

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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Judges Choice August



Lc. Gold Digger - Michael & Betty

Directory of Office Bearers

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Secretary news September

Glasshouse Show: This is a display show on Friday & Saturday 22/23 September. Set up is Thursday 21st from 2pm at the Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah.

Plant labels to Alison by Tuesday the 18th September

This show is also on our normal meeting weekend.

Bribie Island Show: Saturday 30th Sept. & Sun 1st Oct. Set up is Friday 29th September.

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

Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair, Friday & Saturday 27th & 28th October. Set up Thursday 26th from 3pm.

Orchid Species Society annual show Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th November. Set up Friday 10th, Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens.

Thank you to the members who provided afternoon tea for the last meeting. As our numbers continue to grow, your efforts are very much appreciated.

President's Report

The weather was kind, attendance was up and the Spring Show was a great success. What stood out was the variety of colourful orchids of excellent quality, with the hall filled with the perfume that the native Australian orchids are famous for in the spring flowering species such as *Dendrobiums speciosum*, *jonesii*, *kingianum* and their hybrids.

Our Patrons, Rob and Margie Wright, were able to pay a short visit in spite of some recent health problems and we appreciate the contribution of prize money that they donate to our Novice winner and the Patron's Choice.

Many thanks to the societies in our area who erected such well-built displays. Your participation is always appreciated. The Palmwoods Arts and Crafts members filled the stage area with an array of their well-made goods and this always adds a different dimension to our show. Thank you very much.

Thanks to all the judges who spent their evening deciding on the prize winners. Your efforts are always appreciated.

Finally, to the members of Nambour Orchid Society, you have done us proud this year. A very big thank-you to all whether you entered one plant, made a cake or worked flat out for three days. I appreciate the efforts of everyone who contributed to this show.

Keep up the good work!

Regards, Gina.



A section of our Spring Show display

A selection of plants on display at August meeting



C. Confetti - Col & Marilyn



Den. Kathy Pink Stripe
Frank & Julie



Ctt .Dal's Buddy-Tom



Phal. Bright Peacock - Charlie & Gina



Pterostylis Taurus
Alan & Alison



Oncidium John Louis Shirah
Rob & Joan



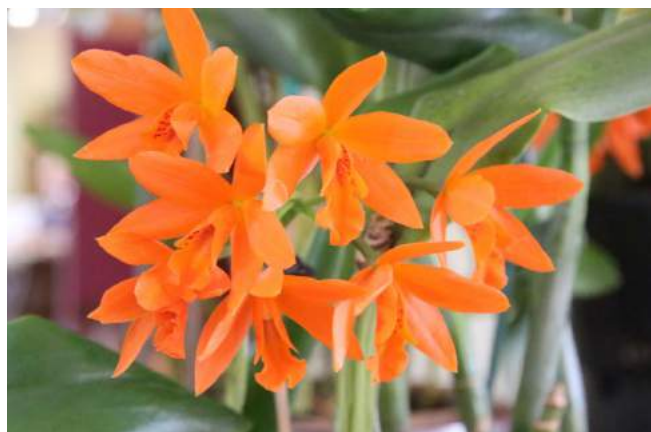
Cym Pee Wee - Rob & Joan



Den. Red Dragon 'Hot Seat'
Col & Marilyn



Coelogyne speciosa
Frank & Julie

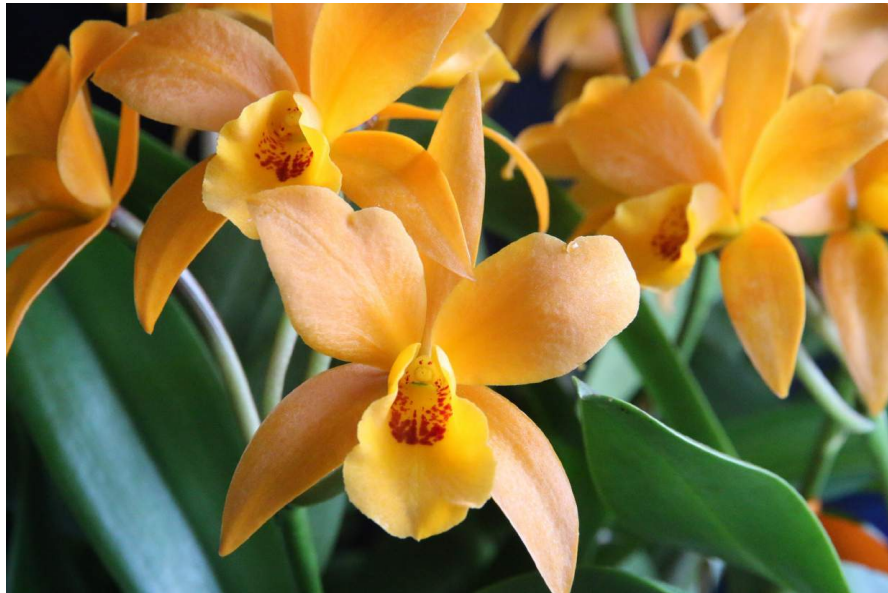


Ctt. Trick or Treat - Patrick & Heather



Paph Warrawon g - Rob & Joan

Judges Choice - August - Ctt.Gold Digger 'Fuchs'



I purchased Ctt.Gold Digger 'Fuchs' as an Lc.Gold Digger 'Fuchs' seedling from Big W in Oct 2012..

