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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:
8:0pm Friday 22nd January**

**Novice / New Growers' meeting
in the hall at 1pm on Sunday 24th
January**

**Next Management Committee
Meeting: 7:30pm Friday 29th
January**

Annual Membership Fees.

City Family	\$18.00
City Single	\$14.00
Pensioner Family	\$9.00
Pensioner single / Junior	\$7.00

Fees are due 1st September each year.

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: 2nd February
ANOS donates an annual subscription of *The Orchadian* to our society in appreciation for the use of our hall.

While the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. endeavours to ensure reliability and accuracy in this Bulletin editorial content, responsibility for advice and views expressed is not assumed by the Society nor the Management Committee.



To purchase tables and comfortable chairs, sound system, concertina door to secure computing equipment.

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TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
Register now for our TQOC 2010 Conference and Show



January 2010 BULLETIN

Patron:	Mick Keith	Ph: 07 4778 4234
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President's Comments:

Welcome to the year ten. Hopefully you all had very good Christmas and New Year celebrations – ours was very quiet and celebrated a week early due to family holiday arrangements – don't think we will do that again.

A few of you would be aware that Rotary asked us to take on assisting at Bunnings sausage sizzle for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday straight after Christmas. This was done on short notice in consequence of which eight volunteers who were readily available, mostly worked for the three days. This effort should earn us a sizeable amount towards costs of staging the 45th T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference. I would like to compile a roll of potential workers for the possibility of a repeat performance at any time. Even just an hour or two would be a great help. To those who assisted – you know who you were – thank you very much.

We received two quotes for our hall extension and are now awaiting three more. The first two were unbelievable and details will not be revealed while others are yet to come. So far it would seem that builders are not experiencing hard times. As mooted in the last bulletin we are proposing to introduce another class for plants tabled at monthly meetings. A list of those members likely to table plants who would qualify as “veterans (or whatever)” in my opinion follows, subject to additions or deletions upon “appeal” - G&M Fay; N&M Grant – T&D Hobden - A Hughes – M&T Keith – G&S Kelly – L Kennedy & F Ames; J&A Knowles; M&P Korsman – C&M Neucom – W&J Nicholson – W&C Sewell – A Steel. Isn't it great to see some rain at last? Unfortunately the council's suggested means of alleviating the “quagmire” were not carried out before the rain and more unfortunately we couldn't get the council officer in charge of rectification to come and inspect the rain effects, because many council staff were on “Christmas leave.” In any case the rain should be of great benefit to our orchids and the rest of our gardens – nature's free fertilizer.

Thanks to recruitment during the last year our membership is almost back to two hundred which figure has eluded us for a few years. Still a long haul to the more than three hundred of twenty years ago, but still a great effort, particularly with the newer members displaying so much enthusiasm.

Dates for Management Committee meetings will remain as previously – the Friday after General meetings at 7.30pm until otherwise changed for any reason.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year and success with your orchids.
Wal Nicholson

VALE MARION KING

Many of you would not have known the Late Marion King, who I knew for only a short period of my membership. However I believe she was a very conscientious and capable Secretary during the Sixties. Unfortunately she has not been a member during recent years due to health problems. Those who knew Marion would be saddened by her passing and extend their condolences to Members of her Family and Friends.

Notices.

Surplus Tables.

The Management Committee has decided to dispose of our five grey heavy tables, some of which require repairs and are similar to one which collapsed when leaned on by a member one meeting night Please contact Wal Nicholson if you are interested in acquiring one.

New Members.

Welcome to Andrew Maltby who has been accepted as family membership with Frances Maltby in the Novice Section, and to Stephen Fay, Michael and Cheryl Lawrey who have been accepted into the Open Section.

Has your Blc. Dal's Kew 'Drummer Boy' x Bc. Dal's Charm sent up a new growth yet? (You remember, the seedling from Burbank Orchids.)

Club Members' Shop.

The Easy Orchids order has arrived, but I am yet to organise the NuLeaf order. (Anyone going to Cairns with a bit of spare room to bring back a few cartons?)

If you recognise these orders, please contact me so that you can pay and collect your items as you forgot to write your name on the order form.

6 ✓	200mm Round Basketpot
12 ✓	220mm Squat Heavy Pot

For those who ordered, I will have your items at the meetings.

