



Nambour Orchid News

June 2018

A few words of appreciation.

A lot of hard work and commitment goes into making our monthly meetings a success. Without the efforts of the wonderful members who work tirelessly behind the scenes we wouldn't be the thriving, successful club we are today. They put together our afternoon tea, make sure all our members are signed in, organize the raffles and sell the tickets - and crunching the numbers collating the Popular vote.

The icing on the cake (pun intended) is of course the delicious food they put on the table each month. We're lucky to have some very talented bakers amongst us whose tasty treats never fail to get our mouths watering or ruin all our diets

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies (and the two or three house trained men who help with the washing up) for everything they do for us each month.

Your contributions do not go unnoticed and our club wouldn't be the same without you. Thank you.



Mary & Marilyn



Joan



Desley & Marilyn



June & Mavis



Secretary news June

Bus Trip: North Moreton show Saturday 30th June. Leave Nambour at 8am from the railway station. Lunch will be at North's League & Services Club, Anzac Ave. Kallangur and then on to Doug & Kath Wanka for a shade house visit and afternoon tea. Home by approx. 4.30pm. If you would like to join the trip there are plenty of seats, and bus trips are always a good day out.

Garden Expo is 12/13/14th July, we will be setting up our display from 9am on Thursday 12th. Members orchid and foliage plants are needed to build a display 3m x 5m.

Volunteers are also required to watch the display and answer questions during the 3 days, limited tickets are available and members are asked to stay at the display for the duration of their rostered shift. All information including arm band passes will be available at the June meeting. Shifts are 8am -12.30pm & 12.30pm to 5pm.

Caboolture show is on the following weekend after Garden Expo 20/21/22 July. Names to Alison if you have plants for this display by Monday 16th. Set up is Thursday 19th at 2.30pm.

Our species get together has moved to the second Sunday of each month. This will avoid clashes with STOCQ meetings and other shows in our area. There will be no meeting in July due to our other show commitments during the month.

Charlie's Cultural corner from 1.15pm to 1.45pm each meeting day is going from strength to strength. If you can help Charlie at any time, please see him and offer your assistance.

From the President

I hope you enjoyed our May meeting as much as I did. With a good attendance and lots of varied species of orchids and foliage on the display benches, it made for a pleasant afternoon. The highlight was the presentation on Cattleyas by Russ Hopkins. In between regaling us with a few "stories" – all true of course – he gave lots of strategies for good growing and particularly the preparation for displaying flowers to their best show bench presentation. Many thanks Russ and Jan for spending your afternoon with us.

The Culture Corner, held prior to the start of the meeting is a popular forum for answers to queries and problems. Thanks to Charlie (the Pied Piper?), for running this segment and to others who help out from time to time. As usual, we are fortunate to have a core of workers who hop in and do their bit to set up the hall, look after the afternoon tea, the attendance book and raffle sales, judging and sorting out results. If you would like to be involved, don't be shy about pitching in as a helping hand is always welcome.

Our last sausage sizzle was a success and although we missed Alison and her well oiled organization, we managed a good result. Thanks to everyone who came and helped.

Lastly, a reminder about forthcoming shows, I hope you are giving some thought to preparing your orchids so as to make the most of their qualities for show benching and displays.

Cheers, **Gina**

A selection of plants on display at the May meeting



Bulb. Lovely Elizabeth. Steve.



Coelogyne lentiginosa
Wayne & Jean



Bc. Starfire. George & Helena



Dendrobium unknown
Col & Marilyn



Trichoglottis latisejala.
Wayne & Jean



Ons. Habibi 'Pacific Pleasures'
Marty & Anita



Rlc. Capricorn Charm



Paph. Raisin Flame. Steve



Dendrobium bigibbum
Graham & Beryl



Ctt. Scarlet Imp 'Amy'
Marty & Anita



Begonia Golden Glow Nita



Den. spectabile. Rod & Jan

Judges Choice - May - Cynodes Taiwan Gold



I purchased Cynod.Taiwan Gold from Robertsons Orchids in 2016. I grow it in spag moss and fertilize (with high N fertiliser) and or water it every day from when roots are 3" or more long until late April when I cease fertilizing and just water every 2-3 days. I grow under 30% shade cloth in a shade house 2.4 wide x 1 deep x2 high which provides plenty of air movement and light.

Michael & Betty



Judges Choice - Novice - Onc. Sharry Baby.

