



Nambour Orchid News

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Articles for the newsletter are very welcome. Please forward to the editor by post or email to nambourochids@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

MEETINGS:

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 the business meeting.

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 to be tabled by 1.30pm for judging

Species appreciation get together is held monthly from February to November at member's homes. Contact the Secretary for details. All STOCQ members welcome.

Bring your flowering species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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October 2013 Popular Vote – Hybrid Names as per Orchidwiz, Species names Kew Monocot List

<p>CATTLEYA HYBRID Judges Choice 1st 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>C. Dal's Good One</i> <i>Rlc. Karen's Sunrise</i> <i>Enc. Oakland</i> <i>Vkt. Flame Thrower</i></p>		<p>M & J Rivers D & E Middlebrook R Hand T Buckley</p>
<p>ONCIDIUM HYBRID 1st & Judges Choice Tie 1st Tie 1st 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>Mps. Breathless</i> <i>Mps. Breathless</i> <i>Mps. Lawless Falls</i> <i>Mps. Red Knight</i> <i>Mps. Rubenesque</i></p>		<p>M & J Rivers M & J Rivers N Gould M & A Vlekkert M & A Vlekkert</p>
<p>VANDA/PHALAENOPSIS 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd & Judges Choice</p>	<p><i>V. Thanandee x Dr Anek</i> <i>Phal. Brother Sara Gold</i> <i>V. Pachara Delight</i> <i>Phal. Mount Lip</i></p>		<p>R & J Raabe Judy Robbins R & J Raabe P Mann</p>
<p>DENDROBIUM 1st & Judges Choice Tie 1st 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>Den. Gatton Sunray</i> <i>Den. Alice's Silveno</i> <i>Den. sutiknoi x sylvanum</i> <i>Den. Neiferts Alexpoly x</i> <i>Den. macrophyllum</i></p>		<p>R & J Raabe C Alexander N & E Walker C Alexander R & J Raabe</p>
<p>ANY OTHER GENERA 1st 2nd 3rd & Judges Choice Tie 3rd</p>	<p><i>Lyc. Tahune</i> <i>Cym. Australian Midnight</i> <i>Lyc. Noriko Takaki x</i> <i>Tahune</i> <i>Lyc. Candicure x Auburn</i></p>		<p>A & A Parkes R & J Raabe M & A Vlekkert R & J Raabe</p>
<p>PAPHS and PHRAGS 1st & Judges Choice 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>Paph. Dollgoldii</i> <i>Paph. Notito Hasagawa</i> <i>Paph. Dollgoldii</i></p>		<p>G & B Robertson G & B Robertson G & B Robertson</p>
<p>EXOTIC SPECIES 1st 2nd 3rd Judges Choice</p>	<p><i>Dendrobium amabile</i> <i>Cattleya violacea</i> <i>Lycaste aromatica</i> <i>Chiloschista sp.</i></p>		<p>W Harris J Robbins A & A Parkes R & J Aisthorpe</p>
<p>AUST. SPECIES 1st 2nd & Judges Choice 3rd</p>	<p><i>Dendrobium discolour</i> <i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i> <i>Dendrobium lichenastrum</i></p>		<p>N & E Walker M & A Vlekkert M & A Vlekkert</p>
<p>NOVICE 1st & Judges Choice 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i> <i>Onc. Space Race</i> <i>Vanda tricolor</i></p>		<p>C Basic Mavis Walsh Mavis Walsh</p>
<p>FOLIAGE 1st & Judges Choice 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>Aglaonema</i> <i>Anthurium</i> <i>Asplenium</i></p>		<p>R Wright R Wright P Cairns</p>

Judges Choice plant of the month for October : is Paph Dollgoldi owned by B & G Robertson



Paph. Dollgoldi is one of the many outstanding primary hybrids using the legendary multifloral species from Borneo - Paph. *rothschildianum*. The other parent, Paph. *armeniacum* is from China and was first seen in 1983. Its intense yellow colour caused great excitement in the orchid world. The mating of these two species has produced a very large yellow flower with some slight brown striping on the petals and dorsal sepal with the *armeniacum* parent contributing the base colour and *rothschildianum* contributing the multiflowers habit and brown striping in the flower. This primary hybrid was registered in 1988 and our seedlings came from a remake of the cross many years later which John made using pollen from Paph. *rothschildianum* "Q'lander'

hybridised with on our stock plants of Paph. *armeniacum*.

