

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Nambour Orchid News

November 2016

Nambour Orchid Society

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.

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 are to be tabled by 1.30pm for judging.*

The **Species appreciation group** 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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JUDGES CHOICE – October



Dendrobium Amy - Cliff Alexander

Directory of Office Bearers

Patron	Rob Wright	
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Presidents Report

With 2016 drawing to a close and Christmas just around the corner, I would like to congratulate the members of Nambour Orchid Society on a very successful year. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the activities throughout the year. As a result of a sound financial success, we were able to make a significant donation to Cittamani Hospice as well as a donation to Caloundra Meals on Wheels.

Special thanks go to our patron, Rob Wright and his wife Margie for their ongoing support of the club, by sponsoring prizes at our shows and attending meetings and shows.

The Diamond Festival of Orchids in June was three years in the planning and all went well with good weather, a great financial success and supported by many visitors. At one point on the first day, the number of people in the hall had reached capacity and the manager of the Kawana Community Centre was concerned that he would have to close the doors and not admit further visitors until some had left!

The Nambour Garden Expo is always a highlight on the Sunshine Coast and our display was admired by a wide group of visitors. There was much interest shown in the culture of orchids and the members manning the display were able to answer many questions and thus encourage people to be involved in growing orchids.

We continued the theme of 'Orchids in the Garden' at the Spring Show with a few quirky touches in our display. The rabbits were well behaved and didn't eat the orchids, but they might have had a tipple from the wine bottle during the night. With the participation of other Orchid Societies in our region, the colourful displays of spring flowering orchids were outstanding and filled the hall with perfume.

The Species show in October was well patronised and in spite of the vagaries of the weather affecting blooming time, there was a good display of a variety of species orchids, many of which are often overlooked. The cultivation of species orchids has become important for survival of some species which have become seriously endangered. Our society encourages our members and welcomes members of other societies within our region to grow species orchids and join our monthly informal Species Appreciation Group.

To the members of Nambour Orchid Society and their families, I wish you a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2017. **Gina McMonagle**

Secretary News



Well our show season has finished for 2016 and our November meeting is also the last one for our calendar for the year. It has been a very busy year and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a good Christmas break through December and January before our first 2017 meeting on January 28th.

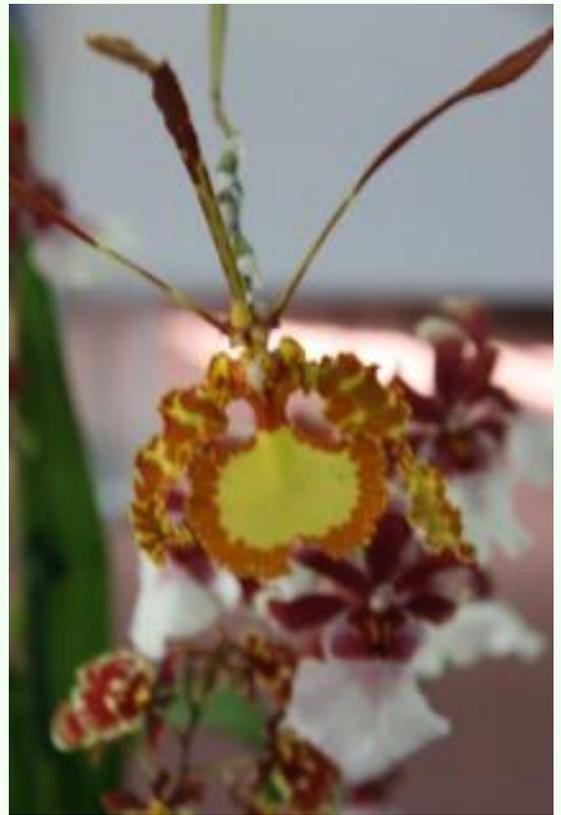
Christmas Lunch: We have booked the Maroochy Bridge Hotel for our Christmas break up lunch on Saturday 3rd December from 11.30am. Members attending will need to have their orders in with payment of \$15 at the November meeting as the lunch is only 1 week after the meeting.

Margie Wright being presented with her Life Members badge by President Gina McMonagle. Margie like her husband our Patron Rob Wright was also an inaugural member of the society.

