



# Nambour Orchid News

## August 2014

### Greetings!

Articles for the newsletter are very welcome. Please forward to the editor by post or email [nambourorchids@gmail.com](mailto:nambourorchids@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

### Meetings

**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 the business meeting.

**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**

**Species appreciation** 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.

### Cultural meetings & guest speakers

We have a plant sales table at each meeting for members to sell any surplus plants. If you have any that you would like to sell, bring them along, tagged with your name & price so members can purchase them. Members are responsible for their own plants. Plant sale tags are on our website. [nambourorchidsociety.com](http://nambourorchidsociety.com) - Go to links/forms and print off what you need.

### Judges choice, orchid of the month

#### **Den. Victorian Bride 'Genesis' AM/AOC** (Grower, M & A Vlekkert)

This fine native hybrid was made in the early 1990s by Wayne Turville of The Australian Native Orchid Nursery at Tyabb in Victoria and registered by him in 1999. The award was made in 2006 at the Burnie Spring Show. I purchased the plant as a mericlone in a 50mm tube in 2003.

Generally mericlones give better results than seedlings. If you buy an Oncidium these days it will most likely be a mericlone. Native mericlones are not very common but some are available from the above nursery.

The cross is Den. Rutherford Blushing Bride 'Kilaben' x Den. Aussie Victory 'Supernatural'. The hybrid contains nearly 50% Den. kingianum with smaller amounts of speciosum, tetragonum and fleckeri. I feel natives with some speciosum usually make good pot plants.

This plant potted in a 150mm Port Pot using medium Aus Gro bark, has 1 gram (a flattish 1/4 teaspoon) 8-9 Month Hi K Osmocote put on at the start of the growing season and lives under 50% shadecloth. Once the plant flowers it is worth putting the plant in the shade as the light will fade the colour.

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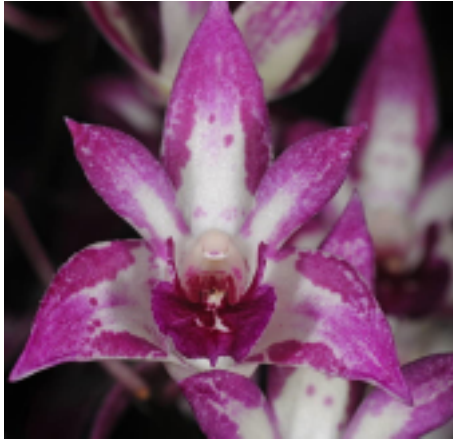
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Judges choice, July. *Den. Victorian Bride 'Genesis'*

### Forthcoming date claimers

Date	Event	Location	Comments
23 Aug.	NOS cultural mtg		2 pm
5, 6 Sept.	NOS spring show	Uniting Church hall Nambour	Set up 4th
13 Sept.	NOS species group		2 pm
19, 20 Sept.	Noosa OS show	Cooroy RSL hall	Set up 18th
27 Sept.	NOS cultural mtg		2 pm
26, 27 Sept.	Glasshouse show		Set up 25th
4, 5 October	Bribie Is OS show	BIOS Orchid House	Set up 3 October
11 Oct.	NOS species group		2 pm
25 Oct.	NOS cultural mtg		2 pm
31 Oct, 1 Nov	NOS species show & Trade Fair	Uniting Church hall Nambour	Set up 30 Oct
8 Nov.	NOS species group		2 pm
22 Nov.	NOS cultural mtg		2 pm

### Species Identification Competition

The July species in this competition was *Pterostylis baptistii*, a species that is often seen on the show benches in the early winter but in some regions it is a spring flowerer. It is noted for its tall upright flower spikes carrying large single flowers with attractive maroon and green markings.

It is a species which is easily cultivated in our climate and as it is a colony former it soon makes up to an attractive display. Tubers are readily available during its dormancy in the early summer. Plant them about 5 cm deep in a well drained potting mix that contains about 20% coarse river sand. This species is not too fussy with regard to the mix. Commence watering late summer and dry off in late winter.

This month's species likes a little more warmth than we usually have in winter but it can be grown outdoors nearer the coast. What is its name and where does it occur naturally?



## Native orchid of the month

*Cymbidium madidum* Lindl.



**Common name:** Native Cymbidium

**Habitat and distribution:** This species occurs from near the top of Cape York to the Hastings River in north-eastern NSW. It is a species which favours moister habitats such as rain-forests, swamps and open forests in higher rainfall areas. It can also be found as a lithophyte and sometimes in soil or sandy situations

**Plant growth:** *C. madidum* can form very large clumps in the forks of large trees and may reach 2m or more in diameter. The pseudobulbs are large, up to 25cm long and 6cm in diameter. Thin textured and strap like leaves can be nearly a meter long. The

pendulous or arching inflorescences can be up to 60cm long and can carry up to 70 or 80 fragrant flowers that are about 20 to 30 mm wide. Flowering is anytime between August and February.