I was given a rather large pot from a friend which contained this orchid it was in a rather bad state with approx. 50% of it was dead ,so I nervously began splitting it up I have now got 9 separate plants from it this one is the first to bloom .It was last October that I split it and it has been moved around the yard a bit as the shade house wasn't up , it has been kept in semi shade and watered weekly and fertilized every couple of weeks with Epsom salts (half a teaspoon to 1 litre of water) and once a month with seasoil . Now that it is in the shade house I'm able to regulate the light and the humidity , at the moment the humidity is around 60 to 80 % and that is under 70% shade cloth with clear plastic over that due to being winter , so now looking forward to more new stems on the other plants .Good orchid growing folks.

Grahame

Species

Our species get together for June was at the home of Charlie & Gina. Thank you both for making us feel so welcome. Winners for the day were Judges Choice;- *Cymbidium mastersii* - Rod & Jan . Cultural: *Bulbophyllum chrysendetum* - Alan & Alison. 38 plants were displayed on the bench on the day.

Names are as per the Kew WCSP list: Parenthesis indicates old name

Acampe praemorsa, *Angraecum distichum* x 2, *Brassavola caudata*, *Bulbophyllum auratum*, *Bulbophyllum chrysendetum* x 2, *Bulbophyllum lasiochilum*, *Bulbophyllum putidum* x 2, *Cattleya walkeriana*, *Cleisostoma simondii*, *Cleisostoma* sp., *Coelia bella*, *Cymbidium mastersii*, *Dendrobium bracteosum* x 2, *Dendrobium erectifolium*, *Dendrobium taylorii* (*Cadetia taylorii*), *Dendrochilum convallariiforme*, *Dendrochilum cobbianum* x 2, *Dendrochilum luzonense*, *Dendrochilum saccolabium*, *Dendrochilum uncatum*, *Laelia superbiens* (*Schomburkia superbiens*), *Liparis coelogynoides*, *Liparis viridiflora*, *Phalaenopsis bellina*, *Pleurothallid* or *Acianthera* sp., *Pomatocalpa angustifolium*, *Prosthechea livida*, *Prosthechea radiata*, *Rhyncholaelia glauca*, *Stichorkis compressa* (*Liparis compressa*), *Trichoglottis geminate*, *Tuberolabium kotoense*
Vanda aurantiaca

Species

Plant of the month - *Cymbidium mastersii*



I purchased this *Cymbidium mastersii* in 2009 from Stockers Orchids on the Atherton Tableland.

It is grown in a mix of Brunnings Cymbidium Mix, Bark & Perlite under 50% shade cloth with no plastic covering.

It gets fertilized with various fertilizers along with the rest of the orchids. It's flowers open from the bottom of the spike and work their way up to the top, flowering from between the leaves. The flowers are very distinctive with tiny pink/red spots on the labellum. **Rod & Janet**

At the judging at Charlie's home last Saturday Rod brought along a *Cymbidium mastersii* for award judging. This plant had 4 spikes of white flowers, about 12/13 flowers on each spike. The plant was in very good condition and was well grown. The judges awarded it a Highly Commended Certificate with 79 points, very close to an Award of Merit. **Mal**

Cultural Plant of the month - *Bulbophyllum chrysendetum*

Common Name The Golden Yellow Bulbo.
Found in the Philippines on Mossy branches at around 600metres. I acquired this plant as a small piece from Wayne in 2012. It flowers every year but has really excelled itself this year. It grows in the mix that I grow all my Bulbos in 50% bark 50% coconut and a small amount of perlite under 50% shade cloth. I also have a couple of pieces on ironbark mounts that grow equally as well as the one in the saucer. We keep them moist at all times, Alan is in charge of watering at our place as he is better and more consistent at it than I am. I try to fertilize each week & use a variety of different fertilizers on a rotational basis.



I have a fairly large Bulbo collection, I got hooked on them about 20 years ago when we took a *rothschildianum* belonging to the late Ed McKane to Gympie show. At that stage I had never heard of Bulbophyllum so started researching them, saw that all the flowers were different, and the rest is history. They are a very rewarding plant to grow, & I think every collection should have a Bulbo or two in it. **Alison**

TWO COOL-GROWING LAELIAS by Brian Milligan



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The genus *Laelia*. There are about 75 species in the genus *Laelia*. Most epiphytic species of *Laelia* grow in Mexico while the rupicolous laelias (those that grow on rocks) grow in Brazil. The Mexican species, ***Laelia anceps*** and ***Laelia gouldiana***, are arguably the easiest to grow under cool conditions, especially if you have a shadehouse with a fibreglass roof, so that the plants can be kept fairly dry in winter. *Laelia anceps* has been cultivated in Europe for over 150 years.

