



Phalaenopsis amabilis var. *rosenstromii*

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Meetings are held at 8pm on the 4th
Friday of each month except December
- in the Townsville Orchid Society
Inc. Hall, Joe Kirwan Park, Charles
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**Novice / New Growers Group
meets in the hall at 1pm on
Sunday 26th April**

**Next General Meeting:
Friday 24th April
Next Management Committee
Meeting: Friday 1st May**

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Next meeting: 5th May
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President's Comments

IT WAS so great to see so many of our "Novices" on the trip to Herbert River
Orchid & Allied Plants Society Inc.'s field day. Considering the hammering the wet
season gave the Ingham District, the overall performance was excellent, even if
numbers were down a little. It is very interesting that our group are keen to visit
other field day venues.

Although I write this before our Autumn Show, allow me to congratulate the prize
winners and thank all who worked towards making the show a success.
We are working slowly but surely towards hosting the 2010 T.Q.O.C. Inc.
Conference and the extension to our hall. These two relatively major projects will
keep us busy for a goodly number of months so any willing helpers will be very
eagerly encouraged.

We've had a couple of monthly meetings with interesting guest speakers organised
by Charles Lee, for which we thank him. While on the subject of Charles I wish
him a speedy recovery from his hip operation – also to Ray Nicholls (Curly) – Best
Wishes for recuperation after your surgery. There are other members who are ill
from time to time and we wish them well in the future.

Those of you who missed the notice in Townsville Bulletin regarding the demise of
Jeannie Jones, may not realise she was the widow of an early President of our
society and did a lot towards helping Frank and Jean Slattery whenever they came
here for T.Q.O.C. Inc. events – time marches on.

I trust you all had a relaxing Easter and that your favourite plants are flourishing.
Wal. Nicholson

Notices.

1. The Townsville Orchid Society's field day will be held on Sunday 21st June.
Bush houses are required, as is help with labour and food. Please put your
name on the help list.
2. The cakes, sweets and other goodies table will be in operation at our meetings,
so bring along some spare cash and buy. Proceeds go to the 2010 TQOC
Conference and Show.
3. Our fund raising sausage sizzle will be held at Bunnings on Sunday 17th May.
The roster will be around.
4. Donations are always required for the multi raffle on a Friday night. Have you
got a potted up back-cut to contribute?
5. **Welcome to our new members Judy Cook, Wayne Zaverdinos and Sreylon
Som and to Jill McIntosh who has rejoined.**
6. Happy Mothers' Day to all who qualify or are thinking of qualifying.
7. Photographs from the show and the bus trip are included in the electronic
version of this *Bulletin*. Are you getting yours?
8. Do you want to join in the *Phalaenopsis* flask purchase plan this time?

"A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge" Thomas Carlyle

Novice/New Growers' Report

ON THE 29th March, 48 members met at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall for their monthly meeting. The afternoon began with a welcome to our visitors who showed a lot of interest in our activities. A general discussion was then held regarding what was required to prepare your plants for our Autumn Show on 17th, 18th, 19th April. Many questions in relation to the staking of the orchid flower, tie and train your plant, clean and stable pots, dirty and broken pots not acceptable, plants to be clean and disease free also what you need to do the day before and the transporting of your plants to the show.

Jeff then took us on a four day tour out of Perth to Margaret River and other places in between looking for orchids that grow in the ground along the side of roads and the bush in National Parks in Western Australia. It is truly amazing how many different species orchids that can be found growing in such harsh sandy soil. There was an article printed in Orchids Australia December 1999 on these species called "Why save Orchids under Threat". We would like to thank Jeff and Alison for compiling this programme to share with us. Well done to all the members who brought along their flowering plants for the popular vote competition and the winners were Judy Cook 1st, Micheal & Lynnete Gudge 2nd and Don & Thelma McDonald 3rd in the novice section and Ross & Joan MacIntyre 1st, Neita Coulson 2nd & 3rd in the open section.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Charles Lee, Ray Nicholls, Heather Cannon and Luz's husband Peter and hope you all get well as quick as possible and it was also great to have Mary back with us again. We would like to thank everybody for your wonderful support towards the afternoon tea and your generous donations for the Multi Raffle Table and tickets.

