

OCTOBER 2022 BULLETIN

Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.



Celebrating 35 years
1987—2022



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Next New Growers Meeting
SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Next Birthday Lunch
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Next Cultural Meeting
TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

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^{ing}
you a
Speedy
Recovery



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.**

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to our October bulletin for 2022.

Thank you one and all for making our 35th Anniversary Spring Orchid & Foliage Show such a great success. A special thank you to Diann Kennedy who took on the role of Show Co-ordinator with virtually no experience and did a mighty fine job of it. Read Di's report further on in this bulletin.

Hopefully the lovely soaking rain we have enjoyed in the last week or so will bring new life to our orchids and foliage in readiness for our Easter Show which is planned for Good Friday 7th April and Easter Saturday 8th April 2023. Background work is already under way for a bigger and better Show so please have a think about what you may be able to contribute by way of help. Many hands make light work!

Watch this space for details of our planned sausage sizzle and plant sales day, in conjunction with our good neighbours Wallum Community Nursery in the coming weeks.

Our next function is our New Growers Meeting on Saturday 12th November 1pm for 1.30pm start. **Don't forget your plants for the bench and any problem plants you would like help with!** followed by our November Birthday lunch at noon on Tuesday 15th November at Charlies, Bribie Island Hotel and then our November Cultural Meeting on Tuesday 22nd November, 1pm for 1.30pm start.

Our **Christmas Lunch** is on the planning board starting at noon on **Tuesday 6th December at The Orchid House**. Please see details further on in this bulletin. **Names and numbers** to Liz Kunde on 0407 388 771 or kundecrew@gmail.com or Diane Firth on 0475 851 603 or frostyf48@bigpond.com **as soon as possible please** for catering purposes.

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 due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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.



A very warm welcome to the following new members who signed up at our Spring Show. We hope you enjoy learning about growing orchids and look forward to seeing you all at coming meetings and functions :

Peter & Barbara Alexander

Marcelle Barton

Tracey Brittain

Martin Gunther

Terry & Robyn Swan

Henry Williamson

Bernadette (Bernie) Wilson

Another early date for your 2023 calendar is our 2023 Spring Orchid & Foliage Show currently planned for Setup Thursday 12th October with the Show running Friday and Saturday 13th and 14th October 2023.

35th Anniversary Show - Show Co-Ordinators Report

First of all I would like to thank everyone for the help and support I received over the last couple of months. I knew nothing about organizing an Orchid Show at the start and your assistance and advice was invaluable.

I would especially like to thank Teresa, who got the ball rolling before I took the position of Show Co-ordinator in submitting the plans and permits to council and obtaining sponsorships. Ros Grant who gave me an introduction to the position, my thanks. Thanks to all the helpers on Wednesday setting up the Orchid house, all the boys setting up the fencing, all those who carted the tables and set up the Indoor Bowls Club and the men who drove around putting out all our signs on the Thursday as they all worked like trojans on both days. Thanks also to Zelda for your work on the schedule and your presentations on the Show days and Ros Ramsay for organizing the insurance (such a headache) and the EFT Pos Machine. Kay for organizing the catering as well as Margaret, Sue and Barry and all who helped in the kitchen, I can't thank you enough. To all the cooks who made biscuits, slices, cakes and salads, thank you. Many thanks to Joe and your band of male helpers who manned the gate, Paul and Di Firth, Ron Russell and Janet for your great work in the plant sales. Sandy and Liz who spent hours at the computer, printing cards for the various classes as well as staying until 10pm on Thursday night printing place cards, my sincere thanks. Bob, for your wonderful work in the cloak room, my thanks to you. I would also like to thank Julie for doing the rolling raffles, and the ladies who sold tickets for the major raffle and everyone who came to set up on Thursday and those who helped break down on Sunday. Thanks also to Di Sirett for your support and assistance, even with a bung wing. I know that many of you did a host of other jobs as well, like designing, printing and distributing of flyers, placing of signs on the road side and hanging of banners etc, your contributions have not gone unnoticed, you are all amazing, thank you.

