MARCH 2025 BULLETIN

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Celebrating 38 years 1987—2025

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Next New Growers Meeting SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025

Next Birthday Lunch

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL 2025

Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 27TH MAY

NOTE—NO MEETING IN APRIL BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION

To those members/family/friends who are not enjoying the best of health at the moment, we wish you all the best for your recovery and look forward to seeing you at Society functions in the future. Stay safe!!



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to our 'Mad March' 2025 bulletin.

What a mad month March turned out to be! First, sadly we had to cancel our March New Growers Meeting due to the impending arrival of Cyclone Alfred which thankfully didn't appear to do a great deal of damage on the Island and surrounds. A large part of Bongaree was without power for around 12 hours from the early morning hours on both Saturday and Sunday and our thanks to Energex for doing a great job getting us reconnected. We trust all our members fared well throughout the chaos.

Our orchids certainly didn't want for water during that time and it will be interesting to see whether there is any impact on the numbers and quality of plants in the coming weeks, with the last lot of heavy rain still lingering.

The great anti-climax of March has been the need to **CANCEL our planned Easter Show** as the Electoral Commission require our hall for three weeks commencing on Thursday 17th April, the day our Show was to be judged. Given the amount of work involved in trying to re-arrange everything, your Committee has made the decision to cancel this Show and put all our efforts in to our Spring Show which is planned for Fri 10th and Sat 11th October. Our apologies to those who have been inconvenienced by this decision, especially our vendors, however we look forward to seeing you all again in Spring.

A very big thank you to Teresa, Debbie, Di K, Ros R, Zelda, Paul & Di F and Sandy for all their hard work in preparation for the Show.

Your Committee is keen to learn what we can do to improve your overall experience at BIOS eg what would you like to see us keep on doing or deleting, what would you like to see/hear more of. The plan is to send out a quick survey to be returned either by email or put in the Suggestion Box at the hall for collation and review by the Committee, Keep an eye out for a followup email in the coming days.

We look forward to seeing all our New Growers at our next meeting on Saturday 12th April. Don't forget to bring your plants, preferably the flowering ones!

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

PS You can still get your Orchid Show fix by attending any of the many Shows listed further on in this bulletin. Enjoy!

Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea at Meetings , however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members.



SIGNING IN AT MEETINGS

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, QR scanning is no longer required, however Members must still sign the Attendance Book which is on display at the front of the hall for attendance/Insurance purposes.





Our next NEW GROWERS MEETING on Saturday 12th APRIL will see the division of more plants from the collection of donated orchids, with the resulting plants being added to the raffle prizes to share with all members.

Also please feel free to bring along any problem plants for advice. Someone else possibly has the same problem and is too shy to put their hand up!





Please support our loyal sponsors where possible.



Check out the wide range of **pots & vanda baskets, fungicides, ties, cutters, bark and perlite etc** available at both the New Growers and Cultural meetings at The Orchid House. EFTPOS available.



PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

(TOPICS TO BE ADVISED)

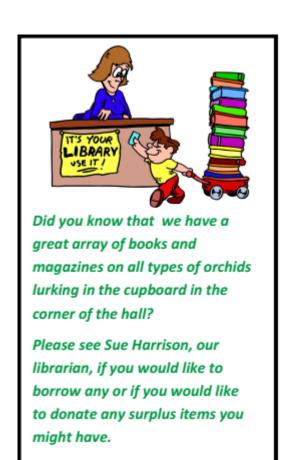
APRIL: DUE TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION THERE WILL <u>NOT</u> BE A CULTURAL MEETING IN APRIL

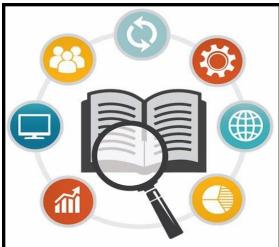
MAY: KURT ISON—RED FOX ORCHIDS

JUNE: TBA

JULY: BRIAN HEATH

If you have any suggestions for Guest Speakers or if there is a particular topic you would like to hear about, please contact Teresa on 0491 158 104





If there any topics you would like to see more information on eg particular orchids or foliage plants and how to grow them, Pests and Diseases, building shadehouses etc, please let our Editor Sandy know and she will endeavor to source the information for all to share.

Some of our new advertisers. Please support them where possible and mention that you saw their ads in our Bulletin.









