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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
Street, KIRWAN QLD 4817.

**Next General Meeting:
8:00pm Friday 28th August**

**Next Novice / New Growers' Group
meeting in the hall at 1pm on
Sunday 30th August**

**Next Management Committee
Meeting: 7:30pm Friday 4th
September**

Annual Membership Fees.
City Family \$18.00
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Australasian Native Orchid Society
Inc. (ANOS) – Townsville Group
Meeting held in TOS hall on 1st
Tuesday of every month except
January – at 8pm.
Next meeting: 1st September
ANOS donates an annual subscription
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August 2009 BULLETIN

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Notices

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. will be held in the society's hall at 8:00pm on Friday 23rd October, 2009 to be immediately followed by the October general meeting.

See the beautiful *palaenopsis* photographs in the July, 2009 edition of *Orchids* (AOS) and then let's go to TIOS 2010.

New membership fees are now due. This meeting is your chance to pay before you become unfinancial on 2nd September.

President's Comments

Congratulations to those involved with the Winter Show. Even though flowering plants were in shorter supply than normally, a good show was staged. Of particular note was that the Grand Champion was locally bred and grown on, then sold at Willows Market by one member (Arthur) to members Graham and Marrece). Sales were fantastic, but unfortunately we kept exhausting supplies. No doubt great for those members with surpluses, but a little concerning to those members who felt that some plants were substandard.

End of our financial year is nearing (31 August) so dues will be payable, and at the last General Meeting these were risen by one dollar for full family and single membership, which naturally flows on to concessional at half rates.

Those of you with talent and time to spare, we need you on the committee – think about it for the coming Annual General Meeting in October.

Jean and Warren and I attended the Bunnings Ladies' Night, putting on a small display and answering many questions. These nights give us a great opportunity to meet new people with an interest in orchids. By the time you read this we will have done the same at the Council Senior's Picnic in the Park and associated Expo. Late news – bus trip to Innisfail Field Day was a great day out and enjoyed by about forty of us. Unfortunately due to the aftermath of cyclone Larry orchids were not as plentiful as usual, but still a good day and very many bromeliads.

The dinner at the last meeting was received very well and should be done more often – how did you score in the Trivia competition? Many thanks to those who donated prizes for the raffle table especially Mrs. Lorraine White (a basket of Avon Products), Mavis Papalexion (a collection of Tupperware), Owen and Coral Rawlins (a Tassel Fern).

Wal Nicholson

Judges.

AUGUST

OPEN.... D. BENSON..... T. KEITH..... ASSOC. R. DAVESON
NOVICE/SPECIES..... T. BOON.... K. GREENWAY....
ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT

SEPTEMBER

OPEN.... A. HUGHES.... W. SEWELL... ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT
NOVICE/SPECIES.... T. HOBDEN.... C. NEUCOM...ASSOC. R. DAVESON

OCTOBER

OPEN.... O. KROGH.... K. GREENWAY.... ASSOC. R. DAVESON
NOVICE/SPECIES.... T. KEITH..... A. KNOWLES....
ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT

Calendar.

August, 2009

28 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
30 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

September, 2009

4 – Management meeting, 7:30pm
8-13 – 18th AOC Conference and Show in

Maribyrnong, VIC [Ph: 03 5283 1364 or
efwilde@bigpond.com]

25 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
27 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

October, 2009

2 – Management meeting, 7:30pm
2-4 – TOS Spring Show
23 – TOS Annual General and General Meeting,
8pm
25 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm
30 – Management meeting, 7:30pm

November, 2009

27 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
29 – Christmas Lunch, 12 NOON

2010

11-13 June – 45th TQOC Conference and Show in
Townsville [Note: A must be there event!]

2011

14-23 November – 20th World Orchid Conference
in Singapore

www.20woc.com.sg [Note: Another must be there
event!]



14th - 23rd November 2011
Where New and Old World Orchids Meet

2012

10-16 September - 19th AOC Conference and Show
in Perth [Note: Another must be there event!]

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Yummy sweets time at the Christmas in July dinner meeting.

Letters to the Editor.

Dear Editor,

I have been distressed to hear otherwise knowledgeable long-term growers mangling the pronunciation of some orchid names. A prime example is the word 'Angraecum', which I have often heard spoken as 'an-gree-shum'. This is incorrect. The genus Angraecum was established in 1804 by the French explorer Bory de St Vincent. When he discovered *Angraecum eburneum* in Madagascar, he based his new name on a word he had heard in Southeast Asia to describe various orchids, the Malay word "angrek". Therefore, the correct pronunciation is 'an-greek-um'.