There is no way the Show would have gone ahead without the support of our sponsors and I have issued them all with Certificates of Appreciation. I would also like to thank our Patrons for their time in attending and presenting the awards.

Finally my thanks to Geoff Button for being our Marshall and Glenda from STOCQ and all the judges for your time on Thursday in judging the Orchids and to Trish Stevenson and her happy helper Heather for judging the Foliage, and all who benched plants. Congratulations to all the winners. Well done.

* Plans are already underway for the Easter Show, which is 7th and 8th April 2023.

- 5th Nov – Orchid Species Show at Buderim Uniting Church 8am – 4pm.

Diann Kennedy

October Birthday Lunch

October's Birthday Lunch saw 15 members and guests gather at The Deck Bistro, Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club at Bellara, with Julie and Bob being the 'birthday people' on the day. Happy Birthday! There were some reports of people not being very impressed with their food selections so there is some doubt as to whether this venue will be on the list in the foreseeable future. Apart from that everyone had an enjoyable day. Once again Diane did the honours as our photographer. Thanks Di and thanks Liz for organizing lunch and the cake.

Our **next Birthday Lunch** will be held at **Charlie's, Bribie Island Hotel, 29 Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara**



Janet & Ros



Liz and Jenni Mae

☆ = Birthday people



Julie



Diann & Sue



Teresa, Joe and Bob



& Teresa



Kay & Sue



Paul

Bob L, Liz, and Ros

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



Den. Chet's Choice



Den. lindleyi



Den. aphyllum



Den. Chet's Choice



Anthurium Unknown



Den. Unknown



Ctt. Jewel Box 'Scherezade'



Cactus 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.

OCTOBER 2022 CULTURAL MEETING

On 25th October The Orchid House was not quite as packed with lovely blooms as our September meeting but there were some stunning plants on display. It was a shame that some of those plants were not at their peak for our Show but Mother Nature seems to have decided to stretch Spring out a little longer. Congratulations to the winners and placegetters, including benchings by 3 of our New Growers.

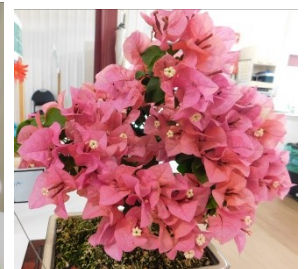
Our President Diann welcomed one of our newest members Martin Gunther. Martin is a seasoned grower hailing from North Queensland with quite a collection of orchids, two of which he benched so he already has points on the board. Martin is also an Orchid Judge so his skills and expertise are most welcome in our group. Who knows, we might even be able to convince him to be our guest speaker one of these days.

Our guest speaker for the day was Paul Firth who runs our Cultural Corner, aided by his lovely wife Diane. Paul gave a comprehensive rundown of the supplies available from the society eg bark, charcoal, perlite, and numerous insecticides, fertilisers, plant tags and lot of other essentials for growing orchids and members availed themselves of supplies for potting season which is well under way.

While our meeting finished a little earlier than normal, we didn't clear the hall until around the usual time with members lingering for a chat and catchup over a tea or coffee and the numerous goodies on offer.

Our **Guest Speaker for November's Cultural Meeting on Tuesday 22nd November** will be one of our New Growers, **Ben Timmings**, who will speak on **Carnivorous plants and orchids growing on the Island**.

At our **next New Growers meeting on Saturday 12th November**, Zelda will be demonstrating **how to repot Dendrobiums & Phalaenopsis**.



