



# Nambour Orchid News.

February 2020



*As our January meeting was cancelled our first meeting of the year was the Species group get together at Jeans*

*Judges Choice Cattleya loddigesii - Judy*

*Specimen Dendrochilum longifolium  
David & Lorraine*

*Botanical interest Schoenorchis fragrans  
Luda*



## Secretary news February

### Meeting day Saturday 26 February

Due to the current Covid situation your committee made a decision in January to postpone the AGM for 2021 financial year until March.

Notification is now being given that the AGM of Nambour Orchid Society will be held before the cultural meeting on Saturday March 26 at 2pm.

All positions will be declared vacant. Nominations are required for the following-: (Nomination forms attached with this newsletter)

President, Vice President, , Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members.

There are also lots of other tasks that require assistance at meetings and shows please put your hand up if you think you may be able to help, or talk to one of the current committee members.

Queensland International Orchid Fair is back on again this year, Friday/Saturday 25/26 February at Belmont Shooting Range. This fair is a great opportunity to visit a large number of vendors in the one place.

Details on the shows calendar.

Our February meeting will be a practical meeting of questions & answers. Charlies cultural corner is being held at the start of the meeting after the popular vote. If you have any plants you need help with or questions you need answered please bring them along. We are hoping for an informative discussion for all.

Sausage Sizzle Sunday March 27 Bunnings Maroochydore.

### **Meetings.**

**All meetings are subject to Qld. Govt. Covid restrictions at the time.**

Social distancing is still in place please be mindful of this while moving around and doing the popular vote.

**Qld Govt. covid restrictions at the time of the meeting apply.**

**At the time of writing February meeting will have a mask mandate.**

Hands to be sanitized before entering the hall. Check in App is no longer required at our venue.

**Do not come to the meeting if you have any cold or flu symptoms or are a close contact of a person who has tested positive to Covid 19.**

**Bring your own cup** if you wish to have afternoon tea.

This will be served by members who have completed the Tafe Covid safe for dining in food handling course required by Qld. Govt. regulation. You may bring your own afternoon tea if you prefer.

**Plants must be tabled before 1.15pm** when Judging will start.

Your pot number is required for display of plants. Popular vote slips available on our website for printing.

A volunteer will hand out the stickers for your pot.

**Covid cleaning requirements at the completion of the meeting are still in place.**

**Please offer your assistance if you can. Many hands make light work.**



*Phalaenopsis aphrodite* - Richard



*Stanhopea* unknown - Col



*Vanda* unknown - Richard

## From the President

**“Every orchid grower is like the moon; he has a dark side to his collection which he never shows to anybody”.** This little phrase from Roger Rankin, might seem a bit strange but while going through his book “Orchid Wise” for this month’s quote, I started to think about the content and wondered if it resonates with our members. Do you have an orchid that came with high expectations and price, that has languished and never flowered? What about the plant that has missed out on being repotted for a number of years, to the point where it has become a major task to deal with and now it is hidden behind a large anthurium! Or you have held onto an orchid that has presented blooms for several years that are distorted with fused or missing parts of the flower, in the hope that it might, miraculously, come good next year? We may be optimists but there comes a point when it might be better to be ruthless and dispose of such “dark sides” and consign them to the bin.

With a welcome return to meetings this month, I hope everyone is eager to take part in our gatherings this year and looking forward to sharing great displays of orchids on the benches. The AGM will be held at the March meeting and I urge you to attend and give some thoughts as to how you can assist our club this year, as we try to shrug off the upheaval of the past two years. Please don’t be shy to offer your help. **Gina**



### How tall do they grow ?

This native orchid, *Cryptostylis subulata*, has been in my collection for a number of years and was mentioned in the article, Where have all the Orchids Gone? in our November 2021 newsletter when it first came into flower.

What makes this plant interesting is that I first benched it at the Species Group in early November and was about 250mm tall with half a dozen flowers. There was nothing unusual about the size of the plant then. The height of this plant is now 1050mm tall and still flowering. This orchid is a progressive flowerer. It still has two flowers out and five buds to open. In total will have produced twenty-four flowers. Normally they are not a tall plant and can grow to about 800mm tall.

