

# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC



## APRIL 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	Hall Location: Joe Kirwan Park Charles Street KIRWAN QLD	Meetings are held 8pm on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month except December in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall
General Meeting Friday 27 April, 8.00pm	Novice/New Growers' Sunday 29 April, 1.00pm	Next Management Committee Meeting: Friday 4 May, 7:30pm
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### TOS CALENDAR 2012

<b>April 2012</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May – Management Committee meeting - 7.30pm
	27 <sup>th</sup> April – General Meeting - 8pm
	29 <sup>th</sup> April - Novice/New Growers' Meeting - 1pm

### AUSTRALIAN ORCHID COUNCIL CONFERENCE & SHOW 11<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 Burswood Convention Centre – Perth – Western Australia

Earlybird Registrations have closed but you can still register to attend. If you are unable to download the registration form, please contact the Secretary at the email address following:.

[aocconference@dodo.com.au](mailto: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**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> September each year**



### **Registrar's Choice – Best Specimen**

Milt Bluntii owned by M Keith.



### **Registrar's Choice – Hybrids**

Ascda. Udomchai owned by W&C Sewell and gaining 80 Points.



### **Registrar's Choice – Species: Milt.**

*moreliana* owned by W&J Nicholson and gaining 79 Points.

Photos by F.Marnock

### TOS - 2012 SHOW DATES

<b>WINTER:</b>	<b>13 – 15 July</b> - set up Thursday 12 July
<b>SPRING:</b>	<b>21 – 23 September</b> - set up Thursday 20 September

### JUDGES - April 2012

OPEN/MASTERS -  
Ted Boon & Warren Sewell

NOVICE/SPECIES -  
Kathleen Greenway & Alison Knowles.

**TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**  
**MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING HELD 23.03.2012**

**Meeting Opened:** 8pm by W Nicholson who called for volunteers to pencil tabled plants – W Sewell & E Boon.

**Minutes:** Moved a True Record of Previous Meeting by J Leucke. Seconded T Woods. Carried.

**Correspondence: Inwards:** CBA/CIA Statement; Harrison's Ribbons/A/c; Ergon Energy/A/c; North Qld Insurance Brokers/Adjustment/Solar Power; Morleys/A/c; Rgb Facilities/A/c floor cleaning; OrchidWiz/New CD; Southern Cross/Show Commercial; R Gartrell/Answer car park; AOR/extra copies orchid magazines; M&N Grant/answer re extra magazines; J Lutta/request information/orchids & nurseries; J Koens/request species orchids/seeds; AOF/many articles; J Knowles/email to C Lee/ McLean bulletin; J Jackson/information/Autumn Show; Hot Diggidy Hot Dogs/request to sell at show; TQOC Inc./constitution corrections; Neutrog/newsletters;

E Boon/Judges/Meeting/shadecloth;  
The Organic Fertiliser Shop/new product; Hall Hire/numerous emails. **Held Over:**

Bunnings/Ladies Night 24.05.12; Herbert River O&APS/Field Day 15.04.12; Bowen OS/Field Day 20.05.12; Other Society Bulletins.

**Outwards:** Nursing Homes/invitation to Autumn Show; Advertisements/Autumn Show/meeting; B Figuera/New Member letter; E Boon/answers; N&M Grant/extra magazines; Southern Cross/show commercial; J Lutta/answers; J Koens/answers; J Jackson/answers; E Boon/answers; Hot Diggidy Hot Dogs/decline request.

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

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** All accounts handed to Treasurer; Received a \$200 reduction because of Solar Power. W Nicholson to speak to Council re gravel stored on car park – replacing gutters on Charles Street;

Ice-cream seller rejected as well as Hot Diggidy Hot Dogs;

Bus to go to Ingham \$913 covering outlying areas – to change bus time to 6.30am for departure 6.45am; no response for extra solar power for 6 weeks; air-conditioning quote \$25,000.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by C Lee who Moved his report be received and Cheques be Moved for Payment. Seconded by G Christophers. Carried.

**Business Arising From Show:** G Kelly removed name from selling table – doesn't have five flowering orchids.

C Lee has money left over from Spring Show and asked that this does not occur at this show – seller's responsibility to collect same.

Large payments for bark and stands for show. Still 3 members who have not claimed bark – some small, mostly medium still available - see W Nicholson.

