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# Nambour Orchid News

## Meetings

The **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 **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 are to be tabled by 1.30pm for judging.*

The **Species appreciation group** 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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## Judges Choice - September



## Dendrobium Pacific Pride – Marty & Anita Vlekkert

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## From the Secretary

Well it looks like summer is upon us. The plants are all putting up nice new growths, but how do we keep them cool in the heat wave we are having today. 37C in the Bulbo. house at 10.30 this morning, thank goodness for misters.

Our show year is coming to a close with our species show only 10 days away by the time your newsletter is emailed to you.

This is a benched show, plants need to be checked in on arrival for set up, where your pot number will be issued on a sticker to put on the front of the label. Just a reminder that all plants need a label with the plant name and country of origin on the front of the label. Labels will be available at the meeting if anyone requires them.

Members are asked to assist at the show if possible. Many of our visitors like to be able to talk to someone about the plants on show and at the plant sales. Just a reminder if you are selling plants, you need to make some time available to assist at the plant sales area.

We also require helpers for door entry, raffle tickets and kitchen.

**Bus Trip:** We are planning a trip to the Tweed show on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. We have booked a 38-seater bus, and there is only a couple of seats left. I have a request from other society members to fill the seats so please if you want to go you need to let me know ASAP. All payments will be required at the October meeting.

**Christmas Lunch:** We have booked the Maroochy Bridge Hotel for our Christmas break up lunch on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11.30am. Payment for lunch will be required at the November meeting. We will have more details on this at the October meeting.

**Species social group.** The weather man turned on a beautiful day for our annual BBQ lunch for our species social group on Saturday 8th.

Sixty plants were displayed by our members on the day.

Nice to see some of our newer members bringing their plants along.

The next and final one for the year will be at Rod & Jan's on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Names on the list below are as per Kew Monocot List.

Bill Letcher took home the prize for best cultural plant with his *Jumellea arachnantha*, and Judy Robbins Judges choice with *Dendrobium sulcatum*

### *Bulbophyllum lemniscatoides*

Something a little different. Duncan came along with this little gem. Found across most of SE Asia in areas that naturally have a dry season. It will grow at altitudes from 300-1600metres. It has deciduous leaves, and flowers before the new growth appears.

Orchid Species Plus have them on their website and they will be at our species show on Fri/Sat 28/29 October at Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave. Nambour. Open 8.30 both days.



## Species

### Plants tabled at the October Species Group meeting

*Aerides crassifolia*, *Angraecum leonis*, *Bifrenaria harrisoniae*, *Bulbophyllum smitinandii*, *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum* 'Green', *Bulbophyllum lemniscatoides*, *Bulbophyllum nematopodum*, *Bulbophyllum setaceum*, *Bulbophyllum wendlandianum*, *Cattleya harpophylla*, *Cattleya intermedia* x 4, *Cattleya walkeriana*, *Cleisostoma williamsonii*, *Coelogyne cristata*, *Coelogyne flaccida*, *Dendrobium albosanguineum*, *Dendrobium chrysocrepis*, *Dendrobium devonianum*, *Dendrobium flagellum*, *Dendrobium hancockii*, *Dendrobium jenkinsii*, *Dendrobium kingianum*, *Dendrobium lituiflorum*, *Dendrobium primulinum*, *Dendrobium sukhakulii*, *Dendrobium sulcatum*, *Dendrobium trantuanii*, *Dendrobium trigonopus*, *Dendrochilum longifolium*, *Encyclia livida*, *Epidendrum stamfordianum* x 2, *Guarianthe skinneri*, *Jumellea arachnantha*, *Leptotes bicolor*, *Maxallaria* sp., *Oberonia carnososa*, *Paraphalaenopsis labukensis*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis*, *Phalaenopsis amboinensis*, *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi*, *Phalaenopsis equestris*, *Phalaenopsis japonica*, *Phalaenopsis lobbii*, *Phalaenopsis manni*, *Phalaenopsis parishii*, *Phalaenopsis schilleriana* x 2, *Pholidota cantonensis*, *Pholidota chinensis*, *Pleurothallis stricta*, *Pleurothallis viduata*, *Podochilus* sp. – Borneo, *Pomatacalpa spicata*, *Restrepia lansbergii*, *Trichoglottis bipunctata*, *Vanda javierae*



### **Plant of the Month - October**

#### ***Dendrobium sulcatum***

Common name - Furrowed Lip Dendrobium.

This is a warm growing epiphyte found in tropical valleys at altitudes of 500-1000 metres in Assam, eastern Himalayas, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and south central China. The pseudobulbs grow to 25 cm. in length and are very flat.

