

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



JUNE 2013 BULLETIN

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TOS Inc. Directory of useful information:

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General Meeting Friday 28 th June at 8.00 pm	Novice/New Growers' Sunday 30 th June at 1.00pm	Next Management Committee Meeting: Friday 5 th July at 7.30 pm

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TOS CALENDAR 2013

June 2013
28th – General Meeting - 8.00 pm
30th – Novice /New Growers' Meeting – 1.00pm
05th - Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

July 2013



26th – **CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE CLUB HOUSE**
\$20 for members and \$30 for visitors



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.

JUDGES FOR June & JULY

JUNE

MASTERS/OPEN R. DAVESON, .W. SEWELL
NOVICE/SPECIES O. KROGH, A. HUGHES

JULY

MASTERS/OPEN K. GREENWAY, A KNOWLES
NOVICE/SPECIES A. HUGHES, W. SEWELL

TOS - 2013 SHOW DATES

Winter – 21, 22 & 23

June

Spring 13, 14 & 15

September

TOS Members: To print, put in envelopes, put on stamps, and then post copies of the Bulletin, costs time and money. If you would like to receive the TOS Bulletin by email you can email me on the following email address: siarni@gmail.com. You will then receive the Bulletin in colour, with the occasional attachment.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrid: Rlc. California Girl x Rlc. Burdekin Pearl gained 82 Points for Charlie Truscott.



Registrar's Choice Species: *Bulb. longissimum* gained 80 Points for W&J Nicholson.



Specimen Plant: Den. (Fran's Twist x *gouldii*) x *Den. Carronii* owned by Charlie Truscott.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am writing this before heading down to the cold country, only for a few days, fortunately. Hope to call into the Orchid Conference at Gympie on the return trip. Ready, of course, to face up to our Winter Show, which will have come, and gone, before you read this.

The T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference in Cairns was very good – a good show, excellent sales with very good quality and reasonable prices. As usual, too much food. A couple of good and interesting lecturers but due to the flu Ashley Field could not front up. We have now agreed to host the 2017 T.Q.O.C. Inc Conference & Show (our seventieth birthday is 20 June 2017). With four years to plan and arrange, it should offer no problems. Please members, give the Society all the support you possibly can, to make this conference outstanding

At our meeting on Friday 26 July 2013 we will hold a Christmas in July Dinner, subsidised by the Society – cost \$20 per member, and \$30 per non member/guest. Similar dinners over recent years have been well supported, and very well worthwhile with regard to integrating our General Meeting attendees with the Novice/New Growers Group.

Those interested in purchasing some of the plants left by our late Patron Min Korsman, are welcome to call at her previous home after 2pm on Saturday 29 June. Brendan and I will be there to help and advise. If you need direction please, don't hesitate to telephone.

I didn't mention the Bowen Society's Field Day – our bus trip. It was great to see so many of our newer members on the bus. Thanks to the Ayr Society joining us with fifteen members, we were able to fill (almost) a fifty-seven seater. Lots of plants (and money) changed hands. It was a really good social outing as well. See you all at the Winter Show. Wal Nicholson

NOVICE/NEW GROWERS' REPORT

After several overcast days and cool nights, the afternoon's meeting for this group on the 26th May turnout to be a bright sunny day. There were 55 members present who enjoyed the afternoon's programme. A short discussion on Phalaenanthe Dendrobium and how to treat these plants over the winter months, as this is considered to be their dormant cycle of growing.

The removal of flower spikes by the month of May, all kinds of fertilising to be withheld and your watering programme to be curtailed until the new plant growth appears in September. This also applies to your Dendrobium bigibbum orchids as well.

We then had the privilege of Jeff Knowles talk on how trying to solve a mystery puzzle concerning some of the Bulbophyllum Orchids that they had purchased and now since they have flowered what was their correct naming in the first place. At the meeting, Alison and Jeff had a wonderful display of several flowering plants such as Bulb. fascinator and longisimum which are the known parents of Bulb. Fascination, one of the first Bulbophyllum hybrid which was officially registered in 1936 also the Bulb. rothschildianum and ornatisimum. Thank you Jeffrey, for researching all the information for us on this subject.

Another interesting plant was the large Schomburgkia that a visitor brought along to our meeting as this person wanted to know how to cut it up for repotting. This genus is related to Laelia and Cattleya, these vigorous epiphytic orchids are of two kinds, some have two leaves, spindle-shaped (fusiform) pseudobulbs, others have hollow pseudobulbs with three or more leaves. The upright flower spikes can grow up to 900mm. tall, and as explained by Peter are often inhabited by ants and not forgetting Noel's effort in dividing up this plant for our visitor.

