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Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2015

- **3 & 4 October** - Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show. Set-up 2/10/15.
Location: Hervey Bay PCYC Hall in O'Rourke Street.
Saturday 8.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 8.00am – 12.00 noon
- **3 & 4 October** - Bribie Island Orchid Society Show. Set-up 2/10/15
Location: The Orchid House & Indoor Bowls Club (Entrance 3), 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island
Saturday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Sunday 8.30am – 2.00pm
- **30 & 31 October** - Nambour Species Show. Set-up 29/10/15
- **31 October**: Gympie Orchid Society meeting. Location: Lois Thornley's Nursery at 3683 Tin Can Bay Road, Wallu

NOVEMBER 2015

- **7 November**: STOCQ Meeting hosted by Hervey Bay Orchid Society. Location: Presbyterian Church Hall, corner of Freshwater Street & Denman Camp Road, Torquay
- **24 November**: Gympie Orchid Society meeting. St Peters Hall, Lady Mary Terrace, Gympie. Starting time: 7.00pm

DECEMBER 2015

- **5 December**: Christmas Party at 3.30pm at Jim & Leanne's residence.

JANUARY 2016

- **@ January**: Gympie Orchid Society meeting. St Peters Hall, Lady Mary Terrace, Gympie. Starting time 7.00pm

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

Please bring along your membership money to the Gympie Orchid meeting on 31 October to be held at Lois Thornleys' nursery at 3683 Tin Can Bay Road, Wallu.
If you would like to purchase a club shirt or badge, contact Sue on 54837662.

Meetings of this society are held at St Peters Hall on Lady Mary Terrace, Gympie on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm for the following months:

- January
- February
- April
- June
- September
- November

Other meetings for the month are held at 2.00pm on the last Saturday of the month at a members residences. Locations will be advised closer to the date.



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2015 AGM Results

Our annual AGM was held on the 29 September 2015. Results for the AGM are as follows:

President:

Jim Evans
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Vice President:

Ted Mann
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Secretary:

Sue Spork
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JUDGES AWARD & Popular Votes

Members are encouraged to bring along at least one flowering orchid for judging in the Popular Vote.
Be in it to win it!

JUDGES AWARD at the AGM went to Ken & Kaye Christensen for their *Dendrobium lindleyi* on the Species table.

Congratulations Ken & Kaye!

- **Dendrobium** table was won by Elwyn Webster for Den. Emma White.
- **Cattleya** table was a tie and was won by Ted Mann for Rlc. Rosella Scorpio and Carol Whittaker for Rlc. Golden Ellen.
- **Species** table was won by Ken & Kaye Christensen for *Dendrobium lindleyi*. (See main photo above).
- **Any Other** table was won by Ted Mann for Ddc. filiforme.
- **Novice** table was won by Noelene Auer for an unnamed *Phalaenopsis* orchid.



POPULAR VOTE PHOTOS



RESULTS FROM OTHER SHOWS

Maryborough Show

Gympie OS did very well in the Maryborough Show.

- Jim Evans won Champion Orchid with Rth. Warren Eggins (see photo).
- Jim Evans and Ted Mann picking up in most of the Classes. Congratulations to all who entered!



Noosa Show

Sharon Stretton won a 3rd at the Noosa Show, who was ecstatic since it was her first show (see photo).

There was a really good display on the benches and made it easier for everyone who attended to see all the different orchids.



- ### “FOR THE BEGINNERS” DIVIDING ORCHIDS
1. Inspect the orchid. Is it ready to be divided? Have the new growths reached the edge of the pot? If your orchid isn't mature, you could wind up with weak plants.
 2. If your orchid passes inspection, gather supplies:
 - Clean pots
 - Sterilised cutting tool
 - Potting Medium
 - Water
 - Styrofoam / perlite for drainage in pots
 3. Remove the orchid out of the pot. If the plant is stubbornly clinging onto the pot, soak the entire pot in water for an hour before proceeding.
 4. Once the orchid is out, carefully remove the potting material from the root ball as much as possible. If it's very compacted and the potting material is totally enclosed, squeeze it gently, turn it 45 degrees and squeeze again, continuing until the root ball loosens up. Then use a sterilised cutting tool to remove dead and rotten roots. (To determine if a root is dead, squeeze it. Live roots feel firm. Dead roots feel hollow.)
 5. Inspect the root ball for points where the plant has grown in separate directions. These points make good places to divide the root ball. Using these natural separations, pull (or cut if necessary) the root ball into divisions, ensuring that each division has several young, healthy roots. (With orchids that form pseudobulbs, ensure each division contains at least three pseudobulbs.)
 6. Put styrofoam / perlite in the bottom to help drainage and then add medium. Place each division in its own pot giving the roots enough room for two years of growth. Add medium until the roots are several inches below the surface and press the medium around the plant until it's steady. An orchid that wobbles does not create a strong root system and will fail.
 7. Water your plants.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



For the month of October, a very big happy birthday to the following members!
Hope you have a great day!

- KAYE CHRISTENSEN

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

If anyone has a post for the newsletters (or any new ideas you would like to see implemented), please contact Sharon Stretton by email sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au or on mobile 0400168770 and they can be included in the next newsletter if received on time (otherwise they will go in the following month's newsletter).