I grow this plant in the same conditions as my Cattleyas, under 70 percent shade cloth, with solar weave on the roof over winter. It is in my standard mix of perlite and coco peat (12-1) with some added bark, charcoal and diatomite. I add a small

amount of Osmocote High K twice a year and very weak foliar fertiliser once a week. Various fungicides and insecticides are used occasionally. I do not give this plant a dry rest period over winter, just cut back the frequency of watering the same as the Cattleyas. **Judy Robbins**

### **Cultural plant–October *Jumellea arachnantha***

This beautiful glistening, white flowered orchid grows in Northern Madagascar and the Comoro Islands to the North. The climate it grows in is very similar to our own therefore it is easy for people to grow here. But from my experience I have found it to be slow growing. The plant was purchased from Machinery's nursery in a 50 ml. pot and did not flower till 2000. Considering that the nursery closed in 1994 and plant was at least 6 years old before flowering,

I put it in the *Paph.rothschildianum* class for slow growth.

The orchid grows in a pot with medium bark, charcoal and a little perlite on a bench below the Vandas. Therefore it likes to be well watered but some protection from the sun and fertilised once a week even though some old time orchid growers say you don't need to fertilise or repot. It responds very well to repotting and regular applications of fertiliser. Well worth having if you see one for sale. **Bill Letcher**



**Judges Choice - September – Dendrobium Pacific Pride.** Soon it will be Christmas. Over the years the Society has held a Christmas party and at the party there is a plant raffle. At the Christmas party in 2009 we won a plant called Den. Pacific Pride.



The orchid, a primary hybrid, is a cross of *Den. alexandrae* x *Den. forbesii*. Both plants are in the section *Latouria*. This section ranges from New Guinea to the Philippines with most species from New Guinea. Most plants come from the cooler elevated areas and can be grown in our district.

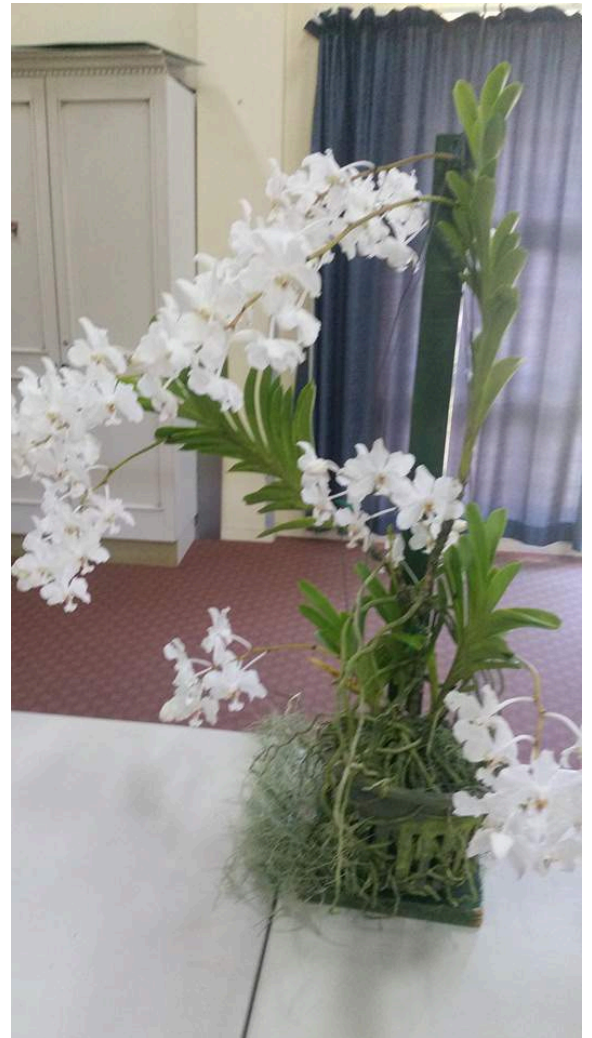
The plant grows in small bark, fertilized with Hi K Osmocote, with our Cattleyas under 70% shade. This is a no fuss orchid. Latourias have become fashionable of late and although they are not the prettiest blooms, the flowers are long lasting and interesting. Why not try a few Latourias. **Marty and Anita**

**Judges Choice – Novice**  
**Den. Coronation Gold x Den. Windermere.**



**Den. Coronation Gold x Den. Windermere.**  
 Owned by Colin Stiller

***V. javierae* on display at Sept. meeting**



***V. javierae*.** I purchased this plant at the Caloundra show in 2009. It was about 120mm high and marked for \$10 Vanda unknown  
 This year it had eleven flower spikes  
 Definitely one of my better buys. **Richard Hand**

## Going Potty with Mal

Most of us should have finished our orchid repotting by now or be well on the way to finishing. I haven't repotted for some time and my plants show the negative effects of this. Commonly, spring is the time of year when most growers repot as most plants show signs of new growth and new roots at this time.

However, repotting is a year round exercise and if a plant has initiated new roots from a new or existing growth, then it is a good time to repot that plant. The minimum number of bulbs for commonly grown orchids is 3 plus a new growth. Those 3 bulbs provide food for the plant before the new roots emerge.

Those new roots should be very short when repotting, if they are too long, they will break.

