

FEBRUARY 2023 BULLETIN

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Next New Growers Meeting
SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2023

Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023

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!!

Special wishes for Jenny and Tony who have not had the best run of health lately.



A very warm welcome to the following
new members of our Society.

Christine Zui
Pat Samuelson

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to our February bulletin for 2023.

Thank you to Jill from Searles who kept members on their toes with a lively question and answer session at our Cultural Meeting. You can always count on Jill to light-heartedly name and shame the audience with some of their answers to her questions.... all in good fun! It's amazing what you can learn in a short time from Jill.



Easter is fast approaching and that leaves only around 5 weeks until our Easter Show, with all the administrative requirements with Council now completed. We have now confirmed the following vendors Windemere Orchids, Steve Flood Tropicals, Pacific Beach Orchids, Orchidaceous, Fong Ping Orchids and more. For those members wishing to sell plants at the Show, plant price labels will be available at our next 2 meetings—whole dollars only please. A roster/timetable will be available to members at the March meetings to ensure that all tasks involved in the running of the Show are covered and that everyone working gets to take a breather throughout the Show. Donations of cakes, biscuits, slices etc will be greatly appreciated for morning/afternoon teas. Please contact our Show Co-ordinator Di Kennedy on 0407 943 067 if you have any queries.

The success of our Show really depends on the efforts of Society members so please give some thought as to what /where you might be able to contribute, however small. Many hands make light work!



Our guest speaker at the March Cultural Meeting will be Ben Timmings, one of our newer members, who is passionate about Native and Species orchids and carnivorous plants. Ben is going to enlighten members on growing carnivorous plants and will have some for sale. He certainly benched some very interesting plants at our last Show.

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

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.

FEBRUARY 2023 NEW GROWERS MEETING

In my absence at another commitment, thank you to our Secretary Teresa who acted as our photographer and gave the following report. Editor.

The first New Growers Meeting for 2023 was held on Saturday 11th February with a sausage sizzle to start off the year. The BBQ was well attended with 20 for lunch. Ron Kunde did the cooking, Liz did the usual social butterfly thing, collecting sausages and onions from Ron as they were ready and made sure everyone had a good lunch. 30 members attended the meeting .

Zelda gave away several phalies that had been affected by sun burn in her greenhouse and explained how to treat the leaves, and how to repot. There were 10 phalies for the raffle as well, so that went down really well.

Three plants were benched by New Growers for judging with Warwick and Kathy McLean taking home 'The Finger' for winning the Judge's Choice with their *Rlc.* Mount Isa 'Jean'. Warwick and Kathy were also presented with the Merv Anderson Award for 2022 by President Siann Sirett as they missed the Christmas party presentation. The Merv Anderson Award is presented each year to the New Grower/s whose plant is judged the best from Judge's Choice photos taken at Cultural Meetings.



***Rlc.* Mount Isa 'Jean'**



***Ctt.* Scarlet Imp X Ctna. Capri**



Next New Growers Meeting Saturday 11th March
1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Topic: How to repot an orchid growing in stones and there will also be a demonstration on how to present plants for the coming show



***Rlc.* Zelda's Star**

FEBRUARY 2023 NEW GROWERS MEETING (Cont'd)

New Growers Report

At the New Growers Meeting, I decided to show members how to repot an old Phalaenopsis. I have had this phallie for many years and have won at least two first prizes and one second at the Bribie Shows in the harlequin section (see photo from 2015 show). This plant was now ungainly and needed repotting. As I tell members, the best time to repot an orchid is after it has bloomed. This plant was at this stage and sending out a nice lot of new roots at the top section. I cut the main stem just below the new root growths and applied steriprune to both sides of the cut.

Using wet mix and having watered the plant the day before, I continued to repot the top part into new mix. I have left the bottom section in the same pot hoping it will send out new growths. I will now not water the plant for a few days to allow the cut to fully heal.

I have never treated a phallie this way but have done so to a vanda in the past. Because I have cut it at the right time of the growth period it should be alright. I hope to be waving around a blue ribbon at our October show.

