



# Nambour Orchid News.

March 2020



Judges Choice  
*Phalaenopsis bellina*  
Graham & Beryl



Judges Choice Novice  
*Phal. Bread White Snow x Sunlands*  
Pipe Queen  
Jean



Judges Choice species  
Rod & Jan



## President's Report

As we look back on the past year, the impact for the second year of the pandemic that has circulated round the world, I am encouraged by the resilience of people to get on with life. Nambour Orchid Society has a strong cohort of cheerful, get in and do what is needed without fuss, wonderful people. There were strict rules governing the use of our venue for meetings, how to manage the preparation of afternoon tea and how to stage events when social distancing was in place. As there were changes that occurred with very little notice, leading to much frustration to be able to keep in step, this was tackled as it arose. While we grouched about all of this it was handled well, with much of the work most efficiently done by our Secretary Alison and Treasurer Jean. To the number of members who did the Food Safety Preparation Course so that our afternoon teas and catering at shows could go ahead, I really appreciate your sterling efforts. Good luck was on our side with the shows we staged in 2021, with kind weather, great crowds and no sudden lockdowns that had spoiled the plans for other Societies. Success in this area meant we could continue to support Cittamani Hospice Services with donations, as we had a reduction in the number of sausage sizzles that we normally were allotted.

Charlie's Corner gave members the chance to air problems in an informal setting prior to the start of monthly meetings and thanks go to him and others who assisted. It was gratifying to see so many quality orchids and foliage on the benches during the year. Thank you to our judges and those members who collated results, to the members who assisted with manning the entry, selling raffle tickets and photographing plants for inclusion in the Newsletter. Our web site came under scrutiny and much work was done behind the scenes to upgrade it with the help of George who had a very able tech savvy mate! To keep in step with a society that is more reliant on card than cash, the purchase of equipment to enable the use of debit cards has been most useful at shows and meetings. Richard deserves special thanks for continuing to produce our newsletter, and photograph our beautiful orchids assisted by Helena. Our meetings and shows would not go so smoothly without the many members who assist with all the tasks that make our undertakings a success, so thank you all very much.

As I am standing down as President and this is my last report, I would like to express my very grateful thanks for the support and friendliness I have enjoyed for the past five years.

The President of any organization cannot function without a good committee and I could not have wished for a better group of people. My heartfelt thanks for all you have done to assist me and our club. I am sure that Nambour Orchid Society will continue to be a strong and valued group in the community of the Sunshine Coast.

One last quote from "Orchid Wise" by Roger Rankin for you to enjoy.

**"To find out what orchids you are able to grow, and to have success with them. That is the key to success."**

Gina

## Secretary News March

### Meeting day Saturday March 26 Annual General Meeting

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

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 for executive positions closed on Saturday March 12, two weeks before the date of the AGM.

Positions on the executive are:

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

**There are also a lot 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.**

**Website.** Our website has been updated with all the current information. Please take the time to have a look at it and pass on your feedback. We are indebted to Shakila, Richard's daughter, for the work she has done bringing it up to date.

Shakila, on behalf of us all an enormous thank you for your time and effort. It is very much appreciated.

Sausage Sizzle Sunday March 27 Bunnings Maroochydore. Set up 7.30am. Close & clean up 3pm.

Sausage Sizzle Saturday April 30 Bunnings Maroochydore. Set up 7.30am. Close & clean up 3pm.

**April Shows:** Caloundra Friday/Saturday 8/9 Set up Thursday 7. Uniting Church Queen & Ulm Streets Caloundra.

Gympie show Sat April 30 & Sunday May 1. Set up Friday 29. Indoor Bowls Hall, 35 Graham Street Gympie. **(This is a change of venue)**

**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 will apply.**

Hands to be sanitized before entering the hall.

**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 Food Safety Preparation course.

Alison

## Vale Dr. Berenis (Benny) Alcorn

Benny Alcorn was Patron of Nambour Orchid Society for 17 years from 1997-2014. Benny attended all our shows and presented the prizes to all the winners until suffering a stroke in April 2011. She was an avid supporter of the Society and its members. Benny's association with Nambour went back to the start of the Society. Her late husband Bill was one of the founding members of the original North Coast Orchid Society and although Benny was not an inaugural member she did join soon after. During her time as Patron, she wrote the book 'A Blooming Success North Coast Orchid Society' which was released for their 50th anniversary in August 2015. She was passionate about orchids and had a great love for our Australian Native Orchids. Benny was a local historian, conservationist and a passionate volunteer. She was awarded a PhD in history one day before her 84th birthday. She was a finalist for the Qld Senior Australian of the year in 2011 and was President of the Sunshine Coast Wetland Sanctuary Advisory Group for 20 years. During this time she was instrumental in saving a mangrove swamp from development. Thanks to Dr Alcorn's efforts the Bli Bli Wetlands Sanctuary boasts the largest diversity of mangrove species in southern Queensland.