Over twenty different varieties were then cultivated but only a few are common in Melbourne today.

Laelia anceps in Nature. In its native habitat *Laelia anceps* grows on tree trunks or branches on the edge of forests at altitudes of 1500-2000 m. The plants are often exposed to full sun and strong winds, with hot days and cold nights. Summer (the main growing season) is very wet and the plants receive heavy rain each evening and remain wet overnight. The next morning strong winds and sunshine quickly dry the plants before rain falls again in the evening. By contrast, the weather is cool and dry in winter and the plants receive little water until misty rain arrives in spring. New growths begin at this time with the new flower spike emerging from the centre of the new growth during summer. The flowers open as the new growth matures in late autumn.

Cultivation of *Laelia anceps*. Based on the above information, it would seem reasonable to:

1. grow *L. anceps* on a mount (e.g. tree-fern slab or a rough, long-lasting branch of oak or Casuarina, in my experience, cork mounts do not suit *L. anceps*).
2. hang the plant where it receives good air movement and good light (30-50% shade in summer, less or none in winter).
3. water heavily in summer and early autumn, preferably in the evening, applying liquid fertiliser occasionally.
4. after the plant has flowered (usually in late autumn), water only occasionally until spring.
5. then mist the plant daily until new growth appears. At this stage begin the cycle again with heavy watering each evening.

Laelia anceps can also be grown in a pot, using coarse bark as the potting medium. Because each year's new growth is separated from the previous year's growth by about 50 mm on the ascending rhizome, the plant soon climbs out of its pot and the new roots hang over the edge. Although the plant grows happily like this, it soon becomes top-heavy and will then probably need to be broken up and repotted. The flowers are usually rose, pink, violet or white in colour, with a darker labellum carrying a central yellow spot. The tall stem usually carries two to six flowers. Chamberlain's variety has larger, more deeply coloured flowers than most.

TWO COOL-GROWING LAELIAS



Laelia gouldiana occurs in the same habitat as *L. anceps* and it can also be grown and flowered in an unheated shadehouse. It usually carries more flowers of deeper colour than *L. anceps* but they are slightly smaller (about 75 mm across). Some botanists once believed that *L. gouldiana* is not a true species but a natural hybrid between *L. anceps* and *L. autumnalis*. All three grow together in the same mountainous regions of Mexico. However most authorities today regard *L. gouldiana* as a species and it should therefore be benched in the class Any Other Species or Species Any Genus.

Both *Laelia anceps* and *L. gouldiana* grow readily from leafless pseudo-bulbs in the same manner as cymbidiums do from their backbulbs. They 'strike' better if left in pairs. Many plants grown in Melbourne are probably divisions of older plants. Small divisions occasionally appear on the sales bench at meetings and shows. Small plants raised from seed can sometimes be found in orchid nurseries - these may produce flowers of higher quality, if they have been bred from selected parent plants

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A selection of plants from Species group meeting



Vanda aurantiaca



Tuberculolabium kotoense



Cleisostoma simondii

A BOTANICAL COMPETITION

Staying warm and active in the cooler weather is fine for our bodies, but what about our brains?

Here is an exercise I would like you to try to remedy 'brain-freeze'. In this issue and future Newsletters, you will find some random botanical terms, each with a brief meaning. I would like you to concoct a story, serious or 'tongue-in-cheek' using as many of these terms as possible. At the Christmas party, after serious deliberation by the judge (me), the winner will receive an appropriate prize. The last batch of terms will be in the October issue and a full print-out will be available at the October meeting. You will have until the November meeting to submit your entry and of course, the judge's decision will be final!

Gina.

Acuminate	having a gradually diminishing point
Aliferous	having wings; wing-shaped
Arcuate	bent like a bow; curved
Atropurpureus	black purple
Aurantiaceous	orange coloured
Basal	at the base of
Bicolor	two coloured
Bicornus	two horned
Bifoliate	two leaved
Brunneus	brown in colour
Cinnabarinus	vermilion coloured
Canaliculatus	with a longitudinal groove or channel
Dentate	toothed
Discolor	of another colour
Dorsal	relating to the back
Eburneus	ivory white
Epidendrus	on trees
Falcatus	sickle shaped
Flavescens	yellowish, pale yellow
Florilegium	a collection of paintings of flowers
Foetidus	unpleasantly smelling, stinky
Formosus	finely formed, handsome, beautiful
Formosanus	from Formosa (Taiwan)

