

Nambour Orchid News.

February 2023



February Species - Judges Choice - Dendrobium purpureum

This species is found in the Moluccas, New Guinea, Fiji and Vanuatu. It is a hot to cool growing epiphyte from coastal lowlands to montane forests at elevations of sea level to 1150 metres. It has white pink or mauve flowers.

It can be grown on a slab or in small pots. Our plant is very established on a slab and grows in our shade house which has 50% shade cloth . All of our slabs are watered every day during the warmer months and once or twice a week throughout the cooler months. Fertiliser is applied once a week with Peters CalMag Finisher or Strike Back for Orchids liquid by Neutrog. A spray with Spectrum occasionally keeps pests at bay. It is a very rewarding orchid which flowers a couple times a year and lasts several weeks in flower. **David & Lorraine.**

Secretary News

Cultural Meeting Saturday February 25 Hall opens at 12noon.

Species meeting Sunday March 12 at Jean's place. 2pm.

Bus Trip to Qld international Orchid Fair is on Friday February 24. Bus will leave Nambour Railway Station car park at 7am returning around 4.30pm traffic depending. There are still a few seats left if you would like to put your name down Cost is \$5 members and \$25 non-members. Lunch provided with a cuppa. Please bring your own water bottle plus boxes or bags for your purchases to be stored in under the bus.

Notice of AGM: To be held at the Uniting Church Hall, Nambour on Saturday March 25 prior to the cultural meeting at 2pm. All positions will be declared vacant. Please put your hand up if you think you can assist in the running of your club. Nomination forms included with your newsletter. Closing date for nominations Saturday March 11.

Our local STOCQ shows are starting off for 2023 with Maroochydore 1 day show (members only) Saturday March 18. Please support all our local shows if you can.

Bribie Island Easter show Friday & Saturday April 7 & 8.Set up & judging Thursday April 6.

Caloundra Autumn show April 14 & 15 Set up Thursday April 13.

Gympie show Saturday Sunday April 29 & 30. Set up is Friday 28.

All show dates & venues are listed on our website under. www.nambourorchidsociety.com/events



To all our members not feeling the best we wish you a speedy recovery

Masks can be worn at any time you feel the need. Please feel free to wear a mask to the meeting if you wish and social distance where possible.

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.

Afternoon tea is served at all meetings. Please bring your own cup. This will be served by members who have completed the Tafe Covid safe for dining course required by Qld.Govt. regulation. You may bring your own afternoon tea if you prefer.

Revised Covid cleaning requirements are still in place to be completed after each meeting. Please offer your assistance where possible.

Presidents Report

The New Year got off to a great start with over 40 people in attendance on one of the hottest days this summer. The plants tabled were of excellent quality, as is always the case, with eight tables filled with magnificent flowering orchids and foliage plants. Thank you very much to all in attendance. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. A special thank you to our regional Registrar, Glenda, who kindly agreed to help with the plant commentary.

The Culture Corner was very capably lead by Peter who again captivated his audience with the science around orchid viruses and their management. Thank you Peter for another informative session.

A reminder about our Bus Trip to the Orchid Fair in Brisbane on 24 February. It is filling fast. The cost to members is \$5 which includes a picnic lunch. Contact Alison ASAP to secure your seat.

Those members who attended this month's meeting completed a survey which was aimed at informing the management team of the direction members would like our Club to take regarding charity donations for 2023. Firstly, I want to thank members for their participation in the survey and secondly, to inform members that 79 per cent of respondents want to continue supporting Cittamani as our charity of choice. The majority of respondents didn't want the Club to add new charities, rather, continue our focus on Cittamani. Thank you for your feedback and our charity direction is clear.

The Management Team is looking forward to a year of innovation. Firstly, plans are underway to change/broaden the plant benching categories at our monthly meetings; secondly, rearrange the tables to make the plant commentary easily visible for all in the hall; prizes and prize money improvements for meetings and shows; encouragement awards for novices and new members who table plants to name just a few.

Remember, if you have ideas for improving what we do, please let me or one of the Management Team know.

I look forward to seeing you at the Species Meeting on the second Sunday of February (Alison will send out a reminder including the venue) and/or on the bus trip which will be a very enjoyable day going on last year's bus adventure to Brisbane. Best wishes, **George**



STOCQ Award of Cultural Commendation

Psh. prismatocarpa - presented to George & Helena



Recently elevated to Full Judges

George (Nambour) Lorraine (Maroochydore)



David & Iorraine

Judges Choice - February Den. Frasers Lavender Curls Grower Cliff.



