



# Nambour Orchid News

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## **MEETINGS:**

**Business Meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

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How good it is to welcome in August with her lovely blue skies and sunny days and balmy breezes blowing in my face! I am sure that my orchids feel the same way about this magical month and are getting ready to expand into Spring!

Our July meeting was a good one and we welcomed John and Kaye Green down for the afternoon. John gave our newer growers lots of good tips from his many years of orchid growing and that if followed there will be lots of happy growers. Our show bench for the afternoon featured some of the first native hybrids for the Spring season and we will be looking forward to seeing lots more in the next couple of months. Some of our growers went out to the Palmwoods Bowls club to enter a display in the Palmwoods Arts and Crafts show on the same time and this did reduce our show bench display a bit on the club afternoon but it was well received in Palmwoods and a lovely display was benched.

We were happy to be invited to the Maroochydore show and to exhibit a table display. It proved to be very lovely. Beryl exhibited some great slipper orchids and Elaine and Des showed a lovely *Rhyncostylis gigantea* which gained the Species Champion. We had plenty of flowers and the excess helped to make the show bench bulge. We had a new cymbidium grower in the competition – and didn't he up the bench mark with his lovely standard cymbidiums! (Those ones we don't grow well in these climes???) We have some learning to do folks!!

Thank you to all who helped and participated in Maroochydore and for the excellent hospitality that we always enjoy down there.

Our next outing was to Mal and Jo's home up on the range for the Species Meeting. It was A beautiful cool sunny afternoon and we had a great turn out of people to enjoy the afternoon. There was a good variety of species orchids on show and the *Dendrochilium* species shown were just magnificent; with at least three of them being worthy of a champion in any show. After a summary of the plants on show we were all interested in seeing what Mal has been up to in his new orchid house. We were not disappointed here as all seemed in great condition and I noticed that Rod and Richard were also displaying a bit of fatherly pride as well. Good on you boys! Next we were treated to a scrumptious afternoon tea before heading off home as the afternoon breeze was reminding us that we were up at higher altitudes. Thanks Mal and Jo for a great afternoon.

Well the Boss is back from Thailand! I am sure that he will have many stories to tell (And some he won't). Bill, I am sure you have had a wonderful time with Ross, Liz, Jim and Leeanne and John. Who could but have a wonderful time in such great company. We look forward to hearing it all.

A sadness I have to report is the sad passing of Mrs Joan McKane. Joan and husband Ed were very active members of our society for many years and enjoyed our company to the hilt. Ed showed many a magnificent orchid and who will ever forget Joan's happy personality, especially at our Christmas parties when ANYTHING could happen. You will be missed.

Regards Editors Pat and Clive.

POPULAR VOTE FOR JULY 2011

HYBRIDS

*Cattleya Alliance*

First	Lc Aloha Case	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Second	Guaricattonia (Gct) Sogo Doll "Little Angel"	Judy Robbins
Tie Third & JC	(Blc George King x C Horace) Reg as Rlc Dal's Grace x Rhyncattleanthe (Rth) Dal's Moon (Reg as Rth Rosella's Graceful Moon)	Beryl & Graham Robertson Judy Robbins
Tie Third	C Precious Doll x Rlc Odom's Sweetheart	Mal & Jo Rivers
Tie Third	Blc Dr. Joe Walker	

*Oncidium Alliance*

First & JC	Wilsonara (Wils) Tiger Talk	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Second	Wils Jean DuPont "Fiery"	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Second	Milt Unknown	Judy Robbins
Third	Odontonia (Odna) Hot Pants 'Hot to Toot'	Judy Robbins

*Paphiopedilum*

First & JC	Paph Cherished Gold	Rob & Joan Raabe
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*Vandaceous/Phalaenopsis*

First & JC	Ascda Susan Ong 'Ah Mooi'	Richard Hand
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*Any Other Genera*

First & JC	Nasdevallia (Masd) Hot Shot 'Violet Glow'	David & Julie Tyler
Second	Cym Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Alan Shield
Third	Cym Sara Jean 'Vapour'	Alan Shield

EXOTIC SPECIES

First & JC	<i>Bulbophyllum (Bulb) ramosii</i>	David & Julie Tyler
Second	<i>Rhynchostylis (Rhy) gigantea</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Third	<i>Rhy gigantea</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

