

# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



## SEPTEMBER 2013 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 4773420	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 <sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm	Novice/New Growers' Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm	Next Management Committee Meeting: Friday 04 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm

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### TOS CALENDAR 2013

<b>September 2013</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> – General Meeting - 8.00 pm
	29 <sup>th</sup> – Novice /New Growers' Meeting – 1.00pm
<b>October 2013</b>	04 <sup>th</sup> - Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm
	13 <sup>th</sup> - TOS Inc. Field Day
<b>November 2013</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> - Novice/New Growers' Christmas Party – 12 noon

### New Annual Membership Fees (commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013)

City Family	\$20.00	Pensioner Family	\$10.00
City Single	\$15.00	Pensioner Single/Junior	\$7.50
Country Family	\$10.00		

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.**

### JUDGES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

#### SEPTEMBER

MASTERS/OPEN O. KROGH, E. BOON  
NOVICE/SPECIES D. BENSON, A. HUGHES

#### OCTOBER

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

### TOS – 2014 SHOWDATES

*Autumn Show 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>  
& 13<sup>th</sup> April*

*Winter Show 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>  
& 20<sup>th</sup> July*

*Spring Show 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> &  
21<sup>st</sup> September*

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### Registrar's Choice: Hybrid:

Rlc. Burdekin Jewel x Rlc. Burdekin  
Dowry gained 82 Points for C  
Truscott.



### Registrar's Choice Species:

*Den. bigibbum* gained 79 Points for  
W&C Sewell.



### Specimen Plant:

*Dendrochilum tennellum* owned by  
W&J Nicholson.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another show again so soon – no more for seven months or thereabouts, with a Field day thrown in next month. We're a little short on shade houses to be open, so here's your chance to show off what you have.

Anyway, congratulations and thank you to the winners and the workers for your efforts with the Spring Show. My opening comment last month came to nothing, but promises by the Aircon supplier keep coming – it's the concreter who is holding him up.

At the risk of harping, a very successful year is coming to an end and the workers are tiring, so please put your name on a nomination form to occupy a position on the committee for 2013/14. Wal Nicholson

## NOVICE/NEW GROWERS' REPORT

This meeting was held at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan on the 25<sup>th</sup> August with 68 members and visitors in attendance. A wonderful array of flowering orchids were on display for our Popular Vote Competition which looking promising for lots of blooms at our Spring Show on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September. A vote of thanks has to go out to Noel Grant, who was our Guest Speaker for the afternoon's meeting. Noel gave a very good knowledgeable explanation on how he grows his Vandaceous Orchids, detailing in principle his methods on watering, fertilising, repotting and spraying procedure. Noel also handed out pamphlets of information on this subject which is always very well received. Ray Robinson gave a brief summary on the Bulbophyllum *nymphopolitanum* plant that he brought along to the meeting describing it to be of a small size, hot growing epiphyte plant that flowers in winter with several inflorescences that hold fragrant (foul) smelling flowers below the leaf and also requires shade and humid conditions. Ray also commented on Jean Nicholson's *Dendrochilum tenellum* with its grass like leaves that carry many flowers and again flowers in winter. Both these plant are natives of the Philippines regions. Ray has a lot of knowledge on the species genera and is always willing to help all our members on this subject.

The Popular Voting Competition results were in the Novice Section:- First Place was Peter & Mary Cooper, Second Place was Johanne Tracey with Keith Chambers & Lyn third. The Open Section:- First was Peter & Joanne Lucke, Second June & Stacey Cairns with Col Berzinski & Lyn Mulch, June & Stacey Cairns and Dorothy Denham tied for third.

T.O.S Inc. Field day is on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, so lots of help will be needed to run this event, plus donations of scones, sandwiches and cakes etc. for the morning and afternoon teas and also to welcome our visitors from various outer town clubs and societies around North Queensland and some gift items for the Multi Raffle that afternoon. A \$10.00 lunch of Chicken, Corn Meat, Salad and Fruit will be available for anyone wishing to have lunch, plus a Bus (Cost \$10.00) to tour around some of our members shade houses that day. So come along to meet and greet other society members of the various towns in our areas and have an enjoyable day. Once again you have to be congratulated for all your support and generosity towards our afternoon tea and the gifts to the Multi Raffle Table.

Our Christmas Party will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November at the T.O.S Inc. Hall starting at 12noon. Members who have attended 4 of our Sunday meeting this year a levy of \$5.00 will apply all other T.O.S Inc. members wishing to attend this function their costing will be \$20.00 and a visitor or friend attending Cost \$30.00.

## MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING HELD FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2013

**Meeting Opened:** 8.00pm by W Nicholson who welcomed all present reminding members to sign the Attendance Book.

**Minutes:** of previous meeting Moved as a True Record by R Rasmussen. Seconded T Phillips. Carried.

**Business Arising From Minutes:** Box cuttings & photos from Late A Partlett handed to Librarian. Also photos from Bulletin on table for identification E Boon praised the donated book "Orchids – Wonders of Nature" saying it was well worth reading.

**Correspondence: Inward:** CBA/Society Cheque A/c Statement; Transfer Money To Cash Investment A/c; Transfer Money to Cheque A/c; T.C. Council Rates, NQ Newspaper Coy A/c, Southern Cross A/c, Acuri Insurance A/c, MAI Aust A/c, Easy Orchids A/c, J Pankhurst (cleaner) A/c – all paid electronically; Campbell's Coaches Quote (Field Day Bus); J Luecke & J Rutledge – Annual Fees paid; Alan Polley/list Club contacts/ using Joe Kirwan park; T'ville & Dist. Garden Club/microphone; S Zanker/query/Spring Show; Chef On Call/menu/conference/receipt received; Tablelands Garden Expo/14-15 September; J Knowles/Easy Orchids A/c/Bulletins; Orchids North, MJ Orchids /replies; M Rawlins/telephone call/reply; Hall Hire/several emails; Other Society Bulletins; Burbank Orchid Catalogue; Orchids Australia; Orchids; Australian Orchid Review. **Outward:** T'ville Dist. Garden Club Inc/advice cleaner/microphone; Henry Chyba/thank you/donation books; Hubbards, Orchids North, MJ Orchids; M & S Rawlins/invitations re selling at shows; M Kelso/receipt/annual fees; J Luecke & J Rutledge/receipts/annual fees; Community Information Centre/Form; Hall Hire/several emails.

Moved by J Nicholson that Inward Correspondence be Received and Outward Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded by A Siarni. Carried.

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** Campbell's bus quote accepted; S Zanker/answered; Community Information Form returned; Chef on Call quote for Luncheon in November - \$27.90 head plus \$4 to cover \$293 cost for a Sunday. Three lists circulated: Show Roster; Members who wish to open shade houses on /field day; Savoury & Sweet donation list/Field Day.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not available as Treasurer absent at A.N.O.S. Conference in Strathpine.

**General Business: Bark:** surplus available to any members @ \$30 bag.

**Air-conditioning:** Concrete slabs not down yet. Hopefully work will begin next week.

**Irrigation:** No word from council.

**Novice/New Growers:** N Grant will speak on Vandaceous Orchids.

**Seniors' Expo:** W&J Nicholson attended with table of orchids. Lunch & Expo separate days.

**Registrar's Choice: Hybrid:** Rlc. Burdekin Jewel x Rlc. Burdekin Dowry gained 82 Points for C Truscott. **Species: Den. bigibbum** gained 79 Points for W&C Sewell. **Specimen: Dendrochilum tennellum** owned by W&J Nicholson.

**Registrar's Choice July Certificates:** presented to W&C Sewell (Hybrid); R&J MacIntyre (Species); W&J Nicholson (Best Specimen). E Boon also presented J&S Cairns with Certificate – AOC Award of Distinction. Congratulation to all above winners.

**Innisfail Field Day:** W Nicholson reported on trip etc.

**Flasks:** J Knowles reported on arrival of Flasks purchased from Easy Orchids – some were discounted – all collected. He also spoke on purchasing Orchid Wiz. If bulk orders taken, reduced prices available. Each set purchased services two computers.

Following the tea break E Boon gave an interesting critique of the tabled plants.

W Nicholson reminded members of our Spring Show on 13-15 September and asked all to bring in their flowering plants to help make the show a success. Set up of show on Thursday 12.09.13 at 11am – all helpers welcome.