The picture on the left is of the plant supported with a stake. The picture on the right is of the flowers now out and the buds to come. There are three very small buds developing at the top. This would be the best flowering I have ever had from this plant. Since it came home from the species meeting in November it has been in the carport near the entry to the house. We have both been amazed as to how long the flower spike has grown.

**Alan.**



## Alison's Bulbophyllums



*Bulbophyllum saronae*



*Bulbophyllum lepidum*



*Bulbophyllum baileyi*



*Bulbophyllum orientale*



*Bulbophyllum basisetum*



*Bulbophyllum echinolabium*



*Bulbophyllum affine*



*Bulbophyllum pteroglossum*



*Bulbophyllum dearei*

## Bulbophyllum Orchids

### Pronunciation bulb-oh-FILL-um

Tribe: Dendrobieae

Subtribe: Bulbophyllinae

Described by Louis-Marie Aubert Du Petit-Thouars in 1822

Many years ago, in our early Orchid growing days we took a plant of *Bulbophyllum rothschildianum* for display to the Gympie Orchid show for the late Ed McKane. It was on a shade cloth mount filled with mix that he called a sock, flowers all around the mount. Being very new growers, we were nervous about breaking off flowers on the way to Gympie, so we suspended it from the roof of the van with ties out to each side so it couldn't move. The plant made it and won champion species at the show. I have blamed Ed for my Bulbophyllum addiction ever since and still have two large tank strainers full of that same plant. Bulbophyllum orchids, also known as "Bulbos," are the largest genus of orchids with 3353 currently listed on the Kew WCSP list and 471 registered Hybrids on Orchid Wiz. They are named for their bulbous leaves and have an incredible range of flower shapes and colours. This is what attracted me to them in the first place as I was looking for something different to grow and at the time very few were seen at meetings and shows, not realizing of course that it was a very large Genus that quickly took over my life.

Taxonomists have described at least two dozen allied genera, which have been combined with, and separated from, *Bulbophyllum*, over the years. Some of the most commonly encountered allied genera are; *Cirrhopetalum*, *Mastigion*, *Megaclinium*, *Trias* and *Macrobulbon*. The plants are typically small to medium (although some have leaves up to a metre long) creeping epiphytes, (sometimes untidy) having a sympodial growth habit with prominent pseudobulbs, with one or two fleshy leaves. There is a wide range of fantastic flower shapes and sizes from about 2mm up. All have a hinged lip that aids in pollination. The pollinator (often a small fly) lands on the lip, which tilts and causes the pollinator to fall back in to the sticky pollina. The flowers usually only last 5-7 days and are often fowl smelling. Predominately tropical or subtropical, although the range can extend into temperate regions. Several hundred species are found in Africa and the island of Madagascar. Most are found in Asia; ranging from the foothills of the Himalayas, down through Southeast Asia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia (especially Java, Borneo, Sumatra, Sulawesi), New Guinea, Australia, and New Zealand. The island of New Guinea, which has at least 600 species, is believed to be the dissemination point for the genus. Since Bulbophyllum species are a very diverse and wide-ranging group of orchids, only general culture suggestions can be given. I grow mine in a bark, perlite and coconut chunk mix, mostly in saucers but I do grow some of the deeper root ones e.g., *lobbii*, *echinolabium* in port pots for a bit extra depth. this helps with the moisture content as Bulbos love moisture. They grow under 70% shade with an extra layer added in the summer. Always a challenge where we live as it is in a hollow at the bottom of the hill and we do miss a lot of the breezes. We get the cold in the Winter, down to about 3or 4C and summer up to mid 40C so plenty of misting to keep them happy on those hot days. If you have not yet tried a few Bulbos they are well worth the effort as some do put out new flowers quite regularly.