Don't forget about the Dendrobium and Phalaenopsis seedlings for our growing competition we need to take measurements each month to see how well you are growing these plants for us. All the members who bring along their plants each month for the Popular Vote Competition are to be congratulated for their efforts and the results in the Novice Section were Peter & Joanne Lucke 1st, Joanne Tracey 2nd, with Wendy van Den Dolder & Peter & Joanne Lucke tied for 3rd place. The Open Section results were as follows: June & Stacey Cairns 1st, Luz Lewis 2nd and Neita Coulson 3rd.

The Society's Bus Trip down to Bowen for their Field Day was a great success and to be sure a wonderful day was had by all. Excellent hospitality and great bush housing for all to see made for many an overcrowded box of plants, and the bus compartment full as we journeyed home a bit light on in our pockets. Unfortunately Grant had the misfortune to lose a plastic bag containing three of his plants from the trip so please if anybody has a small Cattleya, Paphiopedilum and a Cymbidium plant by mistake in your box, we would be most grateful for their return because somewhere or somehow things do not just disappear into thin air.

Our afternoon refreshment were again very delicious and many thanks for your generous donations to the Multi Raffle Table, and support towards the sale of the Raffle Tickets. Once again you have to be congratulated for all your support and generosity. Warren Sewell

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING HELD 24.05.2013

Meeting Opened: 8pm by W Nicholson who reminded everyone to sign the Attendance Book.

Minutes: Moved as a True Record by C Osborne. Seconded W Sewell. One Amendment – Correction of names – Jo Tracy and Wendy van den Dolder. Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: Nil.

Correspondence: Inward: A/c's paid – Jeannie's Cleaning, Flaming North; NQ News Ltd., Southern Cross; CBA Cheque A/c Statement; Bundaberg O.S./A/c for purchase of books; Weight Watchers/Invoice; Nuleaf/A/c goods J Knowles; B Figuera/bark order; ACNC/update; Proserpine O&FP Soc. Inc./Field Day 28 July; S Kenny/emails/Bowen Field Day; Members Committee/Ayr members cost on bus; W Sewell/Bowen Field Day; Townsville & District Garden Club/Cheque; John Batey/AOC positions; Noel Grundon/judging students; Ann Roberts/copy of email; F Marnock/copy of email; TCC Lifestyle Expo; E Boon/revised show schedule; Hall Hire/emails; Other Orchid Societies/Bulletins; AOS Magazine. **Held**

Over: Bunnings Ladies Night; Lorna Hempstead; Townsville & District Garden Club/Friendship weekend 17-18 August.

Outward: Mayor + several Council aldermen/Watering System & state of parking lot; S Kenny/Bowen Field Day; N Grundon/student judges; Hall Hire/several emails; Nursing Homes/invitation to Winter Show.

Moved by J Nicholson that Inward Correspondence be Received and Outward Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded by G Christophers. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: J Nicholson has file on ACNC Reports; Members agreed to vote for AOC Nominations; Innisfail Field Day/18 August- 70th Birthday; TCC Lifestyle Expo to be split into two events; W&J Nicholson to attend Bunnings Ladies night on 29.05.2013.

Treasurer's Report: given by C Lee who Moved his Report be Received with Passing of Cheques for Payment. Seconded by N Grant. Carried.

Business Arising From Treasurer's Report: W Nicholson stated we are being more selective re hiring of hall. Still looking at quotes for air-conditioning.

Show Report: Extra request on Show Roster to help with placing, on previous Monday and retrieving following the show, advertising signs on front fence, Anderson Park and fence at previous Aitkenvale Special School. Please think about helping with this work. Publicity for show will be done in the next few days.

C Lee – had trouble with shortchanging of plants at last show. Suggestion is that as well as price tag in pot, a sticker with price be placed on pot itself. Asking cashiers to check the two. E Boon has donated a hinged sign frame for use at shows.

Trolley for carrying tables needs a little work to make it stable.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrid: Rlc. California Girl x Rlc. Burdekin Pearl gained 82 Points for Charlie Truscott.

Species: *Bulb. longissimum* gained 80 Points for W&J Nicholson. **Specimen Plant:** Den.(Fran's Twist x *gouldii*) x *Den. Carronii* owned by Charlie Truscott. Congratulations to the growers.

