



# Nambour Orchid News

## September 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

### Judges choice, orchid of the month

*Mps. Rubenesque 'Karismic Kay'*  
(Grower, M. & A. Vlekkert). See article later in the newsletter.



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August 2014 Cultural Meeting —selection of plants benched-hybrid names as per RHS, species names, Kew Monocot list. Grower's name in parenthesis. My thanks to Richard Hand for providing the images whilst I was absent (Ed.).



*Mps. Rubenesque*  
(M. & A. Vlekkert)



*Mps. Lawless Falls*  
(N. Gould)



*Paph. Warrawong*  
(J. Robbins)



*V. Roman Choice* x *V. Keeree's Delight*  
(B. & J. Raabe)



*Rhynchostylis gigantea*  
(R. & J. Aisthorpe)



*V. Princess Mikasa*  
(R. & J. Aisthorpe)

## Spring show results

D & E Middlebrook	2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Paph. Pacifala</i> x <i>Paph. Winston Churchill</i>
J. Robbins –	1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Paph. Warrawong</i>
W. Letcher	2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Angraecum distichum</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Dendrobium atrovioleaceum</i>
M. & A. Vlekkert	3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Cym. Uncle Everett 'Dark Red'</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Milt. Rubenesque 'Karismic Kay'</i>
J. Robertson	1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Dendrobium macrophyllum</i> X <i>D. polysema</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Dendrobium spectabile</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Paph. Michael Koopowitz</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Trichocentrum splendidum</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i>
M. & J. Rivers	2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Rth. Deception Variable</i>
A. Shield	3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Cym. Carter Molten Lava</i> X <i>Cym. Valley Splash</i>
R. & J. Aisthorpe	1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Cym. Pee Wee</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>Oncidium maizifolium</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> - <i>V. Kultana Salmon</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Vanda luzonica</i>
A. & A. Parkes	2 <sup>nd</sup> - <i>Bulbophyllum longiflorum</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Cryptostylis subulata</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>

Champion of the Show was *Dendrobium spectabile* owned by John Robertson. This plant was also Champion Species and Champion Specimen.

Reserve Champion went to Mel Wheeler (Maroochydore) with *Rhynchostylis gigantea*.

Champion Australian Native went to M. & M. Shepherd (Caloundra) with *Dendrobium teretifolium*.

Congratulations to all those winners and to all who exhibited.

Images below are by Alison and Alan Parkes.





*Dendrobium spectabile* - Champion of the show



*Rhynchosstylis gigantea* - Reserve Champion



The September Species appreciation group meeting was held at the home of Margie and Andrew Tymson at Doonan. Twenty two members attended and were enlightened on the distribution and history of the species tabled, which were:

*Angraecum distichum*, *Aspasia principissa*, *Brassia arcuigera*, *Bulbophyllum picturatum* x 2, *Cattleya amethystoglossa* x 2, *Cattleya aurantiaca* 'Mishima Spots', *Cattleya aurantiaca* x 2, *Cattleya intermedia*, *Christensonella (Maxillaria) pumila*, *Coelogyne stricta*, *Cuitlauzina pulchella (Osmoglossum pulchellum)*, *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Dendrobium aureicolor*, *Dendrobium bellatulum*, *Dendrobium bilobum*, *Dendrobium cymbidioides*, *Dendrobium gracillicaule* x 3, *Dendrobium tetragonum* x 4, *Encyclia bractescens*, *Lockhartia acutifolia?*, *Mormolyca ringens*, *Paphiopedilum malipoense*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis*, *Phalaenopsis schilleriana*, *Pinalia (Eria) multiflora* (Cultural Plant), *Pleurothallis viduata*, *Stelis* sp. indet, *Stelis nanegalensis (vulcanica)*, *Trichocentrum stramineum* (plant of the month), *Trichoglottis rosea*.

Beryl Robertson's plant of *Trichocentrum stramineum* was judged plant of the month and *Pinalia multiflora* (W. & J .Harris) cultural plant.

Just a few of those are illustrated on the following pages.

