

## January 2011 BULLETIN

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# First reported flowering

## Ross and Joan claim victory

The *Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin* has received exclusive news and photographs of the first flowering of a *Cattleya* competition plant.

Proud owners Ross and Joan MacIntyre have sent in this photograph of their competition plant in full flower. "This is the free plant of *B/c. Dal's Kew 'Drummer Boy' x Bc. Dal's Charm* that Ross received in September 2009", reported Joan.

"It came into flower just before Christmas – a purple splash petal with a flower size of 8cm x 7.5cm."

"Our appreciation goes to Jeff and Alison for supplying the plants for this interesting competition" she concluded.

These plants (two healthy flasks) were donated to TOS by Steve and Wendy from Burbank Orchids in Brisbane in February, 2009. They were described in their catalogue as "compact plants with tall stems topped with clusters of very round flowers in deep pink to purple with splashes of colour." The parents were both registered by David Littman and are presumably his breeding. Alison and I deflasked them into compots upon arrival and finally distributed them to members in September, 2009 to begin this growing competition.

Ross and Joan have done exceptionally well to have flowered Ross' plant in less than 2 years from flask and 15 months from compot. Just goes to show the benefit of this line of breeding that is producing marvellous *cattleyas* in a short period of time.

This is not the end of the competition. All members are encouraged to keep bringing their plants into every meeting, especially if it is blooming.

*Jeff Knowles*



## TOS Directory of useful information:

**Postal Address:**  
PO Box 836 D.C.  
AITKENVALE QLD 4814  
Ph: 07 4773 4208

**Hall location:**  
Joe Kirwan Park  
Charles Street  
KIRWAN QLD 4817

Meetings are held at 8pm on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday of each month except  
December - in the Townsville Orchid  
Society Inc. Hall.

**General Meeting:**  
8:00pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

**Novice / New Growers' meeting:**  
1pm Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Management Committee Meeting:**  
7:30pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

### Office Bearers

Patron:	Min Korsman	
President:	Wal Nicholson	Ph: 07 4773 4208
Secretary:	Jean Nicholson	Ph: 07 4773 4208
Treasurer:	Charles Lee	Ph: 07 4778 4815
VP - Bulletin:	Warren Sewell	Ph: 07 4771 6793

### Calendar 2011

#### **Field days:**

Ingham: 10<sup>th</sup> April      Bowen: 15<sup>th</sup> May      Proserpine: 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Innisfail: 22<sup>nd</sup> August      Townsville: 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Cairns: TBA      Atherton: TBD      TDOAPA: TBA

#### **January, 2011**

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

#### **February, 2011**

4 - Management Meeting 7:30pm  
25 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm  
27 - Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

#### **March, 2011**

4 – Management Meeting 7:30pm  
25 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm  
27 – Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

#### **November, 2011**

4 – Management Meeting 7:30pm  
13 -20 November – 20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference in Singapore



**13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011**  
Where New and Old World Orchids Meet

Here we come!

#### **2012**

11-16 September - 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference and  
Show in Perth  
( [www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://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.**

### Annual Membership Fees.

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

Fees are due 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

Details for paying membership fees.

BSB:- 064823

Account number:- 0009 0973

Name of account:- Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Commonwealth Bank, Aitkenvale.

Australasian Native Orchid Society Inc.

(ANOS) - Townsville Group

Meeting held in TOS hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of  
every month except January - at 8pm.

Next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> February

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

### Notices

1. All-plastic screw top bottles are  
still required for the members' shop.  
2.



**Queensland**  
Government

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund  
has approved a grant to cover costs of  
installing Solar Generating Equipment.

3. Original orchid articles from  
members are required for  
publication in our newsletter.

4. If you would like to receive your  
colourful TOS Bulletin directly to  
your computer by email, contact  
Jeff. You can then print out your  
own colour copy with your colour  
printer.

## President's Comments

This is being written prior to the New Year, in consequence of which it maybe a little outdated. Anyway, I wish you all a very exciting and gainful New Year.

I have been seriously (as serious as I can be in between other duties) repotting now for about three months and due to Jean's assistance have reached the half-way mark. It's not a very gratifying, but a very necessary task, and due to our unusual early wet has produced much new growth without being burnt off by our summer. I find repotting to be quite interesting due to finding plants which I had forgotten about and finding plants 2-3 years old which I would swear that I bought in recent months. Mind you, sometimes this is true, with some catalogues containing the same plants over a number of issues, resulting in doubling up.

We will be spending some time with family up on the Tableland (Malanda etc.) before next meeting so will seek out interest by other nurseries which show an interest in lecturing at our meetings, or selling at our shows.

Isn't nature a wonderful but very, very confusing enterprise? After the lengthy drought conditions experienced for so long who would have expected such an early and widespread wet? Here's hoping that the doomsayer weather forecasters who predict six cyclones are very wrong.

