

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



June 2015 Bulletin

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Family	\$20.00	Pensioner Family	\$10.00
Single	\$15.00	Pensioner Single/Junior	\$7.50
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TOS CALENDAR 2015

June 2015

JUNE	26	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
JUNE	28	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm

followed by General Meeting

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE



HYBRID: Ascda. Fuchs Sunset x Chtra. Keeree Boon
owned by G&S Kelly. 79 Points



Specimen: Dendrobium mannii owned by
W & J Nicholson.

Judges for June

Veteran

C TRUSCOTT
A KNOWLES...
P LUCKE

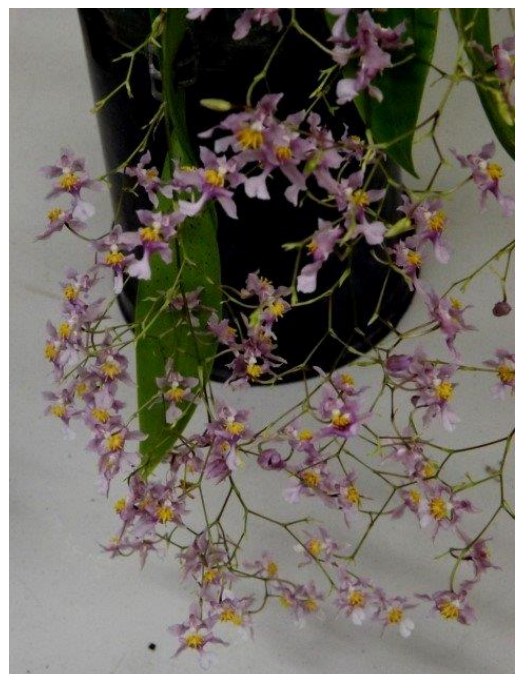
OPEN/SPECIES/NOVICE

E BOON
D BENSON
M BLOOM

Birthdays for June



Lyn Carlill	2 June
Mila Dolan	4 June
Noel Hardwick	7 June
Kaylene Garvey	8 June
Jane Robino	6 June
Ann Scholl	12 June
Lorraine Armitage	18 June
Walter Martin	18 June
Jacque Scull	20 June
Donna Marnock	21 June
Terry Ruxton	22 June
Bernice Leeson	24 June
Allan Hughes	25 June



Species: Onc. ornithorhynchum owned by
Ann Hardy 79 Points



**Novice: C Queen Sirikhit
R & E Dundas...78 points**

GENERAL MEETING HELD 24.05.2015 MINUTES

MEETING Opened: 3.50pm. W Nicholson opened meeting and asked for a minute's silence for late member Kathleen Greenway.

Minutes: of Previous Meeting Moved as a True Record by E Boon. Seconded by J Rutledge. Carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: Nil.

Correspondence: Inward: CBA/Advice re Netbank setup/Cheque A/c Statement/ Cat Club/ Hall Hire Deposit; J Knowles/transfer shop sales; M&DOS Inc./receipt Sponsor/Conference; Tag Solutions/A/c paid; Gracie Signs/A/c paid; Jeannie's Cleaning/A/c paid/ final cleaning date; Southern Cross/A/c paid/advice re old A/c number; KDP/ A/c; Refrigeration Services/old A/c; Campbells Coaches/A/c; OQI/membership Application Form; Clean Team/commence cleaning 21.05.2015; Nambour OS/Diamond Festival Orchids 10-12.06.2016; Casino Travel Shoppe/ANOS Travel Club/2015 NQ Tour 15-22 July 2015 – Cairns; Chef on Call/menu/ J Knowles/member numbers; Proserpine OS/Field Day 26.07.15/ numbers by 17.07.15; Bunnings/Ladies Night 28.05.15; Burdekin Rostrum Club/leader required; K Chambers/painting quotes; N Grant/Kath Greenway; Hall Hire; Other Society Bulletins; Orchids; Burbank Catalogue. **Outward:** T&S Ruxton/new member letter; Clean Team/cleaning of hall; Hall Hire; K Chambers x 3/Banking. Nicholson Moved Receipt of Inward and Confirmation of Outward Correspondence. Seconded by W Sibthorpe. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: 2 members will attend Proserpine Field Day.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:

Novice: C. Queen Sirikhit gained 78 Points, owned by R&E Dundas. **Species:** *Onc. ornithorhynchum* owned by Ann Hardy. **Specimen:** *Den. mannii* owned by W & J Nicholson. Congratulations to all winners.