Onc. Unknown. Rlc. Chief Journey V. Fuchs Ocean Spray.
Col & Marilyn George & Helena Wayne

Species

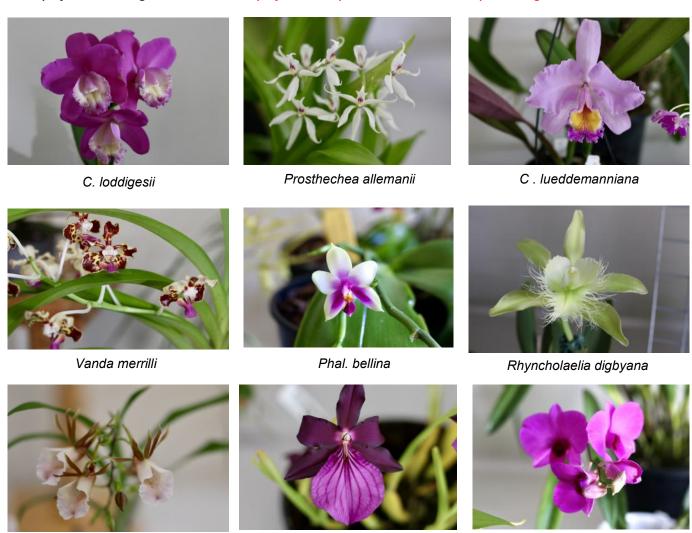
Species get together was held at the home of David & Lorraine. A big thank you as always for their hospitality. Twenty one members braved the heat of the day & managed to turn a very hot afternoon into a very enjoyable social event.

Plants on show are listed below:

Galeandra lacustris

Adenoncos vesiculosa, Arpophyllum giganteum, Brassia gireoudiana, Bulbophyllum amplebracteatum subsp. orthoglossum, Bulbophyllum biflorum, Bulbophyllum dearei, Cattleya lueddemanniana, Coelogyne beccarii Coelogyne longirachis, Coelogyne uncata, Coelogyne usitana, Cymbidium dayanum, Dendrobium bigibbum, Dendrobium bracteosum, Dendrobium linguella, Dendrobium purpureum, Galeandra lacustris, Gastrochilus japonicus, Habenaria dentata, Isochilus lineris, Miltonia spectabilis, Phalaenopsis bellina, Phalaenopsis pulchra, Phalaenopsis violacea, Prosthechea allemanii, Prosthechea cochleata, Rhyncholaelia digbyana, Stanhopea oculata Stereochilus pachyphyllus, Vanda merrillii x 2

Bulbophyllum orthoglossum = Bulbophyllum amplebracteatum subsp. orthoglossum



Miltonia spectabilis

Den. bigibbum

Judges Choice - Novice - February - Gastrochilus japonicus

Gastrochilus japonicus also known as the 'Japanese Jewel Orchid' or 'Yellow Pine Orchid', is a species of orchid native to East Asia, specifically in Japan, Korea, and China. This orchid is commonly found growing in damp, shady forests, near streams and rivers, and is known for its light citrus fragrance and delicate beauty.

Gastrochilus japonicus is a relatively easy orchid to grow, provided that its growing requirements are met.

This species is an epiphyte, meaning it grows on other plants but does not take nutrients from



them. Instead, it derives nutrients from the air, water, and organic matter in its environment.

The growing media should be well-draining, providing support and moisture retention for the roots.

An alternative to growing Gastrochilus japonicus in a pot is to mount it, which replicates its natural habitat. The orchid can be attached to a piece of wood or cork, using sphagnum moss or wire ties. It is important to keep the growing media moist and to provide bright, indirect light for optimal growth.

Light: This orchid prefers bright, indirect light. Avoid exposing it to direct sun, which can cause leaf burn.

Temperature: Gastrochilus japonicus prefers warm temperatures, between 15-29°C. This species is not frost-tolerant, and it is important to protect it from cold teeratures.

Humidity: This orchid requires high humidity levels, between 50-80%. If the air in your home is dry, you can increase humidity levels by placing the pot on a tray filled with pebbles and water, or by using a humidifier.

Water: Regular watering is necessary for this species, but it is important to allow the growing media to partially dry between waterings. Overwatering can lead to root rot and other problems.

Fertilizer: This orchid should be fertilized monthly during the growing season, from spring to fall. Use a balanced fertilizer, and follow the instructions carefully.

Repotting: Gastrochilus japonicus should be repotted or remounted every 2-3 years, or when necessary. This will help to promote healthy growth and prevent the growing media from becoming compacted.

I grow this orchid on a pine slab (with sphagnum moss) that receives direct morning sun and filtered light (25% shade) for the rest of the day. During the summer it is watered every day (sometimes twice on the hot days with low humidity). During the dormant period (May - Aug) it is kept slightly drier. **Dean & Rossana**

