

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



JANUARY 2014 BULLETIN

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

TOS Inc. Directory of useful information:

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

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Hall Location:

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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

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Fees are due 1st September each year

TOS CALENDAR 2014

January 2014

24th General Monthly Meeting – 8pm
31st Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm
26th - Novice/New Growers'

2014 Townsville Show Dates:

Autumn: April - 11th 12th & 13th
Winter: July - 18th 19th 20th
Spring: September - 19th 20th 21st

Registrar's Choice



Registrars Choice - Hybrids
Paph Prim'n'Proper
P & J Lucke 80 points



Registrars Choice - Species
Aer odorata
T Phillips 79 points



Another orchid tabled

January Judges

Masters K. Greenway & O.Krogh
Open/Species D Benson & W. Sewell

49th TQOC Conference & Show

June 6th, 7th & 8th 2014 – Atherton (Atherton Tableland Orchid Society Inc)

Early Registration \$160 to March 31st

Late Registration \$200 to June 2nd (cheques payable to TATOS)

Send to: TATOS, PO Box 427, Atherton, Qld 4883

For Show schedule and accommodation list contact Jean on:

Email: walandjean@bigpond.com

January Birthdays

E John Pollock	7
Margaret Lock	12
Tom Hobden	12
Marie-France Mack	15
Graham Waring	18
Jan Swan	20
Ross MacIntyre	22
Rene Kruger	21
Delia Hobden	30

Belated Birthday wishes

Noel Grant 22 December



TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING HELD 22.11.2013

Meeting Opened: 8.00pm by W Nicholson who announced the death of Lawrie Green's Mother. A card was sent to the family on our behalf and Secretary has Lawrie's address if required. Meeting will be short followed by a special supper to celebrate the Christmas break.

Minutes: of Previous meeting Moved as a True Record with the omission of winner of Species (N&M Grant) in the Tabled Plants Trophies presentation list corrected, by T Phillips. Seconded by R Rasmussen. Carried.

Correspondence: Inward: CBA(Cheque A/c Statement; T&G Gillman Tag Solutions/Invoice/Badges; Weight Watchers/Invoice/Hall Hire 7.12.2013; Flaming North/Quote/ amended quote; F Marnock/advice/membership payment; Hall Hire/several emails; S Cairns/Points; T&J Woods/request to attend luncheon; Committee Members/answer re new members; W Sewell/luncheon list; Chef on Call/luncheon; other Society Bulletins; Australian Orchid Review.

Outward: L White/2 receipt lists; Committee members/new members query; T&J Woods/answer; Lawrie Green/Sympathy Card N&M Grant & J&A Knowles/constitution; Chef on Call/luncheon; W Sewell/luncheon; F Marnock/bulletin + email lists. Moved by J Nicholson Inward Correspondence be Received and Outward be Confirmed. Seconded by B Blanchard. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: Flaming North checks hall twice yearly for \$55. Received quote for service in 2014 for \$132 twice yearly to check all operations for fire inspection. Following discussion Peter Lucke will investigate and advise.

Treasurer's Report: Given by L White who Moved Receipt of Report and Payment of Cheques. Seconded by M Bloom. Carried.

Business Arising From Treasurer's Report: Nil.

Air-conditioning: W Nicholson still following throw-out of lighting. W Sewell suggested air-conditioning should be set at 26° C

Novice/New Growers Report: Luncheon on Sunday 12md for 12.30pm. Set up hall Saturday 1pm.

Editorial: W Sewell will not do posting out of Bulletin in future. All articles to do so are hereon table for anyone volunteering to do. W Nicholson presented T Phillips with book for winning Novice Section in Tabled Plants this year. Registrar's Choice Certificates also presented to W&C Sewell (Hybrids); J&A Knowles (Species) – absent and W&J Nicholson for Best Specimen. Spring Show certificate presented to S&A Zierk. Congratulations to all.

Name Badges: New badges available. **Orchid Wiz:** J Knowles was to order 7 copies. AOC list to be studied for future meetings.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrid: Paph. Prim-n-Proper gained 80 Points for P & J Lucke.

Species: *Aerides odorata* gained 79 Points for Tina Phillips. Congratulations to growers of these fine specimens. W Nicholson pointed out an orchid – *Encyclia albaxanthina*- which he acquired by winning a flask of it at the Queensland Orchid Society Show in Brisbane in 1997, and which has flowered for the first time now, after 16 years.

E Boon gave his interesting critique on the Tabled Plants followed by a special supper for the final meeting for the year.

Lucky door and Raffles: were drawn during the supper.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm.

