

COMING EVENTS:

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. They have asked us 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: Maroochydhore show.
18 August: Imbil Agricultural 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 Maroochydhore OS
16 February 2013: STOCQ AGM in a hall somewhere in Gympie.
10 – 12 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie

.Wide Bay Banking and Nestles will once again provide support for our show. Wide Bay have doubled their sponsorship and Nestles will once again provide a basket of their products for the Friday night raffle. Sauers have, in the past, provided champion trophies. Most prizes are provided by the Expo committee.



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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 the local display at our orchid show as part of the Gympie Garden Expo. Last year our display came first but this one did not manage this, this year.

As this is written, it looked like a successful event. The overall Expo had about 90 commercial stalls and many punters that I saw bought stuff. From the orchid point of view, there were eight displays, 41 judges came from all over to judge, two plants were awarded. Champion was *Den. Cooloola Cove 'Shirley'* AM 81.6 (judged on the night) shown by John and Kaye Green. Reserve was *Bulb. rothschildianum* shown by Italo and Noela Frizzo of Glasshouse.

POPULAR VOTE LAST MEETING:

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>Blc. Brunswick Gem</i> ‘Carol <i>C. Little Susie</i> ‘Joy’	Doug and Lynne Wilson Ted Mann
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Alicut</i> [I can’t find a registration]	Marion Long
OTHER	<i>V. Brighton’s Two Tone</i>	Ted Mann
SPECIES	<i>B. echinolabium</i>	John and Kaye Green
NOVICE	<i>Den. bigibbum X Den. lineale</i> [This is <i>Den. Helen Park</i>]	Kay and Ken Christensen.

JUDGE’S CHOICE: John Rees selected *Den. Alicut* grown by Marion Long based on its novelty with multicoloured flowers even though we would hope for more flowers per inflorescence.

The image at right is of *Bulbophyllum. echinolabium* which appeared in the list above. I had a meeting immediately before the GADOS meeting and I forgot camera etc but this picture was taken the previous week. The flower on this species is the largest of the genus’s species flowers. It grows on Sulawesi and Borneo at elevation. John Green says we will see more of it. This plant had one flower on one inflorescence and a bud on another. *Bulbophyllum* is a massive genus.



The name ‘*echinolabium*’ means spikey or warty lip. This orchid is commonly called the Bulbophyllum with the hedge hog shaped lip.

HALLS: It seems my inquiry about halls for the STOCQ AGM next February was a waste of time because of a misunderstanding. At this point it looks like being in Albert Bowling Club, which would be very convenient for travelers.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW: We usually donate the champion and reserve champion prizes in orchid classes at the Agricultural show in May. This has now been done and we will present a cheque to cover the cost of entry for plants.

STOCQ June meeting: This is in Gladstone on 2 June and they want to know numbers for catering. I am an apology for this event.



The image of the above is the body of the Pavilion early on Saturday when everyone was in the orchid show.

Below is *L. tenebrosa*



Aeridsonia Kasorn's Orchid Tactic ‘Ruth’ HCC 79.4; champion at SBOS show