Treasurer's Report: given by K Chambers who Moved Adoption of Report. Seconded by M Bloom. Carried.

Business Arising From Treasurer's Report: Faulty switch in storeroom to be repaired.

S McKeich will work on plastered ceiling. Painter chosen by Management Committee wishes to start. Purchased another tear-drop banner.

General Business: Christmas in July: about 40 people to attend so far.

T.Q.O.C. Inc. Report: from meeting on 23.May. Looks as though the conferences will change to being held every two years. T.O.S. Inc. will host the 2017 T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference in conjunction with 70th Birthday, in R.S.L. complex in Murray. May leave it in June. One day registration is available at Mackay conference. Think about donations of flowers to make up a Table Display.

Novice/New Growers Group: no plans yet for next month.

Lucky Door Prizes: drawn – congratulations to winners.

Meeting Closed: 4.37pm

President's Comments: Rain! Didn't recognise it on the Monday afternoon when we returned from up north with a ute full of quincan. Nice to see it hopefully a little heavier than when I write this.

Our trial period of six months for the rearrangement of our General meetings to Sunday afternoon is drawing to a close. I don't wish to extend the trial period but if we can't control

the timing a little better we may need to. Personally I can't see Friday nights ever being successful with members not wishing to go out and/or driving at night. Quorums just scrape in and could even decrease.

Last month the Novice New Growers meeting didn't get going till well after the 1p.m. starting time and the end was prolonged for tidying up after the dismantling of an overgrown plant. Tabling of flowering plants must be concluded by 12.45p.m. Please ensure that such plants are listed in the correct "book" and that they bear your number. While at it (placing your plants) have a good look at the others and make your popular vote.

If we start at 1p.m. and finish shortly after 3p.m. the General meeting can then be conducted in a more leisurely fashion. Repainting of the hall is progressing very well and should be finished by the time you read this. I wish to thank those who helped by removing and replacing the louvres to allow the painter to work behind our security grilles.

Very grateful thanks also to Syd McKeich and his assistant for retaping all of the ceiling free except for out of pocket expenses for materials – very much appreciated Syd. We will now have the vinyl floor treated.

Had a few days over long weekend on the Atherton Tablelands – very cold in the early morning. Brought home the best part of a ton of quincan.

Jean and I spent an evening at Bunnings Ladies Night (as usual). They had some great plants of Oncids – very mature and only \$18.48 each. Best deal I've ever seen there. They went like hot cakes. Although we need another orchid like a hole in the head I bought two (silly me – haven't shed the compulsive disease yet).

Get those orchids ready for the Winter Show in July.

On a final but sad note on behalf of the Society I extend our condolences to Committee Member Ann Hardy on the loss of her son in a mining accident.

Wal Nicholson

Novice/New Growers Report:-

Novice/New Growers Report:- At our last meeting held on the 24th May in the Townsville Orchid Society Hall, we welcomed 58 members and 1 visitor. It would be most helpful if all our members who attend the meeting would sign the Novice/New Growers attendance book at the

front door table. I would be very grateful and pleased if you could do so.

Our Guest Speaker for the afternoon programme was Peter Lucke on the subject of flasking and de-flasking of orchid plants. Peter gave details of the process starting with the pollination of the orchid flower, the growth of seed pods, sowing seeds in sterilized bottles, the required media, and replating etc. Peter explained the process through to the seedlings reached the stage where they are ready to be de-flasked into a community pot.

Thank you Peter for sharing your knowledge, experience and putting in the time to present a well-researched topic that was appreciated by all present.

As our Winter Show is fast approaching, we would appreciate your help to support the show with flowering plants and fill a position on the show roster so let's show the people of Townsville, what beautiful orchid flowers we grow here.

