

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC



JANUARY 2012 BULLETIN

Full contact details are on our web site <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au>

TOS Inc. Directory of useful information:

Postal Address: PO Box 836 D.C. AITKENVALE QLD 4814 Ph. 07 47734208 General Meeting 8.00pm Friday 27 January	Hall Location: Joe Kirwan Park Charles Street KIRWAN QLD Novice/New Growers' Sunday 29 January 1.00pm	Meetings are held 8pm on the 4 th Friday of each month except December in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall next Management Committee Meeting: Friday 3 rd February
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TOS CALENDAR 2012

January 2012 13 – Management Committee meeting - 7.30pm
27 – General Meeting - 8pm
29 - Novice/New Growers' Meeting - 1pm

AUSTRALIAN ORCHID COUNCIL CONFERENCE & SHOW 11TH – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2012 Burswood Convention Centre – Perth – Western Australia

Earlybird Registrations must be received by **31st January 2012**. If you are unable to download the registration form, please contact the Secretary at the email address following: aocconference@dodo.com.au with your postal details.
We now have credit card facilities for your ease of payment.

The details are now available on line at.....<http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration.pdf>

Note: You must check all dates and times for accuracy before making any plans or bookings. – *List of conference speakers' page 8*

Annual Membership Fees

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

Details for paying membership fees. BSB:- 064823 Account Number:- 0009 0973
Name of Account:- Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Commonwealth Bank, Aitkenvale
Fees are due 1st September each year

Important Notification:

The Bulletin will no longer be sent to un-financial members. Your name will be re-instated to the mailing list once fees have been paid.



Registrar's Choice – Best Species

Cattleya: - 80 Points
L. purpurata var. *carnea*

M Keith
Photo by F.Marnock

JUDGES - January 2012

MASTERS/OPEN: Kathleen Greenway
& Olive Krogh

NOVICES/SPECIES: Colin Neucom.
& Warren Sewell



Registrar's Choice - Hybrids

Vandaceous – Large: 80 Points
(Ascda. Madam Kenny x *V. denisoniana*)
x Ascda. Chaisiri

G&S Kelly
Photo by F.Marnock

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

TOS Members: if you would like to receive the TOS Bulletin by email you can email me on the following email address: marnock1@bigpond.com

TOS - 2012 SHOW DATES

AUTUMN:	30 – 31 March, 1 April with set up Thursday 29 March
WINTER:	13 – 15 July with set up Thursday 12 July
SPRING:	21 – 23 September with set up Thursday 20 September

GENERAL MEETING TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. HELD 25.11.2011

The meeting opened at 8pm with Warren Sewell in the Chair.

It was announced that the meeting was not being taped as usual as the tape recorder could not be found.

The chair announced the need for all in attendance to sign the Attendance book.

Two visitors were welcomed – Rod and Jan Austhorpe from the Nambour Orchid Club.

The Chair asked that a one minute silence be observed for the passing of T.O. Inc. member Tess Kapcelovich - a one minute silence was observed by all present.

The Chair asked for a motion on the Minutes of the last General Meeting as published in the T.O.S. Inc. Bulletin be accepted as a true record – moved by John Ruthledge, seconded by Grant Christophers. The Chair made one correction that the article written on Tess Kapcelovich stated that she had two sons, when she in fact had three sons. Warren Sewell apologized for this error, and that it could not be corrected as by the time it was noticed the Bulletin was already printed for mailing. There was not other business arising from the previous Minutes, and the Minutes were declared carried.

