



Nambour Orchid News

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Articles for the newsletter are very welcome. Please forward to the editor by post or email to nambourochids@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

MEETINGS:

Business Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 1pm 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 Buffalo Lodge Hall, Price Street, Nambour at 2pm. All members, prospective members and visitors are welcome.

Species appreciation get together is held monthly from February to November at members homes. Contact the Secretary for details. All STOCQ members welcome.

Bring your flowering species plants, a chair and a plate to share for afternoon tea

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EDITORS PAGE

February is here and I'm sure everyone has seen enough of the rain and weather problems. One good thing is that it has been a wonderful season for repotting all our orchids and getting them ship shape. The weeds have been laughing at us but their turn will come. What will this new orchid year bring?

This coming meeting is our A.G.M. and that does not mean that we all give it a miss. Please consider taking on a job for the year and give yourself something to share with our other members.

Our special thanks to all the outgoing people for their hard work last year and yes, I know, a lot of them will be back this year to shoulder the job again. Give them a hand.

At our last meeting we were taken on a wondrous orchid journey to Singapore, Borneo and Malaysia with Wayne Harris and his fellow journey men. I must admit I am really envious of them. The pictures shown of the lands, the people and their orchids and other things were just so amazing. Don't they have such an array of beautiful, different flowers? Can you just imagine having monkeys in your garden? Thank you Wayne for showing us where you have been. It was a real joy.

To match us with the good news there is always a bad news story and Marty bought us this when he told us that our tiny enemy the "Garlic Snail" is on the move again. He warned that we should be on the lookout for this little fellow as he can cause lots of damage to our orchid roots and can cause loss of the plant. He says that the best way to find them is at night, especially after rain when they come out on top of the compost looking for a feed. He recommends that you serve them up some snail bait. Thanks Marty for the tip.

My Stanhopeas have been in flower!!! Stanhopea season is always a time of year to look forward to. They seem to take forever as we wait for those buds to get fatter and fatter until at last they pop open in such splendid array and usually exude quite an obnoxious perfume as well. The only sadness is – it's all over too soon!

What a great afternoon we had at the Parkes' home last weekend. Everyone turned out for the species meeting and we had a wonderful array of orchids big and small to delight us all. Afterwards we all enjoyed a look at Alison's bulbophyllums and Alan's ground orchids and we got lots of good tips on how they grow these; their specialities. After a lovely afternoon tea and much laughter and fun we thanked our hosts for a very informative afternoon.

This coming Saturday we are all invited to come to Gympie where their society is hosting the S.T.O.C.Q. meeting. It is always a guaranteed good day out and gives us plenty of time to get to know some of our other orchid compatriots more personally. We meet at the show, but usually we are so busy there is not the time to get to know them. Visiting the open orchid houses after the morning meeting is also a great pleasure. See you there!

Planning is under way for our first Species Orchid Show to be held at the end of the year. It is to be an open show and just a one day event. We are wondering what sort of support we will get, but hope that all the species buffs and others will flock in for a look at orchids that quite often are not shown. Previously we have always had to travel to Brisbane for the pleasure but, this time we hope that they also will come up to see and compete with us.

I wish to acknowledge help from Alison with this edition as my co-pilot has been having a relaxing (if not welcome) spell in hospital. Pat.

Did you see the photo of Alison and friends in the local magazine the other day? She was presenting the Nambour Rotary Club with a cheque for \$800 on behalf of the Nambour Orchid Society. They gratefully received this and have been happy to pass it on to the Flood Victims of the Gatton/ Laidley area through the Rotary club of that area. Good effort everyone!

Hint from the Species Meeting. Do you have moss growing on top of your compost in your pots? This weather – who doesn't?

It can be killed with a fine spray of metho. Just be careful not to get it on your plant.

Do you have that wretched little weed that has the pretty little white flowers on it in your King orchids etc? You know the one – it just breaks off and leaves a long strong root in the pot when you try to remove it and before you know it is back again stronger than ever.

It can be killed with a spot of aerogard on it's leaves. Put the aerogard on a cotton bud and carefully dab it on the leaves of the weed. CAREFULLY!! Don't touch the roots or leaves of the plant being treated or it can kill that for you too.

Growing those Bulbophyllums.