General Business: T.Q. O. C. Inc. Conference in Cairns was good. Sales were good and reasonable. Suggestion that we request to hold the conference in Townsville in 2017. Council could be helpful with R.S.L. Stadium or try for Show Grounds. Vote taken was in favour. C Lee has reservations about committing so far ahead with regard to main positions on Committee. Bowen Field Day finished with 53 in bus, including 15 from Ayr Orchid Society, who all enjoyed the trip.

Air-Conditioning: Provisions in the regulations that an extractor fan is not required unless we have fixed glass windows.

Hall Hire: Requires someone to look after this while W&J Nicholson away.

Bunnings Ladies Night: Wednesday 29 May 5-9pm. C Lee to help. **Bark:** Order two pallets.

Christmas In July Menus: Golden Roast and Chef on Call. Discuss at Management Committee. Agreed to charge \$20 for members, and \$30 for non members and guests.

Constitution: Notice of Motion will have to be decided to separate Rules, which will have to have a name change, for presentation at the A.G.M.

No.	Name	POINTS			24.05.2013	
		Veterans	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
163	Allison - Allan		3			3
135	Blanchard - Brendon & White - Lynne				1	1
118	Bloom - Marie		14		18	32
84	Berzinski - Col & Mutch - Lyn		7			7
68	Cairns - June & Stacey		32			32
85	Christophers - Grant & Siarni - Alis		13		1	14
59	Fay - Stephen	4				4
190	Fighera - Bruno		28		2	30
213	Grant - Noel & Maureen	125			124	249
58	Googh - Stephen & Fran			12		12
106	Hardwick - Noel		6			6
117	Keith - Mick	9				9
116	Kelly - Greg & Santana	60				60
193	Knowles - Jeff & Alison	14			15	29
81	Lee - Charles	20			15	35
149	Lewis Peter & Luz		25			25
71	Lucke - Peter & Joanne			55		55
167	MacIntyre - Ross & Joan		35		7	42
77	Marnock - Fred & Donna		42		8	50
147	Nicholson - Wal & Jean	346			169	515
66	Osborne - Carl		3			3
96	Phillips - Tina			27	3	30
128	Rasmussen - Robert		4			4
172	Sewell - Warren & Clara	81			16	97
216	Steel - Alf	2			9	11
61	Tracy - Jo			66		66
82	Truscott - Charlie	4				4

Tabled Plants May 2013

Section: Veterans

Vanda – Exhibition

1 st V. Kapiolea "Blue Moon"	N & M Grant
2 nd V. Sheddie Hinds	W & C Sewell
3 rd Ascda. Unknown	W & C Sewell

Vanda – Non-Exhibition

1 st Ascda. Beverley Woods	W & J Nicholson
2 nd V. Golden Doubloon	N & M Grant
3 rd V. tricolor x Ascda Tubtim Velvet	N & M Grant

Vascostylis

1 st Vasco. Precious	N & M Grant
2 nd Vasco. Pine Rivers "Wasana"	N & M Grant
3 rd Vasco. Fuchsia Von Krone	N & M Grant

Vandaceous under 65mm

1 st Ascda. Viroonchand Gold	W & C Sewell
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Phragmipedium

1 st Phrag. Green Hornet	W & J Nicholson
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Paphiopedilum

1 st Paph. Shireen	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Paph. Pinemak	W & J Nicholson
3 rd Paph. Pinocchio	W & J Nicholson

Paphiopedilum

1 st Paph. (Jazz x Red Glory) x Mem. Allan Newborn	W & J Nicholson
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Cattleya – B. nodosa Influence

1 st BL Richard Mueller	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Unknown	W & J Nicholson

Cattleya – Small

1 st LC Angel Heart x SC Beaufort	W & J Nicholson
Ctna. Capri x SC Batemanniana	W & J Nicholson

Cattleya – Large

1 st BLC California Girl x Burdekin Pearl	C. Truscott
BC Portage Glacier	W & J Nicholson

Cattleya – Cluster

1 st C. Towering Inferno	W & J Nicholson
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Oncidium Alliance

1 st Colm. Wildcat "Whitecat"	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Colm. Wildcat "Lorene"	W & J Nicholson
3 rd Onc. Sharry Baby	W & J Nicholson

Calanthe

1 st Cal. Bryan	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Cal. Bryan	W & J Nicholson

Dendrobium

1 st Den. (Frans Twist x gouldii) x caronii	C. Truscott
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2 nd Den. (Anchang Lubang x cochlioides) x canaliculatum	W & C Sewell
3 rd Den. Alice's Rainbow	W & C Sewell

