



Nambour Orchid News

August 2018

An afternoon at the Maroochydore Botanical Gardens

Our species get together was held at the Maroochy Botanic Gardens. We had a great afternoon with 48 plants on display from 9 members. Great effort. We had a lovely afternoon in very nice surroundings. (full list of plants on display page 6)



Rhynchosstylis gigantea



Vanda lamellata.



Dendrobium piestocaulon
var. *piestocaulon*



Cattleya loddigesii



Phaleanopsis stuartiana

Secretary news August

Maroochydhore Orchid show was held on the Friday & Saturday 10/11 August. It was a benched show and a large variety of Orchids were on show for the public to view.

Congratulations to the Nambour Members who took home prizes. Champion Orchid & Champion Species went to Bill Letcher & Reserve Champion to David & Lorraine Lee. Well done to all.

Our own **Nambour show is on the 31st August & 1st September**. Time to prepare your plants for our display. Set up is Thursday 30th. Label names need to be sent to Alison no later than Monday 27th earlier if you wish. We always have many plants for our show & it takes a lot of time to check names and process labels.

Novice Growers we have class in our show for your plants. Please support this section if you are a novice, who knows you may win a prize.

All plants for display need to be at the hall by 9am on Thursday 30th August.

Plant sales. If you plan to sell plants at the show, the label format to use is on our website nambourorchidsociety.com Go to the links section then forms. All plants for sale need to be in good condition and free from disease.

We are asking our Members to please save boxes to assist with plant sales at our show.

NOOSA ORCHID SHOW:

Friday & Saturday 14/15 September. This is a benched show. Set up is Thursday afternoon. Information available at the meeting.

BUS TRIP:

We are looking to take a bus to Hervey Bay Show on Saturday 29th September. If you would like to go, please let Alison know at the meeting or by email. There are a lot of vendors at this show orchids & garden plants so plenty to see and spend your money on. If this gets off the ground it will be our last trip for the year.

Charlie's Cultural corner from 1.15pm to 1.45pm each meeting day is going from strength to strength. If you can help Charlie at any time, please see him and offer your assistance.

Thank you to the members who assist with the tasks associated with the smooth running of our meetings. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Presidents report

Spring (summer?) has sprung upon us very rapidly and it will be time to break out the sandals and shorts if you haven't done so already.

From now on we will be very busy with shows and I hope to see lots of great orchids on the bench and in displays and willing hands to help with all our activities. We have 2 sausage sizzles before the end of the year and your support is always welcome. A bus trip is being planned to visit the Harvey Bay Orchid spectacular and it should be a great show. Our excursions are an enjoyable and fun day out but there is a lot of organizing behind the scenes, so please give your support.

Congratulations to our members who were successful at the Maroochydhore Orchid Society show and also for supporting their club. The August species get together at the Maroochy Botanical Gardens was very interesting with a great variety of species brought along by a smaller number of growers than we usually see. The discussion about various growing methods was most informative and interesting. Cheers, **Gina**

Judges choice - July - C. Lakehaven Smile 'Coleen'



This is a plant I was given for my Birthday last year from a very good orchid friend of ours.

She knows I appreciate quality orchids.

I grow my Cattleyas in a mix of Perlite and Peat. I use Jumbo Perlite and Canadian Peat mixed at the rate of 8 parts Perlite to 1 of Peat. I like to keep the plants under potted rather than over potted.

We try and repot our plants every 2 years as plants seem to like a fresh mix.

It doesn't matter what your media the plants always respond to a fresh mix.

I feel the key to growing in Perlite is fertiliser as Perlite is rock.

We fertilise with 18-month slow release fertiliser when we repot.

We also give the plants Calcium Nitrate and Magnesium Sulphate at the rate of 5grms per litre, this is done monthly. These two are applied at different times. We grow under 70% shade cloth in a tunnel house, which is 4metres high so there is bright light. Our tunnel house runs north- south so the plants get an even amount of light all day.

I water approx. every 3 to 5 days in the summer easing off to about fortnightly in winter. These times are subject to change according to the weather.