**Next meeting:** October 11 at Alan & Alison's home.



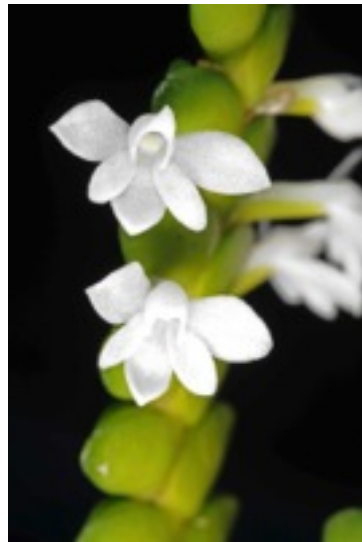
*Dendrobium auricolor*



*Cymbidium lowianum* var. *iansonii*



*Bulbophyllum picturatum*



*Angraecum distichum*



*Trichocentrum stramineum*



*Coelogyne stricta*



*Cattleya amethystoglossa*



*Cuitlauzina pendula*



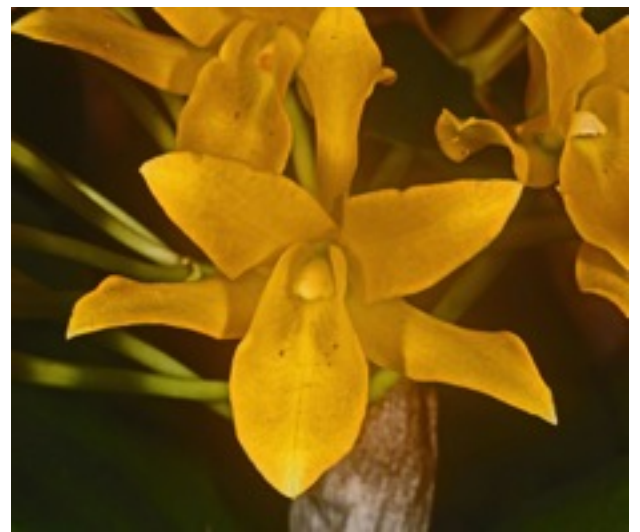
*Dendrobium gracilicaule*



*Stelis nanegalensis*



*Dendrobium tetragonum var. melaleucophilum*



*Cattleya aurantiaca*



*Pinalia multiflora*



*Lockhardtia acutifolia*

## Native orchid of the month

*Diuris sulphurea* R. Br., 1810.

**Common name:** Tiger orchid, Hornet orchid

**Distribution:** S. Aust., Tas., Vic., N.S.W., and Qld to as far north as the Calliope Range.

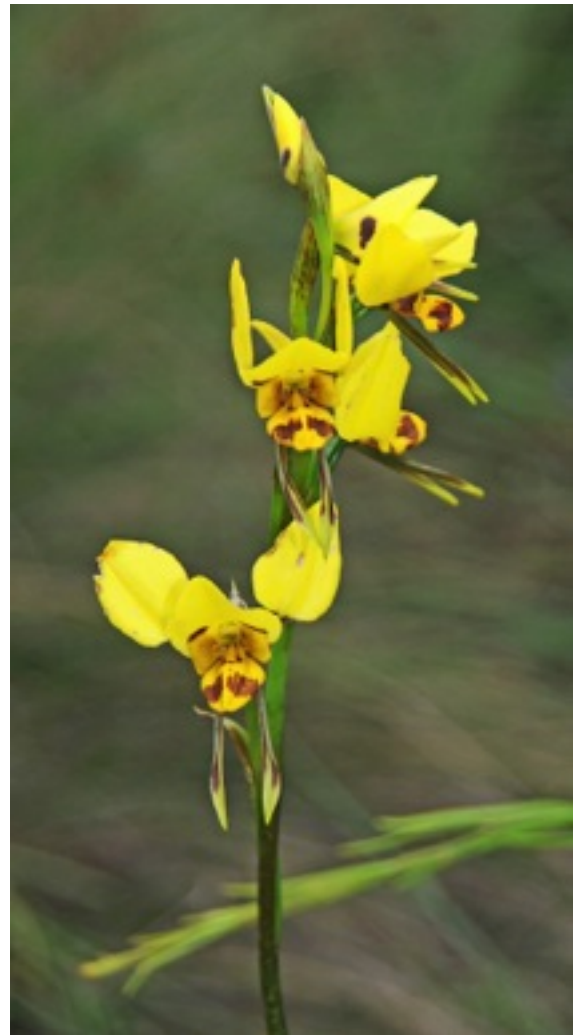
This is a widespread and common orchid.

**Habitat:** It is found growing from the coast through into the highlands (0-1000m) and onto the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range. The species prefers open forests often growing in rocky soils and often flowers in profusion after forest fires.