Noel Grant has offered to be the Guest Speaker at our next meeting, speaking on Vanda orchids. Once again we thank all our members for the cakes and sandwiches brought along for the afternoon tea table and your generous donation of gifts on the Multi Raffle Table and also for the purchase of the raffle tickets.

Warren Sewell June 2015

In Noel's Bush House 35

Cattleya walkeriana var. *alba* "Orchidglade"
Gardner 1843



Cattleya walkeriana var. *alba* "Orchidglade"
Gardner 1843

This is the albino version of an orchid which grows in a large region of the Brazilian interior to the south of the Amazon basin. It is found at an altitude of 600 – 900m on rough barked trees near waterfalls or on limestone ridges or mesas, which soak up large quantities of water during the rainy season. This water is slowly released by transpiration from the trees, giving higher humidity to the orchid's micro-climate in an otherwise dry area.

It was named after E. Walker, a 19th Century English plant collector in Brazil, who was a travelling companion of Gardner. The clonal name "Orchidglade" comes from the well-known orchid nursery of Jones and Scully, Florida.

It is one of two *Cattleya* species (the other is *C. nobilior*) which flowers, not from the apex of a

new growth, but from a separate growth (with no leaves) which arises from the base of the previous pseudobulb. *Cattleya walkeriana* is a unifoliate species (it carries one leaf), and can be distinguished from *C. nobilior*, which has two leaves. I grow it with my other *Cattleya* species, with a long winter rest, and it seems to appreciate a little more shade than the others. I love the strong perfume given off each morning. My only concern with this plant is its strong growth habit, as it seems to gallop across the pot. I fix that by positioning a new pot where it is exiting, saving me a re-pot till next year.

Noel Grant, June 2015

References:

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

Computer program "OrchidWiz"

Various places on the Internet

JULY 3 – 6	2015 Townsville Agricultural Show
JULY 7	A.N.O.S INC. – Townsville Group 8pm
JULY 14	Judges Meeting
JULY 16	TOS WINTER SHOW SET-UP
JULY 17	TOS WINTER SHOW 9AM – 5PM
JULY 18	TOS WINTER SHOW 9AM – 5PM
JULY 19	TOS WINTER SHOW 9AM – 2PM
JULY 24	Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm
JULY 26	Novice/New Grower's Group Meeting 1pm
JULY 26	General Meeting following Novice New/Growers
JULY 31	CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

Overheard at an Australian Native Orchid Society bush house crawl:

"The experts say orchids are epiphytes or lithophytes but really they are parasites. - They suck all the money out of your wallet." - Chris Phillipps

OPEN GARDEN: Natalie Pace, who has a beautiful garden at Rollingstone with lots of orchids on trees, is opening the garden to the public on Saturday 27th June – gold coin donation with proceeds going to Cancer Council.
Afternoon Tea – scones and cake etc. \$3.
16 Balgal Beach Road, Rollingstone.
Well worth a look. Wal

MONTHLY RESULTS

May 2015

Section: Veteran PHRAGMIPEDIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phrag unknown	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Phrag Calurum	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran PAPHIOPEDILUM (ANY OTHER PRIMARY HYBRID)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Pinemak	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Paph Shireen	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (EXHIBITION 65mm AND ABOVE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Vanda Rasri Gold	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Vanda Princess Mikasa	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (EXHIBITION 40mm TO 64mm)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V [Ascda] Fuchs Sunset x V [Chtra] Keereeboon	G & S Kelly
2 nd	Van Tristar Gold	G & S Kelly
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (VASCOSTYLIS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Van [Vasco] Janice Allison	N & M Grant
2 nd	Van Alice's Anie (Ascoc Apinantat x Rhy coelestis)	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (MINIATURE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V [Ascda] Wacharin	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Van [Neo]Lou Sneary x V miniata	N & M Grant
3 rd	Van Fuchs Ocean Spray (Van Lou Sneary x Rhy coelestis)	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA EXHIBITION (115 AND ABOVE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc Aranbeem	G & S Kelly
2 nd	C unknown	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Rlc[Blc]Sedona's Golden Queen Rlc[Blc] Goldenzelle x C [Pot] Hisaka Akatsuka	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA (MINIATURE TO 69 MM)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C. Jungle Cat	G & S Kelly
2 nd	Ctna Jamaica Red	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA (CLUSTER)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bc [Pot] Hoku Gem	N & M Grant
2 nd	Bsn Maikai	J & A Knowles
3 rd	Bc [Bl] Yellow Bird	J & a Knowles
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM (SPATHULATA TO 65 MM AND OVER)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Carol Dossetto (Den Caesar x helix)	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE ANY HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Brsdm Yoshachi	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Alcra Dreamy	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Onc Gold Dust	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran ANY OTHER HYBRID TO 59 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Cynoches Wine Delight	W & J Nicholson

