



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 1.45pm 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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Last month was the Annual General Meeting - Here is the new list of the office bearers:

President – Bill Letcher

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February 2013 Popular Vote – Hybrid Names with * as per Orchidwiz, Species names Kew Monocot List

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| <i>CATTLEYA HYBRID</i> Judges Choice 1 st 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Roth.</i> Rosella's Horace <i>Rlc.</i> Mt. Isa 'Jean'* <i>Rth.</i> Rosella's Horace <i>C.</i> Caudebec'Spots' | D & E. Middlebrook R & J Aisthorpe D & E. Middlebrook R & J. Aisthorpe |
| <i>ONCIDIUM HYBRID</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Alcra.</i> Winter Wonderland* Brs. Orange Delight <i>Ons.</i> Catante * | A & A. Parkes Judy Robbins N & E. Walker |
| <i>VANDA/PHALAENOPSIS</i> 1 st 2 nd & Judges Choice 3 rd | <i>V.</i> Pachara Delight <i>Ascda.</i> Susan Ong Ah Mooi <i>Vanda</i> Unknown | N & E Walker M & J Rivers June Hutchins |
| <i>DENDROBIUM</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd | <i>Den.</i> Ken Lonne x <i>Den johannis</i> <i>Den.</i> Magenta's Chocolate Curls* | C Alexander C. Alexander |
| <i>PAPH</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Paph.</i> Harold Koopowitz <i>Paph.</i> Lynleigh Koopowitz | G & B Robertson G & B. Robertson |
| <i>ANY OTHER GENERA</i> Judges Choice 1 st 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Cym.</i> Gavin 'One of a Kind' <i>Phrag.</i> Noirmont <i>Ctsm.</i> Marg Soule <i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows'Emma' | M & A Vlekkert Judy Robbins D & E Middlebrook M & A Vlekkert |
| <i>EXOTIC SPECIES</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Huntleya lucida</i> <i>Miltonia moreliana</i> <i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i> | B Letcher D & E Middlebrook Nathan Gould |
| <i>AUST.SPECIES</i> 1 st & Judges Choice | <i>Luisia tristis</i> | W Harris |
| <i>AUST. NATIVE HYBRID</i> 1 st & Judges Choice | <i>Den.</i> Topaz Dream | Judy Robbins |
| <i>NOVICE</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Oip.</i> Papageno 'Mi Amour' <i>Guarianthe bowringiana</i> <i>C.</i> <i>Jungle Eyes</i> | Pat Cairns Lyla Hansen Pat Cairns |
| <i>FOLIAGE</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Cissus discolor</i> <i>Till.</i> Pink Quill Otazu | Judy Robbins Pat Cairns N & E Walker |

Judges Choice plant of the month for February:

Ascda. Susan Ong Ah Mooi (owned by Mal Rivers)



Susan Ong Ah Mooi is a cross between Ascda. Karen Ono and V. Fuchs Fanfare. This cross has a fair bit of *V. coerulea* in it, hence the blue colour. I have had this plant for a number of years and the main reason I have kept it and not sold it, is for the colour. I have seen a large plant of this grex and even when flowering well, this plant had only 10 to 12 flowers. It was growing on the north-eastern side of my tunnel house which means of course it gets a lot of morning sun. I have 50% shade cloth sitting on my solarweave and another layer of 30% shade cloth suspended above the bench inside the tunnelhouse. So my plants get a goodly amount of shade. I think because of the amount of *V. coerulea* in the cross, and the fact that *V. coerulea* likes cooler temps, it does well up where I am (Dulong) due to the slight cooler conditions rather than the warmer conditions that you lowland dwellers have. I don't fertilise as much as I should, but they seem to get by. It is potted in a normal round pot with bark and charcoal its mix."

Mal.

New Competition for our Members:



Each month we will publish a photo of an orchid species.

You then use all available resources such as internet, books and Wayne Harris to identify the plant

Then on a piece of paper submit your name and the plant name at the next meeting where the name will be revealed.

Next month Wayne will put in the newsletter a new species as well as distribution and culture of last months species

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

Party. **On the left is this month's photo & the hint is it is Vandaceous**

Secretaries News:



Guest Speakers:

March: Roger Finn – Australian Native Orchids

April: Mal Rivers & Bill Letcher – Pleurothallid alliance

Species appreciation meeting Calendar (subject to change due to availability)

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| April – Wayne & Jean Harris | May – Richard Hand | June – No meeting Gympie Orchidfest |
| July – Rod & Jan Aisthorpe | August – Neil & Ella Walker | September – Bill Letcher |
| October – Alan & Alison Parkes | November – Lesley Beare | December – No meeting |

The March meeting was held at the home of Beryl & Graham Robertson. 31 people signed the attendance book for what was a very enjoyable social afternoon. Our thanks to Beryl, Graham & John for hosting us for the afternoon

Plant of the month was Bill Letcher's *Huntleya lucida*

These plants are from South America and have no pseudobulbs so therefore they have no water storage organs. Plants need to be kept moist but not wet.

Therefore they need to be misted and watered quite often.

