

SHOW DATES FOR 2020

- 8th February** : STOCQ AGM in Gympie.
30-31st March: Childers IDOS closed show
5th and 6th March: TIOS show, Tainan Taiwan
9th -15th March: WOC23 Taichung, Taiwan
28th, 29th March: Boyne Tannum OS show, St. Francis primary school, Tannum Sands. Set up 27th.
10th, 11th April: Bribie Island OS show with set up 9th
10th – 12th April: Gladstone O&FS show with set up after 5PM on 9th and judging 7AM 10th.
17th, 18th April: Sunshine Coast OS at the Uniting Church hall, cnr. Ulm & Queen Sts, Caloundra. Set up 16th.
18th April: South Burnett OS show, RSL hall Wondai, set up early, judging 8AM, doors open 9AM.
18th-19th April Rockhampton OS
30th April – 2nd May: Caboolture OS Show (closed)
2nd, 3rd, May: Gympie & District Orchid Society show is part of Garden Expo, at the showgrounds Southside; set up Friday 1st.
8th – 10th May: Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre; set up 7th.
10th, 11th May : Noosa DO&FS Mothers' Day show (closed) CWA hall
6th June: STOCQ meeting hosted by CIDOS
24th -26th July: Caboolture OS show, Community Centre behind Bunnings, Morayfield; set up 23rd.
7th, 8th August: Maroochydore OS show Buderim Uniting Church hall with set up 6th.
8th, 9th August: Agnes Water O&FS show, Agnes Water Community Centre; set up 7th.
4th, 5th September: Childers & IDOS show with set up 3rd.
4th, 5th September: Nambour OS spring show; set up 3rd.
17th -19th September: Maryborough & DOS set up 16th
18th 19th September: Noosa DO&FS Spring Show, Cooroy Memorial Hall Setup 17th
26-27th September: Rockhampton OS
25th, 26th September: Glasshouse Country OS show with set up 24th at 2PM.
25th -27th September: Hervey Bay OS show with set up Thursday 24th, 2PM.
9th- 10th October: Bribie Island OS show with set up 8th October.
14th-17th October: Caboolture OS mini show (closed)
23rd, 24th October: Nambour OS species show; set up 22nd.
14th November: STOCQ meeting hosted by SBOS
1st – 5th September 2021: AOC conference and show, Crestmead, Brisbane



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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. Our January meeting was held at Mel and Judy Wheelers' place.

President Jim Evans opened the meeting by asking all present to observe a minute's silence in memory of Elwyn Webster. Elwyn was well known for his cheerful and ready participation in our society's events and for his friendly and inclusive nature. He will be well remembered.

The first item of business on the agenda was the stocq meeting to be held at the Albert Park Bowl's Club on Saturday, February 8th. Members helping with setting up and catering are asked to arrive between 7.30 and 8 am. Cakes and slices for morning tea will be appreciated. The Judge's Meeting starting at 9 am will be followed by morning tea and the General Meeting. The guest speaker for the day is Roy Emerson from Bundaberg. He will be speaking about Catasetums and will bring some plants for sale.



Corrie Sheaffe and Mel Wheeler standing beside V. Somsri Gold

Meeting Tips from Mel and Judy Wheeler & Jim Evans.

Judy: Use 'Gumption' for cleaning pots. Vinegar and water will remove stains.

Jim: For virus control, soak pots overnight in a covered bucket or drum filled with water and 2 litres of cheap bleach.

Mel: Use name tags to encourage upright growth of new leads. (Place tag in front) Works well with dendrobiums.

It was noted at our last meeting that there may be a conflict of dates for Gympie exhibitors in April with the Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Show at Caloundra and the South Burnett Show at Wondai as the orchids are to be collected from both shows on the same day. (Refer to the Show Schedule on page 4 for more details of times and location.)

Our own show at the Garden Expo held in the showgrounds, Southside, is on the 2nd and 3rd May this year. Our set up is on May 1st.

Near Rainbow Beach, flowering last November in Wallum country.



Dipodium hamiltonianum

The species was described by Queensland Colonial Botanist Frederick Manson Bailey in 1881 based on plant material collected from Stradbroke Island and Peel Island near Brisbane in Queensland. It is named after James Hamilton, superintendent of the Benevolent Asylum in Dunwich on Stradbroke Island who collected specimens for Bailey. More commonly sighted in our area is the purple Hyacinth Orchid, *Dipodium punctatum* and *Dipodium variegatum*.

At Mothar Mtn. flowering in December



Pseudovanilla foliata

The giant tree climbing orchid *Pseudovanilla foliata* is a terrestrial orchid which can grow up to 15 metres long. Like the cultivated vanilla orchid it develops seed pods 15 -25 cms long, and it also has ovate leaves similar in shape though fewer in number..The flowers however are quite different and much more numerous. They are smaller, 2-4 cm across. Interestingly, this specimen was flowering at the same time as the vanilla orchid in my shadehouse. Named by F, Muell. (F. Muell. Baron Sir Ferdinand Jacob Heinrich von Mueller, KCMG (German: Müller) (30 June 1825 – 10 October 1896) was a German-Australian physician, geographer, and most notably, a botanist.(Wikipedia)

Our next meeting will be at Julie & Gary Walker's place at 26 Palm Court, The Dawn, (Gympie) on Saturday, February 29th. The meeting starts at 2 pm.

Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote at our January meeting

Cattleya (a tie with)	C. Jungle Green	Sharon Stretton
Cattleya	<i>Rlc. Sally Taylor X Rlc. Blumen X Rlc. Brunswick Gem 'Coral'</i>	Jim Evans
Species	<i>C. leopoldii</i>	Jim Evans
Any other	<i>V. Hua Mei Siew 'KBR'</i>	Joe Tramacchi



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