Thanks again to Jo Jackson for dropping off three trays of phallies from the Brisbane florist where she works. These plants are used in office buildings and discarded when new blooming plants replace the display. Some of the plants did not like moving from their airconditioned comfort to the heat wave conditions of last week. I showed members how to cut off the affected leaf and seal with steriprune. Ten large plants were used for the raffle and others given away to new members. I have another tray of plants that I will bring to the Cultural meeting.

Zelda Holm



Before



Zelda, assisted by Christine with Diann closely observing.



Zelda's winning Phalie



After

February Birthday Lunch

A small group of 13 met at Charlie's at the Bribie Island Hotel for our February Birthday lunch. With the recent renovations to Charlie's complete, we ended up at our previous spot overlooking the Passage but at round tables rather than the long table with the round tables being more conducive to wider conversation. The Roast of the Day, Beef Brisket, proved popular with a lot of the group and our Social Butterfly, Liz, provided a yummy carrot cake for dessert. Bob Brimrose was our token Birthday boy with our newcomer Henry celebrating a belated birthday earlier in the month. Welcome Henry and Kathy. We hope you enjoyed the company. Once again, Diane stepped in as our photographer for the day. Thanks Di. Our next Birthday celebration will be held at The Bribie Island Golf Club, Links Course, Woorim, Qld at Noon on Tuesday 21st March.



Birthday Boy Bob B & Liz

Stephanie, Birthday Boy Henry and Kathy



Di and Julie



Ros & Pat



Joe & Teresa



Paul & Joe solving the problems of the world!



Sandy

☆ = Birthday people

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



Rlc. Susan Hawkins '#2'



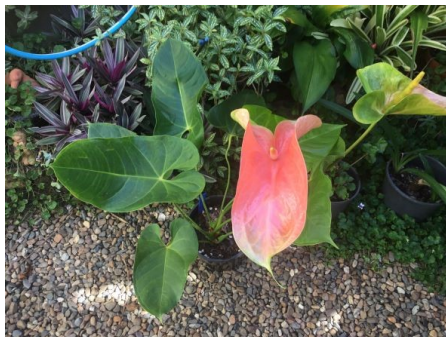
Rlc. Zelda's Pride Calypso'



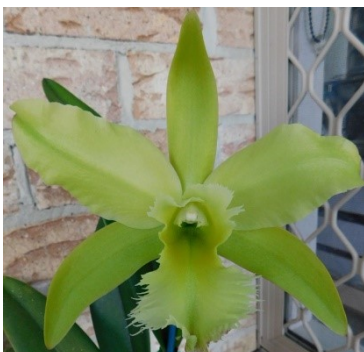
Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Kensington'



What a shame Ros's Bulb. vaginatum didn't last until our Cultural Meeting



Another of Diane & Paul's lovely Anthuriums



Rlc. Perfect Match



Onc. Pacific Sunrise 'Hakalau'

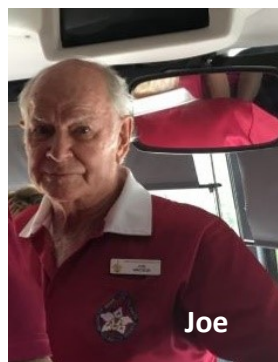
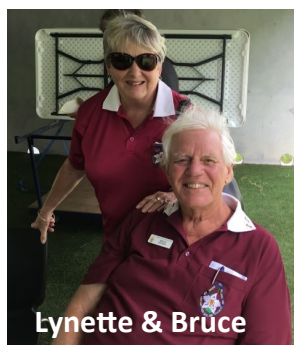


Coel. tomastoma

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.

OUR BUS TRIP TO THE QLD INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

30 eager members and guests boarded the coach for a trip to the Qld International Orchid Fair which was held at the Belmont Shooting Complex with some orchid/foliage shopping therapy on the agenda. There were a lot of familiar vendors present with some from a bit further afield, with flowering plants, seedlings, flasks and established foliage plants on offer. There were lots of different genre to choose from and after most wallets were somewhat depleted, boxes of precious cargo were stowed under the coach for a trip to the Norths Football Club at Kallangur for a very enjoyable lunch. Following the drawing of the traditional bus trip raffle, the last stop on the agenda for the day was a visit to Theo's Nursery at Kallangur where a little bit more plant shopping took place. We arrived back safe and sound on the Island after a very enjoyable day out. Thank you to Emma our Coach driver for the day and thanks to our Social Co-ordinators Liz and Diane who did a great job organizing everything. Is that sound we all can hear, Liz's brain ticking over where we can head for our next bus trip? Any ideas most welcome, contact Liz.



