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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.

## Supporters of



**Cittamani Hospice Service**

## Judges Choice - May



Van. Pine Rivers 'John' - R & R Hand

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## From the Secretary

### **Diamond Festival of Orchids**

When we first put our hand up to host the 2016 STOCQ event, 3 years ago at Gympie it seemed like a lifetime away, now we can look back and say we did it. Where did those 3 years go?

What a great weekend we had. Just over 2000 people through the door for the two days.

So many people to thank. The exhibitors for bringing your plants, craft, art, floral art, photography along, without you we would not have had a show. The vendors, I hope you all had a great weekend, feedback has been very positive, I believe there were plenty of orchids went to new homes over the weekend,

Volunteers, so many to thank. The support from the other STOCQ clubs was incredible, some of you worked all weekend.

Caloundra Meals on Wheels, Toni and her team did a great job, with great food not easy to cater for that many people.

Guest speakers thank you for your support, lectures were well attended, our thanks to Dave Groffen for his job as MC and looking after the speaker program. Our own members thank you for your support hard work and dedication to cooking all those goodies.

Our sponsors Business, Clubs and Individuals, many thanks for your support.

We certainly ended our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebrations with a great event.

My personal thanks to our President Gina & Charlie, who came on board at our AGM in February and have been an amazing support, and our Diamond Festival committee for all the support and effort that went in to making it such a memorable occasion, we will remember it for a long time to come.

**Alison Parkes**

### **Members results from the show**

Fourteen Nambour members took home either 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes across all categories, Champion species went to John Robertson with his *Dendrobium macrophyllum* and Judy Robbins Best Phalaenopsis with her *Phal.* The Pride of Ben Yu. Congratulations to all winners. A complete list of results is attached with the newsletter.



### **What a weekend! What a show!**

Set up on Friday saw the very able crew from Nambour Orchid Society swing into action and put everything in place at the venue. The Lake Kawana Community Centre was a hive of activity as the day wore on with exhibitors arriving, vendors scurrying in with lots of great plants and kitchen helpers doing a great job feeding everyone before the judging started. As the judging progressed the computer crew processed results and we were able to set up the Champions table and place ribbons and cards on the prize winners before going home to have a good night's sleep in preparation for the opening.

On Saturday, the weather was perfect; the crew worked like a well-oiled machine and the crowd of visitors in the hall was very pleasing and made the hard work well worthwhile. Now it was time to have a little relaxation and we rushed off to don the glad rags and enjoy dinner at the Brightwater hotel. On Sunday in spite of a cooler day with a threat of rain, there was a steady stream of visitors and as the show wound down to closing time; we knew that the time and effort to stage our event had been a success.

Congratulations to all who helped to make the Diamond Festival of Orchids a winner.

**Gina McMonagle**





## Nambour's Diamond Festival of Orchids

The Nambour Orchid Society hosted the triennial Orchidfest of the Sub-tropical Orchid Council Queensland over the weekend of June 11/12 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre on the Sunshine Coast.

The occasion celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nambour Orchid Society.

The show was well attended with large crowds, including 13 buses from places as distant as Rockhampton on the first day, and more modest numbers, including a further 3 buses, on the second day.

Visitors were treated to an array of quality plants arranged in 53 classes on 3 benches across the width of the venue and the orchids on display were augmented by displays of Foliage, Floral Art, Botanical Art (including painting demonstrations), a display of Orchids in The Garden and a display by the Palmwoods

Art and Craft Group which featured memorabilia and artefacts relating to Orchids in the Home. There was also a well-attended program of lectures featuring expert presenters across a wide range of topics. Fourteen vendors from as far away as Kuranda and Ballarat provided a range of orchids and accessories for sale and they were well patronised.

A raffle featuring a painting by Beryl Robertson and embroidery by Gina McMonagle was well supported by patrons.

Following torrential rain on the previous weekend, we were blessed with a perfect winter's day on the Saturday and a little cloud on the Sunday. Attendance exceeded 2000 over the 2 days.

The Grand Champion:- *Den. Cherub x tangerinum* owned by K&R Gowlett

Reserve Champion:- *Paph. Eerie Flame* owned by J McCubbin

Champion Species:- *Den. macrophyllum* owned by J Robertson

Champion Specimen:- *Bc. Morning Glory* owned by J Scott

The show was financially successful and the Cittimani Hospice service on the Sunshine Coast will benefit from a distribution.