On Sunday 5th April a number of our T.O.S Inc. senior and Novice/New Growers members and friends travelled to Ingham for the Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc. annual Field Day and a most enjoyable time was had by all with plenty of chatter and laughter along the way. We were most impressed with the presentation of their orchid houses and gardens which is a credit to all their members seeing that they suffered so much from the divesting flood and rain not so long ago. As usual many poly boxes returned a lot fuller than when they left and members a lot lighter in their pockets.

Warren and Clara Sewell

Phallies on chocolate?

THE PHALLIES are streaking along as if they had eaten all the chocolate Easter eggs early. Congratulations to the following growers who were leading the pack at the March "measure in".

Mystery plant 1694.

Biggest leaf span: 1st Luz Lewis, 2nd Neita Coulson, Lyn Carlill (tie)

Largest increase: 1st Neita Coulson, 2nd Ann Scholl, Wal Nicholson (tie)

Mystery plant 1687.

Biggest leaf span: 1st Neita Coulson, Noelene LeRoy, (tie) 3rd Robert Rasmussen, Wal Nicholson (tie)

Largest increase: 1st Wal Carlill, 2nd Jean Nicholson, 3rd Lyn Carlill.

The next measurements will be taken at the Novice / New Growers' Group meeting on Sunday 26th April so bring yours along and be in the free special raffle draw (One entry per mystery plant brought). **Make sure you have your plastic label in both your pots. Your plastic label MUST have the plant name (1687 or 1694 at this stage) AND either your name or club number.**

Happy Growing.

Jeff and Alison Knowles

Charles Darwin and Orchids

AS MANY of you are aware, February the 12th 2009 was the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, the world-famous scientist and "father of evolution". In addition, November the 24th 2009 will be the 150th anniversary of the publication of "On the Origin of Species". This year has been declared "the Year of Darwin", and many science programs featuring his discoveries are planned for publication in books, newspapers, on television and radio.

See <http://darwin-year-2009.org> and <http://darwin-online.org.uk/2009.html>

It will come as no surprise that this astounding scientist had an interest in orchids.

Darwin became so intrigued by orchids that after one holiday spent crouched in a Devon meadow watching insects pollinate wild British species, he came home vowing to swap his hobby of breeding pigeons (he collected all known species of pigeons available in his day) for raising orchids.

In 1862, three years after publishing "On the Origin of Species", he published a large volume entitled "*On the various contrivances by which British and foreign orchids are fertilised by insects*". He later revised and expanded the book in the second edition, entitled "*The various contrivances by which orchids are fertilised by insects*" published in 1877. These volumes may be read online at <http://darwin-online.org.uk/contents.html#books>

Thanks to an article in "The Australian" newspaper, 11th February 2009, "Sex, Lies and the Petal Project" which is mainly about conservation of West Australian orchids.

Anon – at the request of the author.

*"The many make the household
But only one the home"*

Hi Ho.....Hi Ho It's off to Ingham we went.

STACKS OF happy Townsville Orchid Society members awoke early on Sunday 5th April to catch our bus for a very enjoyable field day at Ingham, and returned that same evening with the bus cargo bay stuffed full with new orchids and foliage plants, and stomachs stuffed full of traditional Ingham food. Our bus driver even did his bit to fill the hold with his purchases and his raffle win.

[Before I go any further I wish to make it quite clear, before any rumours begin to surface, that the discussions in the "ladies room" by a group of our fair members regarding planning for our next bus trip was in fact reported to me later. I emphatically state that I was not with them for those planning discussions☺]

When I was thinking for a title for this article I had a few suggestions run through my head. "*Sky Blue Sex Kittens Enjoy Trip*" may give readers the wrong impression of our mission, although many members did look resplendent in their sky blue club shirt. "*Blue Bunch Buy Big*" was very accurate, but there was much more to the day than just buying, and "*Ingham Field Day*" did not seem to do the day justice. So we just had to *Hi Ho* it.

