

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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Annual Membership Fees are due 1st September each year

Family	\$20.00	Pensioner Family	\$10.00
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TOS CALENDAR 2015

February 2015

24th April 2015 Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm
 26th April 2015 Novice/New Growers Group meeting 1pm followed by general meeting

Judges for April

Veteran
 E BOON
 A HUGHES
 P LUCKE

OPEN/SPECIES/NOVICE
 D BENSON
 A KNOWLES
 M. BLOOM

Birthdays for April

Mavis Papalexion	3 April
Jo Tracy	7 April
Isabella Lucke	7 April
Mary Cooper	8 April
Carl Osborne	14 April
Heather Cannon	15 April
Denise Lincoln	18 April
Wally Carlill	25 April



REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Novice: Bct. Sun Mei Gold R & E Dundas - 78 Points



Species: Eua. sanderiana
N & M Grant - 79 points



Hybrid: V. Pachara Delight
N Palin -- 80 points



GENERAL MEETING HELD 22 MARCH 2015

Meeting Opened: 4.05pm by W Nicholson who advised Alan Anderson is our new Bulletin Editor - a few problems but working on them. We also have a new potential Treasurer in Keith Chambers.

Minutes: of Previous Meeting Moved a True Record by M Bloom Seconded A Hardy. Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: Nil.

Correspondence: Inward: CBA/Cash Investment & Society Cheque Statements/Weight Watchers/Invoice; KDP Electrical; CES Civil/ damages/pay direct; Ergon/Electricity A/c; Campbells Coaches/Invoice/Ingham Trip; Dept. Natural Resources & Mines/Valuation Notice; TCC Rates/Paid; Jeannie's Cleaning/Paid/ query cleaning; Rod Norman Electrical/Paid; Herbert River O&APsoc/Field Day invitation; Bowen O&F Soc./Field Day invitation; Pumicestone O&P Soc/New address; RHS of Vic./Secretary's News; Shadforth/White Paper Not for Profit Org.; F Marnock/Tabled Plants/no bulletin; K Turner/no bulletin; J Johnston/no bulletin; L White/resignation; OrchidWiz/CD; D Vaughn/?new member; Fran Ames/Thank You Card; Hall Hire/several emails; Committee Members/response F Ames selling at Autumn Show; Mackay Conference/brochures; Emails/re Feb Bulletin; Other Society Bulletins. **Outward:** L White/banking; CES Civil/Electricians Account; F Marnock/Tabled Plants/Bulletin forwarded; A Anderson/advice re bulletins; K Turner/bulletin forwarded; Committee Members/Minutes/advising F Ames to sell at Autumn Show; A Anderson details re Bulletin printing; Community Information Centre/Return of Form; Emails re Feb Bulletin; Hall Hire/several emails. J Nicholson Moved Receipt of Inward and Confirmation of Outward. Seconded T Boon. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: Write acceptance with regret letter to Lynne White. Change signature at Bank. Largest Electricity Bill for some time due to problem with line being cut. by acknowledged fault.

Treasurer's Report: not available. To be sorted out before show. We require an Assistant Treasurer. Also vacancies on Committee.

Approached company to convert Air-con to tokens being used. Ordered one teardrop and one banner to advertise show instead of large signs. Revaluation of block of land hasn't changed from \$61,000.

Herbert River Field Day: Bus to cost \$913 so charge for bus is \$20 plus \$10 for Lunch provided by Ingham. Will conduct raffle on bus.

Novice/New Growers Group: No plans for next month. W Nicholson could speak on Cymbidiums or Paphiopedilums if required.

Calendar: No calendar printed this year. Dates listed in Bulletin each month.

General Business: Have not paid for Council's Irrigation System around hall but it is not working at present – grass almost dead.

No further word from Youth Justice Department re painting of hall.

W Nicholson explained problem with electricity etc. caused by CES Civil working on sewerage on footpath. Ergon may send an account.

W&C Sewell asked about door on Ladies Toilet which has a missing closer. Grants still available but harder to receive but not required with money in Bank. W Sewell would like new chairs which he asked for several years ago. Maybe when 70th

celebrations over we could replace tables and chairs. No Minutes on Notice Board – Secretary forgot to put them there – gave W Sewell a copy of Minutes. Asked how a quorum was decided – double committee members plus one – also when decided - at beginning of meeting or at the end of it.