F	opu	lar Vote & Judges Choice - January 2023	
	•	s Choice in Blue	* see notes
Cattleya	JC.1	Rlc. Chief Journey	George & Helena
	2	Rlc. Mem. Anna Belmores x Rlc. Robert Strait	George & Helena
	3	C. Deception Leopard	Luda
	3	C. Elizabeth	Col & Marilyn
Oncidium	1	Psh. Green Hornet	Roger B
	JC.2	Gptm. Arlene Armour	Roger B
	2	Brs. Rex	Roger B
Vanda	JC.1	V. Roberts Delight	Rod & Jan
	2	Van. Fuchs Ocean Spray	Wayne
	3	Ren. Amayani	Roger B
Phalaenopsis	1	Phal. Unknown	Peter
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	_	Phal. Unknown	Peter
•	3	Phal. Unknown	Peter
	3	Phal. Unknown	Don
Dendrobium	1	Den. Hibiki	David & Lorraine
Denarobiani	2	D. Little Green Apples	David & Lorraine
		Den. Fraser's Lavender Curls	Cliff A
Any Other Genera	1		Duncan
Species Asian	1	Bulb. Jan Ragan	
Species Asian	-	Bulb.levyae Coel. celebensis	Duncan
	3		David & Lorraine
Consiss Americas		Den. erectifolim	Rod & Jan
Species Americas	2	C. aclandiae	David & Lorraine
	3	Gomesa recuva	Rod & Jan
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Aus. Native Species		Den. antennatum	Cliff. A
	1	Sarcochilus ceciliae	Wayne
	1	Liparis nugentiae	Wayne
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Aus. Native Hybrid	.	Den. Touch of Gold	Cliff. A
Novice	1	Paph. Lawrenceanum	Dean & Rosanna
-	JC.2	Gchls. japonica	Dean & Rosanna
Foliage	1	Begonia Rex	David & Lorraine
	2	Caladium	George & Helena
	JC3	Asplenium	George & Helena
Discrete Still Br	3	Calathea	George & Helena
* Names in red are correct to		Den. Frasers Lavender Curls SP liet for species And Orchidwiz for Hybrids	Cliff. A
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		audebec x tiprina. = C. Deception Leopard	
		uchs Ocean Spray. = Van. Fuchs Ocean Spray	
		Kuranda Blue x. carronii = Fraser's Lavender Curls	
		nebrosa = C. tenebrosa	
		ochilus eriochilus = Sarcochilus ceciliae	
	Cade	etia taylorii = <mark>Den. taylorii</mark>	

NAMBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

MEETING DETAILS

Plants need to be tabled by 1.15pm when the popular vote will start

Judging of plants is at 1.30pm after the popular vote

Cultural Corner is from 1.30pm to 2pm each meeting day

Cultural meeting is at 2pm

Business meeting is at 2pm, on the third 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 All STOCQ members welcome.

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

Patrons Graham & Beryl Robertson President George Peever Treasurer Jean Harris Vice President Roger Barratt

Secretary Alison Parkes 0438 177855 nambourorchids@gmail.com

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- All correspondence to the Society should be addressed to nambourorchids@gmail.com
- Articles for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to the editor at rhand39@gmail.com
- Send all ads, articles and photos etc. no later than two 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 to the Club Bank Account for Shirts, Badges & Membership is preferred. 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, \$31 for shirt with logo. Name badges, cost is \$15.00. Please order from secretary



Supporters of Cittamani Hospice Services

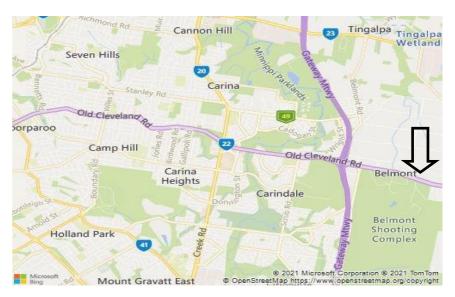
Cittamani Hospice Services are in Palmwoods and provide end of life palliative care for people in need in their own homes. They also provide essential equipment free of charge for patients use in their own home.

Queensland International Orchid Fair

Piof Friday & Saturday 24th & 25th February 2023

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57th Autumn Show 1 & 2 April 2023

Saturday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm Sunday 8.30 am to 2.00 pm (*note new time*)

Brisbane International Shooting Centre Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

(Entry off Old Cleveland Road)

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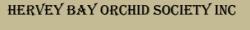


Entry Fee Adults \$4.00 Children Under 14 years Free











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ORCHIDFEST 2023

22nd - 25th SEPTEMBER, 2023

XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE, 1 WIDE BAY DRIVE, ELI WATERS, HERVEY BAY

Large benched show with hundreds of quality orchids on display

Themed display of orchid and foliage plants

Lecture program

Plant sales, orchids and foliage

Rolling raffles

Food and refreshments available

Whale Watching and Fraser Island Tours can be organized

Proposed program:

Thursday 22nd- Registration and benching of plants (open to STOCQ affiliates) 10am to 3pm.

Afternoon tea 3pm to 3.30pm. Judging of orchids 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Dinner 6pm to 7.30pm (Free to registrants)

Friday 23rd - Free entry to orchid show from 8.30am. Lecture program 10am - 3.30pm

Saturday 24th - free day to enjoy Hervey Bay sightseeing (Orchid House free entry for registrants),

visit Fraser Island, go whale watching, or attend the orchid show

[Dinner at Hervey Bay RSL at cost - approx \$40 per person]

Sunday 25th – Lecture program 8.30am – 12 noon. Prize presentations 1.30pm (Close 2pm)

Why not spend a few days in Hervey Bay seeing one of the best orchid shows in the country, learning a little more about orchids, and visiting some of the world class attractions that draw people from around the world.