



# Nambour Orchid News.

March 2021



## Judges Choice February *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii*

My first encounter with Paphs. was at a show held at Mt. Coottha Botanical Gardens. I wasn't exactly overwhelmed by what I was told were Paphs. but as the years have passed and living with orchids in and out of the house, at meetings and shows I became attracted to some of them. I watched the few we had dwindle down in their numbers. Until one day I decided I would like to take them on. I couldn't do any worse, could I ?? I took them to live in their own special place. I fertilised them weekly, I re-potted them yearly. All this was done under the guidance of Beryl's instructions. They started to improve and flower, (some of them). We then bought them a dedicated bush-house, and I was up and running. We bought more plants, and one of them was *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii*. I had seen a picture of the plant in a book and decided I would like to have one and see if I could grow it. The first time it flowered I was over the moon, the next year it gave me two blooms. When I re-potted the plant last year, a small piece broke off, and it has given me two flowers, as well as the main plant giving me the four we took to the last meeting.

I now have nearly 100 plants. Some are great, others frustrating, but they all get the same treatment. My mix is bark, perlite and charcoal in equal parts. The fertiliser I used was an Horticultural Solutions HSO12 mix, 1 gram to the litre, but it ran out. Marty suggested I try a new product especially formulated for Paphs. ½ a gram to the litre, also a product of Horticultural Solutions. So it will be interesting to see over the next 12 months what changes occur, if any. I have only used it a couple of times, so it's far too early to tell. I hope I haven't made a mistake, time will tell. Marty suggested we should water between fertilising to reduce any build up of salts. It just extends the weekly fertilising by a few days, but they don't seem to be grumbling.

Over the last couple of years the plants have given me much pleasure. We seem to be able to have slippers in the house all year, and not just on our feet. Next test is to try some complexes, and maybe a few more Phrags. When this bug bites it's hard to ignore. **Marty & Anita**



## **Secretary news March**

### **Covid reminders as per Government regulations.**

Social distancing is still in place please be mindful of this while moving around and doing the popular vote.  
Hands to be sanitized before entering the hall.

Do not come to the meeting before 12.45pm or if you have any cold or flu symptoms.

Members must notify the Secretary if they intend to come to the meeting to enable a covid safe register to be prepared. **Please bring your own pen.**

Reminder to use the same chair for the duration of the meeting.

**Bring your own cup** if you wish to have afternoon tea. Afternoon tea will be served by members who have completed the Tafe Covid safe food handling course online as required by Qld. Govt. regulation. You may bring your own afternoon tea if you prefer.

Plants must be tabled by 1.30 for judging.

**New instructions for displaying of plants were sent out earlier in the month.**

### **CLEANING:**

We are required to complete a cleaning checklist before leaving the hall after each meeting. To share the load and make this task more efficient we have set up a monthly cleaning roster which will be sent with your newsletter as a separate attachment. If you are rostered and unable attend please advise so a replacement can be found.

### **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:**

Reminder that your membership is overdue. Details are on the information page for direct deposit. If you wish to pay cash at a meeting please put the money in an envelope with your name on it and hand to the Treasurer. Single \$10 Couple \$15. March will be the last newsletter for unfinancial members.

### **SHOWS: Any shows while we have Covid restrictions will be subject to change.**

There are no open shows schedule for our area for April. The first show on our calendar at this stage will be Gympie. Set up is Friday 30th April, Show 1st & 2nd May. This will be a bench show at a new venue Albert Park Bowls Club located directly off the highway. Alison

## **President's Report**

After an early morning walk with Jessie the dog, enjoying the serenity and birdsong and the cool breeze, I thought how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world. We may have to deal with positives and negatives in our lives but as we moan about the heat and humidity, look at how much our orchids are thriving. We are fortunate in so many ways and I hope that we can look forward to the positives coming out on top! Following our AGM, I would like to thank the members of the Committee for your positive response to being part of the team and I know I will enjoy working with all of you this year. We will continue to strive to make our society a positive organization that fosters fellowship and helps to widen our knowledge about the world of orchids.

The last word from "Orchid Wise" thanks to Roger Rankin .....