If this concept is something that continues, can I suggest that the **club needs a lockable cupboard** in which to store the items (especially when the extension is completed and we have a bit more hall room). If anyone is thinking about throwing out a cupboard that could be of use to us, contact me. Maybe even your place of work might be disposing of one that we could use. We can always make it lockable. Keep it in mind.

Murray (Easy Orchids) **donated a beautiful flask of *Dendrobium lasianthera*** to the club. Alison and I have deflasked them (50+) into our compot donuts and will look after them until the Club decides their future. Thanks Murray.

Jeff and Alison Knowles

Novice/New Growers' report.

On the 29th November, Members and friends (78) met at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall Charles Street Kirwan for their final get together for the year 2009 and to enjoy their Christmas Luncheon and from all reports received everybody had a wonderful time.

We would like to congratulate and thank all the guest speakers throughout the year who so willingly gave up their time, knowledge and advice to our members in relation to the growing of their orchids and to everybody else who helped in any way to make these afternoons such a pleasant

and enjoyable time.

Our Popular Vote Competition over the past year was very successful and we hope to carry on in the same manner for this coming year. The winners in the Novice Section were Michael & Lyn Gudge 1st, Don & Thelma McDonald 2nd and Caroline Swart 3rd and the Open Section went to Neita Coulson 1st, Ross & Joan MacIntyre 2nd and Ray & Barbara Robinson 3rd.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to Noel Hardwick who unfortunately missed our Christmas function due to a fall at home also to Mavis Papalexion or any other of our members who are not in the best of health at the present time, a speedy recovery. We would like to thank you all most sincerely for your generous support towards the Multi Raffle, Auction and the donation of sweets for our Luncheon. It was greatly appreciated by all.

We will try a **Question and Answer Box** at our meetings this year. Write your question on a piece of paper or card leaving a space for a reply, make your question clear and simple and we will endeavour to address your request by an appropriate person. We trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with your Families and Friends and now we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and Prosperous New Year and we look forward to meeting you all at 1:00 pm on the 24th January 2010. Gee wasn't that rain great, just what we needed for the orchids, was not too keen on the humidity afterwards.

Warren and Clara Sewell

Notice anything "special" about this photograph?



All will be revealed later in the *Bulletin*.

Society Gossip

Birth: Congratulations to Selina O'Connor on the birth (in rear of ambulance) of son Howie John on Saturday 9 January 2010 - 3.36kgs. Another grandchild for member Lorraine Curtis and Late Howard. Congratulations to all.

Fishing: Did you see the full page fishing news in Sunday Mail (10.01.10)? Emma and Thor Lyster got amongst the big ones.

Calendar.

Please note that the dates of the Management Committee Meetings have changed to the dates listed in the November, 2009 Bulletin.

January, 2010

- 22 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 24 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm
- 26 – Australia Day Holiday
- 29 – Management Meeting 7:30pm

February, 2010

- 20-21 – Mackay Field day
- 26 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 28 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

March, 2010

- 5 – Management Meeting 7:30pm
- 26 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 28 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

June, 2010

- 4 – Management Meeting 7:30pm
- 11-13 June – 45th TQOC Conference and Show in Townsville *[Note: A must be there event!]*
- 25 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm
- 27 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

2011



- 20th World Orchid Conference in Singapore
- [Note: Another must be there event!]*

2012

- 10-16 September - 19th AOC Conference and Show in Perth (www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)
- [Note: Another must be there event!]*

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

Points.

27.11.09	Open	Novice	Species	Total
Coulson N	17		3	20
Fay G & M	4			4
Gudge M & L			4	4
Hughes A	5		9	14
Keith M & T	12		22	34
Kelly G & S	4			4
Kennedy L & Ames F	21			21
Korsman P & M	7		11	18
Lincoln D	4			4
Maltby F		4		4
Nicholson W & J	111		50	161
Sewell W & C	29		3	32

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More on the mystery photograph.

This carton came to our Australia Post PO Box 4604 containing flasks of *Phalaenopsis* all the way from Victoria. The sender had done the right thing in letting Australia Post handlers (and conveyor belts) know which way is up for the box. I do not know about the handling elsewhere but the local post office did not appreciate the meaning of his messages when they wrote our PO Box number and the date it arrived here on the carton. (i.e. the carton is upside down!)