I was surprised and pleased it was accurately named!!

It was first registered in 1974 and has a good pedigree, ancestors including such orchids as Gur.aurantiaca, C. Charlesworthii, C.Tango, C.dowiana, C. cinnabarina.

I potted it on as it grew until the size it is now. I use #4 kiwi bark 4 parts, one part perlite, one part charcoal and a handful of rice hulls. I grow it under 50% shade cloth all round and on top, in a 3.6 x 4.8 metre Peters Glen shadehouse..

Also on top is solarweave. I fertilise weekly and water 2 to 3 times a week depending on weather. My shadehouse has misters overhead and underbench, on timers, plus a fan. **Michael & Betty**

Judges Choice - Novice - Den. Saotome

Dendrobium Saotome, it was purchased from Caloundra around 3 or 4 years ago. It is an easy plant to grow and is very rewarding. The blooms last for 6 to 8 weeks depending on weather conditions. It is regularly fertilized along with the other Dendrobiums. **Patrick & Heather**

Spring Renewal

The spring is sprung, the grass has riz. I wonder where the birdies is. They say the birds are on the wing.

But that is such a silly thing. Everyone knows the wing is on the bird.

'Tis now time to wake your orchids from their winter slumber and get them ready for the spring growing season. Cut off old flower spikes and gently remove the papery covering off the pseudobulbs, whether it's cattleyas or dendrobiums, etc. Remove dead leaves, and if you don't need to repot, give the pot a squeeze and shake out some mix, making sure the plants stay where it was, and add some new, fresh mix. As you shake out the old mix, check the root system as far as possible and if the roots look brown and squashy, you may need to do a complete repot. Repotting can be done throughout the year, but is done mostly around spring, so that your orchids can be re-established for the coming summer. With the warmer days we are now getting, increase your water and fertilising.

Be careful with watering. The temptation with this current run of warm weather may be to water your orchids heavily but as we all should know that can lead to problems. The nights can still be coolish and it may be well to leave your orchids without water for another day or two, especially cattleyas. I removed my solarweave off the roof some few weeks ago, but since then, we have had nights down to 6 degrees C. But the problem with leaving it on is that the temperature under the solarweave gets too hot. Feel the leaves. If they are warm to the touch, then they may need a little more shade. Leaves with a reddish/purplish tinge may be getting too much sun.

New growths are brittle and it is wise to start staking new growths. I have my plants with new growths facing towards the sun. With Paphs, when they start to spike, place a stake close to the spike to make it easier to train.

With Cattleyas, Dens, Vandas, Phallies, it's ok now to start repotting. With the cluster cattleyas, wait until the new growths start making roots, usually Jan/Feb. If you repot without the new growths making roots, the plant will get cranky and sulk.

With most orchids it is important to repot when you see roots coming from the new growths. If you wait until the roots are too long, you run the risk of breaking the root, setting the plant back. The exception to this I've read, is the Catasetums. Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids is a noted Catasetum grower and hybridiser and he advises waiting until the roots are a couple of inches long.

Quite a number of orchids should be making new growths and setting new roots. Before the roots get too long is when they should be repotted. Good growing. **Mal**



Nambour Orchid Society - Spring Show



Champion - *Paph. Fanaticum* - John Robertson



Champion Species - *Den. jonesii*
Champion Specimen - Champion Native. - Marty & Anita



Reserve Champion - *Lycaste Shoalhaven*
Marty & Anita



Champion Novice *Mps. Breathless* - Luda



Montage of all displays at the show

Species

Judges Choice - Species group - *Cattleya jongheana*



In a recent edition of the American journal "Orchids", Thomas Mirenda featured *Cattleya jongheana* in his "Baker's Dozen" of delicious Cattleyas. This orchid is a great addition to any collection of Cattleya species and with its clear colour and attractive labellum it is most rewarding when in flower. It comes from Brazil and is extremely rare in the wild. Found at an altitude of 1300 to 1600 metres it could be tricky to grow but it seems to be happy on a mount and has flowered for 2 seasons now. Initially it was placed on cork, but as the root growth spread, an iron bark mount has been fixed to the cork. It hangs slightly angled from horizontal, on an A frame structure in our shade house with 50% shade cloth covering the roof and gets misted regularly, especially in summer. **Gina and Charlie**