"A flower is good not for what it looks like, but for what it does for the soul"

**Gina**

A selection of plants on display at February meeting



*Van. Pine Rivers*  
David & Lorraine



*Psychopsis Mendenhall*  
Col & Marilyn



*Ctsm. Black Jade*  
Col & Bev



*C. Caudebec Candy* - Gabrielle



*Bulb. Santa Claus x annandalei*  
Duncan



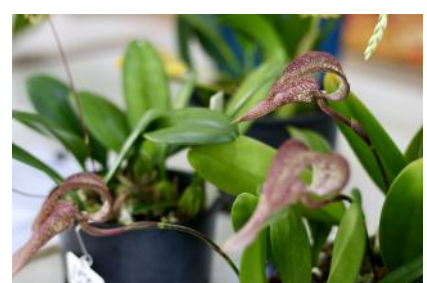
*Paph .Hsinying Lime x Hsinying Citron*  
Marty & Anita



*V. Buttercup*.- Rod & Jan



*V. Ubon Fragrance* Bob & Joan



*Bulb. fritillariiflorum*



*Phal. amboinensis*  
Graham & Beryl



*Phal. Unknown* Col & Bev



*Vandaenopsis Irene Dobkin* - Judy

# Helena's Gallery



## ***Pseudanthemum variable* - A Much-cursed Weed**

Charlie McMonagle

Few growers in this region are not plagued by this pest, variously known as Kirkwood's Curse or Mackinney's Menace after the two nurseries that have been blamed for introducing it to orchid collections. It is actually a plant native to the dry sclerophyll forests along the eastern coast of Australia. It is cultivated and sold by some plant nurseries as the "Butterfly Plant" because it is said to be attractive to four or more species.

The plants are fast-growing and commence seeding at an early stage. Seed capsules explode on maturity, scattering seed which can be wind-borne over a range of several metres. Once you have it, it will quickly spread through your orchid collection and throughout your garden. Orchid potting media provide the ideal hosts. Plants have a long taproot, often bifurcated, usually similar in length to the height of the plant. Most attempts to pull plants out of a pot or the ground result in breakage at ground level, leaving behind the root system which will promptly re-grow. The only way to effectively remove the weed from potted orchids is to re-pot, removing all traces of the taproot from the plant's root ball. For plants with tightly matted roots, this can be difficult. An alternative, suggested by Wayne Turville at Australian Orchid Nursery (Melbourne), is to paint the leaves of the weed with concentrated (50%) Glyphosate. You would need to be very careful not to get any Glyphosate at this strength on your plant and watering should be withheld for at least 48 hours.

Plants containing this weed in the pot can be deemed to be not in "Show Bench Condition" as defined by the AOC Judging Handbook. To avoid the risk of spreading this pest to other growers, exhibitors at shows or meetings should ensure that all such plants are removed from pots beforehand.



## **The Black Ant, Scale Insect, Mealy Bug, Aphid Alliance**

Ben Wallace

These four groups of insects can work hand-in-glove to make a living at the expense of your orchids. The last three literally suck sap from your plants for their own needs, and produce sugary exudates that ants then feed on. In turn the ants carry the sapsuckers to the choicest localities, such as young emerging leaves, expanding buds or active root tips, where the orchid's nutrient content is at its greatest. Loss of these nutrients from the plant can seriously affect its ability to grow and flower. Worse still, the insects may inject pathogenic viruses into the plant, thereby spelling its doom.

To deal with such a conspiracy requires a multi-pronged response from the grower. First you need to watch where the ants are running to and fro, so that you can discover where their nest is located. If it's in a pot, the nest is easily destroyed. Simply tip the plant and mix onto the soil outside your green house, remove the plant, spread the mix and spray both mix and plant with a mixture of Pest Oil® and pyrethrum. If the ant nest is beneath a concrete slab or in a brick wall, you'll need to use more guile and lay a bait of ant poison. Mortein Ant Sand® is an effective one that has been introduced recently but other types are also available.

Having dealt with the ringleaders, next get the subordinates. Close examination of all plants is important to locate infestations of scale, aphids and mealy bugs. Remember that they often hide in obscure places, such as down in leaf sheath bases, on buried roots and in other hidden spots. Remove all infested plants individually, and spray them with the above-mentioned mix, or use a soft toothbrush to apply it, mixed with detergent. It's important to use some sort of surface-tension breaker (such as a soluble oil, detergent or methylated spirit) to penetrate the waxy coat of some insects. Don't apply more of these chemicals than necessary, as they may damage the plant's softer tissues. Remember that it's important to deal with all the culprits, not just the sapsuckers doing the immediate damage.

