

## Nambour Orchid News.

August 2022



Judges Choice - July - C. PV. Elusive Case "White Lipstick ".

*C.* PV. Elusive Case "White Lipstick ", parents are *C*. Aloha Case x *C*. Elusive Dream. This cross was done by Jim Evans and I bought the plant from Jim in October 2021. This plant lives in the shade house with our other cattleya's under 70% shade cloth. I water the plants at present once a week. I fertilize the same day as watering. **Col & Marilyn** 



It was a big day for Col & Marilyn as well as wining Judges Choice for July, they also received a STOCQ award from Charlie for *C. PV. Elusive Case "Nicole"* 

#### Secretary news August

#### Meeting date August 27

Thank you to our members who supported the Maroochydore show. I saw many winners from Nambour members on the benches. Well done to all. Photos in this edition.

**Bus trip.** There are still some seats left on the conference bus trip on Friday, September 2nd. Great opportunity to see an Australian conference & show and visit a large number of orchid vendors all under the one roof. Email me or talk to me at the meeting if you want a seat. Payment for the bus is due by the August meeting. The cost to members is \$15 and includes entry.

September is looking like being a very busy month with three local shows on our calendar as well as the Conference bus trip and a sausage sizzle.

**Spring show.** The next show on the local calendar is our own Spring show. Now is the time to be preparing your plants for the show bench. Set-up is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed to assist with the set-up. All details will be available at the August meeting.

**Sale plants.** If you have plants for sale at the show, labels are available on our website. We ask that you use the correct label provided by the club for your sales plants. Members selling plants are required to give some of their time to assist at the show over the two days.

Sausage sizzle at Bunnings Sunday, September 11th. Please put your hand up if you can.

Species get together will not be held in September due to other commitments.

## For those who check species names or synonyms of orchids to see if they are correct this may be useful information:

The World Checklist of Selected Plant Families (WCSP) will soon be closed and has been superseded by the World Checklist of Vascular Plants (WCVP) <u>https://wcvp.science.kew.org/</u>





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

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.

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

#### **Presidents Report**

Thank you to all those members who attended the July Meeting and the August Species Meeting. The Species Meeting was very well attended and the variety of plants was outstanding. Congratulations to Rod and Don who won 'judges choice' and plant of 'botanical interest' respectively.

The Maroochydore Orchid Society held its two day, anniversary show and a number of our club members contributed plants. Congratulations to Maroochydore Club on such a great show.

In early August, Roger and I were guest speakers at the Nambour Gardening Club. We thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and the level of interest in growing orchids was very pleasing.

Our July meeting was Gina's and Charlie's last meeting. We all wish them the very best for their new life in Brisbane and thank them very much for their outstanding contribution to our club. We are so fortunate they are life members of our club and we know we'll see them from time to time.

September is a busy month for our club. Our Spring Show is fast approaching so please start preparing plants for the show. We have a bus trip to the Brisbane Orchid Fair, an orchid talk at David's and Lorraine's and preparation for our annual Species Show in October.

I look forward to seeing you all and your flowering orchids at our August Meeting. Happy growing. **George** 



#### **Orchids Showing Their Blooming Best**

The Maroochydore Orchid Show displayed an excellent seasonal extravaganza of colour over the weekend of the  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$ , August.

The range of hybrid and species orchids on display certainly complemented all the dedication by their owners to achieve quality blooms.

The grand champion and reserve champion orchids were stunning and well awarded as were a number of other awards made by the twenty attending judges.

Charlie McMonagle and Robyn Brown admiring Cymbidium display at the Maroochydore Orchid Show.

#### Our logo.

#### **Origin of Name Nambour**

The town that grew up in the area around 1870 was known as Petrie's Creek. It was renamed Nambour in 1891. The name, a local Aboriginal word (Naamba) meant red flowering tea-tree (*Callistemon viminalis*) or its bark. It had been the name given to the first cattle station in the district which had been selected by William Samwell in 1870.