Cultural Plant - *Vanda lamellata* var. *boxallii*

This is found in hot, seasonally dry, lowland climates in Taiwan, Borneo, and the Philippines. It often grows under full sun near the sea. It is a medium sized plant with stems up to about 40cm. long. The flowers are about 3cm. across, last for approximately 3 weeks, and are borne on lateral, sub-erect inflorescences 20-30cm. long. My plant hangs high under 50 percent shade cloth in a wooden basket with large bark. I add a small amount of Plantacote High K slow release fertiliser twice a year, in spring and autumn, and use various foliar fertilisers weekly, and fungicides and insecticides about once a month. Last year another growth appeared at the base, but the top 4 leaves on one side browned off for some reason. After cutting these off, the plant looked so lop-sided, that I cut the top off. It now has 2 side shoots, plus the growth at the bottom. I am hoping for more flowers next year. **Judy**



Our species group meeting was held at the home of Alan & Alison on Saturday 9th Sept. Several members came along early for the annual BYO BBQ lunch before the meeting. A very pleasant afternoon was had by all who attended.

Names of plants displayed as per Kew Monocot list

Bulbophyllum longiflorum, *Bulbophyllum pectinatum*, *Bulbophyllum pictum*, *Bulbophyllum saurocephalum*, *Bulbophyllum lobbii* subsp. *breviflorum*, *Cattleya caulescens*, *Cattleya coccinea*, *Cattleya harpophylla*, *Cattleya jongheana*, *Cattleya loddigesii*, *Cattleya loddigesii*, *Cattleya walkeriana*, *Dendrobium signatum*, *Dendrobium tetragonum*, *Dendrochilum yuccaefolium*, *Gongora truncata*, *Guarianthe aurantiaca*, *Jumellea major*, *Mormolyca ringens*, *Phalaenopsis aphrodite* x 2 *Phalaenopsis equestris* x 3, *Phragmipedium pearcei*, *Pleurothallis matudana*, *Prosthechea livida*, *Restrepia dodsonii*, *Restrepia lansbergii*, *Rhynchostylis gigantea*, *Stelis restrepioides*, *Symphyglossum pulchrum*, *Trichoglottis latisejala*, *Vanda ampullacea*, *Vanda christensoniana*, *Vanda coerulescens*, *Vanda flavobrunnea* x 2, *Vanda lamellata* var *boxallii*

The next species will be at Charlie & Gina's on Saturday 14th October.

RESULTS FOR AUGUST POPULAR VOTE AND JUDGES CHOICE

Class	1 st	2 nd	3rd
Cattleya	Ctt. Gold Digger. Michael & Betty.	Rlc. Chincogan Summit. Tom & Fay.	Ctt. Confetti. Col & Marilyn.
Vanda	Phal. Bright Peacock. Charlie & Gina.	V. Laura Lynn House. Luda.	Phal.Nankung's 4.55pm x Fuller's AD-Plus. Charlie & Gina
Oncidium	Miltoniopsis Breathless Luda.	Onc. John Louis Shirah. Bob & Joan,	Onc.Pacific Panache. Luda.
Dendrobium	Den. Red Dragon. Col & Marilyn.	Den. Ostrinocanal Cliff.	Den. phalaenopsis. Luda.
Aust Native Hybrid.	Den. X <i>delicatum</i> . Alan & Alison.	Den.Mighty Mite. Charlie & Gina.	NE.
Novice	Den. Saotome. tied with Ctt. Trick or Treat. Both Patrick & Heather.	Phalaenopsis unknown. Grahame D.	Rlc. Redland Whiteout Patrick & Heather.
Other Hybrid	<i>Coelogyne flaccida</i> . Frank & Julie.	Cym. Persuasive Touch x Dark Eyes. Michael & Betty.	Cym. Pee Wee. Bob & Joan.
Paph/Phrags	Paph. Warrawong. Bob & Joan.	NE.	NE.
Aust native.	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i> . tied with <i>Den. tetragonum</i> . Both Wayne's.	<i>Pterostylis curta</i> . Alan & Alison.	NE.
Species	Den. <i>spectabile</i> . Rod & Jan.	<i>C. loddigesii</i> . Tom & Fay.	L. <i>superbiens</i> . Rod & Jan.
Foliage	<i>Adiantum</i> . Pat C.	Agloenema. Elaine D..	Black Bat Plant. Dawn S.

JUDGES CHOICE OVERALL: Michael & Betty. Ctt. Gold Digger.

NOTES:

Blue means Judges Choice. **NE** means no entry. Surnames of winners have not been used for reasons of security.

Kindly change your labels to the name on this sheet where it differs from the name on your plant label.

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 no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting

Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2017

(NOS commitment in blue)

October

Sat. 30th Sept & Sun.1st Oct setup Fri. 29th Sept.	Bribie Island OS Show	The Orchid House,
Sat/Sun 7/8th	Hervey Bay OS show	PCYC, O'Rourke Street, Pialba
Fri/Sat 27/28th (set up Thur 26th)	Nambour OS Species Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour

November

Sat. 4th	STOCQ & OQI Meeting	Hosted by Glasshouse Country OS
Sat/Sun 4/5th	Pumicestone Dist. OS show	CT Williams Hall, Showgrounds, Caboolture
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.
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