please bring any plants you would like us to have a look at and if you have a plant in flower you would like to "show off" please bring it as well.



### 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 July 6<sup>th</sup>



### From your President

Hello Members,

The next few months are very quiet in the bush house. Cut your watering down to a minimum now and get it done early so the plants are dry by night time. You can now cut back on your fertilising also. Once a month for the next few months is plenty. Do not do any repotting now. Leave that till late August. In September you can repot any of your orchids.

Many thanks to all who helped at the show.

Welcome new members Lorraine Blaney and Bill & Eyvonne Wright. Hope you enjoy your time at PDOFS.

The AGM is in July. If any members would like to take on a position or be on the committee please see me. It's a good way to add a different take on the working of the club.

Di

### Plants from our show below.



## Mother's Day Show

Many thanks to all who helped at the show both Friday and Saturday. It's a big job but it's only once a year. All the stalls were really happy with their day. Either David or I went around all the stall holders to get their feedback and all were pleased. Our judges were very impressed with the standard of the plants although we were down in numbers with some genera and up with others. With all the rain the weekend before I was very glad to see so many plants on the benches. It was great to see the outside stalls area & the hall set up early as it made the day so much easier.

Lots of thanks to other societies who benched plants at our show. It is very much appreciated.

## New Grower's

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> is our next new growers day at 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere. Starting at 1pm. It is not a good time to be potting orchids but we will find something to re-pot of our own. Bring any problem plants along and we will have a look at them for you. If you have an orchid in flower bring it along as others will enjoy seeing it. Please bring a chair and a plate of afternoon tea.

Don't forget our July meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Ningi Hall is the AGM.

Fees are now due. \$20.00 family - \$15.00 single

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

## Ferns benched at 2015 May show below



## Growing Ferns

**Ferns** and fern allies belong in a division of the plant kingdom called *Pteridophyta*, and there are about 10,000 species throughout the world. In Australia we have about 420, and they're different in both form and shape. The other amazing thing about **ferns** is the way they reproduce. Unlike flowering plants, which reproduce by seed, these reproduce by spore found on the back of the leaves. These little brown or yellow dots are receptacles that contain thousands of spore.

Some popular **ferns** include the **Boston fern**, the dainty **maidenhair fern**, glorious **elk and stag horns**, which look great on mounts. And, of course, **tree ferns** which have great long fronds.

There are many unusual **ferns**. One includes *Asplenium nidus* 'Osaka', which is a **bird's nest fern**, with wavy edges on its leaves. It looks magnificent planted in a pot.

For a hanging basket try the coarse **Queensland tassel fern** *Huperzia phlegmaria*. It's one of the oldest living forms of **ferns**. Great in a basket, but keep it moist. Another is the **grub fern** *Polypodium formosanum*. These send rhizomes through the potting mix and then send up these wonderful black stalks with fronds. Most **ferns** are perennials and they sometimes grow from an underground rhizome. One of these is the hare's foot type fern *Polypodium vulgare* that also looks good growing in a hanging basket.

You might think all **ferns** are lush and green. Lush, yes, but sometimes a little different than green. Look out for the *Pteris* 'Algeria' which has an unusual stripe of silver down its frond. And the **autumn fern** is known for its triangular leaves, it's a *Dryopteris erythrosora*, and in autumn has coppery coloured fronds. The *Blechnum watsii* is another fern with an autumn bronze tinge to its new leaves. *Pteris umbrosa* has creamy coloured leaves. They look great in pots especially when it's possible to highlight the different colours.

In general, **ferns** prefer to grow in part shade, under the canopy of trees. Occasionally people have problems with growing **ferns** because they either let them dry out or give them too much water. **Ferns** don't need to be watered daily and like any garden plant benefit from mulching.

One **fern** that people manage to kill regularly is the delicate **maidenhair fern** because they forget to water it. Indoors they need to be kept away from draughts or windy spots, and certainly away from a heater. Keep moist and if they die back, remove the fronds at base level to encourage a re-shoot.

**Ferns** add another dimension to the garden and once you've got into **ferns** you will develop a wonderful ferny fascination



The bus trip below is being run by the Garden Club. Some of their members come on our bus trips so we should reciprocate if we can. Please have a look in your diary & if free that day please try to attend. Sounds like a good trip.

***IT'S ON THE BUS! (Subject to numbers)***

***WEDNESDAY 22ND.JULY'15***

***Cost \$25:00 per head. Cost includes: MORNING TEA at Yandina Historic House AND BBQ LUNCH at Glen & Terry's home Palmwoods***

***Itinerary includes: The Maroochy Botanical Gardens/ Yandina Historic House for morning tea / for those wishing to visit the Ginger Factory and Nut Factory the bus will take you to them and back (500 metres from House) after morning tea, for those not wishing this optional visit may stay longer at the Historic House see more of the interesting displays/ Rosemount nursery and Garden centre/Glen and Terry's home for viewing and enjoying late lunch. / Subject to time -Manawee Garden Centre Buderim.***

***Bus departing- Caboolture Showgrounds at 8. 30am. Returning approx. 4.15-30 pm.***

***ENJOY A FUN SOCIAL DAY WITH FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS PLEASE SEE NOEL ASAP 54975430 as sufficient numbers required. Bring a friend or two***

***PAYMENT DUE 8TH.JULY (CLUB MEETING). N.B. LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE ABLE TO BE ARRANGED.***

***Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.***

**NOMINATION FORM**

**This form is to be returned to the secretary of the above society by June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015. Address P.O. Box 49 Bribie Island . 4507.**

**I,..... wish to nominate  
.....,for the position of  
..... at the 2015 election of officers.**

**Proposed by.....signed**

**Seconded by.....signed**

**I,.....nominated for the above position, accept.**

**Signed.....**

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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](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.**