

March, 2010

DIARY DATES 2010

13 Mar – One Day Display,
MOS EdenLea, Buderim !
Setup Friday night!

**20 March—Montville
Village Church Hall—
10am to 4pm—\$2 Admis-
sion**

2-3 April—Bribie Island
Orchid Society—BISHS First
Ave, Bribie Island

**2-4 April – Gladstone OFS
Show, Bill Robertson
Toyota, Hanson Rd, Glad-
stone – Judging 7am**

10-11 April – Capricorn O &
FC Show

**10-11 April – Eastern
District Orchid Soc Show,
Bayside Uniting Church
Hall, 420 Wondall Rd,
Manly West**

17 April – Sth Burnett OS
Show, Wondai Memorial
Hall – Part of Garden Expo

**17 April – Boyne Tannum
Show with setup 16th**

23-24 April – Sunshine
Coast Show – Setup 22nd

**24 April—Redlands, Don-
ald Simpson Over 50's
Leisure Centre, Bloomfield
St, Cleveland.**

1-2 May – Gympie Show,
setup 30th April, Show-
grounds

**7,8 & 9 May – Bunda-
berg, Setup 6th**

11-12 June – Townsville
Orchid Society, Tropical
Queensland Orchid Coun-
cil Conference & Show
2010

**12-14 June – Caloundra
Golden Orchidfest, Ka-
wana Lakes Communi-
ty Centre, Sportsman
Pde, Bokarina**



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NEW MATTERS OF INTEREST

2010 – EDENLEA ORCHID SHOW

A reminder to all members:

- *Cakes, slices, biscuits, scones are needed for morning/ afternoon teas.
- *Also assistance is required on Friday night to help with the setup.
- *Plastic bags are required for plant sales.
- *Each member to take some flyers to distribute.

Where: EdenLea Retirement Village, Buderim.
When: 13 March
Setup: Friday evening (12 March) around 5.00 pm

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UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Nambour Society is organizing a bus trip.

When: 29 to 31 Oct (leaving Friday morning and returning Sunday evening.)
Where: Gladstone
Cost: Preliminary costs around \$400 based on twin share (\$300 single)
The more people the less cost.
Details: Gladstone Society will be hosting visits to bush houses. Friday and Saturday evening meals will be at your own cost. The 'cost' covers bus, accommodation and lunches.

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Noosa Orchid Society is organizing a bus trip.

When: 17 April (pickup in Nambour 5.30am)
Where: Wondai—South Burnett Orchid Society Show
Contact: Rob Lane—5485 0562 for more details.

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Maroochydore Orchid Society February Meeting

Speakers – Monica Smith will share her knowledge of carnivorous plant

12-14 June - Caloundra Golden Orchidfest, Kawana Lakes Community Centre, Sportsman Pde, Bokarina

15-16 June - Southport & District Orchid Soc Show, The Oasis Shopping Centre, Broadbeach

9-11 July - Caboolture OS Show, Setup 8th

7-8 August - Maroochydore Orchid Soc Show, setup 6th

25-29 August - 6th Australian Native Orchid Conference & Show, Newcastle Panthers' Club, Newcastle

3-4 Sept - Nambour Orchid Show, setup 2nd

11-12 Sept - Capricorn O & FC Show

16-18 Sept - Maryborough District Orchid Soc Show, setup 15th

24-25 Sept - Glasshouse, setup 23rd

10-16 Sept - 19th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show, Perth (aoconference@dodo.com.au)

9-10 October - Bribie Island Orchid Society



Gambling
Community Benefit Fund
Queensland Government

DON'T FORGET— FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

SUBSCRIPTIONS

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS? IF NOT – PLEASE PAY TREASURER DEL.

THANK YOU

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ARANBEEM NEW GROWERS' MEETING

This meeting is open to all members of the Societies. Why not get together and car pool.

When: First Saturday of each month (6 March for this month)
Time: 1.45 to 3.45pm
Place: Aranbeem Orchids, Priests Rd, Deception Bay
Bring: Chair, hat and a plate to share for afternoon tea

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TROPICAL QUEENSLAND ORCHID COUNCIL CONFERENCE & SHOW 2010

Where: Townsville
When: 11 – 12 June (Queens Birthday Weekend)
Registration: See Lyn for forms

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LIBRARY

Help Joan out. If you have any outstanding Library Books please return them so that Joan can re-catalogue them for us.