Thank you Beryl for the article.

GROWING ORCHIDS on 'STICKS'

This is a method of growing plants on a solid mount of some description.

BUT why would anyone do this? Well I am going to discuss reasons for and against this.

For

1. A lot of orchids grow epiphytically on trees or as lithophytes on rocks in nature (not in containers as we tend to keep them)
2. You can utilise a lot more space in your shadehouse by using the walls to keep a lot more plants in a smaller areas as well as your normal bench space.
3. For many years orchid growers have grown most Australian native orchids this way but plants from other countries in pots. Does this mean that orchids from other countries are not "tough" like our plants. This seems a little parochial.
4. Quite a number of orchids are what we class as miniatures and consequently have small bulbs and a small or shallow root system. These plants need to be grown in a very shallow pot or on a mount to avoid the root system rotting.
5. By using the vertical plane different microclimates exist that allow different types of plants to be grown.
6. The orchids look more natural and pleasing to the eye.
7. "repotting" can be achieved by either tying a new larger mount underneath the old one or removing the plant from the old mount and tying to a new one

AGAINST 1. Care has to be taken in fertilising and the watering of the plants. In general plants need to be watered every morning for optimal growth. They will live without this for short periods of time but grow much better with daily water.

2. Normal mounting material such as cork or tree fern is not cheap.

Tips on mounting plants

1. Always tie the plant to the mount such that it cannot move around
2. Face new growths and roots in towards the mount
3. Because you are growing a plant in a vertical plane make sure you do your research and tie the plant the correct way up. If in doubt tie it facing sideways so the plant can grow in the direction it wants to.
4. Make sure the name of the plant is securely attached to the mount
5. If you think it necessary use a pad of moisture retaining material over the rootball such as sphagnum moss and tie on (try to remove as much of this as possible once the roots are firmly attached to the mount)
6. If using tree fern some people advocate soaking it in a dolomite solution first.



Material to use as Mounts

The most used are cork and tree fern but the type of plant material that has bark that does not fall off would do such as some Callistamons , Leptospermums or Melaleucas.

Orchid Types that the editor has growing successfully growing on mounts
Bulbophyllums, Dendrobiums Pleurothallids, Maxillarias, Aerangis , Angraecums, Rupicolas Laelias, Gastrochilus, small Vandaceous, Miltonias, Tolumnias, Rat tail Oncidiums, small growing Phalanopsis, Mystacidiums, Isabellas, small growing Oncidiums, Encyclias , Epigeniums, members of the Hadrolaelia group such as L. pumila, Onc onustum and others.

This method of growing orchids is very rewarding and worth the extra effort so give it a go so that your hobby becomes even more enjoyable. Remember all orchids are not big and flamboyant . The smaller growing ones also help to make a more interesting collection with your pot grown plants. On the left are some pictures of plants successfully growing on mounts.

Top to bottom – Left – Right

Zelenkoa onusta

Bulbophyllum macphersonii

Schoenorchis fragrans (Syn. *manipurensis*)

Angraecum elephantinum

Competition for our Members:

Details on last months species is below.

At the end of the year the points will be totaled up and the winner will receive a prize at the Christmas Party. October

***Erythrorchis cassythoides* (A.Cunn. ex Lindl.) Garay**

Synonyms: *Galeola cassythoides* (A.Cunn. ex Lindl.) Rchb.f.

Flower Size: 20-25mm across

Flowering time: Sept.–Dec.

Leafless saprophytic climber with stems to 6m long, extensively branching, brown to black in colour. Roots from nodes of the main stems, creeping over the surface of the substrate or aerial.

Inflorescences numerous, racemose or paniculate with 1 or 2 orders of branching; ultimate branches 10–30-flowered, 2–12 cm long. Flowers pleasantly fragrant.

Grows on a variety of tree species including eucalypts, casuarinas, stumps and logs, chiefly in open woodland on the coast, but also on the tablelands from Blackdown Tableland to Waterfall.