Stands overdone - E Boon suggested future stands be made into twos. Stands are colour coded for placing together.

**Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:** Ascda. Udomchai owned by W&C Sewell and gaining 80 Points. **Species:** Milt. *moreliana* owned by W&J Nicholson and gaining 79 Points.

**Best Specimen:** Milt Bluntii owned by M Keith.

W Nicholson gave out February's certificates to W& C Sewell & W&J Nicholson.

**Novice/New Growers Group Report:** R Rasmussen will speak on Scale on Orchids. Bus for Ingham nearly full. Members are reminded to be at hall 6.30am for 6.45am departure.

**General Business:** W Nicholson asked for a volunteer to be photographed with orchids of show advertisement. He also requires flowering plants. Following discussion decision made that if show does not come up to usual expectations following set up that it be declared a free show.

Some vacancies on show roster. Members advised to place separate lists in folders to acquire points.

Plants to be in by 7.30pm. Check with E Boon re which list required.

W Nicholson thanked C Lee for assistance to paint stands, and S Fay for arranging for engineering works done. Still some to be done.

E Boon thanked members who assisted with replacing damaged shade-cloth following tornado. He then gave a talk on the tabled plants.

**Luck Door & Raffle:** were drawn by J Rutledge following the tea break – congratulations to all who won prizes.

Committee members reminded meeting on 28 .03.12 instead of 30.03.12.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.25pm.

## TABLED PLANTS – 23 March 2012

### VETERANS

#### Vandaceous – Miscellaneous

- 1) V. Gordon Dillon x V. Nancy Rodrillas W&J Nicholson
- 2) V. Pat Delight 'Pink Charm' W&J Nicholson
- 3) Mok. Norah Alsagoff 'R&R' W&J Nicholson

#### Vandaceous – Ascocenda & Vascostylis Type

- 1) Ascda. Udomchai 'The King' W&C Sewell
- 2) Ascda. Fuchs Gold x Ascda. Pralor W&C Sewell
- 3) Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Narangba' N&M Grant

#### Dendrobium – Spatulata Type

- 1) Den. (Anchung Lubag x *cochlioides*)x Den. *canalicuatum* W&C Sewell
- 2) Den. Alice's Rainbow W&C Sewell
- 3) Den. Toro's Lassie x *canalicuatum* W&C Sewell

#### Dendrobium – Intermedia

- 1) Den. Blue Foxtail '4N' W&J Nicholson
- 2) Den. Blue Foxtail '4N' W&J Nicholson
- 3) Den. Liberty White W&J Nicholson

#### Dendrobium – Miscellaneous

- 1) Den. Burana Stripe 'Round' W&J Nicholson
- 2) Den. (Lady Gem x Candy Stripe) x Classic Gem W&J Nicholson
- 3) Den. Andree Millar W&J Nicholson

#### Cattleya – Miscellaneous

- 1) Ctna. Whynot 'Roundabout' W&C Sewell
- 2) Ctna. Capri 'Lea' x Slc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' W&J Nicholson
- 3) C. Elenor Horte x Blc. Crispin Rosales W&J Nicholson

#### Miltonia & Beallara

- 1) Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumpfelt W&C Sewell
- 2) Blra. Peggy Ruth Carpemter 'Morning Joy' W&J Nicholson
- 3) Milt. Bluntii '4N' M Keith

#### Paphiopedilum

- 1) Paph. Shireen W&J Nicholson
- 2) Paph. Pinocchio W&J Nicholson

### OPEN

#### Spathoglottis

- 1) Spathoglottis Starburst R&J MacIntyre

### NOVICE

#### Dendrobium

- 1) Den. Floriculture Association J&S Cairns
- 2) Den Woon Leng 'Red Lip' J&S Cairns

### SPECIES

#### Cattleya Alliance

- 1) C. *bowringiana* W&J Nicholson
- 2) C. *walkeriana* N&M Grant
- 3) Epidendrum *imatophyllum* N&M Grant

#### Phalaenopsis

- 1) Phal. *violacea* var. *sumatrana* W&C Sewell
- 2) V. *tessellata* N&M Grant
- 3) V. *tessellate* N&M Grant

#### Miscellaneous

- 1) Milt. *spectabilis* var. *morelliana* W&J Nicholson
- 2) Gongora *quinquenervis* W&J Nicholson
- 3) Milt. *spectabilis* var. *morelliana* W&J Nicholson

### Native Species

- 1) Den. *bigibbum* W&C Sewell
- 1) Den. *bigibbum* 'Tozer Stripes' W&J Nicholson

## New Year's Resolution for Orchid Growers

### NO OVERWATERING

Well behaved houseplants tell us when they need more water by drooping slightly. They look dry and sometimes a little crinkly. Let them go too long without water and they will keel over (and, alas, sometimes die). When they begin to droop, the attentive grower gives them water and sees them perk right up.



