



Nambour Orchid News

November 2019

Species Show winners



Champion Orchid - *Paph. micranthum*
grower John Robertson



Reserve Champion - *Brassavola perrinii*
grower Judy



Botanical interest - *Calanthe argentostriata*
grower Wayne



Champion specimen - *Dendrobium spectabile*
grower John Robertson



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Happy Orchid growing in 2020

Secretary news

Christmas Party: Our last event for 2019 Sunday 1st December. Venue Maroochy Bridge Hotel. 11.30 arrival for 12 noon meal. Final date for bookings & payment will be the November meeting.

January 2020. Our first meeting for 2020 will be on Saturday 25th

February 2020. Sausage Sizzle Monday 24th

President's Report

Here we are at the tail end of the year and how many of you, just like me, are wondering why the months have flown by so quickly? Summer seems to have come with a rush and I hope that you and your orchids are surviving the onslaught of the hot, dry weather and anxiety of bushfire danger that November has brought.

It was a real pleasure to see the many orchids and of such variety, exhibited at our last big event, the Species Show and I hope our club members continue to have such an interest in species orchids. It is a sad fact of life that so much habitat where flora and fauna exist, has and will continue to be lost to development and exploitation.

It is always a big task to arrange an event that we hope will be well patronised and with the willing help of many of our club members, before, during and after the show, all went smoothly. I was surprised to see how quickly the hall was restored to its normal form and many thanks to the workers who did this. It was better than a workout at the Gym! Once more, I am very grateful to have such a great team who work well and get things done with very little drama. Thank you so very much.

Our last event for the year is the Christmas lunch when we can relax and enjoy the company of friends and look back on 2019 and forward to 2020 and more adventures, discoveries and pleasure from growing orchids.

And the last words, as usual from Orchid Wise by Roger Rankin: -

“Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty in an orchid, never grows old” **Gina.**

Thank you to the members who bring a plate and assist at the meeting with afternoon tea. As we are a fairly large gathering at our meetings, some extra volunteers to set up for afternoon tea would be appreciated. The hall is booked from 12.15 each meeting day.

Thank you also to those who assist with the many other tasks associated with the set up & smooth running of our meetings. Many hands make light work. It would assist us greatly if you put your chair away after the completion of the meeting.

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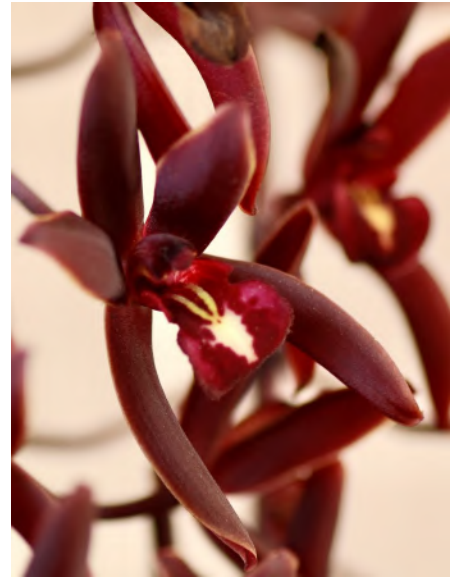
Judges Choice - October - *Cymbidium* Australian Midnight

*Cym.*Australian Midnight is a primary hybrid of (*Cym.caniculatum* x *Cym.atropurpureum*)



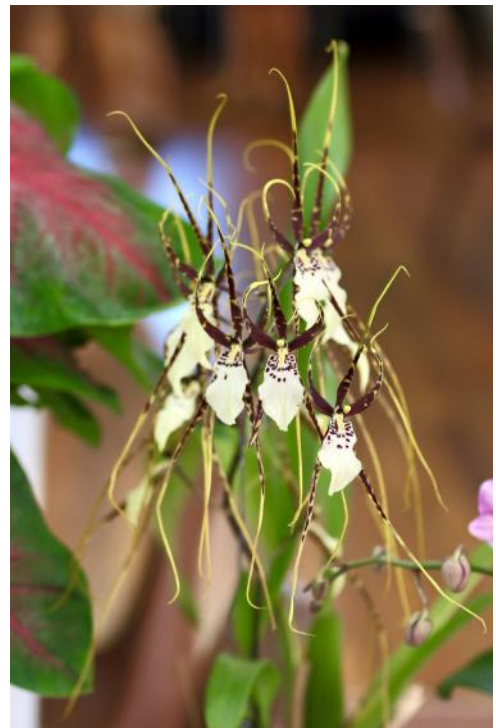
The plant is located on our back veranda, it receives full morning sun, is planted in coarse bark with a bit of jumbo perlite fertilised with normal orchid fertiliser and a bit of organic lifter .

