



COMING EVENTS:

Jim (left) and a patch of *Guaricattonia*
Why Not walk, previously *Cattleytonia*

- 15 February 2014: STOCQ AGM, Albert Park Bowls club, Gympie
- 29 March: Nambour OS autumn show U.C. Hall Coolum (closed show)
- 29th March: (Saturday) our meeting at Doug & Lynne Wilsons; place
- 5, 6 April: Boyne Tannum Orchid expo. Set up from 3PM on 4th April.
- 11, 12 April: Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show (Caloundra) Set up 10th.
- 3, 4 May 2014: Gympie garden Expo- our orchid show at The Pavilion.
- 9-11th May: Bundaberg OS show Set up 8th from noon.
- 31st May: (Saturday) our meeting at Jim & Leanne Evans' place.
- 7th June 2014: STOCQ meeting in Rockhampton.
- 4-6th July: Caboolture OS show; set up 3rd.
- 26th July: (Saturday) our meeting at Corrie Sheaffe's place
- 30th August: (Saturday) our meeting at. Norm & Corrine Cameron's place.
- 5, 6 Sep: Nambour Orchid Society Spring show, Nambour U.C. Hall.
- 26, 27 September: Glasshouse COS show set up 25th.
- 9, 10 August: Maroochydore OS show (benched)
- 25th October: (Saturday) our meeting at Marion Long's place.
- 31st Oct, 1st 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)



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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

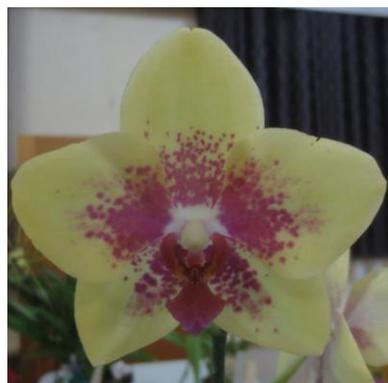


The images above describe our Christmas party: Firstly members played barefoot bowls before retreating to Jim's place for a barbecue lunch. Jim and Leanne always put on a great spread and, even though it was largely catered it needed a big effort on their part. Every member received a Christmas present in the form of a plant in a 75mm pot. We would be hard pressed to find orchids at this stage growing as well as Jim's do. It was great to see that Jim has done a lot of repotting and the orchids look great.

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>Cty. Burdekin Honey</i>	Corrie Sheaffe
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Kultana Gouldii</i> X <i>Den. Halawa Beauty</i> (*)	Corrie Sheaffe
OTHER	<i>V. no name</i>	Ted Mann
SPECIES	<i>C. maxima</i>	Corrie Sheaffe

JUDGE'S CHOICE: John Rees selected *Onc. ampliatum* (now called *Rossiglossum ampliatum*) grown by Marion Long. The image at left below shows Marion with this plant.

(*) I have doubts about this name: I think *Den. Kultana Gouldii* might be *Den. Kultana* x *Den gouldii* = *Den. Fuchs Blue Angel* but the rest hasn't been registered. If it is *Den Kultana* x *Den Halawa Beauty* = *Den. Makariki Blue*, the name is consistent with the orchid flower shown on OrchidWiz.



At upper right is Ted's plant of *V. ?* which won popular vote for "Other". A beautiful orchid; the other flower is of *Phal. Dou-Dii Pride* "Mel Dar Red Star". This orchid was on its first flowering and Doug looks forward to future flowerings.

Saturday meetings in 2014: All spots are full for hosting Saturday meetings. It was great last meeting to have members put their hands up to host all of our planned Saturday meetings. There is a possibility that an orchid bus trip may be organised to take the place of one of these. See last page for details.

STOCQ AGM is being hosted in Gympie on 15th February 2014. Main features of this meeting are:

- AGM of the judging panel at which positions will be finalised.
- Morning tea
- AGM of the STOCQ.
- Normal meeting of STOCQ
- Meeting of Orchids Queensland (OQI). Hopefully this will be short.
- Guest speaker, Sue Jones will talk about care of Cymbidiums.
- Lunch will be served
- Visits to orchid houses, venues to be organised.

HOW TIMES CHANGE?

I have been growing orchids for about 35 years. One of the first mericlones that I bought (from Sunshine Orchids in Bald Hills) was *Rlc. Cadmium Light* 'Belle Glade' seen at right flowering in early December. In purchasing it, I thought I had a show winner. At that time, the clone "Green Elf" was changing hands at astronomical prices.



It had slightly better form than this one and a member of the society made a comment at the time, "It's not even the best clone", which was a bit disconcerting. Nevertheless it was cloned for its colour and registered in 1966. It also demonstrates the historical problem with green orchids' shape. This is a piece of the original plant I bought so it is a survivor. I was away for two months one summer and my watering system broke down desiccating most of my orchids. This one survived.