

FEBRUARY 2023 BULLETIN

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1987—2023

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**NO NEW GROWERS APRIL DUE
TO EASTER SHOW**

Next New Growers Meeting

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Next Birthday Lunch

TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023

**NO CULTURAL MEETING APRIL
DUE TO ANZAC DAY**

Next Cultural Meeting

TUESDAY 23RD MAY 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 thoughts for Shirley S, Marg, Jenny & Alan and Sue H who have not had the best run of health lately.



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

Pauline Palmer & Beverley Power

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to our March bulletin for 2023.

Members who attended the March Cultural Meeting learned all about Carnivorous plants from our fellow member Ben Timmings. From all accounts, these plants are alike orchids in many ways, including being 'addictive' so it will be interesting to see how many members extend their passion for growing orchids to growing carnivorous plants. Thank you Ben, your talk was very informative and it sounds like you have been bitten by the bug well and truly.

The year is just racing away and we've less than a fortnight to our 2023 Easter Orchid & Foliage Show. The Show Schedule will be emailed along with this bulletin.

Your Committee is working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that preparations are well under way, with our Show Co-ordinator Di Kennedy leading the charge. Di has been very successful in gathering donations for our rolling raffles from various local businesses, as well as sponsors, and these donations will be acknowledged in our Show wrap-up. All Council permits and paperwork have now been signed off for both our Easter and Spring Shows for 2023 so that gives us a head start for October. Thank you Di K. NB. Di K's mobile is 0407 943 067 if you have any Show queries.

It's time to show off your cooking skills with cakes, biscuits, slices etc needed for morning/afternoon teas for the Show. How many talented cooks do we have in the Society, and that category is just not restricted to females?

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! See you all at the Show.

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

PS Unfortunately Sue Harrison will not be with us at the Show as she is scheduled for surgery. All the best Sue, we'll be thinking of you and will make sure that Facetime is organized at the Show for you.



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.

BTRIBIE ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
2023 Easter Orchid & Foliage Show



The Orchid House & Indoor Bowls Club
Entrance 3 – 156A First Ave,
Bongaree Bribie Island Q 4507



Admission \$5pp (NB No EFTPOS available at Entry)
(Groups of 10 or more \$4.50pp)



Good Friday 7th April 2023 8.30am – 4pm
Easter Saturday 8th April 2023 8.30am – 2pm

Vendors Attending

Windemere Orchids, Steve Flood Tropicals, Pacific Beach Orchids, Fong Ping Orchids, Orchidaceous Supplies, Plant Sales, plus more

Refreshments, including a sausage sizzle available for purchase

Please note:- EFTPOS will only be available at some Vendors.

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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.**

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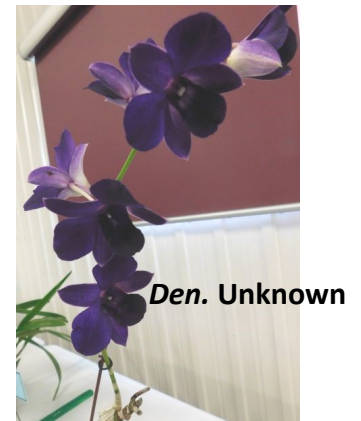
A very big thank you to Mark & Kim Roberts from Bribie Island Stationery & Office Supplies who have generously donated a new printer to accompany our recently acquired Show laptop, wireless keyboard & mouse. This donation should alleviate some of the issues we have had with ageing equipment.



MARCH 2023 NEW GROWERS MEETING

The March New Growers Meeting for 2023 on Saturday 11th March saw 16 members and 3 visitors attend The Orchid House to see/hear Zelda demonstrate how to repot an orchid that had been grown in river stone. Zelda purchased this orchid *R/c. Spanish Eyes 'Tian Mu'* Mc, one she had been particularly looking for, from Alice's Orchids at Townsville during our recent bus trip to the Queensland International Orchid Fair. Zelda explained that a lot of the northern Queensland growers use stone instead of bark which is not readily available, most of it coming from South Australia or New Zealand, and the northern weather being very conducive to growing in stone or volcanic rock (Scoria) i.e. the plants get very wet and then dry out.

With our Easter Show only 4 weeks away, Zelda took the opportunity to explain and demonstrate how to present our plants to display them to the best of their ability, including cleaning the leaves and the pot, putting it in a larger pot to stop it falling over if it is unbalanced, removing any weeds or damaged foliage, excess stakes or tie-wires etc.



Three plants were benched by New Growers for judging with Warwick and Kathy McLean again taking home 'The Finger' for winning the Judge's Choice with their *Den. Unknown*. Other benchings were *C. Unknown*—Sue Harrison and *Den. bigibbum*—Suzette Hetherington.

Thanks again to Jo-Anne who brought along more Phalies to be re-potted and distributed.