Courtesy of Orchid Societies Council of Victoria

## Species

### Plant of the Month - *Paph henryanum*

This group of 4 *Paph. henryanum* caught my eye in the nursery today. This delightful compact species both in plant and flower form is quite easy to grow. In nature it grows in small colonies on steep limestone cliffs as do so many other paphiopedilums from S W China. It needs light to moderate shade and we prefer to grow it in small tubular pots in the usual small bark and charcoal mix with the addition of lime in the form of Canunda shells. The flowers vary in depth of colour but the rosy maroon pouches are very eye catching. It is a fairly recent addition to the paphiopedilum species being described in 1987. **Beryl**



### Miniature plant of the Month - *Dendrobium taylorii* (previously known as *Cadetia taylorii*)

Epiphyte forming small to medium sized clumps of slender erect stems that to 10cm x 5cm, cylindrical shallow grooved dark green leathery leaves grow to 5cm x 12mm. Flowers are about 12mm across are white with a yellow or pink labellum and flowers several times a year. Grows from sea level to 1200m mainly on trees as well as rocks in the rainforest and on mangroves. Distribution NE. Australia (Iron Range to Townsville) and New Guinea. **Rod & Jan.**



Species group meeting at Allan & Alison's 14-03-2021

#### Benched plants

*Bulbophyllum annandalei*, *Bulbophyllum clandestinum*\*, *Bulbophyllum gusdorfii*\*, *Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum*\*, *Cleisostoma williamsonii*, *Cryptophoranthus atropurpureus*, *Dendrobium bigibbum*, *Dendrobium cowenii*, *Dendrobium dearei*, *Dendrobium hendersonii*, *Dendrobium hoikii*\*, *Dendrobium taylorii*, *Epidendrum porpax*, *Guarianthe bowringiana*, *Habenaria rhodocheila*, *Paphiopedilum godefroyae*, *Paphiopedilum henryanum* x 4, *Paphiopedilum leucochilum*, *Phalaenopsis bellina* x 2, *Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica* x 2, *Phalaenopsis pulcherrima*, *Phalaenopsis venosa*, *Trichatosia velutina*

Names of plants are checked on the Kew WCSP list. Those found to be different are marked with an \*

*Bulbophyllum clandestinum* shown as *sessile*

*Bulbophyllum gusdorfii* spelling was incorrect

*Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum* shown as *appendiculatum*

*Dendrobium hoikii* no reference found



Photo's from Species Group by Helena.



## The Genus *Coryanthes*

Charlie McMonagle

Plants of this genus are rarely seen on the show bench. Only one has been awarded by the AOC and that was a Certificate of Botanical Merit back in 2001. Judy Robbins brought one, *Coryanthes macrantha*, to the February meeting but sadly, the rather fragile petals did not survive the journey to Nambour. The photo, right, of this species was taken by Wayne Harris.

The genus *Coryanthes* is a member of the Sub-tribe Stanhopeinae, closely related to *Stanhopea* and *Gongora*. There are 65 species listed in Kew's checklist and only 5 registered hybrids, 4 of them primary. There have been some intergeneric hybrids with *Stanhopea*.

Plants of various species occur in northern parts of South America and some Caribbean Islands. Inflorescences are typically pendant with up to 28 flowers on some species but the more popular species have smaller numbers of flowers. The name *Coryanthes* [Crths], pronounced (kor-EE-an-thees), means helmet-shaped flower, referring to the shape of the apical part of the labellum. Other species popular in cultivation are illustrated below. Images from the Orchid Society of Colombia.



