

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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Happy Birthday!

October	
Eva Smith	26
Robyn Dundas	27
Susan Mahoney	27
Beverley Anderson	

Judges for September

VETERAN.....

C TRUSCOTT.... M BLOOM

OPEN/NOVICE/SPECIES.....

A KNOWLES..... W SEWELL.. P LUCKE

TOS FIELD DAY 9TH October

Members are invited to join with members from visiting clubs for our annual field day on the 9th of October. The day will commence with morning tea at the Club House, hop on the bus for a 9am start. We will start the day with a visit to Ron Scott, followed by Jeff and Alison Knowles, onto Wal & Jean then over to Warren and Clara Sewell. Last call for the morning will be my place then back to the Club house for a salad lunch. The afternoon will start with a visit to Noel & Maureen Grant, then onto Eric and Robyn Dundas ending up at Peter Lucke's Nursery. From there we return to the club house for afternoon tea and large raffle.

If you have never been on a field day before, it is certainly recommended. On these days one gets to renew acquaintances with friends, make new ones, find out how other members grow their plants and a host of other interesting items. The opportunity exists to perhaps enlarge your collection from the many plants on sale at points of call.

Costs for the day (excluding plant purchases): Lunch cold meat and salad \$10, Bus trip \$10 plus supporting the usual large raffle. It would be appreciated if each member would donate items for this raffle. Items can include gardening and plant items, fruit or veges, pots, anything is welcome apart from common everyday plants which always ends up on the tables and are always the last to go. Please do not bring anything in that you would not like to take home.

Any member who is willing to assist with a plate for morning and/or afternoon tea will be appreciated. There will be more visitors than we usually get to a Sunday afternoon meeting. Will you be there? ... I hope so as you will thoroughly enjoy the day.

Ted

To those who are aware of a recent episode and may recall an incident of 4 months ago when my dog was stolen. Late this afternoon Greencross vets rang and advised they had Ruff! Someone had brought him in apparently wandering the street, they would not give further details. So access to the front yard is now limited.

TQOC INC. JUNE 2017

Members may recall for the past 2 months we have asked for suggested names for the Conference, listed below is a selection using a play on Magnetic Island. We would like you to make a choice from the following:

“Magnetic Magic” “Magnetic Charms” “Magnetic Gems” “Tropical Magic”
“Island Charms” “Island Magic” “Tropical Gems” “Tropical Vibes”
“Townsville Orchid Spectacular” “Celebration of Colour”

The following could also appear in advertising:

Townsville Orchid Society Inc., celebrating 70 years, presents Tropical Magic, the 52nd Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Inc. Conference and Orchid Show Venue - The Townsville Stadium Stuart Drive 9th 10th 11th June 2017
Which do you prefer? please let us know at the September Meeting

The President's Ramblings

Another show year has closed, with attendance at the Spring Show not as good as hoped but fair considering the number of functions on that weekend. Members are to be congratulated on a well presented show, some sections or genera were down, however other genera made up for that and included some rather nice plants.

Congratulations to all major winners and commiserations to others, there is always another show and another year so start planning now.

If anyone was offended by my remarks on Sunday afternoon prior to closing, please accept my apologies. It is important we stay within the advertised times, these being 9 am to 5pm and Sunday 9am to 2 p-m. Also 4 members of the public had just walked in, to have closed at the time would equate to rudeness. Again my apologies if offence was created. No offence was intended.

Our next major function will be our field day on the 9th of October. It is hoped we will have a goodly number of sister society members from around the area. We will need assistance with raffle prizes, anything that you would like to take home, also items for morning and afternoon teas. Please check with Joan at the meeting on Sunday the 25th September. Lunch will be cold meat and salad at a cost of \$10. A bus will also take members around the various bush houses and finally back to the hall and afternoon tea and big raffle. Cost of Bus Trip is only \$10 so numbers please.

I hope many members will attend, as it gives you the opportunity to meet, renew and make new friends. I am sure you will/would enjoy so please consider attending.

While we are on field days Charters Towers will hold their day on the 2nd October, a week before us, and we will need numbers on how many will be going so the Towers will know how many to expect. It is important for us to attend these outings especially when we rely on return visits. Unfortunately, I won't be able to go, with ours the next week I will need the time to finish off jobs under way. Please let us know at the September meeting.

Our Annual General Meeting is a month away, no need to panic and not attend, these meetings are necessary for the wellbeing of the society. It allows members the right to nominate for a position or nominate someone they believe can carry the meeting through.

