

# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



## NOVEMBER 2013 BULLETIN

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

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Meetings are held 8pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month except December in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. hall.

#### Postal Address:

PO Box 836 D.C.  
AITKENVALE QLD 4814

#### Hall Location:

Joe Kirwan Park  
Charles Street, KIRWAN

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### Annual Membership Fees:

Family	\$20.00	Pensioner Family	\$10.00
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

**Are you currently un-financial? To remain a member of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc and to continue to receive the TOS Bulletin you need to pay your annual membership**

**Fees are due 1<sup>st</sup> September each year**

### TOS CALENDAR 2013

#### November 2013

22<sup>nd</sup> General Monthly Meeting – 8pm (bring a plate to share with coffee after the last meeting of the year)

24<sup>th</sup> - Novice/New Growers' *Christmas Party* – 12 noon

29<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

(help is required to help set up for the Christmas dinner – all offers welcome for more information call Wal or Jean)

### Judges – November

MASTERS/OPEN D. BENSON, C. TRUSCOTT  
NOVICE/SPECIES E. BOON, O. KROGH

### 2014 Townsville Show Dates:

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

**Winter:** 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Spring:** 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> September

### November Birthdays

David Baily	5
Peter Cooper	6
Pat Crawford	7
John Mellick	10
Maureen Soper	12

### December Birthdays

Wendy van den Dolder	23
Kerry Willey	24
Wendy Sibthorpe	26
Col Berzinski	27



### The Society welcomes new Members

William and Elva Baillie & John and Jennifer Mellick

### VALE

It is with regret we advise members of the death of Doris Blakeney, a keen older member of our Society and Mother of members Vivienne Blakeney and Nolene Leroy. Doris, who was 91 years of age, enjoyed the Sunday meetings, and attended regularly with her daughters, up until her sudden death recently.

Also the recent passing of former Member Cecelia Hardwick, aged 94 years, joined in 1986, Mother of member Noel Hardwick, she was an active member until, for health reasons, she moved into a Nursing Home.

Late advice is the passing of Margaret Chapman, aged 94 years, who with her late husband Harold, joined our Society in 1972, when both served as Vice-Presidents and Committee members until the 1990's. Our very senior members would remember Margaret with great affection.

The Society & Members offer Deepest Sympathy to all connected Families of these successful women.

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

### MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 25.10.2013

**Meeting Opened:** 9.08pm by W Nicholson

**Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:** Den. Palolo Sunshine gained 81 Points for W&C Sewell. **Species:** *Bulbophyllum lobbii* var. *lobbii* gained 80 Points for J&A Knowles. **Specimen** *Milt. spectabilis* owned by W&J Nicholson.

W Nicholson asked for a minute's silence for passed Members Cecilia Hardwick (Mother of Noel Hardwick) and Doris Blakeney (Mother of Vivienne Blakeney and Noelene Leroy), both of whom passed away recently.

**Yearly Tabled Plants Trophies** were given to winners.

**Novice:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Tina Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stephen & Fran Googh 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jo Tracy

**Open:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Fred & Donna Marnock 2<sup>nd</sup>. Peter & Joanne Lucke 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tracey & June Cairns

**Veterans:** 1st. Wal & Jean Nicholson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Noel & Maureen Grant 3<sup>rd</sup>. Warren & Clara Sewell

**Aggregate Points:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Wal & Jean Nicholson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Noel & Maureen Grant 3<sup>rd</sup>. Warren & Clara Sewell

**Registrar's Choice:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Charlie Truscott 2<sup>nd</sup> Tie - Alf Steel, Marie Bloom and Wal & Jean Nicholson.

**Ivy Nott Memorial Trophy:** Bruno Figuera.

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

**Business Arising From Minutes:** W Sewell objected to the word "grots" being used in Bulletin as it is posted throughout Australia and not good for Society. \$50 missing from honour system in drink fridge on Field Day. In future someone will have to man it continually or not have it open.

