

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



March 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:

PO Box 836 D.C.
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

March 2014

28th march, General Monthly Meeting – 8pm
30th March, - Novice/New Growers'
4th April, Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

2014 Townsville Show Dates:

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

Registrar's Choice



. **Species:** *Milt. moreliana* gained 80 Points for W&J Nicholson.:



V. Kasems Delight x Kultana Gold gained 79 Points for N&M Grant

March Judges

Masters A. Hughes & W. Sewell
Open/Species K. Greenway & E.Boon

March Birthdays

Jenny Siganto	3
June Cairns	15
John Johnston	20
Clare College	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

Welcome to our
new members

Clare Colledge
Ann Hardy

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING ON 28 FEBRUARY 2014

Meeting Opened: by W Nicholson who welcomed everyone to meeting.

Minutes: of previous meeting Moved as a True Record by T Phillips. Seconded by C Lee. Carried. **No Business Arising.**

Correspondence; Inward: CBA/Statement/Cheque A/c; T'ville & District Garden Club Inc./Cheque/Payment of fees; T.C.Council/Rates Notice; J Pankhurst/Invoice/Cleaning Paid; NuLeaf/Invoice/Paid; Bio Gro/Invoice Paid; TQOC Inc/Sponsorship; Harrison's show order/March; Bowen OS/Field Day 18/05/14; Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc./Field Day 13.04.14; AOC Library/C.D's; N Grant/AOC programmes; F Marnock & N Grant/Office Works/postage; OQI Inc/questions re TQOC Inc & AOC Conferences/2015; Weight Watchers/Invoice; NQ Cairns;Committee; J Knowles/order/NuLeaf/list of flasks ordered; Qld Govt/acceptance Constitution changes; L Chapman/shade-house construction/Burbank Catalogue;Orchid Wiz/update; ACNC/February updates; T.C.Council/Certificate of Currency; T.C.Council/A Schultz/International Womens' Morning Tea; RA&HS/175 Anniversary Orchid Competition; N Crees/returned bulletin; Easy Orchids/Flasks Invoice/Paid.

Held Over: M Harding/speaker April Meeting; F Greeshaw/Govt. Environmental Draft/Survey/Threatened Orchids; Other Society Bulletins; Australian Orchid Review; Orchids; Orchids Australia; The Orchadian.

Outward: J White/answer/Resignation;

J Pankhurst/cleaning; AOC Library; C.D's; L Chapman/answer; L White/banking details/paid A/c's; C Lee/hall; T.C.Council/copy Certificate of Currency; Easy Orchids/flasks.

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

Business Arising From Correspondence: All but two Flasks have arrived and can be collected.– these will be posted on Monday. Bark will arrive on Monday. Meeting with Council two weeks ago re irrigation. Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc. Field Day is on the Sunday of our Autumn Show unfortunately.

Treasurer's Report: given by L White who Moved Adoption of the Report with Confirmation of Cheques Paid. Seconded by P Lucke. Carried.

Business Arising From Treasurer's Report: Hall Hire steady. Had to cancel one group because of noise from previous booking. Flasks from Easy Orchids arrived and are available. Missing two flasks will be posted on Monday.

Novice/New Growers' Meeting: Report by W Sewell – E Boon will speak on Sunday. Members confused re Sunday meeting on 2 March. A second meeting in this month - on 30 March.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrid: V. Kasems Delight x Kultana Gold gained 79 Points for N&M Grant. **Species:** *Milt. moreliana* gained 80 Points for W&J Nicholson. Congratulations to all concerned.

W Nicholson presented Certificates for previous Registrar's Choice to Mark Sanim, J Nicholson – J&A Knowles not present.

General Business: Calendars: would cost \$9.75 each to be printed by Office Works. Available for \$3.00 each.

Tables: A number of old tables up for sale – make reasonable offer.

Parking Lot: Nothing has eventuated – maybe we should write letters to Councillors – agreed to do so.

Award: E Boon presented two 2012 Awards to Doug Benson apologising for the time it has taken. He then talked about the Tabled Plants.

T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference Registrations: are available from Secretary. Early Bird closes 31 March. Accommodation list available. Following the supper break W Nicholson reminded members about the Sunday meeting and Committee meeting on Friday 7 March.

Raffle: was drawn.

Meeting Closed: 9.40pm

President's Comments

Our new year has started at a rapid pace. Jeff, before going to Taiwan, organised a flask order, two pellets of bark have been bought from South Australia, and Robert has acquired bags of gravel and pots etc. from up North. Aren't our members spoilt?!!

And now we are within a month of our first show for the year – there seem to be lots of plants producing buds, I hope they're not too early. I guess it's the same old story – doom and gloom and then the flowering plants come flooding in for the show.