*Crths. mastersiana*



*Crths. bruchmuelleri*



*Crths. senghasiana*

Popular Vote & Judges Choice - February 2021

<b>Judges Choice in Blue</b>		<b>Red See Notes</b>
<b>Cattleya</b>	1 <b>Cattleya Caudebec Candy</b> 2 Rlc. Sunny Sword x binosa 2 Cattleya Unknown	<b>G&amp;B Robertson</b> G. Rann P&H English
<b>Oncidium</b>	1 <b>Mps. Lillian Nakamora*</b> 2 Oncidium Sweet Sugar 3 <b>Brat. Charles M. Fitch*</b> 3 Miltassia Unknown	<b>C&amp;B Haack</b> M&A Vlekkert R. Barratt P&H English
<b>Vanda/ Phalaenopsis</b>	1 <b>Vanda Ubon Fragrance*</b> 2 <b>Pda. Chao Praya Sunshine *</b> 3 Vdps. Irene Dobkin 3 Phalaenopsis Unknown <b>Vanda Pine Rivers</b>	R&J Raabe L. Hallcroft J. Robbins C&B Haack <b>D&amp;L Lee</b>
<b>Dendrobium</b>	1 <b>Dendrobium Mint Magic</b> 2 3	<b>R&amp;J Raabe</b>
<b>Any Other Genera</b>	1 <b>Psychopsis Mendenhall</b> 2 Ctsm. Black Jade 3 Cymbidium Golden Vanguard	<b>C&amp;M Bracken</b> C&B Haack D. Elms
<b>Paphiopedilum/ Phragmipedium</b>	1 <b>Paph. Hsinying Lime x Hsinying Citron</b> 2 Paphiopedilum Crossianum 3 Paphiopedilum Helvetia	<b>M&amp;A Vlekkert</b> M&A Vlekkert M&A Vlekkert
<b>Species America's</b>	1 <b>Miltonia moreliana</b> 2 Guarianthe bowringiana 3 <b>Rodriguezia venusta*</b> 3 Coryanthes macrantha	<b>G&amp;B Robertson</b> P&H English L. Hallcroft J. Robbins
<b>Species Asian</b>	1 <b>Paphiopedilum charlesworthii</b> 2 Dendrochilum magnum 3 Phalaenopsis amboensis 3 Scheonorchis fragrans	<b>M&amp;A Vlekkert</b> P&H English G&B Robertson L. Hallcroft
<b>Aus. Native Hybrid</b>	1 <b>Dendrobium Albertine</b> 2 3	<b>D. Elms</b>
<b>Aus. Native Species</b>	1 <b>Dendrobium bigibbum var. compactum</b> 2 Phalaenopsis amabilis subsp. rosentromii 3 Dendrobium bigibbum var. compactum	<b>J. Robbins</b> G&B Robertson D. Elms
<b>Novice</b>		
<b>Foliage</b>	1 Juniper glauca 2 Begonia Unknown 3 <b>Caladium Unknown</b>	P. Mann G. Rann <b>D&amp;L Lee</b>
<p><b>Miltassia Lillian Nakamora</b>  <b>Miltassia Charles M. Fitch</b>  <b>V. Suksamran Gold x Kulvadee Fragrance</b>  <b>Papilionanda Chao Praya Sunshine</b>  <b>Rodriguezia bracteata</b></p>		



# Nambour Orchid Society



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

**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 for judging by 1.30pm .**

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

**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.

Members selling plants must submit a list of Plants for Sale, 10% commission is payable to the Society. 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 \$7.00 for new members after attending 3 meetings, or \$10.95 for a replacement**

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## 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.

## Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2021

Set up is the day before Show date unless otherwise noted.

(NOS commitment in blue)

### April

Fri/Sat/Sun 2/3/4 Sat/Sun 10/11 <b>Sat 17</b> Thurs/Fri 29/30	Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Soc. Rockhampton OS Autumn Show <b>South Burnett OS</b> Caboolture Closed show	Bill Robertson Toyota, Hansen Road, Gladstone <b>Cancelled</b> <b>Cancelled</b> Morayfield Shopping Centre
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### May

<b>Sat/Sun 1/2</b> Fri/Sat/Sun 7/8/9	<b>Gympie OS Show</b> Bundaberg OS	<b>Albert Park Bowles Club</b>
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### July

Fri/Sat/Sun 9/10/11 Fri/Sat/Sun 23/24/25	Nambour Garden Expo. Caboolture OS show	Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave. Nambour Morayfield Community Centre (Behind Bunnings)
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### August

Fri/Sat 6/7 Sat/Sun 14/15 Fri/Sat 27/28	Maroochydore OS show Agnes Water OS show Childers OS Spring Show	Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim Agnes Water Community Centre, 71 Springs Road,
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### September

Fri/Sat 3/4 Thurs/Fri/Sat 16/17/18 <b>Fri/Sat 16/17</b> <b>Fri/Sat 24/25</b> Fri/Sat/Sun 24/25/26 Sat/Sun 25/26	Nambour Orchid Society Maryborough OS Show <b>Noosa DOFS Show</b> <b>Glasshouse Country OS show</b> Hervey Bay OS show Rockhampton OS Spring Show	Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour St Paul's Memorial Hall, Maryborough <b>Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road.</b> Xavier Catholic College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters
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### October

<b>Fri/Sat 1/2</b> Thurs/Fri/Sat 21/22/23 <b>Fri/Sat 29/30</b>	<b>Caloundra OS Show</b> Caboolture OS (closed) <b>Nambour Species Show</b>	Uniting Church Hall, Ulm St Caloundra Morayfield Shopping Centre Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave. Nambour
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### November

Sat/Sun 6/7	Tweed Show
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**BRISBANE ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**



**At BELMONT SHOOTING COMPLEX**  
**1485 OLD CLEVELAND RD BELMONT**

A judged Orchid Show showcasing many beautiful flowering orchids.

Members & vendors orchid sales – Fame, Windermere, Robertsons, Red Fox & Darryl Banks Orchids  
Orchid Growing Accessories are available from Orchid Den.

Regular potting demonstrations and orchid book and craft stall.  
Refreshments are available. Help support Lions Club.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8 am–4 pm & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.30 am–3 pm.

**Admission \$4**

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