

Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

President's report

Hi Members

Those cold westerlies have started – nice and warm in by the fire; not so for the poor orchids in their house (down to five degrees last night). Hopefully they are tough enough to survive and burst into flower for our Spring Show!

July is a busy month with the Nambour Garden Expo and the Caboolture Orchid Show. Unfortunately, I missed both these events; but based on feedback from Dave and Julie, they were not to be missed and so are a 'must' for next year – lots of excellent orchids for sale, not to mention the standard of display. **Our own meeting in July was a full display** even though a number of our members were absent - reducing the competition for those who benched plants!

Julie has distributed the list of resources used for **information on orchid care**; if you have any additions, please forward the details to Julie so that she can update the list; this should be especially useful for our newer members.

August will also be a busy month, with our meeting on Saturday 3, the Maroochydore Show on 8-10, and our **New Growers & Species meeting at Julie and Gav's** on Saturday **17 August**. The **Maroochydore Show at the Buderim Uniting Church** is a big event for our region, and hopefully again this year many of our members will be benching plants. **If you need a hand getting your plants there, please contact Julie** and she will put you in contact with someone who is taking plants.

Before you know it, it's the Nambour Orchid Society Show on September 5-7; our September meeting also on the Saturday 7; and then our **Spring Show** the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

Don't forget, **if you haven't already done so, please deposit your membership for 2024/2025** into the Society's bank account. Fay has already produced the flyers for our Show, so please look for opportunities to get them up; we will have a quantity at the Maroochydore Show; and don't forget Amy's suggestion of putting one in the back window of your car.

Regards

Trevor Cook



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Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Members

Calendar of events 2024

August

3	NDO&FS meeting John Simmons – plant nutrition, fertiliser	Tinbeerwah Hall
8-10	Maroochydore Orchid Society open show	Uniting Church, Buderim (<i>Julie and Gav will be benching plants, drop your plants to their place</i>)
17	New growers and species meeting	Julie and Gav Menkens, 94 Outlook Drive, Tewantin (bring chair and cup)
30-31	Childers Isis District OS show	

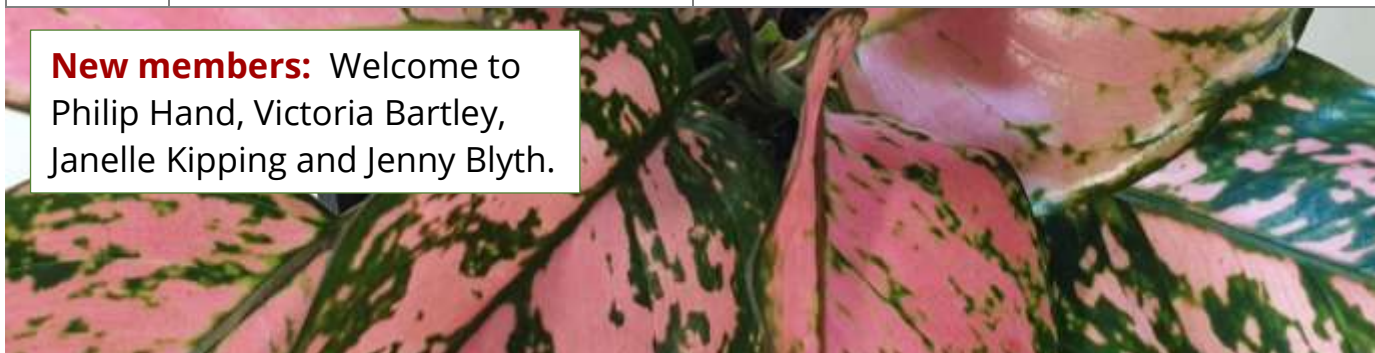
September

7	NDO&FS meeting Spring show planning	Tinbeerwah Hall
12	Show set up from 1pm Benching 3-5pm	Memorial Hall, Cooroy
13-14	Friday 8.30am-4pm Saturday 8.30am-1pm	“
20-21	Glasshouse Country Orchid Society show (set-up 19).	Beerwah Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are car-pooling for this show
20-22	Hervey Bay OS show	Xavier College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters

October

4-5	Bribie Island Orchid Society Show (set up 3rd)	
5	NDO&FS meeting	Tinbeerwah Hall
	(AGM nomination forms due; committee only)	
19	New growers and species meeting	Desiree Phillips, 2 Coach Road, Cooroibah

New members: Welcome to Philip Hand, Victoria Bartley, Janelle Kipping and Jenny Blyth.



JUDGES' CHOICE July 2024

Mini Cattleya Under 70mm

C Lana Coryell
David Hunter



Cattleya Intermed. 70-100mm

Rth. Momilani Rainbow
T & D Lyons



Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm

Rlc Gerard Scalia
Tony Forde



Cattleya Cluster

Bc. Yellow Bird 'Rothwell'
John Simmons



Cattleya Novelty

Bc Theresa Rikki
J & G Menkens



Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Kuranda Classic x
canaliculatum
D Hunter



Species

Bulbophyllum chrysenetum
T & C Cook



Vanda Alliance

V. Azure
B & D Shield



Oncidium Alliance

Bap. Hanuluduen Chameleon
T & C Cook



Other Genera

Cal. Bryan
J & G Menkens



Epidendrum

Epi. Comet Valley
B Quinn



Novice

Cym. Unknown
Dianne Mc Farlane



Bromeliad

Brom. Unknown
J & G Menkens



Anthurium

Anthurium Black Beauty
T & C Cook



Ferns

Maiden Hair Adiantum
Tracy Whitbread



Foliage

Aglaonema
J & G Menkens



ORDER YOUR BARK EARLY

Please **email Ian Skipworth** ianskipworth29@gmail.com by **Thursday night before** each meeting (next order 1 August) **with number of bags and size** (small, medium or large - \$15 per bag).

Pay at meeting and show Ian your receipt to collect bark before meeting starts.



Send your orchid travel pix and souvenir photos to fayruthknight@gmail.com or text to 0415 825 357

Orchid travel memories



ABOVE AND LEFT: Gabi Dick snapped these beautiful orchids on her travels in Patagonia some time ago. Only the unusually-patterned Chloraea Magellanica, (above), is identified.



ABOVE: Tracy Whitbread watched this t-shirt being handpainted in Chiang Mai, Thailand, about 12 years ago. It turned out to be quite a bit more expensive than she expected but it's a keeper.

