

Nambour Orchid News

May 2017

Nambour Orchid Society

Business meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12.45pm prior to the cultural meeting

All members are welcome to attend.

Cultural meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave., Nambour at 2pm.

All members and visitors are welcome.

Plants are to be tabled by 1.30pm for judging.

The Species appreciation group get together is held monthly from February to November at member's homes. Contact the Secretary for details.

All STOCQ members are welcome. Bring your flowering species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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Judges Choice April



Rhynchorides Memoria Suranaree 'Blue'

Directory of Office Bearers

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Secretary news May

Bus Trip. Our bus trip to Hervey Bay was a great success. We were welcomed at the Botanic Gardens by Vicki Riley and her team, who had a great morning tea and Orchid house tour in store for us. After a couple of hours at the gardens, on to Kondari Hotel for lunch, where we were well looked after by the staff with a delicious lunch. Our afternoon was filled with a visit to Fraser Coast Dendrobiums and Burbank Orchids, where members managed to fill the bus with all their purchases to take home to their orchid house. Our thanks to all the places we visited, whose hospitality made it a great day out.

Gympie show was our next event for the month. Several members helped mount the display at the showgrounds as part of the Gympie garden expo. Members took home 19 ribbons, Reserve champion, Champion species & Champion specimen, a great effort by all. Thank you to all the helpers. Winners below:

J Robbins	1 st <i>Gomesa radicans</i> 1 st <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Charm 3 rd <i>C.</i> Dal's Good One 3 rd <i>Lc.</i> Angel Heart x Grt. Why not 2 nd <i>Aglaonema</i> Galaxy
B & G Robertson	1 st <i>Dendrobium convolutum</i> 1 st <i>Den.</i> Mitzuao White (Reserve champion) 2 nd <i>Paphiopedilum henryanum</i> 2 nd <i>Paph.</i> Graham Robertson 3 rd <i>Rlc.</i> Toshie Aoki x C. Tiny Titan 3 rd <i>Den.</i> Dal's Classic x Asternova Asteroid 1 st White Anthurium 3 rd <i>Calathea</i>
C & G McMonagle	1 st <i>Paphiopedilun praestans</i> (Champion species) 3 rd <i>Brat.</i> Toowoomba Sunrise
A & A Parkes	1 st <i>Liparis viridiflora</i> 2 nd <i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i> (Champion specimen)
B & J Raabe	2 nd <i>Den.</i> Neiferts Exception 3 rd <i>Pda.</i> Sheddy Hinds

A reminder for all winners of Judges Choice, cultural awards etc. at both our meetings, please send a few lines on how you grow your plants, growing conditions and anything relevant, for inclusion in the Newsletter to the Editor: rhand39@gmail.com. Information is required two weeks before the monthly meeting



Our display at the Gympie Garden Expo and Orchid Show

On the same weekend as Gympie, we also hosted Ipswich Orchid Society for Lunch at Charlie & Gina's place. Their members were very appreciative of the visit, and enjoyed a wander round the gardens and orchid houses and a great lunch.

Certainly a very busy start to the month.

Vale - Lyle Paroz.

Older members of the Nambour Orchid Society were saddened to hear of the passing of Lyle (wife of Doug Paroz) .

Doug and Lyle joined the Society on 20/03/73 and Lyle became an honorary life member on 7/09/91 which was granted for outstanding services to the Society.

She was Secretary from 1981-83 and again from 1986 to 1990 - a total of 7 years.

Doug and Lyle were keen orchid growers and Lyle was respected as having a wide knowledge of orchids and their names. They regularly successfully exhibited in shows and helped with displays.

Lyle was a talented sewer and in later years patchworking was a favourite pastime.

Doug is at present a resident of Sundale at Palmwoods and we extend to him our sincere sympathy.

A selection of plants on display at our April meeting



C Jomal's Sunrise - Mal



C. unknown - Nathan



Pda. Shedly Hinds - Bob



V. Dr. Anek x V Pharaohs Gold - Rod



Phal. Everspring - Rim



Den. Burana Stripe - Charlie & Gina



Den. Burbank Premium - Bert



Bulb. Wilmar galaxy Star - Duncan



V, Sanderiana - Tom



Zga, Blue Bird - Elaine



Aer quinquivulnera var. farmeri - Tom

Bob Raabe

Some time ago our intrepid reporter decided to do a series about some of our more experienced growers. This is the third of that series.

Bob Raabe built his first orchid house in about 1970. He couldn't afford pipe and mesh at the time so a friend of his, Steve Waters Senior, let him have some Moreton Bay ash saplings, taken from one of his bullock's paddocks. Steve was a big grower in Ipswich at the time.