**Cultivation:** Very easily cultivated. Use a coarse bark mix and choose a pot large enough to support several years of growth. Water frequently in summer.

**Hybrids:** Attractive hybrids have been made with the other two native species of *Cymbidium*: *Cym. Kuranda* (*C. madidum* X *C. suave*); *Cym. Little Black Sambo* (*C. madidum* x *C. canaliculatum*). The species is also prominent in the breeding of miniature cymbidiums in combination with exotic species. To date 71 registered hybrids have been made with *C. madidum* as one of the parents.



Mature specimen on the trunk of a eucalypt. Note the 'bunches' of seed pods hanging below the plant.



**Most Urgent  
Volunteers are needed for our  
Spring Show.**

Do your bit!

Give the Secretary a buzz or e-mail her now!

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



July 2014 Cultural Meeting —selection of plants benched-hybrid names as per RHS, species names, Kew Monocot list. Grower's name in parenthesis.



*Oncidium cheiroporum*  
(G. & B. Robertson)



*Bulbophyllum longiflorum*  
(W. & J. Harris)



*Onc. Twinkles*  
(G. & B. Robertson)



*Oncidium incurvum*  
(M. & A. Vlekkert)



*Cym. Del's Delight 'Buttercup'*  
(A. Shield)



*C. Jomals Sunrise 'Joey's'*  
(M. & J. Rivers)



*Masd. Angel Heart 'Rosy'*  
(J. Robbins)



*Miltonia* unnamed  
(J. Robbins)



*Den. Magenta's Chocolate Curls*  
(C. Alexander)



*Onc. Pacific Panash 'Kenny Boy'*  
(J. Robbins)



*Ascps. Irene Dobkin 'Peaches'*  
(J. Robbins)



*Dendrobium atrovioleaceum*  
(W. Letcher)



*Cym. Pee Wee*  
(N. & E. Walker)



*Dendrobium moniliforme*

A selection of species from the August species appreciation meeting.