FEBRUARY 2023 CULTURAL MEETING

February's Cultural Meeting was a lively affair with our guest speaker, pock-rocket Jill from Searles, providing the entertainment with her question and answer session covering lots of subjects eg, the explanation of N-P-K and why it is very important to read the instructions on the back of packaging as to the rate of product to be used and when it should be applied, the need to make sure Trace Elements are included in the fertilisers you buy, the lifespan of potting mix, and why you shouldn't mix chemicals unless directed on the packaging. Quite a number of members were recipients of goodies from Jill with the promise of product for our Show at Easter. Jill very generously donated the contents of her display for our raffle. Thank you Jill.

Thank you to Kathy Beatty, Martin Gunther and Trish Stevenson our Orchid and Foliage judges for the day. The orchid numbers were a bit light on, no doubt partly due to the extremely hot weather we've had recently however we had a very pleasing number of foliage plants benched. Sadly there were no entries in the Orchid section for New Growers again. New Growers are reminded that orchids benched at Cultural Meetings are eligible for points towards the Yearly Awards.

The raffle was very well patronised with a number of prizes including Phalaenopsis plants and Searles prizes including a large umbrella, fertilisers etc and small garden forks. There were lot a happy members on Tuesday.

President Diann reminded the group that Paul and Diane will **not** be at the March New Growers Meeting so if you desperately need any bark, pots etc please ring Paul to organize purchases (not just for a packet of labels please!) otherwise they will be back for the March Cultural Meeting.

Afternoon tea followed the meeting with lots of members staying behind to socialize.



Maidenhair



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. **For more information contact Paul on 0475 851 603.**

FEBRUARY 2023 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



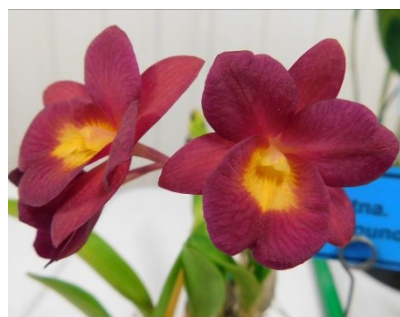
***Rlc. Zelda's Pride*
*'Calypso'***



***Rlc. Zelda's Pride*
*'Kensington'***



***Rlc. Glenn Maidment X*
*C. Angel Flare***



Ctna. Why Not Roundabout



***C. Fantasy Jibara X*
*Ctt. Mem. Dario Bolanos***



L. anceps



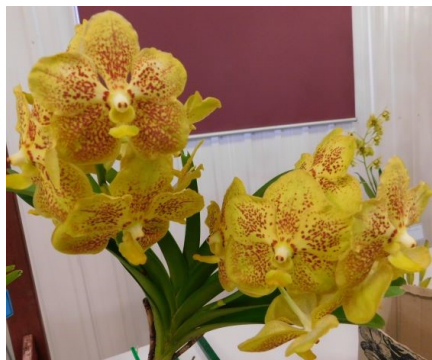
Den. macrophyllum



***Den. Magenta's*
*Moonlite***



***V. Meme Thainchi X*
*V. tricolor 'Yellow'***



V. Danychi Pusawal

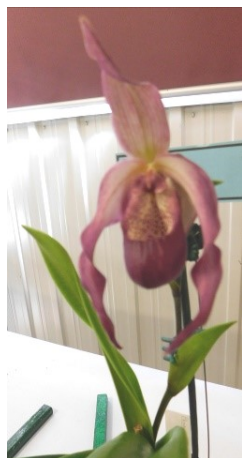


Den. Excelsa

FEBRUARY 2023 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



Phal. violacea



Phrag. Schroderac



Peoples Choice Orchids
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
Growers—
R Russell & M Gadd



