



# Nambour Orchid News

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## **MEETINGS:**

**Business Meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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So much has happened over the month of April. We have had orchid occasions every weekend to keep us occupied and all this was without the species group getting together.

Firstly we had the Montville Show on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We had a great show with lots of orchids on display and giving the people who came to see it plenty of different varieties of orchids to look at. Congratulations to President Bill for attaining the Reserve Champion with his beautiful little orchid. There were plenty of plants for sale and it was a bit sad that the show was not better patronised. People around town were sparse. Let's hope it picks up soon for them. Overall we had an enjoyable Autumn day on the mountain. I was especially happy to pick up the raffle prize which was a lovely plant of C Leopard Queen.

I was away for our meeting so I will have to leave the events of that to Alison.

Next came Caloundra Orchid Show. Once again it was a battle with the elements but we survived and presented a very beautiful display. We won third prize with our display. It had a good variety of genera and of special interest were Alan Parkes ground orchids. He showed six different varieties. Nathan won the best specimen orchid with his *Coelogyne ovalis*. Congratulations. Judy also got in among the ribbons in earnest. Thank you to all who came and showed plants and to those who helped with the setting up and pull down of the display.

I was especially interested in the many lovely anthuriums exhibited at this show and Montville. They seem to be coming back into vogue again with the release of many of the new Dutch hybrids which seem to concentrate on floriferousness more than flower size. They are very colourful and pretty and an attractive addition to our displays.

I didn't make it to Wondai this year but Nathan has told me that he has continued on his winning way with a Best Specimen with his Bulb Elizabeth Ann and a Champion Species with his Bulb *lasiochilum*. He said that he thought that Bob and Judy also did well. Thank you Nathan for the update. Terry said that the camp oven dinner of stew and rice was absolutely marvellous. Mmm Wish I had been there!

It has been a very wet month for orchid growing and the news is that it will remain so until well into June. It certainly puts us on our mettle as growers.

A great sadness during the month was the sad loss of great orchid lady Mrs Ruth Salway. Our sincere condolences to John and all the family. She will be greatly missed.

We have had news from Lee that our Benny has not been well and has spent some time in hospital. Bennie we hope that you have made a recovery and that you will soon regain your health and be well again.

Regards from Editors Pat and Clive.

## POPULAR VOTE FOR MARCH 2011

### HYBRIDS

#### *Cattleya Alliance*

Judges Choice	Rlc Lakehaven Pear	John Robertson
First	C Caudabec Candy	Tom Buckley
Second	<i>C intermedia</i> x Bc Morning Glory = (Bc Marg Putman)	Val Siebenhausen
Third	Blc Mount Isa 'Jean'	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

#### *Oncidium Alliance*

First & Judges Choice	Onc Moonshadow 'Tiger Tail'	Judy Robbins
Tie Second	Odcdm Cherry Fudge	Mal & Jo Rivers
Tie Second	Dgmra Winter Wonderland	Alison & Alan Parkes

#### *Vandaceous & Phalaenopsis*

First & Judges Choice	Ascda Fuchs Gold x Ascda Bangkhuntian Gold =(Ascda Varot Gold)	Mal & Jo Rivers
Second	Vanda R95	David & Julie Tyler
Third	Phal Unknown	Nathan Gould

#### *Dendrobium*

First & Judges Choice	Den Unknown	Judy Robbins
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#### *Any Other Genera*

Judges Choice	Cynodes (Cycd) Taiwan Gold	John Robertson
First	<i>Ctsm (pileatum x oerstedii)</i> x Ctsm Orchidglade	Bill Letcher
Second	Spathoglottis Unknown	Judy Robbins
Third	Bulbophyllum Wilmar Galaxy 'Star'	David & Julie Tyler

### PRIMARY HYBRIDS

First & Judges Choice	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Alison & Alan Parkes
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### EXOTIC SPECIES

Judges Choice	<i>Den cumulatum</i>	Bill Letcher
Tie First	<i>B nodosa</i>	Judy Robbins
Tie First	<i>Dendrochilum macranthum</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Second	<i>Trichoglottis atropurpurea</i>	Tom Bucklet
Tie Third	<i>L purpurata var carnea</i>	Mal & Jo Rivers
Tie Third	<i>Euanthe sanderiana</i>	Richard Hand

### AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

#### *Hybrids*

First & Judges Choice	Pterostylis ( Ptst ) x furcillata	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second	Den Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

#### *Species*

First & Judges Choice	<i>Ptst baptistii</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second	<i>Den bigibbum</i>	Judy Robbins
Third	<i>Liparis condylobulbon</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes

### FIRST FLOWERING

First & Judges Choice	V Robert's Delight 'Red'	Richard Hand
Second	Bapticidium (Btcm) Little Dragon	Nathan Gould

### FOLIAGE

First	Caladium	David & Julie Tyler
Second & Judges Choice	Maidenhair	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

The plant of the month was *Cynodes Taiwan Gold* grown by John Robertson

*Cynodes Taiwan Gold* is a cross of *Cynodes (Cycd) Jumbo Jewel* and *Cynoches (Cyc) chlorochilon*. *Cycd Jumbo Jewel* is a cross of *Mormodes badia* and *Cynoches haagii*.

Below are some pics from Caloundra show. Left -: Nathan's *Coel ovalis* wich received Best Speciman plant and at right our display



# Secretaries News Update

## March 2011

### Guest Speaker:

March- Our Guest speaker for March was John Robertson. John gave us a very interesting powerpoint presentation on the different types of Paphs to grow. He covered the *Brachypetalum* & *Parvisepalum* types of the genus. There is certainly plenty to choose from if you want to have a go at growing some. Thanks John for a very informative talk.

April- This will be a cultural day. Members please bring along any plants that you may have a problem with or notes on any subject you would like to discuss to the meeting. It will be an open forum designed to assist our new members with their orchid growing.

### Species appreciation:

The May species appreciation will be held at the home of Judy Robbins on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Please bring your chair, flowering species plants & a plate to share for afternoon tea. Contact the Secretary for further details.

### Show & Tell:

April is the month that we all have to return our Epi. Sunlight Valley 'Karragabi' distributed to members at the October meeting. Thee judges will be looking at our plants and a prize will be given for the best grown plant to date. Keep watching your *Bulb. macrantham* that you received at the Christmas party, it will be judged at the June meeting. We will be checking these plants each 6 months until they flower.

### Shows:

April has sure been a busy month for shows, with Montville, Caloundra and South Burnett in the first 3 weeks, & Gympie to come at the end of the month after our meeting. Congratulations to all the winners at all 3 shows, I guess Nathan is our star for the month, taking out Champion specimen at Caloundra with his *Coel. ovalis*, and then following it up with Champion specimen & Champion species at the South Burnett show with *Bulb. Elizabeth Ann* & *Bulb. lasiochilum*. Congratulations Nathan certainly a great effort.

### **Paph. Asteroid**

Paph Asteroid was chosen by our Judges as the Champion at the Montville show. It has been awarded twice in America & was registered in 1998. It is a hybrid of Paph. Greyi & Paph. Conco- bellatum. Owned by Robertson Orchids



### **Haraella odorata**

Haraella odorata chosen as the Reserve champion at Montville, is the cutest little plant. Owned by our President Bill Letcher, it is growing very happily on a cork mount. It is a miniature sized Taiwanese epiphytic orchid that requires year round watering. It was first discovered in 1930. Orchid Wiz & Kew has it as *Haraella retrocalla*.



Caloundra Results Nambour received 3<sup>rd</sup> place for display. A great effort, thank you to all our helpers.

Judy Robbins	<i>Den. Enobi Stripe</i> <i>Phal. bellina</i> <i>Aglaonema anyamani</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
John Robertson	<i>C. Elusive Dream</i> <i>Onc. ornithorhynchum</i> <i>Paph. Graham Robertson</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Richard Hand	<i>V. Roberts Delight Red</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Nathan Gould	<i>Coel. ovalis</i>	Champion specimen
Alan & Alison Parkes	<i>Ptst. baptistii</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Des & Elaine Middlebrook	Caladium	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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.

