

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



FEBRUARY 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.

Postal Address:

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AITKENVALE QLD 4814

Hall Location:

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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 1st September each year

TOS CALENDAR 2014

February 2014

28th February, General Monthly Meeting – 8pm
2nd March, - Novice/New Growers'
7th March, Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

2014 Townsville Show Dates:

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

Registrar's Choice



Best Species: *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum* gained 81 Points for Jeff & Alison Knowles.



Best Specimen - Miltonia Sandy's Cove owned by Wal & Jean Nicholson



Best Hybrid Dendrobium: Ursula x *helix* Talasea which gained 80 Points for Mark Sanim.

February Judges

Masters E. Boon & C. Truscott
Open/Species R. Daveson & A. Knowles

February Birthdays

Alan Macpherson	1
Charles Lee I	1
Tina Phillips	1
Eric Dundas	2
Angela Care	4
Jim Steven	8
Evon Liang	11
Hilary Doyle	15
Peter Lucke	16
Maureen Coleman	21
Kathy Bauer	24
Warren Sewell	25
Norma Palin	28



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

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 24 JANUARY 2014

Meeting Opened: 8pm by President W Nicholson who welcomed members to the new year for the Society – only three plants for the Lucky door. **Visitor:** Donald Anderson welcomed.

Minutes: Moved a True of Previous Meeting by P Lucke. Seconded by B Blanchard. Carried.

Correspondence: Inward: CBA/Statement/Receipt; Weight Watchers/Air-con; J White/resignation Committee; F Marnock/emails/Bulletin; T'ville & District Garden Club/hire 2014/meetings; Jeannie's Cleaning/Invoice/emails re cleaning; F Greenshaw/Govt. Invironmental Survey; Telstra/brochure; T'ville Bulletin/yearly planner; AOC Library/CD's; N Grant/emails/posting bulletin; Hall Hire/several emails; Other Society Bulletins; Orchids Magazine.

Outward: M Harding/speaker April meeting; T'ville & District Garden Club/confirmation/hire; Weight Watchers/air-con; S Tutty, R Kruger/New Member letters; F Marnock/emails/Bulletin; Jeannie's emails re cleaning; N Grant/emails/bulletin posting; Revised onstitution to be sent to Fair Trading.

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

Business Arising From Correspondence: Thanked J White for her work over many years in the Society – she will remain as a member; F Greenshaw/discuss at Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report: given by L White who asked that her Report Be Received and cheques Issued Confirmed. Seconded by C Lee. Carried.

Business Arising From Treasurer's Report: W Nicholson confirmed T.C.Council will commence irrigation work in the park on 10 February 2014.

General Business:

Quincan Gravel and Bark list to be circulated.

Lady enquiring about a large yellow orchid for a ceremonial affair.

Show Roster to circulate – new position on roster as Cloak Room Attendant – tickets to be used – orchids to be paid for. Attendants to keep eye on boxes of plants.

Calendar: Maybe have printed at Office Works – cost \$3.

Dendrobium Seedlings: J Knowles to hand out replacement seedlings with slips collected. Murray Shergold's health has improved. Leading trip to S.Africa in September.

T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference: being held in Atherton on June 6-8 – Secretary has all information.

Registrar's Choice:Hybrids: Den. Ursula x *helix* 'Talasea' gained 80 Points for Mark Sanim. **Species:** *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum* gained 81 Points for Jeff & Alison Knowles. **Specimen:** Milt. Sandys Cove owned by W&J Nicholson. Congratulations to all. W. Nicholson congratulated handed out Certificates to L Kennedy (show), T Phillips and P Lucke (November Registrar's Choice).

C Lee showed a programme on Den bigibbum followed by one on Paphiopedilums. E Boon gave his usual interesting critique on the Tabled Plants. Supper was enjoyed by all present.

Lucky Door & Raffle: Prizes were drawn. **Meeting Closed:** 9.30pm.

President's Comments

Did you recognise the rain when it finally came? Wasn't it great to have the drought broken, just a pity the wet hasn't gone further west. Still, February is traditionally our wettest month and it is off to a good start, so here's hoping.

Bark orders – with help from neighbouring societies, have exceeded a pallet, but not enough for two. So please if you are likely to need bark over the next twelve months hop in with your order. Last year we could have gone through another pallet (3 in all) with late interest.