Most of these mini Cattleyas flower several times a year, which is very rewarding, and they don't take up much room. To present the flowers I turn the plant to face the North East so the flowers grow away from the plant and not back into the leaves. **John & Kaye**

Judges Choice - Novices - Rlc. Village Chief North



Rlc.Village chief North "Green Genius"

Bought from Robertsons in March 2017. It was in bud at the time. This is the second flowering. We keep it under 70% shade cloth. It gets good all day sun being positioned on the south side of the yard. We water regularly as well as fertilizing. a nice compact plant.

Patrick and Heather

A selection of plants on display at July meeting



Ctt. Duckitt Ruby
Charlie & Gina



Tsiku Marguerite x
Ct. Romantic Fantasy - Nita



Den. speciosum
Rod & Janet



Restrepia tricholosa
Mal & Jo



Banfieldara Mystic - Luda



Bulb palawanense - Duncan



Dinema polybulbon - Mary



Rhy. gigantea - Rod & Janet



Cym. Night Passage
Marty & Anita



Rhy. gigantea - Rod & Janet



Phalaenopsis unknown
Luda



Rlc. Capricorn charm - John & Kay



Dendrochilum niveum - Wayne



Dendrochilum wenzellii - John & Kay

Orchid Show Time

It's that time of the year again when we are looking closely at our orchids and deciding which ones are suitable to put in a display and which ones have the best chance of winning a prize. For the uninitiated, it can be a daunting task. It requires preparation to present your orchid so that the judges can see it at its best.

Groom Your Plant. Carefully examine your orchid. You should remove dead or brown leaves and pseudobulbs from the plant. Trim dead areas from leaves if possible with a very sharp knife or razor blade. I have found that a scalpel is best. Don't do it too early or edges will brown. When cutting tips of leaves, be sure your cut follows the basic shape of the natural leaf ending. Make sure it is insect and disease free. Clean the leaves with a mildly acidic solution like white vinegar or lemon juice, to remove calcium build up or other spotting. Remove trash, debris, dead leaves or stems and weeds from the pot. Stake the inflorescence (flower spike) to show the flower to its best advantage. If your plant is going into a display, use stakes that will blend in. Something I've been doing for some time now, is making a hole in the bottom of a cattleya sheath, so that in the event of rain, the water can empty out of the sheath through the small hole in the bottom. On occasion, I have lost buds in the sheath through water build-up. When the rain stops and it becomes warmer, the buds sometimes turn brown and rot.

Labelling. To make sure your plant is properly labelled and to make sure you get your plant back after the show, some preparatory steps are necessary. Our Secretary, Alison, prepares our plant labels **after you have contacted her** to give your plant names to her. Alison will have your labels at the show so that you can attach them. Position your labels so that they can be seen easily.

Transporting. Most of us don't have vans. Sometimes, it can be difficult getting your plants to a show in good condition. Long canes, flower spikes, plant with long spikes which hang down below the pot can be a problem. For orchids such as a large Dendrochilum, get a foam box and cut a hole slightly larger than the circumference of your pot, so that the spikes hang down without rubbing on anything. For my Angraecum eburneum, a large plant with 2 long spikes, I stake the spikes, lower the rear seats, lay the plant flat and lay the spikes on a small box so that the spikes hang out in the air. They may bounce a bit but I haven't had any damage yet. A lot of old towels can be a great help.

Make sure your pots are clean. It shouldn't be up to the members setting up a display to clean your pots and nothing looks worse in a display.

If there are mealy bugs or other infestation, get a qtip and soak one end in methylated spirits and dab it on the pest.

If a flower is obviously going off or has marks on the petals or sepals, best not to take it.

The old, dry covering on the bulbs should be removed, not only for appearance but pests often hide under this.

If you have trouble keeping an orchid upright, get a clay pot, and place the orchid pot inside the clay pot. Pack it with newspaper if necessary but cover it with old mans beard.

