

# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



## November 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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month except December in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. hall.

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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, members who have joined the Society since June 2014 are financial for 2015.

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

### TOS CALENDAR 2014

#### November 2014

28<sup>th</sup> November, General Meeting – 8pm

30<sup>th</sup> November, - Novice/New Growers'

5<sup>th</sup> December Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm

#### November Judges

Masters *E. Boon & D. Benson*

Open/Species *A. Hughes & A. Knowles*

## Registrar's Choice



#### Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:

Phalaenopsis Pinlong Flemington gained 81 Points for C & M Osborne



#### Species:

*Phalaenopsis tetraspis* gained 79 Points for J & A Knowles



#### Specimen Plant:

*Vanda curvifolium* owned by  
W & J Nicholson.

**COMING EVENTS - FESTIVE SEASON:** Our General Meeting on Friday 28 November 2014, being the last for the year, will, as usual, take the form of a "High Tea." A short business meeting followed by an early extended tea break. This will be the last Friday night General meeting prior to the six months trial of the new arrangement as set out in President's comment.

On 30 November the usual Novice/New Growers gathering will take the form of our Christmas Luncheon. As advised previously all members who have attended at least four of these meetings throughout the year will pay nothing, whereas others will pay \$40 (forty dollars), with cost to the Society being \$42 (forty-two dollars) per person. Commencing time for the luncheon is twelve (noon) for twelve-thirty meal – please don't bring the usual plate of goodies (food), but please something for the continuous raffle would be very welcome.

Helpers on Saturday afternoon at 3pm would be most welcome to help set up the hall.

**TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**  
**MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING HELD 24.10.2014**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.45pm by W Nicholson.

**Minutes:** of previous meeting as recorded in Bulletin, Moved as a True Record by G Christophers. Seconded B Blanchard. Carried.

**Business Arising From Minutes:** W Nicholson remarked on very successful Field Day held 12 October. More members participated than usual, as well as other clubs also attending. Thanks to everyone who worked on the day.

**Correspondence: Inward:** CBA/Bank Statement; Weight Watchers/Statement; Campbells Coaches A/c/paid; Southern Cross A/c/paid; Chef on Call/Deposit; Jeanie's Cleaning/August/September A/c's paid; Morleys/A/c; Transfer/Soc. Cheque A/c to Cash Investment A/c; J Batey Agenda etc. TQOC Meeting 8.11.14; AGM/List of Nominations; Orchids in Paradise/Registration Form/Mackay Accommodation List; Natalie/Enquire re Sphagnum Moss; J Knowles/copy of email to Natalie; ACNC/Update 21.10.14; Hall Hire/several emails; Other Society Bulletins; Orchids Australia; Australian Orchid Review.

**Outward:** L White Banking-10.10.14, 22.10.14; ICES Pty Ltd/Invoice Hall Hire 22.11.14; New Members' letters/I&L Feldt, S Hague, L&G Donnollan, M Dolar, J&L Trotman, G Fidler; Hall Hire/several emails.

J Nicholson Moved Receipt of Inward and Confirmation of Outward. Seconded by T Phillips. Carried.

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** Details from Mackay TQOC Inc. & AOC Conference available from Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by L White who Moved Receipt of Report with Confirmation of Cheques Issued. Seconded by J Johnson. Carried.

**Business Arising From Treasurer's Report:** W Nicholson handed in A/c for trophies. Still has one query re sports shop.

**Show Report:** by C Truscott who was very pleased with support for show roster by those workers who filled in the many spaces. Thanks also to kitchen workers and anyone else who helped make the show a success.

**W.O.C.:** W&J Nicholson enjoyed W.O.C. in Johannesburg, South Africa. Show very good but not quite up to previous shows. Grand Champion, Best Hybrid and Best Specimen was Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey' Reserve Grand Champion, Best Species plus other was *Ansellia africana*. On a second floor was a huge Garden show and tables of decorated cakes with all moulded icing orchid flowers. Sydney and Perth missed out on 2020 W.O.C. - will be held in Taiwan. Next one in 2017 will be in Ecuador.

**Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:** Phalaenopsis Pinlong Flemington gained 81 Points for C & M Osborne.

**Species:** *Phalaenopsis tetraspis* gained 79 Points for J & A Knowles. **Specimen Plant:** *Vanda curvifolium* owned by W & J Nicholson. Congratulations to all growers.

**Overseas Shows:** J Knowles announced shows in 2015. Taipei 7-16 March. European Orchid Conference in Kew, London 8-11 April.

**General Business:** Following the Tea Break W Nicholson announced that Ann Hardy has agreed to be a Committee Member – nominated by W Nicholson and Seconded by J Nicholson – our thanks to Ann.

Novice/New Growers Meeting on Sunday 26.10.14

Committee Meeting Friday 31 October at 7.30pm.

Bonsai Display Day on Saturday 1 November in our hall.

T.Q.O.C. Inc. Meeting will be held here on Saturday 8 November 2pm.

**BIRTHDAYS**

David Baily	5 November
Peter Cooper	6 November
Pat Crawford	7 November
John Mellick	10 November
Maureen Soper	12 November
Sandie Lockhart	22 November

Beverley Murdock	9 December
Racheal De Luca	10 December
Bruno Figuera	12 December
Gordon Payne	15 December
Fred Parker	18 December
Noel Grant	22 December
Caroline Swart	23 December
Wendy van den Dolder	23 December
Kerry Willey	24 December
Mariana Sturrock	25 December
Wendy Sibthorpe	26 December
Col Berzinski	27 December

**Dishwasher:** has been seen to – O.K.

**Lucky Door & Raffle:** Both Drawn – congratulation to winners.

**Meeting Closed:** 10.00pm

### **President's Comments:**

Another year, another start! Well, election of our Committee at the A.G.M. went somewhat better than expected, although we only have nine "bodies" to fill seventeen positions, with two of them wishing for a break. Our Bulletin Editor (Vice President- Editorial) and Treasurer are experiencing difficulties fitting in their duties with their employment. We do not have an Assistant Treasurer.

For the next year, at least, anybody who complains about service from a committee member, will automatically be accepting appointment to that position. So to operate successfully, and give the nine appointees a fair go, we still need at least five volunteers – Your Society needs you!!

At our first Committee meeting of the New Year a few new (or old ones resurrected) ideas, emanated.

For a considerable time sale of plants at our monthly General meetings has been allowed, with little enthusiasm. In the New Year (2015), when these meetings will follow on from Novice/New Growers gatherings, such sales will be encouraged, but for flowering plants only.

Flowering plants will be tabled as usual, but additional to judging by the "experts", a popular vote will also be conducted.

Last but by no means least, a revolutionary suggestion:- as a build-up to our sponsorship for the 2017 T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference, at which Foliage/Indoor plants will be displayed and judged, as well as Orchids. This has happened at such conferences forever, but one of our members feels that we should encourage more members to participate, so between now and then, it was suggested that we should table and judge foliage at our regular meetings as a "training exercise."

The last time this matter was canvassed all hell broke loose and bitterness between those for and those against continued until recent years – that's what led to formation of T.D.O& A.P.A.

We (Jean & I) have grown foliage/indoor plants for many years, since before we collected orchids and have displayed them, consequently we would not encourage such a change and risk more division. So it's up to you members – let's hear your opinions, as to whether or not we branch into 'Allied Plants.'

Last month I mentioned that a couple of members sought bark and I called for expressions of interest – no more were forthcoming so no bark. If you change your minds, please tell me.

Enjoy the Novice/New Growers Christmas Luncheon, and as that will be our last function before Christmas I extend to you all.

### **COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.**

Wal Nicholson

### **Novice/New Growers Group Report**

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 59 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 been well attended throughout the year, 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.

As there was no set agenda for the afternoon activities, it was time to remind the members of the Rules of Safety when it comes to the handling and spraying of Agricultural Chemicals on our orchid plants in and around our bush houses.