NEW NAMES Van (Vandachostylis) Fuchs Ocean Spray = Van Lou Sneary x Rhy coelestis

Van Sugar Baby = Van Lou Sneary x V miniata

Rlc Sedona's Golden Queen (Rlc Goldenzelle x C [Pot] Hisoka Akatsuka

Dendrobium Carol Dossetto (Den Caesar x helix)

OPEN SECTION

Section: Open PAPHIOPEDILUM (MAUDIAE TYPE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Maudiae	P Lucke
Section: Open VANDACEOUS (VASCOSTYLIS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Vasco unknown	P & M Cooper
Section: Open Cattleya to 115 mm		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C Chyong Guu Swan	M Sanim
2 nd	Rlc Shinfong Beauty	M Sanim
3 rd	Rlc Shinfong Beauty 'Red Sun'	P Lucke
Section: Open CATTLEYA (B nodosa INFLUENCE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	B Little Star x Ctt Merinda Lust (Ctt [Slc] Hawaiian Lustre x C Little Leopard)	P & M Cooper
2 nd	B nodosa x ?	P Lucke
Section: Open DENDROBIUM Any Other hybrid		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Petite Bouquet	R Scott
2 nd	Den Wonder Nishi	J McIntyre
Section: Open DENDROBIUM (Australian native hybrids)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Valda	P Lucke
2 nd	Den Superbiens	D & B Anderson
3 rd	Den Superbiens	W & L Carlill
Section: Open ONCIDIUM (miscellaneous)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Onc Sharry Baby	D & B Anderson
2 nd	Onc Gower Ramsay 'Orange'	J McIntyre
3 rd	OncGoldiana x Onc Star Wars	J McIntyre
Section: Open NON EXHIBITION ANY COLOUR		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal Unknown	P & M Cooper
Section: Open ANY OTHER GENERA BULBOPHYLLUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bulb Fascination	M Bloom
2 nd	Bulb Sheryl Kurizaki	P & M Cooper
3 rd	Bulb unknown (incorrectly labelled as grandiflorum)	J Rutledge

SPECIES SECTION

Section: Species CATTLEYA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C luteola	N & M Grant
2 nd	C luteola	N & M Grant
3 rd	C luteola	N & M Grant
Section: Species CATTLEYA ALLIANCE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	B nodosa	J & A Knowles
2 nd	Barkeria dorotheae	N & M Grant
3 rd	B nodosa	A Hardy
Section: Species ONCIDIUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Onc ornithorynchum	A Hardy
Section: Species DENDROBIUM HARD CANE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den nindgii	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Den nindgii	M Bloom
Section: Species PAPHIOPEDILUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph primulinum	W & J Nicholson
Section: Species VANDACEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V luzonica	N & M Grant
Section: Species BULBOPHYLLUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Bulb morphogorum	W & L Carlill
2 nd	Bulb medusae 'Alba'	J & A Knowles
3 rd	Bulb ornatissimum (This is incorrect will need to be looked into)	J Rutledge
Section: Australian native Species DENDROBIUM SMALL		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den dicuphum	N & M Grant