**Alison.**

## Species Group

### Species list

*Angraecum distichum*, *Broughtonia sanguinea*, *Catasetum pileatum*, *Cattleya loddigesii*, *Coelogyne usitata*, *Cryptostylis subulata*, *Dendrobium dearei*, *Dendrochilum longifolium*, *Gramataphyllum scriptum*, *Habenaria dentata*, *Habenaria medusa*, *Miltonia moreliana* x 3 *Phalaenopsis heiroglyphica*, *Phalaenopsis pulcherrima*, *Phalaenopsis violacea*, *Phragmipedium pearcei*, *Prosthechea cochleata*, *Sarcochilus ceciliae* x 2, *Schoenorchis fragrans*, *Staurochilus pachyphyllus*, *Thrixspermum centipeda*, *Vanda miniata*.

### Plant of the Month - *Cattleya loddigesii* 'Streeter's Choice' FCC/AOS

*Cattleya loddigesii* was first described by John Lindley in 1826.

It is found in Lower Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay where it grows in a variety of habitats, being a cool to warm growing bifoliate epiphyte and lithophyte, in both sunny and shady situations. The slender pseudobulbs reach about 40 cm tall and have 2 to 9 flowers about 10 cm in diameter. I grow this plant in a mix of bark, charcoal and perlite, on a high shelf under 70 percent shade cloth. It receives a small amount of Plantacote Top K controlled release fertiliser, with a variety of liquid fertilisers, tonics and systemic and contact pesticides and fungicides alternately on a semi regular basis. **Judy**

### Best Specimen - *Dendrochilum longifolium*

This *Dendrochilum* is found in Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, New Guinea and Philippines at elevations of 450 to 2600m. It grows on mossy tree branches, old mangroves or rocks. So this is a very adaptable species which is a cold to warm growing epiphyte and lithophyte. It is a very easy orchid to grow and quickly builds into a good size specimen. We grow it in our shade house under 50% shade. IN the warmer months we have all the *Dendrochilums* sitting in shallow saucers of water which helps produce good root systems and provide good humidity. The potting mix is bark, perlite & charcoal. The fertiliser is Peters Excel CalMag Finisher which is used weekly. All *Dendrochilums* are very rewarding orchids to grow and don't require as much attention as our other orchids and rarely get attacked by any pests and diseases, Good growing, **David & Lorraine**





*Miltonia moreliana*  
David & Lorraine



*Dendrobium dearei*  
David & Lorraine



*Vanda miniata* - Judy



*Phalaenopsis violacea*  
Graham & Beryl



*Prosthechea cochleata*  
Graham & Beryl



*Coelogyne usitana*  
George & Helena



*Grammatophyllum scriptum* – Don



*Phalaenopsis pulcherrima*  
Graham & Beryl



*Thrixspermum centipeda* - Carol

# Nambour Orchid Society



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

**Charlie's** Cultural corner from 1.15pm to 1.45pm each meeting day.

**Cultural meeting** 2pm.

Plants are to be tabled for judging by 1.15pm .

**Business meeting** 1pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at member's homes.

**The Species Appreciation Group** is held monthly from February to November at member's homes .

**Contact the Secretary for details.** at [nambourorchids@gmail.com](mailto:nambourorchids@gmail.com)

All **STOCQ** members welcome. Bring your species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea

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**Articles** for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to the editor at [rhand39@gmail.com](mailto:rhand39@gmail.com)

Send all adds, articles and photos etc. no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting

Members may use space in the Newsletter to sell Orchid related items free of charge.

10% commission is payable to the Society by members selling plants at meetings

Members must sell their own plants, only plants that we would use in show displays are permitted

**Direct deposits for Shirts, name Badges and Membership are encouraged to the Club Bank Account.  
Commonwealth Bank BSB 064424 A/c No 00909232.**

Add your name as a reference so our Treasurer knows who the money is from.

**Club shirts are available, cost to members, \$25 for shirt with logo + \$5.50 if you require a pocket**

**Name badges, cost is \$15.00. Please order from secretary**

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They also provide essential equipment free of charge for patients use in their own home.