I bought Aussi midnight three years ago . **Werner**



Judges Choice - Novice - *Bratonia* Kauai's Choice grower **Darryl**

Den. Bohemian Rhapsody

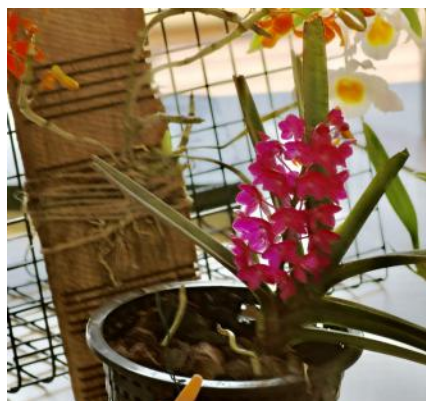
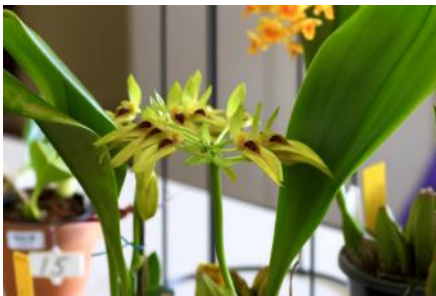


Dendrobium Bohemian Rhapsody is a primary hybrid (*Den.loddigesii* x *Den.aphyllum*)

I bought it as a seedling from Beerwah orchid show 3 years ago. It is in a bushhouse with 50% shade cloth. It is similar to its parent, *Den aphyllum*, but with shorter canes. Grows into a multi growth specimen very quickly. I found it likes to be kept cool and dry in winter. I water once a week and feed well with regular application of HSO20 and 12 fertiliser products during growing season.

Heather

A selection of plants on display at the October meeting



Species

November species was at the home of Steve & Brooke.

Our species appreciation group social get together at the home of Steve & Brooke ended our 14th year of social afternoons for the species growers in the society to come together and enjoy the beauty of a large range of species orchids. We started the group in February 2006 and held it bi-monthly for the first 3 years when we decided to go to a monthly get together so we could appreciate all the plants grown. In that time, we have raffled 400+ different named species seedling plants, many of them up to 6 or 7 times each. We source our plants from several different nurseries, and a large number of these plants now appear at meetings and shows, and have helped to make our annual species show the success that it is.

The first meeting for 2020 will be on February 9th.

Details will be available closer to the time from the Secretary.

Our species get togethers are always held at the private homes of our members. We are very privileged that we have several members who are willing to allow us access to their homes & collections, and for that reason they are open only to members of a society that is affiliated with the Sub-Tropical Orchid Council Qld (STOCQ)

Benched plants:

Brassavola perrinii, *Bulbophyllum auratum*, *Bulbophyllum cornutum*, *Bulbophyllum palawanense* *,
Bulbophyllum cauliflorum, *Bulbophyllum patens*, *Bulbophyllum falcatum* var. *velutinum*,
Bulbophyllum sinapis, *Bulbophyllum smitinandii*, *Cattleya aclandiae*, *Cattleya gaskelliana* x 2,
Cattleya schilleriana, *Cattleya aclandiae*, *Chysis limminghei*, *Coelogyne carinata*,
Coelogyne confusa, *Coelogyne swaniana*, *Coelogyne pandurata* x 2, *Cyrtorchilum divaricatum*,
Dendrobium amabile, *Dendrobium hercoglossum*, *Dendrobium lindleyi*,
Dendrobium tangerinum x 2, *Dendrobium uniflorum*, *Dendrobium canaliculatum*,
Dendrobium capituliflorum, *Dendrobium thyrsoiflorum*, *Dendrobium unicum*,
Dendrochilum pangasinanense x 2, *Encyclia bractescens*, *Encyclia cordigera*,
Epidendrum bracteolatum, *Erycina pusilla* *, *Grammatophyllum elegans*, *Liparis lacerate*,
Maxillaria ferdinandiana *, *Maxillaria tenuifolia* x 2, *Miltonia phymatochila* *,
Paphiopedilum niveum, *Phalaenopsis manni*, *Phalaenopsis philippinensis*,
Phalaenopsis stuartiana, *Phalaenopsis chibae* x 2, *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi*,
Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana, *Phalaenopsis parishii* x 3, *Pomatocalpa spicatum* *,
Prosthechea livida, *Prosthechea prismatocarpa*, *Psychopsis papilio*, *Thrixspermum* sp.
Trichoglottis ionosma, *Vanda ampullacea*

Plant names are checked on the WCSP list of species plants. If your name given on the day differs from that on Kew it is identified on this list with an *

*#*Bulbophyllum palawanense* is not currently listed in the WCSP list
(# should be referred to as *lobbii* forma *palawanense*.)