Jeff and Alison Knowles

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
MINUTES GENERAL MEETING HELD 27.11.09

Meeting Opened: 8pm by W Nicholson who welcomed all to final meeting for 2009 also **Visitor:** Cheryl Lawrey from Melbourne Orchid Society. President also wished to thank Lawrie & Dallas Green for their generosity in donating enough Lucky Door prizes (4 each month) for the coming eleven months – much appreciated by all – agreed to write a letter of thanks.

Minutes: of previous meeting Moved a True Record by Les Kennedy. Seconded Min Korsman. Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: Nil.

Correspondence: Inwards: CBA/Deposit Book; R Doolan, I&L Feldt/TQOC Inc. Registrations; Herbert River O&AP Soc Inc/Donation \$190/TQOC Inc. Show Prizes, emails re donation; Southern Cross Broadcasting/A/c; Shelly Lloyd/cleaning A/cs; Weight Watchers/Invoices; Shea Burchell/interest in joining society; Tony Watkinson/information 19th AOC Conference & Show/WA 10-16.09.2012; Sunshine Coast OS/Caloundra's Orchidfest/June 2010; TDO&APA Inc./notice of new secretary; Pioneer O&PA Inc./Field Day/22.08.10; QOS/request for 2010 calendar details; T'ville District Garden Club Inc./cheque hire hall/receipt delivered; J Knowles/emails re registration/equipment arrivals from Easy Orchids/AOS newsletter; 10th APOC information booklets; TQOC Inc. secretary/nomination forms for 2010 elections; N Grant/list of new library books; C Lee/membership list; T Keith/information re conference satchels; R Gartrell/emails re drainage meeting; Orchidwiz/updates; Marshall Ku-Taiwan/requesting information re sales area TQOC Inc. Conference; Aust. Orchid Review/answer re add costs; Orchids Aust./answer re add costs; Secretary OQ Inc. calling for nominations position State Registrar, Qld.; Integrated Sustainability Services/homeowners required to participate in focus groups re energy use in homes; Qld Mycological Soc. Inc./Internet information re Fungi; Brisbane OS/Information re All Way Travel tour to Taiwan & Singapore/May 2010; C Fossy x 2,

D de Jong, A Kent/hall hire; J&S Cummins, C Fillingham & S Hinspeter/returned mail; Other Society bulletins; AOS Magazine.

Outwards: QOS Inc./details for calendar; Herbert River OS Inc./email answers re donation; K Svenson, B Skym, C Fillingham, I&A Nicholson, L James/new member letters; Orchidwiz/answer re offer; T Keith/satchels; A Kent, C Fossy x 2, D de Jong/emails re hall hire; R Doolan, I&L Feldt/receipts posted; J Knowles/emails/registrations; R Gartrell/emails re meeting re drainage; Marshall Ku/answer re sales area; Orchids Australia & Australian Review/ advertising arrangements.

Moved by J Nicholson that Inwards Correspondence be Received and Outwards Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded A Hughes. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: Deposit book & accounts given to treasurer. Other correspondence will be attended to at Management Committee Meeting next week. APOC information booklets forwarded to 2 magazines. Cleaner advised she has to cease cleaning hall – anyone know of a commercial cleaner to do job.

Treasurer's Report: given by C Lee who Moved Adoption of Report with Confirmation of Cheques written. Seconded M Papalexion. Carried.

Business Arising From Treasurer's Report: R Daveson queried treasurer re starting balance - to be discussed later.

General Business: Graffiti on outside walls near roller door to be cleaned off. Council will attend to at their leisure if not obscene.

Building Extension: plans with 2 builders. Calendar in bulletin incorrect as decision re management committee meetings to be discussed again. TQOC Inc. sub-committee has been formed – meeting to be held following luncheon on Sunday. J Knowles spoke on emailing bulletin and items at back of hall which were sent free of charge from Easy Orchids and Murray Shergold will be passing through Townsville before Christmas so if anyone has an order see J Knowles. Extra items are also for sale as are some from Nu Leaf from Cairns. He also reminded members about WOC being held in Singapore in 2010. W Nicholson spoke about 10th APOC in China in March. A marquee 7.2m x 11m delivered and installed will cost \$580.10 for 2 days. R Robinson suggested looking into companies who might supply one. Decision at management committee meeting will be made about allowing 18 year old hiring hall because of spat of trouble recently.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrids: Den. Blue Foxtail 'Salaya' gained 79 Points – owned by W&J Nicholson. **Species:** *Brassia verrucosa* gained 81 Points – owned by M&L Gudge. **Specimen:** *Enc. amicta* gained 79 Points – owned by M&T Keith. Congratulations to all members.

