

## **COMING EVENTS:**

9 December: Christmas Party at Jim and Leanne's place at 3 PM.. Cost was set at \$10 all found.

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

25 May: Our bush house meeting hosted by .....

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 .....

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

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

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)

## **NOVEMBER 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



Last month's meeting was held at Doug and Lynne Wilson's place and the image above shows why it was a great venue for the October meeting. Doug is seen down the aisle of his Phalaenopsis house which was a riot of flowers. Dudley and Beryl have put their names down for hosting March but all of the rest remain to be filled. Please see page 4 for availability.



Doug likes novelty Phalaenopsis like the ones above. The one at left won't win any prizes at shows but is still great to look at in the grower's spare time.



Doug drew my attention to this flowering of *Den. densiflorum x Den. Mousmee* and wondered where the pink went. Dave English had investigated *Den. Mousmee's* origins. Three plants were imported by a Tweed Heads nursery and Jess McClintock had bought one of them. It is listed as a hybrid of *Den thyrsiflorum X Den bronchartii*. He felt that *Den. bronchartii* was another form of *Den thyrsiflorum*. So the form of this plant is not that surprising. This image does not demonstrate its frilled labellum, which was a feature of the flowers.

### NEWS FROM LAST MEETING:

- Bark has arrived and can be collected from Jim's workplace. It will cost \$26 per bag. The previous price of \$23 per bag saw the society lose on every bag. The price of the bark to the society has increased and, with freight comes to over \$25.
- Christmas Party at Jim's place will be held on Sunday 9 December at 3 PM. 26 people indicated their intention to attend on a sheet circulated. If Jim and Leanne attend that makes 28. Cost was set at \$10 all found.
- Sponsorship for classes at the Orchid Spectacular is still required @ \$65 each. Members were encouraged to sponsor a class.
- The society has reserved 20 seats at the Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular dinner for members who were asked to indicate their interest soon as there may be no other places available as the dinner was filling. Cost of the dinner at the Golf club will be \$35 p.p.
- Numbers were taken for the STOCQ meeting hosted by Maroochydore society with two orchid house visits afterwards. Secretary advised Maroochydore to expect 10 from GADOS

**WEBSITE:** The GADOS website is a work in progress and Ted has put a lot of work in to it as has John Green. The immediate aim is to publicise the Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular and more details of this will appear on it. In the long term it represents a contact point for visitors to find out about our outfit.

**OQI:** Dave Gatfield, president of Orchids Queensland has called for nominations for state registrar (of judges). If there are more than one nominee Gavin Smith of Glasshouse will conduct an election.

Only judges can vote if there is an election. OQI has had its administrative difficulties and its function is probably not understood by most members of societies in Queensland. It is the local branch of Australian Orchid Council and, as such, should be the guru of orchid administration in the state.