Bus trips such as this are great opportunities for fun and laughter, and a chance to swap many a story.

- All of you who bought an orchid you did not know much about, or really did not need, but bought it anyway – raise your hand. Yes, thought there would be a few.
- Was it true that someone took considerable effort to dismantle their back seat and crawl into their boot to retrieve locked in car keys before realising that it would have been easier to just pop the boot open?
- Did someone organise time off to attend the Bowen Field Day on a Wednesday? (Oops, no real blonde moment here as the editor did have the wrong date in the Bulletin, but why let this minor fact spoil a good story – Ed).


Where will we head next? A few suggestions I heard discussed were:

1. Bowen field day.
2. Innisfail field day.
3. Combined trip to Cairns (Saturday) and Innisfail field trip (Sunday).

Over to you – where to next?

Thanks to Warren for your planning (and worrying). It was truly a great day.

Jeff the Editor.

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NOTES FROM THE LIBRARIAN

The American Orchid Society Website

Among the most-borrowed items from the Townsville Orchid Society library are volumes of the monthly magazine of the American Orchid Society, "Orchids". (A side note – "Orchids for Dummies" remains THE most popular borrowed book). It is quite common for your Librarian to be approached by two or even three people all keen to borrow a particular volume.

I now have a solution – for those of you fortunate enough to have an internet connection, the American Orchid Society (AOS) have expanded the content of their website to include the current issue of "Orchids". All articles are readable online.

The website – <http://www.aos.org> - also has many articles that are not published in "Orchids", and I urge you to have a detailed look at the contents. While some items are restricted to members of the AOS (subscription fee US\$72 per annum), there are many features that will be of interest, whether you are a novice grower (tips on orchid culture) or a long-term grower (specialist articles on various species). I also spotted an article on "Forthcoming Name Changes" affecting the Cattleya family (see the article elsewhere in this issue).

Your Librarian – Noel Grant

*"To get the full value from joy you must have
Somebody to divide it with." Mark Twain*

Forthcoming Orchid Name Changes

Now you can change your labels!

Many orchid growers are still grappling with the flood of name changes that occurred last year, when (among other changes), the Brazilian *Laelias* were moved to *Sophranitis* and some *Cattleyas* were re-named *Guarianthe*. Many growers threw their hands up in despair at the plethora of new names and refused to change their labels.

It appears they did the right thing!

Further DNA studies have occurred in recent years, leading to a better understanding of the *Cattleya* alliance and raising a number of issues. At the World Orchid Conference in January 2008, it was decided to deal with the issues by sinking *Sophranitis* into a greatly expanded *Cattleya*. It is expected the changes will be completed in the next few months.

While these changes will take some getting used to, this will stabilize hybrid names in the long run. In addition, it will **simplify** many hybrid names, because the vast majority of *Laeliocattleya*, *Sophracattleya* and *Sophrrolaeliocattleya* will be re-named *Cattleya*. This and the transfer of most of the existing *Brassocattleya*, *Brassolaelia*, *Brassolaeliocattleya* and *Rhyncosophracattleya* hybrids to *Rhyncolaeliocattleya* (*Rhyncolaelia* x *Cattleya*) will involve 75-80% or more of the recent hybrid name changes.

This is a condensed version of the article published on the website of the American Orchid Society <http://www.aos.org>
We thank the American Orchid Society for the use of this information.

Author's name withheld by request.

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Calendar

April, 2009

- 24 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 26 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

May, 2009

- 1 – Management meeting, 7:30pm
- 10 – Bowen Field Day (Note date correction)
- 17 - Bunnings/sausage sizzle
- 22 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 24 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm
- 29 – Management meeting, 7:30pm

June, 2009

- 5-7 – TQOC Conference and show in Atherton
- 21 – TOS Field Day
- 26 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 28 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

July, 2009

- 3 – Management meeting, 7:30pm
- 17-19 – TOS Winter Show
- 24 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 26 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm
- 26 – Proserpine Field Day
- 31 – Management meeting, 7:30pm

September, 2009

8-13 – 18th AOC Conference and Show in Maribyrnong, VIC [Ph: 03 5283 1364 or efwilde@bigpond.com]

2010

5-7.June – TQOC Conference and Show in Townsville [Note: A must be there event!]

