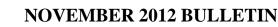
# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC



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#### TOS Inc. Directory of useful information:

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General Meeting Friday 23 November at 8.00 pm Hall Location: Joe Kirwan Park Charles Street KIRWAN QLD

Novice/New Growers' Christmas Luncheon Sunday 25 November at 12 noon Meetings are held 8pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month except December in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall

Next Management Committee Meeting: Friday 11 January 2013 at 7.30 pm

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#### TOS CALENDAR 2012

November 2012	23 – General Meeting at 8.00 pm
	25 – Novice Growers' Christmas Luncheon – <u>12 noon</u>
January 2013	11 - Management Committee Meeting – 7.30 pm

#### 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.

#### **Important Notification:**

The Bulletin will no longer be sent to un-financial members. A red dot on your Bulletin indicates that you are un-financial. Your name will be re-instated to the mailing list once your fees have been paid.

#### **TOS - 2013 SHOW DATES**

Autumn – 5, 6, & 7 April Winter – 21 22 & 23 June Spring 13, 14 & 15 September <u>TOS Members</u>: if you would like to receive the TOS Bulletin by email you can email me on the following email address: <u>siarni@gmail.com</u>







Top: Registrar's Choice Hybrids – Brsdn. Flyaway 'Miama' owned by W. & C. Sewell, gaining 79 points. Middle: Best Specimum Bulb basisetum x lobbii, Owned by W. & J. Nicholson. Bottom: Best Species – Den lindleyii – owned by A. Steel, gaining 80 points. Photographs by Stacey Cairns.

<u>Meeting Opened:</u> 8.34 by President W Nicholson. Remember the Attendance Book.

Minutes: from Previous Meeting (28 September) Moved as a True Record by M Bloom. Seconded by T Phillips. Carried. Correspondence: Inwards: I&P Walters/Subs; A/c's – House of Champions/Trophies; North Qld Newspapers/advertising Spring Show; Campbell's Coaches/Field Day; Morley's Funerals/Ron Merritt; Australian Orchid Review/subs due 30.12.2012; Fitsgerald's Funerals Baudistil; Southern Cross/advertising TV/Spring Show; Orchidaceous Books/Sprays; Nuleaf Quote/pots; Tropical North Old Events Calendar/Invitation; TripleT/ 'phone/hall hire/donation of orchid plant for radiothon; Aust Charities & Not-for-Profit Task Force/update; Don Adamson/enquiry/Den. anosmum var. superbum; J Knowles/several emails; Hall Hire/several emails; F&D Marnock/October Bulletin/ NGrant/ideas /Constitution; Neutrog/pamphlets. Held Over: Qld Govt./Justice Dept/Solar System Grant Query; Qld Govt./Associations Incorporation Form; TQOC Inc./ Details/Meeting/17/11/12;Other Society bulletins; Orchids Australia & Australian Orchid Review. Outwards: James Steven/Dorothy Nutley/Thomas Zierk/ Peter Gridley & Barbara Potts/ David Baily & Lorraine Armitage/New Member letters; F&D Marnock/bulletin items etc; Jack Worsfold/Shell Club; Don Adamson/answer; J Knowles/several emails; Hall Hire/several emails. J Nicholson Moved Motion that Inwards Correspondence be

Received and Outwards Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded by

D Marnock. Carried.

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** Cheque & A/c's to Treasurer; Qld Govt. Form to be completed and forwarded; Query re Solar Power Panels can now be answered following audit of books; J Nicholson to be delegate to T.Q.O.C. Inc meeting/17/11/12.

<u>**Treasurer's Report:**</u> Given by C Lee. Has medical problem – sleep apnoea so will not be taking books to Auditor in 2013. Moved that report be Received with Cheques Passed for Payment. Seconded by B Blanchard. Carried.

<u>Novice/New Growers' Report:</u> Given by W Sewell. D Hobden will speak on Sunday. Christmas lunch - decision re cater to be made.

List of members to move up to Open Section: J&S Cairns, M Bloom,D Dehaan, F Ostrowski & J Deliseo, J Henriks, Ziggy & Barbara Dylelko, C Osborne, Stewart & Julie Parker, Barbara Skym, Ladda Walsh and Katherine Zalewska.

**<u>Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:</u>** Brsm. Flyaway 'Miami' earned 79 Points for W&C Sewell. <u>Species:</u> *Den. lindleyi* earned 80 Points for

A Steel. <u>Specimen:</u> Bulb. *basicetum* x *lobbii* owned by W&J Nicholson. Congratulations to those members.