President's Comments

Welcome to 2014 – we hope that all enjoy a rewarding year. Didn't that festive break disappear in a hurry? Here we are already facing the end of January. However we did catch up with a few old friends and family as well as pigging out on favorite food and drinks, and we got a little rain.

Back to business – after a little pushing the Council has finally given us a date (early February) to install the irrigation and thus rid us of our dust bowl, small though it is. Now we can concentrate (again) on the parking lot.

Our first Management Committee Meeting is already over, and a few outstanding matters cleared up. Hopefully we will have a power point display from A.O.C. to welcome in the new year's general meeting.

I have again been questioned about further supplies of bark and quincan gravel. As obtaining both of these is somewhat of a hassle, we need to know how heavy is the demand before embarking on the chore. So if you want any let us know so we can get the ball rolling if enough interest is shown.

As many of you know, our seventieth birthday comes up in 2017 and we are to host the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Inc. Conference and Show as a celebration. I know three years is a relatively long time, but time flies, so we will be calling on members to assist with the organising.

The Committee has decided to dispose of some of our older tables which we no longer use – there are six narrow ones with thick plywood tops and five long ones (previously Lion's Club). All reasonable offers considered.

As I had a telephone discussion with Murray Shergold of Easy Orchids from whom we purchase various accessories, and flasks, and was pleased to hear that due to new treatment he is recovering from stroke damage better than expected – Keep it up young fellow! Too many of our longstanding characters are retiring so we need you.

Many thanks to Noel Grant for taking over the posting of the bulletin from Warren Sewell who has done so for a number of years – we all thank you Warren.

Wal

Novice/New Growers Group Report

On Sunday 24th November, 84 members and friends gathered at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall for the final function for year 2013, the Christmas Luncheon which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I hope and trust you all had wonderful day, the meal was fantastic and the Multi Raffle Table was overflowing with prizes so we have to thank everybody for your generous support to this wonderful event and for the many gifts that you all have donated to the Novice/New Growers Group during the year 2013.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Guest Speakers who so willingly gave up their time and knowledge and a few little secrets of their own on how to grow and care for our orchid plants better in the future. Our activity programme is designed to accommodate all manners of tasks and we do encourage all our members to avail themselves of our planned activities. It would be much appreciated if everybody signed the attendance book at the front table (door) each Sunday so as to not cause any confusion at the end of the year regarding the required number you need to attend (cost) for our Christmas Luncheon.

The Popular Voting Competition was a huge success with many flowering plants on the benches, so we have to congratulate all our members who participated in this competition and the overall winners for the 2013 were:

Novice Section: Johanna Tracy 1st, Eric & Robyn Dundas 2nd with Mark Sanin 3rd

Open Section: Peter & Joanne Lucke 1st, June & Stacey Cairns 2nd with Peter & Mary Cooper 3rd.

Once again I would like to thank everybody for their wonderful support, your friendship and kindness you gave to us was greatly appreciated. We hope and trust you all had a Happy and joyful Christmas with your Family and friends and so now we would also like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Sunday 26th January, starting at approximately 1.00pm and to again see and admire some beautiful orchid flowers on the tables in 2014.

Warren

Tim Tam Flask Group

Late News: Easy Orchids is once again importing flasks in line with the QIOF in early March and we hope to have their list at the TOS January meetings for members to order from. Payment will not be required at this meeting, only when the flasks arrive.

If we get sufficient orders (at least 20 flasks) we will place a bulk order. Members are free to organise the sharing of flasks, in fact encouraged, if they do not want a whole flask to themselves.

Jeff Knowles

TABLED PLANTS 22.11.2013

VETERANS

Vandaceous – Miniature

1. Rhyn. Ladda Gold G&S Kelly
2. *Aerides lawrenceae* x *Rhychorides* Thai Noi
W&J Nicholson
3. Asctm. Sagarik Gold 'Kultana' W&J Nicholson

Aerides Hybrids

1. *Aer. rosea* x *quinquevulnera* N&M Grant
2. *Aerides* Bangkok N&M Grant
3. *Aer. odorata* x *multiflora* N&M Grant

Vanda – Small

1. V. Saint Valentine 'First Love' G&S Kelly
2. V. Varot Gold G&S Kelly

Vanda – Miscellaneous

1. Vasco. Unknown W&J Nicholson
2. Rhy. Sri Siam x Prara Crown Fox 'Agati'
W&J Nicholson

Dendrobiums – Intermediate - Small

1. Den. Tommy W&J Nicholson
2. Den. Caesar x *helix* W&J Nicholson
3. Den. Alan Umaki W&J Nicholson

Dendrobium Miscellaneous

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

Dendrobium

1. Den. Alice's Roberto x *discolor* 'Broomfieldii'
W&J Nicholson
2. Den. Inlin W&J Nicholson
3. Den. Kimiyo Kondo W&J Nicholson