Cultivation: As this plant is entirely saprophytic it cannot be cultivated under normal conditions

The November species was held at Lesley's place. This was our last meeting for the year. Next species get together will be on Saturday 8th February 2014

Plant of interest November meeting

Bulbophyllum lyriforme J.J. Verm. & P. O'Byrne

This species was described by Vermeulen and O'Byrne in 2003 from a single specimen cultured at the Singapore Botanical Gardens with the Type originating from Papua New Guinea. Nothing is recorded of its habitat or its colours. Four specimens were also distributed from the Bogor Botanical Gardens by J.J. Smith and were believed to have originated in West Papua (Indonesia). In their description of the species, the authors note that the vegetative parts were not seen by them.

My plant is growing in coconut chips in a shallow saucer. It is a very scraggly creeping plant, with sections between the pseudobulbs up to 10cm apart. Roots are along the entire rhizome. The pseudobulbs are cylindrical, about 1-2cm tall and 1-1.5 cm wide. The leaves



are elliptic, up to 17cm long and about 5cm wide. The petiole is up to 3cm long. Flowers are erect on a peduncle up to 6cm high and do not open widely. Flowers have a weak but not unpleasant perfume.

Apart from its untidy habit this species is easy to grow here on the coast.

This species is closely related to *Bulbophyllum cheiri* Lindl., differing in aspects of the labellum

Names below are plants displayed by members at our get together on the 9th November. Names as per Kew Monocot list. Below Cultural plant of the month - Judy's *Encyclia cordigera*



SPECIES ORCHIDS BENCHED November 2013

- Brassavola perrinii*
- Bulbophyllum bicolor*
- Bulbophyllum lyriforme*
- Bulbophyllum micranthum*
- Bulbophyllum roxburghii*
- Cattleya aelandiae*
- Cattleya granulosa*
- Encyclia cordigera*
- Lochartia unknown*
- Phalaenopsis amabilis*
- Phalaenopsis equestris*
- Phalaenopsis mannii*
- Phalaenopsis philippinensis*
- Phalaenopsis stuartiana*

N.O.S. Christmas party will be held on Saturday 7th December at the Masonic Lodge Hall, Blackall Terrace, Nambour from 11am. Names & payment by the November meeting please. As we are using a private caterer, we have to pay for the number that we book. For this reason payment must be made before the final numbers are given to the caterer.

Guest Speakers:

November; - David James – Orchids of Girraween National Park & Bald Rock

We have a plant sales table at each meeting for members to sell any surplus plants. If you have any you would like to sell, bring them along tagged with your name & price so members can purchase them. Members are responsible for their own plants. Plant sale tags are on our website.nambourorchidsociety.com - Go to links/forms and print off what you need.

2014 Show Catalogue

N.O.S Cultural meeting Sat. 25th January 2pm

N.O.S. Species appreciation group Sat. 8th Feb 2pm

15 February 2014: STOCQ AGM, Albert Park Bowls club, Gympie

N.O.S. AGM. Sat. 22nd Feb. 2pm

N.O.S Species appreciation group Sat. 8th March 2pm

N.O.S. Cultural meeting Sat. 22nd March 2pm

N.O.S. Autumn Show (Members only) Sat. 29th March – Coolum Uniting Church Hall, Elizabeth St. Coolum.

Boyne Island Tannum Sands OF Society show 5th 6th April with set up 4th .

Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show Fri, Sat 11th & 12th April Set up Thurs.10th.

Gympie Orchid Society Show Sat, Sun 3rd & 4th May set up Fri 2nd

Caboolture Show-Fri - Sun 4th to 6th July with set up Thurs. 3rd

N.O.S. Spring Show Fri/Sat 5th & 6th September, Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour set up Thurs. 4th.

Glasshouse Country OS will hold their annual show on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th September 2014. Set up and judging will be on Thursday 25th.

June 2014: STOCQ meeting in Rockhampton.

1 – 6 July 2015: AOC conference and show, Darwin

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Saturday & Sunday June 11th & 12th

Lake Kawana Community Centre

Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina. Qld.



2018: AOC conference and show will be held in Queensland.

Mackay and District orchid Society is submitting an Expression of Interest