We had been having some discussion for a while about updating our logo as the old one was looking a bit tired. During the discussion Beryl suggested she would like to paint one so it evolved from there. To keep with the history of our town, the logo features a red bottlebrush offset with a white cattleya. The new edition is now complete and on our newsletter cover & website. Our sincere thanks go to Beryl for the painting and Shakila & Nick for their work on turning the painting into what we needed for our paperwork & website. **Alison** 

#### A selection of plants on display at the July meeting



C. Burgundy Gem Tom & Kirsten



Coel. wenzelii Rod & Jan



Cym. Khan Flame Roger



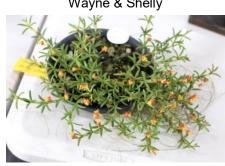
Den. Hibiki. Wayne & Shelly



Den. Samford Moondream. Wayne & Shelly



Lyc. Aquila. Rob & Joan



Med. decoratum. Wayne & Shelly



C. loddigessii. Tom & Kirsten



Den. Avril's Gold. Wayne & Shelly



Phal. Unknown. Peter



Rlc. Burdekin Heights. George & Helena



Den. speciosum Wayne & Shelly



Rlc. Mem Warren Jones. George & Helena



Rlc. Wendy Davies. Roger



Phal. Unknown. Peter

## Our Winners at Maroochydore Show



























Top row: Peter, George, Rod, Nathan. 2nd. row: Rob, Col, Roger, Peter. 3rd. row: George, Rod, Peter, Judy. 4th. row: Judy, George.

Top row: Peter, George, Rod, Nathan. 2nd. row: Rob, Col, Roger, Peter.

### Rare Queen of Sheba orchid, 10 years in the making, sighted on WA's south coast ABC Great Southern / By Kyle Pauletto and Paul Cook/ Posted Mon 27 Jun 2022



Even among orchid enthusiasts, the Queen of Sheba orchid is considered particularly special. (Supplied: Terry Dunham

In the Western Australian bush, just outside Bremer Bay in the state's south, grows a rare orchid that botanists, spotters and photographers travel from all around the world to see.

The Queen of Sheba is one of the rarest plants on Earth, only found in parts of Western Australia

Staff at Tozer's Bush Camp near Bremer Bay spotted the first flowering of the season

Botanist Kevin Thiele says it's the thrill of the chase that attracts so many to orchid spotting

Adorned with stunning shades of purple, blue and yellow, *Theylmitra variegata*, commonly called the Queen of Sheba orchid, is one of the rarest plants on Earth.

The Queen of Sheba, which only grows wild in the southern parts of WA, is one of the state's most protected species and can take between seven and 10 years to flower.

This month, staff at Tozer's Bush Camp north-west of Bremer Bay spotted their first Queen of Sheba of the year. Posting to their social media page, they welcomed the sighting.

"Hello girls, good to see you again ... One day earlier than last year."

#### Sun orchid pollinating tricks

The Queen of Sheba belongs to a family of orchids commonly called sun orchids a family that Mr Thiele says survives by deception.

"All of the sun orchids are deceivers," he said.

"Most plants are pollinated by insects, and they give a reward to the insect that pollinates it ... it's a good thing for the insect to visit the flower.

The sun orchids don't give the insects anything. They trick it. They look like other flowers so the insect's thinking it's going to get a reward, picks up the orchid's pollen on its back and goes away disappointed."





Mr Thiele says it's the thrill of the chase that draws so many people to orchid hunting. *(ABC News: Tyne Logan)* 

He said this was partly the reason why the patterns and colouring of Queen of Sheba flowers can vary so greatly from each other.

"It's important for them not to look all exactly the same because insects learn," he said.

"If the insects get too disappointed, they're not going to visit and pollinate that flower again, so the orchids are very variable and that makes it hard to figure out what the species are, exactly what they look like, and how to tell them apart."

Mr Thiele says he understands why so many orchid hunters flocked to the state to see the Queen of Sheba and other sub-species native to the state. "Western Australia is a hotspot for terrestrial orchids," he said. "They only come up for one part of the year so they're there for only a

short period, which means you have to rush around the state looking for orchids. "There's a real thrill of the chase."

This article was copied from <u>https://www.abc.net.au/greatsouthern</u> Thanks to **Tom** for sending it in.

#### **Species**

A very pleasant afternoon species group meeting was held at George & Helena's

Amesiella monticola, Angraecum distichum, Bifrenaria vitellina, Bulbophyllum ambrosia x 2, Bulbophyllum flavescens, Bulbophyllum lasiochilum, Cattleya harpophylla, Cattleya lundii, Cattleya walkeriana, Cattleya walkeriana alba, Coelogyne arachnites, Coelogyne filiformis, Coelogyne flaccida, Coelogyne glumacea x 3, Coelogyne nivea x 2, Coelogyne stenophylla x 3, Coelogyne tenella x 2, Coelogyne tommyi, Coelogyne viscosa, Coelogyne wenzelii. Cryptochilus siamensis x 2\*, Dendrobium aberrans, Dendrobium cymbidioides, Dendrobium lichenastrum\*, Dendrobium mohlianum. Dendrobium speciosum. Dendrobium teretifolium Dendrobium tetragonum, Dendrobium tetragonum subsp. giganteum., Dendrobium tetragonum var. melaleucaphilum, Epidendrum centropetalum, Epidendrum stamfordianum, Ida fimbriata\*, Maxillaria schunkeana, Pleurothallis restrepioides x 2, Pterostylis concinna (green), Pterostylis concinna (white), Pterostylis curta (variegated), Pterostylis grandiflora, Pterostylis ophioglossa, Pterostylis repanda, Pterostylis taurus, Pterostylis tenuicauda, Rhynchostylis gigantea.

