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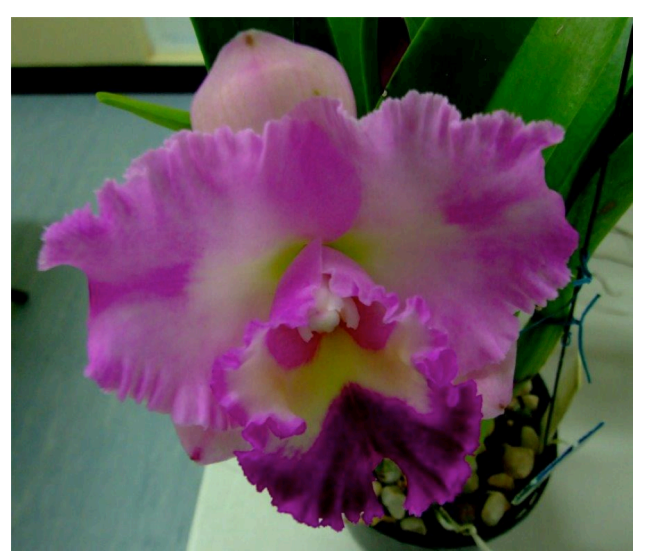
John Johnston	20 March	<p><i>Happy Birthday!</i></p>	Patricia Waring	28 April
Kerry Turner	27 March		Fred Marnock	2 May
Clare Colledge	28 March		Ann Roberts	2 May
Mavis Papalexion	3 April		Elva Baillie	12 May
Isabella Lucke	7 April		Jeanifer Mellick	16 May
Mary Cooper	8 April		Allan Anderson	18 May
Carl Osborne	14 April		Wilma Dean	20 May
Denise Lincoln	18 April		Vicki West	25 May
Wally Carlill	25 April		Anne Lord	27 May

Judges for MARCH

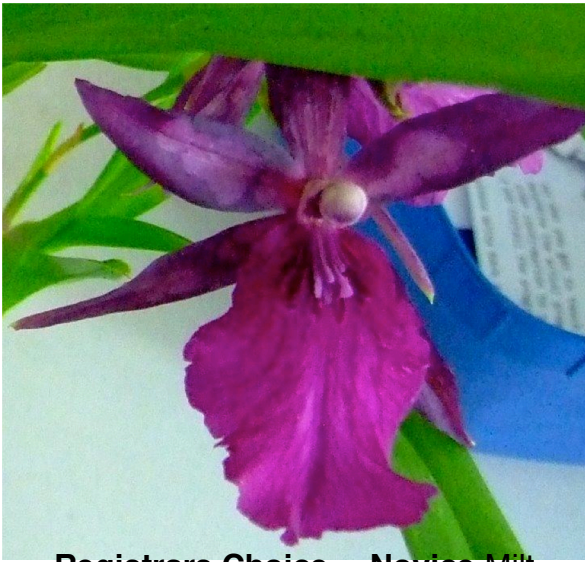
VETERAN. E Boon, A Hughes, P Lucke **OPEN/NOVICE/SPECIES** D Benson, A Knowles, M. Bloom



Registrars Choice... Species
 Den lasianthera ... N & M Grant **81 points**



REGISTRARS Choice Novice...
 Rlc Burdekin Charm B Fighera **83 points**



Registrars Choice... Novice Milt
Christina Carpenter Rumfelt A Hardy 77
Points

Minutes Townsville Orchid Society General **Meeting held 20th March 2016**

Meeting commenced at 3.15pm on the 20th March 2016. A Welcome was extended to Nikki Bowler who is a visitor to the TOS General Meeting on 20 March 2016.

Apologies: S Cairns, J & A Knowles, G Christopher and Alis Siarni

Previous Minutes accepted, moved by J Routledge and seconded by T Philips.

Business arising from Previous Minutes: None

Correspondence: Inward: TCC Rct/Rates; Bunnings/Sponsoring; Garden Club/List of Payments/Advice; R Rasmussen/Hall-Garden Club; AOS Corner; Wendy Swan/List Flasks; OrchidWiz/Update; Harrison's Ribbons/ Order to be ready; RHS Victoria/Secretary's News-Cert of Currency; F Marnock/Updated details; N Grant/Membership list; J

Batey/Nomination Accepted.

Held Over: E Jones/Request; Other Society Bulletins; Orchids; Hall Hire.

Outward: Garden Club x 2/details; Bunnings/Letter as requested; Ayr OS/details bus trips; M Condon-Hibiscus/details bus trips; R Rasmussen/forwarded emails Hall Hire-answer; Gold Coast OS/Bulletin email; J Batey/request re-nomination; New Members/Graham and Robyn Girdler and Ross and Rosalind Tucker. Moved John Routledge; seconded Tina Philips.