Our offer to sell some of our surplus tables has met with little interest, so we'll put them out, suitably signed, at the show – if you are interested get in early.

Very preliminary arrangements are in hand to celebrate our seventieth anniversary by hosting the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Inc. Conference and Show in 2017. We will be putting up prize money of around five thousand dollars and keeping other costs to a minimum for registrants and sellers. However we cannot publicise too much this early and risk detracting from other conferences in the interim.

The Committee has agreed to a suggestion to allow the Bonsai Club to stage a show/display at our premises later in the year. Some years ago they always mounted mini displays at our shows, which were subject of great interest, so we can now return the compliment. More on this matter when firm arrangements have been settled, and then you'll be able to learn all about it – Bonsai that is.

In view of our busy schedule we are finding it difficult to manage bus trips to other Societies' field days. Unfortunately our Autumn Show is on the same weekend as The Herbert River (Ingham) Field Day, so we cannot raise numbers sufficient for a bus. Hopefully some members not involved in the show may make their own way there. At last Novice New Growers meeting (the real one) more than twenty showed an interest in a Bowen trip (18 May), so we'll check out costs etc. under advice to members.

I mentioned bark earlier - well we needed more than one pellet but two leaves us with an oversupply. In the circumstances it has been decided that non members may buy, but at \$35 per bag. Our out of pockets come to cents less than thirty, but several telephone calls, transport from the depot and storage would mean little gain at thirty five dollars - and it's still cheap.

Where'd our wet season (promising as it was) go? My records show 483Mils for February – only 107 in January and 6 in December). Last year (2013) I recorded 541Mils – all well below average, but on the bright side, didn't Townsville quickly turn green (the grass anyway) after our first February falls?

Nuff for now, Happy Growing and Flowering for the Autumn Show.

Wal Nicholson

Novice/New Growers Group Report

On Sunday, 2nd March, 64 members and visitors of this group met at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall Inc. Charles Street Kirwan for their monthly meeting.

A wonderful array of flowering orchids were on display for our Popular Vote Competition with first and second placing going to Bruno Figuera with Max Rutherford 3rd. Unfortunately there was no orchids benched in the novice section, maybe some of our novice members got mixed up with the Sundays and turned up on the wrong day.

We had the privilege of listening to Ted Boon our Guest Speaker, his talk was the mounting of orchid plants and the various items (materials) that he uses to mount his plants on. Black or Brown tree fern, Iron Bark Slabs (all weathered), Compressed Cork, Gutter Guard mesh stitched into columns (your choice of filling), open weave pots and baskets, plastic or wooden are all available to use, but such items as Virgin or Black Teak Bark are now not available to purchase. Open weave pots and baskets, plastic or wooden. Ted had several well grown plants mounted on Tree Fern, Cork Slab, Gutter Guard Mesh and especially the one growing in Leca (semi hydroponis media) which holds considerable water, but only in a very thin layer on the shell of the media. Use the largest size as possible. Stockings (Ladies) and nylon fishing line are good to tie plants on mounts firmly as there must be no way that the plant should move, otherwise the new roots will be damaged also best to use aluminum wire hooks to hang your plants and to clearly label the plant when finished.

Thank you Ted for sharing your knowledge with us and also for your commentary you gave on the flowering plants in our Popular Voting Competition.

Lots of help will be needed to set up our Autumn Show on Thursday 10th April, also please check out the Show Roster for any vacant spot as your help will be greatly appreciated at that time.

Unfortunately our Autumn Show will be held on the same weekend as the Herbert Rived Orchid & Allied Plant Inc. Field Day (a great day assured), so if anybody wishes to travel to Ingham on Sunday 13th April, they are quite welcomed to do so.

Many thanks to all the members who brought all the delicious goodies for our wonderful afternoon tea and your generous donation of prizes for the Multi Raffle Table and for supporting the Raffle Ticket Sales' Members who ordered the bag of Pink Gravel (14ml), it is now available to be picked up.

Peter Lucke will be our Guest Speaker at the next meeting on Sunday, 30th March to tell us all about his new fertilising programme that he is using now on his orchid plants.

