

COMING EVENTS:

- 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 9th, 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: Maroochydhore OS show, set up 9th.
21- 25 August 2013: ANOS (kabi group) are hosting the 7th conference and show at Strathpine Community Centre
31 August: Our bush house meeting hosted by
6, 7 September: CIOS show Childers, set up 5th.
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 19th.
20, 21 September: Noosa benched show, set up 19th.
27, 28 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 26th.
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

Once again, Wide Bay Banking has sponsored our show at The Gympie Garden Expo. All of our accounts are with this bank



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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 image at left is of a blue transgenic Phalaenopsis exhibited at the recent Okinawa

International Orchid show and was 'created' at the Chiba University in Japan by splicing the colour gene from the weed *Commelina communis* in to the DNA of the

Phalaenopsis. Many trials were needed and many produced 'crippled' flowers and strange shades of colour. Four plants like this were exhibited in glass cases in a darkened room under guard. It is assumed that the gene will then be transferable to progeny in whole or part, assuming the usual situations occur. Not every grex would accept the gene and, so far, the same experiments applied to Laeliinae (Cattleya Alliance) has been unsuccessful. Maybe other donor plants will provide success. See over for *Commelina communis*



This is *Commelina communis*. This is a garden weed (grass) that is particularly tenacious and must have lots of seeds as well as growing from cuttings. This quality wouldn't have come over with the colour gene. If it had it might be easier to grow Phalaenopsis orchids

POPULAR VOTE LAST MEETING:

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>Rlc. Sam Yung Ruby</i>	Jim Evans
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Dal's Madam x Den. Dal's Queen</i>	Doug and Lynne Wilson
OTHER	<i>Milt. Seminole Blood</i>	Corrie Scheefe
SPECIES	<i>V. coerulea</i>	Ted Mann
NOVICE	<i>Rlc. Donna Kimura X Lc mem. Robert Strat</i>	

JUDGE'S CHOICE: John Green selected *Sc. Dal's Choice* grown by Jim Evans. Whilst a relatively small flower, he suggested the plant was awardable at a standard of HCC. It had a very flat and round flower.

ORCHID COMPUTER: I have placed my old computer in what was the orchid room, installed Windows 8 on it and networked it to my new PC. I have copied all of the orchid Society and STOCQ files across to it and it acts as my orchid computer although I can access files on both computers from it. This means that the Orchid computer is now excess to requirements. What do we do with it?

Last week the plant tables were filled with Laeliinae (Cattleya Alliance) and Dendrobiums. Many of these had multiple inflorescences carrying many

flowers. Doug holds his plant of *Ctt. Bactia x Ctt. Chocolate Drop (Ctt. Towering Inferno)*.



In the image above, President Jim presented Corrie Scheefe with STOCQ and AOC certificates ACM of 81.1. (ACM = Award of Cultural Merit and is a mid level cultural award.) *Cty.* Is the abbreviation for *Catyclia.*, previously an *Epc.* = *Epicattleya.*

It is a hybrid of *Enc. Bees Knees* and *Cty. Hatillo*. The other image shows a section of the Laeliinae (Cattleya) table showing the large number of tall cluster Cattleya alliance plants in flower at this time. Many we this to *C. guttata* in their parentage.