No doubt you have all heard me say that orchids thrive on neglect. It just depends on the extent of your neglect. Jean and I have spent two weeks on the start of re-potting our plants at the other property. Last time we started in September 2010, finishing about two years later, interrupted of course by our daily needs and those of T.O.S. Inc. In the time since then we twice repotted our Paphs, Phals and Intergenerics at home, but didn't realise the others were so far overdue. We also were aware that our Cats and Oncids had some scale, but due to other commitments kept postponing spraying.

In consequence, due to heavy scale infestation, the repot is taking about three times what it should. The message – forget spending so much time on the Society's behalf and look after our own interests, so don't be surprised if we appear to be unhelpful from time to time. It's either that or let the orchids rot and then have no need to be in the society. Just a "happy" thought!!

We are endeavouring to lighten the burden, but any assistance would be extremely gratifying. With Jean White's resignation from our Management Committee there is now a vacancy – please think about it.

Thank you Jean for your time and dedication over many years. We will still see you in the kitchen at shows.
That's All Folks.

Wal Nicholson

President's Second Thoughts: No doubt some were surprised at my comments on Page1, particularly those who don't appreciate my openness.

Well it won't come to that, but please some of our workers could use a little help. At last year's A.G.M. we gained some relief, with several new members, and our Society is going very well but we could give a handful of hard workers assistance to make it even a greater Society. Give it some thought. Wasn't the rain great!!!

Wal Nicholson

Novice/New Growers Group Report

I am happy to report it was a very successful afternoon for our first meeting for the year 2014, with 53 members in attendance on this Australia Day. We were also able to enjoy the afternoon's activities in the complete comfort of our air-condition hall. Two lists were circulated around the members in relation to the purchasing of more Quincan Gravel, Pink Rock and some more Bark from South Australia. Only the members who have submitted their names to the list will receive these items, also the members who order the bag or bags of bark must take it. This merchandise is available only to our Society members.

The topic for the afternoon was the basic structure on orchid plants and flowers, the different habit of growing a Sympodial orchid plant to a Monopodial orchid plant. Another interesting topic was Jeffrey's talk on his flowering orchids *Phalaenopsis bellina* and *violacea* that he had brought along to the meeting for the members to view and to make comments about their similarity. We have to thank you Jeff for his valued information on this subject.

Don Anderson, a new member had two orchid plants along with some photos of their flowers on his camera hoping that someone could find a name for them. Ray Robinson, who has a vast amount of knowledge on species orchids, named the first one *Cymbidium atropurpureum* and the second one as *Cymbidium aloifolium*. *Cymbidium atropurpureum* Origin/Habit is Peninsula Thailand, Malaya, Sumatra and Borneo whilst *Cymbidium aloifolium* Origin/Habit is mainly all of the South Pacific/Asia Regions. These species grow mainly in the forks of trees and in hollow tree trunks in open forests and lowland regions. Both these species grow and flower well here in North Queensland. Don asked for the *Cymbidium aloifolium* to be divided up for a demonstration exercise and to have the segments placed on the Multi Raffle Table. Thank you Don for your kind donation and also to Ray for his expert knowledge and advice on these plants.

Once again, we had a wonderful afternoon tea which was very delicious, and also for their generous donations of prizes for the Multi Raffle Table and the purchasing of Raffle Tickets.

Warren



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY*

Quincan 10-20mm in 20kg bags.
Also Available Orchid Mix.

queries please phone Noeleen at Day Dawn Nursery
on 07 4778 2272.

