

COMING EVENTS 2017

18th March – Childers and IDOS Show

7th & 8th April (set up on 6th) – Sunshine Coast Orchid Show

14th April 2017 Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc. Easter Orchid & Foliage Show. Good Friday 8.30-4pm and Easter Saturday 15th April, 8.30-2pm.

15th April – South Burnet Orchid Show - Wondai

(set up on 5th) 6th, 7th May 2017: Gympie & DOS show as part of Gympie Garden Expo, show grounds, Gympie.

12,13,14th May, 2017: Bundaberg OS show Bundaberg Civic Centre

3rd, 4th June 2017: Boyne Tannum OFS show. Venue St Francis Catholic Primary school Hall, Francis Way, TannumSands. Q 4580

21st & 23rd July – Caboolture Orchid Show

4th & 5th August – Maroochydore Orchid Show

12th August 2017: STOCQ meeting hosted by Agnes Water O&FS at Agnes Water

1st & 2nd September – Nambour Orchid Show

1st & 2nd September – Childers Orchid Show

14th, 15th & 16th September – Maryborough Orchid Show

23rd & 24th September – ROSI Spring Show

22nd to 23rd September – Glasshouse Country Orchid Show

7th-8th October, Hervey Bay Orchid Show (set up 6th)

27th & 28th October – Nambour Species Show

4th November 2017: STOCQ meeting hosted by Glasshouse Country OS

14th, 15th September 2019: STOCQ Orchidfest Rockhampton

Our next meeting is on the 28th February at St. Peter's Hall, Lady Mary Terrace. All welcome!



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Thanks to all who attended the February s.t.o.c.q meeting and AGM at the Gympie Bowl's Club and to the G.D.O.S members who volunteered their time and helped with setting up for the event and providing the catering services for the day.



Some of our volunteers!

What is going on in the world of orchids? To be specific it seems certain specious plants have inadvertently been presented as species to the judging tables at our regional shows and some have even been awarded! How could this happen? Well it seems some of the plants may have been imported from overseas wrongly labelled. But how to tell the difference between these

POPULAR VOTE

These orchids won the popular vote at the January 2016 meeting.

Dendrobium	<i>Dendrobium</i> Chao Praya 'Moonlight'	Marion Long
Cattleya	<i>Cattleya</i> Bactia 'Grapewax'	Kaye and Ken Christensen
Species	<i>Cattleya guttata</i>	Ted Mann
Any other	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice	Joe Tramacchi
Novice		

JUDGE'S CHOICE

Judge's Choice was *Cattleya guttata*

Cattleya Bactia 'Grapewax'



Dendrobium Chao Praya 'Moonlight'

Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice

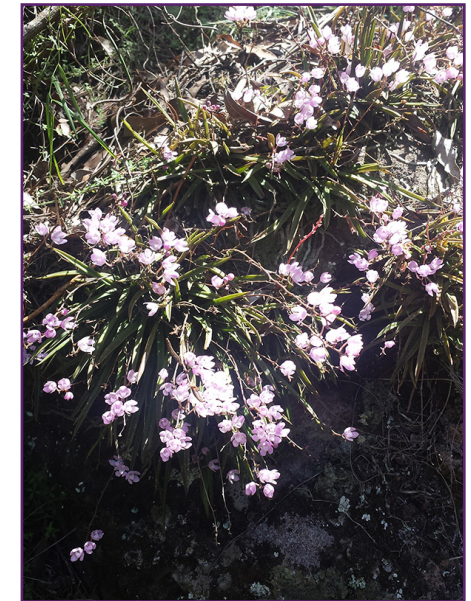


look-a-like pretenders and the real species. This was the topic of a very interesting presentation and talk by internationally acclaimed speaker Gary Yong Gee.

He cited examples across several genera including *Bulbophyllum*, *Cattleya*, *Coelogyne*, *Vanda* and *Phalaenopsis*. Keen observation and a detailed knowledge of the characteristics of a species will help us to spot the differences in what is usually a primary hybrid wrongly labelled.

To look out for are differences in growth habit, whether a plant has unifoliate or bifoliate leaves or a mixture of the two, differences in colour and over all patterning of the flowers and also noting the shape and color of the labellum is very useful in identifying a particular species. Gary has been studying species for over 30 years and has a collection of over 50 000 images to reference.

Sarcochilus ceciliae



I happened upon this beautiful flowering of *Sarcochilus ceciliae* a few weeks ago on a walking track at the Bunya Mountains. The flowers are small and cupped, the leaves semi-terete and the the roots quite thick for the size of the plant. It is a lithophyte and usually found on granite or basalt rocky outcrops, however I've come across small local colonies growing on red jasper around rock holes at Mary's Creek. They can also occasionally be found growing on lichen covered branches.