



# Nambour Orchid News.

July 2021



## Judges Choice - June - Rlc. Subprasert

This is an eye catching flower for a number of reasons. Firstly, the colour is a dark, glossy red with a darker, velvet like labellum and has golden/orange stripes almost shining like rays of light from inside the labellum. Secondly, it has two large flowers that are fairly flat, oval in shape and well filled in. Thirdly, it has a strong, plastic like substance with the flowers being self-supporting on the inflorescence. Overall, very appealing and a good show bench cattleya.

Rlc Subprasert has had a number of incarnations with this one reading No 32 on the original tag. I have seen others without the colour, shape and substance of this plant. So there seems to have been a degree of effort getting it to this stage.

We have had this plant for a number of decades with the original coming from Cairns Orchid Centre. This is a back cut after dividing the plant in September 2020. The plant is nothing to write home about at this stage, however, it flowered well.

We use a medium of bark, coco chips, charcoal and perlite and repot annually. Slow release fertiliser is added to the top of the pot after repotting and we liquid fertilise weekly using a half strength solution even through winter. After repotting, and for the first couple of months in Spring, we use full strength liquid fertiliser. This gives the plants the boost they need to maximise their peak growing season.

Good levels of sunlight and air movement are also very important in growing healthy, disease resistant plants, along with appropriate moisture levels depending on the time of the year. **George & Helena**



## **Secretary news July**

Garden Expo was a great success. Although we had reservations about the size of the individual marquee it worked out very well. A lot of compliments from the visitors about the beautiful display of Orchids & Foliage. Thank you to the volunteers who took care of our stand over the 3 days braving the wet and cold. Many flyers were handed out for our Spring show. Our thanks to Robertson Orchids and Orchid Mania for their assistance.

Palmwoods Arts and Craft group are holding their craft fest on Saturday 24th July at the Palmwoods Bowls Club. We will be having a table display at this event to promote our Spring show. Members plants needed to fill the display. Palmwoods also support our charity Cittamani Hospice so please go along and support this event. Entry is gold coin donation.

Caboolture show is a 3day show Fri, Sat, Sun 23/24/25 July. This is a benched show, so members need to do their own labels if they plan to show plants. Morayfield Community Centre behind Bunnings.

Maroochydore Orchid Society show Buderim Uniting Church Fri/Sat 6 & 7 August. This is also a benched show.

### **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. Bar code at the door for the check in Qld. App. You will also be required to sign on for our fire safety check list.

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

### **Please bring your own pen to 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 for dining in food handling course. This is required by Qld. Govt. regulation. You may bring your own afternoon tea if you prefer.

Plants must be tabled before 1.30pm. Judging starts at 1.30 sharp. Your pot number is required for display of plants. A volunteer will hand out the stickers for your pot. **Alison**

### **President's Message**

It is great to see that in spite of these peculiar times, we are carrying on with the activities that are as close as possible to normal practice in our Orchid Society. That is why it is important to do your best to stay connected and be aware of those members who need support. I am encouraged to see that our group and other societies are planning shows in what is one of the best flowering seasons for orchids, especially our native Australian species. Judging by the patronage at recent activities, these events are appreciated by all.

Many thanks to the workers who cooked up a storm at the recent sausage sizzle and to the hardy souls who set up and contributed orchids and foliage for our display and manned the booth at the Nambour Garden Expo. We almost sold George's Anthuriums a few times! They were much admired. I hope you are preparing your orchids in preparation for shows and meetings and following the good advice about this topic that was given at the June meeting. Thank-you Beryl and Judy who demonstrated the steps to make your plants look their best when on display.