**Correspondence: Inward:** CBA/transfer; Cairns Orchid Centre/A/c paid; Cleaner/A/c's paid; Chef on Call/deposit; T&M Davis Building/A/c paid; Southern Cross/A/c paid; AOS/membership +subscription/J&S Cairns; Total Cool/Invoice; Campbell's Coaches/A/c paid; Weight Watchers/Invoice; Rentokil/Reminder; J Knowles/S Snow; I&P Walters/Subs; OQI/executive details/membership form; Nambour OS/Species Show/1-2.11.13; AOS/Members meeting; Orchid Wiz/DVD; AOR/reminder membership; TQOC Sec/meeting details 9.11.13; Tablelands OS/details Conference

6-8 June 14; Hibiscus Club/thank you; J Knowles/Orchid Wiz purchase; Qld Govt./Seniors Week 16-24.08.14; Hall Hire/several emails; Orchids Australia; Aust. Orchid Review; AOS Magazine.

**Outward:** J Knowles/orchid Wiz purchases; G&S Kelly/payment/dinner; T'ville & Dist. Garden Club/air-conditioning; K Mitchell/new member; Blakeney Family & Hardwick Family/Sympathy Cards.

J Nicholson Moved Receipt of Inward and Confirmation of Outward Correspondence. Seconded by C Berzinski. Carried.

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** Look into obtaining a key switch for air-conditioning, in meantime switch off at controls.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by C Lee who Moved his Report be Received. Seconded by M Bloom. Carried.

**Novice/New Growers' Report:** given by W Sewell. He requested a menu for luncheon which will be discussed on Sunday.

**Field Day:** W Nicholson congratulated members on one of best field days we have conducted. W Sewell stated L Mutch was left on own to sell raffle tickets in afternoon. Following a heated discussion a decision was made to have a roster of members to help out with ticket selling. A Allison approached table to state he was resigning from Society.

**Certificates:** from Spring Show given to M Sanim winner of Novice Champion and Reserve Champion of show.

Following a break for supper E Boon spoke on Tabled Plants.

**General Business:** Reminder to new members of Management Committee that our meeting will be held one week from tonight (1.10.2013) at 7.30pm. Discuss suitability of a Friday night for that meeting.

J Knowles spoke on ordering of three extra copies of Orchid Wiz – no further orders. Also to hold a growing competition next year would cost approx.\$120 for compots from Fraser Dendrobes. G Christophers offered to collect same on a trip home from south. Decision to be made at Management Committee meeting. Suggestion by L Mutch to put suggestion to Novice Growers on Sunday.

L Mutch asked that raffle tickets at Novice Luncheon be sold for \$1 instead of 50¢ each. Supported by C Lee. Defeated by show of hands vote.

**Lucky Door and Raffle:** drawn by W Nicholson.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.56pm.



## President's Comments

Yes we have the same old President, but what a change with almost a full Management Committee. With a couple of volunteers added to those elected at the A.G.M. we have only two unfilled positions – Publicity Officer and Technical Adviser-although we have a volunteer to perform the duties of the latter without being on the committee. What a pleasant change, thank you to all of the individual committee members.

Unfortunately for the first time in many years, we do not have a Sewell on the committee. Thank you Clara and Warren for past efforts. Thanks also to Grant and Alis for their work with the monthly bulletin. Fred with Donna's help has returned to compiling our bulletin.

### **The new office bearers are:-**

Patron	Phyllis Merritt
Secretary	Jean Nicholson
President	Wal Nicholson
Assistant Secretary	Stacey Cairns
Senior Vice President	Fred Marnock
Treasurer	Lynne White
V- President –Hospitality/Catering	June Cairns
Assistant Treasurer	Marie Bloom
Vi- President - Show Committee	Charlie Truscott
Librarian	Noel Grant
V- President –Finance/Building/Investment	Charles Lee
Publicity Officer	Vacant
Technical Adviser	Vacant

Committee Members – Ann Roberts, Kerry Willey, Jean White, Robert Rasmussen, Brendon Blanchard.

Hostesses – Joan MacIntyre, Luz Lewis, Tina Phillips, Lyn Mutch.

We overlooked the positions of Country Vice Presidents which serve no real purpose in any case.

Warren will still lead the Novice/New Growers Group and “The Shop” will still be run by Jeff and Alison Knowles – Thanks to all concerned.

All of this bodes well for a successful 2014 with our first show not till April, and the committee has already discussed some changes to the running of the shows.