REGISTRARS CHOICE SPECIES..... ONCIDIUM ornithorynchum A Hardy

SPECIMEN..... Dendrobium mannii W & J Nicholson**NOVICE SECTION**

Section: Novice CATTLEYA LARGE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C Queen Sirikhit	R & E Dundas
2 nd	C unknown	J & B Sibthorpe
3 rd	C unknown	R & E Dundas
Section: Novice Vandaceous		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V unknown	G Rutherford
Section: Novice Any Other Hybrid		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Spathoglottis Mem Eileen Stokes	T Ruxton
2 nd	Oncidium unknown... strongly suspect this is Onc Sugar Sweet	R & E Dundas
3 rd	Hwra Lava Burst	T Ruxton

REGISTRARS CHOICE..... Cattleya Queen Sirikhit R & E Dundas**POPULAR VOTE MAY 2015****VETERAN SECTION****PLANT NAME****OWNER****PAPHIOPEDILUM /PHRAGMIPEDIUM**1st Paph Pinemak

W & J Nicholson

2nd Paph Shireen

W & J Nicholson

CATTLEYA1st Cattleya unknown

W & J Nicholson

2nd C. Jungle Cat

G & S Kelly

3rd Bc [Bl] Yellow bird

J & A Knowles

DENDROBIUM1st **Den Carol Dossetto** (Den Caesar x helix)

W & J Nicholson

VANDACEOUS1st Van Sugar Baby (Van Lou Sneary x V miniata)

N & M Grant

2nd Van [Vasco] Janice Allison

N & M Grant

3rd V [Ascda] Fuchs Sunset x V [Chtra] Keeree Boon

G & S Kelly

ONCIDIUM1ST Brsdm Yoshiachi Nakagawa

W & J Nicholson

2nd Alca Dreamy

W & J Nicholson

3rd Onc Gold Dust

W & J Nicholson

ANY OTHER GENERA1st Cynoches Wine Delight

W & J Nicholson

OPEN SECTION**PAPHIOPEDILUM**1st Paph Maudiae

P Lucke

CATTLEYA1st C [Blc] Chyong Guu Swan

M Sanim

2nd Rlc [Pot] Shinfong Beauty

M Sanim

3rd Rlc Chia Lin

M Sanim

VANDA1st V unknown

P & M Cooper

DENDROBIUM1st Den Nishi Wonder

J McIntyre

2nd Den Petite Bouquet

R Scott

PHALAENOPSIS1ST Phal unknown

P & M Cooper

ONCIDIUM

1 st	Onc Sharry Baby	P & M Cooper
2 nd	Onc Gower Ramsay	J McIntyre
<u>ANY OTHER GENERA</u>		
1 st	Bulb Sheryl Kurikaki	P & M Cooper
2 nd	Bulb unknown	J Rutledge
3 rd	Bulb Fascination [fascinata]	M Bloom
<u>MISCELLANEOUS (AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS)</u>		
1 st	Den Valda	P Lucke
2 nd	Den Superbiens	W & L Carlill
3 rd	Den Superbiens	D & B Anderson

NOVICE SECTION

CATTLEYA

1 st	Cat Queen Sirikhit	R & E Dundas
2 nd	Cattleya unknown	J & W Sibthorpe
3 rd	Cattleya unknown	R & E Dundas

DENDROBIUM

1 st	Den Enobi Purple (This maybe incorrect as Photo shows this should be white with lavender flaring on petal edges)	A Anderson
2 nd	Den Victoria Possibly incomplete, no details of Victoria found	A Anderson

VANDACEOUS

1 st	Vanda unknown	G Rutherford
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ANY OTHER GENERA

1 st	Oncidium unknown... suspect this is a clone of Onc Sugar Sweet	R & E Dundas
2 nd	Spathoglottis Mem Eileen Stokes	T Ruxton

SPECIES

PAPHIOPEDILUM

1 st	Paph primulinum	W & J Nicholson
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CATTLEYA

1 st	Cattleya luteola	N & M Grant
2 nd	Cattleya luteola	N & M Grant
3 rd	Cattleya luteola	N & M Grant

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1 ST	B nodosa	A Hardy
2 ND	B nodosa	J & A Knowles
3 RD	Barkeria dorotheae	N & M Grant

DENDROBIUMS

1 ST	Den nindgii	W & J Nicholson
2 ND	Den nindgii	M Bloom
3 RD		

VANDACEOUS

1 st	V luzonica	N & M Grant
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ONCIDIUM