Following the raffle draw, everyone stayed on to enjoy a cuppa and something to eat and heading off home before the promised rain.

Some of the lovely Foliage plants benched by our New Growers



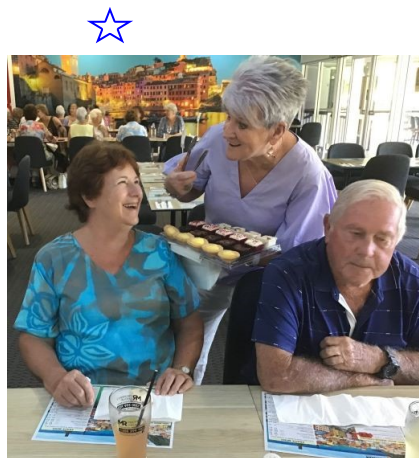
March Birthday Lunch

The March Birthday Lunch venue was the Bribie Island Golf Club at Woorim . We had a good rollup with 18 members present. With a couple getting lost on the way to the venue, we're obviously not all golfers! A computer malfunction meant that quite a few people had a bit of a wait for their meals so they set out to solve the problems of the world in the meantime. Zelda was our only Birthday belle present and despite not having a cake to cut she was spied tucking in to one of the yummy delicacies provided for dessert. Good to see Jenny out and about after her recent health problem. Once again, Diane stepped in as our photographer for the day. Thanks Di. Next month some of us Island folk are venturing 'overseas' ie going over the Bribie Bridge to Sandstone Point to our next Birthday celebration at Vataphie Café, 1B/9-11 Spinnaker Drive at Noon on Tuesday 18th April. This venue is South African cuisine so it will be quite a change from our usual haunts so why not come along and join the group and let your tastebuds do some exploring.

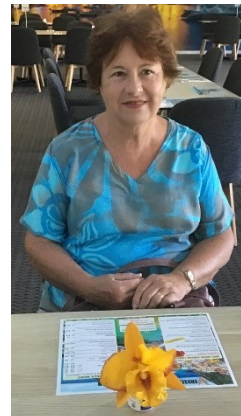
☆ = Birthday people



Barry & Margaret



Zelda, Liz & Don



Zelda & R/c. Stephanie Maller



Sue H



Di S & Paul



Alan & Bob B



Jenny & Liz



Margaret & Kay



Sue L & Sandy



Di K

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



Den. (Dal's Delux x Den. Autumn Show) x Den. Dal's Stunner 'Ron'



Lc. Susan Holcombe



C. Caudebec x C. Lulu 'Hot Pink' x Lc. Koolau 'Fragrant'



Den. Unknown



C. Unknown



Den. Busaba



C. Deception Leopard



Gur. bowringiana



Rlc. Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross'



Paph. schroderae

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 2023 CULTURAL MEETING

Thank you to Tony Musial (good to see you back on deck Tony), Martin Gunther and Trish Stevenson our Orchid and Foliage judges for the day. The orchid numbers were slightly up on last month's figures whilst foliage numbers were down. Perhaps a lot of members are saving their best blooms and foliage for our Easter Show! Please bring your plants along to bench at the Show. It doesn't matter if they are not Show quality, they all add to the atmosphere, and there's nothing sadder than empty benches at an Orchid and Foliage Show.

The meeting was well attended and the group got to learn about Carnivorous plants for our member Ben Timmings who spends a lot of time wandering around the Island checking out the number of carnivorous plants growing locally. Ben's talk, while short, was very informative with members learning that these plants grow in vastly different climatic conditions eg from arid deserts to boggy lowlands. They're largely self-sufficient in a lot of ways. Having originated in boggy, swampy areas, they have adapted to their native low-nutrient soils in an innovative way - by trapping and digesting insects to gain all the nutrients they need, therefore no fertilisers necessary. Carnivorous plants are a bit like orchids and do not like to be over potted. A combination of peat moss and perlite makes the ideal growing medium. A number of members availed themselves of the interesting plants Ben had for sale. Thank you Ben.

After the raffle, which was well patronised with a number of prizes including Phalaenopsis plants and a couple of bottles of wine kindly donated by Sue Harrison, was run and won, President Diann reminded the group that there will be **NO New Growers Meeting for April due to our Easter Show, and NO April Cultural meeting as that date falls on Anzac Day.** The next New Growers Meeting will be Saturday 13th May and the Next Cultural Meeting will be Tuesday 23rd May.

After a quick tidy of the hall and a flurry of activity making sure everyone knew what times and days they needed to be on deck for setting up the 2 halls for the Show and what they had to bring etc members adjourned for Afternoon tea.