Query about holding General Meeting first on a Sunday so Novices would be in attendance – not really advisable as they would stay if interested.

Lucky Door tickets drawn.

Meeting Closed: 4.40pm.

President's Comments: We're again at that time when my comments are made before the show but read after the show. That being so let me speculate and congratulate all concerned for their hard work in making the show a success, and for those whose plants took off the prizes. I must admit I am a little pessimistic regarding my collection, as all flowered well a couple of weeks ago, with not a lot of promising buds. Have you ever heard of an upcoming show where all have been optimistic?

Our new meeting arrangements still need a little fine tuning, but are working except for the tabling of plants. Ted has asked that you all be reminded to table your flowering plants before 12.45pm to give the judges a fair go. Also, with the Popular Choice, could you please make your choices and vote before being seated. This will save considerable time at the beginning of the meeting.

A few months ago I commented on the short supply of committee members and said that if anybody complained about the performance of another then they automatically filled that position. Just a reminder to one or two of you. Helpful suggestions in a polite manner are acceptable.

It looks promising for a nomination to fill the vacancy created by the Treasurer – we still need an Assistant Treasurer.

Our new Bulletin Editor struck a bad patch with some of the electronically sent copies not going through last month. Please don't laugh when I say this, but if you don't receive your copy on time (early in the week of our meeting) then please contact somebody in authority. It is essential that we sort out the problem if not already done.

I'm still repotting – been at it since January 2014 and can see light at the end. Should have a year or so before next start. At least I kill a few each time which balances for those which I divide. Happy growing and hope you had a spectacular show.

Jean and I, and I am sure the other twenty odd on our bus, had a great outing to Ingham for the Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc. Field Day. I can't recall such a large number of enthusiasts ever attending a field day – 200 plus. Too much food as usual at morning and afternoon tea with an Italian flavoured lunch. I don't know how a club of their size can muster up so many people and so much food, with the same faces popping up at most of the visited collections.

parent: Grt. Why Not, Ctt. Jewel Box, Ctt. Chocolate Drop, Ctt. Rojo and Ctt.

Unfortunately, but not of real concern, because of several cancellations, and another bus from Townsville, we incurred a small loss.

Much interest in running a bus to the Bowen Field Day on 17 May was expressed, so if you are interested please contact us – 47734208 or

walandjean@bigpond.com - cost will be \$25 for the bus plus \$5 for lunch.

Wal Nicholson

Novice/New Growers Report:-

At our last Novice/New Growers meeting on the 22nd March held in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan we welcomed 51 members and 1 visitor. The Guest Speaker for the afternoon programme was a talk given by Charlie Truscott on *canaliculatum* and *carronii* dendrobium species orchids. His presentation and slide programme and commentary on this subject was incredible and well worth the effort to have been at this meeting. His willingness to impart his knowledge and expertise on these orchids would be most beneficial to all orchid growers in general. Over the years, the hybridizing of these species especially the *canaliculatum* type has produced colourful compact plants with lots of flower inflorescences. Thank you Charlie for your time you gave to us and we have now come to realise the passion you have for growing spatulata orchids.

Jeffrey also had a short slide programme of their recent trip to Taiwan for the Taiwan International Orchid Show and the magnificent displays of phalaenopsis orchids with their long arching sprays of flowers.

We sincerely hope that all our members who travelled to Ingham for the Field day had a enjoyable time coming home with a bus load of plants.

By the time you receive this April Bulletin our Autumn Show will well and truly be done and dusted so I hope and trust you all gave it your best shot and supported the show with lots of flowers and help at the show.

The afternoon activities concluded with afternoon tea followed by the Multi Raffle. Thank you once again for your kind donations and generous support to all our needs.

