

COMING EVENTS:

6, 7 September: Nambour Orchid Society Spring show, Nambour U.C. Hall, Coronation Drive.
7, 8 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.
21, 22 September: Eastern District Orchid Society show, Bayside Uniting Church hall, Wondall Road manly.
27, 28 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 26th.
5, 6 October: 30th anniversary Hervey Bay show at HB SHS hall. Set up 4th.
12, 13 October: BIOS show at BISHS.
26 October: Our bush house meeting hosted by

1, 2 November: Nambour species show and trade fair Nambour U.C. Hall, Coronation Drive.
9 November: STOCQ meeting, CSSA Hall, Nutley Street, Caloundra.
7 December: Barefoot bowls at Albert Bowls 10 – noon followed by Christmas party at Jim and Leanne's place.
15 February 2014: STOCQ AGM, Albert Park Bowls club, Gympie
29 March: Nambour OS autumn show U.C. hall Coolum (closed show)
11, 12 April: Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show (Caloundra) Set up 10th.
3, 4 May 2014: Gympie garden Expo- our orchid show at The Pavilion.
June 2014: STOCQ meeting in Rockhampton.
31 August, 1 September Nambour Orchid Society Spring show, Nambour U.C. Hall, Coronation Drive.
1 – 6 July 2015: AOC conference and show, Darwin
11, 12 June 2016: Nambour OS hosts Diamond Festival of Orchids in Kawana Community Centre (STOCQ orchidfest)
2018: AOC conference and show will be held in Queensland.
Mackay and District orchid Society is submitting an Expression of Interest to run this.

This society banks with Wide Bay Banking who sponsor our show.



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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 visit to the A.N.O.S. show at Strathpine on Saturday 24 August proved to be a very successful bus trip. Many thanks go to Ted, Kay and Jim who organised it.

The scene above is the Cedarvale nursery display in which they staged many varieties of *Den. speciosum*. Most gained champion of their class. In exhibiting this species, it is difficult to have them at the peak for such a small window of opportunity. Whilst *Den. speciosum* is a magnificent display when in flower, it doesn't last very long.

SENIORS EXPO AT GOLDFIELDS PLAZA: A roster appears below. Many thanks to everyone for supporting this. John and Kaye Green will set up and pull down the display.

	Wed. 4 Sept	Thurs 5 Sept	Frid 6 Sept.
9 – 11 AM	Marion Long Corrie Sheaffe	Jan Oates Glenn Parker	Larry and Shirley Downing
11 AM – 1 PM	Dudley Ross	Norm and Corrine Cameron	John Rees
1 – 3 PM	Dawn Langton	Beryl Ross	Dudley Ross

PRINTER: The colour laser printer owned by the society requires a drum cartridge, which, I think, is used to finish the printing process. Cost is \$245. It was decided at the last executive meeting to endorse the secretary’s purchase of a Fuji Xerox FX docuprint CP105b colour laser printer for \$122. Modern printers do not use a drum cartridge. If anyone wants the old Canon LBP 5200, please see the editor.

A.G.M.: The September meeting is the AGM of this society. I expect to leave Gympie during the next 6 – 9 months and the society should be looking for a new secretary and newsletter editor.

OCTOBER MEETING: We require a venue for the October meeting on Saturday 26 October.

MAROOCHYDORE SHOW:

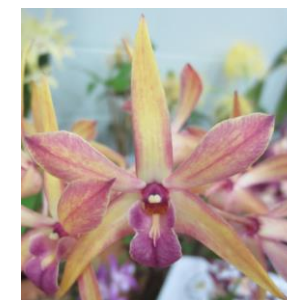
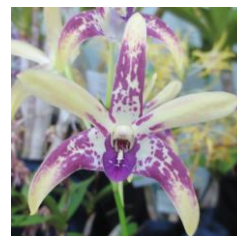
Ted and Kay collected plants, carried them to Maroochydore and set up the display on 8th August. An image of the display appears at right. Because of the cost of hiring round tables from outside the hall, Maroochydore society has decided that, in future, they will have a benched show.



BUS TRIP: The bus trip was instead of our monthly meeting on 24 August. Apart from the visit to the species show, we also visited Maidments and Candle Mountain on the way back. Maidments’ nursery (Aranbeem) shows the way things have changed in that it is predominantly a mail order nursery so that only numbers appeared on labels. This made it a bit hard for some of us to check on plants.

Candle Mountain nursery is a Cymbidium nursery. Whilst the flowering season was predominantly over, some orchids were purchased whilst plenty were ordered, to be delivered once repotting starts. Sue provided potting details and the details of conditions needed to produce flowers. The nursery is predominantly run for the cut flower trade.

In the image at right the inflorescences are being supported by white devices called Nico rolls or “Cymbidium training yo yos”. These hang from a wire above the plants and the wire is unravelled and attached to the top of the inflorescence as soon as it can be. The tension the Nico roll applies keeps the inflorescence straight. When fully developed, it can then be staked.



Images in anticlockwise from left:
Grand Champion of show, *Den. Aussie Sweetness* x *Den. polysema* grown by Keith Gowlett of Caloundra;
Den. Dunokayla shown by Duno orchids;
The three orchids at bottom demonstrate some native hybrids – *Den. Graham Hewitt* x *Den. Rutherford*;
Den. Jackaroo
and an old favourite, *Den. Elegant Heart*.