Orchids, unfortunately, are often Perverse: they droop slightly, get a Crinkly surface, often with grooves running the length of the leaves, when they get too much water. Just the opposite of the expectations most of us have for well behaved plants. Our natural inclination, based on experience, is to add water. For orchids, this of course can be deadly – literally.

The reason is the way orchid roots are put together. In order to survive exposed to the humid, wet then dry and windy atmosphere they prefer, most orchids have an adaptation in the roots which helps them finely regulate the amount of moisture they take in. The outer cells of the root have evolved to sponge up water. And. Just like the old sponge that is left wet in a dank place, the orchid roots will rot away.

Continuously putting water into the orchid's pot is the surest way to create the conditions for the dead-sponge effect. Moderate watering in really humid conditions can have the same effect. In either case, damaged and even non-existent roots will result. Of course, the orchid then is not getting water and withers, looking for all the world like a too-dry plant.

**What to do?** Watering the orchid at this point will be deadly. The remedy is to withhold water, repot into fresh media, and put the plant in a humid environment, waiting to begin watering until the new roots begin to show. The best remedy is to avoid overwatering. Take care to let the orchid use the water it has been given before adding more. Put your finger in the mix, if it feels wet, it is. Let the mix dry. Orchids do better too dry than too wet.

Every orchid grower will tell you that more plants have been killed off by too much water than any other way.

**Taken from The American Orchid Society's Beginner's Newsletter – January 2012**



## TOS Points Table

POINTS				23.03.12		
No.	Name	Veterans	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
84	Berzinski - Col & Mutch - Lyn		30			30
118	Bloom - Marie		3			3
68	Cairns - une Stacey			17		17
85	Christophers - G & Siarni A		4			4
213	Grant - Noel & Maureen	45			33	78
106	Hardwick - Noel		16			16
117	Keith - Mick	16			38	54
116	Kelly - Greg & Santina	21				21
65	Kennedy - Les & Ames - Fran	24				24
77	Marnock - Fred & Donna		11		8	19
167	MacIntyre - Ross & Joan		29		10	39
147	Nicholson - Wal & Jean	169			68	237
96	Phillips - Tina			4		4
172	Sewell - Warren & Clara	158			21	179

### President's Comments:

Didn't we all misjudge?!? So many of us thought our Autumn Show would be a dud because of so much dull weather and consequently no flowers to show.

However while the show was smaller than usual the attendance and sale of plants contradicted all of our pessimism – Congratulations and thank you to all concerned – the winners – the workers – the judges – everybody well done!!

We can now have a brief rest and catch up on some orchid care. The weather is at last very favourable. Talking of weather, it seems that Ted Boon and Jean White are the only members who sustained any damage from the tornado. We wish them luck with their repairs.

Next event is the Herbert River (Ingham) Field Day with about a bus full (45) of our members and friends attending.

Also the T.Q.O.C. Conference is being held in Ingham this year on 8-10 June - next year it will be held on the May long weekend because of the change to the Queen's Birthday long weekend (October).

Our Winter Show is now three months away and no doubt our mid-year (Christmas in July) Dinner at which we can seriously celebrate our sixty-fifth birthday.

We will be on tender-hooks for a while with regard to a grant for more solar panels and possible air-conditioning, due to unconfirmed suggestions that the new State Government has a changed view on clean energy policy – time will tell.

At least work on the kerb etc. across the road resulted in our potholes being eradicated. Now there seems to be a plan for the basketball club to finally build behind our premises. Whether this is good or bad news, again, only time will tell. At least any graffiti on the back wall would then be their problem and not ours, as in the past. More problems with parking?!?

Hoping you had a rewarding Easter break and tour of Ingham (if on the bus). Happy Growing.