January Monthly Results

<u>CATTLEYA ALLIANCE 1</u> 1 Bc [Rlc] Rustic Spots W & C Sewell 2 B nodosa x C Bhimayothin N & M Grant 3 Eyy [Vnra] Grapelade W & C Sewell	<u>CATTLEYA ALLIANCE 2</u> 1. Ett [Eplc] Volcano Trick G & S Kelly 2. C [Slc] Bright Angel x Grt [Ctna] Why Not G & S Kelly 3. Rly [Otr] Mali's Surprise G & S Kelly
<u>CATTLEYA ALLIANCE 3</u> 1 Ctt [Lc] Sagarik Wax G & S Kelly 2 C forbesii x C harrisoniae N & M Grant 3 Rth [Blc] Lois McNeil N & M Grant	<u>VASCOSTYLIS</u> 1. Vasco Jean Allison G & S Kelly 2. Vandachostylis [Vasco] Seng G & S Kelly 3. Vandachostylis [Vasco] Pine Rivers G & S Kelly
<u>VANDACEOUS 1</u> 1 Vandachostylis [Rumrillara] Margaret's Jewels N & M Grant	<u>VANDACEOUS TO 64 CM</u> 1. V [Ascda] Fuchs Jewel G & S Kelly 2. V Aroonsri Beauty x V flabellata G & S Kelly
<u>VANDACEOUS NON EXHIBITION</u> 1 V [Ascda] Meda Arnold x V tessellata W & J Nicholson 2 V Chang Siew Fong W & J Nicholson	<u>VANDACEOUS 65 & OVER</u> 1. V Varavuth x V Gordon Dillon N & M Grant 2. V Aks Delight x V Doctor {Dr} (No information on first name) N & M Grant
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> 1 Milt Sandy's Cove W & J Nicholson 2 Den Fras{z}ers Red Dragon x Den carronii W & J Nicholson 3 Den Miracle Brown W & J Nicholson	<u>PHRAG/PAPHIOPEDILUM</u> 1.Paph Prim'N'Proper P & J Luke
<u>OPEN SECTION</u> <u>VANDACEOUS</u> 1 V Brighton Ruby Jewel J & S Cairns 2 V Pimporn [Popin] Beauty x sanderana [sanderiana] J & S Cairns 3 V [Ascda] Super Cooper J & S Cairns	<u>PHRAG/PAPHIOPEDILUM</u> 1. Paph Prim'N'Proper P & J Luke 2. J & S Cairns Phrag Praying Mantis P & J Luke 3. Paph Oklahoma P & J Luke
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> 1 Ctsm Black Jade M Rutherford 2 Den Singapore White F & D Marnock	<u>NOVICE SECTION</u> <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> 1.Den May Friederichs [Ursula x helix] x talasea M Sanaman 2. Rlc [Blc] Shinfong Gold Gem M Sanaman
<u>SPECIES SECTION</u> <u>PHALAENOPSIS</u> 1 Phal buysonniana [Dor pulcherrima var buysonniana x var Red N & M Grant 2 Phal bellina J & A Knowles 3 Phal violacea J & A Knowles	<u>CATTLEYA ALLIANCE</u> 1. B nodosa M Bloom 2. C. intermedia [Var amethystine x Var Suavissimum N & M Grant 3. B nodosa W & J Nicholson
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u> 1 Bulb grandiflorum J & A Knowles 2 Cymbidium chloranthum W & J Nicholson 3 Neobanthamia gracilis M Bloom	<u>VANDACEOUS</u> 1. Rhy retusa J & S Cairns 2. Christensonia vietnamica N & M Grant 3. Euananthe/V sanderana [sanderiana]

Points Table for January 2014

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		24		5	29
Christophers, Grant & Siarni - Alis		25			25
Grant, Noel & Maureen	49			50	99
Kelly, Greg & Santina	36				36
Knowles, Jeff & Alison				10	10
Lucke, Peter & Joanne		36		10	46
Marnock, Fred & Donna		4		2	6
Nicholson, Wal & Jean	168			80	248
Palier, Norma		3			3
Phillips, Tina		2		4	6
Rutherford, Max	5				5
Sanim, Mark		7			7
Sewell, Warren & Clara	46			9	55
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 port (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.

I was wandering in my bush house this morning, looking for an orchid in flower that I could research to write this article, when I was attracted by a heady perfume filling the bush house. It came from this orchid, commonly called the Pigeon Orchid because the nearly-opened flower buds resemble a bird resting on a branch.

Dendrobium crumenatum is a hardy and common orchid, growing in a vast range from India and Sri Lanka through Myanmar, Thailand and north to Southern China. The range extends south through the Philippines, Malaysia and Borneo to Papua New Guinea, and it has been found as far east as Bougainville. It is one of the many 'ephemeral' orchids which open only for a short time, usually opening as the sun rises and closing before sunset. This is a great shame, because it has a very attractive white flower with a yellow throat and the flowers glistens in the sunlight. As well, many flowers are produced at the same time and the perfume is amazing! I feel sure this orchid would be grown by more people if the flowers lasted longer.

