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Nambour Orchid News

Meetings

The **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 **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 - June



Onc. Tiger Brew 'Floricultura' AM/AOC – M & A Vlekkert

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From the Secretary

Where does the time go half way through July already it won't be long till our spring show is upon us.

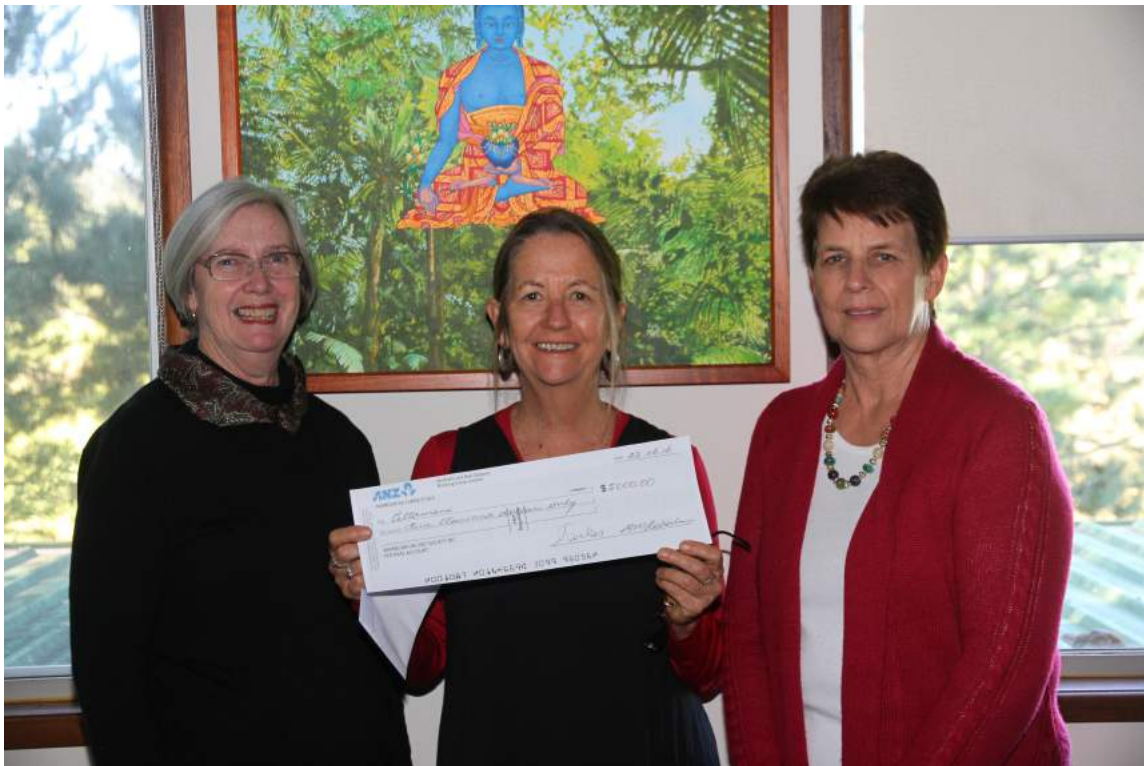
Caboolture show is this coming weekend. It is a 3 day display show with set up on Thursday night 21st. Members who have plants for Caboolture can I please have your names by **Tuesday night**. It is a 3 day show, breakdown is Sunday afternoon 24th.

Maroochydore Show is in the Millwell Road Community Centre on Friday/Saturday 5th & 6th August. Set up is Thursday 4th August. It is a benched show. Members do their own labels for benched shows. We have had a couple of months off from our species get together, with our Diamond Festival in June & Garden Expo in July. It will be back in August on Saturday 13th at Peter and Esperanza's place in Burnside. Other shows coming up are Agnes Waters on the weekend of the 13th & 14th August this is their inaugural show, they are the newest members of STOCQ so if anyone feels like a nice weekend in Agnes Waters I am sure you won't be disappointed. Flyers and schedules for shows coming up are available at meetings.



