

# Nambour Orchid News

September 2017

## Nambour Orchid Society

**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.

**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 are welcome. Bring your flowering species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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Cittamani  
Hospice Service**



## Judges Choice September



**Phaius tankervilleae. - Luda.**

## Directory of Office Bearers

Patron	Rob Wright	
President	Gina McMonagle	07 5439 6353
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Secretary news October

**October Meeting:** will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October due to our species show being on our usual meeting weekend. This is a once off only, November will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday as normal.

**Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair:** Friday & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October. Set up Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> from 3pm.

**Orchid Species Society:** annual show Saturday & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November. Set up Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens.

**Christmas party:** Our annual Christmas break up and presentation of trophies is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Maroochy Bridge Hotel from 11.30am. Final numbers, lunch order and payment will be required by the October meeting. Cost is \$21 per person. If possible please assist our treasurer by bringing the correct change.

**Species Group:** As our meeting is a week earlier due to our species show, results from the get together at Charlie & Gina's place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> will be in the November newsletter

**Thank you to the members who provided afternoon tea for the last meeting. Your efforts are very much appreciated.**

### **President's Report**

Have you done your Christmas shopping yet? With our Species and final show for the year fast approaching, here is your chance to spoil yourself with one or more orchids from the number of vendors who will be in attendance on 27 and 28 October.

Congratulations to all the winners in our display at the Glasshouse Orchid Society show at Beerwah. It was an outstanding result and my grateful thanks to everyone who supported us in by helping to erect the stand and supply orchids and foliage and to dismantle and bring back all the gear.

Well done to the prize winners at the Noosa Society orchid show too. Spring is certainly a very busy time both for shows and repotting and I hope you are all getting on with the tasks of caring for your orchids.

Regards, Gina.



Our display at Glasshouse Orchid Show

A selection of plants on display at September meeting



Cattleya unknown - Bert & Merlyn



Oncidium Tiger Crow - Mal & Jo



Bracidosteale Gilded Tower  
'Mystic Maze'  
Luda.



Phalaenopsis unknown - June



Dendrobium Touch of Gold - Cliff



Dendrobium unknown - Bert & Merlyn



Dendrobium Fairy Flake - Cheryl



V. Kultana Salmon - Richard



Cattleya intermedia - Cheryl



Cymbidium unknown - Lyla



Cattleya unknown - Lyla

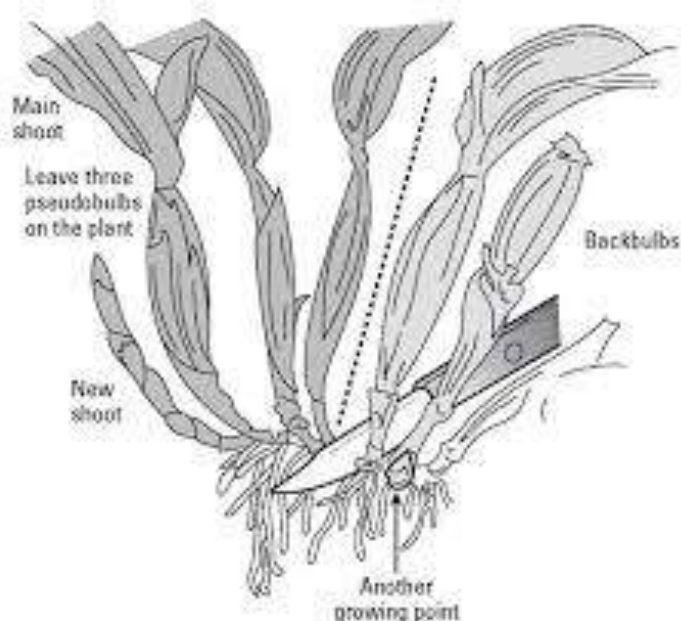


Dendrobium trilamellatum - Cliff

## PROPAGATING ORCHIDS by Rex Johnson

There are several different ways to propagate orchid plants. Some are easy and uncomplicated, whereas others may require a laboratory situation and trained staff.

**DIVISION.** The simplest and most common form of propagation for orchids, such as cymbidiums, is division. This procedure simply involves removing the plant from its pot, shaking it to remove most of the mix from the root system (which often also untangles much of the root ball), and cutting the rhizome linking the pseudobulbs. With large plants it is possible to make more than one division, provided at least three green bulbs are left on each division to give it a good chance to recover and flower again next season. Most orchids having a sympodial growth habit are suitable for simple division but paphiopedilums and phragmipediums should be divided only if they fall apart during re-potting. The best time to divide any orchid is when new growths and roots begin to appear.