That's about all I can think of. Good luck. **Mal.**

Species

Plant list for our get together at the Maroochydore Botanical Gardens

Names are as per the Kew WCSP list, old name are in parentheses,

Bulbophyllum ambrosia, *Bulbophyllum ecornutum*, *Bulbophyllum lasiochilum* x 2, *Cattleya amica*,
Cattleya loddigesii, *Cattleya lundii*, *Cattleya quadricolor*, *Chiloglottis truncata*, *Coelogyne cristata*,
Coelogyne viscosa, *Dendrobium aemulum*, *Dendrobium glomeratum*, *Dendrobium lichenastrum*
(*D. prenticei*) *Dendrobium malbrownii*, *Dendrobium piestocaulon* var. *piestocaulon*, (*D. gracilicaule*)
Dendrobium purpureum, *Dendrobium speciosum*, *Dendrochilum convallariaeforme*,
Dendrochilum glumaceum, *Dendrochilum longibulbum*, *Dendrochilum niveum*, *Dendrochilum propinquum*,
Epidendrum flexuosum, *Epidendrum centropetalum*, *Holcoglossum pumilum*,
Oncidium cheiroporum, *Paphiopedilum affine*, *Paphiopedilum primulinum*, *Phalaenopsis equestris*,
Phalaenopsis micholitzii, *Phalaenopsis stuartiana*, *Phalaenopsis thailandica*, *Pholidota cantonensis*,
Pinalia amica, *Pterostylis erecta*, *Rhyncholaelia glauca*, *Rhynchostylis gigantea* x 5, *Trichoglottis cirrhifera*,
Vanda brunnea, *Vanda lamellata*, *Vanda lilacina*, *Zootrophion atropurpureum*

Photos below are part of the display at the Kabi group show



The Australian Native Orchid Society (Qld) - Kabi Group Inc. is a group of people with an interest in Australian native orchids and their hybrids.

The name **Kabi** being that of the indigenous people of the local area prior to settlement



The orchid mentioned below is coming into its flowering season very shortly, and is one of my favourites



Mine are in bud now. **Mal**

Cattleya aurantiaca [Bateman ex Lindley]

P.N. Don 1840 SUBGENUS *Circumvola*

SECTION *Aurantiacae* Withner 1989 Photo by © Jay Pfahl

Yellow flower Form Photo by © Patricia Harding

Flowering plant in situ, Central Mexico Photo by © Eduoard Faria.

Common Name: Orange *Cattleya* lower Size 1" [2.5 cm]

This stout, small to medium sized, hot to cool growing epiphytic and occasional lithophytic species is found in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica at elevations of 300 to 1600 meters in tropical and lower mountain rain forests on exposed rocks, or on trees in areas of extreme heat and cold with elongate, cylindric-fusiform, lightly compressed pseudobulbs

carrying 2, apical, coriaceous, fleshy, elliptic to oblong-lanceolate leaves with a rounded, retuse apex that flowers from late winter through spring on a terminal, 6 1/2" [16 cm] long, few to many [2 to 11] flowered, umbelliform inflorescence arising on a mature pseudobulb. This plant's flowers are the smallest in the genus and northern populations can self-pollinate which causes the flowers to not open fully. This species and *C. skinneri* naturally hybrid to create *C. guatemalensis*.

Courtesy of Jay Pfahl's web site Internet Orchid Species Encyclopaedia

No excuses for cold weather "brain freeze" now with the warm weather upon us.

Add these botanical terms to the list.

M

Mentum	the chin, an extension of the foot of the column in some orchids
Moniliform	a necklace, like a string of beads
Moschate	musky
Motile	moveable
Multiflorus	many flowered
Myrmecophilus	inhabited by ants

N

Nectar	the drink of the gods
Nigrescent	turning black
Nomenclature	a list of names
Nutans	nodding

O

Obtuse	blunt or rounded at the end
Ochraceous	ochre coloured
Odentoid	tooth like
Odoratus	fragrant
Optimal	best
Ovate	egg shaped