When I repot, I like to be organised. My list of to do's would look something like this:

- Prepare a comfortable place to repot. Some like to sit, others prefer to stand while doing their repotting. Whatever your preference, what you need should be within easy reach, otherwise you waste time and energy constantly getting what you need.
- Make sure your cutting tools are in good condition. Large for cutting rhizomes and smaller for roots. I've known some growers to use up to a dozen cutters and rotate them.
- Make sure you have good lighting so you can see your plants. Daylight is good but if you do your repotting in a garage as I do, a desk lamp comes in handy to see your roots and any bugs.
- Switch your home phone through to your mobile phone and have it handy. It is a 'pita' to have to stop when you are cutting up a favourite plant and your home phone rings. Tune in to your favourite music as this can soothe the savage beast.
- Take your time. Don't rush repotting.
- 'Potting on'. This is a term good growers use when they take a plant out of a 4" pot for example and will place it into a slightly larger pot, say a 5' pot without removing roots or bulbs. They will inspect the root system to ensure it is problem free and will add potting mix around the outside to make sure the plant sits firm in the pot. The proviso is that the plant and its roots must be in very good condition and be disease and pest free. Virus is something you do not want in your collection. The leaves and flowers are a pointer to this. If you have a plant you are concerned about bring it to a knowledgeable grower or take it to a meeting, but ensure it is in a clear plastic bag tied securely at the top.
- Referring to roots, remove the ones which are brown and squashy. The best roots are those which are white and hard (or green if they are moist).
- Start with plants in best condition first as they will most likely be disease and pest free.
- Have your repotting materials to hand. New potting mix, stakes, tie wire, a fungicide dip (not to be used with crackers), labels and pencils, pots of varying sizes, orchid trays and a good potting stick (if using bark and charcoal). Use a sterilising agent such as Stericleen to soak your cutters in. I use old toothbrushes to get all the rubbish off the rhizome and clean up plants generally. I have switched over to bark and charcoal in my cattleyas this year and I use a potting stick or the end of a toothbrush to push the mix in tightly around the roots.
- The last thing you need is orchids to repot. I start with the smaller plants first as they are easiest, then I work up to the larger ones.
- A good tip is to write 2 labels for the same plant. Attach one to the plant and place the other in the bottom of the pot before you repot. If you lose your label (and we all have done this) there is still the other label.
- When I cut the rhizome, I like to apply a paste of fungicide to the cut area as a precaution and I spray the cut roots with fungicide.
- The manner of staking is very important. Assuming your plant is showing new, short roots, ensure that when you stake, the plant doesn't wobble in the potting mix. Otherwise, as your new roots move with the wobbling, they will abrade against the potting mix and not grow properly.

This is a brief outline and I would recommend that anyone who has questions should ask them at the next meeting. **Mal Rivers**

**Glasshouse show:** A very spectacular Spring show, thank you to Glasshouse for their hospitality. Congratulations to our members who came home with a total of 29 ribbons & Champion species Rosette from the show, what a great effort. Thank you to the members who supplied plants and also helped with the display at this show. As it was our meeting weekend several of our members volunteered to pull down the display and bring all the plants home. Thank you also to those volunteers. Winners list page 7.



Our display at Glasshouse Show

### Prizewinners at Glasshouse Show

Judy Robbins	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Brassia verrucosa</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Rly. Taiwan Face</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Zns. Cynosure</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Phal. Fesheng's Bridal Dress</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Phalaenopsis equestris</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Cattleya walkeriana</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Odcdm. Tiger Barb</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Rrm Deb's Delight</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> C. Unknown</i>
Pat Mann	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Phal. Everspring Light</i>
John Robertson	<i>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Champion Species</i> <i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Fanaticum</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Liemianum</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Phal. Saitama Alliance</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Phal. Young home</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Phal. Saitama Alliance</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Cattleya intermedia</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Trichocentrum stramineous</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Paph. Fanaticum</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Phalaenopsis aphrodite</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> C. Jillian Lee</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Phal. Yu Pin Easter Island</i>
Charlie & Gina McMonagle	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Phal Alice's Heart</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Lyc. Walnut Valley</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Phal. (Sunlands White Memory x Sunlands Queen) x Sunlands Pipe Queen</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Mighty Mite</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Luis Truscott Stainton</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Phal. I-Hsin Sun Beauty</i>

### *Show Dates 2016 – NOS commitment*

Date & Show	Location
<b>October</b>	
Saturday 22 & Sun 23    Orchid Species Show	Auditorium Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
<b>Friday 28 &amp; Saturday 29 Set up Thurs. 27) Nambour Orchid Species Show &amp; Trade Fair</b>	<b>Uniting Church Hall Coronation Avenue, Nambour</b>
<b>Friday 4, Saturday 5 &amp; Sunday 6 November Pumicestone Orchid Show</b>	<b>CT Williams Hall, Caboolture Showgrounds</b>

**NAMBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY INC.  
SPECIES ORCHID SHOW & TRADE  
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**UNITING CHURCH HALL  
CORONATION AVE.  
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**(Parking off Donaldson Road)**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.30am – 4pm  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.30am – 2pm  
Benched Orchid Show**

**Plus Vendors-:**

**Robertson Orchids – Orchid Species Plus – Aranbeem Orchids  
Robert Trost Orchids – Darryl Banks Orchids Woolf Orchidculture  
Orchidaceous Supplies**

**Refreshments available**

**Admission: \$3.00**