



Nambour Orchid News

July 2019



Rod, Jan, Judy and June receiving their Life Membership certificates



John Green and Steve receiving their award certificates

John a HCC for *Dendrobium* Calico Twist 'Kaye'

Steve a HCC for *Dendrobium* Little Green Apples 'Elizabeth Ann'



Secretary news July:

Well Garden Expo has been and gone for another year. What a great event this is for Nambour. If you haven't been to see it yet don't miss out next year. Our display was well received as usual housed in the garden clubs marquee with lots of opportunities to talk to visitors and promote our orchid growing activities. Thank you to our member volunteers who help to man the display over the 3 days I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Caboolture show: Set up Thursday 25th July at 2.30pm. Names to Alison by Monday 22nd if you have plants to show. Please let Gina or Alison know if you need your plants taken down to Caboolture for the display.

Bus Trip: Don't forget our trip to the ANOS conference at Strathpine on Friday 23rd August. There are still a few seats left if there are any other takers. Payment will be required at the July meeting. I will email more details prior to the meeting.

September meeting: This meeting has a date change. It will be on Saturday 21st which is the 3rd Saturday instead of the 4th. This will allow members who pull down Glasshouse show display to attend the September meeting that normally they have to miss.

Charlie's Cultural corner continues to be very popular this year from 1.15pm to 1.45pm each meeting day. If you can help Charlie at any time, please see him and offer your assistance.

President's Report

Yes, we have passed the half-way mark for 2019, so where did the first 6 months go? We are approaching that time of the year when the number of Orchid Shows and allied activities on the Sunshine Coast will soon be upon us. By the time you read this newsletter, Nambour Orchid Society will have staged a display at the Nambour Garden Expo and assisted the Palmwoods Craft Group with a table of orchids to enhance their event at the Palmwoods Bowls club. Our winter is a good time to prepare orchids for forthcoming shows and it is pleasant to be outside in the garden or in the shade house when we have that beautiful winter sunshine. It was a pleasure to see such an array of orchids at the June meeting. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to John and Kaye Green for an AM for *Den*. Calico Twist 'John' which was awarded by a panel of judges convened prior to the start of our June meeting. John has been growing and breeding orchids for some 22 years and has received a number of awards. It was heartening to see Kaye and on behalf of our club I would like to extend to her, our wishes for a return to good health. Thank you to all who help in various ways to make our meetings run smoothly. It is very gratifying to work with such a great bunch and again, a final word from Roger Rankin's 'Orchid Wise' – "Congratulate the people who do well; one day you may be a winner". **Gina**

Jean, Gina, & Alison
presenting a cheque to
Alex, Director
Cittamani Hospice
Service



Much needed extensions at Cittamani are under way at last .

A selection of plants on display at June meeting



Judges Choice - June



Judges choice - Laelia anceps,
David & Lorraine



Judges choice - Novice
Cymbidium Sarah Jean,
Heather.

Guest Speakers June.

Cliff Alexander and George Peever each gave a short talk on how they grow their Orchids. It was a very informative afternoon with lots of information to go home with. George also stepped in and presented the popular vote in the absence of the regulars. Job well done George. Thank You. Some points from their talk.



Cliff admitted to having an obsession with *Spatulata Dendrobium*. He only grows one genera as he wanted to perfect how to grow them before he branched into something else, although I have seen a few *Phalaenopsis* at his place which his wife Annette likes to grow. His Dens have presented him with lots of challenges along the way, he started growing in 1981 but didn't really get serious until he retired in 2011 when he finally mastered how to grow them. The shade house is 3 metres high with white solar weave and no shade cloth and a fan for air movement. Watering is done on dull days and daily in the summer to keep the humidity up. In recent times he has purchased several flasks and as they are all now growing, he has created himself the problem that a lot of us have. Too many orchids. Red spider can be a slight problem in his conditions so the spray has to come out when it appears. He recommends checking and spraying any orchids that you purchase before you put them in the shade house. Growing media is

mostly styrofoam & cocopeat with seedlings starting off in sphagnum moss.

As we all have different conditions Cliff stressed that we each need to work with what works for us and not necessarily follow what anyone else does.