<u>General Business</u>: Field Day very successful. Visited 8 places throughout the day. Aim to have a speaker at meeting when possible.

Date chosen for Autumn Show clashes with meeting night – change to 14-16 March 2013. Sale Table at meetings has commenced again. If anyone has plants bring them to the meetings.

North Queensland Events Calendar event on 24 attended by W&J Nicholson who won some goodies etc. Presented Donna Marnock with a Bon Jovi Tribute double pass in recognition of work done on the Bulletin. Other items to be placed on raffle tables.

Townsville Mini Loads have Quincan gravel for \$148 per tonne – with Senior's discount - \$133.50.

**Shop:** J Knowles announced that the sprays were back in stock. He also announced that left over Phalaenopsis plants from the growing competitions will be on the Lucky Door table tonight plastic bags and name tags available.

**Noel Grundon:** C Lee spoke of the very interesting talk given by Noel Grundon last Sunday on a number of subjects relating to the growing, feeding and watering of orchids. He advised that a copy of each of the talks is available and can be printed out. Following the Tea Break E Boon spoke about the tabled plants and answered questions.

**Lucky Door and Raffle:** drawn. Congratulations to all winners.

Meeting Closed: 10.15pm

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 26.10.2012

**Meeting Opened:** 8pm by W Nicholson who welcomed all to A.G.M. and asked for volunteer pencillors.

<u>Minutes:</u> Moved as a True Record of A.G.M. held 28.10.2011 by G Christophers. Seconded by B Blanchard. Carried. <u>Business:</u> Nil.

**Financial Report:** Given by C Lee. Report available on table. Purchased further Solar Power panels, reducing our profit.. C Lee Moved 'that the Financial Report as at 31.08.2012 be Adopted. Seconded M Bloom. Carried.

**Business Arising From Financial Report:** W Nicholson commented on the Grant for Solar Power being included in Profit for the year before, this increasing that year's profit. **President's Report:** See attached. W Nicholson declared all positions on Management Committee vacant and handed over to the Returning Officer John Nuss who took the chair.

Nominations as follows:-

Position		Name		
	Nominated by	Seconded by		
Patron		Phyllis Merritt		
	Ray Robinson	Wal Nicholson		
President		Wal Nicholson		
	Ross MacIntyre	Col Berzinski		
Vice President		Alis Siarni		
	Wal Nicholson	Jean Nicholson		
Vice President		Marie Bloom		
	Wal Nicholson	Brendon Blanchard		
Vice President				
Vice President				
Secretary		Jean Nicholson		
	Wal Nicholson	Col Berzinski		
Assist. Secretary				
Treasurer				
Assist. Treasure		Charles Lee		
	Marie Bloom	Wal Nicholson		
Publicity Officer		Stacey Cairns		
	Grant Christophers	Alis Siarni		

**Technical Officer** continue doing as previously but not as a committee member Librarian Wal Nicholson Committee Member Wal Nicholson Committee Member Jean White Committee Member Joan MacIntyre Committee Member Jeff Knowles Committee Member Northern Country Vice President Wal Nicholson Southern Vice President Host/Hostess Warren Sewell Wal Nicholson Warren Sewell Jean White Auditor Wal Nicholson Greenway **Returning Officer** Wal Nicholson Scrutineer Warren Sewell Scrutineer Wal Nicholson

E Boon will Noel Grant Jean Nicholson Brendan Blanchard Jean Nicholson Grant Christophers Charles Lee Jean White Ross MacIntyre Warren Sewell Ron Scott

Tom Hobden Delia Hobden

Joan MacIntyre Wal Nicholson Lyn Mutch Col Berzinske **Tina Phillips** J Knowles Luz Lewis Wal Nicholson Peter Dadic Kathleen John Nuss Ray Robinson Robert Rasmussen Rod Daveson Noel Grant

Robert Rasmussen

W Nicholson resumed the Chair and thanked John Nuss and all members who nominated for positions.

Trophies handed out to winners for the year in Tabled Plants. Novice Section: (Book usually given to winner – not chosen yet).