**Lucky Door & Raffle:** tickets drawn – Congratulations to all winners.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.35pm

### Points 27.08.2013

No.	Name	Veterans	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
163	Allison - Allan		3			3
135	Blanchard - Brendan & White Lynne				7	7
118	Bloom - Marie		15		29	44
84	Berzinski - Col & Mutch - Lyn		20			20
68	Cairns - June & Stacey		61			61
85	Christophers - Grant & Siarni - Alis		23		4	27
59	Fay - Stephen	4				4
190	Fighera - Bruno		53		2	55
213	Grant - Noel & Maureen	129			153	282
58	Googh - Stephen & Fran			12		12
106	Hardwick - Noel		7			7
117	Keith - Mick	9				9
116	Kelly - Greg & Santina	79				79
65	Kennedy - Les & Ames - Fran	15				15
193	Knowles - Jeff & Alison	14			15	29
81	Lee - Charles	33			23	56
149	Lewis - Peter & Luz		25			25
71	Lucke - Peter & Joanne		94		16	110
167	MacIntyre - Ross & Joan		53		13	66
77	Marnock - Fred & Donna		102		8	110

147	Nicholson - Wal & Jean	506			219	725
66	Osbourne - Carl		7			10
96	Phillips - Tina			27	3	30
128	Rasmussen - Robert		4			4
104	Rutherford - Max		3			3
172	Sewell - Warren & Clara	108			27	135
216	Scott - Ron		9			9
216	Steel - Alf	2			9	11
61	Tracey - Jo			9		9
82	Truscott - Charlie	12				12

**TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD 25 OCTOBER 2013**  
**NOMINATION FORM ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

We hereby nominate.....for the position of.....

Proposer:.....Seconded:.....

I accept the above nomination.....  
(Signature)

Nominations for the positions of Office Bearers and Committee of Management must be in the hands of the Returning Officer fourteen (14) clear days before the Annual General Meeting.  
Nominations must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Nominations." This envelope must then be handed to the Returning Officer or placed in a second envelope and posted to the Returning Office care of the Society's Postal Address.

The Returning Officer: JOHN NUSS  
The Postal Address of the Society: P O Box 836 Aitkenvale DC. Qld 4814

**TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**  
**PROXY FORM**

I,.....of.....

being a member of the above-named Society, hereby appoint.....

of....., or failing him, .....

of....., as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (Annual) General Meeting of the Society, to be held on the.....day of .....20....., and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this .....day of.....20.... Signature.....

- \* This form is to be used in favour of the resolution.
- \* This form is to be used against the resolution

(\* Strike out which ever is not desired.)  
Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he thinks fit

**TABLED PLANTS AT GENERAL MEETING 23.08.2013****(some names may have been changed)****(\*does not appear to exist = the name was not found in orchid encyclopedia)****Veterans**

Phragmipedium	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phrag Sorcerers Apprentice	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phrag Green Hornet	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phrag Brysa	W & J Nicholson
Paphiopedilum	
1 <sup>st</sup> Paph Saint Swithin	W & C Sewell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph Saint Swithin	L Kennedy & F Ames
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paph Lawless Walkure	L Kennedy & F Ames
Paphiopedilum – Maudiae Type	
1 <sup>st</sup> Paph Redstar Land Early x maudiae var coloratum	L Kennedy & F Ames
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph Pinocchio	W & J Nicholson
Vandaceae	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ascda Wacharin	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mokara Madame Panni	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup> V. Pinsai x V. Rasri Gold 'Alba'	W & J Nicholson
Epidendrum	
1 <sup>st</sup> Epi PomPom 'Wolby'	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ttna Dark Prince	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'	W & J Nicholson
Cattlianthe	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ctt Gold Digger Fuch Marindin	W & C Sewell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ctt [Slc] Merinda Lust x Ctt [Slc] GoldNugget	W & C Sewell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ctt [Lc] Trick or Treat	W & J Nicholson
Miscellaneous	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rlc [Blc] Burdekin jewel 'Charlie' x Rlc [Blc] Burdekin Dowry 'Sharon'	
C Truscott	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Onc Sharry Baby x Onc Dancing Doll (does not appear to exist)	
W & J Nicholson	
Dendrobium	
1 <sup>st</sup> Den Joanella x Dalvey = Den Four-Sixty Squadron	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den Miracle 'Brown'	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Den Burana Sundae	W & J Nicholson
Cymbidium	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phcal Kryptonite 'Chariot of Fire'	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym Green Mist 'Mini Mart'	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cym Green Mist 'Mini Mart'	W & J Nicholson
<b>OPEN</b>	
Phalaenopsis	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. Sogo Yukidian	F & D Marnock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal. Sogo Yukidian 'v3'	F & D Marnock
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. Mem Masami Takasak x Phal. Pinalons Memory (appears to be no such name)	F & D Marnock
Phalaenopsis	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. Ming – Hsin Cinderella x Phal [Dtps] Leopard Prince = Phal Alice's Clara	
F & D Marnock	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal. Mount Lip	F & D Marnock
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal [Dtps] Tiny Honey ( Name does not appear to exist)	F & D Marnock
Phalaenopsis	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phal [Dtps] Sunrise Star 'Sunrise'	F & D Marnock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal [Dtps] Chainxen Queen	F & D Marnock
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. I – hsin kabuki	F & D Marnock
Phalaenopsis	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. Leopard Prince	J & S Cairns
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal. Sogo Golden Royal x Phal Chih Shang's Stripes	J & S Cairns
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. Jiuhbace Fairy	J & S Cairns
Phalaenopsis	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. Unknown	J & S Cairns
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal. Cassandra	F & D Marnock
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. Nobby's Amy	C Berzinski & L Mutch

