

COMING EVENTS:

31 March, 01 April: Boyne Tannum OS show
6, 7 April: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 5th.
6 – 8 April: Gladstone OS show.
13, 14 April: SCOS show, Caloundra
5, 6 May 2012: GADOS show.
11-13 May: Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre; set up from noon 10th.
12, 13 May: Noosa DOFS show in CWA Hall Cooroy (Closed?)
26 May: our meeting at Jim and Leanne's place, 106 Pine Valley Road.
2 June 2012: Gladstone OS host STOCQ meeting.
2, 3 June: Rotary club of Gympie Quilt show in The Pavilion. We usually get asked to set up a small display in the foyer.
6 – 8 July: Caboolture OS show Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road.
28 July: Our meeting at Corrie Sheaffe's, Van Doren Road.
11. 12 August: Maroochydore show.
25 August: our meeting at Marion Long's, 25 Long Road Bauple.
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
20-22 September: Maryborough DOS show
21, 22 September Noosa DOFS show RSL Hall Cooroy
28, 29 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 27th.
6, 7 October: HBOS show set up 5th.
13, 14 October: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 12th.

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 Maroochydore OS.
16 February 2013: STOCQ AGM in a hall somewhere in Gympie.
10 – 12 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie



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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



My neighbours received a potted orchid many years ago as a present. It sits under their house with other pot plants. Last year I looked after their yard whilst they were away and asked what they fertilised their orchid with. It had one weak inflorescence. The answer was "Nothing" [over]

So I spread some slow release fertiliser that we sell from the society and this year there are six new pseudobulbs with six inflorescences as seen in the image on page 1. I think they want me to repot it soon. It looks like *C. bowringiana*.

POPULAR VOTE LAST MEETING:

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>C. Caudabec</i>	John and Kaye Green
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Blue Planet</i>	John and Kaye Green
OTHER	<i>Mtdm. Rose Sunset</i>	Marion Long
SPECIES	<i>Milt. morelliana</i> (??)	John and Kaye Green
NOVICE	3 plants	Kay Morrison Robin Breen

JUDGE'S CHOICE: John Rees selected

C. Caudabec grown by John and Kaye Green based on its floriferousness and presentation. It had 21 flowers on one pseudobulb which was much taller than all previous pseudobulbs.

President Jim spoke about *C. Caudabec*, in that whilst a wonderful plant, it had been a poor parent as very few of its hybrids have been able to reproduce its floriferousness. I don't dispute this but have a look at *C. Caudabec* X *C. Chocolate Drop* shown at a recent Gladstone meeting. This plant would have *C. guttata* DNA from both parents contributing to its cluster of many flowers.

STOCO AGM: With close to 100 people, all went well. Plenty of food; I found there was plenty of action too with the setting up for judges' meeting and AGM. (over)



Sadly the complex has been sold (church and hall) and we can't use it next year. It seems that Surface Hill church which began life as a Methodist church may have returned to the fold.



John Hughes (best hybrid), John and Kaye Green (best species and highest culture) were presented with these annual trophies for BEST in 2011. Sam Cowie and Lynne Wilson were close behind his *Oncidium* alliance plants for sale there. Many of their genera have been renamed but both old and new will be acceptable until a plant is to be awarded and then the new generic name must be used.

ORCHIDWIZ: This has arrived and been installed on the society's laptop. We could use the data projector to put it through its paces at a meeting in the future.

BRAY PARK BUS TRIP: Ted has sent photographs from the trip and it sounds like it was a great day for some nurseries and a great day of fellowship for the punters.