2011

September – World Orchid Conference in Singapore [Note: A must be there event!]

2012

September - 19th AOC Conference and Show in Perth [Note: A must be there event!]

Note: You MUST check all dates and times for accuracy before making any plans or bookings.

Judges.

APRIL

OPEN..... E. BOON.... A. KNOWLES....ASSOC. T. DARR.
R. DAVESON
NOVICE/SPECIES.... O. KROGH...C. NEUCOM...
ASSOC.. C. TRUSCOTT.

MAY

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NOVICE/SPECIES..... D. BENSON.... K. GREENWAY... ASSOC..
T.DARR...R.DAVESON

JUNE

OPEN..... O. KROGH.... E. BOON...ASSOC. T. DARR.. R.DAVESON
NOVICE/SPECIES..... W. SEWELL.... A. KNOWLES..ASSOC. C.
TRUSCOTT

TABLED PLANTS 27.03.09

OPEN

Vandaceous

- 1) V. Mevr L Velthuis x V. Bangkok Blue 'AM' W&J Nicholson
 2) V. Hilo Sky 'Kodama' W&J Nicholson
 3) V. J.V.B. x V. Gordon Dillon 'Blue' W&J Nicholson

Ascocenda

- 1) Asco. Walter Newc G&S Kelly
 2) Asca. Phariot Sands x Rctm. *miniatum* G&S Kelly
 3) V. Kultana Gold x Asca. Seechang W&J Nicholson

Vandaceous – Intergeneric

- 1) Vasco. Prapawan N&M Grant
 2) Aer. Korat Koki x Rhy. *coelestis* L Kennedy & F Ames
 3) Neofinetia Lou Sneary W&J Nicholson

Cattleya

- 1) Lc. Little Susie x Lc. Adolf Hecker W&J Nicholson
 2) Slc. Blue Grotto 'Soft Touch' W&J Nicholson
 3) C. Gordon Highlander W&J Nicholson

Cattleya - Miniature

- 1) Slc. Dal's Tradition 'Krisett' A Hughes
 2) Sc. Hawaiian Beau 'Margaret' A Hughes
 3) L. Pumila x Lc. Tiny Treasure 'Tomiko' W&J Nicholson

Cattleya

- 1) Blc. California Girl 'Orchid Library' A Hughes
 2) Pot. Free Spirit x Blc. Wakiki Sunset 'B. Orange' W&C Sewell

Cattleya

- 1) Blc. Sunstate Colorchart 'Sundancer' G&S Kelly
 2) Pot. Sally Taylor x Blc. Bethume Mendenhall W&C Sewell
 3) Rsc. Dal's Grace A Steel

Cattleya – Cluster

- 1) C. Chocolate Drop x C. Batalinii A Hughes
 2) C. Barbara Kirsch W&J Nicholson
 3) C. Barbara Kirsch N Hardwick

Miscellaneous

- 1) Lc. Betty Lane N&M Grant
 2) Lc. Blue Boy 'Gainsborough' W&J Nicholson
 3) C. Icicle ½Foot x Tom Henry 'White Ice' L Kennedy & F Ames

Miscellaneous

- 1) Ctna. Netrasiri Black Knight A Steel
 2) Eplc. Don Herman 'Hawaii' A Steel
 3) Diaca. Chantilly Lace 'Hildos' W&J Nicholson

Nodosa Hybrid

- 1) Bc. Hippodamia 'Hunabu' A Steel
 2) Lc. (S J Bracey 'Aloha' x Ann Follis 'Green) x B. *nodosa* W&J Nicholson
 3) C. Portia x *labriala* 'Coerulus' x B. *nodosa* W&C Sewell

Dendrobium

- 1) Den. Fran's Twist x *gouldii* 'Blue' x *carronii* W&C Sewell
 2) Den. Sam-Thong 'Reddish Brown' W&J Nicholson
 3) Den. K B White N Hardwick