Eria siamensis = Cryptochilus siamensis Sudamerlycaste fimbriata = Ida fimbriata Dendrobium prenticei = Dendrobium lichenastrum





Coelogyne flaccida – Moira Den. mohlianum - Rod

Coelogyne tommyi-Judy

Epidendrum stamfordianum – Bob

#### **Species**



#### Judges Choice - August- Coelogyne nivea

Found in the Philippines on mossy tree trunks at elevations around 1000 meters as a small sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte with oval pseudobulbs carrying a single, apical, erect, lanceolate, petiolate leaf that blooms in the winter and early spring on a gracefully arching, 20 cm long, many 30 flowered inflorescence arising with a new growth with fragrant sweet flowers.

I purchased this plant eleven years ago and it grows in bark & perlite. **Rod.** 

#### Plant of Botanical interest—Pterostylis curta

*Pterostylis curta*, also known as the 'blunt greenhood', is found in south eastern Australia where it is widespread and common. It is however listed as endangered in Tasmania. It also found on Lord Howe Island and in New Caledonia.

I grow *Pterosylis curta* in a mix of 50% coarse sand and 50% good quality potting mix. They need to be kept moist during their growing period which is through late autumn and winter, and kept on the dry side during their dormancy over summer. While it is recommended that you repot each year, these plants have not been repotted for some 3 years. As they are found in woodland areas shade of about 70% is required. These plants have not received any fertiliser.

There is no information about the origins of the variegated form that I can find. I bought 5 tubers about 4 years ago from a grower in Gympie. With these plants the variegation is stable. I have seen plants in the wild where only one leaf of the plant is variegated and the rest solid green in colour. Others with varying degrees of variegation but not as pronounced as the ones I have. **Don.** 



#### Conversion of Species Names of Dendrochilum to Coelogyne

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew is the international authority on species names. They have recently moved all species in the *Dendrochilum* genus in to the *Coelogyne* genus. In some cases, the epithet had to change if the masculine Latin epithet had to become feminine. (*Coelogyne* in Latin is feminine).

The list below contains relatively common species. It is not exhaustive as there are 298 species that were once *Dendrochilum*.

In the rows that are highlighted, the masculine must be the same as the feminine

OLD SPECIES NAME	NEW SPECIES NAME
Dendrochilum arachnites	Coelogyne arachnites
Dendrochilum cobbianum	Coelogyne cobbiana
Dendrochilum convallariiforme	Coelogyne convallariiformis
Dendrochilum cootesii	Coelogyne cootesii
Dendrochilum filiforme	Coelogyne filiformis
Dendrochilum javieriensa	Coelogyne javieriana
Dendrochilum latifolium	Coelogyne latifolia
Dendrochilum luzonense	Coelogyne luzonensis
Dendrochilum magnum	Coelogyne magna
Dendrochilum niveum	Coelogyne nivea
Dendrochilum pangasinanense	Coelogyne pangasinanenis
Dendrochilum parvulum	Coelogyne parvula
Dendrochilum pulcherrimum	Coelogyne pulcherrima
Dendrochilum rhombophorum	Coelogyne rhombophora
Dendrochilum schaiblei	Coelogyne schaiblei
Dendrochilum stenophyllum	Coelogyne stenophylla
Dendrochilum tenellum	Coelogyne tenella
Dendrochilum unicallosum	Coelogyne unicallosa
Dendrochilum wenzelii	Coelogyne wenzelii