**BACK CUTTING.** Orchids that have non-clustered pseudobulbs and distinct rhizomes (for example, cattleyas) can be divided by cutting the rhizome midway between two growths. It is best to leave at least three growths on either side of the cut, as this will usually force an eye on the older side of the cut to produce a new lead. After back cutting, it is common to leave both divisions in the pot undisturbed until new growths and roots are established. With mature plants more than one back cut can be made and all divisions left in the pot for later separation or to allow a specimen plant to develop. Back cuts should be made only with sterilized cutting instruments. Some growers use new scalpel blades or razor blades and discard them after one use. As soon as the cut has been made it is advisable to place a match or piece of plastic into the cut to stop the join from growing back together, and then dust with fungicide.

**KEIKIS.** Nature's way of propagating some orchids is for the plant to produce aerial growths (keikis) from nodes along the stem. After the growth is formed, it soon produces roots. Once the roots are established, the keiki can be twisted or cut off and planted separately to form a new plant, which is identical to its parent. It's best to wait up to a year before removing the keiki, as by this time a second growth is usually on the way.

**STEM CUTTINGS.** Soft cane dendrobiums (nobile type) can be divided as described above, but an alternative method entails removing old leafless growths (ones that did not flower or produce keikis), cutting them into pieces, and then planting them in a fine-grade bark mix. Allow the cut surfaces to dry and harden for a few hours before potting the cuttings. The nodes that normally produce blooms or keikis will then produce roots. Stem cuttings usually take three to five years to produce flowers. Thunias can be propagated in the same way.

**SEEDS.** All hybrids are produced from seed. Hybridists pollinate flowers, which eventually produce seedpods. When ripe these seedpods are harvested and taken to a laboratory where the seeds are germinated under sterile conditions and then grown on into seedlings in flasks.

**TISSUE CULTURE.** As with raising orchid seeds, propagation by tissue culture is a laboratory procedure. Tissue culture involves extracting the growing eye in the meristem tissue of an orchid's new growth and dividing it many times to form new plants, each identical to the parent plant. Seed raising and tissue culture are specialized operations not usually undertaken by the average orchid grower.



## Judges Choice -September - *Phaius tankervilleae*.

I purchased the plant one year ago, a single bulb one spike .  
I water every couple of days and fertilize every second week.

Luda



### Judges Choice - Novice

#### Rth. Shinfong Little Sun "Youngmin Golden Boy"



Gift from the Christmas party last year. We re potted into a mixture of bark, charcoal. It is kept in our greenhouse under 70% shade cloth with regular watering and fertilizing. It's parent plants were Ctt. Golden Girl x Rth. Taida Love Star  
**Heather & Patrick**

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September was a very busy show month for our club. Below are the results of Nambour members who won at both Noosa and Glasshouse shows. Thank you to our members who showed and helped at Glasshouse. Our efforts were rewarded with a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for display.

#### Winners who showed at Noosa show

C & M Brackin – 2 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd

D & L Lee - 2 x 1st, 1 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd

D McMartin - 2 x 2nd

J & K Green – 5 x 1st, 1 x 2nd

J Robbins – Champion Foliage, 8 x 1st, 3 x 2nd,  
4 x 3rd

J Robertson – Champion Orchid 2 x 1st 1 x 2nd

M & A Vlekkert - 2 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd

N & E Walker – 3 x 3rd

N Bettridge - 3 x 3rd

#### Winners who showed in our display at Glasshouse Show

Champion Orchid- Den. Roy Tokunaga  
John Robertson

Reserve Champion Orchid – Paph. Toni Semple  
John Robertson

Champion Species – *Dendrobium discolor* –  
Charlie & Gina McMonagle

C & G McMonagle – 1 x 1st, 3 x 2nd, 3 x 3rd

C & M Brackin – 1 x 3rd

J Robbins – 4 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 3 x 3rd

J Robertson – 3 x 1st

J Slocombe – 1 x 3rd

R & J Aisthorpe – 1 x 2nd, 2 x 3rd

R & R Hand – 1 x 1st, 1 x 3rd

W & J Harris – 1 x 1st, 1 x 2nd

## Glasshouse Show



### Champion Orchid

Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga - awarded an **Award of Merit**. - John Robertson