The subject covered Chemical Security, protective clothing, rubber boots and gloves. Mask with carbon filtered cartridges, goggles and face shield. All enclosed areas (bush houses) should not be entered for at least 24 hours and the chemical residue on the plants has dried completely. Keep visitors, children and pets out during this period. All safety equipment should be decontaminated after each use and most importantly please remember to read the instructions on the labels very carefully.

Jeff was also kind enough to present a Power Point programme and a wonderful commentary on their recent visit to Singapore where Alison was invited to judge at their Orchid Conference. Thank you Jeff and also Peter for his comments and summary on what we need to do for our orchid plants these coming weeks.

The Popular Voting Competition results were as follows. Novice Section: - First Place Ann Hardy, Second Place Gillian Rutherford & Third Place Ann Hardy. Open Section: - First & Second Place went to Nita Coulson & Third Place Peter & Joanne Lucke.

The Christmas Party luncheon is being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall starting at 12 noon, so we will need to know the number of people wishing to attend this function by November 21<sup>st</sup> for catering purposes. Please contact Secretary Jean on 47734208 if you have any queries on this matter.

Donations of prizes for the Monster Raffle will be greatly appreciated along with any groceries or household cleaning material items etc. to fill the plastic buckets for a few special draws throughout the afternoon proceedings. We will endeavour to set up the tables and chairs etc. on Saturday 29th starting at 2pm. Once again many thanks to everybody for the afternoon tea and your generous donations and support to the Multi Raffle Table and Ticket Sales.

Merry Christmas.

Warren

## Tabled plants for the monthly meeting held on Friday 24/ 10/2014

To be used to report tabled plant result for Bulletin

### VETERAN SECTION

<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> PAPHIOPEDILUM		
ANY OTHER PRIMARY HYBRID		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phrag Green Hornet	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph Goultenianum x (Jazz x Red Glory)	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph Shirleen	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> CATTLEYA		
ANY OTHER HYBRID		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ctt [Lc] Aussie Sunset	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rlc Sedona's Golden Queen [Blc] Goldenzelle x Rlc [Pot] Misaka Akatsuka <u>should be Rlc Hisako Akatsuka</u>	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C unknown	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM		
SPATHULATA TO 65 MM AND OVER		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Den Jiwani Chrome</u> (Den lineale x Den helix )	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den Island Fantasy	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den Islanfd Fantasy	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM		
SPATHULATA TO 64 MM		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Den Jiwani Chrome</u> (Den lineale x Den helix) x Den discolor	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den Island Fantasy	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<u>Den Memory Tony Kapcelovich</u> (Den Charelle x Den lasianthera)	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM		
INTERMEDIATE		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den Chao Praya Moonlight x Den Tuang Pink	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den Palolo Sunshine x (Den Violy (not Voily) x Udom's Goldiana (?) poss Gold	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den Burana Green x Den Entropy	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM		
MISCELLANEOUS		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den Fire Coral	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den Gatton Sunray	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den Pink Butterfly	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE		
TOLUMNIAS		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rrm Maggie	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rrm Deb's Delight	G & S Kelly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rrm Stans Statement	G & S Kelly

<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> PHALAENOPSIS EXHIBITION		
<b>ANY OTHER COLOUR</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal Tying Shin Golden Queen x Tying Shin Golden Rose	J & A Knowles
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phal Dendi's Ching Hua x Hsinging King	J & A Knowles
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phal Little Spring Time (unknown) x Phal [Dtps] Sun Jye Diamond	N & M Grant
<b>Section:</b> Veteran		
<b>Type:</b> ANY OTHER HYBRID		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brs Starex	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spath Starburst	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

**VETERANS CORRECTIONS** Please note all corrections and new names, please alter labels where necessary

New name.... Rlc Sedona's Golden Queen (Rlc Goldenzelle x Rlc Hisako Akatsuka (Hisako not Misaka)

Den Jiwani Chrome (Den lineale x Den helix 0

Den Memory Tony Kapcelovich (Den Charelle x Den lasianthera)