Epidendrum

1. Epi. Bees Knees W&J Nicholson
2. Epi. Just in Time W&J Nicholson
3. Epi. Just in Time W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous

1. *Zygenesia* Cynosure 'Blue Birds' W&J Nicholson
2. Spath. Starburst W&J Nicholson

Oncidium Miscellaneous

1. Bak. Everglades Hunter 'Swamp Buggy'
W&J Nicholson
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy' W&J Nicholson
3. Tolu. (Robsan x Kylie's Dream x
Robsan x Mary Alice W&J Nicholson

Oncidium/Brassia

- 1 Brs. Starex 'Chiapis' AM/AOC W&J Nicholson

Cattleya – Miscellaneous

1. Eplc. Shy Merry Green W&C Sewell
2. Eplc. Shy Merry Green W&J Nicholson
3. *C. walkeriana* 'alba' 'Orchidglade' x Golden Wax
'Galaxy' W&J Nicholson

Cattleya Miscellaneous

1. Epi. Golden Valley 'Helios' W&C Sewell
2. C. Splendid Bow W&J Nicholson
3. C. Splendid Bow W&J Nicholson

Cattleya Miscellaneous

1. C. Jungle Gem G&S Kelly
2. Rlc. Southern Aurora G&S Kelly

Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Eric Young W&J Nicholson

Paphiopedilum – Prm Hybrid

1. Paph. Clifton Booth W&J Nicholson
2. Paph. Delaina W&J Nicholson
3. Paph. Coos W&J Nicholson

OPEN

Dendrobium

1. Den. (Palolo Sunshine x Sungoulds) x *lasianthera*
P&J Lucke
2. Den. Tweetie B Blanchard & L White

Cattleya

1. Rlc. Mem. Charles Mitamura P&J Lucke
2. Rlc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Hong' P&J Lucke
3. C. Unknown M Rutherford

Paphiopedilum

1. Lynleigh Koopowitz P&J Lucke
2. Paph. Prim-n-Proper P&J Lucke
3. Paph. Delphi P&J Lucke

Phragmipedium

1. Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice P&J Lucke
2. Phrag. Praying mantis P&J Lucke

NOVICE

Aerides

1. *Aer.* Bangkok J Tracy

SPECIES

Vanda

1. *Vanda tessellata* var. Blue x 'Blue India' N&M Grant
2. *V. flabellata* N&M Grant
3. *V. ampullaceum* W&J

Nicholson **Rhynchostylis**

1. *Rhynchostylis coelestis* N&M Grant

Aerides

1. *Aer. odorata* T Phillips
2. *Aer. odorata* Philippines Form' N&M Grant
3. *Aer. multiflora* W&J Nicholson

Dendrobium

1. *Den. formosum* Var. *giganteum* W&C Sewell
2. *Den. friederiksianum* W&J Nicholson
3. *Den. gouldii* W&J Nicholson

Cattleya

1. *C. aelandiae* N&M Grant
2. *C. porphyroglossa* N&M Grant
3. *C. purpurata* 'Mandayama' N&M Grant

Paphiopedilum

1. *Paph. godefroyae* P&J Lucke
2. *Paph. primulinum* W&J Nicholson
3. *Paph. primulinum* P&J Lucke

Encyclia

1. *Enc. hanburyi* N&M Grant
2. *Enc. albaxanthina* W&J Nicholson
3. *Enc. radicans* W&J Nicholson

Encyclia

1. *Enc. chacoence* W&J Nicholson
2. *Enc. chacoence* W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous

1. *Den. trilamellatum* P&J Lucke
2. *Sarc. hirticalcar* B Blanchard & L White
3. *Pomatocalpa marsupiale* W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous

1. *Bifrenaria harrisonia* W&J Nicholson
2. *Bulb. micropetalum* W&J Nicholson
3. *Bulb. sinapsis* W&J Nicholson



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Name	Veteran	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Allison, Allan		2			2
Berzinski, Col Mutch, Lyn		3			3
Blakeny, Vivene		4			4
Blanchard, Brendon White, Lynne		3		3	6
Bloom, Marie		3		4	7
Cairns, June & Stacey		15		1	16
Christophers, Grant & Siarni - Alis		25			25
Grant, Noel & Maureen	28			38	66
Kelly, Greg & Santina	18				18
Knowles, Jeff & Alison				4	4
Lucke, Peter & Joanne		28		10	38
Nicholson, Wal & Jean	143			73	216
Palier, Norma		3			3
Phillips, Tina		1		4	5
Rutherford, Max	2				2
Sewell, Warren & Clara	40			9	49
Tracy, Jo			3		3

Growing Competition. With the growing season well into swing there should be plenty of tall *dendrobiums* (*Den.* Virtual Magic x *Den.* Suan 'Big White') and long leaved *phalaenopsis* (*Phal.* Da-chien Spider Beauty x sib) at the meetings. Free orchids will be available (until stocks run out) for those financial members who did not receive their *dendrobium* growing competition plant last year. Alison and I have been growing all the seedlings that were not taken last year and it is time to distribute them. First choice goes members who have not already received one and then all remaining ones will be distributed Sunday to any other members, preferably those whose plant has gone to that big nursery in the sky.