Champion - *Den. Cherub x tangerinum*

Diamond Festival of Orchids - Prize Winners



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Champion Species - *Den. macrophyllum*





Best Aust Native - Den. Johulatum



Best Cymbid. Cym. Baltic Glacier



Best Cattleya - C. Dendi's Perfection



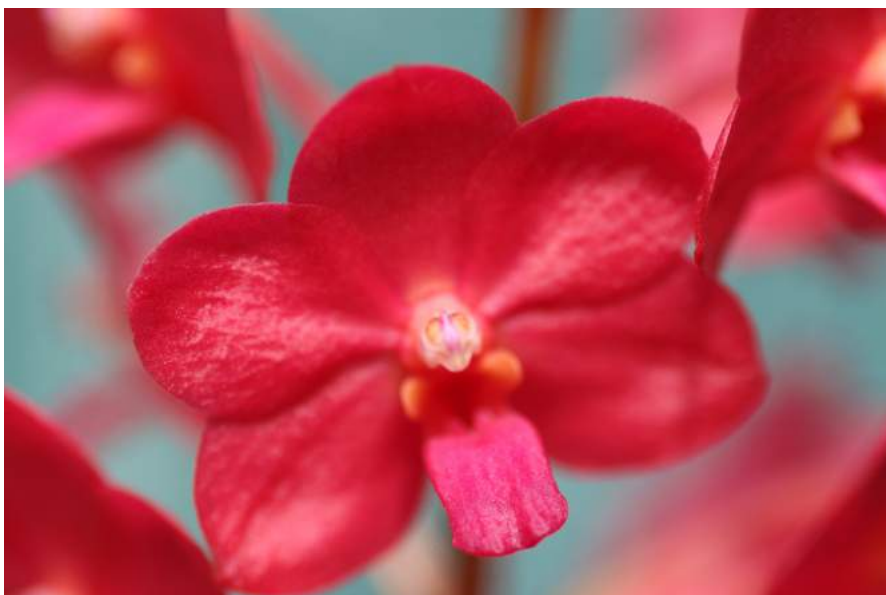
Best Foliage - Rock Tassel



Best Misc - Coelia bella



## Judges Choice – May – Vandachostylis Pine Rivers ‘John’



The grex of this plant was previously known as Vascostylis but was recently changed to Vandachostylis. The parents of Pine Rivers are Vanda Peggy Foo and Rhynchostylis coelestis. The cross was made by Udom Orchids and was registered in 1989. It was first awarded in 1989 and named Vasco. Pine Rivers ‘JoMal’ by our very own Mal Rivers. Since the first award, there have been some 35 granted worldwide. The highest award was given to a plant exhibited in the USA and this gained 87.4pts, an Award of Merit.

This plant was given to me by John Green, as with most of my Vanda’s I use very little mix in the pots and water every day with regular fertilizing, **Richard Hand**

## Judges Choice – Novice - *Coelogyne trinervis*,



This plant was given to me by Pat Mann a couple of years ago when she was downsizing, I really did not know what this genes of orchid was like, as I am fairly new to the orchid world, but I thought I’ll give it a go and see what it turns out like. I potted it up into a fairly open mix, nothing to special, slow release fertilizer, and it grew well for me, the next year I divided it into about six pots, well this year when it flowered, I sure knew it was a perfumed orchid, I grow my orchids on wires above my bromeliads, when walking into that section I would be hit with this awful smell. What a PONG. When transporting to the meeting for the competition the car smell so badly I nearly had

to stop.

I goggled it and came up with the information that it grows in East Asia one of about 200 species and many are perfumed. As I only have one *Coelogyne* I thought it would be nice to have another one and saw a nice one called *Coelogyne cristata*, looks very nice and it’s supposed to be one of the most widely spread.

Does anyone have *Coelogyne cristata* for sale?

**Cheryl Basic**

*Show Dates 2016 – NOS commitment*

Date & Show	Location
<b>JULY</b>	
<b>Saturday 9</b> Combined Societies Social Day Out	Community Centre, Howard
<b>Fri.8, Sat.9, Sun.10</b> <b>Garden Expo</b> (Set up Thursday)	Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave. Nambour
<b>Fri. 22, Sat. 23 &amp; Sun 24</b> Caboolture Orchid Show (Set up Thurs.21)	Morayfield Community Centre Morayfield Road, Morayfield
<b>AUGUST</b>	
<b>Friday 4 &amp; Saturday 5</b> (set up Thurs. 3) Maroochydore Orchid Show	Community Hall Millward Road East, Maroochydore
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>Friday 2 &amp; Saturday 3</b> (Set up Thurs. 1) Nambour Orchid Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour
<b>Fri. 16 &amp; Sat.17 ( Set up Thurs 15)</b> Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Show	RSL Memorial Hall, Maple Street, Cooroy.
<b>Fri. 23 &amp; Sat. 24 (Set up Thurs. 22)</b> Glasshouse Country Orchid Show	Beerwah Community Hall Peachester Road, Beerwah
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>Sat.15 &amp; Sun. 16 (Set up Fri. 14 Oct.)</b> Bribie Island Orchid Show	The Orchid House 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue, Bribie Island
<b>Saturday 8 &amp; Sunday 9</b> Hervey Bay Orchid Show	PCYC O'Rourke Street, Pialba
<b>Saturday 15 &amp; Sunday 16</b> Boonah Orchid Show	Boonah High School Boonah
<b>Saturday 22 &amp; Sun 23</b> Orchid Species Show	Auditorium Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
<b>Friday 28 &amp; Saturday 29 Set up Thurs. 27)</b> Nambour Orchid Species Show & Trade Fair	Uniting Church Hall Coronation Avenue, Nambour
<b>Friday 4, Saturday 5 &amp; Sunday 6 November</b> <b>Pumicestone Orchid Show</b>	CT Williams Hall, Caboolture Showgrounds