Dendrobium

1 st Den. Salak	W & J Nicholson
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2 nd Den. Kimiyo Kondo	W & J Nicholson
3 rd Den. Caesar x helix	W & J Nicholson

Dendrobium

1 st Den. Fire Coral	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Den. Jade Junior	W & J Nicholson

Section: Open

Dendrobium

1 st Den. Salak	F & D Marnock
2 nd Dtps Alices Bleeding Heart x Amy Louise	F & D Marnock
3 rd Den. Eima Queen	Berzinski & Mutch

Cattleya – B. nodosa Influence

1 st BLC Copper Queen	Berzinski & Mutch
2 nd BC Maikai	F & D Marnock
3 rd BC Hippodamia	F & D Marnock

Cattleya – Cluster

1 st BLC Haadyai Delight	R & J MacIntyre
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Section: Species

Cattleya Alliance

1 st <i>Bark. dorothea</i>	N & M Grant
2 nd <i>Epi. imatophyllum</i>	N & M Grant
3 rd <i>C. walkeriana</i>	N & M Grant

Bulbophyllum

1 st <i>Bulb. longissimum</i>	W & J Nicholson
2 nd <i>Bulb. auratum</i>	W & J Nicholson
3 rd Unknown	W & J Nicholson

Phalaenopsis

1 st <i>Phal. pulcherrima</i>	N & M Grant
2 nd <i>Phal. pulcherrima</i>	N & M Grant

Vandaceous

1 st <i>Neof. falcata</i>	N & M Grant
2 nd <i>Eua. sanderana</i>	N & M Grant
3 rd <i>Asctm. aurantiacum</i>	N & M Grant

Miscellaneous

1 st <i>Eria tomentosa</i>	N & M Grant
2 nd <i>Paph. glaucophyllum</i>	W & J Nicholson

Australian Species

1 st <i>Den. rigidum</i>	W & J Nicholson
2 nd <i>Den. bigibbum</i>	W & J Nicholson

Section: Novice

Cattleya – Exhibition

1 st C. Crimson Pirate	P. Lucke
2 nd C. Shellie Compton	P. Lucke
3 rd RLC Burdekin Trader	P. Lucke

Oncidium

1 st Tolu. Willowbank Strawberry	J. Tracy
2 nd Onc. Unknown	J. Tracy

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Prim-N-Proper	P. Lucke
2 nd Paph. Honey	P. Lucke

THE CONFERENCE IS NEAR!



7th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show.

Held at Strathpine (Queensland, Australia).

August will be here before you know it, and registration date is the end of June.

If you wish to come, and have not yet registered, see all the details on

<http://www.ourshopfront.com/kabi/html/conference.php>

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. SHOW SCHEDULE – 2013

SHOW AWARDS

Grand Champion Orchid: SASH + \$50 **Novice Champion Orchid:** SASH + \$50 **Section Champion Orchid:** SASH + \$10
Reserve Champion Orchid: SASH + \$25 **Novice Reserve Champion Orchid:** SASH + \$25 **Best Specimen Orchid:** SASH + \$10

Class Prizes and Cut Flowers: 1st \$5 2nd \$3 3rd \$2

SECTIONS: Laeliinae Hybrids, Dendrobium Hybrids, Vandae Hybrids, Oncidiinae Hybrids, Phalaenopsis Hybrids, Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Hybrids, Any Other Genera Hybrids, Australiana (covers Sections 8 & 9), Species.

SECTION 1 – Laeliinae Hybrids:

(Classes 1 to 11 consisting of Hybrids of Brassavola, Cattleya, Laelia, Sophronitis, Guarianthe, Rhyncholaelia and any combinations of these Genera only)

Class 1 - Classic Type; 125mm & over – White or White with coloured lip

Class 2 - Classic Type; 125mm & over – Pink, Mauve or Purple

Class 3 - Classic Type; 125mm & over – Any other colour or combination of colours
Class 4 - Classic Type; 75mm to less than 125mm – White or White with coloured lip

Class 5 - Classic Type; 75mm to less than 125mm – Pink, Mauve or Purple

Class 6 - Classic Type; 75mm to less than 125mm – Any other colour or combination of colours

Class 7 - Classic Type; less than 75mm – any colour or combination of colours

Class 8 - Classic Cluster Types – minimum of 5 open flowers

Class 9 - Non-Classic Cluster Types – minimum of 5 open flowers

Class 10 - Laeliinae Hybrid showing dominant Broughtonia influence

Class 11 - Laeliinae Hybrid showing Br nodosa influence

Class 12 - Laeliinae Hybrid Epidendrum/Encyclia

influence

Class 13 - Any other Laeliinae Hybrid Not included above

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

SECTION 2 – Dendrobium Hybrids

(excluding Section 8).