First – Stacey & June Cairns; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tina Phillips; 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Morris. <u>**Open Section**</u>: Ross & Joan MacIntyre; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred & Donna Marnock;

3<sup>rd</sup> Bruno Fighera. <u>Veterans:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Wal & Jean Nicholson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren & Clara Sewell;  $3^{rd}$  Greg & Santina Kelly. <u>Species:</u>  $1^{st}$ Wal &Jean Nicholson;  $2^{nd}$  Noel & Maureen Grant;  $3^{rd}$  Mick Keith. <u>Aggregate:</u>  $1^{st}$  Wal & Jean Nicholson;  $2^{nd}$  Warren & Clara Sewell; 3<sup>rd</sup> Noel & Maureen Grant. Registrar's Choice for the year: Species: R&J MacIntyre; Hybrids: Charlie Truscott. Ivy Knott Memorial Trophy: given for excellence in Dendrobium discolor won by Wal & Lyn Carlill. Congratulations to all Winners. General Business: Nil. Meeting Closed: 8.34pm

The following three photographs are from an email circulating, so the photographer is unknown, but to that unknown person we send our thanks.







#### TABLED PLANTS 26.10.2012



#### **VETERANS**

Vandaceous – Hybrids: 1) Dtps. Hsinving Sanata x Sib Sundays Growing J&A Knowles 2) Ascada. Yip Sum Wah x V. Bangkok Blue N&M Grant 3) V. Dawe's Golden Heritage x Sumon Spot W&C Sewell **Dendrobium:** 1) Den. Thongehar Gold 'Hildos' W&C Sewell 2) Den. Floriculture Association W&C Sewell **Dendrobium:** 1) Den. johannis x( Den. lasianthera x Red Toro W&J Nicholson 2) Den. Island Fantasy W&J Nicholson 3) Den. Island Fantasy W&J Nicholson **Dendrobium:** 1) Den. Fire Coral W&J Nicholson 2) Den. Fire Coral W&J Nicholson W&J Nicholson 3) Den. Superbiens Cattleya: 1) Rlc. Hsinying Boy 'Gypsy' J&A Knowles 2) Get. Coconut Ice W&C Sewell 3) S.C. Cherry Bee A Steel **OncidiumAlliance:** 1) Brsdm. Flyaway 'Miami' W&C Sewell 2) Odcdm.Species Vandaceous (2) falcata W&J Nicholson 3) Onc. Spacentanthe x ornithorhynchum W&J Nicholson Paphiopedilum: 1) Paph. Helvetia W&J Nicholson 2) Paph. Mary Franz Smith W&J Nicholson 3) Paph. Coos W&J Nicholson **Paphiopedilum:** 1) Paph. Saint Swithin W&J Nicholson 2) Paph. Saint Swithin W &C Sewell **Phragmipedium:** 1) Phrag. Praying Mantis W&J Nicholson 2) Phrag. Andean Fire W&J Nicholson 3) Phrag. Green Hornet W&J Nicholson **Bulbophyllum:** 1) Bulb. basisetum x lobbii W&J Nicholson **OPEN** Miscellaneous: 1) Den. Vimalamitra F&D Marnock 2) Onc. Robsan x Golden Sunset F&D Marnock 3) Blc. Dal's Kew x Bc. Dal's Charm R&J MacIntyre **Doritaenopsis:** 

1) Dtps. Bleeding Heart x Chain Xen Pearl	N Hardwick
2) Dtps. Taisuco Wonder x (I-Hsin New Gir	l x Fureshing
Speckles)	R&J MacIntyre
3) Dtps. Leopard Prince	F&D Marnock

#### NOVICE

Vandaceous: 1) Ascda. John de Biase

T Phillips

2) Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom
Doritaenopsis:
1) Dtps. Alice's Beth
2) Dtps. Ching Hua Fair
3) Dtps. Leopard Prince

#### **SPECIES**

### Vandaceous:

1) V. tessellata var. blue x var. black 2) Neofinetia falcate 3) Smitmandia micrantha Ascocentrum: 1) Asctm. curvifolium 2) Asctm. miniatum 3) Asctm. miniatum **Dendrobium:** 1) Den. discolor var. broomfieldii 2) Den. discolor var. broomfieldii 3) Den. lichenastrum var. prenticei **Dendrobium:** 1) Den. lindleyii 2) Den.lindleyii 3) Den. amabile **Dendrobium:** 1) Den. friedericksianum 2) Den. friedericksianum 3) Den. sygnatum Dendrobium: 1) Den. tangerinum 'Orange' 2) Den. tangerinum 'Orange' **Oncicium:** 1) Onc. sphacelatum 2) Onc. altissimum 3) Onc. ensatum **Oncidium – Miscellaneous:** 1) Onc. stramininum 2) Onc. stramininum 3) Tolm. lemoniana Paphiopedilum: 1) Paph. primulinum 2) Paph. chamberlainianum **Bulbophyllum:** 1) Bulb. wendlandianum 2) Bulb. hahlianum Miscellaneous: 1) Cattleya forbesii 2) Enc. chacoence 3) Enc. randii Miscellaneous: 1) *Coelogyne pandurata* 2) Maxillara tenuifolia 3) Milt. spectabilis

