

COMING EVENTS:

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

Head north along Bruce Highway. Turn left in to the Woolooga – Bauple Road ; almost straight away turn right in to Baker Road; then turn left in to Long's Road and at top of hill turn right and head for the mountain.

25, 26 Aug: North Brisbane OS show at Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt-Coot-tha

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

8, 9 September: Rockhampton O.S show, Rockhampton S H S Campbell Street Rockhampton.

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 Maroochy OS

16 February 2013: STOCQ AGM in Albert Bowl's Club hall, Albert Park Gympie.

11 – 13 April: Sunshine Coast OS show, Uniting Church hall, Ulm Street.

20-21 April: Rockhampton O.S show, Rockhampton S H S Campbell Street Rockhampton.

4, 5 May: Our show as part of Gympie Garden Expo.

25, 26 May: Boyne Tannum show, Tannum Sands State High School Auditorium, Coronation Drive Tannum Sands.

8, 9 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie

21- 25 August 2013: ANOS (kabi group) are hosting either the 7th or 9th conference and show at Lawnton Community Centre

14-15 September: Rockhampton O.S show, Rockhampton S H S Campbell Street Rockhampton.

AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER of GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

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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



Last meeting was hosted by Corrie Sheaffe who had a great display of well grown quality orchids.

Lorraine and Alan Krogh of Scotchy Pocket, Gunalda, seen at left with a plant of *Angraecum superbum*, are new members.

Corrie has a number of king orchids, *Den. speciosum var. gradiflorum*, which would have been collected of the farm. These would be a great sight in a few weeks as they had plenty of inflorescences. Her plants of *Den. speciosum var. pedunculatum* were in full flight. There was a great turn up for the meeting and we could have used a sound system for the people at the back of the group on the verandah.

AUGUST MEETING: See directions on the back page.



There were three plants that took my eye: *Rhynocolaelia glauca*, at left was well grown and was probably everyone's pick as the most desirable of Corrie's plants. The flowers bruise easily. Corrie grows in a lime chips and bark mix.

At right below is an unnamed *Cymbidium*.

Another eye catcher was *Epc.* Rene Marques 'Flamethrower' HCC/AOS. (at left below) This is a cross between *Epi pseudepidendrum* and *C. Xclaesana*. "*pseudepidendrum*" = false *Epidendrum* (like a reed stem); *C. Xclaesana* is a natural hybrid of *C. intermedia* and *C. loddigesii*. The Epi seems to be dominant in form and colour



GYMPIE GOLDEN ORCHID SPECTACULAR:

The Golf club will be the venue for the presentation dinner on the Saturday evening. Cost will be \$35 per head and there are over 100 starters already. Members were asked to express their interest as it will be first in best dressed from here. The club house has seated in excess of 160 in the past. Whilst our treasurer's report paints a rosey picture of our finances it should be remembered that a lot of this will be blown on the Spectacular. Sponsorship has covered about half of the classes so more is needed. Council will provide assistance, in kind, to the value of \$1000. The application was so we could put on a complimentary meal on the Friday evening for participants (growers, stall holders etc.) Palliative Care will be a beneficiary.

GYMPIE GARDEN EXPO: Council is to provide \$4000 funding, in kind, for this next year.

The committee seeks to improve on last year's event and build on the wonderful feeling that stall holders left with.

ORCHIDS QUEENSLAND: During the last week, I was asked by a society president in the STOCQ area what was the difference between OQ and QOS.

QOS = Queensland Orchid Society, based in Brisbane. It used to be the 'agent' for AOC (Australian Orchid Council) and all judges in Queensland had to be members. All awards passed through it. It still has its own judging panel which it supplies for shows of societies affiliated with it. Because it is a society it has strong financial resources.

OQI = Orchids Queensland. Inc. It was set up after the AOC structure was changed. It acts as the AOC's 'agent' in this state but has been dogged by the huge area it covers and its lack of resources. The state registrar's position comes up for election in November. This position could be an influential one.