Yours,

The Pronunciation Pedant.

My reference "Angraecoid Orchids" Stewart, Hermans and Campbell, Timber Press 2006

Hello Novice Growers.

Your presence as exhibitors was very sadly missed at the Winter show. Fortunately there was one exhibit from a Novice Grower that was really beautiful, and took out the Champion of the Cattleya section, as well as Champion Novice exhibit. We sincerely look forward to participation from all Novice Growers at the Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October. Sponsorship had been obtained for Novice Grower Champion and Reserve Champion. Sadly, the Reserve Champion prize has gone begging. I have already obtained sponsorship for the Spring Show, so please do exhibit your Orchids. For those of you who have plants for sale, you are very welcome to place them on the T.O.S. table which is there especially for members who only have a few plants for sale. Sincere regards to you all,

Molly Daveson. [Publicity Officer, T.O. S. Inc.]
Ph: 47805115

Hello Jeff & Alison,

Well, we are well and truly hooked thanks to you two!!!!!!!. I have attached a photo of Carolyn and I de-flasking our first lot of phallies. I bought them while waiting for our August order to arrive. It is Ok for you to use this photo in the newsletter when space permits.

Regards,
Neita

Show Report.

I would like to congratulate all the members for a successful winter show. It was very well attended by the public. There were spectacular displays of colourful orchids on the show benches. The Novice Growers display was unfortunately missing. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all members who brought along their plants and to all the workers. I would like to sincerely thank all members for your support, it is most appreciated and valued. Thanks to all those members who support the sales area it was a very good result. Thanks to Molly Daveson (Publicity Officer) for her extremely good advertising program and gathering sponsorship. Thanks to Paul Daley from Commonwealth Bank Aitkenvale Branch for their great sponsorship. Thanks to Joan McIntyre, Clara Sewell and the kitchen team for their work, top food again. Thanks to Ted Boon and all the judges. Thanks to Neil Crees and Jean Nicholson for doing the photography and certificates. Thanks to Rodney Daveson (Treasurer), Wal Nicholson (President), Scott Bennet (Townsville Media Centre), Glenys Brabon (Townsville Bulletin), Richelle (Townsville Bulletin) and to Stewie Zierk (Graphic Printing). Once again thanks to all the members for their support.

Don't forget our next orchid show setup day is 1st October. Show days are 2nd, 3rd and 4th October 2009.

Show Chairperson Alice Zierk.



So Paddy asks Murphy: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which Murphy replies:

"You thick idiot - If they fell forwards they'd still be in the boat"



TOS bus trip to the Innisfail Field Day.



Pamplona might have the Running of the Bulls but Innisfail has its Running of the Orchid Enthusiasts.

Well, what a day it was. If you were unfortunate enough to miss it then you really did miss out on a great day. The food was great and plentiful, and sweet and fattening – the company was very friendly – the bush houses were interesting – the raffles were exciting – the laughter was infectious.



Ready, set go

The day began with a 5am departure of the 33 participants from our hall for the approx. 3 hour trip to Innisfail to arrive there in time for smoko, and the smoko raffle. Then it was back onto the bus (now filled with other eager orchid enthusiasts) to begin viewing local bush houses, and purchasing a few (or were there more) orchids and other plants before returning for lunch and another raffle. The afternoon bus trip took us to another grower's place and then back for afternoon tea and the large multi raffle. It was then time to climb back on the bus for the return trip to Townsville arriving before 7.



Hasegawaara Red Stella 'Hildos'



Phalaenopsis blooms on display in Innisfail.

All members enjoyed themselves immensely. The raffle on board the bus was successful, and even Peter the bus driver won one of the donated orchids, and the lolly containers were forever moving up and down the bus as we all kept our sugar levels well and truly up. You should have seen the cargo bay – packed tightly with the many purchases and the numerous raffle wins of the day.



Ross and Dips. The Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu' in Innisfail

Talk to anyone who went and I am sure they will encourage you to join in our next orchid bus safari, whenever and wherever we go.

Jeff Knowles

Welcome to our new members.