MARCH 2023 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



**Rlc. Sunstate Colorchart
'Sundance' X *C. labiata***



Rlc. Home Hill



Rlc. Focus Taiwan



C. Unknown



**Gur. bowringiana X
*C. Deception Drop (4N) Red***



Gur. bowringiana



**Judges Choice Open &
Peoples Choice Orchids
Den. spectabile
Grower— M Gunther**

NB. As my photo from the meeting did not do the plant justice, Martin has kindly provided a photo in lieu. Editor



Den. Green Flash



**V. Pachara Delight
'Nakornsawan Pink'**

MARCH 2023 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



V. Boonyarit Little Flame



Pda. Josephine van Brero



Van. Lou Sneary



Phal. Unknown



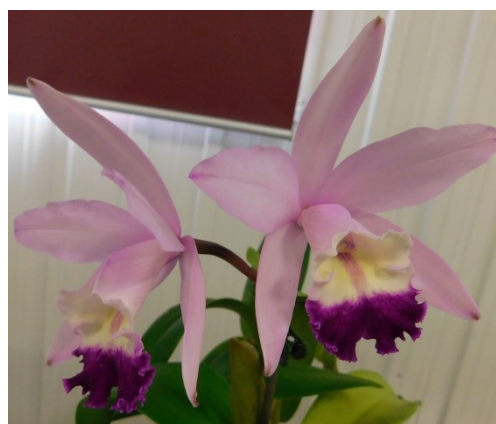
Milt. Kismet 'Kindkal'



Clo. Black Jade



Spa. Far out Freckles



***Judges Choice—New Growers
Ctt. Rosella's Sunset
Grower—R Ramsey***



V. Hsingying Starlight

MARCH 2023 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)

FOLIAGE



Vriesea 'Red Chestnut'



Tillandsia Unknown



Andraeanum 'Chocolate'



Fern Unknown



People's Choice—Foliage
Nepenthe X St. Gaya
Grower—S Hetherington



Bat Plant

MARCH 2023 RESULTS FOR NEW GROWERS MEETING

CLASS	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya	1	1st	C. Unknown	S Harrison
Dendrobium	2	1st	Den. Unknown	W & K McLean
		2nd	Den. bigibbum	S Hetherington
Judges Choice			Den. Unknown	W & K McLean

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

MARCH 2023 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition Lavender/ Mauve/Purple	2	1st	<i>Rlc.</i> Sunstate Colorchart 'Sundance' X <i>C. labiata</i>	Janet Watson
		2nd	<i>Rlc.</i> Lyn Evans	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Exhibition - White	1	1st	<i>Rlc.</i> Home Hill	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Exhibition - Any other colour or colour combination	6	1st	<i>Rlc.</i> Focus Taiwan	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Rlc.</i> Zelda's Star	D & Z Holm
		3rd	<i>Rlc.</i> Alma Kee 'Tip Malee'	R Grant
Cattleya Novelty or Compact	1	1st	C. Unknown	Janet Watson
Cattleya Cluster	1	1st	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i> X <i>C.</i> Deception Drop (4N) Red	P & D Firth
Cattleya Species	2	1st	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	S Linsley
		2nd	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	M Gunther
Dendrobium Species	3	1st	<i>Den. spectabile</i>	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den. stebloceras</i>	M Gunther
		3rd	<i>Den. macranthum</i>	J & T Watson
Dendrobium Any Other	7	1st	<i>Den.</i> Green Flash	M Gunther
		2nd	<i>Den.</i> Sakada Blue X <i>Den.</i> Negro No. 2 'Red'	P & D Firth
		3rd	<i>Den.</i> Excelsa	M Gunther
Vanda Over 60mm	3	1st	V. Pachara Delight 'Nakornsawan Pink'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Ascda.</i> Oriental Rebecca X V. <i>sanderiana</i>	J & T Watson
		3rd	V. Kulwadee Fragrance 22	J & T Watson
Vanda Under 60mm	1	1st	V. Boonyarit Little Flame	J & T Watson
Vanda Other	1	1st	<i>Pda.</i> Josephine van Brero	J & T Watson
Vanda Species	1	1st	<i>Van.</i> Lou Sneary	J & T Watson
Phalaenopsis Miniature	1	1st	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	Janet Watson
Oncidium Any Other	7	1st	<i>Milt.</i> Kismet 'Kindkal'	R Mitchell
		2nd	<i>Brat.</i> Sadie Loo X <i>Mtdm.</i> Christmas Eve	R Grant
		3rd	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown	M Gunther
Miscellaneous HYBRID Any Other	1	1 st	<i>Clo.</i> Black Jade	N & S Jensen
Native Species or Hybrid	3	1st	<i>Spa.</i> Far Out Freckles	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Spa.</i> Unknown	Janet Watson
		3rd	<i>Spa.</i> Mellow Yellow	J & T Watson

NO. OF ORCHIDS BENCHED 45 NO. OF FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED 26