Nambour Orchid Society Spring show is 2nd & 3rd September. Set up is Thursday 1st from 9am. We love our novice members to get involved by helping with the display and bringing along your plants. We have a special class for our Novice members so please see if you can bring a plant or two along to put in that section.

Queensland is known for its media tarts, but asking patrons at the Garden Expo to take your photo is something else. This photo arrived in the mail with a note asking it be passed onto the gentleman making the request



Gina McMonagle and Alison Parkes recently presented a cheque from the Diamond Festival of Orchids for \$5000 to Alex Moore Director of Cittamani.

Cittamani Hospice Service Ltd. offers specialised palliative care to members of the community in their own homes. Without their service the only choice for many people is a hospital stay. Cittamani are located in

COELOGYNE SPECIES and their HYBRIDS by Brian Milligan

Considering its size (200 species and about 35 hybrids) the Asian genus *Coelogyne* is not particularly popular with Victorian orchid growers. Most growers have *Coelogyne cristata* in their collections, and perhaps also *C. mooreana*, *C. flaccida*, *C. fimbriata* or *C. tomentosa*, all of which are suitable for a cosy shade-house. These species experience wet, warm conditions during the 'wet' season and cool, relatively dry conditions during the 'dry' season. They should be watered frequently during summer (every day or two) but much less often during winter (once every week or two).



Coelogyne rochussenii

All of the above species are found at elevations above 1000 m, and consequently they may be grown under frost-free conditions in Victoria. *C. cristata* is found at elevations of 1500-2600 m, *C. mooreana* at 1300-2000 m, *C. flaccida* at 'moderate altitudes', *C. fimbriata* at 0-1500 m and *C. tomentosa* at 'low to moderate' altitudes. But do not imagine that all *Coelogyne* species may be grown under the above conditions. Species like *C. pandurata* and *C. asperata* grow at much lower altitudes (<1000 m), and need tropical conditions if they are to grow and flower well. And then there are high-altitude species, such as *C. corymbosa* (up to 2800 m), that flourish only if they can be kept cool and damp during summer. Fortunately there are many others that are suitable for cultivation under intermediate conditions (min. temp. 10-12°C). Some of those that grow and flower well for me are *C. fragrans* (1000-1600 m), *C. flexuosa* (900-1500 m), *C. speciosa* (700-2000 m) and *C. lawrenceana* ('moderate' elevations). Relatively few *Coelogyne* hybrids have been made, the most commonly grown in Melbourne being *C. Unchained Melody* (*C. cristata* x *C. flaccida*) and *C. Linda Buckley* (*C. mooreana* x *C. cristata*), which, like the parent

species, may be grown without heat in Melbourne. Others that I grow and recommend are *C. Jannine Banks* (*C. mooreana* x *C. flaccida*) and *C.*

Memoria W. Micholitz (*C. lawrenceana* x *C. mooreana*). Others on my wish list are the recently registered *C. Spring Showers* (*C. cristata* x *C. lawrenceana*) and *C. Memoria Louis Forget* (*C. speciosa* x *C. mooreana*). Micholitz and Forget were two of Frederick Sander's last plant collectors, both retiring from service at the onset of the First World War.

Coelogyne speciosa has been used more widely in hybridising than any other species, eleven hybrids having been registered with this species as the pod parent and seven as the pollen parent; few if any of these hybrids are available in Melbourne. Only those made with a cool-growing partner would be suitable for shade-house cultivation.

One of the oldest *Coelogyne* hybrids is *C. Burfordiense* but this hybrid grows and flowers well only if grown in a heated glasshouse, as its parents are *C. pandurata* and *C. asperata*.

Editor's note: This article is about growing *Coelogyne* species and hybrids in the cooler climate of Victoria.

Our warmer conditions on the Sunshine Coast would enable most if not all of these species and hybrids to be grown without special care. Ones in this article which should be grown cool to intermediate (C-I) are *cristata* and *mooreana*. The remainder mentioned is either intermediate (I) or intermediate to warm growers (I-H). In *Botanica's Pocket Orchids*, Lavarack and Harris, it sets out the guidelines based on the average minimum night temperatures the species will tolerate in cultivation. Some will grow outside the range if care is taken, for example, if the plant is kept away from cold winds. C=Cool=7-10 degrees C; I=Intermediate=10-18 degrees C; H=Hot=18-21 degrees C. Thanks to the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria for this article.