Ziggy and Barbara Dylejko
Patricia Martin
Martin and Robyn Jacobsen
Linda Taylor
Ladda Walsh
Julie and Stewart Parker
Marie Bloom

Novice/New Growers Report

On the 26th July, 53 members and visitors met at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall for their monthly meeting. The afternoon began with a welcome to our 13 visitors who showed a lot of interest in our activities, probably mainly due to the many enquires made at our recent Winter Show and it's great to see some turn up with plants that needed attention and to be shown on how to care for them in the proper way. There were many good reports from the members who attended our Christmas in July Dinner last Friday Night with lots of fun and laughter especially Jeff's Trivia questions, it was great fun and I am sure everybody had a very enjoyable night and also a big thank you to Jeff and Alison for donating the prizes to the winners.

Vandaceous Orchids was the topic for our afternoon programme and it was very well covered by Noel Grant, who spoke on the differences between semi-terete, Terete and the strap-leaf Vanda and how he grows his plants. Noel also brought along many plants in flower to show the members what *Ascocenda*, *Rhynchostylis* and *Vascostylis* flowers look like. Thank you Noel for taking the time to share your knowledge with us as it was greatly appreciated by all our members. Our thanks go to Min Korsman who donated a large plant of *Brsdm*. Yosuchi Nakagawa which was cut up into 9 different pieces and to find a new home for them they were placed on the Multi Raffle table.

By the time you read this report members and visitors of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. will have travelled to Innisfail for their Field Day on the 16th August, to view their shade houses, to socialise with their members and to return home with many more orchids and plants in overfilled boxes and with much less money in our pockets.

It was very rewarding to see so many members bring along their flowering plants for the Popular Vote Section. In the open section, Ray & Barbara Robinson were 1st & 2nd with Neita Coulson 3rd. Novice section winners were Doris Blakeney 1st, and Norma Palin 2nd & 3rd. Well done to all the members who brought along their Phalaenopsis seedlings for Jeff to run his rule over and I must say some members are growing them extremely well and to have so many spiking. I do know that some have gone to heaven including one of mine.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Heather Cannon, Peter Lewis, Min Korsman and Mary Pantan who are still not enjoying the best of health at this time and to all our other members who also may not be feeling the best. Thank you again for your generous support to our afternoon tea and your donations to the Multi Raffle Table, your support is always greatly appreciated. Any problems that you may have with your orchid plants (repotting, pests or diseases) please don't be afraid to bring them along to our next meeting as we will always try to help you with your requests.

Warren and Clara Sewell

Phallies grow up.

The phalaenopsis growing competition is reaching its climax as many spikes are getting longer. Congratulations to all contestants, especially those with large leaves and flower spikes.



Congratulations to the following growers who were leading the pack at the July meeting

Mystery plant 1694.

Biggest leaf span: 1st Win Buckingham, 2nd Luz Lewis, Neita Coulson

Largest increase: 1st Neita Coulson, 2nd Win Buckingham, 3rd Luz Lewis

Mystery plant 1687.

Biggest leaf span: 1st Robert Rasmussen, 2nd Doris Blakeney, 3rd Noelene LeRoy

Largest increase: 1st Wal Carlill, 2nd May Carlson, 3rd Robert Rasmussen

Do not forget to bring your phallies to the Sunday meeting, and keep looking for those emerging flower spikes.

Happy flowering.

Jeff and Alison Knowles

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

'Doc I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'
'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome.'

'Is it common?'

'It's not unusual.'



Tabled Plants (24th July 2009)

OPEN

Vandaceous:

- 1) V. Penang Manila x V. Aurawan 'Yellow Bird' W&C Sewell
 2) V. Gordon Dillon x V Kasem's Delight W&J Nicholson
 3) Asco. Meda Arnold x V. *coerulescens* W&J Nicholson

Rhyncostylus:

- 1) Colm. Colmarie 'Black Prince' W&J Nicholson
 2) Arnst. Chorchalood x Rhy. *gigantea* Var. Spots W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Zygo. B.G. White x Zygo. Blue Banks W&J Nicholson
 2) Cym. Sarah Jean W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Cym. Australian Midnight W&J Nicholson
 2) Den. Ise W&J Nicholson

Cattleya - Miscellaneous:

- 1) Ctna. Why Not Walk W&C Sewell
 2) B. *nodosa* x ? W&C Sewell
 3) Epi. Pom Pom 'Walby' W&J Nicholson

Cattleya – Multi-flowered:

- 1) Blc. Bouton Dor 'Lewis' x Slc. Pixie Pearls 'Apricot Drops'
 W&C Sewell
 2) Slc. Jungle Gem No. 1 W&C Sewell
 3) Lc. Luthon (Yellow) W&C Sewell