Business arising from Correspondence: E Boon sent an email to Fred Clark asking him if he was available to attend the TQOC conference; in error he quoted 2016. Fred Clark responded to the invitation acknowledging that an error was made and asking for information. E Boon is prepared to offer free registration for the conference and sales tables. He may also bring over DVDs for sale as well. In previous years he brought over flasks.

Treasurer's Report: Moved Marie Bloom; Seconded R Rasmussen.

Registrar's Choice: Hybrids - RC Burdekin Charm 83 pts – B Fighera; Species - Dend lasianthera 81 pts – N & M Grant; Novice - Milt Bluntii x Honolulu 77 pts – A Hardy

General Business:

New Memberships: Nikki Bowler accepted; congratulations were extended.

Novice Growers - W Sewell and the members showed dissatisfaction with the format of the meetings being held. Novice growers would like to see cutting and potting demonstrations; commentary of orchids brought along for the competition and talks on insects and bugs. A limit to the number of slides and slide shows was also discussed. E Boon advised that slide shows showing where orchids grow were part and parcel of the orchid growing. Members advised satisfaction with the way W Sewell conducted the Novice Growers. Starting the meetings earlier was discussed and dismissed. Finding members to give lectures to the Novice Growers meetings were difficult to find. The need for the TOS Members meeting was discuss. E Boon advised the meetings were a way to keep the membership up to date with, for example the flasks W Swan has for sale. E Boon and W Sewell would discuss the future format for these meetings.

Transition from Open to Veterans - W Sewell advised that the transition from the Open to the Veterans wasn't apparent. Novice to Opens occurred after 2 years, but Open to Veterans wasn't as regular, there are a lot of members in the Open category who have been there for a long time who should have gone up to Veterans.

New Members: Lyn Mutch advised that new members are unaware of the need to donate something towards the raffle table and afternoon tea. E Boon suggested that a notice be put in the Bulletin that members should donate something that they would like to take home themselves.

Orchids for Sale: W Swan has a number of flasks of orchids for sale; the list is on the notice board.

Parking for the Bowen Bus Trip: Parking will be at the public car park on Bamford Lane, near the Bowls Club.

Certificates were given to A Hardy, P & J Lucke.

New Judging Criteria: E Boon advises there is a new judging system to be trialled in choosing champions at shows.

Acting Treasurer: T Ruxton will need help for the next show. M Bloom has agreed to help out on Saturday and Sunday and L Mutch will help on Friday. T Ruxton is happy to stay as Acting Treasurer until the AGM, members thought this was too long. W Nicholson to talk to K Chambers .

Meeting Closed at 4.00pm

Presidents Report: At the conclusion of the March meeting, I was surprised at comments passed over the 2 programmes shown on screen during the afternoon's proceedings. Comments such as we come and want to learn about orchids, growing and repotting plants not to look at slide programmes. I do sympathize with these comments as programmes can become long and boring. The reason for showing this programme was 2 fold, while the Australian Orchid Conference and show is an important national event, this was combined with the TQOC Conference and show, a once only combination event highlighting orchids growing throughout Australia. The second part was the fact the Society put on a display at this Conference and members were able to see the effort Jean Nicholson put into our display. We must be the only group who has an aversion to such programmes, most other societies are crying out for whatever programmes are available. One can watch and learn how to repot and divide plants as many times as you like, but you also need to know how and where they grow, how they grow and where they come from. I would hope that it is not thought the plants displayed on tables come directly from the wild, if so people will be sorely mistaken. To grow a plant properly one needs to know where it originally came from and the condition it is growing it. In majority of cases this can only be achieved by looking at photographic programmes produced for that purpose, or books from the clubs library, Noel can assist in that area. E GIf you want to grow Phragmipedium besseae you would need to grow it where there is abundant water and wet all the time and in slimy mud. It is through looking at such photographic programmes you know how to do what is required. So contrary to what is thought such programmes are a necessity, not every meeting but certainly throughout the year. By the time you receive the April Bulletin, the meeting will be held before the show (hence an early meeting), I for one will be hoping for a successful show and I hope all members will enjoy this experience and will be able to assist with plants for the display. I did mention that, at the Autumn Show, we will be doing repotting and dividing sessions each day - at 11 am and 3 pm Fri and Sat, and at 11am on Sunday. Not only repotting etc. but also how to tie plants onto various growing media. This will all be advertised in the various Townsville media. I look forward to seeing as many members and plants as available. Good luck if you are entering plants for competition

May all your little plants grow to be big ones..