Coelogyne Unchained Melody

Judges Choice – June - Onc. Tiger Brew 'Floricultura' AM/AOC



This easy growing, robust and attractive Oncidium hybrid was originally crossed by Andy Easton in New Zealand. This selected clone was taken to the Dutch firm Floricultura where it was registered in 1997. They then mericloned and released this clone for sale. Our plant was purchased in November 2010 when we visited the Victorian orchid nursery Mount Beenak on our way home from a grandkids visit.

According to my copy of OrchidWiz there is more than 50% Odontoglossum in its background. This suggests that the plant prefers cooler and wetter conditions to the yellow dancing lady type Oncidiums. The names have been changed over recent years but my copy of OrchidWiz is now over five years old and a little out of date.

Our plant is potted in straight Jumbo perlite, that is no peat, and is treated to 3 grams per litre of 8-

9 Month Hi K Osmocote sprinkled on the top of the mix once a year at the start of the growing season about October. In other words about half a flat teaspoon on a 150mm Port pot. It grows under 70% shadecloth with a bit of extra-unwanted shade from the neighbor's trees. The plant is kept well watered. I can't grow it in bark, don't know why.

By the way if you put "Tiger Brew" into your favourite search engine and follow the links you will find out a lot about Asian beer. **Marty Vlekkert.**



Judges Choice – Novice - June Rth. Honeycomb

We bought Wild Honey 'Simone' x Dal's Emperor 'Allan' from Woolf's Orchid Nursery in Toowoomba as a 50mm seedling 3 years ago, and we're very pleased with this first flowering. We got some Cattleyas and Oncidiums while we were living in Toowoomba as we were told that they would like the conditions in Nambour when we moved.

Wild Honey 'Simone' and Dal's Emperor 'Allan' are both HCC/AOC awarded plants. The potting mix we used is bark from South Australia and charcoal.

Col and Marilyn Brackin

Selection of plants on display at June Meeting



Rth. Roy's Magic – R & J Raabe



Rth. Rosella's Paradise - Tom Buckley



Onc. Big Mac 'KK'- M & A Vlekkert



Phal. The Pride of Ben Yu – J Robbins



V Salmon Spots – R Aisthorpe



Paph. TB Fruit Cake
M & A Vlekkert



Paph. Charlesworthii
C & G McMonagle



Phal. Lianher Beauty
C & M Brackin

Show Dates 2016 – NOS commitment

| Date & Show | Location |
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| JULY | |
| Fri. 22, Sat. 23 & Sun 24 Caboolture Orchid Show (Set up Thurs.21) | Morayfield Community Centre Morayfield Road, Morayfield |
| AUGUST | |
| Friday 4 & Saturday 5 (set up Thurs. 3) Maroochydore Orchid Show | Community Hall Millward Road East, Maroochydore |
| SEPTEMBER | |
| Friday 2 & Saturday 3 (Set up Thurs. 1) Nambour Orchid Show | Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour |
| Fri. 16 & Sat.17 (Set up Thurs 15) Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Show | RSL Memorial Hall, Maple Street, Cooroy. |
| Fri. 23 & Sat. 24 (Set up Thurs. 22) Glasshouse Country Orchid Show | Beerwah Community Hall Peachester Road, Beerwah |
| OCTOBER | |
| Sat.15 & Sun. 16 (Set up Fri. 14 Oct.) Bribie Island Orchid Show | The Orchid House 1 st Avenue, Bribie Island |
| Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 Hervey Bay Orchid Show | PCYC O'Rourke Street, Pialba |
| Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 Boonah Orchid Show | Boonah High School Boonah |
| Saturday 22 & Sun 23 Orchid Species Show | Auditorium Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha |
| Friday 28 & Saturday 29 Set up Thurs. 27) Nambour Orchid Species Show & Trade Fair | Uniting Church Hall Coronation Avenue, Nambour |
| Friday 4, Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 November Pumicestone Orchid Show | CT Williams Hall, Caboolture Showgrounds |