Plants on Display at October meeting



C. Caudebec Candy — G & B Robertson



Psychopsis Butterfly - Judy Robbins



Onc. Tiger Crow — M & J Rivers



Phal. Ruey Lih Queen — C & G McMonagle



Phal. Black Princess—Judy Robbins



Sarco Judith — Marty & Anita Vlekkert

Judges Choice-October-Dendrobium Amy



Dendrobium Amy owned by Cliff Alexander

Judges Choice- Novice



Oncidium unknown owned by Barbara Tutin

Species group

Plant of the month - *Bulbophyllum claptonense* Rolfe

This attractive species is sometimes treated as a synonym of *B. lobbii* by some authors however, it differs from that species by the large thickened callus in the middle of the labellum.

It is found in northeastern Borneo in tall forests. It grows on the trunks and large limbs at elevations of 800 to 1000 m.

It is a small to medium sized, warm growing epiphyte with a creeping rhizome.

The flowers arise from the rhizome and are about 8 cm wide.

In cultivation it is best grown in a shallow saucer using medium sized orchid bark with the addition of about 10% coir chips (coconut husk) to retain a little more moisture.

The mix should be kept evenly moist throughout the year and never be allowed to dry out. during winter some protection from the cold is beneficial.

Fertilize with the rest of your plants. **W. & J. Harris**

Cultural Plant - November

Dendrobium friedricksianum exasperatus

Owned by Bob Raabe.



Species Show

Champion Orchid

Encyclia bractescens
owned by Judy Robbins



Judy receiving her prize for
Champion orchid from
Wayne Harris

Reserve Champion

Cymbidium canaliculatum
owned by John Robertson



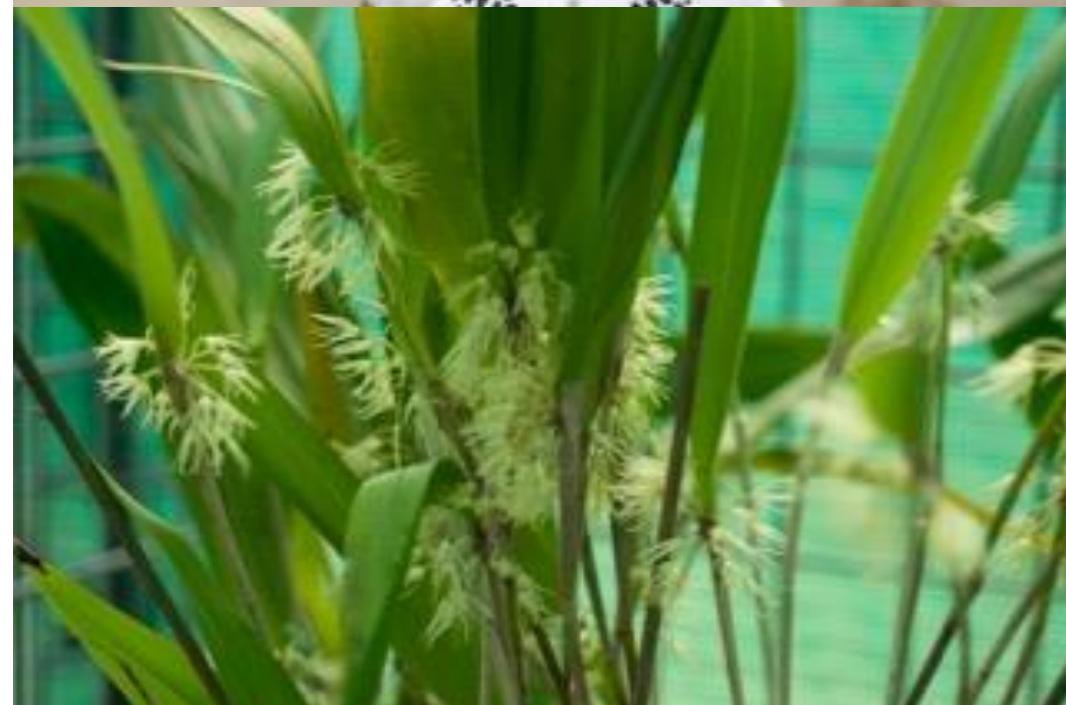
John Robertson receiving his
prize

Of most Botanical Interest

Myoxanthus exasperates
owned by Mal Rivers



Mal Rivers receiving his prize



More from the Species show



Species Group

Species plants on display at the November get together. Thank you to Rod & Jan for the use of their home. A great range of plants was on show for members to talk about. Thank you to those who made it a very successful afternoon.

Names in parenthesis that differ from the owner's name are from Kew Monocot list.