**Pomatocalpa spicata* is listed as *Pomatocalpa spicatum*

**Maxillaria parahybunensis* is listed as *Maxillaria ferdinandiana*

**Oncidium phymatochilum* is listed as *Miltonia phymatochila*

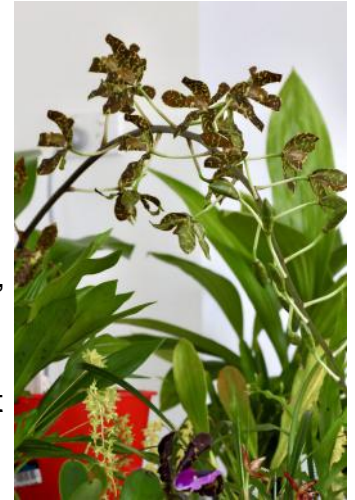
**Psygmorchis pusilla* is listed as *Erycina pusilla*

Species

***Grammatophyllum elegans* Rchb. f. 1882 Judges choice, species meeting November.**

The generic epithet is from the Greek *gramma* = letter and *phyllon* = leaf and refers to the conspicuous markings on the floral segments. Type species for this genus is the very large ***Grammatophyllum speciosum***. There are two distinct growth forms in this genus: one with long spindle-like pseudobulbs reaching several metres in length; the others with distinct ovate pseudobulbs as in the case in this species

The genus *Grammatophyllum* is made up of 13 species in SE Asia, Indonesia, New Guinea, the Philippines and the southwestern Pacific. The genus was first described by Blume in 1825 using *Grammatophyllum speciosum* as the type species. These plants are all medium to large epiphytics with two distinct growth patterns. One pattern is a cane like growth giving rise to many leaves while the other has thick squat pseudobulbs that have a few leaves borne from the apex this is the case with the species noted here. The flowers of both types are similar having showy large, olive green, brown, or yellow flowers on long arching, racemose inflorescences. The flowers have large showy sepals and petals with a smaller lip that has 3 low keels. These plants are some of the largest orchids and as such, thought must be put into the growing them if space is limited. They can be grown in pots or hanging baskets but remember they can double their size in 1 year.



Grammatophyllum elegans* The Elegant *Grammatophyllum

Found in the Philippines at elevations of sea level to 300 m as a giant sized, hot growing epiphyte with large flattened pseudobulbs carrying up to 4, apical, elliptic-oblong, 30 cm long Blooms in the spring on a 140 cm long, many flowered, arching inflorescence with up to 50, slightly fragrant flowers that are up to 7cm wide

Similar to other species in the genus this too produces flowers in the lower parts of the inflorescence that lack labellums. They also have extensive growth of catch-roots that extend outside the pot and which in their natural environment trap leaf litter and other organic matter as a nutrient source.



Culture

Light: Bright light. *G. speciosum*, and *G. elegans* will grow in full sun. My plants grow under 50% black shade-cloth.

Temperature: Warm to hot.

Water/humidity: Requires plenty of water and high humidity during the growing season. Less water in the cooler months.

Fertilizer: 1 to 2 gm per litre throughout the year of a well-balanced product.

Potting: Mixture of medium grade bark and 10% coarse grade perlite.

Wayne Harris

Species

Cultural award. *Brassavola perrinii*

Found in Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and possibly Argentina at elevations of 1980-2580 m. It is a small to medium sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte with slender terete stems carrying a single, apical, narrow terete leaf that blooms on a short, 3 to 6 flowered inflorescence with fragrant flowers sized 6.75 to 7.5 cm.

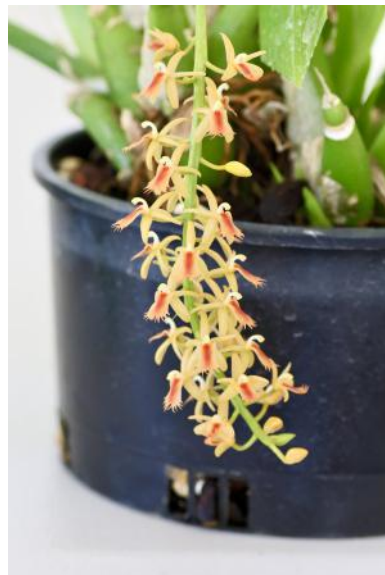
This plant is growing in a broad, shallow clay pot in perlite and peat, with small amounts of bark, charcoal and diatomite. I use small amounts of Plantacote Top K controlled release fertiliser twice a year and various foliar fertilisers once a week. I spray with systemic and contact fungicides and pesticides alternately about once a month or as necessary. It grows amongst my Cattleyas under 70 percent shade cloth, flowers profusely, and is a very rewarding plant to grow. **Judy**



Minature . *Maxillaria ferdinandiana*

Found in Brazil in cool, shady montane forests at moderate elevations, with constant, year round moisture. It has a short, single flowered inflorescence with the 1 cm sized flower held close to the pseudobulb.

