



# Nambour Orchid News

April 2018



Charlie & Gina's *Dendrobium stratiotes* won Champion Orchid & Champion Species at the Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show at Caloundra

Dear (Champion) *Dendrobium stratiotes*,

My apologies for wanting to leave you at home because I thought you were too ungainly to (a), fit in a vehicle, (b), be difficult to arrange in a display and (c), be subject to damage.

However, my better half with years of experience as an Engineer, works on the principle that hard takes time and impossible takes a bit longer!

The pleasure we have in admiring your long-lasting flowering season and spectacular flowers far outweigh your need for plenty of room in the orchid house. Mummy (aka President Gina)



Our Display at Caloundra



## Secretary news April

We have had two shows since the last newsletter. Bribie over the Easter weekend and Caloundra a week later. Thank you to the members who supported both shows with their plants.

Congratulations to Charlie and Gina for winning Champion Orchid and Champion species with their *Dendrobium stratiotes* at the Caloundra show, and to all the other members who took home 17 ribbons between them.

Results from Caloundra display are below.

R & J Aisthorpe	<i>Dendrobium dearei</i> V. Sumon Spot x V. Guo Chia Long <i>Brat.</i> Golden Spider	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
C & G McMonagle	<i>Dendrobium stratiotes</i>  <i>Paph.</i> Henrietta Fugiwara <i>Phalaenopsis heiroglyphica</i> <i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> , Champion Orchid & Champion species 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
R & J Raabe	C. Lulu x C. Penny Kuroda <i>Rth.</i> Chunfong Smile	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
J Robbins	<i>Cattleya dormaniana</i> <i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i> <i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Victory <i>Rlc.</i> Shin Shiang Diamond <i>Dracena</i> Milky Way <i>Aglaonema</i> Galaxy	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>
J Robertson	<i>Paph.</i> <i>Maudiae</i> <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Charm	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Gympie Garden Expo and Orchid Show Sat/Sun 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May. We will build a display for this show, we will be setting up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Plant names to Alison by Tuesday night 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Charlie's Cultural corner from 1.15pm to 1.45pm each meeting day. If you have a passion for growing a genus, please see Charlie and offer him your assistance.

Members can sell spare Orchids or foliage plants at our meetings. Only plants that we would use in show displays are permitted.

**Please remember to add your gold coin donation to the honesty box.**

**Thank you to the members who provide and assist with afternoon tea at our meetings. Your efforts are very much appreciated.**

## President's Report

With the first round of Orchid Shows behind us, I would like to congratulate all our members who participated in the benched show at Bribie Orchid Society and the display show by Sunshine Coast Orchid Society, Caloundra. As each Society in our region holds a Show, it is important to support them by exhibiting orchids and foliage and attending the event. Special mention goes to Alison and Alan Parkes who look after and transport our stand and all the necessary accessories and do a great job of putting the labels together.

With the worst of the summer heat and humidity behind us, this is a good time to attend to your orchids which may have seen the ravages of mealy bugs and other nasties. Don't forget to bring your problems and queries to our Culture Corner that starts at 1.15pm prior to our General Meeting.

Thanks to Wayne for an informative talk at our March meeting. It is good to see the direction and interest in hybrids of our varied Australian native orchids.

Cheers,

Gina

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**Our new members shirts are available to Order. If you would like one, please Email or see Alison at the meeting.**

**Cost to members is \$25 for the shirt with logo + \$5.50 if you require a pocket.**

**Name badges are also available to order.**

**Cost is \$5.00 new members or \$10.95 if you require a replacement.**

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Our species get together is moving to the second Sunday of each month. This will avoid clashes with STOCQ meetings and other shows in our area. The dates for the remainder of the year will be:

May - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> W & J Harris residence (Mother's Day)

June – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

July – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (no longer clashes with Garden Expo)

August – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Maroochy Botanic Gardens

September – Hopefully Replaced with bus trip

October – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Our species get together for April was at the home of Richard & Rita. Thank you both for making us feel so welcome. Winners for the day were *Bulbophyllum treschii* grown by Steve for judge's choice and *V. sanderiana* grown by Richard took out the best culture.

