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Last month we were all happy together and we enjoyed the array of flowers on show and then we were treated to a DVD sent to us by Gympie Society, showing us some of the beauty to be seen at the last Taiwan Orchid Conference. It was truly beautiful with the lovely phalaenopsis taking centre stage of the show. Since we saw this show I have heard that the Plant Sales for this show was around \$38 million. Keep your hat on Nathan – you don't have to match that at our show! It really is big business and their Government actually comes to the party and helps them to fund the staging of the show. Beryl also gave us a brief talk on growing plants into specimens. Unfortunately the slide projector malfunctioned and we were unable to see her lovely collection of specimen plants. Next time Beryl.

John and Ruth have recently returned from a trip to Thailand to reacquaint themselves with the beauty of the land and its lovely orchids. He will most likely have plenty to say on the subject when we meet up at our coming show.

Our trip to the Maroochy Show earlier in the month gave us great joy. We enjoyed the company of their members and as usual they hosted an excellent show. Always the cymbidiums and the cattleyas benched here are outstanding. The small tables take a bit of configuration sometimes; but our crew excelled themselves this year. There was a swag of ribbons on it afterwards which gives tribute to our society growers cultural abilities. The little tables prove a great draw. Once again Maroochy Society fated us royally with a beautiful evening meal which we all enjoyed. Thank you Maroochy for your kind hospitality.

This weekend it is our turn to visit Noosa Society at Cooroy. Once again we are expecting a good show. This is always a different show on our agenda as it is completely "Showbench". Please take the time to collect your orchids for show and take them for a ride to Cooroy. They will enjoy the outing and so will you! A sad note from Noosa on Sunday last when we heard of the passing of Mrs. Audrey Dyson. For a while Reg and Audrey were members of Nambour Society prior to the Noosa Society being formed. We extend our sympathy to Reg his family and friends.

In being a judge we do get some special privileges sometimes. Being invited to Judge Dot and Rob lovely giant *Dendrobium speciosum* var *curvicaule* "Matilda" was one of them. Several judges attended and all were delighted to award an ACC/STOCQ for his efforts in bringing this orchid to its magnificent best. If it lasts it

may be on show at Noosa's show. If not we have put in a picture for you to see. To get it to a show Rob will need a big truck and a few helping hands.

The Judging panel has not been quiet during the break between shows but have been brushing up on their skills on judging Australian Native Orchids at an afternoon held at the home of Noela and Italo on the weekend. We looked at many past awards from the STOCQ over the past years. There were many speciosums, hybrids of speciosum, kingianum, tetragonum and sarcochilus and its hybrids and a few teretifolium and bigibbum but not much else. We have many more Aust Natives than these. Where are they?

Our show is looming closely and once again we are asking you to bring out your beauties for the show. Greenery, bromadaides and anthuriums are all very acceptable. Talking about being acceptable – so is your precious help. Please make yourself available and check with Alison on where and how you can be of assistance.

Alan has been proudly showing around a photo of his pink Sun Orchid which he has flowered recently. This is quite a feat orchidwise. Good on you Alan! He told us that it does not appreciate being moved too much and will fall asleep at the drop of a hat. Touchy little critter eh?

That's about all for now – so – all being well we will see you at our next meeting. Eds. Pat & Clive.

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POPULAR VOTE FOR JUNE 2010

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

First & Judges Choice	Rlc Karen's Sunrise	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Second	Blc Dream Trader	Judy Robbins
Third	HknsaSogo Doll 'Little Angel'	Judy Robbins

Oncidium Alliance

First & Judges Choice	Wils Tiger Talk	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Odcdm Tiger Crow	Beryl & Graham Robertson

Paphiopedilum

First	Paph Neridah	Rob Raabe
Second & Judges Choice	Paph Muriel Constance x <i>Paph bellatulum</i> = (Paph Memoria Hirohisa Kawai)	Beryl & Graham Robertson

Vanda & Phal

First & Judges Choice	Phal Tai-Yellow Bird x Phal Ching Her Buddha	Beryl & Graham Robertson
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Other Genera

Judges Choice	Cym Mary Green 'Fruitfull'	Alan Shield
First	Lycaste Aquila	Judy Robbins
Tie Second	Cym flaming Pepper	Val Siebenhausen
Tie Second	Cym Dell's Delight 'Buttercup'	Alan Shield
Third	Cym Ruby Blush 'May'	Marty & anita Vlekkert

PRIMARY HYBRIDS

First & Judges Choice	Lc Meadow Gold	Judy Robbins
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EXOTIC SPECIES

First & Judges Choice	<i>Rhy gigantea</i>	Rod Aisthorpe
Second	<i>Rhy gigantea</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Species

First	<i>pterostylis anatona</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second & Judges Choice	<i>Pterostylis tenuicauda</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Third	<i>Corybas fimbriatus</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes

Hybrids

First & Judges Choice	Den Buzz x <i>Den speciosum</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Den Graham Hewitt	David Tyler

FOLIAGE

First & Judges Choice VR Fosteriana
Tie Second Anthurium
Tie Second Dieffenbachia

Lesley Beare
Nathan Gould
Nathan Gould

The plant of the month was Den Buzz x *Den speciosum* grown by Marty & Anita Vlekkert.