Warren

In Noel's Bush House 33

Guarianthe aurantiaca (Dressler & W.E. Higgins 2003)
Formerly called *Cattleya aurantiacum* [Bateman ex Lindley] P.N. Don 1840

If you read my article in last month's newsletter, you will already know the colour of this orchid. ☆
The glossy, vibrant colour stands out in any display, and it is the colour which has made this orchid such a popular choice for hybridisers. At last count (thank you, OrchidWiz) it was the parent of 287 first generation offspring, with a total of 4,470 orchid hybrids having *Gua. aurantiaca* in their lineage. I will name just a few of the famous orchids which have *Gua. aurantiaca* as a

Chit Chat, all of which are quality, desirable plants (and there are 282 more to choose from).

As with all of the genus *Guarianthe* (which also includes *Guarianthe bowringiana*, *patinii* and *skinneri*), *Gua. aurantiaca* was separated from the genus *Cattleya* in



2003, the first of the actions which has seen many of the *Cattleya* family of orchids renamed. Curses on you,

Guarianthe aurantiaca

interfering botanist revisionists!

It comes from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua at an altitude of 300m to 2000m in mountain rain forests. The climate has an extended dry period (which paradoxically still has high humidity from dew), followed by a long wet season. In cultivation, the plant needs high humidity and lots of water during the growing season, but must have time for the roots to dry before the next drink. Repotting must wait until the appearance of new root growth. If disturbed at the wrong time, many bifoliate *Cattleyas* seem to sulk until they finally expire.

Be careful when buying this plant. There are several forms of this species, some being very vigorous with numerous larger flowers. However, some forms do not open widely, some being truly cleistogamous, that is, self-pollinating. It is very frustrating to grow a plant from seedling size for several years to find it does not open when flowering.

I have found this is one of the more difficult of the *Guarianthe/Cattleya* species to coax to flower, probably because I have been offhand about watering it. It has one of the smallest flowers of the *Cattleya* family, but it is a pleasure to see the delightful cluster of flowers in full bloom.

For those who did not read that article, I was talking about *Vanda aurantiaca*, and *aurantiaca* means 'orange'.

Noel Grant, April 2015

References:

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

Computer program "OrchidWiz"

The American Orchid Society: "The Bifoliate *Cattleyas*"
<https://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=447>



Tabled plants for the monthly meeting held on Sunday 22 / March / 2015

Section: Veteran		
Type: PAPHIOPEDILUM		
MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Shireen	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Paph Dellaina	W & J Nicholson
Type: VANDACEOUS		
EXHIBITION 65 AND ABOVE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Rasri Gold	N & M Grant
2 nd	V Pachara Delight	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	V Kasem's Delight x V Kultana Gold	N & M Grant
HYBRID TO 64 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Aer lawrenceae x V [Ascda] Captain Chor (Khor)	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	V [Ascda] Robyn's Best	N & M Grant
3 rd	V Viroomchan Gold (Not Viroomchang, no G on the end)	N & M Grant
VASCOSTYLIS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Aerdv Sukho (Aer ororata x Aer flabellata) x Aer houletiana))	N & M Grant
2 nd	Vasco Alice's Wally (Aer Korat Koki x Rhy coelestis)	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Van Reyna's Green with Envy =(Van Gold Friendships x Christonia Vietnamica [Ascda] Kenny Gold x Vasco Five Friendships),= Vasco Gold Friendships)	W & J Nicholson
MINIATURE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Green Light	N & M Grant
2 nd	V Green Light	N & M Grant
3 rd	V Green Light	N & M Grant
ANY OTHER VANDACEOUS HYBRID LARGE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Mokara Oomyai No Reference found	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	V Kampirananda x V [Ascda] Seechang not SeaChong	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Pda Arjuna (Pda Mini Palmer x V tessellata)	W & J Nicholson
Type: CATTLEYA		
EXHIBITION 115 AND ABOVE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc Glenlee Lauren x Rlc California Girl	W & J Nicholson
EXHIBITION SMALL 70 MM TO 114 CM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Ctt Mem Georgina Ridge	W & J Nicholson
MINIATURE TO 69 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rth Aussie Sunrise (Rlc Kinza x Ctt Aussie Sunset)	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	C Daffodil x Ctt Kauai Starbright	W & J Nicholson
CLUSTER		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Ctt Towering Inferno	W & J Nicholson
NODOSA INFLUENCE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	B nodosa x C Bhimayothin	N & M Grant
2 nd	B nodosa hybrid	W & J Nicholson
Type: DENDROBIUM		
PHALANANTHE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Enobi Stripe	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran cont.		
Type: DENDROBIUM		

MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den White Fairy (Den Walter Oumae x Den Singapore White)	W & C Sewell
2 nd	Den Fire Coral	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Den Burana Thammaron (No details found)	W & j Nicholson
DENDROBIUM SPATHULATA TO 64MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Adrian Lonne x Berango x Might Mite	W & C Sewell
2 nd	Den Frasers Elite Dragon	W & C Sewell
3 rd	Den Adrian Lonne x Berango x Mighty Mite	W & C Sewell
Type: ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE		
MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Brsdm Yoshiichi Nakagawa	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Onc Gower Ramsay	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Alcra Sundays Best	W & J Nicholson
NEW NAMES AND ALTERATION		
Paph Delaina should be <u>Dellaina</u>		
V [Ascda] Captain Khor should be <u>Chor</u>		
Mokara Oom Yai.... Can find no reference to this name		
Brsdm Yoshasai should be <u>Yoshiichi</u>		
NEW NAMES		
Aer odorata x V [Aer] flabellata = <u>Aerdv Sukho</u>		
Aer Korat Koki x Rhyn coelestis = <u>Rhrds Alice's Wally</u>		
V[Ascda] Kenny Gold x Vasco Five Friendships = <u>Van Gold Friendships x Christonia Vietnamica = Van Reyna's Green with Envy</u>		
Pda [V] Mini Palmer x V tessellata = <u>Pda Arjuna</u>		
C walkeriana x Ctt[Slc] Golden Wax = <u>Ctt Memoria Georgina Ridge</u>		
Rlc [Blc] Kinza x Ctt[Lc] Aussie Sunset= <u>Rth Aussie Sunrise</u>		
Den Walter Oumae x Den Singapore White = <u>Den White Fairy</u>		

Section: Open Section		
Type: VANDACEOUS		
EXHIBITION 65MM AND OVER		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Pink Drops (No Reference found) x V Mini Palmer	N Palin
2 nd	V Pachara Delight	N Palin
Type: CATTLEYA		
EXHIBITION 70MM TO 114 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc Glenn Maidment	B Figuera
2 nd	Rlc Home Hill	B Figuera
3 rd	Rlc Mem Len Lawler (Rlc Lyn Evans x Rlc Goldenzelle)	B Figuera
Type: DENDROBIUM		
INTERMEDIATE TO 64 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Burana Sunshine	C Berzinski/L Mutch
2 nd	Den Salaya Jade	R Scott
3 rd	Den Burana Sunshine	J McIntyre

Section: Open Section cont.		
Type: ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE		
VARICOSUM TYPE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Onc Sharry Baby (Incorrect)	T Phillips

2 nd	Onc Unknown	T Phillips
Section: Species		
Type: CATTLEYA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Gur bowringiana	N & M Grant
2 nd	Gur bowringiana	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	C jenmanii	N & M Grant
Type: CATTLEYA ALLIANCE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	B nodosa	W & J Nicholson
TYPE: PHALAENOPSIS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal pulcherrima var buysonniana	N & M Grant
2 nd	Phal pulcherrima var Chumpoenense	N & M Grant
3 rd	Phal pulchra	N & M Grant
Type: VANDACEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Euanthe sanderana [V sanderiana]	N & M Grant
2 nd	V tessellata	N & M Grant
3 rd	V Vietnamica	NV& M Grant
Type: ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE		
BRASSIA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Milt moreliana	W & J Nicholson
Section: Australian native Hybrid		
Type: DENDROBIUM LARGE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den biggibum var compactum	J McIntyre
Section: Novice		
Type: CATTLEYA SMALL		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bct Sun Mei Gold	R & E Dundas
2 nd	Ctt Chocolate Drop	B & K Donnell
Type: DENDROBIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Aridang Green (Not Aridand)	D Bailey/L Armitage
2 nd	Den Ron Flavery Flash x Norma Sutton	G Rutherford
3 rd	Den Salaya Stripe	B & K Donnell