When preparing my Annual Report for presentation to the A.G.M. I was surprised to see that during the full 2012/13 year

we had recruited forty new members, it's no wonder we have such good attendances at Novice/New Growers Sunday meetings. Our membership has exceeded two hundred for the first time in quite a few years.

We were somewhat lucky in the early hours of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November when a thirteen year old driver came through the fifteen feet (4.5metre) fence next door and luckily (for us) was slowed down by the golden cane palm and the very wet ground. The vehicle stopped less than a meter from the dividing rail in front of the hall.

November meetings are our last for the year with the Novice/New Growers' luncheon the finale, so I take this opportunity to thank you all for a great year and wish you all a Very Happy and rewarding Christmas and New Year.

Wal Nicholson



## Novice New Growers Group Report

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 68 members and visitors of this group met at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan for their usual monthly meeting.

These meetings have always been well attended throughout the year and where we all try and help one another with their individual problems and to know how to grow their orchid plants to a much better standard in the future.

Before the afternoon's activities commenced, a minute silence was observed for the late Doris Blakeney and Cecilia Hardwick who had both passed away recently. These kind and gentle ladies were both in their nineties and loved their orchid flowers. Our sincere condolences have to go to Noelene, Vivienne and Colleen (Blakeney Family) also Noel, Lester, Catherine and Carmel (Hardwick Family) on their sad loss.

As there was no Guest Speaker named for our afternoon activities, a general discussion took place on what we need to lookout for in the coming months of summer in regards to bacterial problems that come with hot and rainy weather and the invasion of insects such as the red & false spider mites, aphids, mealy bugs, thrip, cockroach, grasshoppers etc, and what damage they can do to your orchids.

In the Popular Voting Competition, the Novice Section placing was as follows:- Eric & Robyn Dundas 1<sup>st</sup>, Mark Sanin 2<sup>nd</sup> with Kerry Willy 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the Open Section:- 1<sup>st</sup> was June & Stacey Cairns, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Wal & Lyn Carlill and 3<sup>rd</sup> June & Stacey Cairns.

Congratulation to all our members who brought along their flowering orchids throughout the year, your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Our Novice/New Growers Christmas Luncheon will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall starting at 12noon. As Chef on Call will need numbers to cater for this

function by the 18<sup>th</sup> November and if your name is not already on the Christmas Function list, would you please contact Warren on 47716793 or the Secretary as soon as possible to assist us to have the correct number of members wishing to attend the luncheon by that date.

Donation of gifts for the Monster Raffle Table will be greatly accepted along with some gifts of groceries or any household cleaning material etc. to fill the plastic buckets for few special draws throughout the afternoon proceedings.

Once again Clara and Warren would like to thank everybody for your support towards all our wonderful afternoon tea table and for your donation of gifts towards the Multi Raffle Table and the purchasing of Raffle Tickets during the past year.

May your hearts be filled with love and your home with laughter this coming Christmas Season.

## MONTHLY RESULTS

### OCTOBER MEETING 2013

#### MASTERS

##### Paphiopedilum miscellaneous.

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|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Paph Saint Swithin | W & J Nicholson |
| 2 | Phrag Eric Young   | W & J Nicholson |

##### Cymbidium

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|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Cym Kintoki | W & J Nicholson |
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##### Phalaenopsis

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|---|--|-----------------|
| 1 | Phal ??? x <i>Phal intermedia</i>      | W & J Nicholson |
| 2 | Phal Sogo Golden x Phal Tai Yellowbird | W & J Nicholson |

##### Miniature Vandaceous

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|---|---|-----------------|
| 1 | V [Rhncm] Lilac Blossom   | N & M Grant     |
| 2 | V [Ascfn] Cherry Blossom  |                 |
| 3 | Aerdv [Darwinara] Fuch's cream Puff x <i>V miniata</i><br>[ <i>Asctm miniatum</i> ] | W & J Nicholson |

##### Australian Native Hybrid

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|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Cym Little Black Sambo | W & J Nicholson |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|

##### Vascostylus

- |   |                                  |             |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Vasco Pine Rivers                | N & M Grant |
| 2 | Vasco Pine Rivers                | N & M Grant |
| 3 | Vasco Seng x <i>V parviflora</i> | N & M Grant |