May Popular vote & Judges Choice

Class & Judges Choice	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Cattleya <i>Ctt. Scarlet Imp.</i> Marty & Anita.	C.Mona Pink 'Hiromi' Michael & Betty.	C.Gene May. Bob & Joan.	<i>Bc.Starfire.</i> George & Helena.
Oncidium. <i>Ons. Wildcat.</i> Marty & Anita.	<i>Mps.Firewater</i> 'Red Butterfly' Marty & Anita.	<i>Mps.Lilian Nakamoto.</i> Judy.	<i>Ons.Succubus 'Night Shift'</i> Col & Marilyn <i>Ons.Habibi 'Pacific Pleasures'</i> Anita & Marty.
Vanda/Phal. <i>V.Sumon Spots x</i> <i>V.Guo Chia Long.</i> Rod & Jan.	V,Korat Gold. # George & Helena	.V.Sumon Spot x V.Guo Chia Long. Rod & Jan.	V.Crownfox Moonglow. # Bob & Joan.
Dendrobium <i>Den. Airy Gold Spread.</i> Judy.	<i>Den. Airy Gold</i> Spread. Judy.	<i>Den.Asternova</i> Aurora.# Nita.	<i>Den.Mal Chalmers. #</i> Col & Marilyn <i>Den.Joyce Margaret Kuok.#</i> Cliff.
Any Other <i>Cycd. Taiwan Gold.</i> Michael & Betty.	<i>Cycd. Taiwan Gold.</i> Michael & Betty.	<i>Bulb.Lovely Elizabeth.</i> Steve.	<i>Lyc. Sagano.</i> Marty & Anita.
Paph/Phrag. <i>Paph. Raisin Flame.</i> Steve.	<i>Paph.Raisin Flame.</i> Steve.	<i>Phrag.Noirmont.</i> Judy.	<i>Paph.Insigne x Hanes Green Gem.</i> Marty & Anita.
Exotic Species. <i>Den. spectabile,</i> Rod & Jan.	<i>Den. spectabile.</i> Rod & Jan.	<i>Laelia anceps.</i> Judy.	<i>Trichoglottis latisepala.</i> Wayne & Jean..
Aust. Native Species.. <i>Den. bigibbum.</i> Graham & Beryl.	<i>Den. bigibbum.</i> Graham & Beryl.	No entry.	No entry.
Aust. Native Hybrid	No entries		
Novice. <i>Onc.Sharry Baby.</i> Grahame.	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby.</i> Grahame.	<i>Prosthecea cochleata.</i> Patrick & Heather.	<i>Den. unknown.</i> Mavis.
Foliage <i>Begonia Golden Glow.</i> Nita	<i>Begonia Golden</i> Glow. Nita.	Fern. Patrick & Heather.	<i>Begonia. Brazen Miss.</i> Nita.

Judges Choice overall: *Cycnodes Taiwan Gold, Michael & Betty.*

Note

A crosshatch # beside the name of an orchid on this sheet indicates a correction or the accepted 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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Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2018

(NOS commitment in blue)

July		
Fri/Sat/Sun 12/13/14	Nambour Garden Expo.	Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave. Nambour
Fri/Sat/Sun 20/21/22	Caboolture OS Show	Morayfield Community Centre
18th to 22nd July	21st AOC Conference	Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, Sydney
August		
Fri/Sat 10/11	Maroochydore OS show	Milwell Road Community Centre, Maroochydore
Sat/Sun 11/12	Agnes Water OS show	Agnes Water Community Centre, 71 Springs Road,
Fri/Sat 31st Aug & 1st Sept	Nambour OS Spring Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
September		
Sat 1st	Nambour OS Spring Show	Day 2
Fri/Sat 31st Aug 1st Sept.	Childers OS Spring Show	Cultural Centre, Childers
Fri/Sat 14/15	Noosa Show	RSL Hall Cooroy if renovated
Fri/Sat 21/22	Glasshouse Country OS	Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road.
Fri/Sat/Sun. 28th/ 29th /30th	Hervey Bay show	Xavier Catholic College 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
October		
Fri /Sat 12/13	Bribie Island OS Show	The Orchid House, First Ave. Bribie Island
Sat/Sun 20/21	Orchid Species Society show	Auditorium Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens
November		
Fri/Sat 2/3 set up Thurs 1st	Nambour OS Species Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
Saturday 10th	STOCQ & OQI meetings	Caboolture
2018 AOC Conference		
18th to 22nd July	21st AOC Conference	Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, Sydney
Orchidfest		



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Entries are invited from individuals and Societies/Clubs
For further information check out our website which will be updated regularly in the lead up to the conference.

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