Dendrobium

- 1) Den. Autumn Show x Den. Dalellen A Steel
 2) Den. Noppom Pink L Kennedy & F Ames
 3) Den. Burana Stripe 'Wu' W&J Nicholson

Paphiopedilum

- 1) Paph. Saint Swithin 'Long Barrow' L Kennedy & F Ames
 2) Paph Coos W&J Nicholson
 3) Paph. Shireen W&J Nicholson

Paphiopedilum

- 1) Paph. Gold Dollar W&J Nicholson
 2) Paph. Myitkyina Redstart Landsend x Maudiae L Kennedy & F Ames
 3) Paph. Emerald A Hughes

Miltonia

- 1) Milt. Olmec x Milt. Sandy's Cove L Kennedy & F Ames
 2) Milt. *spectabilis* 'Royalty' x Milt. *clowesii* 'Rodeo' A Allison
 3) Milt. Anne Warne W&J Nicholson

Odontocidium

- 1) Odcdm. Lorraine's Fourteenth WOC 'Hawaii' W&J Nicholson
 2) Odcdm. Wildcat 'Red Cat' A Hughes
 3) Odcdm No Name -----

Bllra

- 1) Bllra Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'Morning Joy' W&J Nicholson
 2) Brs. Mem. Fritz Boedecker 'Witchdoctor' N&M Grant
 3) Bllra Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'Morning Joy' W&J Nicholson

Spathoglottis

- 1) Spath. Starburst W&J Nicholson

NOVICE

Miscellaneous

- 1) Ctna. Why Not x Ctna Janet M&L Gudge
 2) Paph. Quirola Virginia T&S Buckingham
 3) Col. Wildcat Bobcat M&L Gudge

SPECIES

Dendrobium

- 1) Den. *bigibbum* var. *compactum* A Steel
 2) Den. *johannis* W&C Sewell
 3) Den. *bigibbum* var. *compactum* A Steel

Cattleya

- 1) C. *loddigesii* A Steel
 2) C. *aclandae* A Steel

Miscellaneous

- 1) Epi. *stenopetakum* M&T Keith
 2) Den. *dearei* W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous

- 1) Bulb. *lasiochilum* W&J Nicholson
 2) Brassia. *gireoudiana* M&T Keith
 3) Bulb. *emiliorum* W&J Nicholson

Vandaceous

- 1) V. *sanderana* alba A Steel
 2) V. *sanderiana* W&J Nicholson
 3) *Aerides lawrenceae* W&J Nicholson

Points.

27.03.09	Open	Novice	Species	Total
Allison A	3			3
Buckingham T & S		3		3
Coulson N	11		10	21
Crees N			13	13
Grant N & M	68		31	99
Gudge M & L		5	3	8
Hardwick N	6			6
Hughes A	24			24
Kelly G & S	11			11
Kennedy L & Ames F	40		2	42
Keith M & T	3		8	11
Knowles J & A	22		8	30
Korsman P & M	21		16	37
Marnock F & D	10			10
Nicholson W & J	253		122	375
Rasmussen R	4		5	9
Sewell W & C	51		7	58
Steel A	52		65	117
White J	1			1

Minutes Townsville Orchid Society Inc. General Meeting 27.03.09

Meeting Opened: 8.03pm by President W Nicholson who requested that members observe a Minute's Silence in honour of our late Life Member Alma Davidson who passed away on 5 March 2009.

Minutes: of previous meeting Moved as a True Record by W Sewell. Seconded K Otto. Carried. **Business Arising From Minutes:** Nil.