Warren

Section: Veteran PAPHIOPEDILUM ANY OTHER PRIMARY HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Myitkyina (Redstart 'Landscape' (not Landsend) x Maudiae 'Coloratum var Wyld Court	L Kennedy/FAMES
2 nd		
3 rd		
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS EXHIBITION 65 AND ABOVE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Kasem's Delight x V Kultana Gold	N & M Grant
2 nd	V Robert's Delight	N & M Grant
3 rd	V Rothschildiana	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS EXHIBITION 40 TO 64		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Suksamran Sunlight	G & S Kelly
2 nd	V Ratirata Beauty x V coerulea	W & J Nicholson
3 rd		
Section: : Veteran VANDACEOUS NON EXHIBITION		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Happy Smile (V Gold Spot x V insignis)	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	V Kampirananda x (V [Ascda] Seechang (not Chong) x Sweet fragrance (unknown)	W & J Nicholson
3 rd		
Section: : Veteran VANDACEOUS ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Vasco Alice's Anie	P & L Lewis
2 nd	V Green Light	N & M Grant
3 rd		
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA EXHIBITION SMALL 70 MM TO 114 CM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc China Cat Rlc[Blc] Toshie Aoki x C intermedia	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Rlc [Blc] Toshie Aoki	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	C [Lc] Caridad's Mini-Quinee	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA MINIATURE TO 69 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C Tiny Titan	W & C Sewell
2 nd	Rlc[Rsc] Village Chief North	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Lc Angel Heart x C [Slc] Precious Jewel	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA CLUSTER		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Ctt [C] Chocolate Drop	N & M Grant
2 nd	C Orange Delight (C harpophylla x C luteola)	N & M Grant
3 rd		
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA BROUGHTONIA INFLUENCE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Gct Cluster Bomb	W & C Sewell
2 nd		
3 rd		
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bc unknown	N & M Grant
2 nd	Bc [Pot] Hoku Gem	N & M Grant
3 rd		
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM (MISCELLANEOUS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Pink Nagarindra (Den Arica x Den Blushing)	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Den ?????????? Nagoya Special	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Den Kuranda classic x Den Burana Stripe	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM SPATHULATA TO 64 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Charelle x Ray's Twist x canaliculatum	W & C Sewell
2 nd	Den Lil Patterson	W & C Sewell
3 rd		
Section: Veteran ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE TOLUMNIA AND ALLIANCE		

Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Tolu Fay Tesch (Robsan x Kyelle's Dream (Not Kylies) x Tolu Willowbank Dragon (Robsan x Mary Alice <u>Smith</u>))	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	CltY [Diac] Chantilly Lace	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Brsdm Yoshiichi Nakagawa (Correct Name) not [Yoshachi Inakacawa]	W & J Nicholson
Section: Open Section CATTLEYA ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C Angel Bells	P & J Lucke
2 nd	Rlc Tsutung Beauty	P & J Lucke
3 rd	B nodosa x C Bhimayothin	G Christophers/ A Siarni
Section: Open Section DENDROBIUM ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Aree Dungleight Blue (Can find No information on this plant in Orchidwiz)	G Christophers/ A Siarni
2 nd	Den Airy Crimson	G Christophers/ A Siarni
3 rd	Den Jac Candy (no information found) x Den bigibbum	G Christophers/ A Siarni
Section: Species PAPHIOPEDILUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph chamberlianianum	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Paph primulinum	W & J Nicholson
3 rd		
Section: Species ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Milt moreliana	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Milt moreliana	W & J Nicholson
3 rd		
Section: Species Phalaenopsis		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal Yen Orion (Phal buyssoniana x Phal pulcherrima)	N & M Grant
2 nd	Phal pulcherrima	N & M Grant
3 rd	Phal cornu-cervi	N & M Grant
Section: Species MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	B nodosa	P & J Lucke
2 nd	V vietnamica	N & M Grant
3 rd	Psh [Epi] radiate [radiatum]	W & J Nicholson
Section: Australian native Species DENDROBIUM SMALL		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den bigibbum var compactum	C Berzinski/L Mutch
2 nd	Den bigibbum 'superbum'	N & M Grant
3 rd		
Section: Novice ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Airy Crimson	M. Sanim
2 nd	Rth [C] Burana Beauty	S & F Gough
3 rd		



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY*

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

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

Points for Tabled Plants February 2014

Name	Veteran	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Allison, Allan		2			2
Berzinski , Col & Mutch, Lyn		7		3	10
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		38		3	41
Googh, Stephen & Fran			2		2
Grant- Noel & Maureen	75			64	139
Hardwick, Noel		1			1
Kelly, Greg & Santina	40				40
Kennedy Les & Ames, Fran	1				1
Knowles, Jeff & Alison				10	10
Lewis, Peter & Luz		3			3
Lucke, Peter & Joanne		43		14	57
Marnock, Fred & Donna		4		2	6
Nicholson, Wal & Jean	206			95	301
Palier, Norma		3			3
Phillips, Tina		2		4	6
Palier - Norma					0
Rutherford, Max	5				5
Sanim, Mark			11		11
Sewell, Warren & Clara	61			9	70
Tracey, 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.

