



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 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 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.

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May 2013 Popular Vote – Hybrid Names with * as per Orchidwiz, Species names Kew Monocot List

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| <i>CATTLEYA HYBRID</i> Tie 1 st Tie 1 st Tie 1 st Tie 2 nd Tie 2 nd Tie 2 nd & Judges Choice Tie 3 rd | <i>Rlc. Chunyeah *</i> <i>Rlc. Dal's Grace *</i> <i>C. Elusive Heartbeat</i> <i>Ett. Volcano Trick</i> <i>Rth. Dal's Emperor x Rlc. Golden Reign</i> <i>C. Royal Beau</i> <i>C. Dendi's Perfection</i> | G & B Robertson M & A Vlekkert M & J Rivers J Robbins M & J Rivers M & J Rivers R & R Hand |
| <i>ONCIDIUM HYBRID</i> 1 st 2 nd & Judges Choice 3 rd | <i>Mtdm. Fall in Love 'Valentine' *</i> <i>Brsdm. Black Star *</i> <i>Onc. Dorothy Wisnom</i> | M & A Vlekkert M & J Rivers M & J Rivers |
| <i>VANDA/PHALAENOPSIS</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd Tie 3 rd Tie 3 rd | <i>Phal. Juhbao Fairy *</i> <i>Phal. Unknown</i> <i>Phal. K V Charmer *</i> <i>Phal. Siam Treasure *</i> | J Robbins R & M Wright G & B Robertson G & B Robertson |
| <i>DENDROBIUM</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Den. Nora Tokunaga</i> <i>Den. Chela Color's FCA</i> <i>Den. Lady Kiesel * x Den. carroni</i> | G & B Robertson J Robbins C Alexander |
| <i>PAPHIOPEDILUM</i> 1 st & Judges Choice | <i>Paph. Colorbox x Paph. Colorado</i> | M & A Vlekkert |
| <i>ANY OTHER GENERA</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Z. Titanic 'June' x Pabstia jugosus</i> <i>Z. Titanic ('June x Scottie')</i> <i>Cym. Mini Claret 'Royal Reserve'</i> | M & A Vlekkert M & A Vlekkert M & A Vlekkert |
| <i>EXOTIC SPECIES</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd Tie 3 rd Tie 3 rd Tie 3 rd Tie 3 rd | <i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i> <i>Trichoglottis geminata</i> <i>C. walkeriana 'Kenny'</i> <i>Bulbophyllum pteroglossum</i> <i>Cattleya crispata *</i> <i>Coelogyne ovalis</i> | W & J Harris W & J Harris J Robbins W & J Harris M & J Rivers D & J Tyler |
| <i>AUST. NATIVE HYBRID</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd & Judges Choice 3 rd | <i>Den. Intense</i> <i>Chiloglottis x conoglossa</i> <i>Den. Beast x Den. speciosum</i> | M & A Vlekkert A & A Parkes M & A Vlekkert |
| <i>AUST. SPECIES</i> 1 st 2 nd & Judges Choice 3 rd | <i>Pterostylis baptistii</i> <i>Pterostylis nutans</i> <i>Pterostylis collina</i> | A & A Parkes A & A Parkes A & A Parkes |
| <i>NOVICE</i> Tie 1 st Tie 1 st 2 nd & Judges Choice 3 rd | Unknown Unknown <i>Epi. Unknown</i> <i>Den. Burana Stripe</i> | M Walsh M Walsh P Cairns M Walsh |
| <i>FOLIAGE</i> 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd | <i>Alocasia</i> <i>Anthurium</i> <i>Asplenium Fern</i> | R & M Wright R & M Wright P Cairns |



Judges Choice plant of the month for May:

Mal & Jo Rivers Cattleya Royal Beau

Cattleya Royal Beau 'Alex L' is a cross of C. Princess Bells and C. Beaufort. Royal Beau is the grex name and 'Alex L' is the clonal name. Princess Bells is a large flower and is a cross of C. Empress Bells x C. Bob Betts (both whites). There is a fair bit of mauve in Princess Bells with C. trianae and C. mossiae in its background. C. Beaufort is a small flower and is a cross of C. coccinea and C. luteola, both species, and the resultant hybrids

have been yellows. Some very good ones too. The result of the cross between C. Princess Bells and C. Beaufort is a compact class Cattleya, which I think usually results when a large Cattleya is crossed onto a mini cat. It has been grown in my tunnel house which has natural solar weave on top with 50% shade cloth over that. It gets watered every 2 or 3 days in summer and about every 5 days in winter. I find that because of the solid roof on my tunnelhouse, I have to water more than normal. This last summer, the temperature got up to 46 degrees C. I don't fertilise regularly, if I get the urge I do it, especially after seeing someone else's well grown plants.

Mal.

Competition for our Members:

Each month we will publish a photo of an orchid species. You then use all available resources such as internet, books and each other to identify the plant

Then on a piece of paper submit your name and the plant name at the next meeting where the name will be revealed.