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## TOS Points Table

		POINTS			26.10.12	
No.	Name	Veterans	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
	Blanchard - Brendon & White -					
135	Lynne				1	1
118	Bloom - Marie		0		5	5
68	Cairns - June & Stacey		16			16
213	Grant - Noel & Maureen	3			15	18
106	Hardwick - Noel		6			6
193	Knowles - Jeff & Alison	10			7	17
71	Lucke - Peter & Joanne			1		1
167	MacIntyre - Ross & Joan		5			5
77	Marnock - Fred & Donna		13		3	16
147	Nicholson - Wal & Jean	43			50	93
96	Phillips - Tina			7		7
172	Sewell - Warren & Clara	19			10	29
216	Steel - Alf	2			9	11

#### President's Comments:

What a pleasing result of our A.G.M. Firstly thank you for your confidence in returning Jean and I for the leadership, but thank you most sincerely for the three new faces at our first Committee meeting. Thanks also to those who have served, but for personal reasons could not re-nominate. It was a real pleasure to have those three new recruits with the possibility of another, joining us to spark new life into the Society. We can look forward to a glowing year. and no doubt, many more to follow. Unfortunately we are still short of a Treasurer, although we have an Assistant who will "carry on" until..... Should any member contemplate taking on this duty, but feel inadequate, please do not hesitate to discuss this with me. I have previously assisted treasurers and would happily do so again, but will not be hampered with the several other miscellaneous projects which Charles undertook.

Our next event looks like exceeding previous end of year Novice functions with, I believe, more than ninety listed to attend. Should be a great welcome to usher in the "Christmas Season." The ensuing break until January will give us a chance to catch up on those jobs that we keep postponing, due to "too hot" or "too busy" or just too..... Sorry about the mix-up with our 2013 Autumn Show – just shows you should not select dates without a full calendar aboard. Unfortunately the changed date which I discussed at last meeting is also impossible. Because of time running out I have made a presidential decision, after discussion with a couple of leading growers, to hold the show on 5-6-7 April which is after Easter, and before the Herbert River Orchid Society Field Day. We'll select the show dates for 2014 somewhat earlier in the coming year. I still think our Field Day was one of our best ever, and quite a number of people I have spoken to agree, even though one or two knockers see it otherwise. Considering the few who organised it, and the early shortage of open

shade houses, I consider it was a resounding success. Any comments would be welcome.

Just before I close and wish you all the compliments of the season, a reminder of the Management Committee vacancies.

<u>**Two</u>** Vice Presidents; Treasurer; Assistant Secretary; Technical Adviser. Volunteers would be strongly considered.</u>

Our General Meeting on 23 November, (the last for the year) will be short and followed by an exceedingly long Tea Break – a plate of goodies would be welcome. Then two days later the Novice Group "Break-Up – Christmas Luncheon."

Should we miss you in the meantime Jean and I wish you all "Compliments of the Season" and look forward to seeing you at the January meeting. Wal Nicholson

#### Novice/New Growers Report:

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 66 members of this group met at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan for their usual monthly meeting. These meeting have always been well attended and everybody who attends will all try to help one another with their individual problems, which is very encouraging to all new growers. I am sure everybody who attended our meeting thoroughly enjoyed Delia's talk on the way she grows her *Peristeria* (Dove Orchid). This species is terrestrial which has large egg-shaped pseudo-bulbs and folded stalked leaves with 10-12 fragrant 50mm flowers borne on 1.2mm long stems. Also on display was Jeff's plant Dendrobium *crumenatum* (Pigeon Orchid) which has pseudo-bulbs swollen in the middle. About 9 days after sudden drop in temperature, such as accompanies a heavy rain shower, all affect flower buds open which will stay open only for one day. We would like to thank Delia for explaining to the members the different characteristic of these two orchid plants and for her time and knowledge on this subject. Ray Robinson had a Bulbphyllum *fletcheranum* in flower at the meeting and so he had a little story to tell on how he first obtained this orchid many years ago. In 1985 he was given a seed pod to flask and by chance he was able to germinate two seedlings from this procedure. After many years of careful care and attention, he has now a flower on this plant for the very first time in 2012. Wal Carlill and Peter Cooper were kind enough to donate a couple of overgrown pots of Oncidium sphacelatum which were divided up into several plants and placed on the Multi Raffle Table for the afternoon raffle. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and we thank you both Wal and Peter. It was also mentioned to be vigilant and to regularly inspect your plants for any insects (Orchid Beetle etc.) as they can introduce lots of damage in your shade houses. Healthy plants and a clean work environment will solve a

lot of your problems.