Phalaenanthe type – Exhibition – Classes 14 to 16

Class 14 - Red/Purple tonings

Class 15 - White/Colour Lip

Class 16 - Striped

Class 17 - Pansy Type

Class 18 - Ekapol Type (¾ Phalaenanthe Shape)

Class 19 - Intermediate Type (½ Phalaenanthe Shape) less than 60mm natural spread

Class 20 - Intermediate Type (½ Phalaenanthe Shape) -60mm and over natural spread

Class 21 - Spathulata Type – less than 60mm

natural spread (includes *Den. carronii* & *canaliculatum*

influence)

Class 22 - Spathulata Type – 60mm and over (includes *Den. carronii* & *canaliculatum* Influence)

Class 23 - Any other Dendrobium Hybrid

CHAMPION DENDROBIUM HYBRID

SECTION 3 – Vandae Hybrid (excluding Sections 4 and 8):

Class 24: Exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda

– Under 65mm

Class 25 - Exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda –

Over 65mm

Class 26 - Non-exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda (e.g. *V. merrillii* – *V. suavis*

shape)

Class 27 - Vascostylis – Any Colour

Class 28 - Miniature Hybrid Any Colour

Class 29 - Intergeneric hybrid excluding Ascocenda – 65mm and over

Class 30 - Intergeneric hybrid excluding Ascocenda – under

65mm

Class 31b - Aranda/Mokara, ¾ Terete Any Colour

Class 32 - Any Other Vandae Hybrid Excluding Classes 24 to 31

CHAMPION VANDEAE HYBRID

SECTION 4 – Phalaenopsis Hybrids

(excluding Section 8):

(Classes 33 to 37 are Exhibition or Classic Flowers 60mm and over.)

Class 33 - White or White with coloured lip

Class 34 - Pink

Class 35 - Any other colour without markings

Class 36 - Any colour with dominant stripes or

spotting

Class 37 - Any other colour or combination of colours not included above

Class 38 - Non-classic Type – Any colour with dominant stripes or spotting, excluding

Class 36

Class 39 - Non-classic Type – Any colour without dominant markings, excluding

Class 37

Class 40 - Miniature – Any Type less than

60mm

Class 41 - Any other Phalaenopsis Hybrid not included above

CHAMPION PHALAEOPSIS HYBRID

SECTION 5 – Oncidiinae Hybrids:

Class 42 - Oncidiinae – “Dancing Lady” or “Varicosum” Types

Class 43 - Oncidiinae – Less than 40mm wide (includes Equitant

Types)

Class 44 - Oncidiinae – 40mm to 60mm wide

Class 45 - Oncidiinae - Over 60mm to 100mm wide

Class 46 - Oncidiinae – Over 100mm wide

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

SECTION 6 – Paphiopedilum and

Phragmipedium Hybrids:

Class 47 - Paphiopedilum Exhibition, Standard or Classic types

Class 48 - Paphiopedilum Maudiae Type

Class 49 - Paphiopedilum Multiflora (e.g. Saint Swithin + types) excluding Class 50

Class 50 - Paphiopedilum Hybrid Multiflora - excluding Class 49

Class 51 - Paphiopedilum Hybrid

single flower excluding Classes 47 to 50

Class 50 - Phragmipedium Hybrid

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM/PHRAGMIPEDIUM

HYBRID

SECTION 7 - Any Other Genera Hybrids:

Class 53 - Spathoglottis Hybrid

Class 54 - Any Other Genus Hybrid-under 50mm

Class 55 - Any Other Genus Hybrid – 50mm to 75mm

Class 56 - Any Other Genus Hybrid – over 75mm

Class 57 - Bulbophyllum

CHAMPION

ANY OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

SECTION 8 – Australiana:

(All species in the registered parentage MUST occur naturally in Australia or Territories under the political control of Australia. In this context when the species *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* is listed in parentage it is considered to be the species from Timor and NOT native to Australia)

Hybrids:

Class 58 - Dendrobiums - any color or markings

Class 59 - Any other Genus – any colour or markings

SECTION 9 – Australiana Species:

