

COMING EVENTS:

5, 6 May 2012: GADOS show.

11-13 May: Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre; set up from noon 10th.

12, 13 May: Noosa DOFS show in CWA Hall Cooroy (Closed?)

26 May: our meeting at Jim and Leanne's place, 106 Pine Valley Road.

2 June 2012: Gladstone OS host STOCQ meeting.

2, 3 June: Rotary club of Gympie Quilt show in The Pavilion. We usually get asked to set up a small display in the foyer.

6 – 8 July: Caboolture OS show Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road.

28 July: Our meeting at Corrie Sheaffe's, Van Doren Road.

11, 12 August: Maroochydore show.

25 August: our meeting at Marion Long's, 25 Long Road Bauple.

31 August, 1 September: Nambour OS show; setting up 30 August.

31 August, 1 September: Childers & Isis District OS spring show.

1, 2 September: Capricornia OS show

20-22 September: Maryborough DOS show

21, 22 September Noosa DOFS show RSL Hall Cooroy

28, 29 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 27th.

6, 7 October: HBOS show set up 5th.

13, 14 October: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 12th.

26, 27 October: Nambour OS species show, judging 7 PM Thursday.

27 October: our meeting at Doug and Lynne Wilson's, 6 Kimberley Ave.

17 November: STOCQ meeting, Uniting Church hall, 8 Lefors Road, Bli Bli, hosted by Maroochydore OS

16 February 2013: STOCQ AGM in a hall somewhere in Gympie.

10 – 12 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie

.Wide Bay Banking and Nestles will once again provide support for our show. Wide Bay have doubled their sponsorship and Nestles will once again provide a basket of their products for the Friday night raffle.

Sauers have, in the past, provided champion trophies.

Most prizes are provided by the Expo committee.



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Meetings of this society are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 PM for 8 PM at St. Peter's Hall, Lady Mary Terrace, GYMPIE in January, February, April, June, September and November and at 2 PM on the last Saturday of the month at members' nurseries on other months



I missed last month's meeting at Dudley and Beryl's place but I took this picture and others on the previous Wednesday on my way to work. I found it hard to leave. Beryl's Dendrobiums were in great shape. See below and over





The image above is of some Phalaenanthus type Debdrobiums. The image at right is of *Den. Jacqueline Thomas X Den. broomfieldii* and shows the effect of both parents.



OUR SHOW: Our show is just around the corner and, at this meeting, details of the organisation of it will be discussed- label makers, timing, kitchen and kitchen rosters. As occurred last year, ours will be one large display.

I believe there are about 100 commercial stalls so the organisers have been very busy.

HALLS: In the last two years we have held the STOCQ AGM in Wesley Hall at Surface Hill and have paid a very modest rent. As it has sold we are no longer able to rent it. Previously we were unable to rent our meeting place because of karate classes there on a Saturday. I have checked other halls and it appears that the rent on most is prohibitive. The best chances, if St Peter's hall is unavailable would be the Band Hall (kitchen, hall and judges' meeting room for \$235) and Pie Creek Hall (kitchen, hall for 120 for \$175 or less)

AGRICULTURAL SHOW: We usually donate the champion and reserve champion prizes in orchid classes at the Agricultural show in May. This is yet to be organised.

SHOWS: Our members have shown plants at Boyne Tannum and Caloundra as I write this. Before our meeting the South Burnett show is on 21 April. The Greens and Manns tasted success at Boyne Tannum.

At Caloundra, the Gympie display received 7 firsts, a reserve champion and several place ribbons. John and Kaye, Ted and Doug were successful exhibitors. My image of our display there is slightly out of focus in the poor light when it was taken. All ribbons in white Cattleya and cluster Cattleya went to Gympie plants

RESERVE CHAMPION:
Rlc. Burdekin Dream



At Boyne Tannum show the champion orchid was *Rth Mem. Warren Eggins 'Tod'* exhibited by John Hughes. It was later awarded an AM 80 for quality. Its image appears below.



The image at right, *Cycnoches Golden Shower*, was champion at Caloundra show. The genera *Cycnoches* is not widely grown in our area. It was a startling plant.