Den Buzz 'Brilliant' x *Den speciosum ssp curvicaule*
'Daylight Moon' FCC/AOC-ANOS

Marty has written a few notes for us.
His article is on the following page

Thank you Marty .

Den. Buzz 'Brilliant' x *speciosum ssp. curvicaule* 'Daylight Moon' FCC/AOC-ANOS

About 10 years ago we purchased four flasks of native orchids from Down Under Native Orchids in NSW. This plant came from one of the flasks.

This medium size robust plant is floriferous with large 80mm across yellow blooms.

I have looked up the background to this hybrid and as you can see from its name it is at least 50% *speciosum* as it is a cross made with one of Australia's best *speciosum* clones. In this plant we have about two thirds *speciosum*, a quarter *tetragonum* giving the spiky look and perhaps earlier flowering, and a little *bigibbum* as well as *falcorostrum*.

This plant grows in a 150mm port pot with medium bark under 50% shade cloth. It has been fertilized with half a teaspoon of 8-9 month HiK Osmocote. I have been trialling HiK Osmocote and although I have used it for only one season I am pleased with the results on natives. Perhaps a quarter of a teaspoon might be better.

And now a little tip. What do you use to write on labels and what do you write. If you use ink pens be very sure that the sun doesn't bleach the info out in a year or so. Long ago I tried an ink pen and after a while the labels faded and were hard to read. After trying many pens, some rather expensive, I have settled on a simple 2B pencil – cheap, easy to find, and the writing lasts as long as the label. The last labels I bought were a bit shiny and didn't write too well. If this has happened to you try an old fashioned ink rubber and roughen the label up a bit. You might remember the rubbers, grey on one end and white on the other, from your school days. Perhaps you don't remember as you used slates. You can still get them at Office Works at Maroochydore. Now what to write? On the front I write the date potted and the fertilizer used and how much, as well as the plant name. On the back I repeat the date potted and fertilizer used to give me a history. Some people write the flowering time and the flower count when the plant blooms.

Below left is the photo of Rob & Dot Lane with their plant of *Den speciosum var curvicaule*, and below right a photo of our table display at Maroochydore Orchid Show



At left *Rhy gigantea*
This plant shown by Des & Elaine was given the prize for best species at the Maroochydore Orchid Show.

Secretaries News Update August 2010

August meeting

Just a reminder that our August meeting will be potting demonstrations, so if you are one of the members who have volunteered to pot (with a bit of persuasion from our President) Please remember to bring along the necessary items. Any member who has a plant that needs help, bring it along and someone will be able to give you advice.

Display and Market day

The Yandina School of Arts has been booked for our display and plant sales day on the 20th November. This will be similar to the day we had last year with Orchidaceous supplies and Palmwoods Arts and Craft joining us. Set up will be the Friday night, with an early 6am start on Saturday to catch the market traffic.

Bus Trip

Gympie Orchid Society is running a bus trip weekend trip to Grafton on the 16th & 17th October. The cost for this overnight trip is \$130. If you would like to go contact John Rees, lavina.rees@bigpond.com or Jim Evans, leanne@cdlaw.com.au to book your seat. This promises to be a great trip.

• **Shows & Displays**

Since our last meeting we have had a busy time with orchids. The last weekend in July we were invited by the Palmwoods Arts & Crafts group to put up a display at their craftfest at the Palmwoods bowls club. Several members turned up on the day with a variety of plants & we managed to fill the allocated space no trouble. This display gave us an opportunity to do some promotion for our spring show, and several prospective new members showed interest in joining us at our August meeting for the potting demonstrations. Special thanks to Bob & Joan Raabe for the time they spent manning the display.

Congratulations to all the members who were successful at the Maroochydhore show. We had a great display of plants for the 20 plant table display, and were successful in picking up the 3rd Prize for display. A special congratulations to Des & Elaine for their best species with their Rhynchostylis and to Val & Hazel for best specimen with their Cymbidium in Maroochydhore display.

Maroochydhore Results

Des & Elaine Middlebrook	1 st : & Best species: Rhy. gigantea 3 rd Ctsm. Grace Dunn 3 rd : Rhy. gigantea
Marty & Anita Vlekkert	1 st : Den. Victorian Bride 2 nd : Den. Australian Robbie McInnes 3 rd : Wils. Tiger Talk
Graham & Beryl Robertson	1 st : C. Lana Coryell 1 st : Phal. Ming-Hsing White Snow 1 st : Thw. Rosella's Desire 2 nd : Paph. liemianum 2 nd : Dtps. Mt. Lip
David & Julie Tyler	1 st . Den. speciosum
Alan Shield	2 nd : Cym. Mary Green
Alan & Alison Parkes	1 st . Ptst. anatona 2 nd . Ptst. aff. tenuicauda
Bob & Joan Raabe	2 nd : Paph. Neridah

• **Spring Show**

We need your help. Our Spring show is almost on us again, and any time you can give over the 2 days will be much appreciated. We will have a roster at the next meeting, along with a donation book for those members who would like to sponsor a class. Cakes Slices & Biscuits are needed for morning & afternoon teas during the show.

Plant Sales.

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. Each member is responsible for their own plants