\*On the list below after the name denotes correction from your label as per Kew WCSP list.

*Arachnis labrosa*, *Arundina graminifolia*, *Bulbophyllum elevatopunctatum*\*, *Bulbophyllum flabellum-veneris*, *Bulbophyllum longisepalum*, *Bulbophyllum marknaivei*, *Bulbophyllum treschii*, *Bulbophyllum tricorne*, *Cattleya dormaniana* x 2, *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *superbum*, *Gomesa radicans*\*, *Maxillaria schunkeana*, *Phalaenopsis bellina* x 2, *Phalaenopsis celebensis*, *Phalaenopsis deliciosa*, *Phalaenopsis deliciosa alba*, *Phalaenopsis fasciata*, *Phalaenopsis lindenii*, *Phalaenopsis speciosa*, *Phalaenopsis sumatrana*, *Phalaenopsis violacea*, *Prosthechea boothiana*, *Vanda coerulea*, *Vanda sanderiana*

A selection of plants on display at our March meeting



Monn. Millennium Magic  
Micheal & Betty



C. Caudebec Candy  
Gina & Charlie



C. Village Chief North Col & Marilyn



C. Dendi's Perfection  
John & Kaye



Paphiopedilum Crossianum  
Marty & Anita



*Psychopsis papilio* var. alba. Judy



V. Suksamran Sunlight  
George & Helena



Aranda Christine x  
V. Suksamran Spots. Mary



Den. Unknown. Luda



Phrag. Calurum Mal & Jo



*Brassavola nodosa*. Rob & Joan



Dendrobium unknown. Judy



Den. Dal's Classic x  
Den. Asternova Asteroid  
Col & Marilyn

# Growing Orchids Indoors

By Mal with input from Beryl

There are many people who grow their orchids indoors. Some don't want a large collection, just the joy of growing and flowering orchids. Some don't have the yard space for a bushhouse because they live in a unit.

There are some advantages to growing orchids indoors. Because watering can be controlled there is less chance of overwatering; the threat of pests is reduced; the atmosphere and temperature can be better controlled. Another advantage is that less common orchids, such as Pleurothallids, could be grown indoors.

Whether you grow orchids in a bushhouse or in your home, knowledge of an orchids cultural needs is still required. I think it would be fairly difficult to grow and flower well any sun loving orchid in the home. I wouldn't recommend Vandas or tropical Dendrobiums.

I think that Phalaenopsis, some small growing Cattleya with Cattleya coccinea in its background, cool-growing Miltoniopsis and some warm-growing Miltonias would do well.

If you grow indoor plants well e.g. African Violets and Ferns these are a good guide as to whether your conditions will suit orchids. A well lit sunroom is probably the ideal situation.



Grow your indoor orchids in a free draining mix of bark, perlite and some sphagnum. Use a shallow saucer to place your pot in; it can be clay or plastic. Large pots I think would not be suitable as the mix would take too long to dry. I think less mix would be the aim. Of course, the size of your pieces of mix would depend on the size of the plant.

Place some stones in the saucer and fill the saucer to just below the stones. Sit your pot on the stones and the plants will benefit from the humidity particularly if you have a fireplace or use heating in winter.

Avoid situating your plants on the western side of your home as it will be too hot in the afternoon.

Place them so that they have a north-east aspect in winter and a south-east aspect in summer. Place them in front of a large window with a light curtain cover over the window, so that light can get through without it being direct light.

Another way to give them sufficient lighting is with the use of LED lights which don't emit a lot of heat. I believe I have seen them advertised in gardening magazines and there is a lot of information on the net about which lights to use.

Have a go.

## Growing Orchids Indoors



This section is about growing orchids indoors on a windowsill, not under lights or in a specially-designed orchid habitat.

For indoor orchid care, as with growing orchids anywhere else, you need to figure out how to provide the right light, temperatures, and humidity. Below, you'll learn how to get these right.

Orchids generally grow best in a south- or east-facing window. North-facing windows generally get insufficient light (in the northern hemisphere) and west-facing windows often get too hot in the afternoon. East windows get most of their light early in the morning, so the light intensity is usually less than south windows.

