



# Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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## Newsletter – April 2023

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Wow, our Autumn Show is now done & dusted, and what a great show it was. Even though show entries were down the hall was still splendidly full of amazing orchid blooms and foliage plants. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thanks to all that participated even though they did not win a prize. We had 742 visitors to the show over the two days, including many who travelled from other clubs and centres, the comments were mostly complimentary on the show though quite a few were disappointed with the absence of our equipment sales table. A big thanks to Jeff for his pre-planning and organising and all the members who contributed in any way to making this show a success. Well done everyone, now we have another six months before our Spring Show. 21

A very big congratulations to Doug Chippendale on his Grand Champion entry of *Vanda* Tien's Delight, this plant was also nominated for an award and it attained an HCC/AOC. Congratulations to Marg and Trevor Handley on their Reserve Champion *Cycnodes* Taiwan Gold, to Leanne Dawes on her Champion Novice Orchid which also took out Champion Species and Champion Exotic Species with a beautifully grown *Gongora* orchid, to Tony March for his Champion Australian Species with his *Bigibbum* orchid and to Trish Craig for her winning Champion Foliage *Tillandsia* plant which was very impressive. A full list of the winners will be in next month's Newsletter.

With almost 110 people attending our Show Dinner the room was really packed, all enjoyed a delicious alternative drop meal followed by a delicious dessert. The evening finished with the drawing of our monstrous multi draw raffle and I am sure a majority took home a plant or two. There are some show photos in this newsletter with more to follow in the May Newsletter.

This month I have included an article on the differences between species and hybrid orchids. There are also photos on a few of the species' orchids tabled at our March Meeting. A couple of members have asked what their names were so that is also included.

Our next main event for the Society will be attending the STOCQ Conference in September in Hervey Bay. Remember if you wish to attend and travel on the coach you must give your name to Jeff Bloxsom. This Conference is also the weekend prior to our Spring Show, which will require members wishing to enter the show or present sale plants to start their organisation earlier. Just a heads up for those who did not realise.

Remember this week's meeting commences half an hour later at 1.30pm sharp, members tabling plants must bring them in by 1.00pm. Members are asked to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea following the meeting and if anyone wants to bring in one prize for the raffle that would be most appreciated.

**Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.**

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.  
Starts 1:30pm.**

**Notice to Members:** Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall after the meeting.

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**Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.**  
**General Meeting Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 commencing 1.00pm**

**Attendance:** As per register

**Apologies:** As per register

**New Members:** #54 Ryan Honor

**Visitors:** Nil

**Lucky Number:** 75 – Leanne Dawes

Next General Meeting – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

Minutes of February 2023 monthly meeting as published in the newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

**Moved** Miriam Black

**Seconded** John Jenkinson

**Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

**IN –**

- Newsletters – Caboolture Orchid Society, Blackwater Garden Club, Gympie & District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Bribie Island Orchid Society, North Queensland Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Mackay & District Orchid Society, Townsville Orchid Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society.
- Statement from City Printing Works
- Statement from Big Colour Works
- Statement Notification from Bendigo Bank
- Bribie Island Easter Show Schedule
- Hervey Bay Orchid Society, asking for 2023 STOCQ Sponsorship by Clubs for classes.
- ROSI Autumn Show Inquiry from Blackwater Garden Club
- New member inquiry by Ryan Honour
- Price rise notification email from Microsoft Office 365
- Letter from John Hughes Bundaberg Orchid Society
- Thank you email from Pioneer River Orchid & Foliage Society
- Thank you from Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club & individual thank yous were posted to hosts.

**OUT –**

- Email to Doblo's Fruit Market with copies of January, February & March Newsletters attached.
- Email to Doblo's Fruit Market enquiring about sponsorship of our Autumn Show
- Copies of various clubs' newsletters sent to members.
- Reply to Blackwater Garden Club email regards details of ROSI Autumn Show
- Reply to new member inquiry by Ryan Honour

Treasurer's Report read and moved for adoption by Di MacKenzie.

**Seconded** Sharyn Frisch

**Carried**

**Growers Group:**

Nothing to report at this stage.