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.

Cattlianthe (CTT) Chocolate Drop, Stewarts Inc. 1965. Formerly called *Cattleya* Chocolate Drop.

You can tell from the registration date shown above (and from my article last month) that this is another "oldie but a goodie". In fact, it is considered such a good parent in hybridizing that there are currently 261 first generation hybrids (where CTT Chocolate Drop has been one of the parents) and a total of 729 different orchid hybrids with it in the lineage.

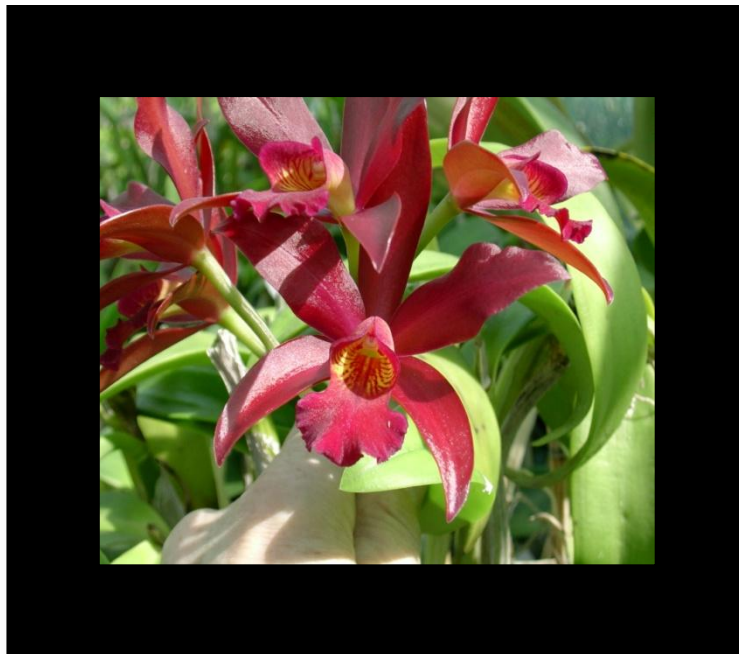
As is the case with many of my orchids, I don't know when I purchased CTT Chocolate Drop, but it was prior to 1997 (when I noted a re-potting on the label). It has always been a sturdy, fast grower (yes, I know, I need to repot it), and is noted for the extensive root system it produces every year which dangles beneath the bench it sits upon. The root system can be a problem when the plant is moved, but I find it is manageable if I wet the roots then carefully wind them into a much larger pot to minimize damage.

CTT Chocolate Drop is a primary hybrid (a hybrid of two different species), between *Cattleya guttata* and *Guarianthe (Gur) aurantiaca* (formerly *Cattleya aurantiaca*). It is a lovely dark reddish brown colour and has an attractive glossy, waxy appearance (from *Gur. aurantiaca*). When it is about to flower, it is obvious why it has been given its curious name, because each nearly-open bud looks like a drop of chocolate.

I heartily recommend that all orchid growers should have CTT Chocolate Drop (or some of the 729 descendants) in their collection.

Noel Grant March 2014.

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



Editors note:

For anyone interested in Ingham field day:

Ayr Orchid Society Is taking a bus to the Ingham Field Day and have asked if any of our members are interested in joining the bus in Townsville on Sunday 13 April 2014, if you are interested please contact jean Nicholson.

Regards

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 Warren Sewell	Maureen Soper		Greg Kelly	Jeff Knowles John Nuss
Friday 11 April 3pm – 5pm						Marie-France Mack	Lyn Mutch	
Saturday 12 April 9am – 12 noon		Stacey Cairns		Jo Tracy Peter Lucke	Brendon Blanchard	Marie Bloom	Lynne White	Tina Phillips Ann Roberts
Saturday 12 April 12 noon – 3pm		John Johnson	Maureen Soper	Noel Grant Alison Knowles	Kerry Willey	Marie Bloom	Keith Chambers	Ann Roberts Jeff Knowles
Saturday 12 April 3pm – 5pm		Robert Rasmussen		Noel Hardwick Fred Marnock		Marie Bloom	Lynne White	Ann Roberts
Sunday 13 April 9am – 11.30am		Fred Marnock	Donna Marnock	Kerry Willey	Stacey Cairns	Marie Bloom	Greg Kelly	Tina Phillips Ann Roberts
Sunday 13 April 11.30am – 2pm				Jo Tracy Carl Osborne	Ann Roberts	Marie Bloom	Lynne White	Charlie Truscott John Nuss
<p><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;</p>								
<p>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</p>								