

COMING EVENTS:

- 16 February 2013: STOCQ AGM in Albert Bowl's Club hall, Albert Park Gympie.
- 16 March: CIOS show in Childers
- 29, 30 March: BIOS show at BISHS
- 29 March – 1st April: Gladstone O & FS show
- 30 March: Nambour Orchid Society Autumn show, Coolum UC Hall
- 30 March: Our bush house meeting hosted by Dudley & Beryl Ross, 16 Red Gum Drive.
- 11 – 13 April: Sunshine Coast OS show, Uniting Church hall, Ulm Street.
- 20 April: South Burnett orchid show. No venue advised.
- 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.
- 10, 12 May: Noosa closed show
- 10, 11, 12 May: Bundaberg orchid show, Civic Centre. Set up 9th, pull down 1PM
- 25 May: Our bush house meeting hosted by Jim and Leanne Evans, 106 Pine Valley Road
- 25, 26 May: Boyne Tannum show, Tannum Sands State High School Auditorium, Coronation Drive Tannum Sands.
- 8, 9 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie
- 27 July: Our bush house meeting hosted by John and Kaye Green, 785 Mary Valley Road
- 10, 11 August: Maroochydore OS show, set up 9th.
- 21- 25 August 2013: ANOS (kabi group) are hosting the 7th conference and show at Strathpine Community Centre
- 31 August: Our bush house meeting hosted by
- 6, 7 September: CIOS show Childers, set up 5th.
- 6, 7 September: Nambour Orchid Society Spring show, Nambour UC Hall
- 14-15 September: Rockhampton O.S show, Rockhampton S H S Campbell Street Rockhampton.
- 19-21 September: Maryborough DOS show; set up Wednesday 19th.
- 20, 21 September: Noosa benched show, set uyp 19th.
- 27, 28 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 26th.
- 12, 13 October: BIOS show at BISHS.
- 26 October: Our bush house meeting hosted by
- 1, 2 November: Nambour species show and trade fair (no venue advised)

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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 plant at left, *Cty.* Burdekin Honey 'Shona' is a mericlone Corrie Sheaffe purchased from Aranbeem Orchids about four years ago. In November 2011 it was judged best *Cattleya* at our meeting and it did the same as well as Judge's choice in November 2012.

It was later awarded an ACM of 81.1. (ACM = Award of Cultural Merit and is a mid level cultural award.)

Cty. Is the abbreviation for *Catyclia.*, previously an *Epc.* = *Epicattleya.* It is a hybrid of *Enc.* Bees Knees and *Cty.* Hatillo.

All pseudobulbs had healthy intact leaves.

POPULAR VOTE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>Cty. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'</i>	Corrie Sheaffe
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Carron Deb X Den tangerinum.</i>	John and Kaye Green
OTHER	<i>Odtm. Catentani (?)</i>	John and Kaye Green
SPECIES	<i>Coel. pandurata</i>	Corrie Sheaffe
NOVICE	<i>C.</i>	Kay Morrison

JUDGE'S CHOICE: Jim Evans selected *Cty. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'* grown by Corrie Sheaffe based on floriferousness and presentation..



The image above is of *Coel. pandurata* which was judged the best species at the November meeting. The species grows in Malaysia and Sumatra at low to moderate altitudes so probably likes plenty of warmth. Although Corrie grows it in a pot, its growth habit lends itself to slab culture.

The image on the next page is of *Den. Gatton Sunray* as it flowered in late November. This hybrid was registered in 1919 [*Den. pulchellum x Den. Illustre*]. Its ability to survive is probably related to the fact that it can be watered in the cooler months. As it flowers, it gives the grower an indication of the Dendrobium beetle's population, as they attack it as one of the early summer flowerers.



CHRISTMAS PARTY: This was held on 9 December at Jim and Leanne's place. There was a good turn out, relaxed atmosphere, a tour of the orchids, which are in great shape, and good food. The fact that they had organized the day with limited help made it all the more important.

The images below are, clockwise from left,; Jim has 2100 babies on this bench., looking good. The other two images are of novelty type Cattleyas.

This is being printed on 9 December. I will away till late February.