If you have a choice between an east-facing and a south-facing window, base it on how much light your types of orchids need.

In temperate climates in the winter, the area near a window often gets cold. Adjust the plants' distance from the glass until they get the temperatures they appreciate (which depends on the type of orchid.) Note that this also affects the amount of light the plant gets (as does how high the sun is over the horizon), so you'll have to balance those factors appropriately for each plant.

As typical homes have low humidity, your orchids will appreciate daily misting with a spray bottle, especially on any aerial roots they might have growing up out of the pot. You also might want to make a humidity tray: fill a tray with gravel, then add water to just below the level of the gravel and set the plants on top. The gravel should keep the plants from sitting in water while evaporation raises the humidity. **Mal**

Note. The photo's below are from my sister in law who lives in southern Germany , its mid winter , as you can see there are no leaves on the trees, there is 2 foot of snow on the ground and the Phalanopsis are doing well, central heating probably helps. **Richard**



### Judges Choice - March - Den. (Dark Dame x Red Toro) x Den. Cooloola Cove



This is a plant I bred and this plant has only been out of flask for 3 years. My enjoyment in orchids is creating my own hybrids and I have many plants, which are the equal to anything around. This plant shows the influence of *Den. canaliculatum*. I used a large red Spatulata Dendrobium as the pod parent and *Den. Cooloola Cove* as the pollen parent. I have received an AM / AOC for the plant and it carried 56 flowers on one upright spike.

Since I deflasked these plants they have been grown in small Kiwi bark and charcoal. This plant is in a 100mm pot, as I do not over pot my plants. Dendrobiums seem to appreciate being tight in a pot as this allows them to dry quickly. I grow my Dendrobiums in their own house, which has an Alsinite roof so I can control the amount of water they receive. I water heavily in the growing season then easing off during winter. I always water in the afternoon during summer and morning during winter. I fertilise with 9-month slow release fertiliser plus monthly applications of Calcium Nitrate and Magnesium Sulphate.

All growers should try some of these as they are easy to cultivate and a mature plant is seldom without a flower. **John.**

### Judges Choice - Novice - C. Bowringianum



A single stem was gifted to us as a fresh cutting about 5 years ago and we treated it the same as all the other plants in our gardens; we planted it into a 300mmDia X 150mm Deep hanging basket. It was hung under a large pergola in maximum light and air movement; it was fertilized quarterly with slow release formula and watered through a tank system. The potting mix was 50/50 home produced plant compost mixed with coarse Mary River sand; it produced fair growth and several blooms.

Two years ago, we moved up the road( but still in Rosemount) to our retirement village; as part of the move, we relocated our old greenhouse including 70Percent shade cloth. We then joined Nambour Orchid Society. Well!!! We never had realized just how many things we weren't doing, so June set about repotting our specimen. I sewed some 70 percent shade cloth inside of the same basket(after a good cleanup),

June tidied the roots a little and placed the orchid upon a bed of mid-sized bark, filled the space that was left with more bark and stood it all on an old pottery stand 500mm tall and placed it at the Nth/Western corner of our greenhouse.

It gets weekly/weekly watering with Manutec Bloom buster 5g/5l and we watched it provide us with this year's magnificent display

As a footnote, some members came and congratulated on its splendor, asking us for hints, and we could only tell them above story; their response was along the line of "whatever you are doing, Don't Change Anything". We are still enjoying the blooms and will have a look at the roots when repotting is considered !!! **June and Graeme**

## Species

### Plant of the Month - *Bulbophyllum treschii*



*Bulbophyllum treschii* grows in Malaysia at elevations of 1000 to 1500 meters as a miniature sized, cool growing epiphyte with creeping, branching rhizomes giving rise to close set, slightly compressed pseudobulbs carrying a single leaf. The inflorescence carries 4 flowers which open simultaneously. The flower colour is red-purple and is of mottled appearance due to the wrinkled, crumpled silk-like pendulous sepals.

*Bulbophyllum treschii* was first described in cultivation by Rudolph Jenny and is named after its cultivator Walter Tresch.

