

COMING EVENTS:

2015

24th January: Rain delayed XMAS party & January club meeting.

21st February: STOCQ Annual General Meeting GYMPIE.

3, 4 APRIL: Bribie Island OS set up 2nd.

10, 11th April: SCOS show Ulm Street Caloundra set up 9th.

18th April: South Burnett Orchid Soc Show RSL hall Wondai.

2nd, 3rd May: Gympie annual show set up 1st at show ground .

8th-10th May: Bundaberg OS show Civic Cent set up 7th from 10am.

8-9 May: Noosa DOFS Mothers' day show (Closed)

23-24 May: Boyne Island Tannum Sands OFS show. Set up 22nd.

???? June: STOCQ meeting hosted by Nambour OS.

3-5 July: Caboolture OS show: set up 2nd.

7-8 August: Maroochydore show, set up 6th (Benched show).

28-29 August: Nambour OS show, set up 27th.

4-5 September: Childers Isis DOS show, set up 3rd.

10-12 September: Maryborough DOS show. Set up 9th.

18-19 September: Noosa DOFS show, set up 17th.

25-26 September: Glasshouse COS show, set up 24th.

3-4 October: Hervey Bay OS show, set up 2nd.

3-4 October: Bribie Is OS show, set up 2nd.

30-31 October: Nambour Species Show.

November: STOCQ meeting hosted by Hervey Bay OS.

September: AOC Conference and show, Mackay.

2016

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.

Our Christmas party and bare foot bowls had to be postponed because of rain. I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Now the Orchid year starts all over again.

We decided to hold our delayed Xmas barbecue on the 24th of January, It looked like it would have to be cancelled again but we held firm and luck was on our side as the day stayed sunny for us. As our general meeting was only 3 nights away, the meeting was held along with the barbecue. Approximately 40 members turned up and every one had a lovely afternoon. President Jim supplied a plant to every family and also did a great job on the barbecue.

Many thanks to Leanne for the great food she prepared.



Some of the members



Jim's Shade house

Popular Vote

January Meeting. No popular vote or judges choice as it was held in conjunction with the barbecue. I tabled 6 plants just for show and tell.

November Meeting

Dendrobium	Den. C.k.-Ai	Ted Mann
Cattleya	Rlc. Canyon Way	Ted Mann
Species	<i>Den. chrystoxomum</i>	Ted Mann
Any Other	V. Susan Ong Ah Mooi	Ted Mann
Novice	Phal. Unknown (Big W)	Joe Tramacchi

Judges choice.

Judges choice. Jim Evans selected *Den. chrystoxomum* Var *suaviosum* as his choice.

C. guttata

C. guttata is a bifoliate cattleya species from Coastal Brazil. The habitat extends from near Guarapari to near Paran gua in Paran . In Esp rito Santo, plants are found from sea level to -610 m and as far as 120 km inland.. The plants require a very open potting mix to allow very fast drying. When repotting use a pot just to suit 1 to 2 years growth, they do not like to be overpotted as this keeps the mix to wet. Fertiliser weekly at half strength and water frequently in hot weather.



Images of three plants of *C. guttata*

After all the wet weather Gympie was having it was nice to see a hot sunny day for our berbecue and meeting. The members enjoyed the day as you can see by the photos.



Some photos from the barbecue and meeting



New Members
Paul & Pam



Show and tell plants