The most important position in the Society is that of Secretary, we have been without a secretary for the past 2 months when Jean resigned to care for Wally, since then I have been doing what I can in that line. The big problem is taking the minutes; we are fortunate we have Wendy who is doing a good job.

A nomination form is attached to this Bulletin and copies will be available at the meeting, please consider helping.

With the TQOC Inc. Conference and show only 8 months away, please consider assisting when we call for such assistance. The application form for Community Grants has been completed and is now with the appropriate persons. We now have to wait at least 10 weeks to find out if we were successful in our endeavours.

The sales tables for the conference has almost been filled so registrants, visiting TOS members and public should have an excellent selection of plants etc. from which to choose. There is still room from a couple more lecturers, the Committee have decided to run 2 lectures at the same time, except for the 2 major speakers where they will deliver their lectures as “stand alone”.

My Friend Bev has since returned home arriving Auckland Tuesday, she wishes to thank all who had contact with her, she enjoyed the time spent at the show and the discussions which took place.

She was in awe of Peters Nursery but didn't like it when I told Peter there was a snake, Bev was gone. She was also in awe of Alice's nursery and the many Phalaenopsis. Lindsay her late husband grew Phalaenopsis and loved mini cattleyas. My thanks also for befriending her while I was tied up repotting...

See you at the meeting.....**Ted**



Specimen Dendrochilum

Novice/Hybrid Phal. Unknown

Species Paph. haynaldianum... cobbianum... W & J Nicholson
P & J Lucke 82 points Orchid...

Bill Hughes 81 points

REGISTRARS CHOICE

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2016

Meeting Opened: T Boon opened the meeting at 1.07pm.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting: Moved M Coleman, Seconded K Wiley; Carried.

Treasurer's Report: T Ruxton read out the Treasurer's report, Moved T Ruxton, Seconded C. Swart. Carried

General Business:

TOS Meetings & Orchid Shows: Sales table will be set up to sell home made goods from our members and funds to go towards the TQOC conference.

Fees for TQOC Conference: Happy 70th Birthday (Early Bird) fees for TOS members will be \$100; from January to June, the fee will be \$120.00 and after 1 July the fee will be \$150.00.

New pamphlets for TOS: T Boon suggested TOS produce a new pamphlet to give out for advertising.

Registrar's Choice:

Hybrid – Phal unknown – W. Hughes, 81 Points; **Novice** – Phal unknown – W. Hughes 81 Points; **Species** - Paphiopedilum haynaldianum - P & J Lucke, 82 Points; **Specimen** -. –Ludisia discolor W & J Nicholson

P Lucke: gave a talk on what is happening this month

T Boon: gave a talk on the plants at the meeting.

Meeting was handed over to W Sewell for the Novice Meeting.

Meeting Closed: 1.40pm

In Noel's Bush House 49

Rhynchosopsis Selina Kuok (formerly *Opsistylis Selina Kuok*)

At the recent Spring Show, I was delighted to have 'Champion Vandae Orchid' awarded to this plant. I recognise it as a rare honour, as, although I have been growing lots of Vandas and related orchids for many years (I love all the monopodials), I cannot remember the last time I received this award. I think I should stop being a lazy grower and pay more attention to my orchids. The 2017 Autumn Show is only 6 months away!



Rhncps Selina Kuok has an interesting breeding history:

1. *Vandopsis parishii* (a largish plant which has yellow flowers with brownish red spots) was crossed with *Rhynchostylis gigantea* and named *Opsistylis* (Opst.) Lanna Thai (1970)
2. Opst. Lanna Thai was again crossed with *Rhy. gigantea* to make Opst. Suree (1976)
3. Opst. Suree was also crossed (here we are again) with *Rhy. gigantea* – the result is Rhncps Selina Kuok (1985). It was bred and registered by a Malaysian grower, Bee Lian – you may be interested to know he also bred the well-known *Dendrobium Palolo Sunshine*, among others.

. Unsurprisingly, with all the infusions of *Rhy. gigantea*, the final result has lost practically all traces of the *Vandopsis* ancestor (with the exception of the leaves which are longer and much narrower than expected), and all I see is a vividly coloured *Rhynchostylis gigantea* with an extended flower spike. I grow it among my other *Rhynchostylis* plants (I have mumble-mumble of them) (far too many). They all love to be fed, so I try to keep up with their demands. They also love a drink, like most Vandas, so I am busy with the watering can at the moment. Spider mites, which like dry conditions, are the main pests, so I spray during winter, before the Spring Show, and after it, in case my plants have been infected at the Show.