Cultivation - I fertilise all year round using Peters Excel CalMag Finisher with a pinch of Calcium Nitrate once a week. Magnesium Sulphate and Potassium Silicate are sprayed once a month. The media is an 8:1 mix of bark and peat and grows in a shallow saucer. They also do really well mounted on a slab of cork with a bit of sphagnum to start them off. I water two to three times a week depending on temperature and humidity. I don't often let the mix dry out, except for the colder periods during winter. I keep the media fairly moist for the rest of the year. I plan on acquiring a few more *Bulbophyllum treschii* as they are simply a fun plant to grow. If you are searching for something a little unusual for your collection, this could be the plant you're looking for. **Steve**

### *Cultural Plant - Vanda sanderiana*

*V. sanderiana* is considered to be the "Queen of Philippine flowers" and is worshiped by the indigenous Bagobo people of the Island of Mindanao, it is commonly called **Waling-waling** in the Philippines

Because of over collecting, the species is now believed to be extinct in the wild although there are local nurseries that propagate this species in clones through tissue culture.

Most of my Vanda's are under 50% shade but the *sanderiana* is under 70% with very little mix in the pots. I have Old mans beard hanging from the top of the pot down around the roots as it holds moisture and helps with humidity I water daily with a low strength fertiliser and they get regular doses of Seasol, Calcium nitrate and Magnesium sulfate During really hot dry weather I mist around the roots making sure not to get water on the leaves. **Richard**



## Results for March 2018 Popular Vote & Judges Choice

Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Cattleya</b> <b>C.Dendi's Perfection</b> <b>John &amp; Kaye</b>	C.Caudebec Candy.  Charlie & Gina	C.Hawaiian Wedding Song. George & Helena.	C.Dendi's Perfection.  John & Kaye
<b>Oncidium</b> . <b>Mps.Beall's Strawberry Joy.</b> <b>Marty &amp; Anita</b>	Mps.Bealls Strawberry Joy. Marty & Anita	Onc.Oporto 'Burgundy Bliss'. Marty & Anita	Oncsa.Sweet Sugar.  Marty & Anita
<b>Vanda/Phal.</b> <b>V. .Sumon Spot</b> <b>x V.Guo Chia Long.</b>  <b>Rod &amp; Jan</b>	V.Kasems Delight x Roberts Delight x Dr.Anek. . George & Helena	V.Sumon Spot x Guo Chia Long.  Rod & Jan	Aranda Christine x V.Suksamran Spots.  George & Helena
<b>Dendrobium.</b> <b>Den. (Dark Dame x Red Toro)</b> <b>x Cooloola Cove.</b> <b>John &amp; Kaye</b>	Den.Twisted Blue.  Tom	Den.Dal's Classic x Asternova Asteroid.  Col & Marilyn.	Den.(Dark Dame x Red Toro) x Cooloola Cove.  John & Kaye
<b>Any Other.</b> <b>Monn. Millenium Magic</b> <b>'Witchcraft'.</b> <b>Micheal &amp; Betty</b>	<i>Spathoglottis</i> Mellow Yellow. Judy	Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'. Micheal & Betty	No 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
<b>Paph/Phrag.</b> <b>Paph. Crossianum.</b> <b>Marty &amp; Anita.</b>	Paph. Crossianum. Marty & Anita	Phrag. Calurum. Mal & Jo	Paph. Hilo Citron. Marty & Anita
<b>Exotic Species.</b> <b>Aerides lawrenceae.</b> <b>Rod &amp; Jan</b>	<i>Cycnoches barthiorum</i> .  Mick & Betty	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i> var. <i>alba</i> . Judy	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> .  Rob & Joan
<b>Aust.Native species. Den. bigibbum var. superbum.</b> <b>Judy</b>	Den. <i>bigibbum</i> var. <i>superbum</i> .  Judy	Den. <i>taylorii</i> . (Was genera <i>Cadetia</i> ).  Rod & Jan	Den. <i>bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i> .  Judy
<b>Novice. Unknown Cattleya</b> <b>Graeme &amp; June</b>	Den. Burana Dark Blue.  Pat & Heather	Cattleya unknown.  Graeme & June	Mtssa. Phoenix Rising.  Pat & Heather
<b>Foliage.</b> <b>Caladium. Pat</b>	Caladium. Pat	Tillandsia. Mavis	Dieffenbachia 'Sparkles'. Judy

**JUDGES CHOICE overall: Den. (Dark Dame x Red Toro) x Cooloola Cove. John & Kaye**

Kindly change your labels to the name on this sheet if it differs from the name on your plant label.