Class 60A - Dendrobiums – Phalaenanthe (Cooktown)

Class 60B - Dendrobium Any Other

Class 61 - Any Other Genus – any colour markings

CHAMPION AUSTRALIANA

SECTION 10 – Exotic Species:

(All species MUST NOT occur naturally in Australia or Territories under the political control of Australia. Should a species occur naturally in both Australia and another country, it is to be included in Section 9)

Class 62 - Laeliinae A Cattleya

Class 63 - Laeliinae B Cattleya Alliance

Class 64 - Dendrobium A – Hard Cane Excluding Sections 2, 8 & 9

Class 65 - Dendrobium B – Soft Cane Excluding Section 2

Class 66 - Dendrochilum

Class 67 - Vandae - Excluding Section 3

Class 68 - Rhynchostylis

Class 69 - Oncidiinae

Class 70 - Phalaenopsis

Class 71 - Paphiopedilum

Class 72 - Phragmipedium

Class 73 - Bulbophyllum

Class 74 - Any other Species Orchid not listed above

CHAMPION EXOTIC SPECIES

SECTION 11 – Best Specimen Orchid: To be selected from all Section 1 to 10

SECTION 12 – Cut Flowers - Any Genus: NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CHAMPION OR RESERVE CHAMPION ORCHID

If necessary extra classes may be made during show set up at the discretion of the Show Chairman

Plants can only be entered in one class.

Judges decision is final

EDITOR'S NOTES

A very warm welcome to a TOS Inc. **new member**: Mrs Lillian Mulligan.

A very happy **June birthday** to the following members: Lyn Carlill – 2nd; Noel Hardwick – 7th; Ann Scholl – 12th; John Cuddihy - 14th; Lorraine Armitage - 18th; Walter Martin -18th; Donna Marnock – 21st; Allan Hughes - 25th.

Conferences:

7th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show hosted by Kabi Group Inc. 22 - 25 August 2013 www.ourshopfront.com/kabi

Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. Annual Spring Orchid & Bromelaid Show 20 - 25 September 2013 (Carnival of Flowers Time)

SALE OF PLANTS AT FRIDAY MEETING: Bring along your surplus/for sale plants on Friday night, ensuring that they each bear a name tag as well as a price tag with your number and price on it. Quality plants, free of disease etc. - and in respectable pots or mounts only please.

Pricing of plants at TOS Inc. Shows: If you are placing plants at a show for sale, please make sure that there is a price tag sticker on the pot, as well as a tag, to ensure there is no confusion as to the ownership of the plants, and the price of the plants.

In Noel's Bush House 15



Laelia rubescens

Laelia rubescens (Lindley 1840)

This popular orchid comes from Mexico and neighbouring Central American countries. It has a wide variety of colour forms – from the typical pink shades to plain white. Some of the brightest pink types with the best form come from the state of Oaxaca, Mexico (for those learning Mexican, Oaxaca is pronounced 'washaca'). All have the distinctive dark maroon patch towards the base of the lip. 'Rubescens' means 'rosy-tinted'.

Since it was named in 1840, *Laelia rubescens* has been given a large number of other names (now called synonyms), because of the variety of colour forms, which has tricked many botanists into thinking they have discovered a new species. It has tricked orchid buyers, too! A few years ago, I bought a plant of *Laelia acuminata*, not realising the name was a synonym until I researched it. When I bought that plant, I had not heard of the name, and thought "Aha, it's a rare Laelia. You beauty!" *Laelia rubescens* is a typical Mexican laelia which likes sunshine, good air movement and a definite dormant period in winter (after flowering). I used to own three different colour forms of this orchid, but I lost two through not remembering to keep them on the dry side after flowering. They rotted because I gave them too much water.

The plant is easily recognised, having smooth, shiny pseudobulbs which are somewhat compressed and oval-shaped. There is one leaf and a long (up to 50cm) narrow flower spike with up to 7 flowers. Interestingly, it is known to close the flowers at night.

Noel Grant June 2013.

Refs: 'OrchidWiz' computer program.

'The Cattleyas and their relatives, Vol. II, The Laelias' Withner, Carl L. 1988

'Growing Orchids, Book Two, The Cattleyas and other Epiphytes' J.N. Rentoul 1987

The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopaedia
<http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

'BEAT a BUG'

Good for Herbs, Vegetables & Fruit Trees

Insect spray and Natural Plant Food

Naturally based Pesticide

With Garlic, Chilli & Pyrethrum*

DAY DAWN 
N U R S E R Y