OCTOBER 2022 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



**Rlc. Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty'
X C. Spring Drumb**



Rlc. Yellow Ribbons 'Starfighter'



Ctt. Jewel Box 'Scherzade'



Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'



**Jkf. Apple Blossom
'Perfect Custard'**



**Judges Choice—Open &
People's Choice Orchids
Growers—R Russell & M Gadd
*Den. lindleyi***



**Den. Mem. Kip McKillop X
*Den. canaliculatum***



Den. Lime Delight



V. Fantastic Fanfare

OCTOBER 2022 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



V. Boonyarrit Little Flame



Asctm. pusilla



Phal. Pink Heart



Phal. Cassandra alba



Phal. Unknown



Paph. callosum



Odon. Mystic Maze



Coel. longifolium



Sarco. hartmannii

Guest speaker for November's Cultural Meeting on Tuesday 22nd November will be Ben Timmings speaking on Carnivorous plants & Orchids on Bribie Island

OCTOBER 2022 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)

New Growers



Phal. Sogo Gotris



Epi. Unknown

Judge's Choice—New Growers
Grower S Hetherington
Den. Unknown



Anthurium Princess Elegant

FOLIAGE



Brom. Unknown



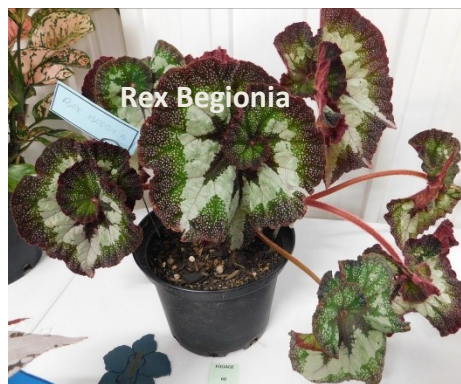
Till. ionantha



People Choice—Foliage
Growers—J & T Watson
Zygocactus 'Mum's Red'



Maidenhair Fern



Rex Begonia

OCTOBER 2022 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

CLASS	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition Lavender/Mauve/Purple	1	1st	R/c. Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty' X Lc. (Drumbeat X Casitas Springs 'Hawaii') = R/c. Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty X C. Spring Dumb	P & D Firth
Cattleya Exhibition - Any other colour or colour combination	1	1st	R/c. Yellow Ribbons 'Starfighter'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Novelty/Compact	2	1st	Ctt. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	C. Unknown	Janet Watson
Epidendrum	3	1st	Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	J & T Watson
		2nd	Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	R Grant
		3rd	Epi. Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'	J & T Watson
Cattleya Cluster	4	1st	Jkf. Apple Blossom 'Perfect Custard'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Jkf. Apple Blossom 'Perfect Custard'	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Jkf. Apple Blossom 'Perfect Custard'	D & Z Holm
Dendrobium Species	10	1st	Den. lindleyi	R Russell & M Gadd
		2nd	Den. tangerinum	M Gunther
		3rd	Den. discolor	R Russell & M Gadd
Den. Spatulata/Intermediate	3	1st	Den. Mem. Kip McKillop X Den. canaliculatum	R Russell & M Gadd
		2nd	Den. Alisun Cherry X Self	R Russell & M Gadd
		3rd	Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut	J & T Watson
Dendrobium (Any Other)	5	1st	Den. Lime Delight	M Gunther
		2nd	Den. Buderim Fantasy X Den. friedericksianum	P & D Firth
		3rd	Den. Chet's Choice	J & T Watson
Vanda Over 60mm	3	1st	V. Dr Anek X V. Blitz Heartthrob = V. Fantastic Fanfare	J & T Watson
		2nd	V. Fantastic Fanfare X V. Gordon Dillon	R Grant
		3rd	Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Pink'	J & T Watson
Vanda Under 60mm	2	1st	V. Boonyarit Little Flame	J & T Watson
		2nd	V. Unknown	R Grant
Vanda Species	1	1st	Asctm. pusilla	J & T Watson
Phalaenopsis Any Type	6	1st	Phal. Pink Heart	J & T Watson
Phalaenopsis Species	1	1st	Phal. Cassandra alba (not Species)	Janet Watson
Phalaenopsis Miniature	1	1st	Phal. Unknown	P & D Firth
Paph / Phrag Species	1	1st	Paph. callosum	D & Z Holm
Oncidium Any Other	2	1st	Odon. Mystic Maze (Not registered)	Janet Watson
		2nd	Onc. Pacific Sunrise 'Hakalau'	R Russell & M Gadd

OCTOBER 2022 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (Cont'd)

