

Nambour Orchid News

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

MEETINGS:

Business Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month (Except December) at 1pm proir to the cultural meeting. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting.

Cultural Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of the month (Except December) at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, 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

Disclaimer -:

We had a good crowd in for the March meeting and Wayne was our lecturer for the afternoon. He spoke about the different potting media and their uses. He also gave us some insight into the sizes of potting mix and the reason for using the different sizes. He also broke some of the myths about what some media does in the mix and scientifically explained "Why this is so" and in some cases "Why this is not so".

According to his thinking – the best time to water is at night with 2 a.m to 3 a.m. being the best time for the plant to take up water.

In regard to fertilizers What does N P K. mean? Nitrogen Phosphorus and Potassium. Using fertilizers with higher N promotes plant growth e.g. 30-10-15. Using fertilizers with higher K promotes better flowering. e.g. 13-5-20.

Fertilizers should also contain trace elements. Other additives can include amino acids and plant hormones which promote good growth.

Look for a fertilizer which has the lowest urea such as Peters.

Seasol can be added or kelp to help stimulate growth.

Eco-animo helps growth (for seedlings).

Adding calcium and manganese to rainwater is beneficial. Peters has it added or add calcium nitrate every 2 months and magnesium sulphate (Epsom salts). Do NOT add these together. They should be done separately.

These were just some of the tips he passed on.

There was just so much to learn at this lecture and I hope that you all have a very good memory and use the information he passed on. Thank you so much Wayne.

Our combined display with Maroochydore at Buderim at the end of last month was well received. Our thanks to Beryl and Alison and Bob and Joan for their help in manning the display and to all who sent along flowers to make the day.

Our Montville show was rather quiet this year. There was a lovely display of flowers on show but few patrons around in Montville to take advantage of their beauty. We had a quiet but enjoyable day and made a modest profit. Thank you to all who came and supported our effort.

Caloundra show was great this year and attracted a really good display from our club. Elaine and Des won the Champion with a beautiful Cyc Golden Showers and Robertson Orchids won the best species with the tiny Paph henryianum which sometimes goes to show that "small is best". There were lots of other ribbons on our display. Congratulations to you all and thanks to all who came down to help put the show up. It was a really good turn out from the club.

Unfortunately our Species afternoon also fell on the same afternoon as the pick up from the show and this resulted in quite a reduction in attendance there. Our thanks to Janet and Rod for hosting the afternoon.

Last weekend some of our members attended the South Burnett's Society Show at Wondai. It was a beautiful Autumn day and the Show and the Wondai Plant Festival was great. John Salway from Maroochydore really extended himself and brought a whole display of wonderfully grown plants. He won the Champion and the Reserve Champion and both were very well deserved. Elaine and Des won the Best Species with *V lamenata* and Bob and Joan and Pat and Clive and Terry and Hazel collected some ribbons as well. It was a wonderful day out. We had a good turn out of our judges with Lesley, Terry, Bob, Clive , Delwyn and Pat all showing up to do some work.

Gee, it's been a busy month!! From your editors Pat and Clive.

POPULAR VOTE FOR MARCH 2012

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

Tie First & JCRlc Aussie Sunrise TNTMal & Jo RiversTie FirstC Caudebec CandyTom BuckleyTie FirstRlc Dal's MoonMal & Jo RiversTie SecondC CaudebecNathan Gould

Tie Second Lc Bonanza Queen 'Panamint' AM/AOS Marty & Anita Vlekkert

Oncidium Alliance

First Onc Jiuhbao Gold Richard Hand
Second & JC Bratonia (Brat) Sadie Loo x Milt Christmas Eve Nathan Gould
Tie Third Mtssa Charles M Fitch Nathan Gould
Tie Third Wilsonara Unknown A Shield

Vandaceous/Phalaenopsis

First & JC V Robert's Delight 'Red' Richard Hand
Second Vasco Five Friendships Mal & Jo Rivers

Dendrobium

First & JC Den Fran's Twist x Den Red Toro x *Den gouldii* 'Blue' Cliff Alexander Tie Second Den Salaya 'Medi Stripe' Neil E Walker

