



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

<p>CATTLEYA HYBRID 1st Tie 2nd Tie 2nd & Judges Choice Tie 3rd Tie 3rd</p>	<p><i>Rlc.</i> Suncoast Sunspot <i>C.</i> Fire Magic <i>Rlc.</i> Dals Horizon x Margaret Goldston <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Bells <i>Rlc.</i> Dr Joe Walker</p>	<p>J Salway Judy Robbins Judy Robbins D & E Middlebrook M & J Rivers</p>
<p>ONCIDIUM HYBRID 1st 2nd & Judges Choice Tie 2nd 3rd</p>	<p>Rodrumnia Debs Delight <i>Onc.</i> Space Mine <i>Wils.</i> Red Rondevous <i>Oncsa.</i> Sydney Smith</p>	<p>Judy Robbins M & A Vlekkert N & E Walker June Hutchins</p>
<p>VANDA/PHALAENOPSIS 1st Choice 2nd 3rd & Judges Choice</p>	<p><i>Phal.</i> Leopard Prince <i>Phal.</i> White Wedding <i>Phal.</i> unknown</p>	<p>N & E Walker N & E Walker June Hutchins</p>
<p>DENDROBIUM 1st & Judges Choice 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>Den.</i> Alices Selvino <i>Den.</i> Unknown <i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma</p>	<p>Cliff Alexander N & E Walker N & E Walker</p>
<p>ANY OTHER GENERA 1st 2nd & Judges Choice 3rd</p>	<p><i>Zgt.</i> Midnight Blue <i>Epi.</i> Crystal Valley <i>Zba.</i> Adelaide City</p>	<p>N & E Walker N & E Walker M & A Vlekkert</p>
<p>PAPHS and PHRAGS 1st & Judges Choice 2nd</p>	<p><i>Phrag.</i> Noirmont <i>Paph.</i> Hazella x Irish Spring</p>	<p>Judy Robbins Judy Robbins</p>
<p>EXOTIC SPECIES 1st 2nd 3rd & Judges Choice</p>	<p><i>Cattleya loddigesii</i> <i>Epidendrum stamfordianum</i> <i>Cattleya harpophylla</i></p>	<p>N & E Walker R & J Aisthorpe Judy Robbins</p>
<p>AUST. NATIVE HYBRID 1st & Judges Choice 2nd Tie 3rd Tie 3rd</p>	<p><i>Den.</i> Cobber <i>Den.</i> Mighty Mite <i>Den.</i> Victorian Frost <i>Den.</i> Wonga</p>	<p>M & A Vlekkert Cliff Alexander M & A Vlekkert M & A Vlekkert</p>
<p>AUST. NATIVE SPECIES Judges Choice 1st 2nd Tie 3rd Tie 3rd Tie 3rd</p>	<p><i>Dendrobium speciosum</i> <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> <i>Dendrobium jonesii</i> <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> 'Sue' <i>Dendrobium melaleucaphylum</i> <i>Dendrobium gracillicaula</i></p>	<p>W Harris M & A Vlekkert A & A Parkes M & A Vlekkert W Harris N & E Walker</p>
<p>NOVICE 1st & Judges Choice 2nd 3rd</p>	<p><i>C.</i> gaskelliana <i>Bolbidium picta</i> <i>Den</i> Minispec</p>	<p>M Walsh Pat Cairns Pat Cairns</p>
<p>FOLIAGE 1st & Judges Choice</p>	<p><i>Anthurium</i></p>	<p>N & E Walker</p>



Judges Choice plant of the month for July: is

Cattleya (Laelia) harpophylla

This plant is grown by Judy Robbins. (Ed. This is a very hard plant to grow and a credit to Judy for presenting it in beautiful condition) Here is how Judy grows this plant

I bought my *Laelia harpophylla* in 2004 from a nursery in Main Road Maroochydore, which has since closed. I have had some trouble growing this orchid. It seems to take it turn about, one year It looks half dead with not many flowers, and the following

year it grows and blooms really well. This just happened to be its good year. It is growing in my standard *Cattleya* mix, peat and perlite with some bark, charcoal and diatomite added. I keep it in the north end of the bush house where it gets winter sun, and a bit more shade in summer. I use Osmocote High K and different types of foliar fertilisers for a variety of trace elements.

