

## **COMING EVENTS:**

29, 30 March: BIOS show at BISHS

29 March – 1<sup>st</sup> April: Gladstone O & FS show

30 March: Nambour Orchid Society Autumn show, Coolum UC Hall

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 9<sup>th</sup>, pull down 1PM

25 May: Our bush house meeting hosted by John and Kaye Green, 785 Mary 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 Jim and Leanne Evans, 106 Pine Valley Road.

10, 11 August: Maroochydore OS show, set up 9<sup>th</sup>.

21- 25 August 2013: ANOS (kabi group) are hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> conference and show at Strathpine Community Centre

31 August: Our bush house meeting hosted by .....

6, 7 September: CIOS show Childers, set up 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 19<sup>th</sup>.

20, 21 September: Noosa benched show, set up 19<sup>th</sup>.

27, 28 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 26<sup>th</sup>.

12, 13 October: BIOS show at BISHS.

November ? : STOCQ meeting, Caloundra.

26 October: Our bush house meeting hosted by .....

1, 2 November: Nambour species show and trade fair (no venue advised)

15 February 2014: STOCQ AGM, Albert Park Bowls club, Gympie

**MARCH 2013**

## **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

### **THE MARCH MEETING OF THIS SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN ST. PETER'S HALL ON TUESDAY EVENING 26 MARCH**

There are a number of reasons for this change:

- Hosts of the March meeting, Dudley & Beryl Ross, have been hospitalised lately.
- 30<sup>th</sup> March is Easter Saturday and it was felt this might affect attendance.
- January and February meetings have been cancelled because of floods so it is 4 months since members have had access to the library.
- Business in relation to the Expo may need attention as it is just over a month away from this meeting.

Programme for this meeting will include a Power Point Presentation on the Gardens by the Bay in Singapore.

**MAY/ JULY VENUE:** The venues for these two months' meetings are now correct on page 4. Jim and John have had to swap hostings because each family had other commitments on the previous allocation.

**COMPUTER:** The computer I use to type up documents associated with this society is now over 10 years old. When my son delivered us home from the ship he got on to my own PC and suggested I needed a new,

faster one (it's about 3 years old). The new computer will have a totally different set up (I think the hard drive is replaced by a flash drive). It is my intention that, once all of the files off my PC have been copied across, we will then copy files from this computer to my present one. This means the society could sell this to anyone interested.

**STOCQ AGM:** By all reports, the new venue was easy to work in. Numbers were down a bit on previous years.



John and Kaye Green received the shield for the highest STOCQ Cultural Award, 2012. At right Ross and Jan Hopkins received trophies for the best STOCQ Best Hybrid orchid and Best Species for 2012.

Lavina and I have been away for two months, travelling to London with a three night stopover in Singapore, five days in London and then catching a coach to Southampton where we boarded "MV Arcadia" for the trip home via Cape Horne. We saw orchids in situ in Brazil where we travelled cross country for four days, and an orchid garden in Teneriffe (Canary Islands) but the Teneriffe garden was a commercial operation and I don't believe the owner cared that much about orchids.

The orchid high point was the visit to Gardens by the Bay in Singapore, which would be pulling visitors away from the Botanic Gardens. We passed through Singapore four years ago and the area was a building site. The other venture in the area is the three towered Marina Sands Hotel and casino (with the swimming pool across the top) The image on next page was taken from the roof of that hotel.



**FLOWER DOME:**

Contains gardens of the world but always features staged flowering plants

**SUPER TREES:**

These many steel structures have orchids and bromeliads attached to their 'trunks'.

**CLOUD FOREST:**

This contains a 'mountain'. As you go up it, the air conditioning reduces the temperature so there is a gradation of orchids, bromeliad begonias, anthuriums and ferns to match the 'altitude'

Whilst I have been away, I have been elected state registrar of judges. I understand there are about 140 judges in Queensland. And I've retired. "As one door closes another one opens."