Throughout her many years on the Sunshine Coast, Benny worked extensively to document, survey and research historic sites around the Sunshine Coast and has written and contributed to many books accessed by historians around Australia.

'Maroochy River and its People, published in 1994, and 'Moreton Sugar Mill 1997' are just two of her contributions. Benny contributed her local knowledge of history to an interpretive sign for Settlers Park near Twin Waters, documenting the history of the area along with students from Pacific Paradise State School which was unveiled in May 2011

Her lifelong commitment to learning was acknowledged when Pacific Paradise State School named it's new hall in her honour.

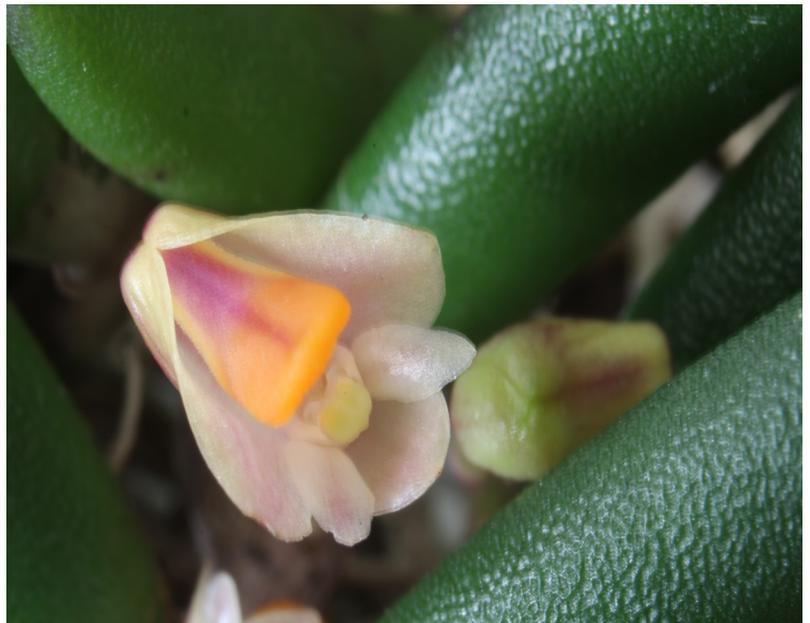
Benny moved from the Coast to Oakey to be closer to her daughter after suffering a stroke in April 2011. She passed away in December 2021 aged 97.

RIP Benny Alcorn you were one very special lady.

*Dendrobium rigidum*



*Dendrobium lichenastrum*





## Phalaenopsis

Very few things bring more pleasure to one who grows orchids as a hobby than to see the time spent in the shade house producing spectacular flowers on healthy plants. Obviously this is to be expected, as the old saying goes the more dedication to the task the better the result.

The photo of this Phalaenopsis goes to prove given the right conditions nature will determine the outcome, as there was little dedication to achieving this result.

The plant was purchased by Rhonda along with a white flowering Phalaenopsis from Bunning's three years ago, both in very damaged condition, broken leaves and looking worse for wear. They were only eight dollars each on the throw out table. Rhonda certainly had faith in my ability to restore both orchids to a healthy flowering condition.

I chose to utilize some old panty hose (I might add not mine), and attach them, utilizing sphagnum moss to retain moisture while they were attaching their roots to an old mango tree. Both struggled for several years, as watering and fertilizing was very spasmodic. They have both grown into strong healthy plants and produced significant flowers this year.

This spike has been out for three months with the slight damage on one of the petals caused last night during the 140ml downpour. Roger.

January meeting

C. Caudabec Candy—Roger



*Brat.* Charles M Fitch—Roger





*Rlc.* Lue's Angel Beau  
George & Helena



*Grammatophyllum scriptum*  
Don



*Pda.* Chao Praya Sunshine  
Luda



*Galeandra lacustris*  
Peter

## SPECIES

### *Schoenorchis fragrans*

common name The Fragrant *Schoenorchis*.

