

# GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.



## NEWSLETTER

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Our last meeting on Sept. 26th was held at the former St John's Church building on the corner of Duke and Pine St. President Jim Evans gave a salutary report on the club's activities and successes of the past year and the winners of the growers' awards were announced as under:-

Novice Grower of the Year:

Alan & Elaine Reid

Grower of the Year:

Ted Mann

Judges' Choice:

Jim Evans

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted all office bearers vacated their seats and John Rees conducted the call for nominations and election of office bearers. The new office bearers are:-

President: Jim Evans  
Vice President: Ted Mann  
Secretary: Leanne Evans  
Treasurer: Kay Donnelly

Auditor: Lavina Rees  
Librarian: Lynne Wilson  
Editor: Joe Tramacchi

We thank John and Lavina Rees for their contribution to our evening and for their continuing support for our club and district.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the presentation of life memberships to Ted Mann and Kay Donnelly in recognition of their years of exemplary service to the club, which, in the President's words, was above and beyond the call of duty in many respects.



Kay Donnelly and Ted Mann accept their life membership certificates from President Jim Evans.

What a surprise we received at the Gympie Orchid Society's 2017 AGM when Ted & I were presented with life membership certificate and badge from our President and another life member John Rees. As a result, I have been asked to write a brief summary of our time with the Orchid Society.

We joined the society at our first meeting at Tony Cini's residence in July 2005. Ted has given a considerable amount of time to the club by taking on position of Editor for a few years and currently position of Vice President. He takes on many duties, prints name tags and helps organise the displays. He thoroughly enjoys working for the club and will continue till whenever.

His love of orchids started after buying a *Vanda* orchid from Sauers Produce in 2003 and another he bought from a nursery in Gympie for me for Valentine's Day. His orchid collection has grown over the years to three shade houses and is now, not allowed to buy any more. He has received two HCC awards of which he is very proud

Behind his years of love for orchid growing and commitment to the orchid club has been Kay, who became Treasurer in September 2009. While in the Orchid Society we have met some wonderful people and we thank the society for recognizing our time and effort. KAY & TED.

## Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote

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| <b>Dendrobium</b> | <i>Den.</i> Spring Fantasy Moon  | Ted Mann       |
| <b>Cattleya</b>   | <i>C.</i> Golden Rain X Caudebec | Lorraine Coyne |
| <b>Species</b>    | <i>Den. lindleyi</i>             | Lorraine Coyne |
| <b>Any other</b>  | <i>Phal.</i> Dtps. Hsin Beauty   | Doug Wilson    |
| <b>Novice</b>     |                                  |                |

Judge's Choice decided by John Rees was *Phal.* Sogo Zebra X *Phal.* Sogo Cherry tabled by Doug Wilson.



*Den.* Spring Fantasy Moon



*C.* Golden Rain X Caudebec



*Den. lindleyi*



Judge's Choice



*Phal.* Dtps. Hsin Beauty

The Christmas party will be held at Jim and Leanne Evan's house at 106 Pine Valley Drive, Pie Creek at 3.00pm on Saturday 2 December 2017. Partners are included. There is no need to bring anything other than alcohol if anyone would like to enjoy a cold beer or wine or similar. Punch will be provided. It would be appreciated if members could advise whether they will be attending.

### Known dates for 2017

21st October 2017: STOCQ meeting hosted by Glasshouse Country OS

27th - 28th October – Nambour Species Show

14th - 15th September 2019: STOCQ Orchidfest Rockhampton



Gympie & District Orchid Society display at Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show.



Our next meeting on Saturday the 28th October is at Doug & Lynne Wilson's residence, 6 Kimberley Avenue Southside. Bring a chair. The meeting starts at 2pm. See you there!