MARCH 2023 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

NOVICE			PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Novice Cattleya	3	1st	<i>C. intermedia amathistena</i> X Lc. Aussie Sunset = <i>Ctt. Rosella's Sunset</i>	R Ramsey
		2nd	C. Unknown	S Harrison
		3rd	C. Unknown	R Ramsey
Vandaceous	1	1st	V. Hsinying Starlight	R Ramsey
Judges Choice - Novice			<i>C. intermedia amathistena</i> X Lc. Aussie Sunset = <i>Ctt. Rosella's Sunset</i>	R Ramsey
Judges Choice - Open			<i>Den. spectabile</i>	M Gunther
Popular Vote - Orchid			<i>Den. spectabile</i>	M Gunther
Popular Vote - Foliage			<i>Nepenthes</i> X St. Gaya	S Hetherington

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

***** Please note that orchid previously known as *C. bowringiana*, is now known as *Gur. bowringiana* (*Guarianthe*). Please update your tags.

FOLIAGE	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Bromeliad	4	1st	Vreisea 'Red Chestnut'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Brom. Unknown	Janet Watson
		3rd	Mini Neoregelia Palmarosa	P & D Firth
Tillandsia	3	1st	<i>Tillandsia Unknown</i>	Janet Watson
		2nd	<i>Tillandsia Unknown</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	N & S Jensen
Anthurium	4	1st	Andraeanum 'Chocolate'	P & D Firth
		2nd	Anthurium Unknown	L Kunde
		3rd	Anthurium Unknown	Janet Watson
Ferns	6	1st	Fern Unknown	S Linsley
		2nd	Adiantum 'Maidenhair' Fine	P & D Firth
		3rd	Crocodile Fern	Janet Watson
Other Foliage	5	1st	<i>Nepenthes</i> X St. Gaya	S Hetherington
		2nd	Aglaonema Siam Aurora	J & T Watson
		3rd	Aglaonema Siam Aurora	N & S Jensen
Foliage with Flowers	4	1st	Bat Plant	R Mitchell
		2nd	Bat Plant	Janet Watson
		3rd	Desert Rose	S Hetherington



Photo courtesy of Martin Gunther

Dendrobium Species

Dendrobium spectabile

Dendrobium spectabile is an orchid species identified by (Blume) Miq. in 1859.

ORIGIN: From Papua & New Guinea and the Solomon Islands at elevations of 300 to 2000 meters although it is most often from 300 to 500 meters.

DESCRIPTION: A spectacular, medium to large sized, hot growing epiphyte in primary rainforests, mangrove swamps and moss forests as well as an occasional lithophyte on rocks. Semiglobose at the base, to 8 noded stems carrying to 5, towards the apex, lanceolate to ovate, coriaceous, obtuse leaves, that blooms in the winter and early spring on an axillary, 8 to 16 [20 to 40 cm] long, few to many flowered [to 20] raceme with minute, oblong bracts that arises from near the apex of leafed mature canes.

FLOWER SIZE: To 3 inches [to 7.5 cm] -- information provided by Jay Pfahl, author of the Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia (IOSPE).

Dendrobium is a [genus](#) of mostly [epiphytic](#) and [lithophytic orchids](#) in the [family](#) Orchidaceae. It is a very large genus, containing more than 1,800 species that are found in diverse habitats throughout much of [south](#), [east](#) and [southeast Asia](#), including [China](#), [Japan](#), [India](#), the [Philippines](#), [Indonesia](#), [Australia](#), [New Guinea](#), [Vietnam](#) and many of the islands of the [Pacific](#). Orchids in this genus have roots that creep over the surface of trees or rocks, rarely having their roots in soil. Up to six leaves develop in a tuft at the tip of a shoot and from one to a large number of flowers are arranged along an unbranched flowering stem. Several attempts have been made to separate *Dendrobium* into smaller genera, but most have not been accepted by the [World Checklist of Selected Plant Families](#). Excerpt from Wikipedia.

UPCOMING SHOWS

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	Sat 8am - 3.30pm

April Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 18th April

Time : 12 noon

Venue : VATAPHIE CAFE

1B/9-11 Spinnaker Drive, Sandstone Point

Please contact Liz on 0407 388 771 if you intend to attend if you have not already done so

Many Happy Returns to our members
celebrating their Birthdays in April

Bev Birt	10th April
Ingrid Fox	21st April
Barry Svensson	24th April
Diann Kennedy	27th April
Paul King	30th April

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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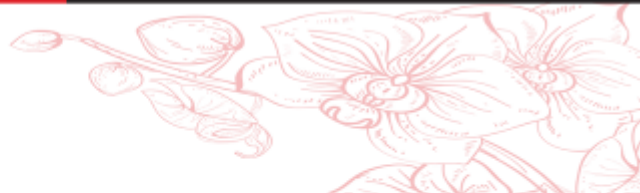
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BIOS Birthday Lunches

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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