Bob built his bush house and often wondered what the dry, dusty deposits were on the Orchid leaves. Sadly, it only took the borers about three months to chew them all to pieces. He then got some used pipe from the steam train engines they were restoring at the railway workshops, cut lengths out of it and welded them into an 'A' frame with 70% shade cloth. Once complete, he got together a small collection of Australian native orchids.

During that time he became friendly with a couple of good orchid growers in the Ipswich Orchid Society and started to get a few extra exotics plants into his collection. It was then he also took his exams and was accepted into the PMG (now Telstra). This led to his transfer to Gladstone and later to the Sunshine Coast. Each time he moved, his orchids went with him. He eventually settled down in Coes Creek Road, Nambour, and built a small but very good orchid house. That was when he decided to start to seriously grow orchids.

Now a genuine orchid enthusiast, he joined Nambour O S and was the club's librarian for a number of years. He went on to hold the positions of Vice-President and President with the club, respectively. When he decided to move back to Ipswich he joined the West Moreton Orchid Group and held the positions of Vice President and President there for four years. Once again though, he moved back to the Sunshine Coast and re-joined his old club. He is still a member to this day, many years later.

Bob has also been a judge for quite some years now. Although some people question the decisions of the judges from time to time, his collection of orchids consists of nearly all of the genera - except for Cymbidiums and Phallies - but he does favour Vanda a little bit extra.

He tells me he has made some amazing friends during his orchid years. He is also very thankful for a very tolerant and supportive wife, Joan. **Mal**

Transporting orchids by car

With the orchid show season coming up, getting your orchids prepared for a show and transporting them, can be difficult. Bert Morris was asking how to transport a Dendrobium which was a tall plant but also with long spikes. So, it started me thinking about transporting orchids to shows and meetings.

Cattleya are among the easiest as they can be packed into a box with paper and they aren't all that tall (except for *C. bowringiana* and spotted cats).

Vanda can be difficult as they are taller and with their root system, they can become a challenge to fit into a box, let alone think about their height.

This is about ways to transport tall orchids in your average size vehicle. I once took a *Laelia splendida* to a Bribie show and the spike was quite long (spike & plant, about 2 metres high).

When I took it inside, I had to be careful of the ceiling fans. I think at the time, I was driving a station wagon, and had lowered the back seats, laid the plant flat, making the plant snug by chocking the pot, and the head of flowers hung over the edge of the back seat.

To stop the head of flowers bouncing up and down, I tied stakes to it, making it more stable.

I once transported a cattleya for an award judging at Bribie Island. The gentleman who graciously took me with him, didn't use his aircon, preferring to leave his windows down. By the time we got to our destination, the spike was quite bedraggled and not suitable for showing. My friend shall remain anonymous.

With a tall plant with multiple spikes, it becomes more difficult. If you have a wagon, lower the seats and lay the plant flat.

How to stop all those spikes bouncing into each other or breaking? Try tying thin bamboo stakes to the spikes (on a horizontal plane) to keep the spikes apart. This stabilises the spikes also.

Alan Parkes recently transported a large plant of *Bulbophyllum rothschildianum* to a show and using an upturned round medium size coffee table and using stretchy bungee cords to hold it in place.

If you let your mind wander (as mine often does), I am sure you could think of many ways to transport orchids using what you have in your home or shed. **Mal**



Judges Choice - April- Rhynchorides Memoria Suranaree 'Blue'

In May 2012 Mal, Bill and I visited Brighton Nursery , it had virtually closed down with very few plants left in the bush house . But they still had seedlings, I purchased three of them and this one is by far the best of them
 It is a cross between *Aerides lawrenceae* x *Rhynchosstylis coelestis*
 The cross was made in 1968 and registered by Wipa Orchids in Thailand
 This year was the first time it has flowered, with 34 flowers
 I personally prefer Vandas with long spikes and many flowers
 As with all my Vanda's it is under 50% shade with very little mix in the pots.
 I have Old mans beard hanging from the top of the pot down around the roots as it holds moisture and helps with humidity
 I water daily with a low strength fertiliser and they get regular doses of Seasol, Calcium nitrate and Magnesium sulfate
 During really hot dry weather I mist around the roots making sure not to get water on the leaves. **Richard**

Judges Choice - Novice - Ctt. Chocolate Drop "Kodama"

We have had the plant for more than 20 years. It's first was registered in 1965. It has flowers of dark red and burgundy with multi levels of fragrances of lemon citrus, jasmine and gardenia.