#### OPEN SECTION

<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> PHRAGMIPEDIUM		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phrag Praying Mantis	P Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice	P Lucke
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phrag Calurum	P Lucke
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> PAPHIOPEDILUM		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph lowii hybrid	P Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph lowii Hybrid	P Lucke
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> CATTLEYA		
MINIATURE TO 69MM		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	C Dal's Good One	P Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> CATTLEYA		
B. nodosa INFLUENCE		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	B nodosa x C Bhimayothin	P Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bc Rustic Spots	G Christophers / A Siarni
3 <sup>rd</sup>	B nodosa x C Bhimayothin	G Christophers/ A Siarni
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM		
INTERMEDIATE 65 MM AND OVER		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den Burana Jade	G Christophers/ A Siarni
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den taurinum x den Cherway Olivia Page	G Christophers/ A Siarni
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Not recorded	B Berzinski/ L Mutch
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM		
INTERMEDIATE TO 64 MM		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den Burana Min (not Mint) x Den BlueTwinkle	C Berzinski/ L Mutch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den Dragon Five ? (Poss Eye)	C Berzinski /L Mutch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den Burana Jade	C Berzinski / L Mutch

<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> PHALAEOPSIS		
LARGE MISCELLANEOUS		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal [Dtps] Pinlong Flemington	C Osborne
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phal Mount lip	N Hardwick
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phal Ever Spring King (unknown) Could be PRINCE ??x Phal Musashino	C Osborne
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> PHALAEOPSIS		
ANY OTHER COLOUR		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal [Dtps] Jet Green Fireball	C Osborne
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dtps [Phal] Dai Yang NO REFERENCE	G Christophers/ A Sirarni
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phal Friends Black Diamond [Phal [Dtps]Chian (Not Chain) Xen Pearl x Phal [Dtps] Minho Purple	G Christophers/ A Sirarni
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> PHALAEOPSIS EXHIBITION		
NON EXHIBITION		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal Pinlong Golden Pride	C Osbourne
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phal Pinlong Golden Pride	C Osbourne
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Section:</b> Open Section		
<b>Type:</b> PHALAEOPSIS EXHIBITION		
MINIATURE		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal Queen Beer	F & D Marnock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phal Hsinyings Little Voodoo Stripe x Fushangs Bridal Dress (unknown no reference)	F & D Marnock
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

OPEN SECTION CORRECTIONS Please alter or correct plant labels

NEW NAME... Phal Friends Black Diamond (Phal [Dtps] Chian xen Pearl x Phal [Dtps] Min Ho Purple

#### SPECIES SECTION

<b>Section:</b> Species		
<b>Type</b> DENDROBIUM MISC		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den griffithianum	W & C Sewell
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den secundum	P Lucke
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den jenkinsii	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Species		
<b>Type:</b> DENDROBIUM HARDCANE		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den gouldii	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den discolor	W & J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Section:</b> Species		
<b>Type:</b> Cattleya Alliance		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	C violacea	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caularthron bicornutum	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C intermedia	W & J Nicholson
<b>Section:</b> Species		
<b>Type:</b> MISCELLANEOUS		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc sphacelatum	G Christophers/ A Sirarni
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Milt spectabilis	W& J Nicholson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph chamberlainianum	W & J Nicholson

<b>Section: Species</b>		
<b>Type: MISCELLANEOUS Encyclia/ Epidendrum</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	E bractescens	P Lucke
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Enc cordigera	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Enc diurna	N & M Grant
<b>Section: Species</b>		
<b>Type: MISCELLANEOUS VANDACEOUS</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal tetraspis	J & A Knowles
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V japonica	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	V falcata	N & M Grant
<b>Section: Species</b>		
<b>Type: VANDACEOUS</b>		
VANDA		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	V curvifolia	W & J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V tessellata	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	V tessellata	N & M Grant

#### NOVICE SECTION

<b>Section: Novice</b>		
<b>Type: VANDACEOUS</b>		
VANDA		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	V. Unknown	A. Hardy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V. Unknown	A. Hardy