The Chair asked the Acting Secretary, Alis Siarni to read out the Correspondence Inwards and Correspondence Outwards, which was as follows:

Correspondence Inward:

- CBA – Cheque A/C Statement
- AOS – Newsletter
- Nicolette Manciangli indicating she was the new Townsville City Council Community Development Officer.
- E. Boon – List of Judges for November meeting.
- Ann Roberts – Apology for not attending meeting
- TQOC – Christmas Card (John Batey)
- Southern Cross Television – Receipt Statement
- West Australia – 19th AOC Conference and Show in Perth
- Orchid Wiz – information
- Other society bulletins
- Australian Orchid Review

Correspondence Outward:

- David Baudistel – New member.
- Raymond & Pongsai Hill – new members
- E.Boon – Request for list of judges (November meeting)
- Ann Roberts – answers
- Lawrie Green – Sympathy Card
- George & Helena Peever – Sympathy Card

The Chair asked for acceptance of the Inwards Correspondence and Outwards Correspondence – moved by Mick Keith and seconded by Tommy Verran. There was no business arising.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Chair as Charles Lee was unable to attend the meeting. The Chair called for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and this was moved by Lawrie Green, and seconded by John Luecke. Carried by all in attendance.

The Chair announced that the Novice New Growers Group Report was that the Christmas luncheon was to be held at the club this Sunday a 12 noon and, that anyone who is available to help with setting up the hall for the luncheon would be welcome to come along at 3pm on Saturday 26th November 2011.

General Business: Frames for show – Stephen Fay has made enquires as to the price of having some display frames made. He will let the club know in the future about his enquiries.

A Certificate was presented to Alf Steel.

The next monthly meeting will be held on the fourth Friday of the month in January, with the Management Committee meeting on the 13th January 2012.

The Registrar announced his choices for the night - Greg Kelly was awarded 80 points in the Hybrid Section and Mick Keith was awarded 80 points for the Species Section. The Registrar (Ted) gave a technical commentary on the plants presented for judging.

The Chair then announced the tea break and closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

The Lucky Door and Raffle drawing was conducted after the tea break.

TABLED PLANTS 28 NOVEMBER 2011

VETERANS

Renanthera:

1) Ren. God's Glory 'Ton-Tess' W&C Sewell

Vandaceous – Large:

- 1) (Ascda. Madam Kenny x *V. denisoniana*) x Ascda. Chaisiri G&S Kelly
 2) *V. Sheddie Hinds* W&C Sewell
 3) Ascda. Su-Fun Beauty W&C Sewell

Vascostylis:

- 1) Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Blue' W&C Sewell
 2) Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Brighton' G&S Kelly

Dendrobium – Miscellaneous:

- 1) Den. Charella x Toro's Lassie W&C Sewell
 2) Den. Anching Lubag x Den. *discolor* W&C Sewell
 3) Den. Dawn Maree M Keith

Cattleya – Miscellaneous:

- 1) Epc. Burdekin Honey 'Shona' G&S Kelly
 2) Ctna. Why Not Walk 'Jodi' W&C Sewell
 3) Epc. Netrasiri Fine Green 'Taida' G&S Kelly

Cattleya – Bifoliate:

- 1) Bc. Island Charm x Blc. Dream Trader W&C Sewell
 2) Lc. Lukthom 'Red' W&C Sewell

Oncidium:

- 1) Ohrs. Kenneth Bivens W&C Sewell
 2) Wilsonara Bonnie Neit M Keith

OPEN

Dendrobium:

- 1) Den. Jacqueline Thomas x Unique Supreme L Mutch & C Berzinski
 2) Den. Elated L Mutch & C Berzinski

Cattleya:

- 1) Blc. Paul Piltz L Mutch & C Berzinski
 2) C. Angel Bells 'Susie' x Bob Betts 'Tommie' L Mutch & C Berzinski
 3) Blc. Dal's Kew 'Drummer Boy' x Bc. Dal's Charm R&J MacIntyre

Doritaenopsis:

- 1) Dtps. Little Gem Stripes R&J MacIntyre

SPECIES

Miscellaneous:

- 1) *Dendrochilum yuccaefolium* R&J MacIntyre
 2) *Brassia verrucosa* M Keith

Cattleya:

- 1) *L. purpurata* var. *carnea* M Keith
 2) *Lnc. amicta* M Keith

Vandaceous:

- 1) *Sobennikoffia humbertiana* M Keith
 2) *Aerides multiflorum* M Keith
 3) *V. Ratirata* x *A. multiflorum* x *Asco. Bangkok* M Keith



Information from Ted Boon

Plant registration - As advised by the RHS in England of the following registered accepted names. Anyone with the following plants, please change or alter your name tags.

