

# DECEMBER 2023 BULLETIN

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Celebrating 36 years  
1987—2023



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**Next New Growers Meeting**  
**SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
**Next Birthday Lunch**  
**TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2024**  
**NB Seafood only @ lunchtime**  
**Next Cultural Meeting**  
**TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2024**

*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!!*

wish<sup>ing</sup>  
You a  
Speedy  
Recovery

## ***A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Hello and welcome to our final bulletin for 2023.

Our 2023 Orchid year has come to a close with our final activity being our Christmas Party on Tuesday 5th December.

Thank you to the crew who gathered at The Orchid House on Sunday afternoon to set up for our party—Joe & Teresa, Bob & Vicki, Ron R, Kay S, Cheryl, Debbie & her son, Liz, Pat and Sandy. Tables were dressed and set, decorations put in place, the Christmas tree was assembled, the orchid and foliage display organized and the Secret Santa and Raffle prize tabled readied.

57 members and guests attended and were served a yummy traditional Christmas dinner and dessert by the staff from the Serenity Café with the general consensus of opinion being to book their services again next year. Many voiced their approval of the table service, instead of having to line up, and also none of our members/guests had to do the washing up. Thank you very much!

Our guests for the function were our Patrons Ali King MP and Cr. Brooke Savage and David & Lyne Wearne and Alex & Brenda Peerman our nextdoor neighbours from the Community Nursery. We hope you enjoyed the day.

The dulcet tones of our own 'Frank Sinatra' Bruce rang throughout the hall and members could be seen tapping their feet and singing along, Zelda with the help of Julie and Debbie despatched all the Secret Santa presents and Teresa & Di S oversaw the running of the raffle with the many prizes donated by the Committee and members, along with a gift basket from Ali King and some vouchers donated by the Community Nursery. Thank you one and all. Congratulations to those who won prizes and commiserations to those who missed out—better luck next year!

This year the Committee decided to buy 7 half hams and the Manager and owner of the IGA at Sandstone Point generously donated the eighth. Many thanks to IGA Sandstone Point. These hams were used as lucky door prizes which were very much appreciated by all the winners.

Thank you to all those who stayed behind to ready the hall for our regular group who hire the hall on Wednesdays. Many hands made light work of it on such a hot and humid day.

Lastly, I, along with your Committee, wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy 2024. See you next year!

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**

**All members and visitors must sign the Attendance Book which is on display at the front of the hall for attendance/Insurance purposes. Thank you.**

**'MISSTIMED BLOOMS' - Those plants that flower when there are no meetings (or you can't get there) or Shows!**



**V. Somsri Blue Classic X  
V. Prayard Muang Ratch 2**



***Brs. varrucosa***



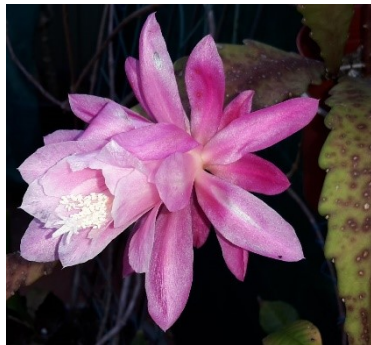
**(Ctt. Aussie Sunset X Ctt. Redland Doll) X Ctt. Sixpence)**



***Den. Aree Dang Green***



***Bulb. basisetum x Bulb. lobbii 'Star Dust'***



**Succulent Unknown**



**Pot. Hsinying Pink Doll 'Hsinying' X C. Tigrina 'Topaz'**

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

## YEARLY AWARDS

Each year, we have the **Wal Corney Award** presented for the best **Open Grower** plant and the **Merv Anderson Award** presented for the best **New Grower** plant. These awards are based on the yearly Judges Choice Winning photos taken at each Cultural Meeting. This year, the winners were judged by David and Lyn Wearne from Wallum Action Group Community Nursery and one of our Patrons, Ali King. Congratulations to all the contenders/winners and thank you to our judges.