March Birthday Lunch

The Solander Lakes Bowls Club at Banksia Beach was the chosen venue for our March Birthday lunch with 20 members in attendance to enjoy good company and food.

Zelda was the only 'Birthday Belle' in attendance—Happy Birthday Zelda!

With Liz awol on family business, Rainie took up the organizing reins, with Di F again taking the happy snaps. Thank you ladies. Hopefully Liz will be back on deck for our next Birthday celebration will be held at the Charlies at the Bribie Island Hotel, Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara on Tuesday 15th April 2025.



= Birthday people



Jenni & Allen













Suzette, Margaret & Kay







Helene

'MISSTIMED BLOOMS' (Those plants that flower when there are no meetings or Shows)!



Spa. plicata
Helene's first attempt at
sending a photo from her
mobile. Well done Helene!



Den. Unknown



Paph. Unknown



Arach. Flos-aeris 25



V. Unknown



Eria hycynthoides



C. Unknown



Phal. Unknown

C. Unknown

If you have any plants that flower between meetings, email the photos to our Bulletin Editor—sandyjens@bigpond.com for inclusion in the next bulletin.

MARCH 2025 CULTURAL MEETING

36 members and 3 visitors attended Tuesday's Cultural Meeting and had the opportunity to hear Rob Trost from RoLin Orchids speak on Ground Orchids, some of which are Spathoglottis (*Spa*.) (spath-oh-GLOT-tiss) which Rob suggests should be planted in the garden now while it's cooler and Habenarias (*Hab.*) (hab-ee-NARE-ee-a). Habenarias have specific seasonal watering requirements, lots of water during the growing season after the new growths appear in Spring and very little water during Winter. They die right down in Winter and one member was heard to say they weren't aware of that and had discarded their plant assuming it was dead. They wouldn't be the first to succumb to that malady! Rob and his wife Linda also brought along lots of lovely plants for sale. Thank you Rob and Linda









Members also heard an interesting talk from our member Ron Russell on Queensland's Floral Emblem, the Cooktown Orchid, aka *Deb. bigibbum*. Ron has kindly provided an article on 'Cookies' for members and it will be attached with this bulletin. Thanks Ron.







As Zelda had divided a large Dancing Lady (*Onc. Unknown*) donated to the Society in anticipation of distributing it at the New Growers Meeting, it was decided to offer the divisions to anyone at the meeting who was interested, so lots of our newer members went home with some new plants.

Benching numbers were a bit light on, especially in the Foliage section and members are encouraged to bring along their plants. Please don't judge your own and decide not to bring them. We're all dying to see what grows on behind closed gates! Thanks to Martin and also Rob Trost for judging the orchids with Trish taking care of the Foliage judging.



Spathoglottis

Commonly known as' ground orchids', is a genus of about fifty species of orchids in the family Orchidaceae. They are evergreen terrestrial herbs with crowded pseudobulbs, a small number of leaves and medium-sized resupinate (bent back with the face upwards) flowers on an upright flowering stem. The sepals and petals are all similar to each other and are white, yellow, pink or purple, with flowers opening a few at a time at the top of the stem and each stem can last for months. This genus is related to Phaius and Calanthe.

Species of Spathoglottis are found from eastern and south-eastern Asia to Australia and some Pacific Islands. They can be grown in the garden or in containers with plenty of room for the roots preferring warm to hot conditions and ample humidity. They like a well-drained soil or potting mix, and need plenty of moisture throughout the growing season. They do well in full sun (as long as it isn't scorching hot) to partial shade. The more shade you give your Spathoglottis orchid, the longer it will take to bloom.

Overwatering is a common problem with Spathoglottis orchids, but not as detrimental as it is with a Phalaenopsis orchid, so don't be scared to pour water all over your orchid and water with ease. Just beware that if you tend to have a heavy hand at watering, it can lead to root rot and other issues.

The name Spathoglottis comes from the Greek spathe, which means broad blade, and glottis, tongue. It is referring to the shape of the lip of the orchid, as compared to the rest of the petals.

PHAIUS to disappear and become CALANTHE

In December 2024, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew (Kew) and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) agreed to place all *Phaius* plants into the genus *Calanthe*.

There were 50 species but the one that affects us most is *Phaius tankervilleae* which has three varietal forms native to southeast Queensland. These are the varietal forms - 'tankervilleae', 'australis' and 'bernaysii'.