Thank you Judy.

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 each other 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 month's species

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

Come on join in the fun.

Here is the information on the last month's plant *Bulbophyllum ambrosia*

September 2013-03-02

Bulbophyllum ambrosia (Hance) Schlechter

Synonyms: *Bulbophyllum ambrosia* subsp. *nepalense* Wood 1986;

Bulbophyllum amygdalinum Aver.1988;

Bulbophyllum watsonianum Rchb.f 1888;

Eria ambrosia Hance 1883

Flower Size: up to 2.8cm tall.

Flowering time: Late winter-spring.

This small growing species is a hot to cool growing lithophyte found in Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan and Yunnan provinces of China, Hong Kong and Vietnam in evergreen and semi-deciduous forest on limestone cliffs and mossy rocks and trees at elevations of 300 to 1300 meters. A single flowered inflorescence arises from old and new unifoliate, ellipsoid, orange-yellow pseudobulbs with the flowers held below the solitary, ligulate, coriaceous leaf.

Culture: Plants may be mounted on wood slabs, tree-fern rafts or on cork and do well in a shallow tray with a medium grade bark mix or coconut chips. It is an easy plant to grow in our climate.

On the right is this month's plant

Your hint is that it comes either from Asia or the Americas



NAMBOUR SHOW

Well we did it again. I think this could go down as one of our most successful shows of all time. Many thanks to all who helped out. Without that contribution things would not have been done.

Plant sales and the number of people through the door were well up on previous years. Raffles, morning and afternoon teas as well as sandwiches and plant sales kept those people very busy.

Over \$500 was raised in a separate raffle for the Orchidfest in 2016. Congratulations to all exhibitors, prize winners and to Judy Robbins for winning Reserve champion & Champion species with her *Gongora truncata*. Russell Hopkins carried off Grand champion with a magnificently presented plant of Bst. Rainbow Spiders. This plant was later awarded by the judging panel with a HCC. Russell also had a plant of the same grex awarded an AM a couple of years ago at Nambour. Don't forget our species show is coming up in 6 weeks. Also to Nola Frizzo who won Champion Australian native with her *Dendrobium linguiforme*. Champion specimen went to Cliff Alexander for his *Den. Salak*.



NOOSA SHOW

This show was conducted last weekend at Cooroy. A very nice display of benched plants, congratulations to all winners of the different classes and to Neil and Ella who won the Champion specimen, species & Australian Native.

Thank you to all involved in making this show a great success.

Photos L-R

Dendrobium linguiforme, *Gongora truncata*,
Bst. Rainbow Spiders, *Paph. Harold Koopowitz*, *Phaius tankervilleae*



THE ROAD TRIP TO KEMPSEY with Alison, Alan and Bill,

Day 1 Travelled to Ballina on the Thursday and stayed overnight.

Day 2 First up the Ballina Orchid Society and ANOS show at the Ballina RSL. At the entry the lady behind the counter explained what was open and available then she looked at me and said the bottle shop was also open. (Great start). Free entry as with all shows that we went to down there.

Then on to Nambucca Heads and again a benching show. But a stop at Uranga at Barry Tarrant's place on the way to Nambucca. He has government permission to collect orchids from areas that are to be cleared. His enormous collection of *Dendrobium tetragonum* in flower was amazing. All were for sale at very reasonable prices. Between us we acquired a total of 11 plants of the *tetragonum* and all are different. As well 2 huge specimens of *Bulbophyllum shepherdii*.

The Nambucca show was quite impressive but again only benching.

Then on to Macksville.

We stayed at a caravan park unit for the next 2 nights.