Wal Nicholson

### Novice/New Growers Report:

Despite the terrible destructive wind storm which ripped through several suburbs of Townsville in the early hours of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 48 members attended the usual monthly meeting at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street Kirwan.

Unfortunately a couple of members from the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. happened to be in path of that wild storm and so had damage to trees blown down, tree branches snapped off and shade cloth torn from their shade houses, but luckily no physical damage to themselves. They described it as the most terrifying and frightening experience that they have encountered, far worse than cyclone Yasi last year and our thoughts have to go out to all other people of Townsville who did suffer such devastation to their home and property.

Robert Rasmussen was our guest speaker for our March meeting and the subject he chose was on the Symptoms and Treatment of Sap Feeding Insect Scale. Robert gave a

very detailed account on this matter along with the leaflets he had printed out for us, so we would like to thank Robert for the research and the time it took to prepare this programme.

Our Autumn Show will now be well and truly over, so we have to thank all the members who volunteered to help out at the show and to congratulate all the winners. To all the members who will be travelling to Ingham for the Field Day, I trust you will have an enjoyable time and return with a bus full of plants.

The Popular Vote Competition -: In the Novice Section, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Peter & Mary Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Janeen Deliseo & Frank Ostrowski with Jan Allen 3<sup>rd</sup>. Open Section winners, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Wal & Lyn Carlill with Evon Liang 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all our members who are not feeling the best and so we hope and pray that there are better days ahead for you all in the future.

Also we would like to extend our sincere condolences to Win and Tony Buckingham on the sad passing of Win's Mother recently in Thailand.

Thank you all for the wonderful Afternoon Tea that you all provided and your generous donations and support to the Multi Raffle Table and Ticket Sales.

Warren & Clara.

**P.S. A Safe Spray for Scale and Mealy Bugs.** Make a oil based preparation by mixing four tablespoons of dishwashing liquid to one cup of vegetable oil. Mix one part of this mixture to about twenty parts of water, put in a spray bottle and spray the affected plants. This will help to suffocate the pests and it is also non-toxic to us humans.

## **Cancer Fund Raiser**



You are invited to take part in  
**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**  
**To Raise Money for Cancer**

Hosted by The Townsville Probus Club Inc.

To be held in The Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall

Joe Kirwan Park, Charles Street, Kirwan

On **Monday Morning 14 May at 9.30 for 10.00am**

**Entrance - Gold Coin Donation**

**Large Raffle Table - Scrumptious Goodies to enjoy with your tea**

**Enquiries – Jean Nicholson 47734208**

### **TOURS:**

For those orchid buffs who also like to travel and see more orchids the 2013 Taiwan Luxury Orchid Tour ON SALE NOW!!!

For more information see the following website:

[inquiry@atmtours.com.au](mailto:inquiry@atmtours.com.au)

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

The TOS members wish the following birthday boys and girls a very happy birthday with many more to follow:



#### *Birthday Wishes to:*

Carl Osborne	14 April
Denise Lincoln	18 April
Wally Carlill	25 April

### Article of Interest from Nole Grant

#### *Coryanthes vasquezii* and its role in the production of Brazil Nuts

I always prick up my ears when orchids are mentioned on TV. A recent issue of the program 'QI' had me intrigued when Stephen Fry baffled the panel when he showed the fruit of a Brazil Nut tree – no, not the nut we are familiar with, but a sphere the size of a small coconut. This sphere is the fruit of the tree and reveals, when split open, the triangular shapes of the tree's seeds (what we know as Brazil nuts).

The Brazil nut is a large tree, reaching 50 meters tall, among the largest of trees in the Amazon Rainforests. It may live for 500 years or more, and according to some authorities often reaches an age of 1,000 years.

Brazil nut trees produce fruit almost exclusively in pristine forests, as disturbed forests lack the large-body bees which are the only ones capable of pollinating the tree's flowers.

The Brazil nut tree's yellow flowers contain very sweet nectar and can only be pollinated by an insect strong enough to lift the coiled hood on the flower and with a tongue long enough to negotiate the complex coiled flower. For this reason, the Brazil nut's reproduction depends on the presence of the orchid *Coryanthes vasquezii*, which does not grow on the Brazil nut tree itself. The orchids produce a scent that attracts small male long-tongued orchid bees (*Euglossa* spp), as the male bees need that scent to attract females. The large female long-tongued orchid bee pollinates the Brazil nut tree. Without the orchid, the bees do not mate. Without the bees, the flower does not get pollinated.