George started taking an interest in orchids when he was between 10–13 years old when they were growing in trees on his Grandparents place and he used to take pieces home. He killed a lot of plants in those early days and when he purchased his first hybrid it took a long time to work out that it needed sunshine to get flowers. From there he collected a whole range of species and hybrids. Since moving to the coast, he has found that some of the plants he used to grow in North Qld don't do so well in his current conditions. The shade house is covered in shade cloth with a quarter of it under solar weave to give the conditions needed for some of his favourites. George says you need to experiment and learn by your mistakes. Move plants around till you find what works. He and Helena have developed a love of *Miltoniopsis* and now have about 3 dozen all growing very well. During his work travels to New Guinea he was fortunate to see a lot of *Dendrobium* species growing and flowering

in situ. No doubt a very beautiful sight. George & Helena also have a son Tom who George says used to push his Tonka trucks round the floor of the shade house when he was little, he didn't realize that Tom was taking in what he was doing and now says Tom is the better grower.

Both George and Cliff say after all this time growing orchids they still get excited when a plant puts out a new growth. I guess that sums up why we all grow orchids.

Awards Criteria

AOC Awards

Following the Award of Merit to John Green's *Dendrobium* Calico Twist 'John' at the June meeting, some of the newer members asked for an explanation of the award system. I made a brief explanation at the meeting. This is a more detailed description of the classes of award and the procedure for requesting that a plant be considered for an award.

National Awards are administered by the Australian Orchid Council. Judges undergo a 4½ year training programme comprising 1½ years as a Student Judge followed by 3 years as an Associate Judge. Judging is in accordance with the AOC *Guidelines for Judging Handbook* which can be accessed on-line at the AOC web site, http://orchidsaustralia.com.au/AOCdownloads/AOC_judging_handbook.pdf. All past awards can be viewed at <http://orchidsaustralia.com.au/index.php/judging-awards2/awards-list>. The purpose of the awards system is to reward growers of plants exhibiting exceptional quality or culture.

There are three levels of Quality award, **Highly Commended Certificate** (HCC) for plants receiving 75 to 79.5 points out of a possible 100, **Award of Merit** (AM) for 80 to 84.9 points and **First Certificate Class** (FCC) for 85 or more points. There are three similar levels of awards for excellence in plant culture, **Award of Cultural Commendation** (ACC) for 75 to 79.9 points, **Award of Cultural Merit** (ACM) for 80 to 84.9 point and **Award of Cultural Excellence** (ACE) for 85 or more points. There is also an **Award of Distinction** (AD) for a plant which has some feature that is outstandingly distinctive and a **Certificate of Botanical Merit** (CBM) for a species or natural hybrid that is rare and unusual in cultivation. An **Award of Special Recognition** (ASR) can be made to the breeder of a crossing of outstandingly consistent quality.

The procedure for applying for an award is as follows:- The owner of the plant applies to the local Registrar who will arrange a preliminary appraisal by two Judges. If they consider the plant to be suitable for judging, the Registrar will convene a panel of Judges, preferably with two day's notice, to judge the plant. Champion plants at shows are often assessed for awards and, in circumstances where flowers have a very short life, plants may be judged at shorter notice. To avoid the possibility of favouritism or bias, the identity of the owner is not revealed to the Judges before the plant is judged. A minimum of 5 Judges is required to constitute a panel and a minimum of 5 votes is required for any level of award. Plants to be judged are benchmarked against previously awarded plants or against expected features having regard for parents in the case of hybrids not previously awarded or comparable plants in the genus in the case of species not previously awarded. The criteria for assessment of points are set out in the AOC Guidelines. A fee of \$38.50 is payable to the AOC by the owner of an awarded plant, except in the case of CBM for which there is no fee and in the case of multiple awards at the same time eg, quality and culture awards, for which a combined fee of \$48.50 is payable.

Members will also have heard of STOCQ Awards. The Sub-Tropical Orchid Council is the peak body which represents the 19 Orchid Societies between Brisbane and Rockhampton. It has a parallel system of awards under the AOC Guidelines. No fees are payable for STOCQ awards. Members can apply for a STOCQ Award if they do not wish to pay the fee for an AOC Award. There are some unusual circumstances where a plant can be eligible for an STOCQ Award where it is not eligible for an AOC Award.