## Oncidinae

1 <sup>st</sup> Oncsa Aloha Iwagana x Gom Plexussum	
= Oncsa Sang Chan	R & J MacIntyre
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rrm. Willowbank Narina	R Scott
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tolu. Sniffen	G Christophers & A Siarni

## Miscellaneous

1 <sup>st</sup> Vasco Alice's Anie	F & D Marnock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Blue'	F & D Marnock
3 <sup>rd</sup> Den. Chalaway Beauty x Ted Takiguki x canaliculatum	C Berzinski & L Mutch
Cattleya - Miscellaneous	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rly. Hwa Yuan Bay 'Shu She'	P & J Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup> C. Netrasiri Beauty 'Warut Startrack'	P & J Lucke
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ctt [Lc]. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'	R Scott
Cattlianthe	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ctt. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle'	P & J Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ctt. Mini Gold	L. Kennedy & F Ames
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ctt [C]. Chocolate Drop Kadoma x Gold Digger	C Berzinski & L Mutch
Rhyncholaeliocattleya	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rlc. Sonya Jenkinson	R Scott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rlc [Bc]. Raspberry Parfait 'Pink Sprite'	M Rutherford
3 <sup>rd</sup> Rlc. Ranger Six x Rlc Burdekin Bells	P & J Lucke
Vandaceae	
1 <sup>st</sup> V. Pachara Delight	J & S Cairns
2 <sup>nd</sup> V. Unknown	J & S Cairns
Cattleya	
1 <sup>st</sup> Hknsa. Rest In Peace 'Anzac'	
= Gct. Rest In Peace	G Christophers & A Siarni
2 <sup>nd</sup> B. nodosa x C. Bhimayothin	G Christophers & A Siarni
Dendrobium	
1 <sup>st</sup> Den. lustrous x Candice Acc = Den Candy	L. Kennedy & F Ames
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den. Berry 'Oda' x Ku-Ring Gai 'Bobin'	L Kennedy & F Ames
Paphiopedilum	
1 <sup>st</sup> Paph. Pinocchio x haynaldianum = Paph. Fumis Flight	C Osborne
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph. Leeanum	P Lucke
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paph. Okalohama	F & D Marnock

**SPECIES**

Barkeria	
1 <sup>st</sup> Bark. Whartonianum	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bark. dorothea	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bark. Dorothea	N & M Grant
Dendrobium	
1 <sup>st</sup> Den. <i>bigibbum</i>	W & C Sewell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den. <i>discolor</i>	G Christophers & A Siarni
Miscellaneous	
1 <sup>st</sup> Angcm. <i>leonis</i> 'Comoros Island'	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup> V. <i>coerulescens</i>	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> V. <i>lilacina</i>	N & M Grant
Miscellaneous	
1 <sup>st</sup> Den. <i>spectabile</i>	W & J Nicholson
Phalaenopsis	
1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. <i>amabilis</i> variegated	P & J Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal <i>amabilis</i> formosum	C Osborne
Dendrobium Australiana	
1 <sup>st</sup> Den. <i>canaliculatum</i>	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den. <i>canaliculatum</i>	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Den. <i>canaliculatum</i>	P & J Lucke
Cattleya	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rl. <i>digbyana</i> 'Mrs Chase'	P & J Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup> C. <i>amethystoglossa</i>	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Epi. <i>stamfordianum</i>	N & M Grant
Paphiopedilum	
1 <sup>st</sup> Paph. <i>primulimum</i>	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph. <i>sargentianum</i>	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paph. <i>glaucophyllum</i>	W & J Nicholson
Dendrochilum	
1 <sup>st</sup> Dendro. <i>cobbianum</i>	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dendro. <i>tennellum</i>	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dendro. <i>cobbianum</i>	W & J Nicholson

## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

A very warm welcome to a TOS Inc. **new members**: Patricia & Graham Waring; Marguerite & raig Rushworth; Maxine Succio; Angela Care.