At the species meeting we were privileged to view one of the best collections of Bulbophyllums in the area.

Some things I specifically noted were that most of them were growing in flat saucers and that the compost was heaped up high in the middle. The plants were growing on these mounds and seem to be enjoying the experience.

Alison grows her plants in a mixture of bark, coconut and perlite. The shadecloth is quite heavy as these are true under story plants.

Wayne advised that when growing them to keep them moist (not wet and soggy) throughout the year – even through Winter.

Like all orchids – keep them protected from the wind.

Growing Bulbophyllums is easy. Give it a go.

Have a great day – your editors Pat and Clive.



Bulbophyllum basisetum belongs to the *Lepidorhiza* section. Found in the Philippines as a hot growing epiphytic orchid, its flower size is approx. 4cm. Similar species are *Bulb. levanae*, *trigonosepalum* and *nymphopolitanum*.



Bulbophyllum dentiferum is a hot to warm grower from the section *Cirrhopetalum*. Found in Thailand/ Malaysia, it produces more flowers than most in this section. The amount of pink spotting varies on each plant.

Popular Vote January 2011

Plant of the month was Beryl & Graham's *Paph.* Magic Lantern



Paph Magic Lantern is a Primary Hybrid of *Paph. micranthum* & *Paph. delenatii*. It was registered in 1990 and first awarded in June 1991 by the American Orchid Society and given an HCC with 75points.

Popular Vote for January 2011

HYBRIDS		
<i>Cattleya Alliance</i>		
Judges Choice	<i>Rth.</i> Jomal's Sunrise	M Rivers
1st	<i>Rth.</i> Dal's Moon 'Janelle'	M Rivers
2nd	<i>Rlc.</i> Dal's Charm x <i>C.</i> Dal's Good One	J Robbins
3rd	<i>Rth.</i> Dal's Success	M Rivers
<i>Oncidium Alliance</i>		
1 st & Judges Choice	<i>Milt.</i> Vanity 'Red Shadow'	Plant owner please advise. No name on plant slip.
<i>Phal/Vanda</i>		
Judges Choice	<i>Ascda.</i> Su Fun Beauty	R Aisthorpe
1st	<i>Dtps.</i> Juhbao Fairy	J Robbins
2nd	<i>V.</i> Kretcant x <i>V.</i> Kasem's Delight	M Rivers
3rd	<i>Dtps.</i> Chian Xen Magpie	J Robbins
<i>Dendrobium Alliance</i>		
1 st & Judges Choice	<i>Den.</i> Palolo Sunshine	R Aisthorpe
PRIMARY HYBRIDS		
1 st & Judges Choice	<i>Paph.</i> Magic Lantern	G & B Robertson
2nd	<i>Paph.</i> Dollgoldi	G & B Robertson
3rd	<i>Trt.</i> Margaret Chenoweth	J Robbins
EXOTIC SPECIES		
Tie 1st	<i>Ddc. filiforme</i>	G & B Robertson
Tie 1st	<i>Den. dearei</i>	D & E Middlebrook
2nd	<i>Phal. bellina</i>	G & B Robertson

3 rd & Judges Choice	<i>Gga. galeata</i>	R Aisthorpe
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE		
<i>Species</i>		
1st	<i>Gdm. neocaledonicum</i>	A & A Parkes
2 nd & Judges Choice	<i>Den. antenatum</i>	A & A Parkes
3rd	<i>Csy. erecta</i>	A & A Parkes
FIRST FLOWERING		
1 st & Judges Choice	<i>Bl. Morning Glory (Bc)</i>	R Hand
FOLIAGE		
1 st & Judges Choice	Caladium	D & E Middlebrook
2nd	Tillandsia leiboldiana	J Robbins
3rd	Tillandsia Unknown	J Robbins

Secretaries News Update February 2011

February meeting is our AGM

This is the month that all positions on the executive & committee are declared vacant. Please think about what contribution you can make to your club and put your hand up for one of the positions available. Remember many hands make light work.

Guest Speakers:

February: No guest speaker for our February meeting due to the AGM.

March: Speaker will be Erica Lucas from the Fern Society.

Species appreciation

A very nice fine day greeted us for the February species appreciation get together, the weather gave us a nice cool breeze across the verandah for most of the afternoon and a great turn out of members to enjoy the time together and talk about our species orchids.