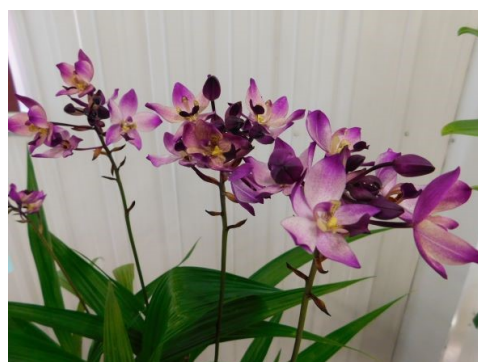
Judges Choice Open
Clo. Black Jade
Growers— J & T Watson



Milt. spectabilis



Den. discolor



Spa. Far out Freckles



Cym. Golden Elf

FEBRUARY 2023 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



Bromeliad Unknown



Tillandsia ionantha



Anthurium Unknown



Fern Unknown



Black Bat Plant



FEBRUARY 2023 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition Lavender/ Mauve/Purple	5	1st	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Calypso'</i>	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'R2E2'</i>	D & Z Holm
		3rd	<i>Rlc. California Girl X Rlc. Kesthin's Esther</i> = <i>Rlc. Calico Surprise</i>	R Mitchell
Cattleya Exhibition - Any other colour or colour combination	5	1st	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Pride 'Kensington'</i>	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Rlc. Sunstate Colorchart 'Sundance'</i>	D & Z Holm
		3rd	<i>Rlc. Zelda's Star</i>	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Miniature or Compact	5	1st	<i>Rlc. Glenn Maidment X C. Angel Flare</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>C. Caudebec Candy 'Burgundy'</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Rlc. Majestic Light 'Crown'</i>	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Novelty or Compact	1	1st	<i>Ctna. Why Not Roundabout</i>	J & T Watson
Cattleya Cluster	3	1st	<i>C. Fantasy Jibara X (C. Chocolate Drop X</i> <i>C. guttata = Ctt. Mem. Dario Bolanos)</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Ctt. Duckett Ruby 'Tall Red' X C. Decep-</i> <i>tion Drop 4N 'Red'</i>	P & D Firth
		3rd	<i>C. Chocolate Drop 'Garcia' X C. Jungle</i> <i>Hotspot = Ctt. Topaz Ruby Drop</i>	R Russell & M Gadd
Cattleya Species	1	1st	<i>L. anceps</i>	M Gunther
Dendrobium Species	2	1st	<i>Den. macrophyllum</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	R Russell & M Gadd
Den. Spatulata/Intermediate	6	1st	<i>Den. Magenta's Moonlite</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. Alisun Cherry X Sib</i>	R Russell & M Gadd
		3rd	<i>Den. White Fairy</i>	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Any Other	3	1st	<i>Den. Excelsa</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. Miss Singapore X (Den. Kiyomi</i> <i>Beauty X Den. Ekapol)</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Den. bigibbum var compactum</i> <i>'Marjorie' X Den. Hardy's Sunshine'</i>	P & D Firth
Vanda Over 60mm	3	1st	<i>V. Danychi Pusawal</i>	S Maller
		2nd	<i>Pda. Chao Praya Delight</i>	R Russell & M Gadd
		3rd	<i>V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'</i>	J & T Watson
Vanda Other	1	1st	<i>V. Meme Thainchi X V. tricolor 'Yellow'</i>	J & T Watson
Phalaenopsis Species	3	1st	<i>Phal. violacea</i>	J & T Watson
		2nd	<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>	J & T Watson
Paph / Phrag Any Other	1	1st	<i>Phrag. Schroderae</i>	J & T Watson