**Business Arising from the last meeting:** Nil

**General Business:**

- Feedback from Field Days was mostly positive, there was some negative feedback.
- There will be no more triennial field days. Bundaberg have said that they do not want to participate. ROSI will continue to do our own field days and bus trips elsewhere.
- Our September Show had to be rescheduled due to the unavailability of the venue on our previous dates of 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September due to a big sports weekend. The only date that was available was the 30<sup>th</sup> of September & 1<sup>st</sup> October. Jeff has booked this date. Members attending the STOCQ Conference need to be aware that this is the week before our changed show date.
- Due to the start of the Frenchville renovations around November we must also change the venue for our Christmas Dinner & Awards Evening. This has been booked at the Rockhampton Leagues Clubs and it will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This venue has been booked.
- Jeff had been speaking to Damien at the Frenchville Sports Club about the upcoming renovations and he has said we should be happy with the renovations as the room will be larger. Commencing around November it should be finished by April.
- For those are wishing to enter plants or assist with the judging at the STOCQ Conference please be aware it is on the Thursday, and you will need to organise an extra night for accommodation and again if staying longer it will also have to be organised. Jeff has booked the rooms for two nights – Friday & Saturday.

- Commencing at our April General Meeting starting time will be half an hour later at 1.30pm, so orchids for tabling need to be at the hall by 1.00pm. Reminder to members to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.
- Jeff discussed the general meeting raffle and suggested instead of buying seedlings off Alice & MnS Orchids that the club purchased advanced plants off local growers each month. This means that the club would not require a plant caretaker. He also said a few donation plants would be accepted but they must be healthy & established.
- Autumn Show details: –
  - Jeff, Bob & Shirley have put up all the signs around Rockhampton. Livingstone Shire Council would not allow us to put any in Yeppoon as the show was being held in Rockhampton. Members who were at the meeting were asked to indicate by raised hands who lived in the Livingstone Shire and over one third of members pay their rates to Livingstone Shire Council. This is very disappointing.
  - Jeff Glover to organise the Show Judges for the Friday evening.
  - Container display entries are needed.
  - Names were taken for sales tables. Plants presented for sale by members must be healthy & disease free.
  - Names were taken for the show jobs roster.
  - Dinner numbers are sitting around 107.
  - There will be no club merchandise available at this show due to unavailability of Barry & Faye.
  - Entry will be through the Function Room Door, no longer required through the main entry foyer.
  - Need flowers for the floral arrangements, Maxine will be there to collect on Friday arvo & Saturday.
  - The club display will relocate back to where the club merchandise table was at the last show.
  - All entry and sales plants cannot be brought into the hall until after 11.00am on Friday when room is set up.
  - Members can purchase plants up to 5.00pm on Friday evening, they cannot be purchased Saturday morning prior to the show opening.
  - The show area must be cleared by 5.30pm and after this time only judging personal will be allowed.
  - Saturday Dinner will be at 6.30pm with an alternate drop and no tables will be reserved.
  - Jenni Scott delivered an excellent presentation on how to present an orchid for show judging. She explained how to tidy up a plant, she cuts off all aerial roots and gives each pot a spoon of controlled release fertiliser. Jenni removes sheaths. She showed how to wire up the flower spike and display the flowers. We thank Jenni for this.

**Plant Commentary:** Jeffrey Glover

**Exhibitor's Raffle:** Jenni Scott

**General Raffle:** Kathy Zammit, Tony O'Connor, Jenni Scott, Jan Rawlings, Shirley Peters & Jan Hogan. (I may have missed a name or two, I apologise for this.)

Meeting closed at 3.30pm for afternoon tea.

Next Committee meeting 7.00 pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Jeff Bloxsom's Residence 12 Harden Street North Rockhampton. Bring a plate for supper.