This miniature plant was a raffle prize at a Species meeting about 7 years ago, and has struggled to survive ever since. It has been in a variety of mixes, mounts, and positions, but seems to be okay at the moment in a mix of perlite and peat in a 70 mm pot. It is in a cool shady spot under a double layer of shade cloth. **Judy**



Judges Choice & Popular vote October 2019

Class & Judges Choice	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Cattleya. C. Aloha Case Judy.	C. Aloha Case Judy.	<i>Rly.</i> Taiwan Face Judy.	<i>Rlc.</i> Dream Trader, George & Helene, Rth. Shinfong Dawn, Patrick & Heather.
Oncidium. Heaven Scent Col & Bev.	<i>Rrm.</i> Deb's Delight Jenny. #	<i>Brassia</i> unknown Lila.	<i>Alcra.</i> Patricia McCully George & Helene. #
Vanda/Phal. Phal. Tying Shin Cupid, Charlie & Gina.	<i>Phal.</i> Sogo Shito x Lioulin Black Grape Gina & Charlie.	<i>Phal.</i> Fantastic Lip x Sogo Vivien. Judy.	<i>Phal.</i> Tying Shin Cupid Gina & Charlie.
Dendrobium. Chet's Choice Barry.	<i>Den.</i> Chet's Choice Barry.	<i>Den.</i> Alistair Martyn Chew x Den Anand Satyanand # Cliff.	<i>Den.</i> Chaisiri Gold Gina & Charlie.
Any Other. Cym. Australian Midnight, Inge & Werner.	<i>Cym.</i> Australian Midnight Inge & Werner.	<i>Zyg.</i> Cynosure 'Blue Bird' Col & Bev.	<i>Bulb.</i> Thai Spider Duncan.
Paph/Phrag. Paph. Tristar Mabo Steve.	<i>Paph.</i> Heng Sheng Bay x Shin Yi Apple Graham & Beryl.	<i>Paph.</i> Tristar Mabo Steve.	<i>Paph.</i> Mullumbimby Margi Marty & Anita.
Exotic Species Americas. C. harpophylla Judy.	<i>C. mossiae</i> , Judy, <i>C.intermedia</i> , Gabrielle.	<i>C.maxima</i> Duncan.	No 3rd
Exotic Species Asian. Phal. japonica Mal & Jo.	<i>Den. densiflorum</i> , Graham & Beryl.	<i>Den. loddigesii</i> Bob & Joan.	<i>Den. tangerinum</i> Cliff.
Aust. Native Hybrid.	No entry	No entry	No entry
Aust. Native Species. Den. canaliculatum Cliff.	<i>Den. kingianum</i> Marty & Anita.	<i>Cym. madidum</i> George & Helene.	No 3 rd .
Novice. Brat. Kauai's Choice Darryl.	<i>Den.</i> Bohemian Rhapsody Steve & Heather.	<i>Brat.</i> Kauai's Choice # Darryl.	<i>Phal.</i> Chia Shing Firekiss # Steve & Heather.
Foliage. Tassel Fern George & Helene.	<i>Rex Begonia</i> Heather S.	Tassel Fern, George & Helene Caladium, Patrick & Heather.	No 3rd.

Judges Choice overall: *Cym. Australian Midnight, Inge & Werner.*

Novice Plant of Month: *Bratonia Kauai's Choice, Darryl.*

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



Nambour Orchid Society Information and Contacts

Nambour Orchid Society meets on the 4th Saturday off each month Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave.,

Business meeting commences at 12.45pm prior to the cultural meeting.

Cultural meeting Follows the business meeting at 2pm.

All members and visitors are welcome to both Business and Cultural meetings.

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.

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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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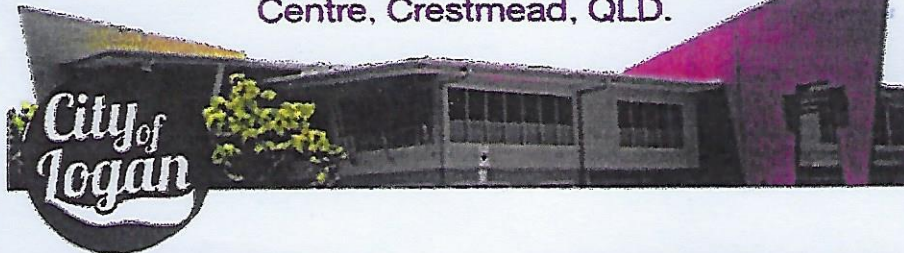
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22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show

1-5 September 2021

At the Logan Metro Sports & Events
Centre, Crestmead, QLD.



REGISTRATION

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