Tie Second Den Classic Gem X Den Enobi Stripe Tom Buckley

Other Genera

First & JC Z Artur Elle 'Essendon' AM AD/AOC Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second Bulb Gardiner Heather Alison & Alan Parkes

EXOTIC SPECIES

First Ctsm fimbriatum Alison & Alan Parkes

Second & JC Phal bellina Judy Robbins

Third Trichoglottis philippinesis var brachiata Rod & Janette Aisthorpe

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Hybrid

First & Jc Den Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy' Marty & Anita Vlekkert Second Den Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy' HCC/AOC Marty & Anita Vlekkert

Species

First Ptst baptistii Alan & Alison Parkes
Tie Second & JC Chil diphylla Alan & Alison Parkes
Tie Second Liparis condylobulon Alan & Alison Parkes

NOVICE

First V Miss Joaquim June Hutchins
Second & JC C Unknown June Hutchins
Third Plant name not listed Pat Cairns

FOLIAGE

Tie First & JC Caladium Terry Thompson
Tie First Anthurium Crystalium Pat Cairns
Second Aglonomea Siam Purera Pat Cairns

The plant of the month was Den Fran's Twist x Den Red Toro x *Den gouldii* 'Blue' grown by Cliff Alexander.

Secretaries News Update

April 2012

Club Shirts:

Club shirts are available from the Monogram Man, Shop 2a/6 Norval Court, Maroochydore 4558. Phone/Fax 54793206. Prices include Club logo & are subject to change. Please check price when ordering.

Ladies Metro Shirt, Colour Stone, 3/4 sleeve Style B7300, Short sleeve Style B7301

Mens Metro Shirt, Colour Stone, Long sleeve Style SH714, Short sleeve Style SH715.

Short sleeve in Mens & Ladies Metro \$35.

Civic Polo Shirt Colour Stone/Black, \$28 Ladies - Style P9725, \$31.30 Mens - Style P9700.

April/May N.O.S. Society Events:

Saturday 28th April - Cultural meeting - Plants to be tabled by 1.45pm for Judging Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th May - Gympie Orchid Society show - Set up Friday 4th Saturday 12th May – Species appreciation social group- Contact Secretary for details Montville Show:

Saturday 31st March started off our show year, with our members only Montville show. The Range turned on a beautiful sunny day for us, and our members put on a great display of plants.





Top Left - Champion Orchid-:

C. Caudebec 'Carmela' owned by Robertson's

Top Right - Reserve Champion-: *Dendrobium chrysopterum* owned by Robertson's

Bottom - Champion Specimen *C.* Porcia owned by Val & Hazel Siebenhausen



Species Social Afternoon:

The April species get together was at the home of Rod & Jan. The weather was a bit ordinary on the day, but we had a great afternoon and even managed to view Rod's bush houses between showers.

Thanks to Rod & Jan for looking after us so well as always. Plant numbers were down due to Caloundra show.

The May get together will be advised at the Cultural meeting

BYO flowering species plants, a chair, your <u>cup</u> & a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea.

URLs: for checking species plants-:

World Checklist of Selected Plant Families: http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/

International Plant Name Index: http://www.ipni.org/

It may be easier for some to just type into their Google Search: "World Checklist of Selected Plants" or for the other one "International plant names index". Either way should work.

The correct spelling of the genus is imperative otherwise you won't get any results.

If you save both of these to favourites in your web browser, it makes checking a plant much quicker & easier.

Orchid of the Month

Mal Rivers selected Rod's *Taeneophyllum obtusum* as the cultural plant of the month.

Below is the list of plants on the table for April. Names are those accepted on the Kew World Checklist

Taeneophyllum obtusum	Dendrobium lamellatum	Masdevallia infracta	Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Phalaenopsis gigantea	Spathoglottis plicata	Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum	Trichoglottis brachiata

Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Show:

Congratulations to all the winners at the Caloundra show, especially to Des & Elaine Middlebrook for taking out the Champion Orchid with their *Cyc*. Golden Showers, & to Robertson's for the Champion Species prize with their *Paph. henryanum*.

Thank you to those members who went to Caloundra for the presentation, and volunteered to bring the plants home. They gave up their afternoon at our species social get together.