Phalaenopsis:

- 1) Phal. Mt. Beauty x Phal. Pinlong Cardinal G&M Fay

Paphiopedilum:

- 1) Paph. Moustache L Kennedy & F Ames
 2) Paph. Pinocchio W&J Nicholson
 3) Paph. (Keelat x Paeony) x Paph. Winston Churchill W&J Nicholson

Phragmipedium:

- 1) Phrag. Hanne Popow W&J Nicholson
 2) Phrag. Hanne Popow W&J Nicholson

SPECIES

Miscellaneous:

- 1) *Dendrochilum wenzelii* (Red) W&J Nicholson
 2) Den. *atroviolaceum* W&J Nicholson
 3) *Calanthe turnerii* W&J Nicholson

Brassia:

- 1) *Brassia gireoudiana* W&J Nicholson

Vandaceous:

- 1) Rhy. *gigantea* W&C Sewell
 2) Phal. *amabilis* 'Rosenstromi' W&J Nicholson
 3) Rhy. *gigantea* 'Spots' W&J Nicholson

Ludisia:

- 1) *Ludisia discolor* W&J Nicholson

Points.

24.07.09	Open	Novice	Species	Total
Allison A	3			3
Buckingham T & S		7		7
Coulson N	11		10	21
Crees N			13	13
Fay G&M	4			4
Grant N & M	105		40	145
Gudge M & L		5	3	8
Hardwick N	27			27
Hughes A	24			24
Kelly G & S	26		4	30
Kennedy L & Ames F	56		2	58
Keith M & T	3		8	11
Knowles J & A	22		8	30
Korsman P & M	21		16	37
Marnock F & D	17			17
Nicholson W & J	467		208	675
Rasmussen R	38		6	44
Sewell W & C	150		22	172
Steel A	75		74	149
White J	1			1

Who are my parents?



This cute orchid was on the sales table at our winter show. *Lc.* (now *Sc.* ?) *Midnight Street* has interesting parents. Your challenge is to decide on this perplexing problem and to offer an explanation.

Jeff

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2009

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm by President W Nicholson - meeting held in conjunction with a "Christmas in July" Dinner. He welcomed everyone to both and stated Ron Aldridge was looking for Phalaenopsis flowers for daughter's wedding in September.

Minutes: of previous meeting were Moved as a True Record by R Daveson. Seconded W Sewell. Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: Bunnings Ladies's Night 16 July a success. Lady Photographer & husband would like to talk on orchids.

W Nicholson asked that a Vote of Thanks be noted to C Lee for help in branding 150 chairs.

W Nicholson reminded that Annual Fees should be discussed. J Knowles Moved a Motion that "City Family and City Single Fees be raised one dollar to \$18 and \$14." Seconded W Sewell. Carried.

R Daveson Moved a Motion that "Those who have paid remain the same." No Seconder. Motion lost.

Correspondence:Inwards: Insurance, AOC, TCC Water A/c's to Treasurer; Bunnings Ladies' night 16 July – approx 350 attended – many questions; Innisfail OS Field Day – 16 August - numbers by 7 August; Pioneer River O&PA Inc. Field Day 13 September – numbers by 1 September; 4 New Member Applications – to Management Committee; TCC Picnic in the Park 19 August; Hall Hire letters; Tyco Wet Lands – requesting sponsorship; QC Credit Union – refused grant; AOC Minutes and Nomination forms etc; 2 for interest in Conference list; emails M Daveson and J Knowles; Bulletins from other Societies; AOS Magazine. **Outwards:** Proserpine OS – no takers for field day; advertisement for monthly meeting letters; emails M Daveson & J Knowles.

Moved by J Nicholson that Inwards Correspondence be Received and Outwards Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded T Wood. Carried.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrids: Phal. Mt Beauty x Pinglong Cardinal gained 82 points and owned by D & M Fay. **Species:** Br. *gireoudiana* gained 75 Points and owned by W&J Nicholson. **Specimen:** *Ludisia discolor* owned by W&J Nicholson. Congratulations to all.

Treasurer's Report: given by R Daveson. Moved by R Daveson that report be Accepted and Confirmation of cheques paid. Seconded T Wood. Carried.

General Business: Many Thanks for donations to Raffle table – Lorraine White – Basket of Avon goods – M Papalexion – Tupperware collection; Owen & Coral Rawlins – Tassel Fern. An electric kettle, blender and several tassel ferns were purchased to add to table.

