

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### February 2016 Bulletin

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

Family	\$20.00	Pensioner Family	\$10.00
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### Judges for FEBRUARY..

**VETERAN**  
A HUGHES  
A KNOWLES

Maureen Coleman	21 Feb
Debbie Condren	21 Feb
Sarah Ruxton	22 Feb
Ken Norman	23 Feb
Warren Sewell	25 Feb
Lee Donnollan	25 Feb
Norma Palin	28 Feb
Jenny Siganto	3 March
Martin Dolan	3 March
Carles Robino	3 March
June Cairns	15 March
Cleve McGuane	17 March

### OPEN/NOVICE/SPECIES

E BOON  
C. TRUSCOTT  
P. LUCKE

## **REGISTRARS CHOICE**



### Novice

**Vanda Josephine van Brero x ? K Turner 78 points**



### Hybrid

**C Towering Inferno G & S Kelly 80 points**



### Species

**Phal pulcherrima (buyssoniana) N & M Grant 79 Points**

**Minutes of General Meeting held 24/01/2016** meeting on 24 January 2016 where the minutes were moved, seconded and carried by T Phillips and J Rutledge.

**Correspondence Inward:** J & B Leeson/Fees; Morleys/A/c White; Clean Team/A/c paid; R Rasmussen/ emails Hall Hire, Agreement Document, detail items; Qld Govt/Grants; OQI Inc/ Meeting 13.02; J Batey (TQOC Inc/ Agenda Mtg 20.02.16; Minutes Mtg 21.9.15; A Anderson/Resignation Committee; W Nicholson/Retirement; M Davey (Darwin)/emailing of Bulletin; K Nivalia/Hall Hire – R Rasmussen; China Scientific Book Service/Orchid book list; Qld Post/ change in postage; Charles Lee/Details 2016 TQOC Inc. Conference Ayr; OrchidWiz x 2/12.1 update; QOC Inc/Calendar 2016; Good Shepherd Home/ Christmas card; Emma Aldridge/Thanks you card + Christmas Card; J Tracy/Returned bulletin; AOC Inc Brochure Conference 2018; Hall Hire/some emails; Other Societies/Bulletins; Orchids (November) + Handy Guide; Orchids (December); Australian Orchid Review; Orchids Australia.

**Correspondence Outward:** R Rasmussen/Forwarded Hall Hire Enquiries, Copy of TOS Letterhead; A Anderson/ Bulletin items; Committee Members/Copy of November Minutes; K Williams/ Orchid not available. Minutes were read and moved by W Sibthorpe and seconded by J Lucke.

**Treasurers Report:** Moved by K Chambers Seconded by W Nicholson, Carried.

**Change of Meeting days:** 2 x meeting dates will need to be changed to March 20 and April 17.

**VP Finance & Property:** R Rasmussen agrees to take on this position.

**Vote of Thanks** for W Nicholson on behalf of members.

**Trophies:** Reminder that trophies were to be bought for prize winners last year. W Nicholson advised that he had left a message for Champion Trophies to call him.

**Photo on the wall of Hall:** Photo was missing from wall in the Hall, it was found and hung back up.

**Satchels for New Members:** J Nicholson has satchels for new members.

### **Results for the Popular vote:**

#### REGISTRARS CHOICE

#### HYBRID

C Towering Inferno – G & S Kelly 80 points

#### SPECIES

PHAL Pulcherrima v buyssoniana – N & M Grant 78 points

#### NOVICE

V J v B x Unknown – K Turner 79 points.

**TQOC 2017:** E Boon to liaise with C Lee re the venue.

### **General Business:**

J Knowles – would like to arrange for busses to drive to the Ingham and Bowen Field Days. The Ingham field day will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in April. Date for Bowen field day would be found.

**New Membership Application:** Ross and Roz Tucker as Novice; no objections.

**Signature for Bank transactions:** Discussed,

Constitution would be consulted regarding who would have signing rights for TOS bank accounts.

**New Members:** W Sewell clarified that New Members would receive a TOS Name Badge with their membership fees.

Meeting closed 3.50pm

### **Vice President's Comments**

We start the second month of the year in unusual circumstances, as you will all be well aware we no longer have the services of Wal Nicholson as President due to health problems, as a result we now need the services of someone to step up and "assume control" of the Society along with members of the Committee. At the January Committee meeting it was resolved nominations be called for an election to take place at the February meeting. All nominations to be submitted to returning officer Robert Rasmussen prior to 14/2/2016.

As a result most members will know Robert took over looking after hall hire when Wal fell ill. Robert indicated to the Committee he was prepared to continue to act in this position and was prepared to take full charge of running this area, as a result he agreed to become Vice President of Hall maintenance, Hiring (and firing) and all that entails. Thank you Robert - the Society is grateful for your assistance.