### Contenders for New Growers :

R Ramsey —March & November

D & B Birt — May

R Daniels—June & September

G Gow & D Kennedy— July—*Alcra. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'*

P Palmer—August & October



*Alcra. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'*

### Merv Anderson Award Winners—NEW GROWERS

G Gow & D Kennedy  
(Missing in action—enjoying  
a cruise to complete a busy  
year)



### Contenders for Open :

R Russell —January & July

M Gunther—March

S Maller—May

D & Z Holm—June, August (*Phal. Unknown*) & September

J & T Watson—February & October

N & S Jensen—November



*Phal.  
Unknown*



Wal Corney Award Winner —OPEN  
Zelda Holm  
with Secretary Teresa Watson



**THE ORCHID HOUSE, BONGAREE, BRIBIE ISLAND  
CHRISTMAS 2023**



**Tony, Lyn & David**



**Allan, Vicki & Bob**



**Rainie**



**Bev & Daryl**



**Alex, Brenda and Warwick**



**Ros G**



**Teresa & Joe**



**Kay**



**Chris, Jan & Louise**



**Peter & Jan**



**Kay S, Suzette & Ros R**



**Heather, Jenni & Allen**



**Barry & Susan**



**Barry, Susan & Julie**



**Trish & Ali**



**Kay & Di S**



**Sue H**



**Janet, Bob L & Bob B**



**Helene, Liz G & John**



**Sue, Lynette & Bruce**



**Pat & Beverley**



**Ron & Liz K**



**Pauline, Kath and Cheryl**



**David & Ron**



**Cheryl & Stephanie**



**Our 'Frank Sinatra'  
Bruce**



**Zelda and her Secret Santa helpers Debbie & Julie**





**Don, Zelda & Tony**



**Ros G & company**



**Thanking our caterers from Serenity Cafe**



**With Sue L's birthday on the 3rd December, it was cupcake time.**



**Bob F celebrating a belated Birthday with Liz in charge of the cupcakes**



## Cultural Notes – Summer

Now that Summer is here we are entering what is probably the busiest period of the orchid growing year, just when everything else is demanding attention too. Not many plants are coming into flower, but there are a few: *Cymbidium madidum*, some **Epidendrums** and **Encyclias**, some Coelogynes, **Oncidium sphacelatum**, the splendid *Calanthe triplicata* or **Christmas Orchid**, and soon the magnificent **Stanhopeas**. This year we have had unusual weather conditions so you may even have late flowerings of soft cane **Dendrobiums**. However all plants are going into their main growth period and need regular, and probably more frequent, water and a higher Nitrogen fertiliser. With the longer, hotter days and higher light levels there is a possibility of leaf burn so you must consider extra shading or repositioning plants to give them less severe light. However while keeping up the humidity try to do it early in the day and keep water out of the tops of new growths and the papery sheaths that persist on many **Cattleyas** and some **Dendrobiums**. There is an exception to the 'early' watering. Most **Cymbidiums** want to experience a drop in temperature from day to night. They will not develop new flower spikes for next year if there are persistent hot summer nights. Water late to keep them cool in the evenings. While attending to all this do not forget that this is when much of your repotting should be done when the flowering is over and before there are too many tender new shoots. In summer watch out for chewing pests and for fungus problems. You have to take precautions here as by the time you see the signs it is too late.

Use snail baits and Two-in-One [**Killyptus & Pyrethrum**] for insects, and **Mancozeb** or **Fongarid** (for fungus). *Note: Killyptus is no longer available and it has been suggested that Malathion be used as an insecticide. As a rule, do not to use insecticides with 'oil' in their name when temperatures are in the 30° Cs as new leads/shoots will burn.*

**Cattleyas** (and their hybrids with **Brassavolas**, **Laelias** and **Sophronitis**) Most of these have finished flowering and have new shoots. Many of these plants will be scorched by full sun on hot afternoons, so require more shade. Repotting is probably the main task, especially if your plant is starting to "climb out" of the pot. **Cattleyas** "enjoy" repotting. Consider dividing the plant and potting the back bulbs.

**Dendrobiums** (Hard cane types, Australian natives & their hybrids, including Intermediate types.) These plants love this time of the year. Give them plenty of light but do not let them overheat as they will do in our common black plastic pots.

**Dendrobiums** (Soft cane types & their hybrids) These are used to a hot, wet, monsoon type summer so it is impossible to overwater or overfeed them in the summer months. Depending on the sort of summer we have you may have to shade them

**Oncidiums** (As well as **Miltonias**, **Brassias** & their hybrids) In Summer, the main requirements are not to let their leaves burn and to keep them moist. Most hybrids have already but *Oncidium sphacelatum* will have sent up its 4 foot long flower spikes ready to flower in November. Give them some support as they may have up to 200 flowers. Fertilise with high nitrogen fertilisers for new plant growth. **Repot** if necessary, probably because the plant has out grown the pot. Most of them were not designed to live in pots. Be adventurous and try mounting them but remember they will then need more frequent watering.

**Vandas** (and their related species and hybrids) These plants need humidity so they should be watered every second day, and humidity levels can be kept up by extra, light mistings or by damping down the floor below them. A few may already be showing flower spikes. Give them high phosphorus fertiliser alternated with the high nitrogen one you are using on everything else.