I must congratulate all members who have been involved with our "New Members/Novice Group" as there is no doubt this group has been the root of our success in recent years. Warren and Clara have devoted so much time and effort, which coupled with the contribution by Jeff and Alison, has assured this result. These members cannot be expected to continue indefinitely with such input, so please "understudies" come forward for our continuing success. Our year forebodes further successes so I leave you with Best Wishes for 2011 and many years to follow.

*Wal Nicholson*

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## Growing Competitions in 2011.

The results from the November 2010 meetings are,

### 1. Friday's meeting plant

Phalaenopsis seedling called **Agent 1876**

In front: Tina Phillips 22cm

Just behind: Ross MacIntyre 18 cm

Third: Barbara Dylejko 14cm, Col Berzinski 14cm

### 2. Sunday's meeting plant (initial span)

Phalaenopsis seedling called **Secret 1875**

Largest: Noel Hardwick 23cm

Second: 22cm: Keith Chambers, Margaret Lock,  
Rodney Daveson.

### 3. Both meetings' plant

*Cattleya* seedling called *B/c. Dal's Kew 'Drummer Boy'*  
*x Bc. Dal's Charm*

Tallest: Ross MacIntyre 29cm

Almost there: Alison Knowles 28cm

Growing third: Joan MacIntyre 20cm

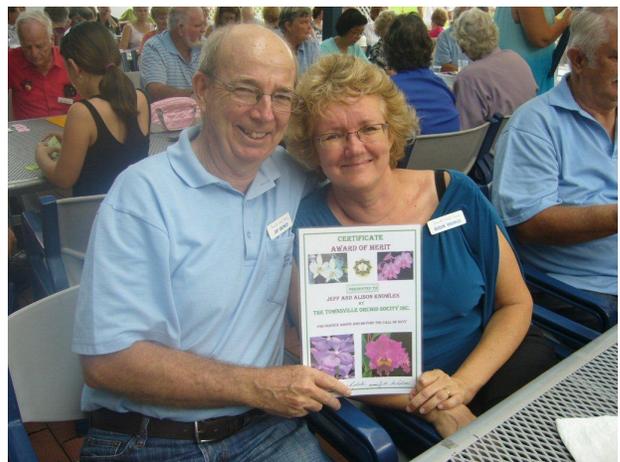
Flowered: Ross MacIntyre (2 flowers, Dec 2010),

Congratulations everyone. New measurements will be taken at the January meetings.

*Jeff and Alison Knowles*

## Thank You.

Alison and I would like to thank President Wal for his kind words and Award of Merit we received at the Christmas Lunch. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our many endeavours throughout the past year. Remember, *Singapore – here we come!*



(Photo from Delia Hobden)

*Jeff and Alison Knowles*

## Novice/New Growers' Report

We trust you all had a wonderful and joyful Christmas with your families and friends and as whole new year stretches out before us again, so we trust that there will be a goodly portion of things to encourage, interest, stimulate, please, prosper and satisfy each one of us along the way. Our activity programme is designed to accommodate all manners of tasks and we do encourage all our members to avail themselves of the planned activities. We also look forward to see you all bring along your mystery Phalaenopsis seedling to be measured and please to also don't forget to bring along your flowering orchids for the Popular Vote Competition for our next meeting. On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 97 members and friends met at the Kirwan Tavern for our final get together for the year 2010 and to enjoy our Christmas Luncheon. Although the venue was a little hot and humid, it was a relief that the rain held off for those few hours for us. We would like to thank you all most sincerely for your generous support again towards the Christmas Multi Raffle which was greatly appreciated by all.

Our Popular Vote Competition over the past year was very successful and we hope to carry on again in the same manner for this coming year. The winners in the Novice Section were Wal & Lyn Carlill 1<sup>st</sup>. Janeen Delesco 2<sup>nd</sup> with Jan Hendricks 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Open Section went to Michael & Lyn Gudge 1<sup>st</sup>, Mavis Papalexion was 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ann Scholl 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our congratulation go to Frances & Andrew on the arrival of their baby girl called Sophie Jean and to all our members who did not enjoy the best of health over the past year, we sincerely hope that this coming year will be much kinder to you all than the previous one.

To all our members who may have had friends or love ones who have been caught up in these devastating floods that have occurred all over Queensland, our thoughts and prayers are with them and we know that their courage and will power will carry them all safe and sound through this terrible devastation and the trauma that mother nature has inflicted on them. We can only hope and pray for them all at this time. We know that rain is more beneficial to your orchids than tap water, but haven't we had an abundance of it over the last few months. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and looking forward to meeting everyone at our next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00pm.

*Warren and Clara Sewell*

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## WOC in Singapore.