Depiction of the Brazil nut in *Scientific American Supplement*, No. 598, June 18, 1887.

While cooks classify the Brazil nut as a nut, botanists consider it to be a seed and not a nut, because in nuts the shell splits with the meat separate from the shell.

Noel Grant March 2012

Ref: Stephen Fry's 'QI', Wikipedia



*Coryanthes vasquezii*



## CHAMPIONS OF THE SHOW

<u>Orchid</u>	<u>Owner</u>	
<u>GRAND CHAMPION</u>	Den. Adrian Lonne #1	Charlie Truscott
<u>RESERVE CHAMPION</u>	Alcra. Sweetheart Jonel	Fred & Donna Marnock
<u>NOVICE CHAMPION</u>	Ascda Fuch's Gold x V <i>tessellata</i>	June & Tracey Cairns
<u>RESERVE NOVICE CHAMPION</u>	Den. Woon Leng 'Red Lip'	June & Stacey Cairns
<u>CHAMPION VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE</u>	Vasco. Janice Allison	Greg & Santina Kelly
<u>CHAMPION CATTLEYA ALLIANCE</u>	B. Little Stars	Warren & Clara Sewell
<u>CHAMPION DENDROBIUM</u>	Den. Adrian Lonne #1	Charlie Truscott
<u>CHAMPION PHALAENOPSIS/DORITIS ALLIANCE</u>	Phal. I Hsin Madam	Stephen Fay
<u>CHAMPION ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE</u>	Alcra. Sweetheart Jonel	Fred & Donna Marnock
<u>CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM/PHRAGMIPEDIUM</u>	Paph. (Red Pepper x Wizard of Oz) X Raisin Candy	Allan Hughes
<u>CHAMPION ANY OTHER GENERA</u>	Ctm. <i>pileatum</i> x <i>expansum</i>	Tom & Delia Hobden
<u>CHAMPION SPECIES</u>	Bulb. <i>annandale</i> #1	Allan Hughes
<u>CHAMPION AUSTRALIANA</u>	Den. <i>bigibbum</i> var. <i>Superbum</i> 'Alba'	Ray Nicholls
<u>BEST SPECIMEN ORCHID PLANT</u>	B. Little Stars	Warren & Clara Sewell

*See show photos following:*

# Autumn Show Report

Show Report – by F Marnock

The Presidents report has summed up the show outcome, I thank all those people who gave freely of their time to volunteer for show duties, without their support the show would not have been the success it was.

There is no doubt that we were blessed with fantastic weather conditions, even though it was adverse weather conditions that had everyone thinking that the show would lack volume.

The success of this show highlights the tenacity of our membership, where all had a positive attitude leading to a successful outcome.

Thank you one and all for your support.

*Some of the hard working club volunteers who make our shows such as success*



*L-R: Maree, Jean, Joan and Clara hard at work!*



## Orchids of the Show



*Grand Champion - Champion*  
*Dendrobium*  
*Den. Adrian Lonne*  
  
*Owned by C Truscott*



*Reserve Champion - Champion Oncidium*  
*Alcra .Sweetheart Jonel*  
  
*Owned by F&D Marnock*





**Grand Champion Novice – Champion**  
**Vanda**  
*V. Ascocenda Fuchs Gold x tessellate*  
*Owned by J&S Cairns*



**Champion Best Specimen**  
**B. Little Stars**  
*Owned by W&C Sewell*



**Reserve Champion Novice – Champion**  
**Dendrobium**  
*Den. Woon Leng (Red Lip)*  
*Owned by J&S Cairns*



**Champion Phalaenopsis**  
**Phal I Hsin Madam**  
*Owned by S Fay*



Champion Vanda  
*Vasco.Janice Allison*

*Owned by G&S Kelly*



Champion Aust. Native Species  
*Den. Bigibbum var.Superbum "Alba"*

*Owned by R Nicholls*



Champion Paphiopedillum  
*Paph (Red Pepper x Wizard of Oz) x*  
*Rasin Candy*

*Owned by A Hughes*



Champion of any other Hybrid Genera  
*Ctms Pileatum x Expansum*

*Owned by A Steel*