An excellent display of flowering plants was benched for our Popular Voting Competition and the winners in the Novice Section were Janeen Deliseo & Frank Ostrowski  $1^{st}$ , with Peter Lucke  $2^{nd} \& 3^{rd}$ . In the Open Section, Wal & Lyn Carlill was 1<sup>st</sup> with Norma Palin placed 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Christmas Luncheon will be at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November starting at 12 noon. We will be needing lots of gifts for our huge Multi Raffle Table also any small items of grocery to put into the grocery buckets would be greatly accepted. Please remember also to turn up if you have put your name down to attend this function. We have to pay for all the meals that we nominate. The members who will be attending, this number has to be given to the Caterer by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Clara and Warren would like to thank you for all your wonderful support you gave to us throughout the past year and to wish all a very Happy Christmas with your families and friends.

Warren & Clara

# **MEMBER'S CORNER**

## In Noel's Bush House 9



Neofinetiafalcata (Thunberg)Hu 1925

Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom

## Neofinetia falcata (Thunberg) Hu 1925

This delightful compact vandaceous orchid is found in Japan, Korea and China. It was introduced to the West from Japan by Carl Peter Thunberg in 1784, and placed in the genus Orchis. In 1925 H. H. Hu created Neofinetia as a monotypic genus. The genus is named in honor of Achille Finet, a French botanist who worked with the orchids of Japan and China in the late 1800s. The Greek prefix neo (new) was added to distinguish it from another plant genus (not an orchid) named earlier to honour Finet. *Neofinetia falcata* remained the only species in the genus until Eric Christenson discovered *Neofinetia richardsiana* in 1996. Another species, *Neofinetia xichangensis*, has also since been named, but there is some controversy over whether it is a true species or a larger form of *Neo. richardsiana*.

*Neofinetia falcata* has a long history (more than 400 years) in Japan, being associated in early years with Samurai culture. It is called "Fu-ran" (the Wind Orchid) or "Fuki-ran" (Rich and Noble Orchid) and many different varieties are cultivated.

It grows well for me in Townsville, although it is described as a cool to temperate grower. The Japanese grow it on a tightly-packed mound of sphagnum moss (in a fancy pot for presentation) but it seems quite cheerful growing here potted in river rocks, without any sphagnum moss. It readily sets new growths, so I am looking forward to stunning displays in the future.

There are many popular hybrids made with *Neofinetia falcata*, some of the more well-known being Ascofinetia (x Ascocentrum, e.g. Ascf. Cherry Blossom [shown here]), Neostylis (x Rhynchostylis, e.g. Neost. Lou Sneary) and the complex hybrid Rumrillara (x Ascocentrum x Rhynchostylis, e.g. Rlla. Margaret's Jewels). I like them and want more.

Noel Grant October 2012

#### Royal Orchids

'Nambawan pikinini bilong miss kwin', Prince Charles and his wife Camilla recently visited Papua New Guinea and while in Port Moresby at the National Capital Botanical Gardens, Camilla was presented with an orchid named in her honour – Dendrobium Camilla. I have been unable to find a photo of this orchid (or its parentage – yes, I have failed you), but I saw Camilla and the orchid on television, and it is a large 'antelope' type dendrobium.

In other royal news, Prince William and Catherine visited Singapore in early September and were presented with Vanda William Catherine (V. First and Last x V. Motes Toledo Blue), named by the Singapore Botanical Gardens in their honour. They were also shown an orchid named in 1971 after William's mother – Dendrobium Memoria Princess Diana (Den. Pattaya Beauty x Den. Fairy Wong).



Vanda William Catherine(V.First and Last x V. Motes Toledo Blue) Dendrobium Memoria Princess Diana (Den. Pattaya Beauty x Den. Fairy Wong)

Noel Grant November 2012

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