

ORCHID TALK

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Friday Meeting. 9th October '15

Friday of this week is our day meeting. **Darryl Banks** is our guest speaker. Darryl is a great speaker and very knowledgeable. He will be showing us all how to de flask. Darryl has beautiful plants which I am sure he will bring to sell. It is well worth buying a plant or two.

Morning tea is 9am with meeting starting at 9-30am.

Meeting is in the Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road, Ningi.



Committee Meeting

This meeting will be at Beachmere at 7-30pm on November 2nd. We have a new committee so hopefully some new ideas for the club. All members are welcome. Only committee members are able to vote. If anyone has anything they particularly want to cover at a meeting please feel free to contact a committee member.



From your President

Hello Members,

Firstly I must thank the members who showed plants at the Glasshouse show.

You must start to water a bit more frequently now the weather is warming up. You should also have plenty of new growths appearing. Now is the time to be repotting. Remember the new growths are easily knocked off so be very careful near them. Fertilise now with high nitrogen. This gets the new growths growing nice and long then around Christmas time change you fertiliser to a high potash to thicken them up for a good flowering.

Hope you are all enjoying your plants at the moment. Many of you would have soft canes out and it won't be long before we see Indian dens in flower. Mine are in bud.

Enjoy your flowers. Di



Our Christmas dinner will be at the Bribie RSL this year. They donated a large amount to our show so it is only fair we have our dinner there. The food is great and so is the atmosphere. It will be on **December 2nd at 6-30** on the small outside terrace which we can have for ourselves. Sounds lovely. Please let me know if you would like to join us for catering purposes. We do this each year so all members can mingle and enjoy a night out together. We all buy our own food & drinks.

Many thanks to our members who allowed me to take their plants to Glasshouse Show to put in our display. The table top display looked lovely (pictures below). Congratulations to Ann Sales and Jim Day for taking out ribbons.

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| Ann Sales | 1 st | <i>C. Aranbeem Snow Queen</i> |
| | 2 nd | <i>C. intermedia</i> var. <i>Olata</i> |
| | 3 rd | <i>Den. Airy Alowana</i> |
| | 3 rd | <i>Leptotes bicolor</i> |
| Jim Day | 1 st | <i>Chiloschista segawae</i> |
| | 1 st | <i>Cym. aloifolium</i> |



Chiloschista segawae



C. intermedia var. *Olata*



C. Aranbeem Snow Queen

Our display taken from both ends.
Above



Next Few Months at PDOFS

Friday October 9th Day meeting in Hall 9am

Friday November 13th Day meeting in Hall 9am

Sunday December 13th New Growers at Beachmere 11am
NOTE TIME CHANGE



This is our Christmas break up. We have a BBQ lunch which the club pays for meat, bread and drinks. Members are asked to bring a salad or sweet. For catering sake please let me know what you will be bringing.

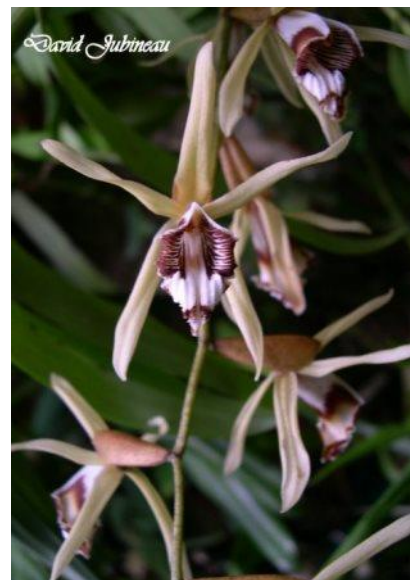
We also have a rolling raffle on this day. The club buys some raffle prizes and you are asked to bring a couple of presents to the value of \$5- each to add to our presents. We will also be having a small talk on orchids so please still bring your problem plants or plants to show off.

Growing Coelogyne

A most interesting group of 190 species that is found in all four climes, hot, warm, cool and cold and in most all of Asia east of India and on into Indonesia and Fiji. Great care must be given in knowing what climate a species comes from as they may not tolerate your conditions. Warm growing species like *pandurata* and *speciosa* require no rest while colder growing species need a dry rest in the winter.

They can have close or far spaced pseudobulbs along the rhizome with 1 or 2 plicate leaves and inflorescences that arise from the apex of the pseudobulb or from the apex of a new growth. I find that wire baskets accommodate these potentially large plants best, but I do grow some in flat pots - pots with sides around 2". I buy pot plant saucers and David drills a heap of holes in the bottom.

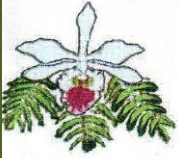
Anyone who was at New Growers last time would have taken home a piece of Jim Day's coelogyne. It was a lovely plant. Jim repotted 2 huge pieces for himself and gave the rest away. I hope you have all potted your plants and enjoy them growing.



Coelogyne dayana
above

Don't forget Beachmere Lioness Fair on
Saturday 17th October.

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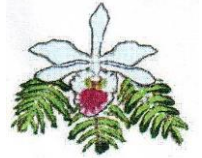


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Orchid Talk

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.