FEBRUARY 2023 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

Oncidium Any Other	3	1st	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	R Russell & M Gadd
		2nd	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	Janet Watson
Miscellaneous HYBRID Any Other	4	1 st	Clo. Black Jade	J & T Watson
		2nd	Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Yokahama'	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Clo. Black Jade	J & T Watson
Miscellaneous SPECIES Any Other	7	1 st	Milt. spectabilis	P & D Firth
		2nd	Unknown	Janet Watson
		3rd	Milt. Anne Warne	M Gunther
Cymbidium	1	1st	Cym. Golden Elf	R Russell & M Gadd
Aust. Native Species	1	1st	Den. discolor	M Gunther
Native Species or Hybrid	1	1st	Spa. Far Out Freckles	N & S Jensen
NO NEW GROWER PLANTS BENCHED AT THIS MEETING				
Judges Choice Open			Clo. Black Jade	J & T Watson
Popular Vote - Orchid			Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	R Russell & M Gadd

FEBRUARY 2023 RESULTS FOR NEW GROWERS

CLASS	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya	3	1st	Rlc. Mount Isa 'Jean'	W & K McLean
		2nd	Ctt. Scarlet Imp X Ctna. Capri	D & B Birt
		3rd	Rlc. Zelda's Star	W & K McLean
Judges Choice			Rlc. Mount Isa 'Jean'	W & K McLean

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 38 NO. OF FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED 42

APOLOGIES, THE FOLIAGE JUDGING RESULTS ARE UNAVAILABLE.

UPCOMING SHOWS

MARCH	11th & 12th	WBOS Autumn Show , Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	Sat - 8am - 3.30pm Sun 9am - 3pm
	11th & 12th	Bromeliad & Tropicals Autumn Show & Sales , Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat - 8am - 4pm Sun 8am - 1pm
APRIL	1st & 2nd	Eastern District Orchid Society Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8.30am - 4pm Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	7th & 8th	BRIBIE ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY EASTER ORCHID & FOLIAGE SHOW , The Orchid House, 156a First Avenue, Bongaree (OPEN SHOW)	Benching Thursday 6th April from 2-5pm Easter Friday 7th 8.30am—4pm & Easter Saturday 8th 8.30am—2pm
	14th - 15th	Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show , Kallangur State School Hall —entrance on Old Gympie Road	Sat 9am - 3pm Sun 9am - 2pm
	14th - 15th	Caloundra Orchid Society Autumn Show , Uniting Church Hall Cnr Ulm & Queen Streets, Caloundra.	Setup Thursday 13th Fri 9am - 4pm Sat 9am - 2pm
	15th & 16th	Ipswich Garden Spectacular (Ipswich Orchid Society and Ipswich & District Bromeliad Society) , Silkstone State School, Prospect Street, Silkstone	Sat 8.30am - 3pm Sun 9am - 2pm
	15th	A.N.O.S. (Qld) - Kabi Group - Venue TBA	
	21st - 22nd	Redcliffe & District Orchid Society Show , Scarborough Bowls Club, Scarborough	
	29th - 30th	Brisbane Orchid Society Show , Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8am - 4pm Sun 8.30am - 2pm
May	6th - 7th	Qld Orchid Society (QOS) Show , Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8.30am - 3.30pm Sun 8.30am - 2.30pm
	13th	Aspley Orchid Society Mothers Day Show , Community Hall, 175 Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights	

March Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 21st March

Time : 12 noon

Venue : Bribie Island Golf Club

Links Court, Woorim

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 March

Zelda Holm

9th March

Trish Stevenson

31st March

Look forward to seeing you all at lunch to celebrate coming Birthdays.
Is your name and Birth date in our Birthday Book? If you're shy, your
year of birth is not necessary, just the day and month!





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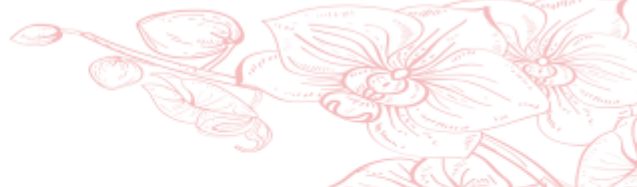
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BIOS Birthday Lunches

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.com.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 on 3408 3317 or email sandyjens@bigpond.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 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

CLUB BADGES AND/OR SHIRTS To order your Club polo shirt and/or name badge, see our friendly Treasurer. The costs are Polos \$ 35 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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