Popular Vote & Judges Choice - July				
Judges Choice in Blue		* see notes		
Cattleya	1	<i>Rlc.</i> Mem Warren Jones	Geoge & Helena	
	JC	C. PV Elusive Case	Col & Marilyn	
	3	<i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Heights	Geoge & Helena	
Vanda/Phal.	1	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	Peter	
	JC	Phal. Unknown	Peter	
	2	Phal. Dreamer	Peter	
Dendrobium	1	<i>Den.</i> Hibiki	Wayne & Shelly	
	JC	Den. Flirtation	Tom & Kirsten	
Species Asian	JC	Coel. wenzelii	Rod & Jan	
	2	Med. decoratum	Wayne & Shelly	
	2	Ccs. sanguineus	Roger	
Species Americas	JC	C. loddigesii	Wayne & Shelly	
	2	C. loddigesii	Tom & Kirsten	
Any other Genera	JC	<i>Cym.</i> Khans Flame	Roger	
	2	Phcal. Kryptonite	Roger	
	3	<i>Lyc.</i> Aquila	Rob & Joan	
Aus. Native Hybrid	JC	Den. Avril's Gold	Wayne & Shelly	
	2	<i>Den.</i> Brinawax	Wayne & Shelly	
	3	Den. Samford Moonbeam	Wayne & Shelly	
Aus. Native Species	1	Den. speciosum	Wayne & Shelly	
	JC	Den. tetragonium	Wayne & Shelly	
Foliage	JC	Philodrendrom Brazil	Geoge & Helena	
Plant of the Montl	h	C. PV Elusive Case	Col & Marrilyn	
* Names in red are correct to the WCVP list for species And Orchidwiz for Hybrids To reduce the number of future corrections could you please adjust your labels				
For Show Calendar go to <u>https://www.nambourorchidsociety.com/events</u>				

# **Nambour Orchid Society**

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

**Plants** need to be tabled by 1.15pm as usual when popular vote will start **Judging** of plants will now be at 1.30pm after the popular vote **Charlie's** Cultural corner from 1.30pm to 2pm each meeting day.

Cultural meeting 2pm.

Business meeting 2pm 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to the editor at 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 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

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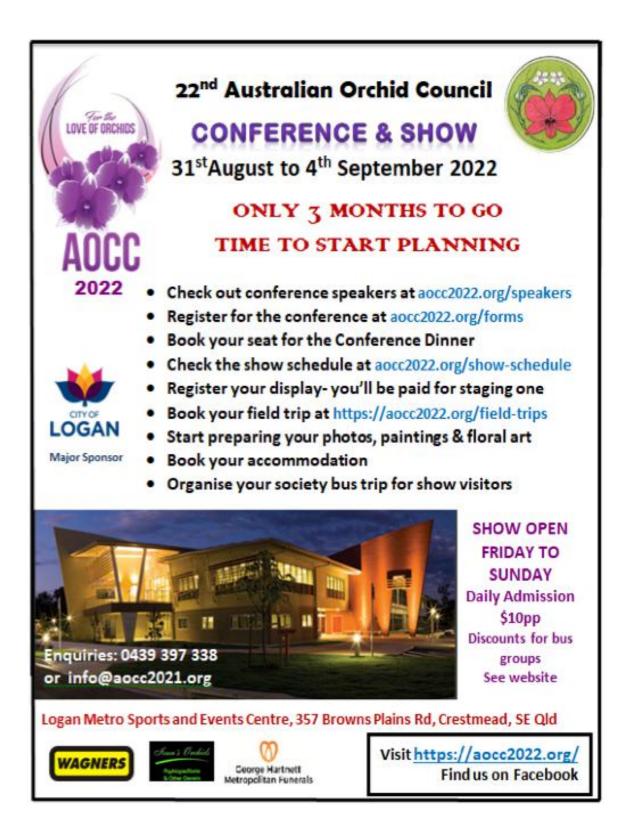
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### NAMBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY



## NAMBOUR UNITING CHURCH HALL CORONATION AVE. NAMBOUR

Fri. Sept. 9 8am-4pm Sat. Sept. 10 8am–1pm

\*Benched Orchid Display \*Orchid & Foliage Plant Sales \*Raffles \$1

> Admission \$4 COVID-Safe Event

Contact: nambourorchids@gmail.com | 0438177855

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THE 2022 ORCHID SPECIES SHOW Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens 22 & 23 October 2022



You may never get to see a spectacular view of species orchids in the wild

However, you can view orchid species from the wild on display at **The Orchid Species Show** 



- Display of species orchids from Australia and other parts of the world, some rare and near extinction
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- 😻 Charity stall: cards, crafts, gifts
- X Comprehensive display of Orchid Species from the World
- 🕷 Raffle with quality prizes
- Morning and afternoon tea available at a nominal cost

Saturday 22 October 2022, 8.30am to 4.00pm Sunday 23 October 2022, 9.00am to 3.30pm



The Orchid Species Society Inc. members are dedicated to protecting the biodiversity of species orchids worldwide and making sure that, due to the extensive clearing of forests throughout the planet, orchid plants and seed are acquired so that many of the species orchids will be available to future generation once they become extinct in the wild.