Des & Elaine Middlebrook	<i>Cyc.</i> Golden Showers Caladium	Champiom Orchid & 1 st any other Hybrid 2 nd Foliage up to 300mm from top of pot	
Marty & Anita Vlekkert	Den. Bellinger River	1st Australian Native Hybrid	
Graham & Beryl Robertson	Paph. henryanum Paph. Summer Jewel Onc. ornithorhynchum Onc. ornithorhynchum Den. Aprichart Rainbow C. Jillian Lee C. Jungle Gem C. Red Berries C. Jewel Chest Rth. Goldenminima C. Jungle Queen	Champion Species & 1 st Paph. species 1 st Paph. Any other Hybrid 2 nd Onc. & Alliance species 3 rd Onc. & Alliance Species 1 st Den. Intermediate(Inc. ³ / ₄ Phalaenanthe) 2 nd Miniature up to 75mm 1 st Novelty or Coctail 1 st Miniature up to 75mm 3 rd Miniature up to 75mm 3 rd Compact 76 to 110mm 2 nd Novelty or Coctail	
Mal Rivers	Barkeria lindleyana	1 st Cattleya & Alliance species	
Rod Aisthorpe	Den. macrophyllum	1st Exotic Species (not in any other class)	

Alan & Alison Parkes	Pterostylis baptistii Chiloglottis diphylla	1 st Australian Native Species 3 rd Australian Native Species
Bob & Joan Raabe	Oncsa. Sweet Sugar	3 rd Onc. Alliance Hybrid (to include Gomesa varicosa type)

Photos of Caloundra Show courtesy of Charlie McMonagle- Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra





Elaine receiving the Champion Orchid Prize at Caloundra show. The Champion Orchid Cyc. Golden Showers



Nambour Display at Caloundra Show

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. Plant sale tags are on our website.nambourorchidsociety.com - Go to links/forms and print off what you need.

This article has been copied from Boyne Tannum Orchid Society April Newsletter

<u>Treatment for Dendrobium Beetle</u> (This article is from Mike Miller)

I have been using this for over 2 years on Orchids and have not had a problem. I grow a lot of my plants outside of a greenhouse.. I mix 5 grams/mls of Permetthrin 25:75 to one litre of water, to this mix add about 8 drops of Eucalyptus oil. I make up 4 litres at a time and decant into a plastic bottle and use as required. I spray the entire plant, flower and all about once a month or when needed. Permethrin 25:75 can be obtained from nursery outlets for under \$20. per 250Ml, Eucalyptus oil can be found in any supermarket for under \$10 PER 250Ml. It's a cheap and effective way of keeping those Little orange so and so off your plants at around 60cents per litre. Try it on ants and cockroaches. (One thing you will need to do before use is to give the mix a shake this will mix the Eucalyptus with the water and PERMETHEIN)

Show Dates Catalogue 2012

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Sat. 28th April N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun 5th & 6th May Gympie Orchid Show - Set up Fri. 4th

Sat 12th May Nambour Species appreciation group

Saturday 26th May N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat.2nd June Gladstone OS host STOCQ meeting.

Saturday 9th June Nambour Species appreciation group

Saturday 23rd June N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Fri. Sat. Sun. 6th 7th 8th July Garden Expo Nambour Showgrounds

Fri. Sat. Sun. 6th, 7th, 8th July Caboolture Orchid Society Show

Saturday 28th July N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun 11th & 12th August Maroochydore Orchid show.

Fri & Sat 31st August, 1st September Nambour OS Spring show- Uniting Church Hall,

Coronation Ave, Nambour- Set up Thurs. 30th August.

Fri. 31st August Childers & Isis District OS Spring show.

Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th Sept. Glasshouse Orchid Society Show – Set up Thurs. 27th

Sat 13th & Sun 14th October Bribie Orchid Society Show – Set up Fri. 12th

Fri. 26th & Sat. 27th Oct. Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair - Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour.- Set up Thurs 25th

Sat. 17th Nov. STOCQ meeting Hosted by Maroochydore Orchid Society- Uniting Church Hall, Lefoes Road, Bli Bli.

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular - 8th & 9th June 2013 The Pavilion, Gympie Showgrounds