Correspondence: Inwards: CBA/Statement/Cheque A/c; Ergon/Receipt; Orchid Wiz/Update; T'ville & District Garden Club/hall hire; RHS/advice increase of fees; Lawyers/Seminar; Community Information Centre/Information; Organic Crop Protectants/Botanical Insecticide; J Batey/enquiry re trophies; C Lee/2 pages re web page; Aussie Web/checking details TOS Inc; Tropic N Qld Calendar/information; Herbert River O&APS/field day; Twin Cities Hibiscus Club/reply; L Simpson/hall hire enquiry; N Grant/sausage sizzle; Other Society Bulletins. **Outwards:** Advertisements/monthly meeting; Community Information Centre/reply; T'ville & District Garden Club, Aust. Hibiscus Soc. Inc., Twin Cities Hibiscus Club/invitation to share bus; Burbank Orchids/Thank you letter; C Sewell/answer to resignation/email J Batey/reply; L Simpson/reply. Telephone call from Bunnings/sausage sizzle.

Moved J Nicholson Inwards Correspondence be Received and Outwards Correspondence Confirmed. Seconded J White. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: CBA & Ergon to Treasurer; Orchid Wiz Update to Librarian; T'ville & District Garden Club, N Grant, RHS/Management Committee. W Sewell will notify Herbert River OS re numbers for field day; All members working on sausage sizzle on Sunday 17 May are requested to attend another meeting at Bunnings on Thursday 23 April at 6pm for further instruction on what is required for sausage sizzle.

Treasurer's Report: given by R Daveson who Moved Adoption -Confirmation of Cheques Issued. Seconded M Rutherford. Carried.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrid: Rsc. California Girl 'Orchid Library – 79 Points and owned by A Hughes.

Species: Den. *bigibbum* var. *compactum* – 79 Points and owned by A Steel. Congratulations to both growers.

Greg Kelly then gave a very interesting talk on his methods for growing Mini Oncidiums or Tolumnias. He covered every aspect of the procedures he uses to produce these little beauties. Thank you very much Greg – we all hope we can overcome the difficulties we seem to have with this particular genera -appreciation was shown by acclamation.

Novice/New Growers Group Report: given by W Sewell who informed us that J&A Knowles will show a programme on a bus trip undertaken following the W.A. Conference in October 2008, where the orchids and wildflowers were in abundance. Phalaenopsis competition still on agenda.

Show Report: R Daveson advised A Zierk absent because of family obligations but she would attend management committee meeting. M Daveson showed brochure produced by S Zierk to be placed in businesses etc. – asked to have at management committee meeting for discussion. President requested that any member placing signs on front fence during shows be responsible for removing same as recently one had to be removed which had been there since the spring show. Any member who can take a show sign to place in their front yard to advertise Autumn Show please do so. Members who have placed their names on sales tables list please pay \$5 before show.

General Business: Sale of goodies at back of hall to raise money for 2010 T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference in progress with J Nicholson and M Daveson in charge – please support the ladies.

J Knowles has catalogue from Burbank Orchid Nursery with order form available. Jeff also thanked members for donations of paper for the printing of our own raffle tickets – only purple colour required.

Early Bird registration for Atherton closed 31 March – fee then rises to \$175.

T Boon presented AOC and TQOC Inc. Awards to Olive Krogh, Mick Keith, Allan Hughes x 2, Alf Steel x 2, T Darr x2 and mentioned Eric Beltrame x 2 from Ingham.

A proposal has been put forward to open hall on a Sunday for members to sell orchids and foliage to raise money for the 2010 Conference – further discussion at the management committee meeting will finalize details because the hall is often hired out on a Sunday.

A Hughes then spoke about preparing orchids for a show. He covered the subject particularly well, demonstrating his techniques using orchids he had brought with him for that purpose – many thanks Allan – appreciation shown by acclamation.

Lucky Door & Raffle: drawn – congratulations to all winners. **Meeting Closed:** 10.03pm

Condensed Minutes Management Committee meeting Held 3.03.09:

R Daveson instructed in future to purchase fruit tray from Pozibon's Fruit Barn for raffle. Details of requirements for Sausage Sizzle on 17 May discussed. Volunteers required to help.