Finally, here is a good tip from Roger Rankin's book 'Orchid Wise' – "Don't be too quick to draw up hard and fast rules for orchid growing; each grower has a different set". **Gina**



Plant on display at June meeting



*Acampe ochracea*  
Rod & Jan



*Den. lichenastrum.*  
Wayne



*Onc. Pacific Panache.*  
Roger



*Fdk. After Dark* - Luda



*Cmy. Unknown* - Peter



*Phal. unknown* - Peter



*Onc. Twinkle* - George & Helena



*Onc. Tsiku Marguerite* Roger



*C. Chief Gem* - Luda



*Den. Royal Wings* - Lyn



*Den. bigibbum* - Wayne



*Cym. Earlisue 'Paddy'* - Roger



*Gur. bowringiana* - Duncan



## Our Volunteers

As we all know times can be a bit challenging with Covid 19 restrictions. Extra cleaning duties as set down by the Uniting Church are required after each meeting. As these take considerable time to complete, and to streamline the cleaning process our committee made a decision in March to set up a cleaning roster. Prior to this although we had many volunteers some jobs were being done several times. We are very grateful to the members who willingly help on their rostered day and to those who collect their plants promptly and leave the hall to allow the cleaning to be done.

Some pictures below of the team in action over a couple of months plus some action from our recent sausage sizzle at Bunnings thanks to our very able photographer.

**Note** the wary look Judy is giving to a couple of very hungry customers.





# Helena's Gallery





## Orchid Classification – Part 2

Charlie McMonagle

This is a continuation of the article in the June edition.

The sub-family **Epidendroideae** is by far the largest, accounting for 79% of all accepted species. It contains 15 tribes, some of which contain only one or two genera and generally small numbers of species, and others with many species and thousands of genera. The first eight tribes listed in the Chase classification contain few species of interest to hobby growers. The exceptions are *Epipactis* (tribe Neottieae) with 49 species, more popular in the northern hemisphere, and *Sobralia* (tribe Sobralieae), with 149 species widespread through Mexico, Central and South America, popular in cultivation world-wide. *Sobralia macrantha* is pictured right. Photo by Wayne Harris.



The tribe **Arethuseae** contains two subtribes, Arethusinae and Coelogyninae. *Arundina* is the genus of interest in Arethusinae. Subtribe **Coelogyninae** contains a number of genera of interest including *Bletilla* (5 species), *Coelogyne* (200 species), *Dendrochilum* (278 species), *Pholidota* (39 species), *Pleione* (21 species) and *Thunia* (5 species). *Coelogyne*s are popular in cultivation and many species carry large numbers of flowers. *Coelogyne lentiginosa* is pictured left; photo by Wayne Harris. *Dendrochilum* is another genus popular in cultivation, particularly in this region. *Dendrochilum wenzelii* is pictured right; photo by author.

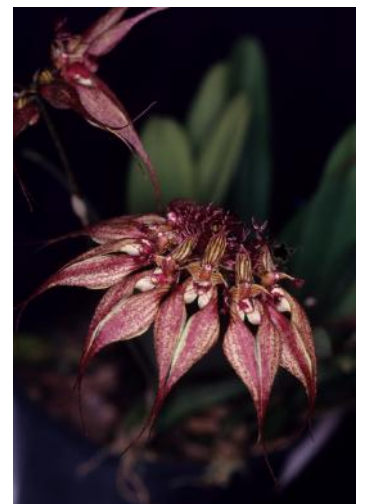


Tribe **Malaxideae** contains two subtribes. The first is **Dendrobiinae** comprising the two largest genera, *Bulbophyllum* (1867 accepted species at the time of the Chase classification, now over 2000) and *Dendrobium* (1509 species). Because of the large number of species in these genera, scientists have grouped species having similar characteristics into **Sections**. There are 98 Sections in *Bulbophyllum*, distributed across 4 regions. There are 12 Sections in the African Region, 15 Sections in the Malagasy Region (Madagascar and other islands in the Indian Ocean), 67 Sections in the Asia/Pacific region and 6 Sections in Neo-tropical America (Tropical areas of Central and South America, including the Caribbean Islands). If you noticed that the total is 100, it is because there are two Sections that occur in two regions.