There were no Australian Native Hybrids exhibited at this meeting..

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## Nambour Orchid Society Information and Contacts

### **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 are welcome. Bring your flowering species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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**A reminder for all winners of Judges Choice, cultural awards etc. at both our meetings, please send a few lines on how you grow your plants, growing conditions and anything relevant, for inclusion in the Newsletter to - [rhand39@gmail.com](mailto:rhand39@gmail.com). Information is required two weeks prior to the monthly meeting**

### **FOR SALE**

Nambour Orchid Society members may use space in the Newsletter free of charge, if you have any Orchid related items for sale, please send your ad to [rhand39@gmail.com](mailto:rhand39@gmail.com) no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting

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Pictures from Korte's Resort



**Entries are invited from individuals and  
Societies/Clubs**

**For further information check out our  
website which will be updated regularly in  
the lead up to the conference.**

**[www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au](http://www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au)**

## Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2018

**(NOS commitment in blue)**

### May

<b>Sat/Sun 5/6th</b>	<b>Gympie Garden Expo &amp; Orchid Show Pavillion, Gympie Showgrounds</b>	
Sat/Sun 11/12	Noosa Show (closed)	CWA Hall Cooroy
Fri/Sat/ 26/27	Boyne Tannum OS show	St Francis Catholic Primary School, Tannum Sands

### June

<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>STOCQ &amp; OQI meeting</b>	<b>Hosted by Maryborough OS</b>
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### July

<b>Fri/Sat/Sun 12/13/14</b>	<b>Nambour Garden Expo.</b>	<b>Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave. Nambour</b>
<b>Fri/Sat/Sun 20/21/22</b>	<b>Caboolture OS Show</b>	<b>Morayfield Community Centre</b>
<b>18th to 22nd July</b>	<b>21st AOC Conference</b>	<b>Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, Sydney</b>

### August

<b>Fri/Sat 10/11</b>	<b>Maroochydore OS show</b>	<b>Milwell Road Community Centre, Maroochydore</b>
Sat/Sun 11/12	Agnes Water OS show	Agnes Water Community Centre, 71 Springs Road,
<b>Fri/Sat 31st Aug &amp; 1st Sept</b>	<b>Nambour OS Spring Show</b>	<b>Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour</b>

### September

<b>Sat 1st</b>	<b>Nambour OS Spring Show</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
Fri/Sat 31st Aug 1st Sept.	Childers OS Spring Show	Cultural Centre, Childers
<b>Fri/Sat 14/15</b>	<b>Noosa Show</b>	<b>RSL Hall Cooroy if renovated</b>
<b>Fri/Sat 21/22</b>	<b>Glasshouse Country OS show</b>	<b>Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road.</b>
Fri/Sat/Sun. 28th/ 29th /30th	Hervey Bay show	Xavier Catholic College 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay.

### October

<b>Fri /Sat 12/13</b>	<b>Bribie Island OS Show</b>	<b>The Orchid House, First Ave. Bribie Island</b>
Sat/Sun 20/21	Orchid Species Society show	Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens

### November

<b>Fri/Sat 2/3 set up Thurs 1st</b>	<b>Nambour OS Species Show</b>	<b>Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour</b>
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>STOCQ &amp; OQI meetings</b>	<b>Caboolture</b>

### 2018 AOC Conference

<b>18th to 22nd July</b>	<b>21st AOC Conference</b>	<b>Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, Sydney</b>
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### Orchidfest

<b>Sat/Sun 14th &amp; 15th Sept 2019</b>	<b>STOCQ Orchidfest</b>	<b>Hosted by Rockhampton Orchid Soc.</b>
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