Ted

At the last Committee meeting, member approved the purchase of 2 prepaid Mobile phones, these would be for the use of the President and Chairman of Hall maintenance and hall hire. These phones will be passed onto the incoming persons concerned.

Should anyone wish to avail themselves of those numbers, Robert for hall hire or contacting me on a problem, they are as follows

TOS Hall Hire
TOS President

0474 305 433
0474 305 864

Novice/New Growers Report:- It was another hot and humid day for our meeting at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall Charles Street, Kirwan on Sunday, 20th March with 60 members and 1 visitor in attendance. Later on, our visitor decided she would like to join the orchid society. Once again, it is almost certain we will be faced with severe water restriction this year as we have missed out on our wet season rainfall that was needed to fill both the Ross River and Paluma Dams that are well below capacity at the this time. Water and the caring for our orchid plant could be a serious challenge along the way for all of us this year. The main topic for our afternoon activities was two slideshow on the TQOC Conference Show in Mackay 2015 and a follow up programme on the Brazilian Cattleya species. Thank you Ted and Noel for showing us both these programmes. A large overgrown cattleya plant brought along by Vickie was broken up by Steve and Noel and they also explained to Vickie and all concerned how to cut and divide the plant into divisions for repotting and how to arrange the pseudo bulbs into a specimen type plant if needed.

At our next meeting Steve will also show us how he segregates his phalaenopsis plants and repots them. If any of our members has an orchid plant that they like to be shown how to cut and divide, please bring it along as we are quite willing to help you. I hope and trust that all our members who travelled to Ingham for the Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Field Day had an enjoyable day and came home with a bus load of plants and not spending too much money. The afternoon tea was again delicious and a credit to all the members who donated to it. Thank you for the Multi Raffle prizes and your support in purchasing the Raffle Tickets. Just to remind all our members that the Autumn Show is on Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th April, so we will need all your flowering plants for the show displays. Setting up for the show will be on Thursday 21st at 11.00am and your orchids can be delivered to the hall after that time. Please check the show roster for any vacant positions, also the catering section would appreciate some help throughout the show. Please don't sit back and say what will I get out of it and just leave it to the same old few every time. This is our chance to show the general public what beautiful orchid flowers can be.

Warren Sewell

Raffles & Afternoon Tea

At the last meeting it was pointed out a lot of the newer members may not be aware of the raffle and afternoon tea requirements.

To assist with the afternoon tea a plate of something would be appreciated, anything edible is greatly appreciated, can be hot/cold, savoury/sweet.

Remember to collect your plate before you go home.

Raffles...Donations can take the form of many things, it does not have to be plants, as long as it is not common "rubbish" plants, if you have an overload of common plants, please bin them as most growers would have them or be in the same boat. Items do not have to cost the earth

Donations besides plants /orchids, could include garden items on special... eg Brunnings all purpose fertilizer, garden gloves, pots etc, then there are the edible items eggs, fruits, cakes , jams etc

Remember to bring something you would like to win.. after all the raffle money goes toward the Christmas Party at the end of the year.

NOTICE BOARD... everyone should be aware of the large notice board on the way to the respective loos. I have mentioned before - if any member has something they wish to sell, please make use of it and leave your message there, a member may be interested in what you have to offer.

In Noel's Bush House 44

Cattleya bicolor ssp. *brasiliensis*, Lind. 1836

This is a typical bifoliate (each pseudobulb has two leaves) *Cattleya*, which faithfully flowers for me at this time each year. It is not a tall plant, but the flower spike peeks above the leaves of the surrounding plants to surprise me. I hope to learn how to encourage it to have more than one flower on each flower spike.

Brazil is the home of *Cattleya bicolor*, which is treated as having three distinct morphological groups, which are known as *subspecies bicolor*, *subspecies minasgeraisensis* and *subspecies brasiliensis*. Each of these is found in quite widely separate areas: *ssp. bicolor* near the coast between Rio de Janeiro and Soa Paulo; *ssp. minasgeraisensis* between Belo Horizonte and Formiga; and *ssp. brasiliensis* in the region near the capital city Brasilia. Through destruction of its habitat and rampant overcollection, all subspecies are now very rare in the wild.

The word *Cattleya* is named after William Cattley, an English gardening enthusiast in the first half of the 19th Century, believed to be the first European to flower an orchid - *Cattleya labiata*. Lindley named the genus in his honour. 'Bicolor' means 'two colours', which has always struck me as a little strange, because I can clearly see brown, purple and white in each flower. Perhaps Mr. Lindley did not consider white to be a colour. *Cattleya bicolor* has variable flowers, so a plant may have a subspecies designation, then a particular clonal name, such as *Cattleya bicolor subspecies brasiliensis* "Big Beauty". Make sure you have a long name tag.