*Hybrid*

First & JC	Den Australian Robbie McInnes	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Den Victorian Bride 'Genesis'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Third	Den Duno Eleerose 'Sanford' x <i>Den speciosum curv</i> 'Daylight Moon'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Third	Den Graham Hewitt	David & Julie Tyler

*Species*

First & JC	<i>Pterostylis (Ptst) tenuicauda</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second	<i>Ptst nutans</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Tie Third	<i>Ptst concinna</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Tie Third	<i>Den kingianum</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

NOVICE

First & JC	Cym Doris Butler 'Morley'	Mavis Walsh
Second	Slc Golden Wax	June Hutchins

FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLING

First & JC	<i>Paph delenatii</i> x <i>Paph hangianum</i> (Reg as In-Charms Handel)	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Second	Den Frankston	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Third	<i>Den speciosum var speciosum</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

The plant of the month was Den Australian Robbie McInnes grown by Marty & Anita Vlekkert.

## Den. Australian Robbie McInnes

This medium sized robust floriferous native hybrid has spiky large 80mm wide yellow blooms.

In 1999 we purchased a number of flasks, including this cross, from Wayne Turville who now trades as The Australian Orchid Nursery. They registered this fourth generation hybrid in 2009. The parents are Den. Aussie Parade 'Carrot Stripe' x Den. speciosum 'Windemere' and this has resulted in a hybrid consisting of about half Den. speciosum, a third Den. tetragonum with a little Den. falcorostrum and Den. kingianum. From this you can see the size comes from the Den. speciosum and the spiky nature from the Den. tetragonum.

I have found that hybrids with about half Den. speciosum generally make robust floriferous plants.

The plant grows under 50% shade cloth in a 150mm port pot, potted in straight medium bark with about one gram (roughly ¼ teaspoon) of 8-9 Month Hi K Osmocote and a teaspoon of shell grit added. Each year some more Osmocote is added on top of the mix.

And now for a change of subject. Do you grow ferns? If your orchids are anything like mine, a few of the pots have ferns sneaking into the potting mix. I get a few tree ferns, some bird nest ferns, and a variety of maidenhair, as well as other odds and ends. When these plants are about 5 centimetres high they can usually be carefully picked out and planted on to make nice plants.

A suitable mix is coco peat with some added Osmocote and lime. If you would like to try this mix get some compressed coco peat (the ones with added fertilizer are best avoided). Big W in Nambour has some in blocks for a little less than \$2.00 each. Soak the block in half a bucket of water and then wring excess water out of the expanded peat. To each litre of peat add a flattish teaspoon of 8-9 month Osmocote and about the same amount of lime. Pot the plants in 50mm tubes and when they are big enough move them into a 100mm pot.

Now, three rules to remember when growing maidenhair.

1. Water them well
2. Never let them dry out
3. Remember the above two rules

A small note from Nathan

“ORCHIDS ENHANCE YOUR LIFE, LOVE, AND FERTILITY”

Due to their beauty and symmetry, orchids have been associated with love, fertility and perfection. They're also said to promote abundance – violet coloured orchids are the most auspicious of all – especially when placed in the southeast corner of a garden or living room. For business success, pop an orchid into the northern part of your office, or spice up your love life by placing a pink or red hued orchid in your home's southwest sector. Alternatively, if you want to win someone's heart, give one as a gift.



# Secretaries News Update

## August 2011

John Green from the Gympie Orchid Society was our guest speaker for the July meeting. We thank John & Kaye for taking the time to come to our meeting.

Below are some cultural notes and some good hybrid plants to look for from John's talk.

### Cultural Notes on Winter Growing by John Green

I cover most of my orchid houses with plastic so I can control the amount of water they receive through winter. Orchids can handle a little cold but not wet and cold.

#### **Cattleyas**

Large Pots I water every 7 to 10 days depending on the temperature. I water in the morning before 9am, but never on cold or overcast days.

Small pots of seedling cattleyas I water 5 days apart. Both large and small pots receive fertiliser each watering with high PK fertiliser. I use Searles Flourish.