Taiwan International Orchid Show 2014. (Saturday 8th to Monday 17th March, 2014). Start planning now as March is not all that far away.

1. Information is now available (see <http://www.tios.com.tw/2014/en/>). For example registration is NT\$1500, about AU\$60.
2. No new information this month on Helen's Luxury Orchid Tour (4-16 March) out of Brisbane. Contact her (1300 881 238) to find out the latest.
3. If you are "doing your own thing" then book soon. You could have a look at Taipei, take a bus tour or few, ride the high speed train, visit the orchid show, and enjoy yourself ☺ See Alison or me for further information.

Singapore Orchid Show 2014. Still on the radar (16th to 24th August, 2014.) as part of the Singapore Garden Festival.

Computerised Orchid Database. The DVDs have arrived and can be paid for (\$246/\$123) and picked up at the January's meetings. Remember to register your details so that updates can be mailed to you. I believe the net update is due in March.

Products available at the shop. The following items are available for purchase by TOS members at meetings. Please note that not all items are available at all times.

- Sphagnum moss (small, medium, large)
- Labels 100mm (white, red, yellow, blue, pink)

- Labels 140mm (white, pink, blue, yellow, green)
- T Labels 125mm, white
- Clips (small, medium, large)
- Pot carrying tray for 6x150mm pots
- Flit Sprayers
- Pots: squat, terracotta coloured, plastic (80mm, 100mm, 110mm, 125mm, 140mm, 165mm, 200mm)
- Pots: orchid, black plastic pot (80mm, 100mm, 125mm, 150mm, 200mm)
- Fertiliser: flower budding, Peters Professional Blossom Booster
- Fertiliser: flowering, GF9
- Fertiliser: growing, Peters Professional Winter Grow Special
- Fertiliser: calcium nitrate
- MycoMAAX
- Pencils, 8008
- Steriliser: Trisodium phosphate
- Perlite
- One off bulk orders of gravel, quincan, and SA bark are available as demand warrants.

Happy Growing and travelling.

Jeff

Note: Check dates and data given above before booking or using.

In Noel's Bush House 19

Cattlianthe Golden Wax 'Galaxy' Yen Orchids 1984

"An oldie but a goodie". I purchased this orchid around 1990. The date is uncertain because my records for that period are non-existent, as I didn't write the purchase date on my labels until 1993. All I know is that the first date on the label is for a re-pot in 1995. This is a big hint to new growers – the first thing to do when you bring a new plant home – put the date on the label (and your Townsville Orchid Society membership number).

Golden Wax "Galaxy" was registered in 1984 by the hybridizer Yen Orchids as a *SophrOLAELIACATTLEYA* (SLC.), which was a hybrid of 3 genera: *SophrONITIS*, *LAELIA* and *CATTLEYA*. This intergeneric name has been changed twice since – in 2007, *Cattleya aurantiaca* (a major contributor to the shiny, waxy appearance of this orchid) became *Guarianthe aurantiaca*, so SLC. became GSL. (*Guarisophleya*), but this was overtaken in 2013, when all of the Brazilian *Laelia* and *SophrONITIS* names were changed to *Cattleya*, as the result of DNA research. The current name *Cattlianthe* is thus a combination of *Cattleya* and *Guarianthe*. I understand I am still able to have SLC. written on the label (in square brackets in a secondary position) as a guide to the parentage.

CTT. Golden Wax is a hybrid between *CTT*. *Kauai Starbright* and *CTT*. *Chocolate Drop*, both of which are highly regarded. They both have *Gur. aurantiaca* in their lineage, and both have waxy appearances.

I grow this orchid as a bifoliate *Cattleya*, and it has never given me any problems. I aim to give it frequent fertilizer applications and take care to keep the plant free from thrips and mites.

It is probably impossible to find *CTT*. Golden Wax in today's market, but I would recommend all growers to question the parentage of orchids they are viewing – if "Golden Wax", "Kauai Starbright" or "Chocolate Drop" are found in the lineage, snap the plants up!

Noel Grant January 2014.

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

Computer program "OrchidWiz"