A very happy **September birthday** to the following members: Lucy Joynson - 1<sup>st</sup>; Craig Rushworth - 1<sup>st</sup>; Gilliam Ruterford - 4<sup>th</sup>; Maxine Succio - 4<sup>th</sup>; Marie Bloom - 10<sup>th</sup>; Jean Nicholson - 11<sup>th</sup>; Stephen Fay - 12<sup>th</sup>; Joanne Lucke - 15<sup>th</sup>; Ray Robinson - 17<sup>th</sup>; Col Kingston - 22<sup>nd</sup>; Graham Worth - 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **CONFERENCES:**

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the AOC Conference in Darwin in 2015 has been changed to **1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015**. The Conference Committee Chairperson, Wendy Edison, has advised us that the dates are now set, with the contract having been drawn up with the Darwin Convention Centre. She says that it is a great venue with accommodation close handy, and for those who do not mind walking, the CBD is within walking distance.

**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.

**LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED:** *Cattleya amethyotoglossa* 'Orchidworld' taken from bench at conclusion of Spring Show. Return to President Wal - no questions asked, but if found in your possession otherwise, watch out!!

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## **Shop and Grow.**

*By Jeff Knowles*

**Flasks.** Well, fifty-nine of our ordered sixty flasks arrived before the August meetings and are now all in the hands of members. The overall quality was very good (one flask had some fungus in it) with some deflasking being done, under Alison's expert eyes, at Sunday's meeting.

**MycoApply MAXX.** There are a few pre-ordered packets to be picked up from the members' shop. A few spare packets are available for sale.

**Growing Competition.** Robert Rasmussen still leads the pack with his *Phalaenopsis* already having a nice flower spike. Maybe it will be in flower at the Spring Orchid Show. Check your *dendrobium* growing competition plant as it should be sending out its new growth, so it is time to increase the watering and give it plenty of growth fertilisers as it emerges from its slumber.

**Taiwan International Orchid Show 2014.** (Probably open to the public from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2014). Members and interested travellers who have passports, or who can get one soon, and who enjoy travelling the world now have a few choices to make with this spectacular orchid show on the horizon.

1. Stay at home on the couch and wait to see the photographs.
2. Whiz over and spend a couple of days at the show. Even bring back a flask or six.
3. Register and spend more time there and visit orchid nurseries etc. I believe that by registering you get picked up at the airport, cheaper hotel accommodation and free shuttle bus to and from the show from the hotel. (Sounds good!)
4. Do judging as well, which could be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.
5. Join an organised, escorted Taiwan tour and enjoy much of what Taiwan has to offer which includes spending a day or two at the orchid show. Alison and I did this tour from Brisbane (direct flights) and it was great. Helen tells me she is organising it again for March 2014 so I will pass on the information as she sends it to me. (Photos available – and we enjoyed the food tremendously.)

**Singapore Orchid Show 2014.** This show is presented as part of the Singapore Garden Festival and is currently set for 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. More details as they come to hand. Quite often there are "cheap" flights to Singapore advertised, so keep looking. (More food to sample as well.)

**Computerised Orchid Database.** Following queries from members regarding the (commercially available) *OrchidWiz* computer orchid database program in operation at the hall, I can report that discounts do apply for bulk purchases of the program. The discounts kick in at an order of five licences. Many questions were raised, at Sunday's meeting in particular, as to the features of *OrchidWiz* so we decided to hold off gathering and placing orders until we could spend some time explaining it all at a future meeting. The suppliers have sent me a "power point" presentation that we could use.

*Happy Growing.*

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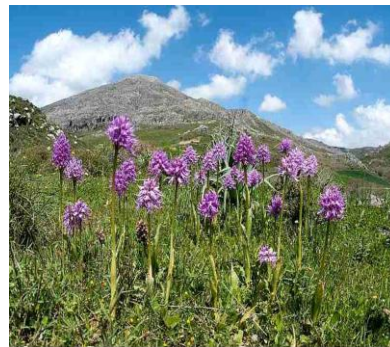
## ANTHROPOMORPHIC ORCHIDS

For thousands of years, people have seen a fancied human characteristic or appearance in many animals, plants and flowers. Folk medicine has used various items in a (usually fruitless) search to find remedies and potions to cure their ills. Orchids have not escaped this search.