##### Broughtonia Influence

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|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Gct [Ctna] Why Not Walk | W & C Sewell |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|

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|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Pot Unkown         | W & J Nicholson |
| 3 | Gct [Ctna] Why Not | W & J Nicholson |

##### Miscellaneous Cattleya

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|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Jkf Apple Blossom     | W & C Sewell |
| 2 | Bc [Rlc] Rustic Spots | W & C Sewell |
| 3 | Epi Sunny Girl        | N & M Grant  |

##### Miniature Cattleya

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|---|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | C [Slc] Red Berries | W & C Sewell |
|---|---------------------|--------------|

##### Miscellaneous Cattleya Alliance

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|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Rlc Burdekin Future | W & C Sewell    |
| 2 | C [Lc] Canhamiana   | W & J Nicholson |

##### Oncidium

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Onc [Wils] Golden Afternoon | W & J Nicholson |
| 2 | Onc Heaven Scent            | W & J Nicholson |

##### Brassia

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|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Brassia Rex | W & J Nicholson |
| 2 | Brs Starex  | W & J Nicholson |
| 3 | Brs Rex     | W & J Nicholson |

##### Dendrobium Miscellaneous

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|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Den Fire Coral    | W & J Nicholson |
| 2 | Den Gatton Sunray | W & J Nicholson |
| 3 | Den Gatton Sunray | W & J Nicholson |

##### Den Intermediate Small

- |   |                                       |                 |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Den Masako Taki                       | W & J Nicholson |
| 2 | Den Tommy                             | W & J Nicholson |
| 3 | Den Hugh Fisher x <i>Den bigibbum</i> | W & J Nicholson |

##### Den Intermediate Large

- |   |  |                 |
|---|--|-----------------|
| 1 | Den Palolo Sunshine  | W & C Sewell    |
| 2 | Den Snowstrat  | W & J Nicholson |
| 3 | Den Caesar x <i>Den helix</i> [ <u>Den Carol Dosseho</u> ] | W & J Nicholson |

##### Den Spathulata Large

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|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Den Black Sapider x Ly's Pride | W & C Sewell    |
| 2 | Den Island Fantasy             | W & J Nicholson |
| 3 | Den Cherway Kiley              | W & C Sewell    |

Den Spathulata Small

- 1 Den Memoria Kip Mc Killop x *Den helix*  
W & J Nicholson
- 2 *Den helix* x *lineale* x *discolor* [DEN MAY FREDERICKS]
- 3 Den Myall Beauty x Den Whitsunday Island  
W & J Nicholson

Vandaceous

- 1 Vanda Manuvadee W & C Sewell

OPEN SECTIONMiscellaneous

- 1 Paph Shireen G Christophers & A Siarni
- 2 Den Charelle x Ray's Twist x *canaliculatum*  
G Christophers & A Siarni

Cattleya Alliance

- 1 Epi Dancing Bees G Christophers & A Siarni
- 2 Ttna Dark Prince M Bloom
- 3 C intermedia hybrid A Allison

Phalaenopsis

- 1 Phal I- Hsin Madame J & S Cairns
- 2 Phal Golden Taipei x Golden Sun J & S Cairns
- 3 Phal Bedford Laurent x Mem Gordon Aamoth  
[PHAL INGHAM YELLOW] J & S Cairns

Vandaceous 65 cm and over

- 1 V Manuvadee G Christophers & A Siarni
- 2 V Roberts Delight J & S Cairns
- 3 V Bangyikhan Red x *V sanderiana* [Eua sanderana]

Vandaceous under 65

- 1 V Betty May Steel x V Alice's Stewart J & S Cairns
- 2 V [Ascda] Jean Ward x V [Asctm] *curvifolia* [*curvifolium*]  
= V Rosalie Dixler G Christophers & A Siarni

Vascostylus

- 1 Vasco Pine Rivers G Christophers & A Siarni
- 2 Vasco Alice's Anie [Annie] G Christophers & A Siarni