CLASS	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Miscellaneous Species	4	1st	<i>Coel. longifolium</i>	R Grant
		2nd	<i>Bulb. sumatranum</i>	R Grant
		3rd	<i>Aspidogyne (Apg.) argentea (Jewel Orchid)</i>	J & T Watson
Aust. Native Species	1	1st	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	R Russell & M Gadd

NEW GROWERS				
Dendrobium	1	1st	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	S Hetherington
Other Hybrids	1	1st	<i>Phal. Sogo Gotris</i>	D Kennedy
Species	1	1st	<i>Epi. Unknown</i>	D Kennedy
Judges Choice Open			<i>Den. lindleyi</i>	R Russell & M Gadd
Judges Choice New Growers			<i>Den. Unknown</i>	S Hetherington
Popular Vote - Orchid			<i>Den. lindleyi</i>	R Russell & M Gadd
Popular Vote - Foliage			<i>Zygo Cactus 'Mum's Red'</i>	J & T Watson

NO NEW GROWERS MEETING AS SUCH FOR OCTOBER HOWEVER OCTOBER 2022 SPRING SHOW RESULTS FOR NEW GROWERS

CLASS	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Dendrobium	2	1st	<i>Den. canaliculatum</i>	B Timmings
		2nd	<i>Plectorrhiza (Plrhz.) tridentata</i>	B Timmings
Any Vanda & Phalaenopsis	4	1st	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	B & J Jackson
		2nd	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	B & J Jackson
		3rd	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	B & J Jackson
Any Other Species (incl Natives)	1	1st	<i>Cryptostylis (Csy.) erecta</i>	B Timmings

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 54

NO. OF FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED 30

OCTOBER 2022 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

= No. of plants benched in each Class)

FOLIAGE	#		PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Bromeliad	3	1st	<i>Brom. Unknown</i>	Janet Watson
		2nd	<i>Aechmea seidelii</i>	Janet Watson
		3rd	<i>Brom. Unknown</i>	Janet Watson
Tillandsia	5	1st	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Tillandsia scheideana</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Tillandsia unknown</i>	Janet Watson
Anthurium	6	1st	Anthurium Princess Elegant	N & S Jensen
		2nd	<i>Anthurium Scherzerianum</i>	R Grant
		3rd	Anthurium Unknown	Janet Watson
Ferns	5	1st	Maiden Hair Fern	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Maiden Hair Fern	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Fern Unkown	N & S Jensen
Other Foliage	8	1st	Rex Begonia	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Aglaonema 'Siam Aurora'</i>	N & S Jensen
		3rd	<i>Aglaonema Unknown</i>	N & S Jensen
Foliage with Flowers	3	1st	Zygo Cactus 'Mum's Red'	J & T Watson
		2nd	Bonsai Bougainvillea	W & K McLean
		3rd	Desert Rose	Janet Watson

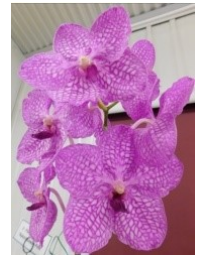
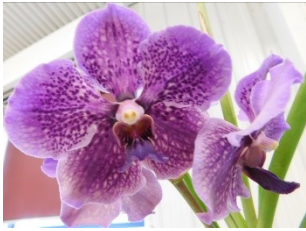
UPCOMING SHOWS

Please note that some of these activities may change depending on Covid restrictions down the track.

November	5th	Nambour Species Show , Nambour Uniting Church Hall	Sat - 8am - 4pm
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Some early dates for your 2023 Calendar

February	11th & 12th	Aspley Orchid Society Summer Orchid Show , Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	
April	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



GROWING CONDITIONS FOR VANDACEOUS ORCHIDS

Vandaceous orchids, as this varied group of plants is called, are mostly warmth and sun-loving orchids, with very colourful flowers. Originating from tropical Asia, they are easily grown in warm climates, where plants are grown outside in light shade, such as in a shadehouse. In climates where winters are cold, they are often summered outside, and grown inside during the winter in a sunny window, or year round in a greenhouse.

