



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 1pm 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 Buffalo Lodge Hall, Price Street, Nambour at 2pm. All members, prospective members and visitors are welcome.

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

There will be no get together in April due to Caloundra show on that day.

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

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Our AGM meeting last month was very well attended. President Bill presented a very busy report for 2010 with three shows for the year as well as the many shows attended during the showing times. Our species group has also been very active and have had many enjoyable afternoons just enjoying our friends' hospitality and their orchids. Some of our people joined Noosa and Gympie on a wonderful trip to Grafton on a weekend tour to Rosella Orchids and several other nurseries. This was a real highlight.

Orchid growing seems to be thriving. We thanked all of our people who have helped to run the club for 2010 and under Graham's smooth leadership he was able to fill all positions without a lot of hassles. In fact I think the only thing that turned over was the year. Thank you all so much for accepting the positions that you have for 2011 and to act on our behalf. If this year is as good as the last one; we are in for a wonderful time.

Last month we had a great array of flowers at the meeting to enjoy. Val showed an exceptional *Enc cochleata*. It must be a good time for them as Wayne also had a splendid specimen in brilliant array in his orchid house last weekend.

We were the guests of Wayne and Jean for our species group meeting last weekend and this was enjoyed by all. With a bit of a break from the heat and the rain we were able to go into the garden and see some most beautiful changes that the "Monsoon"? season has brought. All the orchids were just busting out of their pots. We were met by a lovely *Stanhopea* in golden array and then a *Gonogora* dressed in a metre long string of unusual almost grey coloured flowers. The *Stanhopea* buds were just popping out of pots everywhere. I noted the unusual side slatted pots Wayne was using for them. To me they were filling the bill perfectly – for the present. They will soon be looking for something larger.

One of the outstanding flowers on the table was a lovely and seldom seen *Cattleya jenmanii* shown by Lyn and Brian. Two plants of *Trichoglottis atropurpurea* were also tabled. These make great plants as the flowers last over quite a long period. Beryl and Graham showed a few Species *Phalaenopsis* which were very nice and Brian & Lyn had a tiny flowered *Liparis* with a brilliant red orange lip which was most interesting.

Gympie society hosted the STOCQ AGM this past month also. It was a very hot day; but we enjoyed the meeting and the following lecture on the growing of *oncidiums* and associated genera by commercial grower Sam Cowie. He gave a slightly different aspect to orchid growing. After a lovely lunch we were treated to visits to three different collections. Thank you Gympie for a wonderful day.

We will soon be kicking off our show year with our first show day at Montville not too far in the future. The holiday season is over. It's time to get those "special" plants in order. I am looking forward to "Bowringiana Season". This is when everything seems to have a predisposition to dark purple as the species of this wonderful old plant and all it's offspring come into bloom.

Regards Pat and Clive.

POPULAR VOTE FOR FEBRUARY 2011

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

First No Plant Slip
 Second & Judges Choice Hasgw Justine

Bill Letcher
 Mal & Jo Rivers

Oncidium Alliance

First Howera Lava Burst
 Second & Judges Choice Brassia Rex
 Third Aliceara Sunday Best 'Muffin'

Val Siebenhausen
 Mal & Jo Rivers
 Nathan Gould

Paphiopedilum

First & Judges Choice Paph Summer Jewel

Beryl & Graham Robertson

Vandaecous / Phalaenopsis

First & Judges Choice Rhrds Bangkok Sunset 'Mr Mu'
 Tie Second Mkra Clitti
 Tie Second Neostylis Fuchs Ocean Spray
 Third Vasco Precious

Tom Buckley
 Rob & Joan Raabe
 Des & Elaine Middlebrook
 Mal & Jo Rivers

Other Genera

First & Judges Choice Bulb Wilmar Galaxy Star

David Tyler

PRIMARY HYBRIDS

Judges Choice Trt Florida Gold 'Merkel'
 First Cynoches Golden Showers
 Second C Landate
 Third Lc Liptonii 'Snowflake'

Judy Robbins
 Des & Elaine Middlebrook
 Rob & Joan Raabe
 Marty & Anita Vlekkert

EXOTIC SPECIES

First No Plant Slip
 Second & Judges Choice *Enc cochleata*
 Tie Third *Bulb dearei*
 Tie Third *Milt spectabilis var mooreliana*

Bill Letcher
 Val Siebenhausen
 David Tyler
 Beryl & Graham Robertson

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Species

First *Den bigibbium var compactum*
 Second *Dipodium punctatum*
 Third & Judges Choice *Ptst truncata*

Judy Robbins
 Alan & Alison Parkes
 Alan & Alison Parkes

FIRST FLOWERING

First & Judges Choice C Caudabec 'Candy'

Des & Elaine Middlebrook

FOLIAGE

First & Judges Choice Anthurium

Nathan Gould

The plant of the month was *Enc cochleata* grown by Val & Hazel Siebenhausen.