*Pholidota cantonensis*



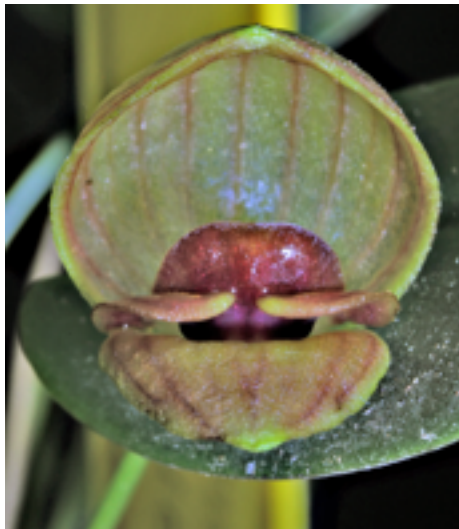
*Dendrobium tetragonum*



*Phalaenopsis pallens*



*Rhynchostylis gigantea*



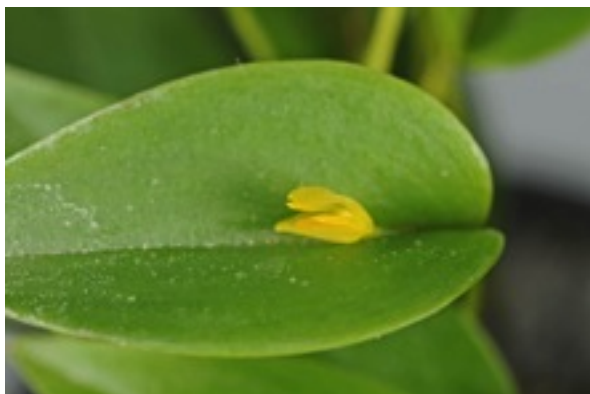
*Pleurothallis palliolata*



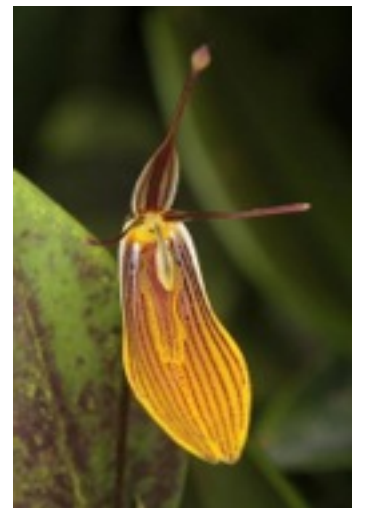
*Dendrochilum yuccaefolium*



*Laelia lundii*



*Pleurothallis cf. P. crucifera*



*Restrepia brachypus*

## Species appreciation group meeting

Twenty members tabled a small number of plants at the meeting held at Lesley Beare's home at Tewantin. Plant of interest went to Alison & Alan Parkes plant of *Pleurothallis palliolata* and Wayne & Jean Harris's plant of *Dendrochilum glumaceum* was judged cultural plant of the month. The following were benched: *Cattleya lundii*, *Coelogyne mossiae*, *Dendrobium moniliforme* *Dendrobium tetragonum*, *Dendrochilum convallariiforme*, *Dendrochilum glumaceum*, *Dendrochilum yuccaefolium*, *Phalaenopsis pallens*, *Pholidota cantonensis*, *Pleurothallis cf. crucifera*, *Pleurothallis palliolata*, *Restrepia brachypus x 2*, *Rhynchostylis gigantea* and *Trichoglottis rosea*.

### *Pleurothallis palliolata*.

I purchased this plant from Orchid Species Plus in October 2012. This little plant is found in South America from Cost Rica to Panama. It is a cool grower at elevations of 1200-2100m. I grow a variety of the Pleurothallid alliance plants in the coolest part of my shade house on the western side. They are on a lower bench than all the other orchids so they get the breezes below the solar weave that wraps the side of that shade house. They are potted in sphagnum moss which I change once a year to keep the mix fresh. They get watered and fertilised with all the other plants, and manage to stay moist at all times. I have potted my Pleuro. collection in the last week, as the mornings have been a bit warmer and they have lots of new growth. This little one throws lots of keiki's for you to share around and is very rewarding to grow as it flowers several times a year.

Future meetings of the species appreciation group will be: September - A. & M. Tymson; October - A. & A. Parkes; November - R. & R. Hand

## An editor's lament - Oh how true this is! (Ed.)

Oh woe is me, I never get the slightest indication  
Of how the members feel about our publication.  
I try to make it interesting and full of information  
On how to grow their orchids in each bush house situation.  
From notes I've scribbled in the dark and kept for translation,  
Guest speaker's talks are reproduced with faithful dedication,  
Except when they've been kind enough to give me their summation  
Of what their talk was all about, for printed presentation.  
There are notes on flasking, seedling growth and pest eradication,  
On mericlones and potting mix and glasshouse irrigation.  
You can read about nomenclature, each rule and regulation,  
And why sesquipedale needs a moth for pollination.  
I've included poems and puzzles and reports on conservation,  
I've begged for member's articles on orchid cultivation,  
I've ploughed through tables on PH and water evaluations,  
And kept you up to date on orchid beetle populations.  
So if you'd like to have your say, here is your invitation,  
There must be someone out there who is starved for conversation.  
Who would like to use the Bulletin for complaint or commendation,  
I wait for brickbats or bouquets with keen anticipation.  
And if you ask about my work it won't take many words,  
To tell you that this editing job is strictly for the birds.

Beverly Young  
Editor of The Orchid Species Society, Brisbane



## Forthcoming major events



### 2016 – Sub Tropical Orchid Council Queensland

Diamond Festival of Orchids, 2016  
Hosted by the Nambour Orchid Society Inc.  
Saturday & Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Lake Kawana Community Centre  
Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina.Qld  
Website: [www.nambourorchidsociety.com](http://www.nambourorchidsociety.com)  
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### *Dendrobium speciosum* Spectacular and Australian Orchid Species and Hybrid Show 2014

6-7th September, 57 Spooners Ave., Greehill via Kempsey. e-mail John Zietsch at [anosmidnorthcoast@hotmail.com](mailto:anosmidnorthcoast@hotmail.com) for further information.

### The 18th annual Boonah Orchid Show , incorporating the 8th Qld *Sarcochilus* Festival,

18 - 19th of October 2014.

The show and festival will be held at the Boonah State High School Assembly Hall Macquarie St., Boonah. There will also be trade displays, plant sales, refreshments and other attractions.

The Scenic Rim is a very picturesque area and there are many things to see and places to visit such as wineries, historical museums, lakes and dams.

Your society is running a bus trip to visit the show and other events. Payment at the next meeting!

**2015 - 1st AOC/TQOC Conference, Australia.** It was agreed to combine both conferences TQOC and AOC into one major event to take place in Mackay, Qld, 16 -23 September, 2015. for more information: PO Box 776, Mackay, Qld 4740; phone 0428 198960; e-mail [info@orchidsinparadise.com.au](mailto:info@orchidsinparadise.com.au)

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