My plant grows in a squat pot with sphagnum moss. It seems that the sphag. not only keeps the roots moist but as the water evaporates from the sphag. it keeps the humidity up around the leaves. But remember that with sphag. it is best to repot every year with new fresh material.

It grows in fairly heavy shade under hanging plants on a bench. This species is not readily seen but well worth having if you can acquire one.

Another treasure on the bench for the afternoon was Wayne's *Harbenaria riodocheila* below. Both plants were very much admired by all & Beryl had a hard time picking a winner.

Starting from the April meeting we will now have two winners per month instead of one.

1. Plant of most interest
2. Cultural plant of the month



Harbenaria riodocheila

As the name suggests this is called the red lipped Harbenaria. Found in Thailand, China, Malaysia and the Philippines

It is a species that can be variable in colour. Because this is a terrestrial orchid it is best grown in a potting mix that retains some moisture. eg. peat and perlite.

While in active growth it needs to be watered quite often but after flowering the water needs to be reduced (during winter).

When the new leaves appear in spring watering can be increased.

This plant is well worth having if you can obtain one.

The editor thinks that he might get a piece soon from a local grower.

Species Orchids benched March 2013 - Names as per members label, Kew Monocot list name in brackets.

Aerangis luteoalba var rhodosticta - *Aerangis mooreana* - *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum* - *Cadetia taylori*
Cattleya bicolor (ssp. brasiliensis) - *Cattleya intermedia alba* - *Cattleya intermedia var amethystina*
Cleisostoma linearilobatum - *Coelogyne celebensis* - *Coelogyne fimbriata* - *Coelogyne merrillii* - *Cymbidium*
bicolor - *Dendrobium bigibbum var compactum* - *Dendrobium cerinium (sanguinolentum)* - *Dendrobium*
monophyllum - *Dendrobium virgineum* - *Dendrochilum latifolium* - *Dendrochilum magnum* - *Epidendrum*
porpax - *Eria sp.* - *Esmerelda clarkei* - *Guarianthe bowringiana* - *Harbenaria rhodocheila* - *Huntleya lucida*
Jumellea walleri - *Maleolla dentifera* - *Maxillaria caespitose (Inti bicallosa)* - *Maxillaria schunkeana (*
Brasiliorchis) - *Miltonia moreliana* - *Miltonia regnellii* - *Oncidium brunleesianum (Gomesa echinata)*
Paphiopedilum moquetteanum - *Phalaenopsis bellina* - *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi* - *Phalaenopsis deliciosa*
Phalaenopsis pulcherrima - *Prosthechea radiata* - *Pterostylis baptistii* - *Scaphyglottis sp.* - *Smitinandia helferi*
Stanhopea nigroviolacea (tigrina var nigroviolacea) - *Trichoglottis atropurpureum (brachiata)* - *Trichoglottis*
brachiata (atropurpurea) - *Trichoglottis philippinensis*

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular - 8th & 9th June 2013 The Pavilion, Gympie Showground's

(Don't miss this one. 20 vendors have accepted to attend this show)

Alice's Orchids – Aranbeem Orchids – Burbank Orchids – Cedervale Orchids – Candle Mountain Orchids – Dendi Orchids – Darryl Banks Orchids – Goomeri Cheese World – J & V Fraser Coast Orchids – Horticultural Solutions – Kuranda Exotics – Moffotdale Ridge Winery – Orchid Species Plus – Orchidaceous Supplies – Paterson's Bromeliads – Robertson Orchids – Rosella Orchids – Steve Flood Tropical Foliage – Tinonee Orchids – Woolf Orchidculture

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. Plant sale tags are on our website.nambourorchidsociety.com - Go to links/forms and print off what you need.

This month we will look at the AERIDES species.

These Vanda like plants are found from India to New Guinea and up into China. Some of the species can grow up to 1.5 m. tall but most are smaller.

Plants have a many flowered inflorescence which in a number of cases are fragrant as in *Aerides odorata*. All species and hybrids of *Aerides* are well worth growing.

As with most Vanda type plants they need to be grown in an open type mix which allows the plants to dry out between waterings. Large pieces of bark or similar seem to do the job. More than likely some of the roots will not stay confined to the pots.

Do not cut the roots off unless you have to.

Because these plants do not have bulbs for storing moisture, it therefore necessary to water more than “*Cattleya*” type plants. Also try to keep them a little warmer in winter.

Thanks to Gary Yong Gee there is a table given below of some of the *Aerides* species with their flowering season and flower colour .It would seem that if you have a collection of these species you may have flowers nearly all year.

Most species are available as small or large plants from a number of orchid nurseries so track them down and grow them.

PS. Go to the Gympie Orchid Spectacular and you will find most available from the vendors.