The January meeting was a little light on with attending members, I missed seeing familiar faces. As a result, display plants were also a little light on however there were several very nice plants shown. Congratulations to G & S Kelly who took out Registrar's Choice Hybrids, N & M Grant, Species with Kerry Turner taking out Novice Registrar's Choice.

The first show for the year commences in April, now is an ideal time to start to prepare plants. Give them a good fertilizing, make sure no wogs and greebies are around and keep your fingers crossed plants will be in flower. Some of the advertising has been completed with the remainder to be done in the coming weeks. Hopefully I will see you all at the February meeting... Ted Boon Vice President

### **Novice/New growers Report:** - On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

January, 67 members and visitors gathered at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan for the first meeting for the year 2016. Attendance was very good to start off our activities for the coming year. If you have any cultural topic you would like any of our more experience growers to talk about at our future meetings, do not hesitate to mention your ideas to me at the next meeting. All members stood to observe a minute silence in memory of our late member Jean White who passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. May she now rest in peace.

Our subject for the meeting was mainly for the new growers and how Warren repots his Cattleya orchids, he detailed the potting media he uses, size of pots required, cutting Tools (Secateurs etc. sterilized in Trisodium Phosphate for at least 20 minutes), plant support material, and the rhizome cutting procedure to protect from bacterial infection. Remove old dry sheaths and old rotten roots, clean bracts around pseudobulbs. This is where scale and aphids like to hide. Divide plant with a rhizome of at least 4 pseudo bulbs (minimum 3), seal cut with a fungicide solution, place plant with sealed cut against side of pot leaving a gap to other side for a 2 year growth. Add potting mix lightly tapping side of pot to the level of the rhizome. Do not cover the rhizome as it may rot the eyes and new growths.

Make sure you sign your name in the attendance book as it is important in relation to our Christmas Party. Special comfort for Wal and Jean just to let you know that at this time, we are thinking of you both. Another member Ray Robinson is not very well, so to all our members who are not enjoying the best of health at present, may there be better days ahead for everybody. We are planning to have a bus trip to Ingham for their Field Day in April, so think about it as a list will be going around at the meeting for names to fill the a bus.

There were some beautiful Vanda orchids on display at our last monthly meeting.

Once again we were treated to a wonderful afternoon tea also many thanks to you all for your support with donations of Raffle Prizes for the Multi Raffle table and ticket sales. Next Novice/New Growers meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall starting at 1.00pm. Hoping to see you all there again.

#### **In Noel's Bush House 42**

#### ***Doritis pulcherrima* var. *buyssoniana* x var. *red*** **"Brighton", Lindley 1832**

I was very surprised, when I was researching this orchid, to discover that *Doritis pulcherrima* is considered to be a terrestrial orchid. It is found in sandy soils in an area stretching from Northern India through Myanmar, Thailand and other South East Asian countries and south from Yunnan in China to Sumatra and Borneo. I have had several varieties of this species for a long time and I have always treated them as epiphytes (!) - growing them in pots with 50% Quinkan gravel and 50% bark. For me, they tend to resent having too much moisture, as the roots seem to easily rot in wet conditions, so I would be fearful of potting them in a terrestrial orchid mix.



#### ***Doritis pulcherrima* var. *buyssoniana* x var. *red***

Perhaps I should experiment the next time I repot this plant (and keep a very sharp eye on its progress).

That would be in spring, when new roots are in vigorous growth. Maybe I will split the plant and pot one half as a terrestrial and one as an epiphyte. In that way, if one plant hates the mixture and dies, I shouldn't lose the other, fingers crossed.

This orchid is a hybrid between *Doritis pulcherrima* var. *buyssoniana* (now renamed by the botanists as *Phalaenopsis buyssoniana*) and a red form of *Doritis pulcherrima* (now renamed as *Phalaenopsis pulcherrima*). I was going to tell you that a hybrid between two varieties of the same species is still considered to be a species (as my current label shows), BUT, because of the renaming to two different species, I have found in OrchidWiz that this particular hybrid, *Phal. buyssoniana* x *Phal. pulcherrima*, is now called *Phalaenopsis Yen Orion*. Sadly this means that I will have to remember, at our next meeting, to place this plant on the hybrid table, not among the species. Curse those botanists messing with my labels!

All the *Doritis* species have now been renamed as *Phalaenopsis*, and should be grown in a similar way (but as terrestrials), with the proviso that they need much brighter light than *Phalaenopsis* plants to produce their flowers in abundance. The flowers are produced for a long time on a lengthening flower spike up to a metre long, with up to ten flowers open at a time. A well-grown plant will produce several flower spikes (mine has five).