Results for Popular vote and Judges Choice for June

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Cattleya C.Royal Beau. Steve.	C.Royal Beau. Steve.	R/c.Dal's Passion. George & Helene R/c.Burdekin Wonder Marty & Anita, Bc.Topaz Blossum, Col & Bev.	No 3rds.
Oncidium. Onc.Tiger Brew, Marty & Anita.	Onc.Twinkle, George & Helene.	Onc.Tiger Crow #, Col & Bev.	Alcra.Ysabella # 'Lunar Eclipse', Col & Bev Alcra.Marfitch #, Rod & Jan.
Vanda/Phal. JC.	No entries		
Dendrobium. Den.Kuniko, Gabrielle.	Den.Kuniko, Gabrielle.	Den.Black Pearl, Bob & Joan.	Den.Chaisri Gold, Charlie & Gina.
Any Other. Lyc.Shoalhaven, Marty & Anita.	Lyc.Shoalhaven, Marty & Anita Cym.Mini Sarah, David & Lorraine.	No 2 nd .	Cym.Strathdon, George & Helene.
Paph/Phrag. Paph.Hsinying Yosemite Marty & Anita.	Paph.Angel Hair, Charlie & Gina.	Paph.Hsinying Yosemite, Marty & Anita.	Paph.Lunar Maria, Marty & Anita.
Exotic Species Americas. Laelia anceps, David & Lorraine.	Laelia anceps, David & Lorraine.	Restrepia brachypus, Steve.	Epi.peperomia, Gabrielle B. caudata, Judy.
Exotic Species Asian. Pomatocalpa angustifolium # Rod & Jan.	Bulb.burfordiense, Col & Bev.	V.sanderiana, Mary V.luzonica, Rob & Joan.	No 3rds.
Aust. Native Hybrid. Den.Hilda Poxon, David & Lorraine.	Den,Hilda Poxon, David & Lorraine.	Den.Gloucester Sands, Cliff.	Den.Hilda Poxon, Gabrielle.
Aust. Native Species. Den.lichenastrum #, Rod & Jan,	Den.lichenastrum, Rod & Jan.	No entry	No entry
Novice. Cym.Sarah Jean. Heather.	Cym.Sarah Jean, Heather.	No entry	No entry
Foliage. Maidenhair Fern, Barbara.	Begonia, David & Lorraine.	Maiden Hair Fern, Barbara.	Lady maxima (fern), Heather.

JUDGES CHOICE OVERALL: *Laelia anceps*, David & Lorraine.

Novice Plant of Month: *Cymbidium* Sarah Jean, Heather.

A crosshatch # beside the name of an orchid on this sheet indicates a name correction or the new name of your plant.



Nambour Orchid Society Information and Contacts

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

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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. Information is required two weeks prior to the monthly meeting

Our new shirts are available to Order. If you would like one, please Email or see Alison at the meeting. Cost to members is \$25 for the shirt with logo + \$5.50 if you require a pocket. Name badges are also available to order. Cost is \$5.00 new members or \$10.95 if you require a replacement.

FOR SALE

Nambour Orchid Society members may use space in the Newsletter 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

Members can sell Orchids or foliage plants at our meetings. Only plants that we would use in show displays are permitted. **Please remember to add your gold coin donation to the honesty box.**

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Enquiries contact Toni on 0404193912

Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2019

Set up is the day before Show date unless otherwise noted.

(NOS commitment in blue)

July

Fri/Sat/Sun 26/27/28 Caboolture 50th Anniversary Show Morayfield Community Centre (Behind Bunnings)

August

Fri/Sat 2/3 Maroochydore OS show **Buderim Uniting Church Hall cnr. Gloucester and King Streets**

Sat/Sun 10/11 Agnes Water OS show **Agnes Water Community Centre, 71 Springs Road,**

Fri/Sat/Sun 23/24/25 ANOS Conference Hosted by KABI **Strathpine Community Centre, Strathpine**

Fri/Sat 23/24 Noosa Orchid Show **RSL Hall, Cooroy**

September

Fri/Sat 6/7 Nambour OS Spring Show **Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour**

Sat/Sun 14/15 STOCQ Rocky Roundup **Korte's Resort, Rockhampton**

Thurs/Fri/Sat 19/20/21 Maryborough OS Show **St Paul's Memorial Hall, Maryborough**

Thurs/Fri 19/20 Sunshine Coast OS (closed show) **Pelican Waters Shopping Centre**

Fri/Sat 27/28 **Glasshouse Country OS show Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road.**

Fri/Sat/Sun 27/28/29 Hervey Bay OS show **Xavier Catholic College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters**

October

Fri/Sat 11/12 **Bribie Island OS Show The Orchid House, 156A First Ave. Bongaree**

November

Fri/Sat 1/2 Nambour OS Species Show **Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour**

Sat. 16th **STOCQ & OQI meetings Orchid House, 156A First Ave. Bongaree**



9th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show

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21st – 25th August 2019

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Conference and Show

Saturday 14th Sept 9am to 4pm

Sunday 15th Sept 9am to 3pm

Admission \$5 Children free

Hosted by The Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



The conference will be an open show exhibiting club displays & tabled plants



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Guest Speakers

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