**Flowering time:** August through to late November.

**Distinguishing features:** Easily distinguished from other species of *Diuris* in having two dark brown spots on the dorsal sepal and a labellum with a single ridge or callus.

The plant has 1-4 narrow grass like leaves up to 50cm long and about 4mm wide. The flower stem is up to 60cm tall and carries 2-8 bright yellow flowers about 3cm wide. Coastal forms are usually shorter with smaller flowers.



A form from Victoria



The coastal form from Emu Mountain

## Forthcoming date claimers

Date	Event	Location	Comments
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

Last month's plant was *Dendrobium discolor* var. *bloomfieldii*. This variety of *D. discolor*, grows in highly localised scrubs near the coast in the Witsunday Group in North Queensland. The flowers vary in colour from greenish/yellow to bright golden yellow to canary yellow. It can be cultivated here on the coast if given some protection in winter. The plants need plenty of room!

This month's flower may be a little more difficult to identify. A clue, you ask? Well, it's not the common colour form.



More of the NOS Spring Show



## Notes on plants of the month

### *Milt. Rubenesque 'Karismic Kay'*

This pretty orchid was purchased as one plant in a compot from Cape Oasis via Ebay May 2010 and some of the plants first bloomed two years later.

The miltonias can be considered in two groups, the warmer growing Brazilian miltonias and the cooler Columbian group. The Columbian group had been moved by some botanists into another new genus *Miltoniopsis*. This genus contains 5 species. This name is still being debated and could change again. As best I can tell *Miltonia* is correct. The above plant is a hybrid of the Columbian group. These plants are commonly called pansy orchids.

Although these plants come from the tropics they grow at a high elevation in cloud forests and tend to like the same sorts of temperatures that we do. In general they tend to be happy in the conditions on the range where we live.

I find that the *Miltoniopsis* are relatively easy to grow although I am told others find them difficult.

They require humid air around them, more water than most orchids and good air movement. The plants like a little more shade. I pot them into small bark in a standard 100mm pot with a little coarse bark in the bottom to help with drainage. I grow my orchids under 70% shade cloth at the back of the greenhouse where next doors overgrown hedge on the west also reduces the light mostly in the afternoon. I water the plants perhaps more than I should. If you tend to water less, mini bark may be more suitable. As far as fertilizing is concerned, for a 100mm tall pot, I use Hi K 8-9 Month Osmocote at the rate of about a flat quarter of a teaspoon as well as a teaspoon of shell grit mixed through the bark. I pick up each plant when the weather starts to cool, April or May, and if it has been in the pot about a year I add fertilizer on the top. If it has been in the pot for two years I repot. These compact plants like to grow in smallish pots with just enough space in the pot for a further two years growth.

The plants speak to you if you observe them. Some varieties will get a reddish tinge in the leaves when they are in bright, perhaps too bright conditions. If the leaves are droopy maybe they are getting too much fertilizer or possibly not enough light.

Although this plant flowered in July the plants usually bloom very late in the year and will hold the flowers for about six to eight weeks. Sadly they do not last as cut flowers. We usually have them in bloom for Christmas, when orchid blooms are scarce at our place.

Although I haven't tried it I suspect they may grow in a bright spot in the house. If you can grow good African Violets then you should be able to grow and flower *Miltoniopsis* in the house.

Marty & Anita Vlekkert

### *Trichocentrum stramineum*

*Onc. stramineum* (*Trichocentrum stramineum*) is a relatively small growing mule ear leaf type oncidium from Mexico. The name stramineum refers to the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2cm) flowers being straw coloured. This *Oncidium* will grow in a range of conditions from quite cool to warm. As it is epiphytic it requires excellent drainage and it is most important to avoid a soggy potting mix. It can be watered quite often while actively growing but ideally in late autumn through winter watering should be reduced. The light should be quite diffused and strong air movement is desirable. The racemes can be described as being triangular and arise from a mature growth. The flowers are quite long lasting, We grow our plant on a high shelf in the *Phalaenopsis* area so the light is not bright and it does not receive as much water as the *Phalaenopsis* plants. This species is endemic to central Veracruz, Mexico at an altitude of 600-1000m in tropical semi-deciduous and warm oak forests.

Beryl Robertson

## 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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### 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 considering a bus trip to visit the show and other events. Keep those dates free!

**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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