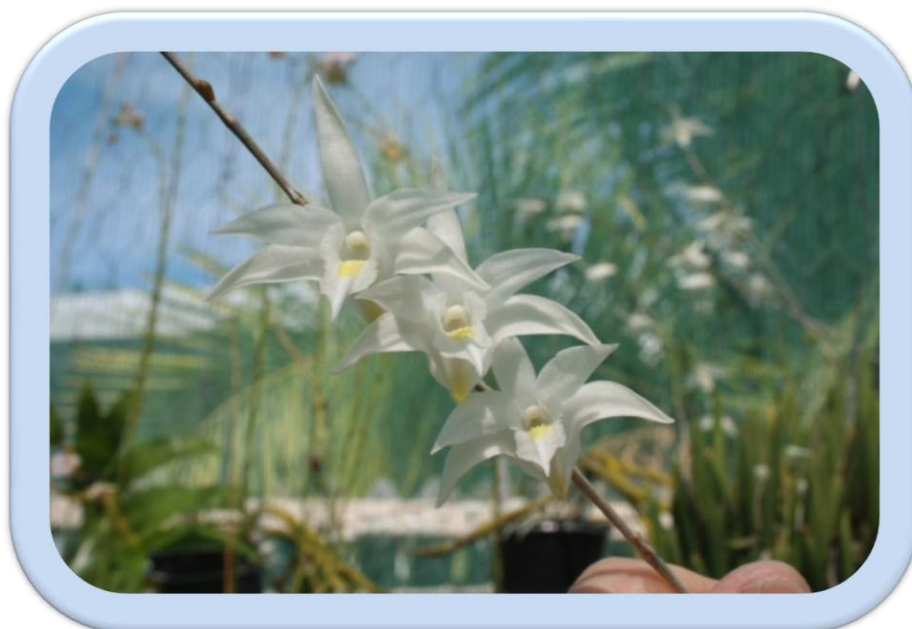
Some people think that when *Dendrobium crumenatum* flowers, it is a sign that rain will follow. This is incorrect. The truth is that flowering is initiated by the temperature drop when heavy rain occurs. Flowering usually occurs about ten days after that heavy rain. I have just consulted my rain gauge records, and I see we had 25mm of rain at my house ten days ago (a few days before Cyclone Dylan) after a long dry period.

It is an easily grown orchid, which can be mounted or potted. I find it grows better in a Townsville bush house rather than outdoors, as it seems to appreciate the additional humidity available. My plant is visibly larger and has plumper pseudobulbs than those I have seen attached to trees outdoors. It sets 'keikeis' readily on its long canes and these can be removed for potting after a suitable time – I suggest you wait until the keikei has flowered before removal.

Noel Grant February 2014.

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

Computer program "OrchidWiz"



DATE & TIME		DOOR 1	RAFFLE 1	SHOW SECURITY & ENQUIRIES 2	CLOAK ROOM ATTENDANT/ SECURITY 1	CASHIER 1	ASSISTANT CASHIER 1	SALES SECURITY & ENQUIRIES 2
Friday 11 April 9am – 12 noon		Robert Rasmussen	Robyn Dundas	Ray & Barbara Robinson	Stacey Cairns	Neita Coulson	Carol Swart	Tina Phillips Allan Hughes
Friday 11 April 12 noon – 3pm		John Johnson	Wal Carlill	Alison Knowles	Maureen Soper		Greg Kelly	Jeff Knowles
Friday 11 April 3pm – 5pm						Marie-France Mack		
Saturday 12 April 9am – 12 noon		Stacey Cairns		Jo Tracy Peter Lucke	Brendon Blanchard	Marie Bloom		Tina Phillips
Saturday 12 April 12 noon – 3pm		John Johnson	Maureen Soper	Noel Grant Alison Knowles		Marie Bloom		Jeff Knowles
Saturday 12 April 3pm – 5pm		Robert Rasmussen		Noel Hardwick Fred Marnock		Marie Bloom		
Sunday 13 April 9am – 11.30am		Fred Marnock			Stacey Cairns	Marie Bloom	Greg Kelly	Tina Phillips
Sunday 13 April 11.30am – 2pm				Jo Tracy Carl Osborne		Marie Bloom		Charlie Truscott
<u>ADD NAME IF SALES TABLE REQUIRED:</u> A refundable booking fee of \$5 must be paid to Treasurer before meeting prior to show: T.O.S. ; G&S Kelly; C Truscott; R&B Robinson; W&J Nicholson; A Hughes;								
Volunteers to install and dismantle show signs – front of building fence; Former Aitkenvale Special School fence and Anderson Park fence. Sunday/Monday Prior to Show Sunday following Show								