Points for Tabled Plants October 2014					
Name	Veteran	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Berzinski, Col & Mutch, Lyn		9			9
Christophers, Grant & Siarni, Alis		20		4	24
Grant, Noel & Maureen	7			24	31
Hardwick, Noel		3			3
Hardy, Ann			7		7
Kelly, Greg & Santina	16				16
Knowles, Jeff & Alison	7			4	11
Lucke, Peter & Joanne		14		7	21
Marnock, Fred & Donna		19			19
Nicholson, Wal & Jean	51			20	71
Osborne, Carl		16			16
Sewell, Warren & Clara				4	4

#### In Noel's Bush House 29

*Chiloschista parishii* Seidenf. 1988

I was interested to find that leafless orchids, which have modified roots which perform photosynthesis instead of it being done by leaves, are not considered to be uncommon. Across the world, there are at least 8 genera of leafless or near-leafless orchids, including *Dendrophyllax*, *Microcoelia*, *Taeniophyllum* and *Vanilla* (who realised that *Vanilla* species were leafless?!). and in this genus, which is a member of the *Aeridinae* tribe (so they are related to *Aerides*), one species, *Chiloschista phyllorhiza*, grows on Cape York, extending as far south as the Tully River. Leafless *Chiloschista parishii* should probably more accurately be termed a deciduous orchid, as it actually grows up to two small leaves, but they wither and drop off before the plant flowers.

"*Chiloschista*" comes from two Greek words – "Cheilos" meaning tongue, and "Schista" meaning split (it is the root of the modern 'schism'). When I learned this, I peered at the small flowers and noticed the deep furrow running the length of the lip. The temptation is to pronounce the generic name as "ky-loss-kiss-ta" but it is more correct to say "ky-low-shis-ta". *Chiloschista parishii* was named after Charles Parish, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century British missionary and collector in Burma. It is found in Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, India and the Himalayas in dry lowland forests from sea level up to 700 metres.



Members of this genus come from the wet tropics and lack a pseudobulb, so they need frequent watering and high humidity, though watering can be reduced through winter. Because the roots need to be exposed to sunlight for photosynthesis, it is essential that they be grown on mounts, such as cork. Like most orchids, they are hungry feeders, and need frequent low-strength fertilising.

I am lucky enough to have 2 different *Chiloschista* species – the other is a so-far un-named species, shown on the label as *Chiloschista nakornphanom*, which means it is from the province of Nakorn Phanom, northeast from Bangkok, Thailand. It is about to flower and I hope to identify it at that time. Maybe it is new to science!

Parts of this article came from an interesting piece by the Species Orchid Society of West Australia, which I recommend to you. It can be found at [http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Leafless\\_Orchids.htm](http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Leafless_Orchids.htm)

Noel Grant, November 2014

References:

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

Computer program "OrchidWiz"

[http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Leafless\\_Orchids.htm](http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Leafless_Orchids.htm)



## 20<sup>th</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show – Mackay 2015

"Orchids in Paradise" is a combined 20th Australian Orchid Council and 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council conference and show. The AOC conference provides an opportunity for orchid lovers from all parts of Australia to meet and enjoy spectacular orchid displays and learn from world-leaders in orchid breeding and culture. The AOC conference is a triennial event, held in a different state of Australia every three years. It will be the first time that the AOC conference has been held in Mackay and only the second time that a conference has been held in tropical Queensland. The 2015 event will also be the first time that the AOC conference has been combined with a major regional Orchid Conference. Additionally, foliage and allied plants will be included in the show schedule for the first time.

The Orchid Conference will be held at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) on **Friday the 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2015.**

More Details can be found on the following website:

<http://orchidsinparadise.com.au/>

## The 2015 Taiwan International Orchid Show

Will be held from 7th to 16th March, 2015 with setup, registration and judging in the preceding couple of days. Some information is beginning to appear on their website at <http://www.tios.com.tw/>. Anyone with an interest should keep an eye on this or talk to Jeff and Alison Knowles.

It will creep up on us very quickly. As I type this there are only 5 weeks until Christmas.



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**Quincan 10-20mm in 20kg bags.**  
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