

## COMING EVENTS:

15<sup>th</sup> March: Childers Isis DOS show  
29 March: Nambour OS autumn show U.C. Hall Coolum (closed show)

29<sup>th</sup> March: (Saturday) our meeting at Doug & Lynne Wilsons; place

5, 6 April: Boyne Tannum Orchid expo. Set up from 3PM on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

11, 12 April: Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show (Caloundra) Set up 10<sup>th</sup>.

18-20 April: Gladstone OS show; judging 7.30AM Good Friday; set up from 5.30PM Thursday.

3, 4 May 2014: Gympie garden Expo- our orchid show at The Pavilion.

9-11<sup>th</sup> May: Bundaberg OS show Set up 8<sup>th</sup> from noon.

31<sup>st</sup> May: (Saturday) our meeting at. Norm & Corrine Cameron's place.

7<sup>th</sup> June 2014: STOCQ meeting in Rockhampton.

4-6<sup>th</sup> July: Caboolture OS show; set up 3<sup>rd</sup>.

26<sup>th</sup> July: (Saturday) our meeting at Corrie Sheaffe's place

9, 10 August: Maroochydore OS show (benched)

30<sup>th</sup> August: (Saturday) our meeting at Jim & Leanne Evans' place.

5, 6 Sep: Nambour Orchid Society Spring show, Nambour U.C. Hall.

5, 6 September: Childers Isis DOS show, set up 4<sup>th</sup>.

26, 27 September: Glasshouse COS show set up 25<sup>th</sup>.

4, 5 October: Hervey Bay OS show, PCYC hall Luizzi Street, Pialba behind Bob Janes on Boat Harbour Drive.

25<sup>th</sup> October: (Saturday) our meeting at Marion Long's place.

31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: Nambour Species show, Nambour U.C. Hall.

November: STOCQ meeting hosted by Noosa OFS

2015: AOC conference and show, Mackay

11, 12 June 2016: Nambour OS hosts Diamond Festival of Orchids in Kawana Community Centre (STOCQ orchidfest)

Future newsletters will be compiled by Ted Mann. He will have the society's laptop and colour printer as well as the screen and frame.

Show organisation has been done so this should allow others to slide in to positions.



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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, president Jim presented outgoing secretary, John Rees with a silver tray engraved with "Gympie and District Orchid Society. The members wish to sincerely

*thank John and Lavina for your years of dedication to the club."*

It was a sad evening for me, having been a member since 1979, president or secretary for most of the time since, secretary since 1986, newsletter editor since 1994 with one small break. The society has been full of fellowship and I've always felt comfortable being a member.

I will miss the next two meetings because of commitments in Melbourne and Adelaide and we hope to be in residence in Diamond Head by April.

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Florabilis</i> (not registered)	Ted Mann
CATTLEYA	<i>Rlc. Toshie Aoki</i> X <i>Rlc. Beverly Bleitz</i>	Ted Mann
OTHER	<i>Onc. Green Gold</i> X <i>Onc. lanceanum</i>	Doug and Lynne Wilson
SPECIES	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	Corrie Sheaffe
NOVICE	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Delight</i>	Noel Cameron

**JUDGE'S CHOICE:** John Rees selected *Onc. Green Gold* X *Onc. lanceanum* grown by Doug and Lynne Wilson. He said that mule eared Oncidiums never rated much with judges. He liked the colour and texture of the flowers and he regarded the group as under rated.



President Jim made an interesting comment in his commentary about one of his orchids shown at left, *Guaricattonia* Why Not Walk. The orchid was bred and named in 1995 by Noel Fuchs of Golden Blossom orchid nursery of Hervey Bay. He used *C. walkeriana* and *Gct. Why Not* as parents. Because *C. walkeriana* was tetraploid (groups of chromosomes in 4s) and the other was diploid (chromosomes in pairs) this is triploid (in 3s).

This means that when *Guaricattonia* Why Not Walk tries to create ova and pollen, the chromosomes in 3s won't split. Thus the plants are infertile. This is how seedless watermelons are produced, and hence the cost thereof. Modern agriculture makes use of triploids because the growth rates are often superior.[trout and salmon farming, Bananas, Gravenstein apples] Human babies can be born as triploid but usually have massive deformities.

**MEETINGS IN MAY & AUGUST:** The venues for these meetings have been swapped. See page 4 for the correct dates.

**STOCQ AGM** hosted by our society 15<sup>th</sup> February: Much of the organisation of this was down to Ted and Kay and everything seemed to work like clockwork from my perspective. 101 signed the attendance register but 106 luncheon tickets were sold. I don't know what that means

I don't think there were too many complaints about the meals and we stuck to the program very closely.

It is something to hold four meetings in two hours.

The OQI meeting, which was the last did not take long.

Sue Jones was alarmed at the prospect of talking about Cymbidiums for an hour, but did so with a very professional presentation. I am sure it could be shown in Cymbidium country down south just as successfully.

I went to the STOCQ meeting expecting to take photographs of winners of the 2013 STOCQ awards for the year 2013. Unfortunately, not all of the recipients were there and I have nothing.

At the Sunshine Coast Orchid show in Caloundra in 2013, I took a picture



of *Miltoniopsis* (*Mps.*) Lillian Nakamoto. I saw a plant of this for sale at one of the following shows in Gympie and purchased a plant which has flowered with four inflorescences and this flower which exudes innocence makes going to see the orchids a joy to see when I open the door. My plant's potting mix seems to have been rich in peat moss. No awards have been recorded for this grex, but it really doesn't need any.

Well this is just about the end. I have been printing the bulletin since 1994. Technology has moved forward a lot since then. I used to get bromides made to stick on to the newsletter so the black and white contrast was a bit softer. That was when we had images.

All newsletters were posted out in groups to save money.

In the 35 years I've been a member, there have been plenty of changes. The most positive one was how our shows are staged. The concept of the Garden Expo is a winner, but it also appears that whenever we host other societies we make money. Both of these have contributed to a healthier bank balance.