I purchased my plant as a seedling in 2012, so I doubt you will now be able to find one. Your only consolation is that you will be able to admire my plant at next year's Spring Show. Fingers crossed for another Champion award!

Noel Grant, September 2016

References:

Computer program "OrchidWiz" 12.3

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

Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show September 2016

Grand Champion	M Sanim
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Reserve Champion	Den. Kuranda Maid P and J Lucke
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Champion Laelinae Hybrid	Rlc. Karen Sunrise P and J Lucke
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Champion Dendrobium Hybrid	Rlc Karen Sunrise M Sanim
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Champion Vandaeae Hybrid	Den. Kuranda Maid N and M Grant
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Champion Phalaenopsis Hybrid	Rhnps. Selina Kuok C and H Osborne
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Champion Oncidiinae Hybrid	Phal. Mem. Jorjah Mackhunt R and E Dundas
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Champion Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Hybrid	Mntps. Breathless T and S Ruxton
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Champion Any Other Genera Hybrid	Paph. Transvaal N Coulson
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Champion Australian Native	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite T Zierk
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Champion Exotic Species	Den. speciosum C Truscott
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Best Specimen	Paph. lowii W and J Nicholson
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	Ludisia discolor



GRAND CHAMPION - Den. Kuranda Maid - N Sanim

GRAND CHAMPION - Den, Kuranda Maid
M Sanim



RESERVE CHAMPION-Rlc. Karen Sunrise - P and J Lucke

RESERVE CHAMPION – Rlc. Karen Sunrise
P and J Lucke



POPULAR VOTE RESULTS AUGUST

NOVICE.

1 ST . Den canaliculatum	R Whiting
2 nd Vanda No Id	T & S Ruxton
3 rd Paph Transvaal	T & S Ruxton

SPECIES

1 ST Dendrochilum cobbianaum	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Dendrobium discolor (undulatum)	R & E Dundas
3 rd Ludisia discolor	W & J Nicholson

OPEN

1 st Phal unknown	R & E Dundas
2 nd Bct (Bsp) Sun Mei Gold	R & E Dundas
3 rd Den nobile	R & E Dundas

VETERANS

1 st C Hsinying Dream	B Fighera
2 nd C Cariads Mini Quinee	W & C Sewell
3 rd Tolu unknown	W & J Nicholson

GENERAL RESULTS... AUGUST

VETERANS

Phragmipedium

1 st . Green Hornet	W & J Nicholson
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Phalaenopsis

1 st Phal White Angel	B Fighera
2 nd Phal intermedia x Phal hieroglyphica (Note I before E)	N & M Grant

Cattleya Standard Shape to 115mm

1 st C Cariads Mini Quinee	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Rth [Sc] Chief Flora	B Fighera

Cattleya 75 –114mm

1 st . C [Sc]Dal's Tradition	W & J Nicholson
2 nd Rth [Pot] Hsinying Dream	B Fighera
3 rd Rth [Slc] Fuch's Orange	W & J Nicholson

Cattleya.... To 75mm

1 st Rth Dal's Emperor	G & S Kelly
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2nd Ctt Candy Ball B Fighera
3rd C Dal's Good One P & J Lucke

Cattleya Cluster

1st Pcv Golden Peacock N & M Grant
2nd Jkf [Iwan] Apple Blossom W & J Nicholson
3rd Jkf [Iwan] Apple Blossom W & J Nicholson

Cattleya Any Other

1st C Orange Delight (C harpophylla x C luteola) N & M Grant

Vandaceous

1st Van Pine Rivers N & M Grant
2nd V Ratchaburi Siriratana x V Manuvadee N & M Grant

Dendrobium Soft Cane

1st Den nobile Hybrid R & E Dundas

Dendrobium Latourea

1st Den Roy Tokunaga P & J Lucke
2nd Den Roy Tokunaga W & J Nicholson

Oncidium...Hybrids

1st Oncsa Schimmi (Onc sphacelatum x Gom pubes) W & J Nicholson
2nd Onc Space Race W & J Nicholson
3rd Onc Space Race W & J Nicholson

Oncidium Tolumnia Alliance

1st Tolu Unknown W & J Nicholson
2nd Tolu Memoria Ralph Yagi W & J Nicholson
3rd Tolu Robsan x (Tolu Mem Ralph Yagi x Tolu Puck) W & J Nicholson

Oncidium Tolumnia

1st Tolu Willowbank Ralph (Tolu Mem Ralph Yagi x Tolu Golden Sunset) N & M Grant
2nd Tolu unknown N & M Grant
3rd Tolu William Thurston N & M Grant

Any Other Genera... Cymbidium

1st Cymbidium Sara Jane W & J Nicholson

CORRECTION

...Phalaenopsis heiroglyphica should read hieroglyphica... ..