T.O.O.C. Inc. Report: W Sewell didn't have anything to report. A problem from meeting will be discussed at management committee level. 2010 meeting will be held in March, June and November. W Nicholson has dates.

T Boon asked if consideration could be given to payment of TQOC Inc. registration in installments – take to sub-committee meeting on Sunday. He presented A Hughes with a 2008 Award and spoke on several tabled plants.

Novice/New Growers Report: given by W Sewell – good attendance expected on Sunday.

Management Committee meeting on 15 January 2010. Next General meeting will be held 22 January 2010.

President wished members Best wishes for Christmas & New Year and invited them to enjoy the High Tea being provided.

Lucky Door & Raffles: to be drawn following high tea. **Meeting Closed:** 9.36pm.

“Show and Tell” Time

The Christmas Lunch was a great success. Why even Mr and Mrs Claus kept us all company, and the multi raffle saw the tables packed to capacity.



Plants from the last meeting.

Registrar's Choices:



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Specimen: Enc. *amicta* gained 79 Points – owned by M&T Keith.

Other plants of interest were.

Ctsm. pileatum 'Snowwhite' x *expansum* 'STD'



Sc. Jungle Gem 'Darby'



B. nodosa x *C. Leopoldii* var. *alba*



V. Penang Manila x *V. Aurawan* 'Yellow Bird'



Dtps. Yu Pin Natsume 'Minho' (Dtps. Autumn Sun x Dtps. Haur Jin Diamond)

Some late news for the judges (who receive their TOS Bulletin by email):

JANUARY

**OPEN..... T. KEITH. A KNOWLES. ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT
NOVICE/SPECIES.... W. SEWELL. C NEUCOM
ASSOC. R. DAVESON**

FEBRUARY

OPEN..... K. GREENWAY. A. HUGHES. ASSOC. R.

**DAVESON
NOVICE/SPECIES..... D. BENSON. T. HOBDEN.
ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT**

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

**OPEN..... D. BENSON. O. KROGH. ASSOC. C.
TRUSCOTT
NOVICE/SPECIES..... K. GREENWAY.. E. BOON.
ASSOC. R. DAVESON**

JUNE

**OPEN..... A. HUGHES. C. NEUCOM. ASSOC. R.
DAVESON
NOVICE/SPECIES..... T. KEITH. O
KROGH. ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT**



January 2010 Information Bulletin

You are invited to attend the

Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2010

Queen's Birthday Weekend: Friday 11 – Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 June, 2010

Proudly hosted by the friendly

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Main venue: TOS Hall, Joe Kirwan Park, Charles Street, Kirwan, 4817 QLD.

[put 379 Charles Street Kirwan QLD into your GPS navigator or *Google Map*]

The excitement is building! Registration are beginning to roll in with confirmed orchid enthusiasts so far coming from South Australia and from Cairns to Brisbane in Queensland. (Remember that Early Bird Registrations close on 28th February.) The list of quality vendors is increasing. Interest has been shown from as far away as Taiwan, with confirmations from Western Australia and Queensland already received.)

We would be only too pleased to accept registrations with a deposit, provided that full payment is received by the end of May. These registrations would still be considered as “early bird” for the draw to win the refund of registration, provided at least half (\$65) is received by 28 February 2010.

The show schedule and rules are on our website, <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au>.

We look forward to welcoming you to Townsville in June.

45th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Inc.

CONFERENCE and SHOW

Hosted by the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. in Townsville on 11, 12, 13 June 2010



REGISTRATION FORM

Name:	
Name and Town on badge:	
Do you wish to judge?	Yes / No
AOC Judge classification	Judge / Associate Judge / Student Judge

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Name and Town on badge:	
Do you wish to judge?	Yes /No
AOC Judge classification	Judge / Associate Judge / Student Judge

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Registration Fee:		x \$140	=	\$
Early Bird Discount Registration Fee: If Paid Before 28 th February 2010		ea x \$130	=	\$
Bush-Housing Tour Sunday: Bus Seats		ea x \$10	=	\$
Total for my / our registration			=	\$

Please post your completed registration form and payment now to:

(Remember that only early bird registrations go into the draw to win back the registration fee.)

Please contact us if you require any special diets.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

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