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CALOUNDRA ORCHID FEST

Have you got your raffle tickets to sell for the Caloundra Orchid Fest? Make sure you take them with you tonight.

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REMINDER FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS— MONTHLY JUDGING

Voting is from the February meeting to the November meeting. You should place a piece of paper underneath your pot (which can be prepared at home if you wish) with the **plant name and grower's name**. The grower's number is not required as the score is taken on the number which is placed in front of your pot on the night.

1st place – 3 points
2nd place – 2 points
3rd place – 1 point
(No show placings are added to this)

CULTURAL NOTES

THE MOON AND YOUR GARDEN

I have only given the moon calendar for April this newsletter (with March having been supplied in last month's newsletter).

I hope you have found the information helpful.

Pink – Waxing Green – Waning

Zodiac	Element	Quality	Fertile/ Barren
Aries	Fire	Hot/dry	Mildly barren
Taurus	Earth	Cold/ dry	Mildly fertile
Gemini	Air	Hot/ Moist	Barren
Cancer	Water	Cold/ moist	Fertile
Leo	Fire	Hot/ dry	Barren
Virgo	Earth	Cold/ dry	Barren
Libra	Air	Hot/ moist	Fertile
Scorpio	Water	Cold/ Moist	Fertile
Sagittarius	Fire	Hot/ dry	Mildly barren
Capricorn	Earth	Cold/ dry	Mildly fertile
Aquarius	Air	Hot/ moist	Mildly barren
Pisces	Water	Cold/ moist	Fertile

Mth		Zodiac	Time	Phase
April	1	Scorpio	9.00am	
	3	Sag	3.00am	
	5	Capricorn	12 noon	
	8	Aquarius	12 midnight	
	10	Pisces	12 noon	
	12	Aries	12 midnight	
	14	Aries		New Moon 14/04 @10.30pm
	15	Taurus	9.00am	
	17	Gemini	5.00pm	
	19	Cancer	10.00pm	
	22	Leo	2.00am	
	24	Virgo	5.00am	
	26	Libre	7.00am	
	28	Scorpio	9.00am	Full Moon 1.03 @3.37am
	30	Sag	1.00pm	

CULTURAL NOTES

CONTINUED

SOME EASY TREATMENT OF PESTS ETC.

Neem Oil— A natural oil derived from the Neem tree fruit has many properties. The oil is the most effective insect deterrent and most effective on fleas on pets. This product is now readily available from commercial outlets.

Mix 30 mls to 4 1/2 litres of water and apply to plants every 7 days or when insects are active.

Nicotine Spray - Nicotine spray has been deregistered for commercial use, as it is a very potent poison. Homemade sprays should be prepared with extreme care.

Ingredients: 1 2oz packet of tobacco or 2 packets of cigarettes & 5 litres of water.

Preparation: Simmer the tobacco in 5 litres of water for 30-60 minutes. Strain the liquid to remove shreds of tobacco. Mix 1 part nicotine spray to 4 parts of water. For great effectiveness add white oil at the rate of 60 mls to 5 litres of spray.

NOTE: DO NOT SPRAY TOMATO, CAPSICUM OR POTATO PLANTS.

Tomato Leaf Juice— Useful in controlling aphids and caterpillars on many plants.

Ingredients: 500 g tomato leaves ; 5 litres water; 30 g soap.

Preparation: Boil the tomato leaves in 5 litres of water. Strain mixture and dissolve 30 g soap in mix. Mixture can be made to suit desired strength. Recommended dosage is 1 part tomato spray to 4 parts water.

Pyrethrum Spray— This is a general purpose spray.

Preparation: 2 tbsps of Pyrethrum to 4.5 litres of water. Add 1/3 cup of Lux Flakes. Use when mixed. Apply every 7 days until pest is under control.

Urine Spray

This is nature's way of deterring insects on plants and is a useful foliage fertiliser.

Preparation: 1 cup of urine to 4.5 litres of water. Add 1/3 cup of Lux flakes.

Apply when insects are active.

NOTE:

When using any sprays always use a recommended wetting agent. Most foliage is difficult to wet and sprays are not effective.

Standard application is: 1/3 cup of Lux flakes to 1 gallon (4.5 litres) of mixture.

Agricultural wetting agents: Agral 60 or Chemwett – 4 teaspoons to 1 gallon water.



Soon to be on the
web

MONTHLY MEETINGS

WHEN: FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

WHERE: GIRL GUIDE HALL, BEACH RD,
MAROOCHYDORE

TIME: 7.30m

ALL WELCOME