Next month Wayne will put in the newsletter a new species as well as distribution and culture of last month's species

At the end of the year the points will be totaled up and the winner will receive a prize at the Christmas Party.

LAST MONTH'S PLANT WAS - *Ansellia africana* Lindl. 1844

Synonyms: *Ansellia africana* var. *australis* Summerh.; *Ansellia africana* var. *nilotica* Baker 1875; *Ansellia africana* var. *nilotica* Baker 1875; *Ansellia confusa* N.E. Brown 1886; *Ansellia congoensis* Rodigas 1886; *Ansellia gigantea* Rchb.f 1847; *Ansellia gigantea* subsp. *nilotica* (Baker) Senghas 1990; *Ansellia gigantea* var. *nilotica* (Baker) Summerh. 1937; *Ansellia humilis* Bulliard 1891; *Ansellia nilotica* [Baker] N.E. Brown 1886; *Cymbidium sandersoni* Harv. 1868.

Flower Size: up to 6cm in diameter.

Flowering time: Late spring to summer

This orchid is native to tropical and southern Africa, found alongside coasts and rivers in the canopy of trees, usually at elevations lower than 700m (occasionally up to 2,200m), as a highly variable, giant sized, robust species varying in size and flower color. It is found epiphytically in the high canopy of taller trees. They are commonly found in areas that suffer long periods without water. The white, needle-like, aerial roots are characteristic for this orchid. They point upwards, taking the form of a trash basket around the tall, many-

noded, fusiform, canelike, yellow pseudobulbs, catching the decaying leaves and detritus upon which the plant feeds. The inflorescence is axillary from nodes near the apex up to 85cm long panicle that is laxly many (10 to 100) flowered and carries fragrant flowers. This plant has dense mats of erect white roots making a trash basket. Pseudobulbs are cane-like, fusiform-cylindrical, many noded, yellow, and carry 6 to 7, narrowly ligulate-lanceolate, acute, plicate leaves.

Culture: An easy species to grow, in cultivation the plants usually bloom with a terminal inflorescence from the older pseudobulbs, some plants however, will produce flowers from newer pseudobulbs in odd years. These plants are shy to flower in cultivation unless they receive very bright light and given a dry rest for about 6 weeks in the autumn. In their natural habitat, the plants can go periods of several months without water, and are very drought tolerant, but the plants tend to perform better if kept evenly moist throughout the year.

The plants can take light frost but drop their leaves, and should not be exposed to freezing temperatures



Left - Competition plant June-:

No clues this month, that would make it too easy.



Champion Table – Right

Centre- Champion Orchid & Champion Specimen- Clo. White Magic

Left - Reserve Champion - *Cyod. Jumbo Puff*

Front Champion Species- *Pterostylis tenuicauda*

Champion Foliage – *Aglaonema Red Fire*

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular was a fantastic weekend. If you didn't make the effort to go you really missed a treat. It is not often we get to see so many vendors along with a great show in the one spot. Visitors attended from all over Australia just to see this great event. Our congratulations go to the Gympie Orchid Society for hosting the show, and a special thank you to John & Kaye Green for making it all possible. Thank you for participating and congratulations to all our Nambour members who took home prizes from the show.



1st Prize Floral Art- Beryl Robertson



If we are able to secure a suitable venue, STOCQ has approved Nambour to run the 2016 Orchidfest.

We need a name for it. Please bring your suggestions to the next meeting.

Our club will be 60 on the 8th August 2015 maybe we could tie a name in with that?

Guest Speaker for our June meeting will be Steve Flood talking on Foliage.

There was no species appreciation in June as it was Orchidfest weekend. The next meeting will be at the home of Richard & Rita on Saturday 13th July.

Species appreciation meeting Calendar (subject to change due to availability)

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| July – Richard & Rita Hand | August – Neil & Ella Walker | September – Bill Letcher |
| October – Alan & Alison Parkes | November – Lesley Beare | December – No meeting |

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 can purchase them. 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.

2013 Show Catalogue

Nambour Orchid Society Garden Expo Display – Fri, Sat, Sun 5-6-7th July

Caboolture Orchid Show- Fri, Sat, Sun 5th, 6th, 7th July – Set up 4th July

**Maroochydore Show –Sat & Sun 10th & 11th August – set up Fri 9th – Millwell Road Community Centre
ANOS Kabi Group Inc. 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference & Show Strathpine – 22nd - 25th August
2013- Strathpine Community Centre, Cnr Mecklem Street & Gympie Road, Strathpine**

**Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show- Fri 6th & Sat 7th September – Nambour Uniting
Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour**

Childers Orchid Show – Fri 6th & Sat 7th September

Noosa Orchid Show – Fri 20th, Sat 21st September – Set up Thurs 19th – Cooroy RSL Hall

Glasshouse Orchid Show- Fri 27th & Sat 28th September – Set up Thursday 26th.

**Bribie Island Orchid Show – Sat 12th & Sun 13th October – Bribie Island State High School. Set up
Friday 11th.**

**Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair – Fri 1st & Sat 2nd November Set up
Thurs. 31st October**