**20th 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/>

Points for Tabled Plants March 2015					
Name	Veteran	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Bailey, David & Armitage, Lorraine			4		4
Berzinski, Col & Mutch, Lyn		34		3	37
Bloom, Marie		6		15	21
Christophers, Grant & Siarni, Alis		20		4	24
Cooper, Peter & Mary		9			9
Donnell, Karen			7	4	11
Dundas, Robyn			10	2	12
Fighera, Bruno		40			40
Grant, Noel & Maureen	90			79	169
Hardwick, Noel		3		0	3
Hardy, Ann			11		11
Kelly, Greg & Santina	90			6	96
Knowles, Jeff & Alison	7			4	11
Lucke, Peter & Joanne		44		11	55
MacIntyre, Joan		3		5	8
Marnock, Fred & Donna		34		13	47
Nicholson, Wal & Jean	249			75	324
Osborne, Carl		16			16
Ostrowski, Janennive		4			4
Palin, Norma		7			7
Phillips, Tina		7			7
Rutherford, Gillian			4		4
Scott, Ron		7			7
Sibthorpe, John & Wendy				4	4
Sewell, Warren & Clara	19			4	23



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Also Available Orchid Mix.

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Nursery on 07 4778 2272.

Townsville Orchid Society Calender of Events for 2015

APRIL	16	AUTUMN SHOW SET UP
APRIL	17	AUTUMN SHOW 9AM-5PM
APRIL	18	AUTUMN SHOW 9AM-5PM
APRIL	19	AUTUMN SHOW 9AM-2PM
APRIL	24	Management Committee meeting 7.30pm
APRIL	26	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm followed by General meeting
MAY	5	A.N.O.S. Inc. – Townsville Group Meeting 8pm
MAY	12	Judges Meeting
MAY	17	Bowen Field Day
MAY	22	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
MAY	24	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm followed by General Meeting
JUNE	2	A.N.O.S. Inc. – Townsville Group Meeting 8pm
JUNE	9	Judges Meeting
JUNE	26	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
JUNE	28	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm followed by General Meeting
JULY	3 – 6	2015 Townsville Show
JULY	7	A.N.O.S INC. – Townsville Group 8pm
JULY	14	Judges Meeting
JULY	16	WINTER SHOW SET-UP
JULY	17	WINTER SHOW 9AM – 5PM
JULY	18	WINTER SHOW 9AM – 5PM
JULY	19	WINTER SHOW 9AM – 2PM
JULY	24	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
JULY	26	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm followed by General meeting
JULY	31	CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER – <u>to be confirmed</u>
AUGUST	4	A.N.O.S. Inc. – Townsville Group 8pm
AUGUST	11	Judges Meeting
AUGUST	21	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
AUGUST	23	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm followed by General Meeting
AUGUST	31	END OF FINANCIAL YEAR – SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE 1 SEPTEMBER
SEPTEMBER	1	A.N.O.S. Inc – Townsville Group 8pm
SEPTEMBER	8	Judges Meeting
SEPTEMBER	10	SPRING SHOW SET-UP
SEPTEMBER	11	SPRING SHOW 9AM – 5PM
SEPTEMBER	12	SPRING SHOW 9AM – 5PM
SEPTEMBER	13	SPRING SHOW 9AM – 2PM
SEPTEMBER	25	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
SEPTEMBER	27	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm followed by General Meeting
OCTOBER	6	A.N.O.S. Inc. – Townsville Group 8pm
OCTOBER	11	Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Field Day
OCTOBER	13	Judges Meeting
OCTOBER	23	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
OCTOBER	25	Novice/New Growers Meeting 1pm FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND General Meeting
NOVEMBER	3	A.N.O.S. Inc. – Townsville Group 8pm
NOVEMBER	10	Judges Meeting
NOVEMBER	20	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
NOVEMBER	22	<u>Novice/New Grower's Break-Up Luncheon</u>
NOVEMBER	27	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm <u>IF REQUIRED</u>
DECEMBER	1	A.N.O.S. Inc. – Townsville Group 8pm Christmas Break Up