The word “orchid” is derived from the Greek “orchis”, which means “testicle”. It was applied to a plant from northern Europe which had a pair of underground tubers, resembling parts of, ahem, a gentleman’s reproductive equipment. The tubers were often cooked and eaten to give a supposed extra vigor. The world-famous botanist, Linnaeus, identified 8 orchid species in his publication “Genera Plantarum” in 1737, including *Orchis militaris*, which is now the type species for the genus *Orchis*.

11 species in the *O. militaris* group (all similar in appearance to *O. militaris*) have anthropomorphic characteristics – the labellum is shaped like a tiny person – and, if you look closely, it is obviously a man. Some of the species have interesting names – *O. militaris* means “like a soldier”, *O. simia* means “the monkey”. The attached photos are of *Orchis italica* (“from Italy”) and were with an email which has circulated recently.

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## ATTENTION: MORE CHANGES TO ORCHID NOMENCLATURE

At a meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society’s Orchid Hybrid Registration Advisory Group in May 2013, following discussion of proposed nomenclature changes in the *Vandaeae*, the members unanimously recommended adoption of the following changes in the Hybrid Register immediately:

*Vanda* is to be expanded to include: *Ascocentropsis*, *Ascocentrum*, *Christensonia*, *Eparmatostigma*, *Euanthe*, *Neofinetia* and *Trudelia*.

*Aerides flabellata* has been transferred to *Vanda*. *Papilionanthe* is to be accepted as distinct from *Vanda*.

*Arachnis* to include: *Armodorium* and *Esmeralda*.

*Gastrochilus* to include: *Haraella*.

*Holcoglossum* to include: *Ascolabium* and *Penkimia*.

*Phalaenopsis* to include: *Doritis*, *Kingidium*, *Lesliea*, *Nothodoritis*, *Ornithochilus* and *Sedirea*.

*Renanthera* to include: *Ascoglossum*, *Porphyodesme* and *Reantherella*.

*Robiquetia* to include: *Abdominea*, *Malleola*, *India*, *Megalotus* and *Samarorchis*.

*Trichoglottis* to include: *Ceratochilus*, *Staurochilus* and *Ventricularia*.

The biggest change stems from the reclassification of *Ascocentrums* as *Vandas*. Most importantly, *Asctm. curvifolium* was renamed *V. curvifolia* and *Asctm. miniatum* became *V. miniata*. As a result, among many other changes, 1,899 *Ascocenda* hybrids (*Asctm* x *V*) became *Vanda*, and 239 *Vascostylis* hybrids (*Asctm* x *Rhy* x *V*) became *Vandachostylis*. In total, over 4,300 *Vandaceous* names have changed.

Like you, I look forward to updating my plant tags.

Thanks to The Australian Orchid Digest, Orchids Magazine and OrchidWiz for the above information.

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## **pH – A FURTHER CLARIFICATION**

Recently, at Novice/New Growers meetings of the Townsville Orchid Society, the importance of managing the pH of water and fertilisers has been discussed. Many people still have a hazy idea of pH, so I hope the following simplified explanation will be of help:

1. In a solution, pH approximates but is not equal to  $p[H]$ , the negative logarithm (base 10) of the molar concentration of dissolved hydronium ions ( $H_3O^+$ ); a low pH indicates a high concentration of hydronium ions, while a high pH indicates a low concentration. Crudely, this negative of the logarithm matches the number of places behind the decimal point, so for example 0.1 molar hydrochloric acid should be near pH 1 and 0.0001 molar HCl should be near pH 4 (the base 10 logarithms of 0.1 and 0.0001 being -1, and -4, respectively).
2. The simplified version of the simplified explanation: pH stands for the concentration of free hydrogen ions ( $H^+$ ) in solution. Conventionally, it is referred to as the concentration of hydronium ions, ( $H_3O^+$ ); because free  $H^+$  ions exist only theoretically, and in aqueous solutions instantly form  $H_3O^+$  ions.

And for those who cry “What does “pH” mean?” the answer is “pondus hydrogenii” (i.e. “pool of hydrogen”).

Right, then. Everyone got that? Any questions? All correspondence and complaints to the Editor, please. (OK, Noel, in your dreams!! – Ed.)

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