Popular vote: June 2024

Mini Cattleya Under 70mm	<i>Rcc. Minty 'Topaz Fresh'</i> J & G Menkens <i>C Lana Coryell</i> David Hunter	<i>Rlc. Village Chief North</i> J & G Menkens	<i>C. Unknown</i> T & D Lyons
Cattleya Intermediate 70-100mm	<i>C. Unknown</i> Bev Wilson	<i>Rth. Momilani Rainbow</i> T & D Lyons	-
Cattleya Exhibition over 100mm	<i>C. Orchid Affair</i> J & G Menkens	<i>C. Unknown</i> J & G Menkens <i>Rlc. Burdekin Storm</i> Jane Crulci	<i>Rlc. Gerard Scalia</i> Tony Forde <i>Rlc. Burdekin Storm</i> T & C Cook
Cattleya Cluster	<i>Bc. Morning Glory</i> T & C Cook	<i>Bc. Yellow Bird 'Rothwell'</i> John Simmons	<i>Bc. Yellow Bird 'Rothwell'</i> J & G Menkens
Cattleya Novelty	<i>Rth Topaz Chelsea 'Sprite'</i> Jane Crulci	<i>Bc Theresa Rikki</i> J & G Menkens	-
Dendrobium Alliance	<i>Den. Kuranda Classic x canaliculatum</i> D Hunter	<i>Den Airy Crimson</i> T & D Lyons	<i>Den. Chan Praya Sweet x Garish</i> T & D Lyons
Natives	-	-	-
Phalaenopsis	-	-	-
Species	<i>Bulbophyllum chrysenetum</i> T & C Cook	<i>C. percivaliana</i> T & C Cook	
Vanda Alliance	<i>V. Azure</i> B & D Shield	<i>V. Bitz's Heart Throb x Kulwadee Fragrance</i> J & G Menkens	<i>V. Trevor Rathbone</i> J & G Menkens
Oncidium Alliance	<i>Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'</i> T & C Cook <i>Bap. Hanuluduen Chameleon</i> T & C Cook	<i>Bnfd. Guided Tower 'Mystic Maze'</i> T & C Cook	<i>Gptm. Arlene Armour 'Conching'</i> Jane Cruici
Cymbidium	-	-	-
Other Genera	<i>Fred Clarkeara Turning Point</i> Jane Crulci	<i>Cal. Bryan</i> J & G Menkens	<i>Phcal. Kryptonite 'Chariots of Fire'</i> T & D Lyons
Epidendrum	<i>Epi. Unknown</i> T & C Cook	<i>Epi. Wedding Valley Sakura</i> K & A McGregor	<i>Epi. Comet Valley</i> B Quinn
Novice	<i>Cym. Unknown</i> Dianne Mc Farlane	<i>C. Pure Soul 'Yataka Morimoto'</i> Fay Knight	-
Bromeliad	<i>Tillandsia Aeranthera</i> Nita Bettridge	<i>Tillandsia Aeranthera</i> Nita Bettridge	<i>Brom. Unknown</i> J & G Menkens
Anthurium	<i>Anthurium Black Beauty</i> T & C Cook	<i>Anthurium Unknown</i> T & C Cook	<i>Anthurium Unknown</i> J & G Menkens
Ferns	<i>Maiden Hair Adiantum</i> Tracy Whitbread	<i>Huperzia Squiasosa</i> David Hunter	<i>Adiatum</i> J & G Menkens
Foliage	<i>Aglaonema</i> T & D Lyons	<i>Aglaonema</i> J & G Menkens	<i>Aglaonema Red Siam</i> J & G Menkens

Plant of the month: Vandachostylis (Van) Azure

This plant is a primary hybrid, being a cross between two species, *Vanda coerulea* and *Rhyncostylis gigantea*. When I bought the two plants they were incorrectly labelled as *Rhyncostylis gigantea* 'Blue', until I was told otherwise by a noted *Vanda* grower.

Van. coerulea comes from north-east India, extending to southern Yunnan in China, while *Rhy. gigantea* prefers the warm, humid climate of most of south-east Asia.

I grow these plants under 70 per cent black shade cloth in a high-tunnel house, closer to the ground and surrounded by lots of old man's beard, along with similar plants. Watering is nearly every day in summer, but about once a week in winter.

They are fed with slow release and Peter's fertiliser once a week in summer and rarely in winter. I put them under cover once they spike.

My plants have not been repotted but will be this year as they are slightly unruly, and one plant has pups. They require very little potting material and should be large. They are given fungicide and insecticide as required.

Deborah Shield



Deborah Shield with her Vandachostylis (Van) Azure, a spectacular primary hybrid and July's plant of the month.



NOOSA TODAY [story \(click here\)](#)

Society member Steve Potter (left with his dad, also a keen orchid grower, and below, saving a goal in his football/soccer-playing days) is just one of the 40 per cent of members who are blokes as we celebrate 40 years in September.

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NEXT MEETING: 3 August Tinbeerwah Hall

12.40pm: all plants must be benched

1.30pm: meeting starts

(agenda available on arrival)

Collect bark orders before meeting begins

**NOTE: Membership
fees now due:**

\$15 single

\$20 family

EFTPOS available