

COMING EVENTS:

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 Albert Bowl's Club hall, Albert Park Gympie.
29 March – 1st April: Gladstone O & FS show
11 – 13 April: Sunshine Coast OS show, Uniting Church hall, Ulm Street.
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, 26 May: Boyne Tannum show, Tannum Sands State High School Auditorium, Coronation Drive Tannum Sands.
8, 9 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie
21- 25 August 2013: ANOS (kabi group) are hosting either the 7th or 9th conference and show at Lawnton Community Centre
14-15 September: Rockhampton O.S show, Rockhampton S H S Campbell Street Rockhampton.
27, 28 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 26th.

My apologies to those who read the hard copy of last month's newsletter which had one side repeated. This was a mistake I made with printing. People receiving the digital copy would not have experienced this mistake.



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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



Marion and Myles Long hosted the August meeting of this society. Everyone commented on the excellent showing of standard Cymbidiums at Marion's place. She is here shown with a couple. Most people here have given up on them. Marion also had a great variety of bromeliads.



The image above is of afternoon tea at Marion's place with Bauple Mountain in the background. Growing up, we called the Macadamia nut either the Bauple nut or the Queensland nut. I understand that it is freehold country and that the Macadamias still grow there in the scrub.

Marion indicated that they had lived there since the 1950's and always grew small crops. Since selling the shop, she has built two well stocked large green houses.

Marion commented about cane growing in the area and, as we came away, we saw what we assumed to be the cuttings that the cane trains used which seemed to run north of Long Road and parallel to Bakers Road.



Bauple had its own sugar mill from 1886 until 1951 plus butter and cheese factory and juice mills.

Marion has a separate house for bromeliads and has a great variety. The hibiscus, that I remember from last time, are still a feature of her cottage garden.



The image above is the society's display at Maroochydore. At right is John Robertson's champion *Paph. Harold Koopowitz*. He won reserve as well with *Paph. micranthum*.



The image at left shows two king orchids as seen from the footpath at the corner of Henry and Alfred Streets. The orchid at left is locally collected variety so should be variety *grandiflorum* whilst the one at right is variety *curvicaule*. These are two of four plants attached to a frangipani tree. Frangipanis are great hosts, shade in summer and sun in winter.



Den speciosum is spectacular whilst out in flower but flowers for only a tiny portion of the year, maybe two or three weeks. I used to throw in fertilizer of the style of Dynamic Lifter, but I found that it could lead to fungus so I have been using slow release fertilizer available from Ted. This gets caught in the raised roots of the plants