Ctt (Slc) Golden Wax x C walkeriana.. created by Alf Steel -
 Enc (Epi) Justin Slade x Enc (Epi) atropurpurea (cordigera) -
 Epi Dancing Bees' x Epi Bee's knees (my creation) -
 Tolu Barbie x Boots x Phyllis Envy x Robsan 'Bouquet'-

NOW Cattlianthe Memoria Georgina Ridge
 NOW Encyclia Just in Time
 NOW Epi Sunny Bees
 NOW Miss Tilly...

In a situation like this where there are no registered names for 2 sets of crossings, the RHS will create names.. in this case:

Tolu Barbie x Boots - Puss in Boots
 Tolu Phyllis Envy x Robsan ' Bouquet' -Green Brosnan

TOS Points Table

POINTS

27.01.12

No.	Name	Veterans	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
84	Berzinski - Col & Mutch - Lyn		18			18
106	Hardwick - Noel		14			14
117	Keith - Mick	14			29	43
116	Kelly - Greg & Santina	13				13
167	MacIntyre - Ross & Joan		21		6	27
147	Nicholson - Wal & Jean	45			50	95
172	Sewell - Warren & Clara	71			4	75

President's Comments:

Welcome to the New Year which I trust will be a good one for all of you, as too I hope Christmas was a happy and rewarding occasion.

Talking of the New Year, 2012 is our Society's sixty-fifth Anniversary, having been born on 20 June 1947. Back in 1997 with Jean as President (now Secretary) and myself as Secretary, I mentioned our fiftieth birthday to the then Townsville Mayor Tony Mooney, who commented that "not many groups in Townsville last that long so we should do something to celebrate". He then sponsored the dinner at the T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference which we (TOS Inc.) hosted. He again helped us in 2007 celebrate sixty years with a mayoral reception. Dare we ask for similar hospitality this year?!?!? Not too many years ago 65 was retiring age and male pensionable age, but with the Society's vitality I think we'll be going on for many years yet. Any ideas about an unusual celebration would be appreciated, so let's hear what you suggest.

Sorry we missed the last meeting of 2011 but the pull of the Singapore World Orchid Conference was too strong to dismiss. Singapore is clean and green and booming as well as blooming. The show was more than spectacular, lectures were interesting and informative (with three running concurrently) and the food!! – morning and afternoon teas and lunch – were laid on with quality and quantity beyond imagination. The convention centre was also beyond expectations. Back in 1998 when we hosted the Sixth Asian Pacific Orchid Conference, Tim Yam from Singapore said something like "we could never host such a conference in Singapore as we don't have a satisfactory/suitable venue. Boy! How things have changed. Talking of Tim Yam, it was great to be greeted as old friends by people such as Tim, Kiet Tan, Henry Oakley and others who we only see at such conferences.

The conference dinner was also outstanding, being held at the "Flower Dome" which is a very large

Perspex or plastic, or whatever "bubble" containing many sections, depicting the flora of different eco systems/countries (there was one for Australia). After the very enjoyable meal we were entertained by a children's group of singers and dancers amongst the flowering orchids (mostly Phallies), followed by a fashion parade with twenty-three French models. A neat little bag of samples of skin care products by a Dr. Hauschka from Germany was in each place at the dinner table.

During the course of the conference the Singapore Museum staged a "Titanic" display, set out like shipboard, with many of the Titanic relics which have been brought up from the deep along with a number of stories depicted – very interesting.

Following the conference Jean and I spent a fortnight doing a Heritage tour of the Rajasthan district of India. I hadn't realised what little knowledge I had of India's history. All of our hotels were former palaces or forts, mostly built of marble or local stonework. An example was the city of Japur where the crest of the surrounding hills carried a kilometre long fort with a wall of ten kilometres encircling the city. We did a jeep safari up to the fort, against Jean's wishes – she wanted to ride one of the many elephants up, but it only went one way, took more time and cost extra. A day or so later on the Manwar Desert I let her take the front seat on the camel. She did encourage the Indian piper with his cobra while at the fort. It all seemed real as the cobra rose out of the pot when the music started.