I treat *Cattleya bicolor* ssp. *brasiliensis* the same as the other bifoliate *Cattleyas*, with frequent low-strength fertilizers, not too much water and a winter rest. I take care to repot this plant only when new roots are evident, as, if they are repotted at the wrong time, the bifoliate *Cattleyas* have a reputation of sulking for several years before dying. I use the "only repot when new roots show" rule with all of my orchids.

This is not the most glamorous *Cattleya* I have ever seen, but I find it charming in its own right, and it is unusual, so I am happy to have it in my bush house. No, really, I do like it.

Noel Grant, April 2016

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***Cattleya bicolor* ssp. *brasiliensis*, Lind. 1836**

JUDGED ORCHIDS For the monthly meeting held on Sunday 20 March 2016

Section: Veteran PAPHIOPEDILUM (ANY OTHER PRIMARY HYBRID)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Paph Shireen	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Paph Clifton	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (EXHIBITION 65 AND ABOVE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Jenny Donald x V [Ascda] Yip Sum Wah	N & M Grant
2 nd	V Kasem's Delight x V Kultana Gold	N & M Grant
3 rd	V Rothschildiana	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (EXHIBITION 40 TO 64)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Vasco Pine rivers	G & S Kelly
2 nd	V [Ascda] Crown Fox	G & S Kelly
3 rd	V Dorothy Bennett (V [Ascda] Yip Sum Wah x v Bangkok Blue) New	N & M Grant
Section: Veteran VANDACEOUS (MISCELLANEOUS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rhrds Mem Suranaree	G & S Kelly
2 nd	V Rosalyn's Best	N & M Grant
3 rd	V [Ascda] Fiftieth State Beauty	N & M Grant
Section: : Veteran VANDACEOUS (NON EXHIBITION MISCELLANEOUS)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Mokara Oom Yai (Can find no details on this plant)	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	V. Chocolate Con Queso (V Kamdirananda x V [Ascda] Seechang (Not See Chong))	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	V unknown	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA EXHIBITION (115 AND ABOVE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc [Blc] Glenlee Lauren	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	C unknown	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA EXHIBITION SMALL (70 MM TO 114 CM)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C unknown	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran CATTLEYA (B nodosa INFLUENCE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Gct Remars Red Mini	G & S Kelly
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM Phalananthe)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Weradet (unknown, could be Den Verdant)	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Den Honey	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Den Alient	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran DENDROBIUM (INTERMEDIATE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Airey Gold	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Den Chao Praya Moonlight x Den Tuang Pink	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Den Pink Nagarindra (Den Arica x Blushing) New Name	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE (miscellaneous)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Tolu Capalaba Sun	N & M Grant
2 nd	Rydbergara [Ryg] Mary Elizabeth	W & J Nicholson
3 rd	Ryg Mary Elizabeth	W & J Nicholson
Section: Veteran ANY OTHER HYBRID 60 MM AND ABOVE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal Yen Orion	N & M Grant
2 nd	Vandaenopsis [Ascovandoritis] Prapin	N & M Grant
3 rd	Onc unknown	W & J Nicholson

New Names..... Den Pink Nagarindra (Den Arica x Blushing)

V Dorothy Bennett (V Yip Sum Wah x V Bangkok Blue)

V Chocolate Con Queso (V Kampirananda x V [Ascda] Seechang (Not Sea Chong))

REGISTRARS CHOICE... Rlc Burdekin Charm 83 points.... B Fighera

Open section JUDGED ORCHIDS

Section: Open VANDACEOUS (EXHIBITION 65 AND ABOVE)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	V Somsri	Unknown not listed in folder
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc[Blc] Burdekin Charm	B Fighera
	Rlc [Lc] Korat Sunset	B Fighera
3 rd	Rlc Chia Lin	P & J Lucke
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Rlc [Blc] Erin Kobayashi	P & J Lucke
2 nd	Rlc Redland Account (C [Lc] Lulu's Song x Rlc (Blc) Mem Helen Brown) New Name	C Berzinski/L Mutch
3 rd	Rly Swans Shy (Ctna Dal's Capri Gift x Rlc CDal's Charm Ebony) New Name	J & S Cairns
Section: Open DENDROBIUM (Phalananthe)		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den Powder Puff Girls	C Berzinski/L Mutch
2 nd	Den Dang Yai Poss incorrect, no Dang Yai.... Dang Toi.. correct	J & S Cairns
3 rd	Den Hummingbird cannot find any thing referring to Butterfly, unless it is a varietal form	C Berzinski/ L Mutch
Section: Open DENDROBIUM SPATHULATA TO 64 MM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den carronii x Den antennatum	P & J Lucke
2 nd	Den Frasers Shining Perfection (Den Charelle x Den canaliculatum) New Name	J & S Cairns
3 rd	Den Frasers Red ??? x carronii.... There is a missing word after Red.... Beauty- Dragon- Tower	C Berzinski/L Mutch
Section: Open ANY OTHER GENERA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal Tzu Chiang Chrisna	B Fighera
2 nd	Paph Gary Romagna x Pinnocchio	C Osborne
3 rd	Ctsm Jamie Lawson	P & J Lucke

