

GYMPIE & DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



Date/Month of Meeting:

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Messages from the Editor

- **Club Membership is overdue:** \$15 single and \$25 family. Monies to Shirley Downing.
- **Monthly meetings and Cultural meetings:** Members note that monthly meetings will be held at the Gympie Hockey Club on the last Saturday of the month, and additional cultural meetings will be held every 2 or 3 months at club members residences (for demonstrations/learnings). Our first Cultural meeting will be held at Gary & Julie Walker's residence on the 7th February 2026 at 10am.
- **STOCQ - AGM meeting** 14th February 2026. Gympie Indoor Bowls club Hall, Graham St. All club members are encouraged to attend **after 10.30am**. Prior to this is the Judges meeting only. There will be a guest speaker / orchids / lunch available. There will also be a raffle at the door if you're feeling lucky.

Winners of the Popular Vote at monthly Meeting:

GENRE	Orchid name	Owner/s of Plant
Cattleya >100mm:	Rlc. Cooloola 'Sunshine'	Phil Langridge
Cattleya <100mm:	Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'	Gary Walker
Dendrobium:	Den. Rambo	Gary Walker
Species:	C. lueddemani	Gary Walker
Vanda:	V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'	Gary Walker
Cymbidium:	--	--
Oncidium:	Onc. unknown	Glen Bell
Any Other:	Spathoglottis Lemon Kiss	Gary Walker
Bulbophyllum:	--	--
Paphs / Phrags:	Paph. Mem Arnie Linsmem	Gary Walker
Novice:	--	--



Cattleya 100mm +: Rlc. Cooloola 'Sunshine'



Cattleya < 100mm: Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'



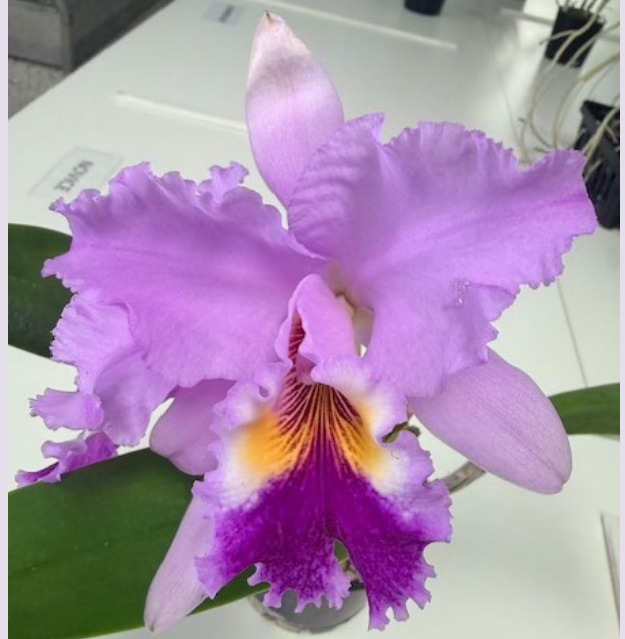
Dendrobium: Den. Rambo



Any Other: Spathoglottis Lemon Kiss



Vanda: V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'



Species: C. lueddemani

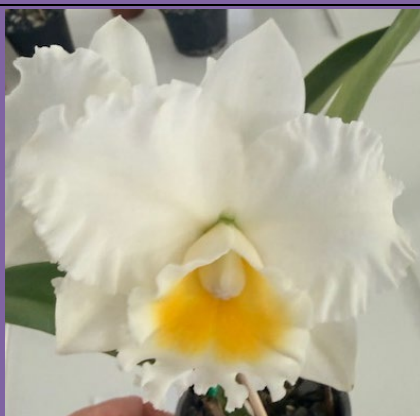
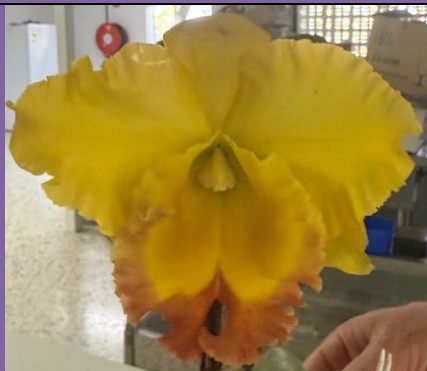


Oncidium: Onc. unknown



Paph / Phrag: Paph. Mem Arnie Linsmem

Other orchids tabled at the meeting:

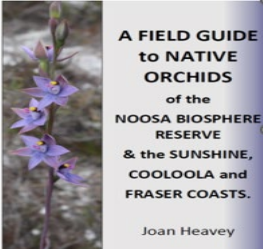




Winners of the Raffles for the day were:

Raffle winners for the three flowering orchids were Barry Grainger, Leanne Evans and Ken Christensen. Congratulations to you all.