*Bulbophyllum*s occur in tropical and temperate areas of all continents except Antarctica. The greatest concentration of species is in New Guinea and 26 species are found in Australia, all close to the east coast of Queensland and New South Wales. There has been a marked increase in the cultivation of *Bulbophyllum*s in recent years, particularly amongst 'Species' growers. Forty-seven AOC awards have been granted to *Bulbophyllum*s over the past 10 years. *Bulbophyllum lobbii*

'Murph', pictured left above, was awarded an FCC and an ACE by the AOC in 2010; photo by author. The most significant change to *Bulbophyllum* in the new classification was the transfer of around 300 species previously described as *Cirrhopetalum* to *Bulbophyllum*. *Trias* was another smaller genus transferred to *Bulbophyllum*. *Bulb. rothschildianum*, pictured right, is a species in the section *Cirrhopetalum*. Photo by Wayne Harris.





**Dendrobium** is one of the most popular genera cultivated in tropical and sub-tropical regions. It occurs naturally in India, China, Japan, all of the Asean countries, New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand and islands across the western Pacific Ocean. There is a wide range of variation in vegetative and floral characteristics across the genus. The genus has been grouped into 30 Sections, the more popular being Phalaenanthe, Dendrobium, Spatulata, Latouria, Dendrocoryne, Calypstrochilus, Formosae, Cadetia and Diplocaulobium. Cadetia, Diplocaulobium and Grastidium were separate genera prior to GO6 when they were absorbed into Dendrobium.



**Section Phalaenanthe** is one of the smallest in the genus with only two species but *Den. bigibbum*, pictured right, features in the parentage of over 11,000 hybrids. Photo by Wayne Harris.



There are 12 species native to Australia in **Section Dendrocoryne**, including *Den. speciosum*, pictured left, photo by author.

There are also 12 Australian species in **Section Rhizobium**, known for a short time as genus Dockrillia but returned to Dendrobium in GO6, and 8 species in Spatulata. Smaller numbers of Australian species occur in 14 other Sections.



**Section Calypstrochilus** is one of the largest numerically with 114 species native to New Guinea. Many species previously in Sections Oxyglossum and Pedilonum were transferred to Calypstrochilus. A popular species from this Section is *Den. cuthbertsonii*, pictured right, photo by author.



The so-called soft cane or Indian Dendrobiums are all in **Section Dendrobium**. *Den. nobile*, from this Section, features in the parentage of around 2700 registered hybrids. One of them is *Den. Pink Doll*, pictured left, awarded an FCC and an ACM last year. Photo by author.

Sections Latouria and Spatulata both contain around 50 species with the greatest concentration in New Guinea and adjacent islands.



The remaining subtribe in Malaxideae is **Malaxidiinae** which contains the numerically large genera, Liparis with 426 species and Oberonia with 323 species. Liparis are found on all continents except Antarctica with many species occurring in Australia. They generally have large numbers of small flowers on an inflorescence and the labellum is usually the dominant feature. *Liparis condylobulbon*, pictured right, photo by Wayne Harris, is native to Queensland and SE Asia, including New Guinea and is popular in cultivation. Oberonias, often called "Fairy Orchids", also occur in many tropical and subtropical regions, including six species in Australia. Tiny flowers occur in large numbers on long inflorescences. *Oberonia titania*, left, photographed by Wayne Harris, is one of the Australian species.