## STOCQ Show Calendar 2022

Please check the relevant society web page for any changes

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### February

Fri./Sat. 25/26 QIOF Trade Fair Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleaveland Rd Belmont

### March

Saturday 19 Maroochydore 1 day closed show Buderim Uniting Church Hall Gloucester Road Buderim

### April

Fri./Sat. 1/2 Childers & Isis Charity Show

Fri./Sat. 8/9 Sunshine Coast OS Show Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Ulm & Queen Street Caloundra

Sat/Sun. 9/10 Rockhampton OS Show

Fri./Sat. 15/16 Bribie Island Orchid Show Orchid House, 1st Ave. Bribie Island

Fri/Sat/Sun 15/16/17 Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Show Toyota, Hansen Road, Gladstone

Thurs/Fri/Sat 28/29/30 Caboolture OS closed show Morayfield Shopping Centre

### April/May

Sat/Sun.30/1 Gympie OS Show Albert Park Bowls Club Gympie

### May

Fri/Sat/Sun 6/7/8 Bundaberg OS Show

Saturday 7 Maroochydore closed 1day Show Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall, Lefoes Road Bli Bli

### June

Saturday 4 Nambour OS closed 1 day Show Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim

### July

Saturday 16 Childers & Isis OS host STOCQ AGM

Fri/Sat 22/23 Caboolture OS show Morayfield Community Centre Morayfield

### August

Fri/Sat. 5/6 Maroochydore OS Show Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim

Sat/Sun. 13/14 Agnes Water O&FS Show Community Hall, Springs Road Agnes Water

Fri/Sat. 26/27 Aug. Childres & Isis Show

### Aug/September

31 Aug. - 4 Sept. AOC Conference & Show Creastmead, Brisbane

### September

Fri/Sat. 9/10 Nambour OS Spring Show Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave. Nambour

Thurs/Sat 15/16/17 Maryborough OS Show

Fri/Sat/Sun23/24/25 Hervey Bay OS Show

Fri/Sat 23/24 Glasshouse OS Show Beewah Community Hall, Beewah

Sat/Sun 24/25 Rockhampton OS Show

### October

Fri/Sat 7/8 Bribie Island OS Show Orchid House, 1st Ave. Bribie Island

### November

Saturday 5 Nambour OS Species show Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim

Saturday 12 South Burnett hosts SOCQ & OQI meeting

# SUNSHINE COAST ORCHID SOCIETY CALOUNDRA INC

PRESENTS

## ORCHIDS IN APRIL 2022



**TIME:-**

- \* Friday 8 April - 9:00am—4:00pm
- \* Saturday 9 April - 9:00am—2:00pm

**VENUE:-**

The Caloundra Uniting Church Hall  
Cnr Queen & Ulm Streets, Caloundra.  
(ample parking available / wheelchair accessibility)

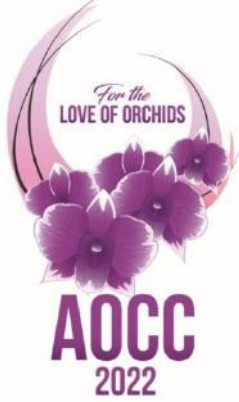
***Features include:-***

- ♣ ***Orchids on show grown by eight Orchid Societies from Gympie to Bribie Island***
  - ♣ ***Talks on Orchid Culture***
  - ♣ ***Sales of Orchids, Bromeliads, Anthuriums, Ferns & Foliage, pots etc***
  - ♣ ***Flowering orchids raffled each day***
  - ♣ ***Entrance Fee—\$3 adults, children free.***
- ♣ ***Morning & Afternoon Teas & Lunch available -***
  - ♣ ***Orchid growing equipment for sale***

**PRESENTATION OF PRIZES**

**2:30PM SATURDAY**

ENQUIRIES CONTACT – MARY 5437 3199



# 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 'For the Love of Orchids'



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## Planning Committee Update February 2022

Well it's been almost 12 months since the last update, but the staging of the event is now 'just around the corner'. As we had an extra 12 months to plan, a lot of things were just put on hold, while other things, particularly the speakers' program, have had to be completely revamped.

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## Lecture Program:

Because of the uncertainty of international travellers being able to attend, we have organised for you a team of first rate Australian speakers, who will share their knowledge on a range of topics and genera.

**Professor Kingsley Dixon** from Curtin University in WA will present the Keynote Address on ***The Past, Present & Future of Australian Orchid Conservation***. A biologist who is also an active 'community scientist', he has lead the WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group and been a member and regular speaker at Wildflower Society meetings across WA.