Synonyms *Gastrochilus fragrans*,  
*Schoenorchis fragrans* var. *seidenfadenii*,  
*Saccolabium fragrans*,  
*Schoenorchis manipurensis*, is a species of the  
genus *Schoenorchis*.

This species was described by Gunnar Seidenfaden  
& Tem Smitinand in 1963.

*Schoenorchis fragrans* is found in North-eastern  
India (Assam state), Thailand, Myanmar, China  
(Yunnan state) and Vietnam, where it grows in semi-  
deciduous forests at an altitude of [600-1200](#) meters.

It is a miniature sized, monopodial, warm to cool  
growing epiphyte with a short, branching stem carry-  
ing fleshy, narrowly elliptic leaves.

I bought this orchid 3 years ago with almost no roots  
and did not immediately realize that there were two  
plant because it was a very small plant. But a month later I noticed the growth of roots and it  
bloomed for the first time with 8 flowers.

I really like unusual plantings and I planted it in a bonsai pot.

Walking in the park after the rain I saw moss and decided to add it to my baby.

So they have been growing together for three years.

Last year it blossomed with 5 flower spikes and received an award in honour of my youngest  
daughter.

It grows under 70% shade cloth and loves spraying, both it and the moss. Of course the orchid  
would like it if I left work and sprayed it all day but for now I spray it in the winter in the mornings  
and in the summer in the evenings. **Luda.**





## Judges Choice - Species Meeting

### *Cleisostoma quinquefidum*

This unusual orchid is found in New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago. It grows at elevation 10 to 350m. A small to medium size hot growing epiphyte with a stout heavy leaf plant. It flowers on a 50cm long branched inflorescence with many small flowers. Sepals and petals are yellow with a broad brown red margin. Lip is white with violet markings. This orchid came from the collection of the late Wayne Harris at the end of 2020. Potted in bark in a basket, it hangs with the Vandas and seems to be doing very well.

Rod

## Botanical interest - Species Meeting

### *Dendrobium toressae*

Common names are Sparkle, Mica or Grain of Wheat Orchid. It is found in the northeast of Australia growing in low to moderate altitudes in rainforests and nearby open forests as an epiphyte or lithophyte, in semi shade and humid conditions. The foliage turns red in high light.

My plant of this came from Wayne's collection, so it is very precious to me. It is mounted on a piece of ironbark and is growing under 50 percent shade cloth. I water it daily in warm weather, less often over winter. It has a different foliar fertiliser once a week and alternate sprays of systemic and contact fungicides and pesticides as needed.

Judy



Plant names are checked on the Kew WCPS checklist. Names corrected are marked with \*

*Aerides lawrenceae*, *Appendicula elegans*, *Bulbophyllum lepidum*\*, *Cattleya dormaniana*  
*Cattleya pumila* x 2\*, *Ceratostylis radiata*, *Cleisostoma quinquefidum*, *Coelogyne rumphii*  
*Coelogyne speciosa*, *Dendrobium bigibbum* var *compactum*, *Dendrobium bowmanii*  
*Dendrobium secundum*, *Dendrobium toressae*, *Dendrobium acinaciforme*, *Dendrochilum magnum*  
*Epidendrum porpax* x 2, *Maxillaria schunkeana*, *Miltonia moreliana*, *Miltonia regnellii*  
*Phalaenopsis amabilis* var *pliehary*, *Phalaenopsis bellina* x 5, *Phalaenopsis violacea* x 3  
var. *alba*, *coerulea*, *indigo*\*, *Pleurothallis stricta*, *Prosthechea boothiana*, *Zygopetalum maculatum*

- ◆ *Bulbophyllum flabellum-veneris* = *Bulbophyllum lepidum*
- ◆ *Laelia pumila* = *Cattleya pumila*
- ◆ *Phalaenopsis violacea* var *indigo* not listed as a variety



*Bulbophyllum lepidum*  
George & Helena



*Aerides lawrenceae*  
David & Lorraine



*Dendrobium secundum*  
Lynn

Collection of first flowering  
*Phalaenopsis bellina*  
Graham & Beryl





*Epidendrum porpax*

Luda



*Cattleya pumila*

Judy



*Dendrobium bigibbum* var *compactum*

Judy



*Dendrochilum magnum*

Moira

# Nambour Orchid Society



- ◇ 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 3rd 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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