## Popular Vote & Judges Choice - June 2021

Judges Choice in Blue

\* See Notes

<b>Cattleya</b> <u>Overall/JC.</u>	1	<i>Rlc. Redland White Out</i>	Patrick & Heather
	2	<i>Rlc. Subprasert</i> *	George & Helena
	2	<i>Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond.</i> *	George & Helena
<b>Oncidium</b>	1	<i>Onc. Tsiku Marquerite 'CT Romantic Fantasy'.</i> *	Roger
	2	<i>Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'</i>	George & Helena
<b>Vanda/ Phalaenopsis</b>	1	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Peter
	2	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Peter
	2	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Peter
<b>Dendrobium</b>	1	<i>Den. Phyllis Merritt</i>	Charlie & Gina
	1	<i>Den. Royal Wings</i>	Lyn
<b>Any Other Genera</b>	1	<i>Cym. Earlisue 'Paddy'.</i>	Roger
	2	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	Peter
	3	<i>Fdk. After Dark</i>	Luda
<b>Paphiopedilum/ Phragmipedium</b>	1	<i>Paph. Charlie's Girl</i>	Charlie & Gina
	2	<i>Paph. Duo de Citron</i>	Charlie & Gina
<b>Species America's</b>	1	<i>Epi. paniculatum</i>	Wayne
	2	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	Duncan
	3	<i>Restrepiella ophiocephala</i>	Rod & Jan
<b>Species Asian</b>	1	<i>Bulb. echinolabium</i>	Rod & Jan
	2	<i>Bulb. lasiochilum</i>	Rod & Jan
	3	<i>Vanda lamelata</i>	Luda
<b>Aus. Native Hybrid</b>	1	<i>Den. Hilda Poxon</i>	Wayne
	2	<i>Den. Sunset Dreamer x Tyabb Treasure</i>	Wayne
	3	<i>Den. Candide 'Ace'</i>	Wayne
<b>Aus. Native Species</b>	1	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>	Wayne
	2	<i>Den. lichenastrum</i>	Wayne
	3	<i>Den. rigidum</i>	Wayne
<b>Novice</b>			
<b>Foliage</b>	1	<i>Aglaonema</i>	George & Helena
	2	<i>Aglaonema</i>	Nita
	3	<i>Anthurium Rainbow Champion</i>	Nita

### Judges Choice overall - *Rlc. Subprasert*

Names in red are correct to the WCSP list for species And Orchidwiz for Hybrids

To reduce the number of future corrections could you please adjust your labels

**Notes**

*Rlc. Subprasert* No.32 \*

*Pot. Shin Shiam's Diamond.* \*

*Onc. Tsuku Marquerite 'CT Romantic Fantasy'.* \*



# Nambour Orchid Society



Nambour Orchid society meets on the 4th Saturday each 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 1.30pm .

**Business meeting** 1pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 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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## **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.

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

# Orchid Show

**BUDERIM**



**Friday 6,  
Saturday 7,  
AUGUST, 2021**



**Buderim Uniting Church Hall,**

**Corner Gloucester Rd and King St, Buderim**

**Friday, 8.00am to 4.00pm**

**Saturday, 8.00am to 2.00pm**

**\$4 Entry**

**\$1 Raffles**

Potting demonstration at 10.00am and 2.00pm Friday. 10.00am Saturday.

**Orchids supplies will be on sale. Bark, growing media, pots, fertilizer, hangers.**

Lots of plants for sale. (Cash) Light refreshments. Tea, coffee, cakes.

For more information ring Kathy 07 5448 4450, Duncan 07 5448 5300

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# ORCHID SHOW



**Nambour**

**Uniting Church  
Hall**

**Coronation Ave.**

**Nambour**

**Fri. Sept. 3—8am-4pm**

**Sat. Sept 4 8am—1pm**

**Benched Orchid Display**

**Orchid & Foliage Plant Sales**

**Raffles \$1**

**Admission \$4**

**COVID Safe Event**

Contact [nambourorchids@gmail.com](mailto:nambourorchids@gmail.com)

Phone 0438177855



**Supporting Cittamani Hospice Service**

## Nambour Orchid Society Show Calendar 2021

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

(NOS commitment in blue)

### 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,

### September

**Fri/Sat 3/4**

Thurs/Fri/Sat 16/17/18

Thurs./Fri. 16/17

**Fri/Sat 24/25**

Fri/Sat/Sun 24/25/26

Sat/Sun 25/26

**Nambour Orchid Society**

Maryborough OS Show

**Noosa DOFS Show**

**Glasshouse Country OS show**

Hervey Bay OS show

Rockhampton OS Spring Show

**Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour**

St Paul's Memorial Hall, Maryborough

**Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road.**

Xavier Catholic College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters

### October

**Fri/Sat 1/2**

Thurs/Fri/Sat 21/22/23

**Sat. 23rd (setup Fri. 22nd)**

**Caloundra OS Show**

Caboolture OS (closed)

**Nambour Species Show**

**Uniting Church Hall, Ulm St Caloundra**

Morayfield Shopping Centre

**Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim**

### November

Sat/Sun 6/7

Tweed Show