Cattleya Orange Delight (C harpophylla x C luteola...).....

OPEN SECTION

Phalaenopsis

1st Phal Lightning Cairns Family
2nd Phal unknown R & E Dundas
3rd Phal Younghome Melody R & E Dundas

Cattleya 75 mm to 114 mm

1st Rlc [Blc] Chyong Guu Chaffinch R & E Dundas
2nd Rth Dal's Emperor Cairns Family
3rd Ctt[Slc] Little Fairy Pot x Rlc[Pot] Luna Jaune (NOT Jone) C Berzinski/ L Mutch

Cattleya Miniature to 74mm

1st Rlc [Blc] Little Fairy x (Rlc [Blc]Husky Boy x Rlc [Blc] Toshie Aoki R & E Dundas
2nd Ctt Topaz Halo (Ctt Kauai Starbright x C Jungle Beau C Berzinski/L Mutch

Cattleya Cluster

1st Rth Shinfong Dawn R & E Dundas
2nd Ctt [Lc] Trick or Treat C Berzinski / Mutch
3rd Mcv Frances Fox Cairns Family

Cattleya Brassavola influence

1st Bct [Bsp] Sun Mei Gold R & E Dundas

NEW NAME..... Ctt Kauai Starbright x C Jungle Beau

Correction Rlc Luna Jone should read Luna Jaune

NOVICE

Cattleya Miscellaneous

1st Ctt Kauai Starbright x Ctt [Slc]Gold Nugget R Whiting

2 nd Vkt [Otr] Bay Surprise	R Whiting
3 rd Ctt [Kauai Starbright & Ctt [Slc} Gold Nugget	R Whiting
<u>Dendrobium</u>	
1 ST Den Jade Valmadre	A Hardy
<u>Vanda</u>	
1 st Vanda No ID	T & S Ruxton
<u>Oncidium</u>	
1 st Oncidium unknown	A Hardy
<u>Vanda</u>	
1 st Aerdv Pramote (Aer houlettiana x Aer flabellata)	T & S Ruxton
<u>Paphiopedilum</u>	
1 ST Paph Transvaal	T & S Ruxton
<u>Bulbophyllum</u>	
1 st Bulb Thai Spider	A Hardy
<u>Phalaenopsis</u>	
1 st Phal unknown	L Zappala
2 nd Phal Crystal Touch x Sogo Yukidian	K Turner
3 rd Phal unknown	T & S Ruxton
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
1 st Alcra [Dymra] Winter Wonderland	A Hardy
2 nd Gul [Dial] Alice Hart	K Turner
<u>SPECIES</u>	
<u>Cattleya Alliance</u>	
1 st C violacea	N & M Grant
2 nd B glauca	W & J Nicholson
3 rd C walkeriana	N & M Grant
<u>Paphiopedilum</u>	
1 st Paph haynaldianum	P & J Lucke
2 nd Paph chamberlainianum	W & J Nicholson
3 rd Paph wardii	P & J Lucke
<u>Phalaenopsis</u>	
1 st Phal amabilis	J & A Knowles
<u>Rhynchostylis</u>	
1 st Rhy gigantea	N & M Grant
2 nd Rhy gigantea	N & M Grant
3 rd Rhy gigantea	N & M Grant
<u>Bulbophyllum</u>	
1 st Bulb nymphopolitanum	W & J Nicholson
<u>Dendrobium</u>	
1 st . Den bifalce	W & J Nicholson
<u>Barkeria</u>	
1 st Barkeria whartoniana	N & M Grant
2 nd Barkeria dorothea	N & M Grant
3 rd Barkeria ?	N & M Grant
<u>Epidendrum</u>	
1 st Epi stamfordianum	Unknown
2 nd Epi stamfordianum	N & M Grant
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
1 st . Dendrochilum cobbianaum	W & J Nicholson
2 nd . Dendrochilum secundum	P & J Lucke
3 rd Dendrobium clavator	N & M Grant
<u>Ludisia</u>	
1 st Ludisia discolor	R & E Dundas
2 nd Ludisia discolor	K Turner
3 rd Ludisia discolor	W & J Nicholson
<u>Australia</u>	

1st Dendrobium canaliculatum
2nd Dendrobium canaliculatum
3rd Dendrobium canaliculatum
Dendrobium discolor

R Whiting
N & M Grant
J & A Knowles
R & E Dundas

Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Proxy Form

I,..... of

being a member of the above-named Society, hereby

appoint..... of.....

or failing him,

..... of.....,

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society,

to be held on the.....day of20....., and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed thisday of.....20....