First course of dinner was then served.

J Knowles conducted a trivia competition which was popular with all present.

Lucky Door & Raffle: tickets were drawn throughout the night.

Meeting Closed: 9.35pm. The evening continued on until later in the evening. A great time was had by all.

Condensed Minutes from Management Committee Held 31.07.09

Motion Moved C Lee that "we forward form to appoint D Gatfield as proxy for meeting on 26.09.09 at Caboolture, and for AOC meeting – also that we are in favour of Motion re Auditor." Seconded

R Daveson. Carried. Qld Credit Union refused grant but was worth a try. No one interested in attending Tyto Expo and having a display.

W&J Nicholson and J White to attend TCC Picnic in the Park 19.08.09. Alleged letter of complaint re C Sewell from A Zierk - R Daveson Moved a Motion that "committee have C Sewell and A Zierk meet together to discuss their differences." Seconded C Truscott. Carried. J Knowles stated that as a Vice President he is willing to convene a meeting between A Zierk and C Sewell.

Motion Moved by C Lee that "meals to volunteers be withdrawn and all that offered to volunteers be tea or coffee plus biscuits." Seconded N Grant. 4 for – 9 against – motion lost. In future record of all free meals given to be recorded.

M Daveson reported IGA has promised \$200 in vouchers for Spring Show. R&M Daveson willing to replace vouchers with cash. W Sewell said winner could receive voucher and use it whatever way he chooses. Motion Moved C Lee that "Official Grand Champion prize remain at \$50 unless sponsored by outside organization or person. Seconded R Daveson. Carried.

New Members: Patricia Martin, Stewart & Julie Parker; Linda Taylor; Zbiginew & Barbara Dylejko; Ladda Walsh; Martin & Robyn Jacobson were all accepted in Novice Section. Marie Bloom – a previous member rejoining, was accepted in the Open Section

TQOC Inc. Conference: CWA Ladies to quote on morning and afternoon teas – will quote on a plate of biscuits, slices & cakes – we will supply tea, coffee, milk and serviettes. Kirwan Tavern commencing building renovations in September to enlarge interior (if not completed will supply marquee), and to build 29 motel units. Menus discussed – not completed.

Resolved to ask Val Forster to present a photographic display of orchids at conference – husband to be asked to speak on Bouganville orchids & Thai project at a monthly meeting. Suggestion that ladies supplement Council's offering with plates of nibbles as registrants expect a reasonable amount of food.

Have ordered a further 200 books "Growing Orchids in Queensland."

Christmas lunch in November. Discussion whether other members who do not attend Sunday meeting may attend luncheon by paying \$10 (with \$25 for non member spouses) to be put to the Novice/New Growers Group at next meeting and decision brought back to committee meeting.

Following discussion R Daveson Moved Motion that "committee ratify president's raising fee for hire of hall to \$250 in 2010." Seconded C Lee. Carried.

C Lee Moved Motion that "Treasurer give full report at Management Committee and abridged report at General meeting."

Seconded A Knowles. Amendment by R Daveson. "balanced up prior to monthly meeting with abridged given to monthly meeting and full report at Management Committee meeting." Agreed to by C Lee and A Knowles. Carried.

R Daveson asked about \$5 charged for sales tables as some members pay up on Friday and it is returned on Sunday – decision to keep \$5 fee going as this five dollars should be paid up at previous meeting to show.

Late News: President Wal wishes to thank the three ladies who assisted him with our mini display at the T.C.C. Picnic in the Park and Lifestyle Expo last Wednesday. He had to slot in a Probus meeting as well as set up our display and an information stall for Probus.

Without the two Jean's and Frances's help it would not have been possible. Frances served her apprenticeship very well. As usual we met many interested orchid lovers, with prospective membership to follow - certainly the ranks at the Sunday Novice/New Growers Group will receive a boost – thank you ladies. Treasurer Rodney turned up to collect some money and stayed on for a while also.

Wal Nicholson

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD 23 OCTOBER 2009
NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We hereby nominate for the position of

Proposer: Seconder:

I accept the above nomination
(Signature)

Nominations for the positions of Office Bearers and Committee of Management must be in the hands of the Returning Officer fourteen (14) clear days before the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Nominations." This envelope must then be handed to the Returning Officer or placed in a second envelope and posted to the Returning Officer care of the Society's postal address.

The Returning Officer: John Nuss

The Postal Address of the Society: PO Box 836 Aitkenvale DC. QLD 4814