*J Bloxsom*

President

*Sandra Rowcliffe*

Secretary

**New Member**



## Annual Competition – March 2023 Results

### Judges Choice

C. Jungle Hotspot	J Scott
V. Suksamran Sunlight 'Korat'	J Scott
Den. Burana Stripe	T & M Handley

### Popular Vote

#### Advanced (Plants Tabled: 80)

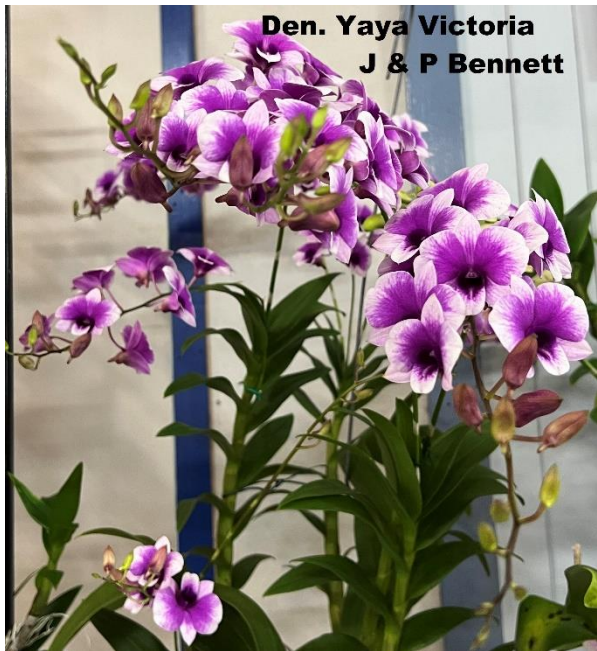
Cattleya up to 100mm	C. Jungle Hotspot	J Scott
Cattleya over 100mm	Rlc. Karen's Sunrise	J & N Glover
Vandaceous up to 65mm	Aerdv. Luana Prabane	J & M Bloxsom
Vandaceous over 65mm	V. Kru Chom 'Red Butterfly'	J Scott
Dendrobium	Den. Yaya Victoria	J & P Bennett
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Allura Vesuvius	T & M Handley
Catasetinae	Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Sun Face'	J Scott
Oncidiinae	Onc. Sweet Sugar	B Jenkins
Species	Milt. spectabilis var. mooreliana	B Jenkins
Miscellaneous	Zga. Ashton	J & M Bloxsom

#### Novice (Plants Tabled: 25)

Cattleya up to 100mm & Cattleya over 100mm	Cat. unknown	R & M Black
Vandaceous	Vanda K Gold	T O'Connor
Dendrobium	Den. Candy Cane x Den. Alice's Stripe	R & M Black
Oncidiinae	Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	D & S Eggleshaw







**Den. Yaya Victoria  
J & P Bennett**



**V. K Gold - T O'Connor**



**Milt. spectabilis var.  
mooreliana**



**Onc. Sweet Sugar B Jenkins**



**Phal. Allura Vesuvius - T & M Handley**

# Orchid of the month

For this month's newsletter I cover species and hybrid orchids and what is known as a primary hybrid created by the mating of two different species orchids.

Source – [www.orchidwise.com](http://www.orchidwise.com)

## Differences Between Species Orchids and Hybrid Orchids

1. The main difference is obviously the overall appearance of some orchid species; because species orchids come straight from nature, and are propagated for us to grow (they help create species that cater to our needs). Eventually there are always some hybrids that will look similar to one another (as there are many hybrid orchids out there, they are all bred from species orchids originally).
2. In general, hybrid orchids are more fertile (able to produce more, and more quickly).
3. Overall, species orchids have longer scientific names.
4. Usually hybrid orchids are easier to care for. This is due to hybrids' having numerous "parents" in their background that already have various tolerances built up to accommodate to our lifestyles.
5. Species orchids are more liable to survive neglect. Most species orchid plants are used to being from strange environments where they may be deprived of the proper growing guidelines that they need: nutrients, planting material, light, or shade. They have already managed to survive these poor living conditions.
6. The original plant is the species orchids (no ancestry can be traced before the species).
7. A hybrid orchid has a family tree that can be traced all the way back to the original species that they were bred from.
8. Orchid species contain the smallest and the largest orchids.
9. There are more orchids available for "potting" that are species orchids.
10. It's faster and cheaper to propagate hybrid orchids in turn making them cheaper in general for us (propagation is done by meristem and seed)!

Source [www.orchidplantcare.info](http://www.orchidplantcare.info)

The first ancestors of our modern orchids started life growing wild, in a jungle, field, gully or some other nature area. These original ancestors are called Species Orchids.

### **What is a Species Orchid?**

You will hear the names *lowianum*, *tracyanum*, *devonianum*, *pumilum* (now reclassified as *floribundum*), *tigrinum*, *ensifolium* and dozens of other species names. There are lots more, and more are still being discovered.

Usually, a particular species is found growing in isolation, away from other species – eg: *Cymbidium* orchids. Sometimes, the same species orchid is found growing wild in several areas, large distances apart, even in different countries. Many of them set seed and produce new plants from those seeds. The resultant plants from these seeds can vary a little from their parents, but because they share all the same genes, are most often very similar to their parents. (In Queensland a good example is *Cymbidium canaliculatum* which grows in several regions, the flowers look similar but are of different colours – photos on next page).

Natural breeding within a species has been occurring forever, so over a long time, different forms of the same species evolved. Collectors in early days often took huge numbers of plants from the wild, and not all survived.

Similarly, a mating of two different forms of the same species cymbidium, for example *floribundum* 'Album' x *floribundum* 'Pale Face' will still produce all species *floribundum* plants. In both matings described above, all the new plants will be different to their parent plants, and if given a varietal name, it cannot be the same as either of their parents. They will though, most likely, be very similar to their parents.

We now know that there are many forms of a particular species. The same species *Cymbidium* collected from one area is often quite different to one collected from a separate or more remote area. The different forms of the same species are given what is known as a varietal name, to distinguish them from those from another area.