Book available

	Linda Falkner would like to let members know that the book (left) is available and has a lot of information regarding the native orchids in our region. If you are interested, please phone Linda on 0427570022, and she can organise this for you.
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Next Meeting:

DATE: Saturday, 28th February 2026

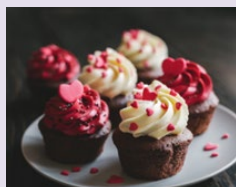
ADDRESS: Gympie Hockey Club (corner of Power Road & Woolgar Road)

TIME: Benching of plants commences from **1.30pm**

JUDGING: Voting of benched orchids will be held prior to meeting (between 1.45pm – 2.00pm)

MEETING: Commences at 2.00 pm

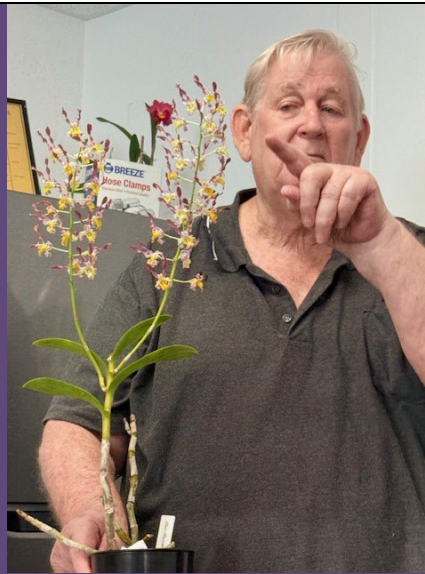
Please bring: your flowering orchids, cup and a plate (to share) for afternoon tea.



Congratulations to Sharn Toop who was given her Award of Merit certificate from the STOCQ (presented by Gary Walker), for her orchid Den. Gloucester Charm 'Sharne'.

Her orchid won Champion Orchid and was subsequently awarded as well at the GDOS May 2025 Show.

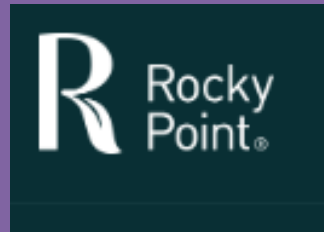
John Green discussing the attributes of Gary Walker's dendrobium at January's meeting.



Newsletter snippets

Club members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Please email Sharon Stretton for inclusion (prior to the upcoming meeting, otherwise they will be included the following month). Email: sharon.m.stretton@tmr.qld.gov.au

Our Sponsors: Sponsors are an important part of our Club. Their support allows us to pay the prizes we do at our Show. Please support our sponsors and let them know that we appreciate their support!



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7th February 2026 at 10am	Gympie Cultural meeting, 26 Palmer Court, The Dawn
14th February 2026	STOCQ - AGM meeting in Gympie Indoor Bowls club Hall, Graham St
28th February 2026 at 1.30pm	Gympie monthly meeting – Gympie Hockey Club, Power Road
21st March 2026	Maroochydore OS closed show Buderim (public hours 8.00 - 3.30)
21st, 22nd March 2026	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
3rd, 4th April 2026	Gladstone OFS - with setup 2 nd April
11th April 2026	Glasshouse Country OS closed show, Glasshouse Community Hall
17th, 18th April 2026	Sunshine Coast OS show, Uniting Church hall, Queen Street Caloundra
2nd, 3rd May 2026	Gympie & DOS show in Indoor Bowls club hall, Graham Street.

8th, 9th, 10th May 2026	Bundaberg OS show at Bundaberg Recreational precinct Pavilion University Drive, Branyan (set up 7 th)
9th May 2026	Maroochydore OS closed show Bli Bli (public hours 8.00 - 2.30)
20th June 2026	Gympie & DOS closed show, Indoor Bowls Club Hall, Graham St
17th, 18th July 2026	Caboolture OS show with set up 16 th .
1st, 2nd August 2026	Port Curtis O&FS hosts STOCQ meeting
7th and 8th August 2026	Maroochydore OS show Buderim, benching on Thursday the 6 th
25th, 26th September 2026	Glasshouse Country OS show; set up Thursday 24 th September
26th, 27th September 2026	Rockhampton OS show Robert Schwarten Pavilion
November 2026	GCOS hosts STOCQ meeting at Glasshouse Hall (moved from 13 th June)

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GYMPIE ORCHID SHOW

Indoor Hall at 35 Graham Street

2nd and 3rd May 2026

Saturday: 8.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am – 2.00pm

- Huge display of benched Show Orchids & Foliage plants
- Multiple Vendors for sale plants & accessories
- Refreshments
- Expert Advice
- Raffle prizes (\$1 a ticket)
- Accessible to all



Admission

Adults - \$4 each
Children under 12 Free



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GYMPIE WINTER ORCHID SHOW

Indoor Bowls Hall 35 Graham St

Saturday, 20th June 2026

Plants to be tabled between 7.00 - 8.00am
Judging at 8.15am

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 9.00am – 3.00pm

FOR SALE: Orchids ☼ Tea ☼ Coffee ☼ Slices ☼ Scones







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