Signature.....

* This form is to be used in favour of the resolution.

* This form is to be used against the resolution

(* Strike out which ever is not desired.)

Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he thinks fit



Babies in Bottles

OR

How we deflask orchids

By Jeff Knowles

For those members who had a quiet snooze while Alison and I demonstrated our deflasking technique at the August meeting, or for those who would like a hard copy, here it is.

But first.

The Townsville Orchid Society often runs what we call “growing competitions” where we purchase small orchid plants and supply these to members free of charge. Members then care for their baby, bring it to meetings for display and measurement, and take the opportunity to smile proudly because of the magnificently healthy orchid plant theirs has become, or to scrutinise the growing media and growing conditions of plants that have grown just that little bit better than theirs. Sadly I have to announce that there is no sheep station for the winner, but heaps of fun and banter.

Back to the deflasking.

The flask we deflasked at the meeting was one of three we purchased. They all are *Vanda sanderiana* var. *alba*, a name which is not recognised by the “World Checklist of Selected Plant Families” – but that is another story for another time. The flasks were sourced from Thailand.

The procedure we use is:

1. Score the glass flask, wrap in newspaper and strike firmly near its end to break it open.
2. Slide out the orchids and place them in tap water in an ice cream container. With gentle hand stirring most agar can be removed and the plants separated from each other.
3. Prepare the compots and tubes. The compots we use are 200 x 100mm black plastic pots with a central upturned 125 x 75mm black plastic pot to form a “donut”. Some pieces of polystyrene foam are used in the bottom so that the two pots are aligned at the top. Some damp sphagnum moss is placed in the “donut”.
4. Plants are carefully removed from the water, their roots are wrapped in sphagnum moss and then planted in the donut or tube ensuring that their leaves are not buried in the sphagnum moss. The sphag is not heavily compressed. We place around 16 plants in each donut compot. Try not to handle the plants too much.



Babies in Bottles



The emptied flask



A "donut" compot being prepared

5. Some rock +bark + charcoal + perlite all about 8 to 10mm in size is placed on the sphag to cover it, taking care not to cover the leaves of the plants.
6. Write out the name tags and insert them into the pots.
7. Gently water the plants to remove any rubbish that may have settled on the leaves and to moisten up the media.
8. After most of the water has evaporated from the leaves, 30 minutes to an hour, spray the leaves with *Envy* to help prevent water loss through the leaves. The media is not saturated with it.
9. Place the pots in a shady place for a few weeks and watch them settle in and begin to grow.



Here is one we prepared a week earlier

You may spray with your preferred fungicide in a day or so. *Mancozeb* is a good preventive one. You may also begin fertilising then as well with a weak (maybe $\frac{1}{4}$ g / L) soluble growing fertiliser (*Peter's Winter Grow Special* is a good one). Increase the concentration of the fertiliser over time until it reaches your preferred strength. Keep them damp, but not dripping wet. You can decide whether to water or not by the old "stick the finger in the potting media" trick – not too dry, not dripping wet, just right.

Sometime in the not too distant future we should be able to take the plants out of their compots at a meeting and distribute them to members who are present. I guess we should tell you all in advance at which meeting this will occur so that you can ensure you attend to get your freebee☺

Why don't you become adventurous and give it a go?

Well, that's all folks.



Plants coming out of the "donut" compot.

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD 23rd OCTOBER 2016
NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We hereby nominate

for the position of

Proposer:

Seconder:

I accept the above nomination

(Signature)

Nominations for the positions of Office Bearers and Committee of Management must be in the hands of the Returning Officer **fourteen (14) clear days** before the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Nominations." This envelope must then be handed to the Returning Officer or placed in a second envelope and posted to the Returning Officer care of the Society's postal address.

The Postal Address of the Society:

PO Box 836

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Committee of Management:

- President
- Vice President - 4 -
 - Show,
 - Property, Finance and Investment,
 - Hospitality and Catering,
 - Editorial Support
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Technical Advisor
- Publicity Officer
- Librarian
- Committee member – 5

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- Patron
- Country Vice president – 2
- Auditor
- Hosts - 4