But oh! the litter and smog. We saw cows and more cows and pigs, dogs, chooks, sheep, goats, camels and elephants all in the streets or on the roads. Nearly forgot to mention the monkeys – how could I?? Most smaller towns had a public water pump on the outskirts where we frequently saw a woman, brightly dressed, with face covered, pumping water into a container, then carrying it home on her head. They also carried many other loads in the same manner.

I didn't mention the donkeys or the buffaloes. They milk the buffaloes, use them as tractors (likewise

cattle, camels and elephants) and use their droppings to make “cakes” for fuel in their fires. We watched women mix the fresh stuff with straw and lay these “cakes” out to dry and mature – all done with bare hands only dressed in their pretty attire.

I could go on for hours, so will end by saying “it’s always great to come home,” but we did enjoy the trip and seeing how others spend their lifetimes.

Back to orchid related matters, we have finally, thanks to Steve Fay, been able to obtain transport, at a reasonable cost, to bring bags of South Australian bark from Brisbane. We will order a pallet (40 bags – each 50 litres) as soon as we know what you want. The bark comes in four sizes:-

Mini about 8 – 15ml with lots of smalls

Small about 8 – 18ml

Medium about 20 25ml – the most popular

Large about 30 35ml

All measurements are mine and not the supplier’s. This is “AUSGRO” bark from South Australia. Bags will cost about twenty-eight dollars each, so please if you want any PLEASE let me know either by telephone or at the meeting, what size you want and how many bags. The sooner we get this the sooner we can order. To those who prefer Quincan gravel I can fill reasonable orders as I brought back a ton from Malanda late last year.

In closing I would like to extend Best Wishes to those members who have been subjected to health problems, hoping that you experience a speedy recovery. I would particularly like to thank Col Berzinski for mowing our patch of lawn for the last year or so but must now give up due to health reasons. Anyone with a half hour to spare a couple of times a month would be welcome to volunteer to take over from Col. Hope your tests come out well Col.

Thank you to Warren and to Alis for acting as President and Secretary during our absence last November.

Good News! At the management Committee Meeting on 13 January two of our dedicated members who had volunteered to take on more responsibility were elected – Donna Marnock to the position of Vice President to be responsible for Editorial and Fred Marnock from a committee position to Vice President to be responsible for Shows (Show Committee Chairman), so now our remaining vacancies are Assistant Secretary, Technical Adviser and Publicity Officer, which I have been filling as an extra for the last year or so. Any more dedicated members willing to help out please come forward. We all thank these two members most sincerely.

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Wal Nicholson

Novice/New Growers Report:

On Sunday 29th November 2011, 79 members and friends of this group met at Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan to enjoy their Christmas Luncheon. Once again we would like to thank everybody for your generous support towards this great day and for the many donations for the Multi Raffle Table and Ticket Sales.

Also we would like to thank all our Guest Speakers for their time and knowledge they gave to help our members throughout the year. The Popular Vote Competition results for the year 2011 were as follows. Novice Section 1st Janeen Delisco & Frank Ostrowski . 2nd June & Stacey Cairns with Carl Osborne 3rd. Open Section 1st Wal & Lyn Carlill, 2nd Neita Coulson and Ann Scholl 3rd. Our congratulation had to go to these members and all the other members who brought along their plants for this competition last year.

As we start another year, it is important to reflect on the significance of 2011 as well. So too will many of our current orchid hybrids, having been bred beyond the current bounds of expectation. Perhaps it is a time of reflect on some of the heritage orchids of the past – those icons in the shade house that currently do not warrant a place on the show bench. Rose growers always embrace a love for their heritage roses. So perhaps we as orchid growers can do the same in our own collection.