July Popular vote & Judges Choice

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Cattleya. JC. C.Lakehaven Smile. John Kaye.	C.Lakehaven Smile. John & Kaye.	<i>Rlc.Capricorn Charm.</i> John & Kaye.	Tie between 5 plants
Oncidium. JC. Onc.Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'. Steve.	<i>Onc.</i> Sunlight, Steve <i>Onc.</i> Tiger Crow. Mal.	<i>Bracidostele</i> Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'. # Luda	<i>Onc.</i> Tsiku Marguerite Nita.
Vanda/Phal. JC. Aerdv.Luang Prabang. Bob & Joan.	V. Pakchong Post, # Rod & Jan.	<i>Aerdv.</i> Luang Prabang. Bob & Joan.	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> ?. Luda.
Dendrobium. JC. Den. Pink Power x lasianthers.	<i>Den.</i> Little Green Apples. Marty & Anita	<i>Den.</i> Bundy Blue x canaliculatum. Cliff.	<i>Den.</i> Pink Power.#x lasianthera, Cliff.
Any Other. JC. Fdk. Providence.	<i>Fdk.</i> Providence. Jenny.	<i>Cym.</i> Night Passage. Rod & Jan.	<i>Lyc.</i> Sunray. Marty & Anita.
Paph/Phrag. JC. Phrag.Mem.Dick Clements x Praying Mantis. Michael & Betty.	<i>Paph.</i> Botan x Amanda Hill. Marty & Anita.	<i>Paph.</i> Favourite World. Marty & Anita.	<i>Phrag.</i> Mem.Dick Clements x Praying Mantis. Michael & Betty.
Exotic Species. JC. Rhynchostylis gigantea. Rod & Jan.	<i>Rhynchostylis gigantea.</i> Rod & Jan.	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii.</i> John & Kaye.	<i>Paph. spicerianum.</i> Delwyn.
Aust. Native Hybrid. JC. Den.Cosmic Gold. John & Kaye.	<i>Den.</i> Dream Angel x speciosum. Marty & Anita.	<i>Den.</i> Cosmic Gold. John & Kaye.	<i>Den.</i> Victorian Bride 'Genesis'. Marty & Anita.
Aust. Native Species. JC. Den.speciosum. Marty & Anita.	<i>Den. speciosum</i> . Marty & Anita.	<i>Den. smilliae.</i> Rod & Jan.	<i>Den. tetragonum.</i> Bob & Joan.
Novice. JC. Rlc.Village Chief North 'Green Genius'. Patrick & Heather.	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> ? Beatrice.	<i>Rlc.</i> Village Chief North. 'Green Genius'. Patrick & Heather.	<i>Oncidium</i> ? Beatrice.
Foliage. JC. Foliage unknown. Patrick & Heather.	Foliage. Patrick & Heather.	No entry.	No entry.

Judges Choice overall : *Rlc.Capricorn Charm.* John & Kaye.

A crosshatch # beside the name of an orchid on this sheet indicates a correction or the new name of your plant.



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 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. Information is required two weeks prior to the monthly meeting

Our new 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.

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 no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting

Members can sell 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.**

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Cittamani Hospice Services are in Palmwoods and provide end of life palliative care for people in need in their own homes. They also provide essential equipment free of charge for patients use in their own home.

Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2018

(NOS commitment in blue)

August		
Fri/Sat 31st Aug & 1st Sept	Nambour OS Spring Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
September		
Sat 1st	Nambour OS Spring Show	Day 2
Fri/Sat 31st Aug 1st Sept.	Childers OS Spring Show	Cultural Centre, Childers
Fri/Sat 14/15	Noosa Show	RSL Hall Cooroy if renovated
Fri/Sat 21/22	Glasshouse Country OS	Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road.
Fri/Sat/Sun. 28th/ 29th /30th	Hervey Bay show	Xavier Catholic College 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
October		
Fri /Sat 12/13	Bribie Island OS Show	The Orchid House, First Ave. Bribie Island
Sat/Sun 20/21	Orchid Species Society show	Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens
November		
Fri/Sat 2/3 set up Thurs 1st	Nambour OS Species Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
Saturday 10th	STOCQ & OQI meetings	Caboolture
2018 AOC Conference		
18th to 22nd July	21st AOC Conference	Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, Sydney
Orchidfest		



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the 10th STOCQ
Conference in 2019

"ROCKY ROUND-UP" ORCHIDFEST

**WILL BE STAGED AT KORTE'S RESORT
BRUCE HIGHWAY PARKHURST
ROCKHAMPTON**

14TH & 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019



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