The epithets (e.g tankervilleae) remain the same in the change.

Another change will be that *Phaiocalanthe [Phcal.*] Kryptonite, which is seen at Spring shows, becomes *Calanthe* Kryptonite.

A lot of people hate changes but these are the international authorities on nomenclature and it's unlikely to change.

MARCH 2025 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



C. Dinard 'Blue Heaven



Rlc. Glenn Maidment



Rth. Nell Hammer 'Destiny Dixon'



C. Jungle Queen 'Southern Spots' X C. Chocolate Dtop



C. intermedia



Den. strebloceras



Den. Allisun Cherry X Sib Grower—R Russell



Den. Mem. Ellwyn Gleadhill



V. Brighton Jade

MARCH 2025 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



Trgl. atropurpurea



Phal. Unknown



Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Jack of Diamonds'



Ornithophora (Orpha.) radicans
Pronounced or-nith-oh-FORE-a



Onc. Unknown



Cym. dayanum



Judge's Choice— Open Spa. Far out Freckles Growers— J & T Watson



Spa. plicata

MARCH 2025 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)

NEW GROWERS @ CULTURAL MEETING



Bl. Yellow Bird



Judge's Choice Novice Den. Paradise Maid X Den. Dal's Memory 'Anthem' **Grower—S Hetherington**



Milt. Lillian Nakamoto 'tanto'

FOLIAGE



Bromeliad Unknown



Tillandsia Unknown



Anthurium 'Black Love'



Maidenhair Fern



Growers—P&DFirth

MARCH 2025 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

| CLASS | # | No. | PLANT NAME | GROWER/S |
|---|----|-----|---|--------------|
| Cattleya Exhibition | 1 | 1st | C. Dinard 'Blue Heaven' | D & Z Holm |
| (Lavender/Mauve/Purple) | | | | " |
| Cattleya Exhibition - Any other colour or colour combination | 6 | 1st | Rlc. Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross' | R Russell |
| | | 2nd | Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Kensington' | D & Z Holm |
| | | 3rd | Rlc. Zelda's Star 'Suntracker' | D & Z Holm |
| Cattleya 75 – 110mm | 2 | 1st | Rth. Nell Hammer 'Destiny Dixon' | D & Z Holm |
| | | 2nd | Rth. Yuan Dung Crazy | D & Z Holm |
| Cattleya Non Exhibition | 1 | 1st | C. Jungle Queen 'Southern Spots' X C. Chocolate Drop | J & T Watson |
| Cattleya Species | 2 | 1st | C. intermedia | N & S Jensen |
| | | 2nd | Gur. bowringiana | M Gunther |
| Dendrobium Species | 4 | 1st | Den. strebloceras | M Gunther |
| | | 2nd | Den. bigibbum 'Pink' | P & D Firth |
| | | 3rd | Den. bigibbum | M Gunther |
| Dendrobium Spatulata / Intermediate | 13 | 1st | Den. Allisun Cherry X Sib | R Russell |
| | | 2nd | Den. Dal's Stunner 'Ron' X | P & D Firth |
| | | | <i>Den.</i> Tanamera Beauty | |
| | | 3rd | Den. Airy Crimson | P & D Firth |
| Dendrobium Any Other | 4 | 1st | Den. Mem. Ellwyn Gleadhill | M Gunther |
| | | 2nd | Den. alexandrae X Den. pacificum | M Gunther |
| | | 3rd | Den. Green Flash | M Gunther |
| Vanda Other | 3 | 1st | V. Meme Thainchi X V. tricolour 'Yellow' | J & T Watson |
| | | 2nd | V. Rasri Gold X V. Tubtin Velvet = V. Brighton Jade | J & T Watson |
| | | 3rd | V. testacea X Asco. garayii = V. Alan Ashe Patterson | N & S Jensen |
| Vanda Species | 1 | 1st | Trgl. atropurpurea | J & T Watson |
| Phalaenopsis Any Type | 1 | 1st | Phal. Unknown | D & Z Holm |
| Oncidium Any Other | 8 | 1st | Onc. Unknown | M Gunther |
| | | 2nd | Odon. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee' | J & T Watson |
| | | 3rd | Bdc. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' | J & T Watson |
| Miscellaneous Hybrid - Any Other | 2 | 1st | Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Jack of Diamonds' | N & S Jensen |
| | | 2nd | Bulb. Sri Mega | R Grant |