The name *Doritis* comes from the Greek word 'dory' meaning spear, the symbol of Aphrodite (Venus), metaphorically "very beautiful". 'Pulcherrima' also means 'very beautiful'. The word 'buyssoniana' is dedicated to Count François du Buysson, a French botanist and orchid collector in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Noel Grant, February 2016

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Tabled plants for the monthly meeting held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**VETERAN SECTION**

VANDACEOUS... VASCOSTYLIS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	Van. Seng	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Van. Alice's Anie (Note One N not 2)	G & S Kelly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Van. Janice Allison	G & S Kelly
Type: VANDACEOUS TO 64 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	V Fuch's Sunset x V Keereeboon ( NOTE ONE word not two)	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V Boonyarit Red	G & S Kelly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	V Bicentennial	G & S Kelly
TYPE VANDACEOUS TO 115 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	V Golamco's Blue Magic	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	V Princess Mikasa	N & M Grant
Type: VANDACEOUS		
MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aer (Korat Koki x Aer houletiana) x Aer houletiana	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Van Colmarie	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Van. (Neostylis) Fuch's Ocean Spray	N & M Grant
Type: VANDACEOUS		
ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	Van Precious (Rhyn coelestis x V [Ascda] Yip sum Wah	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Van Alice's Anie	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Van. Fuschia Von Krone (Incorrect spelling... should be FUCHSIA von Krone)	N & M Grant
Type: CATTLEYA		
EXHIBITION 115 mm and over		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	C Towering Inferno	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C Hawaiian Variable x C Netrasiri Beauty	N & M Grant
Type: CATTLEYA		
EXHIBITION Miniature		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	C [Slc] Bright Angel x Grt [Ctna] Why Not	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vky Ration of Passion	G & S Kelly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C [Slc] Sweet Leilani	N & M Grant
Type: CATTLEYA CLUSTER		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	BC [Pot] Hoku Gem	N & M Grant

**NEW NAMES AND ALTERATIONS.....**

**NEW NAMES...** Van Precious (Rhyn coelestis x V Yip sum Wah)

**ALTERATIONS/SPELLING** V Fuschia Von Krone should be FUCHSIA

**REGISTRARS CHOICE ...** C Towering Inferno G & S Kelly 80 points

**OPEN SECTION**

TYPE: VANDACEOUS MISCELLANEOUS		
ANY OTHER HYBRID		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	V Alicia Ono x V Gordon Dillon	J & S Cairns
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Van Azure	P & M Cooper
3 <sup>rd</sup>	V Robert's Delight	J & S Cairns
Type: CATTLEYA		
EXHIBITION 70MM TO 114 MM		
Place	Name	Owner

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>C Granlor (C granulosa x c bicolor)</b>	C Berzinski/L Mutch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>C Burana Beauty</b>	P & M Cooper
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>C [Lc] Canhamiana 'Coerulea'</b>	J & S Cairns
<b>Type: CATTLEYA</b>		
Miscellaneous		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Ett [Epicat] Volcano Trick</b>	C Berzinski/ L Mutch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Mcv (Rechaara) Frances Fox 'Spots'</b>	J & W Sibthorpe
<b>Type Dendrobium</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Den Micle Brown (unknown can find no reference)</b>	C Berzinski/ L Mutgch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Den carronii hybrid</b>	P & M Cooper
<b>Type: DENDROBIUM</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>D Eima Queen (Can find no reference to this name)</b>	C Berzinski / L Mutch
<b>Type ANY OTHER</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Phal Spica</b>	M Bloom
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Onc Millenium Gold</b>	M Bloom

**New Names** C Granlor (C granulosa x c bicolor)

**Alterations** Can Find no references to Den Micle Brown and Den Eima Queen

## SPECIES SECTION

<b>Section: Species</b>		
<b>Type: CATTLEYA</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>C venosa</b>	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>C intermedia</b>	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>C harrisoniana</b>	N & M Grant
<b>Section: Species</b>		
<b>Type: DENDROBIUM</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Den lasianthera</b>	J Nuss
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Den lasianthera</b>	N & M Grant`
<b>Type: PHALAENOPSIS</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Phal pulcherrima (buyssoniana)</b>	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Phal pulcherrima</b>	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Phal cornu-cervi</b>	M Bloom
<b>Type: ANY OTHER</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>B nodosa</b>	M Bloom
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Epi ciliare</b>	P & M Cooper
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Epi ciliare</b>	J Nuss
<b>Type: VANDACEOUS</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Rhy coelestis</b>	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Rhy coelestis</b>	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>V vietnamica</b>	N & M Grant

### REGISTRARS CHOICE SPECIES

**Phal pulcherrima (buyssoniana)**

**N & M Grant 79 points**



## NOVICE SECTION

Type: MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	V. Josephine van Brero	K Turner
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bulb dearei (wrong section should have been species)	A Hardy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den Blue Klang	K Turner

**PLEASE ENTER NAMES INTO Novice plant book when entering plants**

**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE....** Vanda Josephine van Brero x ??? K Turner 78 points



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