### Website update.

For the convenience of our members, Richard now has the following forms on our website. Look under Links- Forms.

Cultural Meeting plant slip, Species group plant list, Plant sales labels, Membership application.

The following article was emailed by one of our members for inclusion in the newsletter.

#### NEW SPIKE TYING METHOD

BILL LETCHER has come up with a new way to tie your flower spikes and it doesn't require the use of a stake.

The walls of Bill's bush houses are shadecloth and plastic with chicken wire on the inside to reinforce the wall and to hang plants on. We all know that flower spikes need to be staked and trained and we all forget to do it or we miss it, and we try to stake the spike after it has flowered. This usually doesn't work, because the flowers are then not facing the right way.

Bill's method is to allow the flower spike to grow between the chicken wire netting and the shadecloth/plastic wall and never has to worry about when to stake as they seem to grow upright naturally. To take the plant to a show, Bill has to either cut the spike off, or cut a hole in the wire netting. Cutting off the spike is not desirable as we don't like to see plants on the showbench **minus** their flowers. Having holes in your wire netting wall is not desirable either.

This is a tongue in cheek article, but I do recall seeing a couple of pairs of wire cutters located strategically in Bill's bush houses.

This article was taken from Bundaberg March Newsletter and was written by Lea Crawford.

The Must know about Molasses:

When using molasses as a fertilizer, make sure, when mixed with water it is used almost IMMEDIATELY. The enzyme that comes to life in water, has a very short life period. It is this enzyme that makes it a great fertilizer. Once the enzyme dies, fermentation starts and if used at this stage can lose all effects as a fertilizer.

Ants are NOT attracted to molasses, and you will not get an invasion of ants using it.

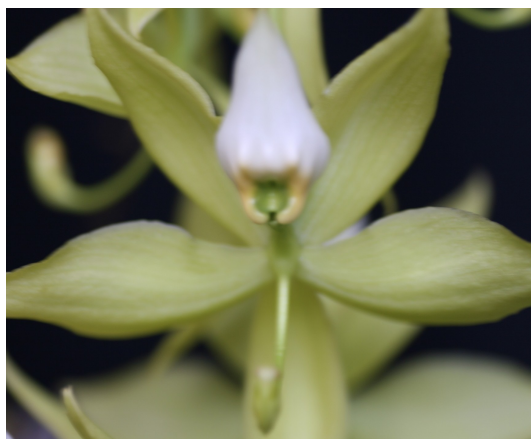
Molasses dilutes very easy in cold water and can also be used as a deterrent for

possums. (Not many people have a possum problem with orchids although they do like the flowers.)

Molasses is a fantastic source of carbon and carbohydrate and contains many trace elements that can really give plants a boost.

As with all fertilizer, a little often is more beneficial than in heavy doses.

I use 1/2 to 3/4 small cups to 10 litres of water and, as I rotate my fertilizers, I use it once a month.



Plant of the month- Cynodes Taiwan Gold grown by John Robertson

### Show Dates Catalogue 2011

#### **Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)**

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April - NOS Cultural meeting (Easter Saturday)**

Fri. Sat & Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April QOS Easter Show Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens

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

Fri. Sat & Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> April - Gladstone Orchid Society Show- Bill Robertson Toyota

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> April & Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> May - Gympie Show- Gympie Showgrounds- Set up Fri. 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> May – NOS Species appreciation**

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> May – NOS Cultural meeting**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> June STOCQ meeting - at Murgon- Hosted by South Burnett**

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> June – NOS Species appreciation**

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> June – NOS Cultural meeting**

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

**Fri. to Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July Caboolture Show – Morayfield Community complex next to Bunnings**

**Morayfield - Set up Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**No NOS Species appreciation for July due to Garden Expo & Caboolture Show.**

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> July – NOS Cultural meeting**

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. Maroochydore Show – Milwell Community Hall- Milwell Road Maroochydore - Set up Fri. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> August – NOS Species appreciation**

**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> August – NOS Cultural meeting**

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

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Childers Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> September – NOS Species appreciation**

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> September – NOS Cultural meeting**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

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