## Cultural Notes – Summer (Cont'd)

**Phalaenopsis** Like the **Vandas** they must not be left to dry out, nor should they be left with water in the crown of the plant. During the summer months they also appreciate a high nitrogen fertiliser. If they are developing a 'trunk' they may have to be repotted lower in a pot.

**Paphiopedilum** (The Asian 'slipper orchid') These plants also lack pseudobulbs and so need regular watering, probably every third day. Again, water sitting in the crown of the plant can rot newly emerging flower bulbs. Remove old dead leaves.

**Phragmipedium**, (South American 'Slipper Orchid'). There have been 'phrags' at each of the recent shows in our region. Mine has not even started to show a spike. It grows in straight sphagnum moss, kept continually moist and sitting in a tray of water.

By Ian McLaren 21–10–08 Bribie Island Orchid Society.

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[My Huge List of Orchid Abbreviations](#)

### Web site

[Pronunciation Guide \(pvorchids.com\)](#) [\(orchidsplus.com\)](#)

### Abbreviation

(always written in italics)

*Angcm.*

*Brs.*

*C.*

*Coel.*

*Ctt.*

*Cym.*

*Den.*

*E.*

*Mxl.*

*Milt.*

*Onc.*

*Prost.*

*Phal.*

*Rlc.*

*Rth.*

*Sarc.*

*Spa. plicta*

*Tolu.*

*V.*

### Name

Angraecum

Brassia

Cattleya

Coelogyne

Cattlianthe

Cymbidium

Dendrobium

Encyclia

Maxillaria

Miltoniopsis

Oncidium

Prosthechea

Phalaenopsis

Rhyncalaeliacattleya

Rhyncattleanthe

Sarcochilus

Spathaglotis

Tolumnia

Vanda

### Pronunciation

an-GRAY-kum

BRASS-ee-ah

KAT-lee-ah

see-LOJ-ih-nee

Cat-lee-anthe

sim-BID-ee-um

den-DROH-bee-um

en-SIK-lee-ah

mak-sill-AIR-ee-ah

mill-toh-nee-OP-sis

on-SID-ee-um

Prost-theek-ee-ah

fail-en-OP-sis

Rinca-la-lia-cat-lee-ah

Rin-cattle-anthe

sar-koh-KYE-luss

Spath-ah-glotis

Tol-Um-Nee-ah

VAN-dah



We're getting in early for the New Year and Liz is organizing another **BUS TRIP**

**Date : Friday 16th February 2024 so save the date!**

**Destination :** The Queensland International Orchid Fair at Belmont— a great opportunity for members to see/purchase lots of different types of orchids and foliage from numerous vendors. This was a very popular destination for our first bus trip this year.

After we've exhausted ourselves, or should that be our wallets, we'll head off to lunch and possibly another venue before we return to the Island.

More details to come.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Liz Kunde on mobile 0407 388 771 or email: kundecrew@bigpond.com to book your seat.

**STOP PRESS— The Bus trip is now fully booked however Liz is running a Wait List for those who might like to take advantage of any last minute cancellations.**

## UPCOMING SHOWS

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	10th & 11th	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show, Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	Sat 8am - 3.30pm & Sun 9am - 3pm
<b>MARCH</b>	16th	Maroochydore Orchid Society (closed show) Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim	Saturday
	29th & 30th	Bribie Island Orchid Society Easter Orchid & Foliage Show	Benching Thursday 28th from 2pm, Good Friday 8.30am - 4pm & Easter Saturday 8.30am - 2pm

# January Birthdays

Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Time : 12 noon

Venue : The Flames Restaurant (Seafood only for lunch—Indian at night)

1713-1735 Bribie Island Road, Sandstone Point, 4511

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 Birthday in January

2nd January Warwick McLean

8th January Stephanie Maller

8th January Sandy Jensen

15th January Ron Kunde

17th January Florence McLaren

19th January Kathy Beatty

25th January Val Anderson

25th January Diann Sirett

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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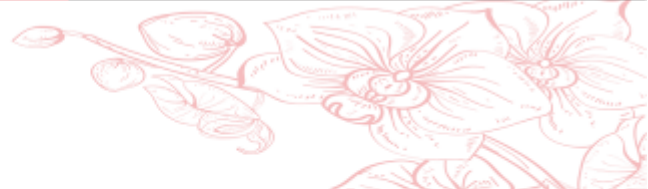
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# BIOS Birthday Lunches

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](http://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](mailto: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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