NOVICE SECTIONMiscellaneous

- 1 Ctt Merinda Lust x Rth Free Spirit V Blakeney
- 2 Phal ?????? N Palin

SPECIES SECTION

- Oncidium
- 1 *Onc sphacelatum* W & J Nicholson
- 2 *Onc multiflorum* W & J Nicholson
- 3 *Onc sphacelatum* W & J Nicholson

Vandaceous Alliance

- 1 *Jumellea arachnantha* W & J Nicholson
- 2 *V curvifolia* [Asctm *curvifolium*] N & M Grant
- 3 *V curvifolia* [Asctm *curvifolium*] N & M Grant

Dendrobium

- 1 *Den helix* W & C Sewell
- 2 *Den spectabile* W & J Nicholson
- 3 *Den polysema* W & J Nicholson

Oncidium Alliance

- 1 *Miltonia spectabilis* W & J Nicholson
- 2 *Tolu lemoniana* W & J Nicholson

Cattleya Alliance

- 1 *Pros chacoense* W & J Nicholson
- 2 *Pros chacoense* W & J Nicholson
- 3 *Enc diurnal* N & M Grant

Grammatophyllum

- 1 *Gramm scriptum* M Bloom

Bulbophyllum

- 1 *Bulb lobbii* var *lobbii* J & A Knowles
- 2 *Bulb claptonense* W & J Nicholson
- 3 *Bulb auratum* W & J Nichols



## In Noel's Bush House 18

*Vanda garayi* (Christenson) L.M. Gardiner (2012)

formerly: *Ascocentrum garayi* Christenson 1992

purchased as : *Ascocentrum miniatum* (Lindl.) Schltr. (1913)

now: *Vanda miniata* (Lindl.) L.M. Gardiner (2012)

I have recently re-named this universally admired small orchid as *Vanda garayi*. I purchased it in 2004 as *Ascocentrum miniatum* (now called *Vanda miniata*), but I have been reading recently that the majority of plants sold under that name may actually be *V. garayi*.

I found the differences are as follows: *V. garayi* has solid orange colour, very elliptical sepals and petals and has a straight lip, whereas *V. miniata* has clearer, more transparent orange flowers with more noticeable veining, the petals and sepals are narrower than those on *V. garayi*, and, most noticeably, the lip is recurved (it bends down and back towards the spur). I had a close look at my plant during the current flowering and saw flowers with a clear orange colour, no visible veining on the petals and sepals and a straight lip. Obviously, my plant is *V. garayi*.

It is found in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, but like most orchids from this area it has been extensively collected from the wild and is threatened with extinction.

My plant is a strong grower, and this year I was delighted to see 19 flower spikes on it. Those who visited during the recent Townsville Orchid Society Field Day will remember the visual impact it made. A thought – I have another plant (currently labelled as *V. miniata*) – why did it have only two flower spikes?

Noel Grant November 2013.

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

Computer program "OrchidWiz"



Registrar's Choice (80 points)

Species – *Bulb lobbii* var *lobbii*  
J & A Knowles



Registrar's Choice

Specimen - *Miltonia spectabilis*  
W & J Nicholson



Registrar's Choice (81 points)

Hybrid Den Palolo Sunshine  
W & C Sewell

**POINTS TABLE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Veteran</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Novice</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>
Allison – Allan		2			<b>2</b>
Berzinski - Col Mutch Lyn		3			<b>3</b>
Blakeny- Vivene		4			<b>4</b>
Bloom – Marie		3		4	<b>7</b>
Cairns - June & Stacey		15		1	<b>16</b>
Christophers- Grant & Siarni – Alis		25			<b>25</b>
Grant- Noel & Maureen	18			9	<b>27</b>
Knowles- Jeff & Alison				4	<b>4</b>
Nicholson - Wal & Jean	66			36	<b>102</b>
Phillips – Tina		1			<b>1</b>
Palin – Norma		3			<b>3</b>
Sewell - Warren & Clara	32			5	<b>37</b>


**Editor's Note**

On behalf of Donna and myself I would like to say thank you for all of the support we have had in tackling the Bulletin again. It is going to be a challenging 2014 for us both in both our personal and working lives as we both have to travel with our work. However, we will endeavour to have the Bulletin delivered to you on time.

As we will not be at the Christmas Dinner due to my work commitments in PNG, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Safe and Happy 2014.



Fred Marnock


  
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