#### **Dendrobiums**

Phalaenanth type. I do not water these from the end of May to the end of August, just a fine mist over the leaves fortnightly

Intermediate and Canaliculatum type hybrids I water weekly if plants have new growth and new roots, so observe your your plants

#### **Softcanes**

Only water enough to stop from shrivelling, more when buds are forming. NO fertiliser through the winter months.

Softcanes should be given as much light as possible during the winter period.

#### **Vandaceous**

I water weekly and mist if humidity is low. Again observe the root tips, if they are green and growing, water and fertilise. Watering the floor will also raise the humidity.

### Hybrid Plants

#### **Cattleyas**

Novelty – C. Caudebec

Splash – Bc. Island Charm  
Bc. Capricorn Charm  
Lc. Mari's Song

Yellow – Blc. Dal's Horizon,

Mini – Lc. Mini Purple  
Pot. Free Spirit

#### **Vandas**

Ascdas. - Yip Sum Wah  
Meda Arnold

#### **Dens.**

Phalanthe - Dal's  
Curly Type – canaliculatum

#### **Species**

Clonal Names

Guest Speaker for our August meeting will be Wayne Harris talking on Bulbophyllums

### Species appreciation:

The August species appreciation was held at the home of Mal & Jo. Our thanks go to both of you for allowing us to spend the afternoon at your place. A great afternoon was had by all. Mal chose Doug's *Dendrochilum glumaceum* as the cultural plant of the day.

Below is the list of plants on display.

*Aer. vandarum*, *Max. densa*, *Max. variabilis*, *Med. agathodaemonis*, *Oe. centradenia*,  
*Den. speciosum*, *Den. williamsonii*, *Den. purpureum*, *C. lundii*, *Den. convallariaeforme*,  
*Den. niveum*, *Bulb. laxiflorum*, *Den. teretifolium*, *V. lamellata var. remediosa*, *Coel. mossiae*,  
*Ddc. cootesii*, *Ddc. convaliforme*, *Den. glumaceum*, *Ddc. stenophyllum*, *C. Harpophylla*,  
*Ddc. uncatun*, *Ptst. pedunculata*, *Ptst. nana*, *Ptst. baptistii*, *Ptst. ophioglossa*, *Ptst. russellii*,  
*Srps. lingua*, *Bulb. ambrosia*, *Rhl. glauca*, *Ddc. wenzelii*,

The September species will be at Val & Hazel's place on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### Shows:

Maroochydore show has been & gone, and that makes our own Spring Show the next one on the show calendar. Our members mounted a table display of 20 plants and also managed to bench several others. Congratulations to Des & Elaine Middlebrook who took home the Champion species prize with their *Rhy. gigantea*. The winners that I have are below.

There was also some foliage wins in the benched section that I did not get the results of. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all members for their efforts.

Des & Elaine Middlebrook	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i> <i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> & Champion species 2nd
Beryl & Graham Robertson	<i>Paph. Norito Hasegawa</i> <i>Dtps. Leopard Prince</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Judy Robbins	<i>Oda. Hot Pants</i> <i>Rlc. Haw Yuan Gold</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Rod Aisthorpe.	<i>Cym. Mary Green</i>	1st

Only 2 weeks now to our own Spring show. At our meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> we will be looking for helpers for all the usual show jobs. If you can spare any time at all over the two days, please put your hand up at the meeting.

To all our novice growers, we need your flowering plants for display, we have a special class for Nambour Society novice growers in our show schedule.

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.

### Website update.

A Pdf version of each newsletter is available on our website. This is still a work in progress, if you have any feedback or any articles to include please email the Secretary or our Webmaster. We are looking for some cultural notes from our members to add to the web page.

Show Dates Catalogue 2011

**Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)**

**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> August – N.O.S Cultural meeting**

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

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

**Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> September – N.O.S Species appreciation**

Fri. & Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September, Noosa Orchid & Foliage Society Show, Cooroy RSL Hall Set up 15th

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> September – N.O.S Cultural meeting**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show- Great Hall HBSHS. Set up 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Sat. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> N.O.S Species appreciation**

**Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> October – Bribie Island Spring October Orchid Bonanza- Bribie State High School, First Ave. Bribie. Set up Fri. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. N.O.S Cultural meeting**

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

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. N.O.S. Species appreciation**

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

**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. N.O.S Cultural meeting**

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013

The Pavilion

Gympie Showgrounds