Day 3 Off to the Kempsey Native Spectacular at Ted Wamsley's place. There were vendors as well as divisions of some of Ted's private collection for sale. The show was one of the most impressive that the editor has ever seen. Den speciosum, other native species and a multitude of native hybrids. All of exceptional quality and size. Any of the speciosum would have been a grand champion up here. Then into Ted's bushouses where the number and quality of his own plants in particular his kings was amazing.

All in all a fantastic display.

Please go if you ever get the chance. You won't be sorry.

Day 4 drive home.

Dividing and Repotting *Dendrobium speciosum* the Ted Wamsley way

1. Take one large plant of 20 bulbs or more
2. Empty it out of its pot
3. Use a large knife or small saw to break it up into divisions of 4 or more big canes and clean up
4. Cut off excess roots and soak in auxinone with some fungicide such as Phosjet. This will help produce new roots in 4-6 weeks.
5. Put into a pot or basket that is big enough to let it grow for 4 years.
6. Put a layer of large charcoal in the bottom of the pot, hold plant in and fill with large bark, but under the surface put a sprinkling of a mixture of equal parts of brickies (slaked lime) and dolomite. For those that are interested, normal lime is calcium oxide and when water is added the calcium oxide reacts with the water to make calcium hydroxide which is slightly soluble in water and hence can be taken up by the roots of the plant
7. After 6 weeks later a mixture of blood and bone is sprinkled on and the plants watered with a mixture of condy's crystals (potassium permanganate) and Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) 4 gm./L
8. Water twice weekly in dry weather.



Hope this can help some of you

See you next month

The September species was held at the home of Wayne & Jean. Our weather has been spectacular over the last few weeks, and the afternoon at the Harris residence was no exception. Thank You Wayne & Jean for a lovely afternoon.

We are nearly at the end of another species get together year. Our third species show is yet to come with seven vendors in attendance. Don't miss it with all the lovely weather we have had it promises to be the best yet.

Check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for the dates



Cultural plant of the month at the species was Judy's *Phalaenopsis amabilis*.

Plant of interest
Wayne's
Ascocentrum christensonianum



Names below are

plants displayed by members at our get together on the 14th Sept.

Arpophyllum giganteum, Ascocentrum christensonianum, Bulbophyllum bracteatum, Bulbophyllum sumatranum, Cattleya intermedia x 3, Christensonella paranaensis (Maxillariacogniauxiana) Dendrobium amethystoglossum, Dendrobium bilobum, Dendrobium capituliflorum, Dendrobium flagellum Dendrobium jenkinsii, Dendrobium kingianum, Dendrobium lichenastrum, Dendrobium linguiforme Dendrobium lituiflorum, Dendrobium macropus, Dendrobium nobile var virginale, Dendrobium primulinum(yellow), Dendrobium schoeninum, Dendrobium secundum, Dendrobium sulcatum, Epidendrum centropetalum, Epidendrum pseudoepidendrum, Epidendrum stamfordianum, Guarianthe aurantiaca (Yellow, Red, Orange)(Cattleya), Guarianthe skinneri (Cattleya) , Oeniella polystachys x 2, Osmoglossum pulchellum Phaius tankervilleae x 2, Phalaenopsis amabilis, Plectorrhiza tridentate, Pleurothallis viduata, Sarcophilus hartmanii, Tainia panangiana, Vanda lilacina

Guest Speakers:

September; - Potting time - this will be a cultural month. Please bring in any plants you would like our experienced members to help you with.

October; - Wayne Harris - ?

November; - Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular – Alan Parkes & Bill Letcher

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

October – Alan & Alison Parkes	November – Lesley Beare	December – No meeting
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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.

2013 Show Catalogue

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

STOCQ meeting hosted by Sunshine Coast Orchid Society- sat 9th Nov. – CCSA Hall, Nutley Street, Caloundra @ 9am

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Saturday & Sunday June 11th & 12th

Lake Kawana Community Centre

Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina. Qld.