Encyclia cochleata is a species from Brazil. Known as the Cockleshell Orchid, it was the first epiphytic orchid to flower in England in 1787. It was renamed *Prosthechea cochleata* in 1997 and published in 1998 (Kew Monocot List)



Secretaries News Update

March 2011

Guest Speaker:

March- Unfortunately our speaker from the Fern Society is unable to attend the March meeting due to another commitment. Hopefully she will be with us in May. We will now have a cultural discussion day.

Annual General Meeting.

The AGM of the society was held at the February meeting. There were no changes to the existing executive.

President – Bill Letcher

Secretary – Alison Parkes

Vice President – Alan Parkes

Treasurer – Clive Mann.

Species appreciation

Wayne & Jean hosted us for the species appreciation afternoon. It is always a treat to have an afternoon on their deck, and the threatening rain even held off for the duration of the afternoon. Thank you both for your hospitality.

Plants tabled listed below.

Den. bigibbum; Trichoglottis atropurpurea; Phal. pulchra; C. intermedia; Phal. heiroglyphica; Phal. modesta; Phal. lindenii; C. bowringiana; Doritis pulcherrima; Coel. tomentosa; C. jenmanii; Epi. nocturnum; Restrepia wagneri; Liparis rhodochila; C. walkeriana; Stelis(Pleuro)arcuata; Dendrochilum macranthum; Stenoglottis longifolia; Pholidota imbricata; Lycaste guatemalensis; Den. oligophyllum

The April species appreciation will **not be held due to Caloundra Show break up.**

Montville Show

A reminder that our Montville Show with the Palmwoods Arts & Craft Group will be held on Saturday 2nd of April in the Church Hall, Montville. Set up is 7.30am. This is a member only show, so your plants are vital to putting on a good show. Members are able to sell plants on the sale table.

Plant Slips

Just a reminder to all members to remember to fill out the plant slips provided & place a number on your plant when you bench plants at the meetings. No plant slip makes the editors job much harder when it comes time to record the popular vote for your newsletter.

Condolences

Deepest Sympathy is with Pat & Clive Mann this week. Pat's mother passed away in Nambour at the end of last week, she was age 97. On behalf of members of the Nambour Society, our thoughts are with you both at this sad time.

On another sad note, Ruth Salway also passed away on Sunday 20th March. Ruth was Treasurer of Nambour Orchid Society in 1995, and along with John was a very active member of our society at that time. Our thoughts are with John at this very sad time. Ruth will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

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 know who to pay. A 10% commission is payable to the Treasurer. Members are responsible for their own plants.

Show Dates Catalogue 2011

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Sat. 26th March – NOS Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun. 26th & 27th March – Capricorn Orchid Society Show- Bauhinia House, North Rockhampton.

Sat. 2nd April – NOS. - Montville Autumn Show

Sat. 2nd & Sun 3rd April – Boyne Tannum show- Set up 1st April

Fri. & Sat. 8th & 9th April - Sunshine Coast Orchid Show – Uniting Church Hall, Caloundra.

Sat. 16th April – South Burnett Orchid Show in conjunction with Wondai Garden Expo.

Sat. 23rd April - NOS Cultural meeting (Easter Saturday)

Fri. Sat & Sun. 22nd to 24th April QOS Easter Show Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens

Fri. & Sat. 22nd & 23rd April – Bribie Island Easter Show- Bribie State High School

Fri. Sat & Sun 22nd, 23rd 24th April - Gladstone Orchid Society Show- Bill Robertson Toyota

Sat. 30th April & Sun. 1st May - Gympie Show- Gympie Showgrounds- Set up Fri. 29th

Friday 6th to Sun 8th May- Bundaberg Show – Civic Centre- Bundaberg. Set up from noon on 5th

Sat. 14th May – NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 28th May – NOS Cultural meeting

Sat. 4th June STOCQ meeting - at Murgon- Hosted by South Burnett

Sat. 11th June – NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 25th June – NOS Cultural meeting

Fri. to Sun. 8th to 10th July Nambour Garden Expo- Nambour Showgrounds – Set up Thurs. 7th at 9am

Fri. to Sun. 8th to 10th July Caboolture Show – Morayfield Community complex next to Bunnings

Morayfield - Set up Thurs. 7th

Fri 6th & Sat 7th Aug. Maroochydore Show – Milwell Community Hall- Milwell Road Maroochydore - Set up Thurs 5th

Fri. 2nd & Sat. 3rd September - Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show – Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour. Set up Thurs. 1st

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd September – Childers Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 1st

Fri 23rd & Sat 24th September Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 22nd

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd Oct Hervey Bay Show- Great Hall HBSHS. Set up 30th Sept.

Sat. 5th November – Nambour Orchid Society Species Show – Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour. Set up by 7.30am for judging

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th November Orchid Species Society open show – Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Auditorium- Set up Fri 11th.