



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 (Except December) 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 (Except December) at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave. Nambour at 2pm. All 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, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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Last month has been rather cool and all we orchid growers have been having a bit of a rest from potting and the watering time is a bit more sociable. It is time to enjoy some time in planning for the coming year and preparing for the barrage of shows which come in the Spring. I am enjoying the emergence of some cymbidium flowers and the buds are covering my little Twinkles. I am looking forward to seeing them in flower again.

At our last meeting we had a good crowd and it was surprising just how many flowers were tabled. The cattleya collection was really nice. Wayne was to have given us a lecture on Vandas, but we were disappointed, when we struck technology problems with the intended program. We hope that this can be sorted out and we can enjoy it soon.

Our species group had a cool afternoon meeting at Kureelipa with Hazel and Val. The day was cool but the afternoon entertainment was warm and friendly. Lots of plants were on show and some of the phalaenopsis were really good quality. Wayne showed a magnificent green Tricoglottis which was very heavily flowered. Visiting Val and Hazel out the back was a beautiful pair of frogmouth owls. They were sitting so quiet in the trees that they were almost invisible.

We had an Email from Caoundra last week to tell us that Des Anderson has passed away and also to tell us that Ken Stead has undergone major heart surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our Alan Shield has recently been on the sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery too.

Not too much to report this month so we'll sign off and wish you all happy orchid growing until we all meet up again.
Regards Pat and Clive.

CHECKING THE NAME LABELS.

New names are always hard to catch up with and I propose to introduce a few of our commonly owned orchids that may be in your collection so that you can change your labels. (New names according to Orchidwhiz)

Oncidium (Onc) Sweet Sugar now Oncidesa (Oncsa) Sweet Sugar
Oncidium (Onc) onustum now Zelenkoa (Zel) onusta
Miltinidium (Mtdm) Ruffles now Oncidium (Onc) Ruffles
Zygopetalum (Z) Adelaide Meadows now Zygoneria (Zga) Adelaide Meadows
Cattleya (C) bowringiana now Guarianthe (Gur) bowringiana
Laeliocattleya (Lc) Molly Tyler now Cattlianthe (Ct) Molly Tyler
Laeliocattleya (Lc) Little Susie now Cattlianthe (Ctt) Little Susie
Brassocattleya (Bc) Donna Kimura now Rhyncolaeliocattleya (Rlc) Donna Kimura
Oncidium (Onc) Liz now Zelemnia (Zlm) Liz
Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc) Burdekin Storm now Rhyncolaeliocattleya (Rlc) Burdekin Storm
Brassavola (B) digbyana now Rhyncolaelia (Rl) digbyana
Brassavola (B) glauca now Rhyncolaelia (Rl) glauca
Cattleya (C) aurantiaca now Guarianthe (Gur) aurantiaca
Cattleya (C) skinneri now Guarianthe (Gur) skinneri
Cattleya (C) Guatemalensis now Guarianthe (Gur) Guatemalensis
Cattleya (C) Barbara Kirch now Guarianthe (Gur) Barbara Kirch
Cattleya (C) Chocolate Drop now Cattlianthe (Ct) Chocolate Drop

Perhaps you have struck one that you might like included in this on going list. Please let me know.

Pat.

Popular Vote For May 2012

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

Tie First	Slc Red Carpet x Lc Aloha Case Reg as C Purple Princess	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Tie First	Lc Aloha Case 'Hawaiian Style'	Tom Buckley
Second & JC	Rlc Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'	Richard Hand
Tie Third	Lc Jungle Queen	Rob & Joan Raabe
Tie Third	Blc Golden Delicious 'Pokai'	Neil & Ella Walker

Oncidium Alliance

First & JC	Onc Moon Shadow 'Tiger Tail'	Judy Robbins
Tie Second	Oncsa (Oncidesa) Sweet Sugar	Niel & Ella Walker
Tie Second	Onc Space Race	Neil & Ella Walker
Third	Onc Ruffles	Neil & Ella Walker

Vandaceous/Phalaenopsis

First & JC	Ascda Waleco	Neil & Ella Walker
Second	Ascda Rak. Jai	Rob & Joan Raabe
Third	V Fuji-Yama x V Dr. Anek	Rob & Joan Raabe

Dendrobiums

First & JC	(Den Plum Tips x <i>Den gouldii</i> Reg as Den Magenta's Plum) x Den Minnie	Neil & Ella Walker
Second	Den Mary Mak	Neil & Ella Walker
Third	Den Copper King	Cliff Alexander

Any Other Genera

Tie First & JC	Zga Seaford	Judy Robbins
Tie First	Zga Adelaide Meadows	Judy Robbins
Second	Zns Cynosure 'Blue Bird'	Nathan Gould
Third	<i>Cal harrisii</i>	Rob & Joan Raabe

EXOTIC SPECIES

First	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Second & JC	<i>Phal bellina</i>	Judy Robbins
Third	<i>Phal hieroglyphica</i>	Judy Robbins

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Hybrids

First & JC	Den Ellen	Neil & Ella Walker
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Species

First	<i>Corybas aconitiflorus</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second	<i>Ptst baptistii</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Third & JC	<i>Ptst tenuicauda</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes

NOVICE

First & JC	Onc Taffy Apple	Pat Cairns
Second	Oncostele (Ons) Wildcat	Pat Cairns
Third	Ons Bittersweet	Pat Cairns

FOLIAGE

First	Anthurium Red	Rob & Margie Wright
Second & JC	Species??	Neil & Ella Walker
Third	Species ??	Neil & Ella Walker

The plant of the month was *Ptst tenuicauda* grown by Alan & Alison Parkes.