They can have different features, for example: colour, plant size, growth habit etc.

Early on, Botanists tried to classify these wild collected plants, and often were incorrect and we are still continually learning. Some consider some species orchids to be rare, but they are out there. It is more likely they are very tightly held in a collection and not readily available.

In the early twentieth century, growers started hybridising cymbidiums.

In those days, they did not have the knowledge to grow the seed produced, in sterile containers, like we do today. Seed pods from cymbidium orchids, can contain hundreds of thousands, of very small seeds. Most seed when sown, did not germinate. Only a few plants grew when they were sown in the pots with other mature cymbidiums.

We now know they require a particular fungus present on mature plants.

Should a species orchid be mated to the same species orchid, any resultant plants are still species orchids. For example, *lowianum* 'concolour' x *lowianum* 'concolour' still produces *lowianum*. This type of mating is called a selfing.

These hybrids take on the characteristics of both parent plants, but not necessarily in equal proportions. If you are intending to try and improve your orchid collection, it is important to understand the difference between a species *Cymbidium* and a hybrid, and the properties of the various species *Cymbidiums*.

Several varieties of colours below that *Cymbidium canaliculatum* come in Queensland





## What is a Primary Hybrid?

The resultant plants produced from hybrids between two species orchids (for example *hookerianum* x *tracyanum*), are no longer species orchids. The mating of two species orchids is often referred to as a Primary Hybrid.

### ***Cattlianthe x Dabeibaensis.***

Source: Colombian Society of Orchidology, taken off Facebook post.

A new natural intergeneric hybrid of *Guarante hennisiana* described (Rolfe) Van den Berg and *Cattleya warscewiczii* Rchb. F. (Orchidaceae) from Antioch department, Columbia.

Hybridisation is common and occurs in 25% of plant species (Baack et. to., 2007). Stebbins (1950) declared. "The occasional hybridisation between recognisable species ..... is the rule in plants with ores" and I suspected that certain plant groups produce more hybrids than others (Stebbins, 1959).

Natural hybrids and hybrid swarms are especially common in the *Encyclia* Hook genus. However, for Colombia only a natural of *Encyclia Hooker*, *Encyclia x oritizii* Saulea, and a well-known natural of *Cattley Lindl* has been reported. Sander the heart of the cattle. In the *Encyclia* and *Cattleya* genres, Columbia does not seem to have many natural hybrids. Possibly as more natural areas are explored, and Columbia's orchid island is more known, more natural hybrids will be discovered.

Plants of a natural hybrid of *Guarante hennisiana* (Rolfe) Van den Berg and *Cattley warscewiczii* Rchb have been found f. in several areas where both species are sympatric. The plant described here is from the Dabeiba area. Additional plants have been observed in areas of Canasgordas and Uraba.

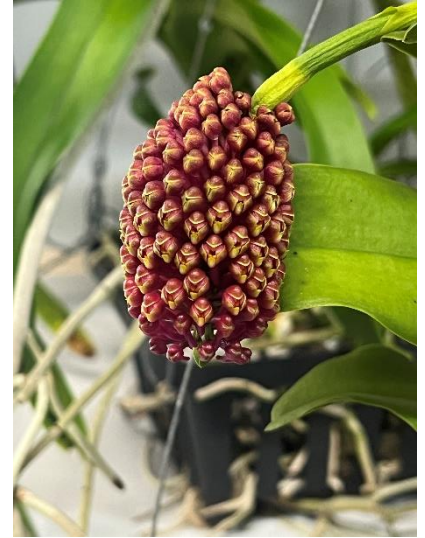
The new intergeneric natural hybrid (nothotaxon) is described here.



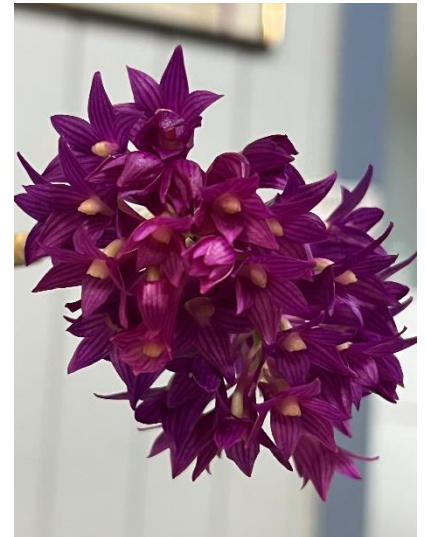
## SPECIES TABLED AT MARCH MEETING

At our March Meeting the Species Table was very full of a variety of plants. Bob Jenkins tabled *Miltonia spectabilis* var *moreliana*, *Stenoglottis longifolia*, *Trichoglottis brachiata* and *Paph Sand Dollar*. Jenni Scott tabled *Rbg. cerina* and *Vanda merrillii*. Margaret and Trevor Handley tabled *Den. goldschmidtianum*, *Phal bellina* and *Phal. pulcherrima*. I have photos below of some of these.