MARCH 2025 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

= No. of plants benched in each Class

| CLASS | | | PLANT NAME | GROWER/S |
|--------------------------|---|-----|---|----------------|
| Miscellaneous Species | 3 | 1st | Ornithropoa (Orpha) radicans | J & T Watson |
| | | 2nd | Ornithropoa (Orpha) radicans | J & T Watson |
| | | 3rd | Den. macranthum | J & T Watson |
| Cymbidium | 1 | 1st | Cym. dayanum | M Gunther |
| Aust. Native Species | 1 | 1st | Spa. plicata | J & T Watson |
| Native Species or Hybrid | 3 | 1st | Spa. Far Out Freckles | J & T Watson |
| | | 2nd | Spa. Mellow Yellow | J & T Watson |
| | | 3rd | Spa. Mellow Yellow | N & S Jensen |
| NEW GROWERS | # | No. | PLANT NAME | GROWER/S |
| Cattleya | 1 | 1st | Bl. Yellow Bird | D McCowan |
| Dendrobium | 1 | 1st | <i>Den.</i> Paradise Maid X <i>Den.</i> Dal's Memory 'Anthem' | S Hetherington |
| Other Hybrids | 2 | 1st | Milt. Lillian Nakamoto 'tanto' | A & P Hinde |
| | | 2nd | Brs. Up the Water Spout 'Long Legs' | S Hetherington |
| Judges Choice - Open | | | Spa. Far Out Freckles | J & T Watson |
| Judges Choice - Novice | | | Den. Paradise Maid X Den. Dal's Memory 'Anthem' | S Hetherington |
| Judges Choice - Foliage | | | Begonia 'Iron Cross' | P & D Firth |
| Popular Vote - Orchid | | | Den. Allisun Cherry X Sib | R Russell |
| Popular Vote - Foliage | | | Begonia 'Iron Cross' | P & D Firth |

NEW GROWERS : BENCH YOUR ORCHIDS AT CULTURAL MEETINGS AND ANY PLACINGS RESULT IN POINTS FOR THE YEAR'S AWARDS.

NB Corrections in red have been made after checking with OrchidWiz. Please change tags for new registrations and correct spellings....Zelda Holm

NO. OF ORCHIDS BENCHED 60 NO. OF FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED 20

NOTE: No New Growers Meeting was held in March because of Cyclone Alfred.

MARCH 2025 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

= No. of plants benched in each Class

| FOLIAGE | | | | Denotes New Grower |
|---------------|---|-----|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| CLASS | # | | PLANT NAME | GROWER/S |
| Bromeliad | 2 | 1st | Bromeliad Unknown | N & S Jensen |
| | | 2nd | Bromeliad Unknown | N & S Jensen |
| Tillandsia | 7 | 1st | Tillandsia Unknown | J & T Watson |
| | | 2nd | Tillandsia cyanea | N & S Jensen |
| | | 3rd | Tillandsia Unknown | N & S Jensen |
| Anthurium | 3 | 1st | Anthurium Black Love | N & S Jensen |
| | | 2nd | Anthurium Unknown | N & S Jensen |
| | | 3rd | Anthurium Unknown | N & S Jensen |
| Ferns | 3 | 1st | Maidenhair Fern | N & S Jensen |
| | | 2nd | NG Rock Tassel Fern | N & S Jensen |
| | | 3rd | Maidenhair Fern | N & S Jensen |
| Other Foliage | 5 | 1st | Begonia 'Iron Cross' | P & D Firth |
| | | 2nd | Alocasia 'Frydek Varigata' | P & D Firth |
| | | 3rd | Cactus | L Westdorp |

PLEASE ENDEAVOUR TO SUPPORT OTHER ORCHID SOCIETIES BY BENCHING PLANTS AND/OR ATTENDING THEIR SHOWS TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. AS WE DO NOT HAVE MANY BIG GROWERS IN OUR SOCIETY, WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM OTHER SOCIETIES BENCHING AT OUR SHOWS.







UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

| APRIL | 11th - 12th | Caloundra OS Show, Uniting Church (Setup 10th) | |
|-------|-------------|---|---|
| | 12th - 13th | Silkstone State School Hall, Prospect St, Silkstone, Ipswich, QLD | Sat 8.30am - 3pm Sun 9am - 1pm |
| | 12th – 13th | Rockhampton OS Autumn Show | |
| | 18th - 19th | Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid & Foliage Show CANCELLED DUE TO THE FEDERAL | Our hall is needed by the Electoral Commission for 3 weeks starting 17th April. |
| | | ELECTION | тигарии: |
| | 18th - 20th | Gladstone OFS Show, Bill Robertson Toyota | Setup 17th, 5.30pm |
| | 19th | South Burnett Orchid Show, Diggers Hall, Wondai | |
| | 19th - 20th | Pine Rivers Orchid Society Easter Show, Kallangur School Hall, Old Gympie Road (near Storey Road) | Sat 8.30am - 2pm Sun .30am - 1pm |
| | 26th - 27th | Rockhampton OS 70th Anniversary Show, Robert Schwarten Pavilion, Rockhampton Show Grounds | Sat 8am - 4pm Sun 8am - 2pm |
| MAY | 2nd - 3rd | Redcliffe Orchid Society Autumn Show, Webb Hall, Redcliffe Showgrounds | Fri 8.30am - 3pm Sat 8.30am - 3pm |
| | 3rd - 4th | Gympie & District Show, Gympie Indoor Bowls Club | Setup 2nd |
| | 9th - 10th | Caboolture Orchid Society Mini Show, Caboolture Square Shopping Centre, King Street | |
| | 9th - 10th | Noosa Orchid Society Show (Closed show) | |
| | 10th | Aspley Orchid Society May Show, Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights | Sat 8am - 3.30pm |
| | 10th | Maroochydore OS Show Buderim (Closed Show), Bli Bli | |
| | 10th | Toowoomba Orchid Society Autumn Show, St. Paul's Church Hall, Phillip Street | |
| | 9th - 11th | Bundaberg Orchid Society Show, Civic Centre | Fri - Sun 9am - 4pm |
| | 17th | Redlands Orchid Society Autumn Show, Birkdale Sports Club (enter via Randall Road | |









April Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 15th April

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Charlies @ the Bribie Island Hotel,

Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara

Please contact Liz on 0407 388 771 or Diane on 0475 851 603 if you intend to attend

Many Happy Returns to our members celebrating their Birthdays in April

BEV BIRT 10TH APRIL

INGRID FOX 21ST APRIL

JULIE DE HAVILAND 22ND APRIL

BARRY SVENSSON 24TH APRIL

DI KENNEDY 27TH APRIL

Look forward to seeing you all at lunch to celebrate our Birthdays



BIOS Birthday Lunches

Our monthly Birthday lunches are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 12 noon various locations around the Island and surrounds. They are a great way to get to know other members of the Society. Everyone pays for their own meal/drinks so the choice is yours whether it be a low cost outing or something a bit more up-market.

Website Our new website address is www.bribieislandorchidsociety.au

FACEBOOK

Members are reminded that our Society has a Facebook page. Just type in Bribie Island Orchid Society in the Facebook search field and the group page will appear. In the section headed Groups ask to join. Our administrator will then accept your request. Our Facebook page is attracting a large number of views and comments from both within the Society and outside and it is interesting to note that some of our new members found us on Facebook. Many thanks go to Teresa Watson and Sue Harrison for their contribution to this platform.

Suggestions for our monthly Bulletin

If you have any suggestions for our monthly bulletins or would like more information on any particular subjects, please don't hesitate to contact our editor **Sandy Jensen** Email bribieorc@gmail.com and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Cultural Meeting

Cultural Meeting is normally held on the Fourth Tuesday of the month at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island. Meeting times are arrival 1.00 pm for start at 1.30 pm. Plants must be benched by 1.15 pm when judging will commence. Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members

New Growers' Meeting

The New Growers' Meeting is normally held on the Second Saturday of the month. These meetings are held at The Orchid House, arrival time 1.00 pm for start at 1.30 pm. Plants must be benched by 1.15 pm when judging will commence. Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members.

CLUB BADGES AND/OR SHIRTS To order your Club polo shirt and/or name badge, see our friendly Treasurer. The costs are Polos \$ 38 each and Name badges \$15. Wearing a Club shirt and name badge readily identifies Bribie Island Orchid Society members to the public who patronize our Shows and name badges come in handy at our meetings/functions when we sometimes experience a 'Senior's moment or two'. **Be proud to stand out in the crowd!**



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