W Nicholson to contact Townsville City Council's libraries individually re invitation to display orchids. T.O.S. Inc. Web Site Policy discussed. R Daveson suggested Novice/New Growers Group should reimburse T.O.S. Inc. for raffle tickets used as treasurer had to pay J Knowles for tickets – also asked if T.O.S. Inc. should pay for 3 litres milk used for Friday night and Sunday – also if the Sunday group should use tea, coffee and sugar purchased by T.O.S. Inc. as they have a fair amount of cash in bank. W Sewell not responsible for catering on Friday night – J Nicholson to arrange with J MacIntyre about supper. M Daveson obtained \$50 sponsorship for Grand Champion Orchid from Cronin Constructions and \$50 voucher from Day Dawn Nursery for Novice Champion Orchid. She may have more sponsorships. Agreed both sponsors should be given the option of presenting their sponsored prizes. Cards acknowledging sponsors to be placed beside prize winning orchids. **New Members:** Judy Cook, Wayne Zaverdinos & Sreylon Som, accepted as new members in the Novice Section. Jill McIntosh rejoined and has been given a new number. T Keith has secured 40-50 (may be able to purchase more) little green bags for registrants at T.Q.O.C. Inc. 2010 Conference here. Also 150 card brochures to be attached to a printed brochure for inclusion in Atherton satchels. **Field Day:** Bus booked for \$450 + GST. Require list of members willing to open shade-houses on day. Following a discussion initiated by W Nicholson R Daveson Moved Motion that "we write to the three successful candidates from Townsville at the recent State elections, congratulating them and thanking them for support given in the past with regard to grants." Seconded M Daveson one against. Carried.

N Grant Moved Motion that "we have the pages of calendar, featuring Betty Hinton's paintings, trimmed and laminated to use at shows etc. for a cost of \$50-\$60." Seconded A Zierk. Carried. N Grant Moved Motion that "the committee purchase 'The Classic Cattleyas \$135' and 'Angraecoid Orchids \$85' for the library." Seconded T Keith. Carried. Another book "The New Encyclopaedia \$120 to be investigated. W Nicholson asked for approval to go to B Barber to obtain specifications and plans so quotes could be obtained – none forthcoming. R Daveson stated he would contact T Cronin and if building not high enough to have fans asked if the committee members would be willing for him to tell W Nicholson to go ahead and get plans drawn up. If T Cronin says it can be done the matter must come back to another meeting. W Nicholson quite confident the society could afford to pay off a loan to do the job.

*A smile full of warmth
A Heart full of affection –
That describes you, Mother
Right to perfection.*

That's all folks – unless you are receiving the electronic version, in which case – enjoy the photographs.

Photographs to enjoy.

Champions from our Autumn, 2009 show.

Grand Champion and Champion Dendrobium
was *Den. Palolo Sunshine 'Red Wings'* owned by Charlie
Truscott



Reserve Champion and Champion Cattleya was
Eplc. May Bly owned by Alf Steel



Champion Species.



Doritis pulcherrima owned by Allan Hughes.

Champion any other genera.



Cirr. Elizabeth Ann (Allan Hughes)



Champion Australian Native Orchid.



Dendrobium bigibbum owned Lawrie and Dallas Green

Best specimen.



Wal and Jean Nicholson's *Vanda sanderiana*.

Champion Phalaenopsis.



Phal. Mount Lip owned by Graham and Marrece Fay

Champion paphiopedilum



Paphiopedilum maudiae 'alba' owned by Allan Hughes.

Champion Oncidium.



Onc. Sweet Sugar (Allan Hughes)

Champion Vandaceous.



Vasco. Crown Fox Magic owned by Tess Kapcelovich.

Novice Champion.



Michael and Lyn Gudge's *Blc. California Girl* 'Orchid Library'

Are you being served?



Novice reserve champion.



Den. Stephen Batchellor owned by Michael and Lyn Gudge

A cuppa and a chin wag after work.



Some show shots as well.



Part of the novice / new growers group display, with thanks to Clara Sewell and her helpers.

Sales area.



Our bus trip to the Ingham Field Day.

Many blue shirted members of the Townsville Orchid Society spent no time in seeking out the bargains.



Luckily the bus had a large cargo bay, as it quickly filled with all of our purchases.



How many members noticed Delia Hobden's 12 *phalaenopsis* mericlones happily growing? (These are the ones we deflasked and shared a couple of months ago.)