**Dr. Marion Davey**, from NT and currently president of the Australian Orchid Council, will present 2 talks: the first on ***Bulbophyllum Growing Techniques***, and then ***The Role of Species in the Breeding of Vandas***.

**Gary Yong Gee**, a very knowledgeable local from SE Queensland, who has a particular interest in species orchids, will also present 2 talks: one on ***Orchids of Madagascar*** and the other on ***Phalaenopsis Species***.

**Michael Coker** of Victoria will present talks on ***Paphiopedilums*** and ***Phragmipediums***.

We have a few speakers who will share their knowledge of different types of Dendrobiums. With the range of climactic conditions in Queensland alone, let alone Australia wide, we have experts in Dendrobiums from different sections suited to different regions.

**Roslyn Capell** from Northern NSW, with her particular interest in inter-sectional Australian and Australasian Dendrobium hybrids, especially those between warm-growing and cool-growing species, will present on ***The Use and Influence of Den. canaliculatum in Australian Native Orchid Hybridising***.

**Phil Spence**, an orchid grower, researcher and hybridizer from the northern Sydney suburbs, is also a world expert on New Guinea orchids and *Latouria Dendrobiums*. In 2016, he received the Award of Honour from The Australian Orchid Foundation for taking a leading role in introducing PNG orchid species and hybrids to Australian and international growers, while respecting conservation in this region. He will share his knowledge of *Latouria Dendrobiums*.

**Callyn Farrell** of Down Under Native Orchids has been growing orchids for most of his life, having caught the bug from his grandfather, Grahame Young, with whom he founded Elmore Orchids in 2013. Callyn will focus on *Dendrobium Section Rhizobium* in his presentation.

This is just a selection of the speakers who will attend the conference. I will introduce the others in the next update.

### **Vendors:**

The sales area will have the capacity for up to 30 vendors, and those attending should be finalized in the next couple of weeks. Keep an eye on the website <https://aocc2022.org/conference> for details.

### **Show:**

Some of the committee have become concerned that there is a belief that AOCC2022 is a highly scientific event, and is not suited to many orchid society members and enthusiasts. Let me assure you that while the conference speaker program is aimed at growers who are looking to improve their knowledge of scientific aspects such as orchids in the wild, conservation, breeding programs, and advances in growing techniques, the SHOW is aimed at EVERYONE, be they a society member with a small collection, someone new to growing orchids, or just a lover of plants in general, including the associated art and photography. And everyone who attends the show will have access to the sales area, and be able to purchase something exciting to build their collection.

We are aiming to stage the biggest and best orchid show seen in SE Qld for many years, certainly the most spectacular of the year. With this in mind, if you or your society would like to set up a display as part of the show, complete the registration form for orchid society displays at <https://aocc2022.org/forms> and email to Ken Haase. Even if your society doesn't want to stage a large floor display, a table display put together by 2 or 3 growers might suit you. You will receive a payment for your efforts, depending on the size of the display, as you will be helping us create something wonderful!

### **Bus groups:**

Now is the time for your society to consider planning a bus trip to the show for your members. We know that some of our members are of the elderly type, and no longer feel confident driving 'in town'. But who doesn't like a day out on the bus? As a bonus, entry is reduced for groups from the single cost of \$10. **(40 & over \$8.00 per person; 30 – 39 \$8.50 per person; 20 – 29 \$9.00 per person)**

Aspects of the Conference and Show that remain largely unchanged include:

Wednesday-**SETTING UP**; Thursday- **JUDGING**

Thursday evening-**OPENING CEREMONY**- included for conference registrants; \$75pp for others

Friday & Saturday- **CONFERENCE LECTURE PROGRAM**- all included for conference registrants

Friday, Saturday & Sunday- **SHOW** is open to the public

Sunday- 2 **BUS FIELD TRIPS**- Springbrook National Park and Mount Glorious National Park

Saturday night- **CONFERENCE DINNER**- \$90 pp

As always, if you have a question or concern, go to <https://aocc2022.org/planning-committee> to contact one of us.

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22<sup>nd</sup> AUSTRALIAN ORCHID COUNCIL CONFERENCE - 31<sup>st</sup> August - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022