1 st	Oncidium ornithorhynchum	A Hardy
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ANY OTHER GENERA

1 st	Cyn warscewsizii	W & J Nicholson
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BULBOPHYLLUM

1 st	Bulb medusae 'alba'	J & A Knowles
2 nd	Bulb morphogorum	W & L Carlill

AUSTRALIAN SPECIES

DENDROBIUM

1 st	Den dicuphum	N & M Grant
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Points for Tabled Plants May 2015					
Name	Veteran	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Anderson, Allan			8	0	8
Anderson, Donald & Beverly		7			7
Bailey, David & Armitage, Lorraine			4		4
Berzinski, Col & Mutch, Lyn		42		3	45
Bloom, Marie		8		25	33
Carlill, Wal & Lyne		2		2	4
Christophers, Grant & Siarni, Alis	0	20	0	4	24
Cooper, Peter & Mary		25			25
Donnell, Karen	0	0	7	4	11
Dundas, Robyn			22	2	24
Fighera, Bruno	0	40	0	0	40
Grant, Noel & Maureen	131			102	233
Hardwick, Noel	0	3	0	0	3
Hardy, Ann			21		21
Kelly, Greg & Santina	120	0	0	6	126
Knowles, Jeff & Alison	12			12	24
Lucke, Peter & Joanne	0	67	0	11	78
MacIntyre, Joan		11		5	16
Marnock, Fred & Donna	0	34	0	13	47
Nicholson, Wal & Jean	325			96	421
Osborne, Carl	0	20	0	0	20
Ostrowski, Janennive		4			4
Palin, Norma	0	7	0	0	7
Phillips, Tina		7			7
Rushworth, Marguerite & Craig	0	0	1	0	1
Rutherford, Gillian			10		10
Rutledge, J		2		3	5
Ruxton, T				3	3
Sanim, Mark	0	7	4	0	11
Scott, Ron		11			11
Sibthorpe, John & Wendy	0	0	3	4	7
Sewell, Warren & Clara	19			4	23
Swart, Caroline	0	0	1	0	1



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY*

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

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Nursery on 07 4778 2272.

Things to do at a meeting

1. When you arrive, sign in at the door. In the Attendance Book, please **PRINT** your name. This is important for insurance purposes. Don't forget to buy some raffle tickets, as you may win an orchid seedling later. If you have brought a friend who is new to our meetings, collect a name tag for them.
2. Place your flowering plants in the appropriate section –Species, Novice, Open or Veteran. Check that your plant has a tag showing your TOS membership number. Add a Voting Number Tag for the Popular Vote.
3. To table plants for judging, you must have owned the plant for at least 6 months. Make sure it is clean, presentable and not diseased. Please bring your plants before 12.45pm, to give the judges time to evaluate all the plants before the meeting starts.
4. Deliver your contribution to the Afternoon Tea table. A small plate of goodies from each member provides everyone with a sumptuous Afternoon Tea.
5. Deliver your contribution to the Raffle Table for the Continuous Raffle which takes place after the Novice Meeting.
6. Admire all the plants that have been presented. As you proceed, choose one from each section that you like the most and write their Voting Number on the Popular Vote slips provided. Place your Popular Vote in the Popular Vote box at the front of each section. These are collated each meeting, with awards presented at the Christmas Party in December.
7. Return the books you have borrowed from the Library. Browse among the extensive collection of orchid specialty books on display, and be in the rush to borrow the latest issue of world-wide orchid magazines. All borrowed items should be returned at the next meeting. If you are looking for something specific, or you know of an orchid book new to the market, please have a chat with the Librarian.
8. Visit the Club Shop. Here you can buy fertilisers, pots, tags and much more at very reasonable prices.
9. Place your problem plant on the table provided. Senior members will be happy to diagnose the disease or pest which is stopping your plant from reaching its potential, and advise you on the required treatment. If you have an overgrown plant and are unsure how to repot it, experienced members are on hand to show you the correct method.
10. Finish chatting to your friends, take a seat and enjoy the rest of the meeting.



**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/>