The following table was taken from an article published in Australian Orchid Review by Gary Yong Gee December 2002

| Flowering season | Habit of plant and raceme | Flower size and colour | Species |
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| Late winter to early spring | Medium-sized plant (30 cm long), dense raceme | 12-13 mm across, rose to dark purple or white spotted with light pink (rarely pure white) | <i>Aër. leeanum</i> Rchb.f. |
| Spring | Compact to medium-sized plant, lax raceme | 3-3.5 cm across, deep purple, magenta to amethyst sepals and petals that become paler or white at the base, and deep purple to rose-purple mid-lobe | <i>Aër. crassifolium</i> Parish ex Burb. |
| Late spring | Small plant with 8-10 cm long stems, dense raceme | 2 cm across, rose to red-purple, often nearly white near the base, deeper rose-purple lip, sometimes the petals may be spotted with purple | <i>Aër. krabiense</i> Seidenf. |
| Late spring into summer | Medium sized plant, 10-25 cm long, flat leaves, dense raceme | 2.5-3.7 cm across, sepal and petals are white suffused with amethyst-purple, sometimes dotted purple and the lip is amethyst-purple (rarely pure white) | <i>Aër. roseum</i> Lindl. & Paxt. |
| Late spring to early summer | Medium to large plant up to 120-150 cm tall, lax raceme | 3-4 cm across, white sepals and petals tipped rose-purple, with the amethyst-purple lip | <i>Aër. crispum</i> Lindl. |
| Late spring to early summer | Large plant with stout stems that are 10-25 cm long, folded leaves, dense raceme | 2-3.5 cm across, sepals and petals white at the base grading to rose-pink, sometimes spotted with 2-3 or more, darker purple spots, light amethyst-purple lip | <i>Aër. multiflorum</i> Roxb. |
| Summer | Large plant, lax raceme | 1.5-2.5 cm across, variable in colour from light peach, cream, white, near white or pink | <i>Aër. odoratum</i> Lour. |
| Summer | Medium to large plant, lax raceme | 2.5-4 cm across, white sepals and petals that are blotched mauve-lavender towards the tips, lip white with the mid-lobe marked with a large central deep rose patch | <i>Aër. falcatum</i> Lindl. |
| Summer | Medium to large plant, lax raceme | 2.5-4 cm across, yellow, sepals and petals tipped with a spot of magenta at the tips, creamy-white lip with a magenta blotch on the mid-lobe (rarely pale yellow with a white lip) | <i>Aër. houlettianum</i> Rchb.f. |
| Summer | Small to medium-sized plant, with short stems 4-6 cm long, lax raceme | 3-4 cm long, sepals and petals are white flushed with rose and are spotted with red-purple, bright rosy-purple mid-lobe | <i>Aër. maculosum</i> Lindl. |
| Late summer to early autumn | Medium- to large plant (up to 1.5 m long), dense raceme | 2-2.5 cm long, white with a bright amethyst-purple apical blotch on the sepals and petals, and scattered fine purple dots (rarely with a yellow base colour or pure white or nearly all-purple) | <i>Aër. quinquevulnerum</i> Lindl. |
| Late summer to early autumn | Large plant, lax raceme | 3-4 cm across, white with a rich amethyst-purple apical blotch on the sepals and petals, rich amethyst-purple mid-lobe (rarely purple-spotted or with a yellow base-colour or pure white) | <i>Aër. lawrenciae</i> Rchb.f. |

2013 Show Catalogue

N.O.S Cultural meeting Sat 23rd March

Nambour Orchid Show (Members only show) Sat. 30th March (Easter Saturday) – Coolum Uniting Church Hall, Elizabeth Street, Coolum.

Gladstone Orchid Society Show – Fri 29th March – Sun 31st March-

Bribie Island Orchid Show - Fri 29th & Sat 30th March – Bribie Island State High School

Caloundra Orchid Show – Fri & Sat 12th & 13th April – Uniting Church Hall, Ulm Street, Caloundra

South Burnett Orchid Show – Sat 20th April

Gympie Orchid Show – Sat 4th & Sun 5th May – Gympie Show grounds as part of Gympie Garden Expo

Boyne Tannum Show- Sat 25th & Sun 26th May – Tannum Sands State High School, Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands

Noosa Orchid Society Mother's Day show (Members only) Fri, Sat, Sun, 10th to 12th May

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular - 8th & 9th June 2013 The Pavilion, Gympie Showground's

Nambour Orchid Society Garden Expo Display – Fri, Sat, Sun 5-6-7th July

Caboolture Orchid Show- Fri, Sat, Sun 5th, 6th, 7th July – Set up 4th July

Maroochydore Show –Sat & Sun 10th & 11th August – set up Fri 9th – Millwell Road Community Centre

ANOS Kabi Group Inc. 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference & Show Strathpine – 22nd - 25th August 2013- Strathpine Community Centre, Cnr Mecklem Street & Gympie Road, Strathpine

Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show- Fri 6th & Sat 7th September – Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour

Childers Orchid Show – Fri 6th & Sat 7th September

Noosa Orchid Show – Fri 20th, Sat 21st September – Set up Thurs 19th – Cooroy RSL Hall

Glasshouse Orchid Show- Fri 27th & Sat 28th September – Set up Thursday 26th.

Bribie Island Orchid Show – Sat 12th & Sun 13th October – Bribie Island State High School. Set up Friday 11th.

Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair – Fri 1st & Sat 2nd November Set up Thurs. 31st October