Aerangis modesta, *Aerides krabiensis*, *Alaticaulia pyxis* (*Masdevallia pyxis*),
Angraecum scottianum, *Ascocentrum micranthum* (*Schoenorchis micrantha*),
Ascocentrum miniatum (*Vanda garayi*) *Bulbophyllum basisetum*, *Bulbophyllum bataanense*
(*Bulbophyllum lobbii* subsp. *siamense*) *Bulbophyllum bicolor*, *Bulbophyllum claptonense*,
Bulbophyllum graveolens x 2, *Bulbophyllum lobbii* *Bulbophyllum saronae*, *Bulbophyllum sinapis*,
Calanthe triplicata, *Cattleya granulosa*, *Cattleya mossiae* var. *coerulea*, *Cattleya sincorana*,
Cattleya violacea *Cirrhopetalum auratum* (*Bulbophyllum auratum*), *Cischweinfia dasyandra*,
Coelogyne confusa *Coelogyne pandurata*, *Dendrobium bracteosum*, *Dendrobium capituliflorum*,
Dendrobium cerinum *Dendrobium friedricksianum*, *Dendrobium linguella*,
Dendrobium macrophyllum, *Dendrobium regnum* *Dendrobium tangerinum*,
Dendrobium tortile x 2, *Dendrobium unicum*, *Dendrochilum cobbianum* *Dendrochilum latifolium*,
Dendrochilum pangasinanense, *Dienia montana* (*Dienia ophrydis*) *Encyclia alata*,
Encyclia atropurpurea (*Psychilis atropurpurea*), *Encyclia cordigera* *Encyclia cordigera*,
Encyclia oncidoides, *Eulophia guineensis*, *Lockhartia acuta* *Lycaste aromatic*, *Malaxis ophrydis*,
Malleola dentifera, *Masdevallia deceptrix*, *Maxillaria bradei* *Maxillaria tenuifolia*,
Oncidium edwallii (*Grandiphyllum*), *Oncidium sphacelatum* x 2, *Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum*,
Paphiopedilum urbanianum, *Paphiopedilum urbanianum*, *Phalaenopsis chibae* ,
Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi, *Phalaenopsis mannii*, *Phalaenopsis parishii* x 2,
Phalaenopsis sanderiana alba, *Phalaenopsis schilleriana*, *Phalaenopsis stuartiana*,
Phalaenopsis violacea, *Prosthechea baculus*, *Prosthechea ionophlebia*,
Psychopsis papilio *Renananthera monachica*, *Saccolabiopsis armitii*, *Smitinandia micranthea*,
Trichocentrum stramineum x 2, *Trichoglottis ionosma*, *Vanda ampullacea*, *Vanda curvifolia*,
Vanda falcata

THE LITTLE BLACK ANT, SCALE INSECT, MEALY BUG, APHID ALLIANCE

by Ben Wallace

* A contribution to the Australian Orchid Foundation Awareness Campaign.

These four groups of insects can work hand-in-glove to make a living at the expense of your orchids. The last three literally suck sap from your plants for their own needs, and produce sugary exudates that ants then feed on. In turn the ants carry the sapsuckers to the choicest localities, such as young emerging leaves, expanding buds or active root tips, where the orchid's nutrient content is at its greatest. Loss of these nutrients from the plant can seriously affect its ability to grow and flower. Worse still, the insects may inject pathogenic viruses into the plant, thereby spelling its doom.

To deal with such a conspiracy requires a multi-pronged response from the grower. First you need to watch where the ants are running to and fro, so that you can discover where their nest is located. If it's in a pot, the nest is easily destroyed. Simply tip the plant and mix onto the soil outside your green house, remove the plant, spread the mix and spray both mix and plant with a mixture of Pest Oil® and pyrethrum. If the ant nest is beneath a concrete slab or in a brick wall, you'll need to use more guile and lay a bait of ant poison. Mortein Ant Sand® is an effective one that has been introduced recently but other types are also available.

Having dealt with the ringleaders, next get the subordinates. Close examination of all plants is important to locate infestations of scale, aphids and mealy bugs. Remember that they often hide in obscure places, such as down in leaf sheath bases, on buried roots and in other hidden spots.

Remove all infested plants individually, and spray them with the above-mentioned mix, or use a soft toothbrush to apply it, mixed with detergent. It's important to use some sort of surface-tension breaker (such as a soluble oil, detergent or methylated spirit) to penetrate the waxy coat of some insects. Don't apply more of these chemicals than necessary, as they may damage the plant's softer tissues.

Remember that it's important to deal with all the culprits, not just the sapsuckers doing the immediate damage.

Illustration courtesy of Rex Johnson