28 plants were listed on the sheets handed in:

Bulbophyllum dearei, Bulbophyllum longiscapum, Eria aporoides, Scaphyglottis livida, Polystachya anceps, Doritis pulcherrima, Psychopsis papilio, Cattleya guttata, Brassia maculata, Cattleya bowringiana, Cattleya intermedia, Dendrochilum longifolium, Lycaste bradeorum, Dendrobium convolutum, Cattleya bicolor, Oncidium incurvum, Pleurothallis ?, Bulbophyllum maximum, Schoenorchis gemmata, Dendrobium laevifolium, Lycaste macrophylla, Spathoglottis kimballiana, Eria aporoides, Eria vittata, Schoenorchis fragrans.

Saturday November 5th Nambour will be holding the first Orchid Species show on the Sunshine Coast. This will be a one day open show for members of all societies to attend and bench their plants. Now is the time to start cultivating those species plants in your bush house that flower at that time of year. Plans are underway for vendors to attend the show, I have already had acceptances from Aranbeem Orchids, Robert Trost Orchids & Orchidaceous Books & Supplies.

The March species appreciation will be held on **Saturday 12th March**. All members of societies affiliated with STOCQ are welcome to attend. Details available at the February meeting or contact the Secretary. Bring all the usual, a chair, plate to share for afternoon tea & your flowering species orchids listed on a sheet of paper.

STOCQ AGM

Thank you to the Gympie club for the great days entertainment and food they provided for us all on Saturday the 19th February. Thirteen Nambour members made their way to Gympie for the STOCQ AGM. Guest speaker for the day was Sam Cowie. Sam is a commercial grower who has a wholesale nursery at Kin Kin. He specializes in Oncidium hybrids and sells them commercially as flowering pot plants. After the morning activities and lunch, we were treated to three bush house visits to round off the day. John & Kaye Greens place was the last on the list, so our thanks also go to them for the afternoon tea before we all headed for home.

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. Members are responsible for their own plants.

Show Dates Catalogue 2011

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Saturday 26th Feb. - NOS Annual General Meeting

Fri.-Sat. & Sun. 4th to 6th March - Qld International Orchid Fair

Sat. 12th March - NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 19th March - Childers & Isis District Orchid Show

Sat. 26th March – NOS Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun. 26th & 27th March – Capricorn Orchid Society Show- Bauhinia House, North Rockhampton.

Sat. 2nd April – NOS. - Montville Autumn Show

Sat. 2nd & Sun 3rd April – Boyne Tannum show- Set up 1st April

Fri. & Sat. 8th & 9th April - Sunshine Coast Orchid Show – Uniting Church Hall, Caloundra.

Sat. 9th April – NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 16th April – South Burnett Orchid Show in conjunction with Wondai Garden Expo.

Sat. 23rd April - NOS Cultural meeting (Easter Saturday)

Fri. & Sat. 22nd & 23rd April – Bribie Island Easter Show- Bribie State High School

Sat. 30th April & Sun. 1st May - Gympie Show- Gympie Showgrounds- Set up Fri. 29th

Friday 6th to Sun 8th May- Bundaberg Show – Civic Centre- Bundaberg. Set up from noon on 5th

Sat. 4th June STOCQ meeting - at Murgon- Hosted by South Burnett

Fri. to Sun. 8th to 10th July Nambour Garden Expo- Nambour Showgrounds – Set up Thurs. 7th at 9am

Fri. to Sun. 8th to 10th July Caboolture Show – Morayfield Community complex next to Bunnings

Morayfield - Set up Thurs. 7th

Fri 6th & Sat 7th Aug. Maroochydore Show – Milwell Community Hall- Milwell Road Maroochydore - Set up Thurs 5th

Fri. 2nd & Sat. 3rd September - Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show – Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour. Set up Thurs. 1st

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd September – Childers Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 1st

Fri 23rd & Sat 24th September Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 22nd

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd Oct Hervey Bay Show- Great Hall HBSHS. Set up 30th Sept.

Sat. 5th November – Nambour Orchid Society Species Show – Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour. Set up by 7.30am for judging

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th November Orchid Species Society open show – Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Auditorium- Set up Fri 11th.