May Cultural meeting - Judges Choice

Alan & Alison Parkes *Pterostylis tenuicauda*

Pterostylis tenuicauda Alan's notes.

I received the first serve of *Pterostylis tenuicauda* which consisted of 3 tubers from ANOS Victoria tuber bank in 2009 and the second serve in 2010. If grown correctly the tubers multiply readily after each flowering season. The first attempt to get a reasonable display of flowers was not what I had expected. The problem being the type of mix I used and also I did not check the compost acidity level.

There is very little information available as to what acidity level suits the growing of terrestrial orchids but after working with different mixes, I found that a PH value of 4.5 to 6 seems to be satisfactory. I have been growing ground orchids for 7-8 years and at first I used the mix that was developed by other growers over the years comprising of:

- 2 parts coarse sand
- 1 part rich loam
- 1 part buzzer chips
- 1 part leaf mould

I now make up my own loam consisting of a fine clean soil mixed with equal quantity of fine well composted leaf mulch, as you can not guarantee what chemicals & fertilizers are present in the commercial available loam mixes. To this I add a coarse leaf mulch of eucalyptus leaves that have been left to compost for several months. The coarse sand used is no larger than 4mm. The finished mix has to have good drainage. A small amount of blood and bone is included in the mix before the Ph value is checked. It is important at the start of the growing season that the pots are well watered to ensure that the mixture is thoroughly saturated and then a regular watering programme is instigated which allows the mixture to drain but not completely dry out. This is important, too much water will rot the tubers and if they dry out completely will shrivel up.



Secretaries News Update

June 2012

Guest Speaker: June: Wayne Harris:- Vanda the species behind the hybrids
July: Grahame Muller - Dendrobium speciosum & delicatum
August: Sue Jones – Cymbidiums
September: Cultural Day - Potting time
October: No Meeting: N.O.S. Species show

June/July N.O.S. Society Events:

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

Saturday 23rd June Orchids Queensland AGM at Bribie Orchid House 12noon

Friday/Saturday/Sunday 6/7/8th July Nambour Garden Expo

Friday/Saturday/Sunday 6/7/8th July Caboolture Orchid Show

Saturday 14th July N.O.S. Species Appreciation

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

June Species Social Afternoon:

The June get together was held at the home of Val & Hazel Siebenhausen. Although Alan & I were away, I have it on good authority that a great afternoon was had by all, even though the wind was a bit chilly. Thank you to Val & Hazel for the use of their home.

The July get together will be on Saturday 14th July. Venue to be advised at the cultural meeting. BYO flowering species plants, a chair, your cup & a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea.

Species Orchid of the Month

Judy's Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica did it again for the second month in a row. I believe our resident photographer checked it out to make sure it wasn't plastic. Congratulations Judy. It certainly is a rewarding plant to own.

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

<i>Isabelia pulchella</i>	<i>Specklinia costaricensis</i>
<i>Zelenkoa onusta</i>	<i>Trichotosia velutina</i>
<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>	<i>Bulbophyllum rufinum</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica</i>	<i>Bulbophyllum careyanum</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	<i>Calanthe vestita</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis violacea</i>	<i>Oncidium maculatum</i>
<i>Cattleya percivaliana</i>	<i>Ascocentrum ampullaceum</i>
<i>Cattleya walkeriana</i>	<i>Laelia anceps</i>
<i>Cattleya tenebrosa</i>	<i>Acampe ocracea</i>
<i>Ansellia africana</i>	<i>Trichoglottis geminata (wenzelii)</i>
<i>Paphiopedilum liemianum</i>	<i>Coelogyne rumphii</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis lindenii</i>	<i>Dendrobium oligophyllum</i>
<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>	<i>Prosthechea fragrens</i>
<i>Bulbophyllum grandiflorum</i>	<i>Brasiliorchis gracilis (Maxillaria punctata)</i>
<i>Trichoglottis geminata</i>	<i>Liparis viridiflora (pendula)</i>
<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	<i>Coelogyne bilamellata</i>
<i>Vanda insignis</i>	<i>Coelogyne fuscens</i>

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.

Upcoming Events of interest:

Palmwoods Arts & Crafts Group is holding an exhibition to coincide with World Environment Day at Nambour Library June 12th to 29th during Library hours.

Queensland Garden Expo Friday, Saturday, Sunday 6/7/8 July Nambour Showgrounds

Caboolture Orchid Society Show Friday, Saturday, Sunday 6/7/8 July Morayfield Community Centre.

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, ¾ 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.

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.

Show Dates Catalogue 2012

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

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, Millwell Rd. Community Centre.

Sat & Sun 25th & 26th August ANOS Kabi show- Lions Hall, Lawnton- Set up after 2pm Friday & between 7 & 9am Saturday

Fri 31st Aug. & Sat 1st Sept. 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 Sept.

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

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

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

2013 Major Events:

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

ANOS Kabi Group Inc. 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference & Show Strathpine - 21st - 25th August 2013- Strathpine Community Centre, Cnr Mecklem Street & Gympie Road, Strathpine.