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OrchidTalk



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Vale

Arnold James was a member of our club for many years along with wife Phyllis. We could always rely on Arnold to give a very informative talk at our meetings on bromelads. They sold broms at all of our shows and it was lovely to see them there and have a chat. What a lovely couple. Our sympathies go to Phyllis and all of Arnolds family. We will miss you.
RIP Arnold.



New Growers Meeting. 20th September '15

This is the best New Growers of the year. It's spring and we can start repotting all our orchids. We will be showing you how to repot a couple of different genera at this meeting. If you have a plant you would like us to have a look at please bring it. Meeting starts at 1pm at 635 Beachmere Rd. Beachmere. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea and a chair. Always a great day.



Committee Meeting

This meeting will be at Beachmere at 7-30pm on 5th October. We have a new committee so hopefully some new ideas for the club. All members are welcome. Only committee members are able to vote.



From your President

Hello Members,

Welcome to our new committee and thank you to the outgoing committee for all your help. Many thanks for taking on a position hopefully we can take the club to greater heights. Now is the time to get stuck into your spring fertilising. Use a high nitrogen at the moment to make all the new growths grow longer & stronger. It's also time to start repotting. Please do not put your plants in pots that are too big for them. It will put them back no end. New growers in September will be talking about repotting. Come along and learn and bring any plants you are unsure of what to do with and we will help you.

We are changing the format of our show in 2016 so if you hear some rumors around the traps they are probably correct. I will fill you all in at the New Growers on September 20th.

Welcome to our new committee members after the AGM:-

President Di Newell
Secretary Phillip Smith
Treasurer Sue Barnes
Heather Haskett and Dennis Barnes
Are committee members.

The club needs a vice president. Please think about this position members and have a talk to me to find out about it.

Some Dates to Remember

September

Friday 25, Saturday 26

*Glasshouse O. S. Show
(Set up Thursday 24th)
Displays(Dates to be
confirmed)*

*Beerwah Community Hall,
Peachester Road Beerwah*

October

Saturday 3 Friday 4

*Bribie Orchid & Foliage Show
(Open Benched.)*

*The Orchid House, 156A First
Avenue, Bribie Island*

Friday 30,
Saturday 31

*Nambour O. S. Species Show
(Set up Thursday 29th)*

*Uniting Church Hall,
Donaldson Road, Nambour*

A senior citizen drove his brand new Holden Senator out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 120 kph, enjoying the power of the car ..

“Amazing,” he thought as he flew down the F3, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a highway patrol car, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 140 kph, then 180kph, then suddenly he thought, “What am I doing? I’m too old for this!” and pulled over to await the copper’s arrival. Pulling in behind him, the copper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the car. He looked at his watch, then said, “Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding – a reason I’ve never before heard – I’ll let you go..” The old gentleman paused then said, “Thirty three years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back.”

“Have a good day, Sir,” replied the copper.

Growing Vandaceous



There are seventy or more species that are mostly epiphytic, they are all monopodial in growth habit and are Asiatic in origin. There are two distinct leaf forms the strap leaf and the terete leaf. Typically the terete leafed species appreciate much more direct sunlight than the strap leafed plants do. They all appreciate bright light, even watering and fertilizer year round and do best in wooden slat baskets with little or no medium around the roots. The parts of a Vanda flower are, labellum, lateral sepal, petal, dorsal sepal, anther cap with pollina beneath, and the throat .I grow teret vanda's on trees around our land. Teret leaves look like a pencil. They are hard and almost round. Strap leaf are more open and softer and need a bit more shade. They like a lot of fertiliser on their roots. This is why I don't grow them very well. I am not a big fertiliser. Flowers are very pretty. Deep purples to red to white and orange and a lot of colours in between. They are very easy to grow.



All 5 photo's are of the Vandaceous family. Note the orange spots and deep purple are strap leaf.

Beachmere Lioness Fair

I am putting on my other hat for a minute. I am asst. secretary of the Beachmere Lioness and we are having a big Fair on Saturday October 17th. There will be lots of stalls, a pet parade, pony rides for the grandchildren, and some displays from the local Tai Kwon Do, the local school and other clubs in our area. Please come and support it and say hello to David and myself.

Savoury Squares

2 sheets puff pastry cut into 4's (8 pieces)

Sauce

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons plain flour
1 cup warm milk
Pinch salt
Freshly cracked pepper

Filling

220G diced ham
2 cups fresh spinach
1 cup grated cheese

Method

Melt butter in saucepan add flour and salt and cook till the mixture becomes pale.
Pour in milk stirring constantly then stir in spinach, ham & cheese.
Spoon 2 dessertspoons of mixture onto each square of puff pastry. Fold over all corners to the centre. Brush with egg. Cook in moderate oven till brown & crisp. Really Nice.

Next Few Months at PDOFS

Sunday September 20th New Growers at Beachmere 1pm

Friday October 9th Day meeting in Hall 9am

Friday November 13th Day meeting in Hall 9am I am trying to get a compot for this meeting so hopefully we will all pot a plant and take it home.

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. I will mention this more, in later bulletins.



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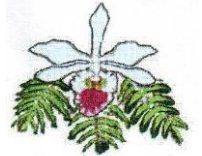


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Orchid Talk

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.