For our club we must look to the future and to ways of embracing a new generation of orchid growers, so every encouragement must be given in new and innovative ways to encourage interest. This can only improve our hobby, our show benches and the variety, the more interest is in our hobby.

Our thoughts are with all members who are not enjoying the best of health at present especially Ziggy for a speedy recovery and hope there will be better days ahead for everybody.

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends and so we can now look forward to bright and healthy New Year to share our thoughts and ideas and to admire some wonderful orchid flowers in 2012. The first meeting of the Novice/New Growers Group for 2012 will be on the 29th January starting at 1.00pm and we are hoping to see you all there again.

A Happy New Year.

MEMBER'S CORNER

This section is new and is for those growers who would like to submit information of interest on their orchids growing or a specific orchid that they think members might be interested in.

In Noel's Bush House

Christensonia vietnamica Haager 1993

In early January, I was very happy to see *Christensonia vietnamica* in flower for the first time, having purchased it as a small seedling only in March 2010.

This relatively rare plant is an epiphytic vandaceous orchid endemic to Vietnam, and is the only member of its genus. It was formally described as recently as 1993, although it is likely to have been traded within Vietnam before that date. It was named in honour of a noted taxonomist, Eric Christenson, recently deceased. An article about Mr Christenson can be found in a recent issue of "Orchids", the magazine of the American Orchid Society.

No exports of wild-collected plants from Viet Nam have been recorded since 2003, and it is feared that the orchid is now extinct in the wild. However, artificially propagated plants are infrequently available.

Christensonia vietnamica is a small plant (the size is comparable to *Ascocentrum ampullaceum*), with strap-shaped leaves to 6cm long. It can bear up to 3 branching inflorescences, each containing 3-5 (usually 4) flowers with yellow-green petals and a white lip. The striking flowers are large compared to the size of the plant.

My thanks to CITES for the use of information from their website:

<http://www.cites.org/eng/com/pc/17/e-pc17-08-04.pdf>

Noel Grant January 2012



Photos by F.Marnock



Dorothy was a happy Lucky Door winner

Photo by D.Marnock



Prizes galore

Photo by F.Marnock



Members enjoying the day

Photo by F.Marnock

**NOVICE NEW
GROWERS
CHRISTMAS PARTY
2011**



Lots of prize buckets

Photo by F.Marnock

SPEAKERS LIST FOR 19TH AOC CONFERENCE PERTH 2012.

Terry Root (Keynote Speaker)	Orchid Zone USA	Paphiopedilums
Andrew Brown	Threatened Flora Coordinator at the Western Australian Dept of Environment & Conservation.	WA terrestrial orchids
Scott Barrie	Barrita Orchids, NSW	Cymbidiums
Mark Brundrett	Senior Lecturer, Plant Biology University of WA	
Greg Bryant	Bryant Orchids, NSW	Cymbidiums
Fred Clarke	Sunset Orchids, California USA	Catasetinae
Jim Cootes	NSW	Orchids of the Philippines
Michael Cororando	R.F.Orchids, Florida USA	Vandaceous
Jason Fischer	USA	Phragmipediums
Robert Fuchs	R.F.Orchids, Florida USA	Vandaceous
Xavier Garreau de Loubresses	Vietnam & France	Paphiopedilums
Mary Gerritsen	California, USA	Orchid Hunting in Borneo
Johan Hermans	UK	Orchids of Madagascar
Mr Kuo-Liang Hung	Tying Shin Orchids, Taiwan	Phalaenopsis
Dr. Rudolf Jenny	Secretary of European Orchid Council Research Associate of the Janv Renz Herbarium, Switzerland	
Isabyl la Croix	UK	African Orchids
Dr Graham McKay	Gigi Orchids	Phalaenopsis
Dr Henry Oakeley	UK	
Ron Parsons	California, USA	Miniature Orchid Species
Ivan Portilla	Ecuagenera Orchids, Ecuador	
Ray Clement	Tinonee Orchids, NSW	
Murray Shergold	Easy Orchids, NSW	
Roy Tukanaga	H & R Orchids Hawaii	Dendrobiums & Cattleyas