### Reserve Champion

Paphiopedilum Toni Semple - John Robertson



### Champion Species - *Dendrobium discolour*

We spent a holiday on Long Island in the Whitsunday group soon after cyclone Ada in 1970 hit the area. Of the many *Dendrobium discolour* orchids that were growing on the island, a number had been damaged and blown into the ocean. Charlie collected a piece from the briny and with the permission of the owners of the resort it came home where it was given tender loving care and to our surprise it thrived. Over the years, divisions have been mounted on trees, given away and potted up. When we moved to the Sunshine Coast 13 years ago the large plant that it had become was transported and seemed to be most happy growing in a large pot in the garden. This year has been the best flowering yet and with 9 spikes with 20 to 39 flowers per raceme. Charlie was determined to get it to the Glasshouse Show as it might never be as good as this time. He made a cradle to support the pot and it just fitted, lying down diagonally in the van. His efforts were rewarded with Champion Species and I should have known better than to express my doubt over getting it to the show intact. Engineers have a great handle on the Ways and Means Act!

Gina



## RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER POPULAR VOTE AND JUDGES CHOICE

Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Cattleya	<b>Cattleya unknown. Bert &amp; Merlyn.</b>	NE	NE
Vanda	<b>V.Kultana Salmon. Richard</b>	Phalaenopsis unknown. June.	NE
Oncidium	Brasidostele Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' Luda.	<b>Oncidium Tiger Crow. Mal &amp; Jo.</b>	NE
Aus Native Species	<b>Den. trilamellatum. Cliff</b>	Den. <i>kingianum</i> . Alison & Alan.	Den. <i>kingianum</i> . June
Novice	<b>Rth. Shinfong Little Sun. Patrick &amp; Heather.</b> Tie Cattleya unknown. Lyla	Den. Coronation Gold x Windermere. Colin	Mcllnra. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'. Patrick & Heather.
Dendrobium	Den. Fairy Flake. Cheryl	Den. unknown. Mary.	Den. unknown Bert & Merlyn. Tie. <b>Den. Touch of Gold. Cliff</b>
Species	<b>Phaius tankervilleae. Luda.</b>	<i>C. intermedia</i> . Cheryl	Paph. <i>delenatii</i> . Luda.

**Judges Choice Overall: *Phaius tankervilleae*. Luda.**

### Notes

#### Judges Choice in Blue

Correct hybrid names are sourced from Orchidwiz. If the name above differs from your label, please adjust your label



## SPECIES ORCHIDS OF THE WORLD

### ORCHID SHOW & TRADE FAIR 2017

**Nambour Orchid Society Inc.**

**UNITING CHURCH HALL  
CORONATION AVE.  
NAMBOUR**

**(Parking off Donaldson Road)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.30am – 4pm  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.30am – 2pm**

**Open Benched Orchid Show**

**Plus Vendors-:**

**Robertson Orchids – Orchid Species Plus – Aranbeem Orchids- Darryl Banks Orchids -  
Woolf Orchidculture – Rolin Farms Orchids - Orchidaceous Supplies**

**Craft by Palmwoods Arts & Crafts**

**Refreshments available**

**Admission: \$3.00**

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**A reminder for all winners of Judges Choice, cultural awards etc. at both our meetings, please send a few lines on how you grow your plants, growing conditions and anything relevant, for inclusion in the Newsletter to [rhand39@gmail.com](mailto:rhand39@gmail.com). Information is required two weeks prior to the monthly meeting**

#### **FOR SALE**

Any Nambour Orchid Society member may use this space free of charge, if you have any Orchid related items for sale,. Please send your ad to [rhand39@gmail.com](mailto:rhand39@gmail.com) no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting

#### **Calendar**

**(NOS commitment in blue)**

#### **October**

**Fri/Sat 27/28th  
(set up Thur 26th)**

**Nambour OS Species Show**

**Uniting Church Hall,  
Coronation Ave, Nambour**

**Sat. 21**

**STOCQ & OQI Meeting**

**Hosted by Glasshouse Country OS**

#### **November**

**Sat/Sun 11/12th**

**Orchid Species Soc. Show**

**Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Cootha**

#### **2019 September**

**Sat/Sun 14th & 15th Sept**

**STOCQ Orchidfest**

**Hosted by Rockhampton Orchid Soc.**