



Nambour Orchid News.

January 2022



Judges Choice 2020/2021 - *Phalaenopsis* I-Hsin Dalmatian - Peter



Secretary news January



Meeting day Saturday 22

Welcome to 2022 and another year of Orchid growing, although Covid has reared its ugly head again, I guess we just take each month as it comes like we have for the last two years. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New year with your family and friends as Alan & I did. It was nice to be able to catch up with most of them.

We will do our best to keep you informed of current Govt. requirements as the year progresses

Unfortunately, because of the current situation we have made a decision to notify Bunnings and cancel our commitment to the sausage sizzle on the 15th January. The plan is to get back to them when things settle again. Sausage sizzles are a fun activity & important to the club as funds raised enables us to support Cit-tamani Hospice.

Because of the current situation with rampant COVID, it has been decided to postpone the STOCQ AGM, ordinary meeting, Judging meeting, and OQI meeting to the meeting in Childers on 16th July

Species appreciation Sunday February 13 will be at Roger & Rhonda's place details will be sent out by email prior to the date.

Queensland International Orchid Fair is back on again this year. It will be held on Friday/Saturday 25/26 February at Belmont Shooting Range. Details on the shows calendar

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. (January meeting will have a mask mandate)**

Hands to be sanitized before entering the hall. Check in Qld. App code at the door If you do not have a phone there is a Covid sign on sheet available. You will also be required to sign on for our fire safety and insurance checklist.

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.

Please bring your own pen to the meeting.

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.

President's Report

Here we are at the start of a new year but just as I hoped we would be settling down to a more normal existence, along came omicron. It looks like our orchids and gardens will be getting lots of attention once more in the coming months as we try to stay out of harm's way. Keep posting your orchid photos on Face Book and staying in touch with each other. During the time since our last meeting, we have had excellent flowering from our *Stanhopeas* and *Prosthecheas* and the vandas in the garden have had repeated blooming with good flower count. The conditions have been perfect over summer but what a shame not to be able to share these flowers with others at a meeting. With these few words I will end as usual, with a quote from "Orchid Wise" by Roger Rankin :- "When it comes to orchids, variety is the mother of enjoyment" **Gina**

Awards presented for combined 2020/2021 at our Mini Show meeting in November



Don won Popular Vote and the Alcorn Shield for the most points achieved at monthly meetings



Judges Choice –Plant of the Year - Peter



Alan lifetime achievement award

November 2021 Mini Show

Champion Orchid

Paph . Lady Isobel 'Worth the Wait' - Beryl & Graham



Reserve Champion

Dendrobium lindleyi - George & Helena





AOC Awards to Nambour Members.

Notes and photos by Charlie McMonagle

Nambour Orchid Society members received two AOC awards in December 2021.

John & Beverley Hopgood received a high HCC, 79.9 points, for their ***Cleisomeria lanata*** 'Beverley'.

A somewhat rare member of the sub-tribe Aeridinae, *Cleisomeria* have a monopodial growth habit, like a *Rhynchostylis*. They have branching inflorescences which carry many flowers, with the first open flowers dying off before the last ones open. The awarded plant carried 271 flowers and 404 buds on two branching inflorescences. The flowers are tiny, measuring only 6.2 mm high by 6.8 mm wide, so the photo above has been significantly enlarged.

This was the first AOC award to this genus. *lanata* means woolly, referring to the fine hairs on the back of the sepals and petals.

(If you are looking for details of this species on the Internet, it was previously described as *Cleisomeria lanatum* but the author alerted Kew to the gender inconsistency in the specific name and they changed it to *lanata*.)



Rodney & Janet Aisthorpe received an AM, 81.0 points, for their ***Pescatoria ecuadorana*** 'Cameron',

The plant had 3 inflorescences, each carrying one flower. Flowers were 60mm high by 50mm wide. The colours are quite striking. This species, a member of the sub-tribe Zygopetalinae, grows at 900 to 1200m elevation in rainforests. The owner grows the plant in live sphagnum moss, keeping it damp at all times. This was the first AOC award to this species.