New Names....Rlc Redland Account..... C Lulu's Song x Rlc[Blc] Mem Helen Brown

Rly Swan's Shy (Ctna Dal's Capri Gift x C Dal's Charm Ebony)

Den Frasers Shining Perfection (Den Charelle x Den canaliculatum)

SPECIES SECTION

Section: Species CATTLEYA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	C violacea	N & M Grant
Section: Species DENDROBIUM HARD CANE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den lasianthera	N & M Grant
Section: Species Phalaenopsis		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Phal pulcherrima	N & M Grant
2 nd	Phal pulcherrima var chumpornense	N & M Grant
3 rd	Phal pulchra	N & M Grant
Section: Species MISCELLANEOUS		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Milt moreliana	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Paph liemanianum	P & J Lucke
Section: Species VANDACEOUS VANDA		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Euanthe sanderana	N & M Grant
Section: Species DENDROCHILUM		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Dend magnum	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Dend magnum	W & J Nicholson

Registrars Choice... Species Den lasianthera 81 points... N & M Grant

Section: Australian native Species DENDROBIUM LARGE		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Den bigibbum var compactum	W & J Nicholson

NOVICE SECTION

Section: Novice Miscellaneous		
Place	Name	Owner
1 st	Milt Christina Carpenter Rumfelt (Milt Blunti x Honolulu)	A Hardy
2 nd	Den unknown	K Turner
3 rd	Bst(Bsp) Sun Mei Gold	K Turner

Registrars Choice... Novice Milt Christina Carpenter Rumfelt A Hardy 77 points

Tabled plants points score - March 2016						
Name		Novice	Open	Veterans	Species	Aggregate
Allison	Allan		2			2
Bloom	Marie		11		10	21
Cairns	June and Stacey		44			44
Chambers	Keith and Lyn		2			2
Cooper	Peter and Mary	0	11	0	3	14
Donnell	Bruce and Karen	2				2
Dundas	Robyn and Eric	0	18	0	0	18
Figuera	Bruno			27	3	30
Grant	Noel and Maureen	0	0	91	81	172
Hardwick	Noel		7			7
Hardy	Ann	27	0	0	7	34
Kelly	Greg and Santina			86	4	90
Lucke	Peter and Joanne	0		52	27	79
Marnock	Fred and Donna			25		29
Mutch	Col Berzinski and Lyn	0	45	0	0	45
Nicholson	Wal and Jean			102	36	138
Nuss	John	0	0	0	14	14
Phillips	Tina				2	2
Rutherford	Gillian	8	0	0	4	12
Ruxton	Terry and Sarah	12			2	14
Sanim	Mark	0	5	0	0	5
Sewell	Warren and Clara			30	2	32
Sibthorpe	John and Wendy	0	6	0	1	7
Turner	Mark Step and Kerry-Ann	15				15



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY*

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

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

Popular Vote March 2016

Veteran Section

1 st	Glaucophyllum philippinense	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	V Crown Fox	G & S Kelly
3 rd	Den Alient	W & J Nicholson

Open Section

1 st	Rlc Korat Sunset	B Fighera
2 ND	Rlc Chia Lin	P Lucke
3 rd	Den Powder Puff Girl	C Berzinski/L Mutch

Novice Section

1 ST	Den unknown	K Turner
2 nd	Milt Christina Carpenter Rumpfelt	A Hardy
3 rd .	Bct [Bse] Sun Mei Gold	K Turner

Species

1 st	Milt moreliana	W & J Nicholson
2 nd	Cat violacea var rubra	N & M Grant
3 rd	Paph liemanianum	P Lucke

FIRST FLOWERING March

1 st	V[Ascda] John de Biase	G & S Kelly
2 nd	Ren philippinensis x V miniata	G & S Kelly
3 rd	V [Ascda]Fiftieth State Beauty	N & M Grant