It is somewhat hard to believe that it is **this year** that the World Orchid Conference is being held in Singapore. Everything is now falling very quickly into place. The dates are set, the early bird registrations (S\$300) and judging applications are open and flights can now be booked.

The calendar in November looks something like this.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: Judging Preview, early evening

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>: Judging, breakfast and lunch provided, Opening cocktail reception.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>: Conference and Show, WOC Banquet (Gala Dinner) & Gardens-By-The Bay Preview (S\$250)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>: Conference and Show

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>: Conference and Show

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>: Conference and Show

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>: Show

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>: Show

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>: Show

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: Show

So, decisions now have to be thought about. Here are some possible options for your trip.

1. Be there for the judging and conference, about 7 days. (Look at this:- I found a Qantas holiday package ex Brisbane, 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, from \$1500 ea, flights and accommodation on the Qantas web site.)
2. Be there for the entire 10 days .
3. Be there for the 4 day conference, and see the show.
4. Just visit for a bit to see the show for a couple of days, and to see Singapore.
5. Whatever takes your fancy. By all means let me know your thoughts.

Both *Orchids Australia*, AOC publication, and *Orchids*, American Orchid Society's publication, have comprehensive articles on the conference and show. Both of these books are available in our library. It is important that you also check the WOC's webpage (follow the link in the Calendar 2011 section, if you receive this *Bulletin* by email) to stay abreast of any new developments and to download relevant forms for registration and judging.

*Jeff Knowles.*

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Townsville Orchid Society Inc.  
Minutes From General Meeting Held 26.11.10

**Meeting Opened:** 8.02pm by W Nicholson - final meeting for 2010. Please sign Attendance Book.

**Minutes:** of previous Meeting Moved a True Record by M Korsman. Seconded G Christophers. Carried.

**Business Arising From Minutes:** Nil.

**Correspondence: Inwards:** Southern Cross Media/A/c; CBA/Statements; T'ville C.C./Utilities A/c; Flaming North/6 monthly Service A/c; J&J Smith & J Lawler/Membership Fees; Peter Dadic, Accountant/ Receipt; Patricia Martin/Resignation; Leanne Windsor/Request Application Form; AOC/2011 details; Minutes AGM & Board of Management Meetings 32.10.10; QOS/Service Awards & Calendar Details; OQI/news for Societies & Affiliation confirmation; E Boon/Booking of hall 16.04.11; Karen Siepen RCRA/charcoal supply; C Lee/Membership List & numerous emails; J Knowles/several emails/underground orchid/Proserpine OS re bulletin; Other Societies/Bulletins; AOS Magazine.

**Outwards:** Emails/papers/adds for monthly meeting; AOC/form returned; QOS/calendar details forwarded; E Boon/Confirmation of hall booking; J Knowles/several emails re bulletin items/Field Day etc; Leanne Windsor/Application form forwarded; OQI/query re affiliation.

Moved by J Nicholson that "Inwards Correspondence be Received and Outwards Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded F Maltby. Carried.

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** First seven to Treasurer. Phaius from T.Q.O.C. Inc. is available @ \$5 per copy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by C Lee who Moved Receipt of his Report and Confirmation of Cheques Issued. Seconded by

R MacIntyre. Carried.

**Novice/New Growers Report:** W Sewell reported the Christmas Luncheon at the Kirwan Tavern Beer Garden at 12md for 12.30.on Sunday 28 November.

W Nicholson asked that we purchase raffle tickets to support The Garden Club in return for their support at T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference – tickets available from J Nicholson.

**Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:** Den. Thongchai Gold earned 83 Points for C Truscott. **Species:** Bulb. *lobbii* var. *lobbii* earned 79 Points for J&A Knowles. Congratulations to all.

**General Business:** If a red dot appeared on front of Bulletin this month it means your membership is not paid up. E Boon asked about the new flower featured on front cover of Bulletin – old style drawn one had been featured for a considerable number of years and meant a lot to the Society The later one was acceptable. J Knowles noted the comments – will be discussed at Management Committee Meeting this Friday.

Next General Meeting will be on Friday 28 January with Novice/New Growers on Sunday 30 January.

Our meetings are held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday** of each month – still some confusion with the last Friday of the month. ANOS-Townsville will meet on Tuesday 7 December.

G Christophers asked for explanation of numbering to commence at 51. Answered by W Nicholson – didn't wish to start at one. 2<sup>nd</sup> question was about length of service and Life Membership. Our Constitution does not say length in Society is rewarded by Life Membership.

W Nicholson wished members Seasons Greetings and hoped everyone enjoys their break.

**Lucky Door and Raffle:** drawn – congratulations to all winners.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.28pm. High Tea was served.

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## English weather

I've just heard from a friend in the north of England.

He says it has been snowing heavily for 13 days now.

His wife has done nothing but stare through the window.

If it doesn't stop soon he'll probably have to let her in.

