

## **COMING EVENTS:**

28 July: Our meeting at Corrie Sheaffe's, Van Doren Road.  
11, 12 August: Maroochydoore show.  
18 August: Imbil Agricultural show.  
25 August: our meeting at Marion Long's, 25 Long Road Bauple.  
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 27<sup>th</sup>.  
6, 7 October: HBOS show set up 5<sup>th</sup>.  
13, 14 October: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 12<sup>th</sup>.  
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 Maroochydoore 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.  
8, 9 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie  
21- 25 August 2013: ANOS (kabi group) are hosting either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> conference and show at Lawnton Community Centre

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



## **JULY 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



Ted Mann displayed his plant of *Onc. Wildcat* 'Bobcat', formerly *Odontocidium*, now back in the *Oncidium* genera after some toing and froing by Botanists. This was a well grown plant with two large inflorescences of red flowers. These are not as dark as the clone 'Blooshot' but was still a great display. This hybrid has brought *Oncidium* genera plants in to fashion. They are easy to grow and are floriferous

## POPULAR VOTE LAST MEETING:

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>Rlc. Karen's Sunrise 'Wainae'</i>	Beryl Ross
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Sonya</i>	Beryl Ross
OTHER	<i>Onc. Wildcat 'Bobcat'</i>	Ted Mann
SPECIES	<i>Den. speciosum 'pedunculatum'</i>	Corrie Sheaffe
NOVICE	<i>C. anceps</i> <i>C. Memoria.... X C. walkeriana</i>	Noelene Auer Kay and Ken Christensen.

**JUDGE'S CHOICE:** Jim Evans selected *Den. Sonya* grown by Beryl Ross based on its presentation both in evenness on the inflorescence and arching inflorescence.

**GYMPIE GOLDEN ORCHID SPECTACULAR:** John Green reported on progress and asked for anyone knowing someone or a business which might be willing to provide sponsorship, they should encourage them to do so. Each class would cost \$65 to sponsor.

Whilst the society's finances look good, he pointed out that over \$6000 is needed for prizes.

Deposits are now being required for venues.

All societies between Sydney and Cairns have been sent a publicity pack about the Spectacular.

He is looking at venues that can cater for 150 – 200 for the Presentation Dinner. The Golf club and Civic Centre appear to be the likely alternatives.

**OQ AGM:** Orchids Queensland held its annual general meeting on Saturday 23 June. President Dave Gatfield and treasurer Col Parker were re-elected but the organisation is still without a secretary. OQ is the State or Territory Regional Organisation (STRO) for Queensland. Because of the size of the state and the large number of societies it has always had problems being representative of the whole state.

**JULY MEETING:** This is at Corrie Sheaffe's place at van Doren Road, Southside. For those who have no idea where it is, Go past the showgrounds

(Eel Creek Road). Go over the ridge and take the first road to the right (Daphne Street) and at the T junction turn right in to Van Doren Road.

**LAST MEETING:** Jim was asked what you do for your orchids in winter. He made a number of comments:

Don't over-water. Cattleyas need watering during winter, maybe once per week.

Fertilise sparingly. Do not fertilise Dendrobiums until new leads look like appearing in or after late August. Then fertilise them often.

Scale is a problem in winter. Yellow leaf spots are caused by scale under the leaf. He uses a contact pesticide Confidor at double strength. Eco oil was an alternative and he named others.

Black spot (*Botrytis cinerea*) is hard for the home gardener to control in wet cold times. Large growers have access to and can justify the purchase of larger quantities of anti fungal chemicals.

Corrie exhibited a plant of *Den. speciosum* var. '*pedunculatum*' (the king orchid from the Atherton Tableland.)



The image at left top is a poor example of this orchid. The peduncle is the long part of the inflorescence before a flower appears. In this variety it is quite long and flowers are small and white. The image below is of *Den. speciosum* var. '*curvicaule*' which grows in areas near the other variety. It was pointed out that many orchids we see from that area are probably hybrids between the two. There are a lot of superior clones of *curvicaule* about, and although not as large a flower as our local, *Den. speciosum* var. '*grandiflorum*', I feel it is probably the superior variety