Temperature for most vandaceous plants should be warm; a minimum winter night temperature of 12.8^o C is recommended. Colder spells can be tolerated for a short time if it is not windy. Optimum temperatures are 15.5^o C at night and to 35^o C during the day. Warmer temperatures mean faster growth, which must be balanced with higher humidity, air movement and increased water and fertilizer. Days should be warm and humid for optimum plant growth.

Light is a crucial factor in blooming some vandaceous plants. There are three types of vandas: strap-leaf, semi-terete, and terete. The first type has broader, flat leaves, while terete types have round pencil-shaped leaves. The semi-teretes are hybrids between the two, with an intermediate shape. Terete types need full sun and are best grown in high light climates. In warm, bright climates, you can grow any type of Vanda, outside (if warm) with partial shade for strap-leaf types and semi-teretes (especially in mid-day in summer) or inside (when cold) in a bright, south window. In climates where winters are dull, try strap-leaf types (or ascocendas); grow them outside in summer and in full sun inside during the winter. In a greenhouse give plants about 25% to 35% shade, less in winter if dull. Leaves should be a medium green, not dark green.

Water Vandas generally like lots of water when growing, but must dry quickly. Because of this, and their extensive root system, they are mostly grown in slatted wooden baskets, or in pots with a coarse potting medium. If warm and sunny, they may need daily watering, with misting several times a day in dry or hot climates. Water sparingly in the winter or during cloudy weather, but do not allow plants to shrivel.

Humidity of 80% is ideal. In tropical climates, this may be easy to obtain. Yet in most climates, misting may be necessary during sunny weather. In a greenhouse, this is easier to provide by wetting down the floor, or using an evaporative cooler. In the home, place the plants on trays of gravel, partially filled with water. Do not mist the plants if the leaves will not dry by nighttime. Air movement must be strong.

Fertilising – A well balanced (20-20-20) fertiliser applied full strength once per week is recommended when warm, or use ¼ strength every watering. During cool or cloudy weather, apply fertilizer once every two to four weeks. Use a high phosphorus fertilizer (such as 10-30-20) every third application to promote blooming. A vitamin B-1 compound may be beneficial; use it once per month.

Potting should be done in Spring. Plants in baskets do not need to be repotted often; leave them unless the potting medium breaks down. Just set the plant, with the old basket, into a container of water to make the aerial roots more pliable, and then set plant and basket into a larger basket. For plants in pots, replot in a slightly larger pot, positioning the plant in the centre. Use a coarse medium, whether bark, tree fern, charcoal etc and work it around the roots. Keep shaded, humid, but drier at the roots until new root tips grow. Do not overpot.

November Birthdays



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 15th November

Time—12 noon

Venue— Charlie's

Bribie Island Hotel, 29 Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara

If you haven't already done so, 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 Birthday in November

9th	Joe Watson
14th	Rodney Mitchell
16th	Paul Firth
19th	Tierney Thomas
19th	Liz Grubb
21th	Kathy McLean
28th	Kay Smythe

December Birthdays will be celebrated at our Christmas Lunch.



TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Venue: THE ORCHID HOUSE
Gate 3, 1st Avenue, Bongaree**

Menu : Cold Chicken & Ham, Salads

Choice of Desserts

Drinks : BYO

Tea and Coffee

COST : \$20 per head

**Secret Santa— limited to \$15—please mark Male,
Female or Unisex**

To receive a present, you must bring one to the lunch.

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December Birthdays will also be celebrated!



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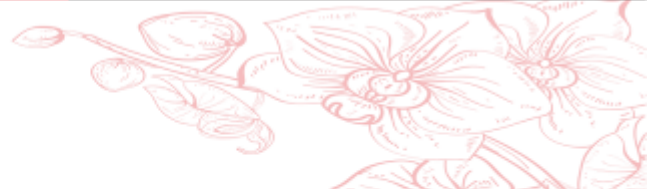
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BIOS Birthday Lunches

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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