It flowers for well over a month and sometimes longer. It is a favorite in our collection of orchids. It grows well in our greenhouse in potting medium of bark and a bit of charcoal. We fertilize it twice per year.

Patrick & Heather

Species



Plant of the Month - *Paphiopedilum praestans*

Taxonomists have been arguing about the name for the past 20 years or so. Cribb says it is a variety of *Paph. glanduliferum* but others say it is a separate species. The Kew Monocot List says both names are valid so we have retained the *praestans* name.
 The plant was originally discovered in a small area in the north western corner of West Papua and nearby islands and occurs nowhere else so far as we know.
 It grows at low altitudes on limestone rock and humus.
 The plant was acquired 4 years ago and this is its first flowering.
 We grow it in our normal Paph mix of Kiwi bark plus 15% perlite and 15% charcoal. **Charlie & Gina**

Cultural Plant - *Dendrobium fairchidiae*

Comes from Luzon in the Philippines, and is found at about 1000/ 1500metres.

It is a large , cool growing epiphytcal orchid, it has long slender canes that can be up to 1.5 metres long.

Flowering during late summer at the apex of older leafless canes.

The racemes carry 4 to 9 flowered.

My plant was purchased from Stockers in 2009 and this being the first flowering.

The plant is grown in bark and under 70% shade.

Rod



Species Group

Our May species get together was held at Wayne & Jean's residence on Saturday 13th May. Judges choice for the afternoon chosen by Tom was Charlie & Gina's *Paphiopedilum praestans*, cultural plant was Rod's *Dendrobium fairchildiae*.

The list of plants benched is below.

Names as per Kew monocot list. * indicates name different to your label

Aerides magnifica, *Barkeria scandens*, *Bletilla striata*, *Bulbophyllum amplebracteatum**,
Bulbophyllum helenae, *Bulbophyllum laxiflorum*, *Bulbophyllum longisepalum*, *Bulbophyllum pardolatum*,
Bulbophyllum rothschildianum, *Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum*, *Bulbophyllum vaginatum*,
Dendrobium fairchildiae, *Dendrobium toressae*, *Gastrochilus calceolaris*, *Isochilus linearis*,
Jumellea comorensis, *Laelia anceps*, *Liparis latifolia*, *Liparis parviflora*, *Maxillaria schunkeana**,
Micropera fasciculata, *Paphiopedilum praestans*, *Pelatanthera insectifera*, *Phalaenopsis lindenii*,
Phalaenopsis micholitzii, *Phalaenopsis violacea*, *Stenoglottis longifolia*, *Trichoglottis subviolacea*,
Vanda luzonica

There will be no Species Group meetings in June or July. The August get together will be at the Maroochy Botanic Gardens on Saturday August 12th @ 2pm.

Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2017

(NOS commitment in blue)

June		
This Show has been canceled		
Boyne Tannum OS show		
Sat/Sun 3/4th		
July		
Fri/Sat/Sun 7/8/9th (set up Thur 6th)	Nambour Garden Expo.	Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave. Nambour
Sat 8th	Howard Combined Societies Day	Howard
Fri/Sat/Sun 7/8/9th (set up Thur 6th)	Caboolture OS Show	Morayfield Community Centre
August		
Fri/Sat 4/5th (set up Thur 3rd)	Maroochydore OS show	Milwell Road Community Centre, Maroochydore
Sat/Sun 12/13th (set up Fri 11th)	Agnes Water OS show	Agnes Water Community Centre,
Sat. 13th	STOCQ & OQI Meeting	71 Springs Road, At Agnes Water Show
September		
Fri/Sat 1st/2nd (set up Thur 31st Aug)	Nambour OS Spring Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
Fri/Sat 1st/2nd (set up Thur 31st Aug)	Childers OS Spring Show	Cultural Centre, Childers
Fri/Sat 22/23rd (set up Thur 21st)	Glasshouse Country OS show	Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road
October		
Fri 30th Sept & Sat 1st Oct	Bribie Island OS Show	The Orchid House,
Sat/Sun 7/8th	Hervey Bay OS show	PCYC, O'Rourke Street, Pialba
Fri/Sat 27/28th (set up Thur 26th)	Nambour OS Species Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
November		
Sat. 4th	STOCQ & OQI Meeting	Hosted by Glasshouse Country OS
Sat/Sun 4/5th	Pumicestone Dist. OS show	CT Williams Hall, Showgrounds, Caboolture
Sat/Sun 11/12th	Orchid Species Soc. Show	Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Cootha
2019 September		
Sat/Sun 14th & 15th Sept	STOCQ Orchidfest	Hosted by Rockhampton Orchid Soc.