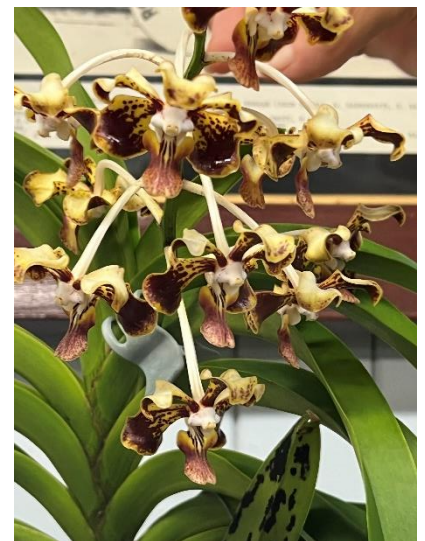
*Rbg. cerina* - Jenni Scott



*Den. goldschmidtianum*  
T & M Handley



*Vanda merrillii* – Jenni Scott



# AUTUMN SHOW AWARDS DINNER PHOTOS







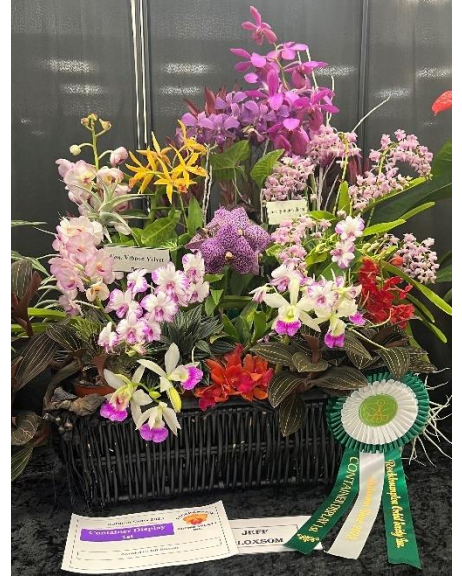
**SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS – (all club members)**



# SHOW PHOTOS









## 2023 Show Dates

As Supplied by John Rees.

**\*\* ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\***

### March

18<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore one day show, Buderim  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Childers & IDOS Show set up 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### April

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Soc.  
Show Bill Robertson Toyota Hansen Road - set  
up 6<sup>th</sup> with judging 7.00am on 7<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> - Bribie IOS show, judging on 6<sup>th</sup>.

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunshine Coast OS Show Uniting  
Church Hall Caloundra set up 13<sup>th</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> – South Burnett OS Show.?? Wondai RSL

**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - ROSI Autumn Show set up 14<sup>th</sup>.**

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - Gympie ADOS show, Indoor Bowls  
Graham Street, Gympie set up 28<sup>th</sup>.

### May

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - Caboolture Orchid Society  
Closed Show outside Godfreys Morayfield  
Shopping Centre.

13<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore one day show Bli Bli

12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> – Bundaberg OS Show set up 11<sup>th</sup>.

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Noosa DO&FS Closed Show

Catholic Church Hall Moorindil St Tewantin

### June

10<sup>th</sup> - STOCQ meeting hosted by Sunshine Coast  
Orchid Society, Caloundra in CCSA Hall.

30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July - Caboolture OS show at the

**Morayfield East** State School Hall on Graham  
Road, Morayfield. Set up 29<sup>th</sup> June (Caboolture  
relocated - community hall is unavailable)

### August

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - Maroochydore OS show  
set up 3<sup>rd</sup>. Buderim

11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Agnes Water show.

15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August – APOC in Singapore

### September

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Childers & IDOS show set up 31<sup>st</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - September 2023 Nambour OS show

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – ROSI Spring Show set up 8<sup>th</sup>.**

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Glasshouse Country OS show

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> -Maryborough OS set up 13<sup>th</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Noosa DO&FS Show Cooroy

Memorial Hall Maple Street set up 14<sup>th</sup>.

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> - Orchidfest sponsored by Hervey  
Bay Orchid Society

### October

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Bribie IOS show, judging 5<sup>th</sup>.

### November

11<sup>th</sup> Nambour Species Show Buderim Hall  
set up 10<sup>th</sup>.

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