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**OCTOBER**

Geffrey Fidler 10  
 Royce De Luca 22  
 Jacko Leeson 24  
 Eva Smith 26  
 Robyn Dundas 27  
 Susan Mahoney 27  
 Beverley Anderson 29  
 Graham Worth 30



*Happy Birthday!*

**NOVEMBER**

David Baily 5  
 Peter Cooper 6  
 Pat Crawford 7  
 Maureen Soper 12

**VETERAN**  
**OPEN/SPECIES/NOVICE**

**Judges for October**  
 E BOON A HUGHES P LUCKE  
 D BENSON A KNOWLES M. BLOOM

**REGISTRARS CHOICE**



**Hybrid** Paph Susan Booth 83 points  
 B. Figuera



**Specimen** Den. anosmum A Hardy



SPECIES Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum var  
esquirolei 81 points P & J Lucke

NOVICE Phalaenopsis unknown 80 points...  
R Whiting

**GENERAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Meeting Opened:** T Boon opened the meeting at 1.05pm and welcomed Lynne Ryan who was visiting

**New Members:** Satchels were given out to new members, T Boon noted that the club badges were not available to be included with club information. When they are ready they will be given to the members.

**Treasurer's Report:** T Ruxton read out the last Treasurer's report for this financial year, Moved T Ruxton, Seconded M Coleman, Carried.

**General Business:**

**Certificates:** Certificates for Registrar's Choice were given out.

**Notice Board:** A copy of the articles for various pests and Root Rot were placed on the notice board for members to read.

**Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** Moved by J Nicholson, Seconded W Carlill; Carried.

**Sales Table:** Money donated from the sale of goods will be donated to the 2017 TQOC Conference and Show.

**BIO Security:** Asian Honey Bees – Varoa Mite

**Field Day:** Starting at 9.00, R Scott, J & Alison Knowles, G Kelly, W & J Nicholson and T Boon's bush houses will be visited. Members are asked to supply goods for the raffle table and buckets of groceries. W. Carlill and S Cairns have volunteered to sell bus and raffle tickets. Ring T Boon for information.

**Bulletin:** The name for the 2017 TQOC Conference and Show is: **TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SPECTACULAR (19 votes)**. A new TOS pamphlet is being designed to be handed to interested persons, please see R Rasmussen to discuss or to view what is being considered. 6 TOS members have registered for the Conference to date. Closes 31 January 2017 @ \$100.

**AGM:** AGM will be held at the next meeting. TOS members are asked to attend and to stand for election.

**New Members:** There are 3 new members – A Hutchinson & A Blair (Country Members) and W & C Tweddle.

**Charters Towers Field Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October. 12 TOS members will be attending, there were not enough members to hire a bus. Members are asked to car pool.

**Registrar's Choice:**

**Hybrid:** Paphiopedilum Susan Booth ... 83 points... Bruno Figuera... **Novice:** Phalaenopsis unknown... 80 points .. R Whiting.... **Species**.... Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum var esquirolei - ..81 points... **P & J Lucke Specimen** Den anosmum (superbum).... A Hardy

**Talks ...** Mixture of lectures this month... D Hobden (re-potting Catasetums), J Knowles (name tags for Orchids) and T Boon (Pollinating Orchids)

**Meeting Closed:** 2.40pm

## Wal Nicholson

At a recent meeting of the TOS Inc. it was decided, now Wal Nicholson has resigned as president due to ill health, we should give him some recognition for all the good things he has done for the Society over many years. A couple of us have got together, and with reminders from Wal, we have put together the following:-

Wal, together with his wife Jean, joined the society in 1983 just about the same time that we hosted the Australian Orchid Council annual conference and show, which was the first time such a conference was held outside of a capital city. Within a very short period of time after joining the society, a matter of weeks, Wal was appointed Senior Vice President and has been on the committee ever since, except for a short period of 2 years (not of his making which we will discuss further). Previously their son Stephen had been a member of the Society and reached the position of Assistant Secretary.

Within 3-4 years of joining, Wal served as President for a few years. About this time, we were offered the opportunity to purchase the South Townsville Junior Rugby League's clubhouse in Pioneer Park. The proceeds we had made from the conference enabled us to do this with a loan, which Wal was able to arrange and for which he, along with three others, were guarantors. This loan was paid off in a relatively short time. Subsequently, Jean became President and held that position when we hosted the sixth Asia Pacific Orchid Conference. Wal was later chairman of the International organising committee, with Jean as his Secretary, as well as Secretary of the Society and the conference netted us a profit of approximately \$39 000. This enabled us to go ahead with extensions to the hall which Wal had been pushing for a few years and for which he had prepared plans and specifications, ready to proceed.

About this time, the Thuringowa Council decided to establish what is now known as Riverway and they wanted the land upon which our clubhouse sat. The land belonged to the state government but was managed by the council, the same as our present block. The only difference is that we had a 30-year lease there, now we only have 20. Wal was heavily involved in all of the negotiations with the Thuringowa Council to obtain compensation, or to have what they offered increased. For this to be achieved he, with a couple of other members, had to attend meetings of the Thuringowa Council to put our case forward. We won one and lost one.

It took the council 2 years to be able to provide us with a block of land which we considered was the best of what they had offered. Wal then arranged the drawing up of plans and specifications and, with the assistance of a couple of other members, was able to secure the services of the builder. However, the compensation was \$50 000 short of the tender. We used our reserves and were able to borrow \$20 000 to finish the deal. This money was able to be repaid in a relatively short period, in view of hiring the hall and profit from shows. Subsequently, Wal arranged an extension of the hall on the south-western corner. He then proceeded to arrange for solar panelling on the roof for which he procured a grant from the gambling community benefit fund for half of the job.

Wal and Jean and several others were rewarded by being granted Life Membership. It is interesting to note that Wal and Jean are the only members to ever hold the three top executive positions – President, Secretary and Treasurer- each of them separately.

In all, Wal compiled and submitted, with letters of support from various politicians and councillors, 3 such successful grant applications, totalling in excess of \$18 000 each. These grants were used to provide the kitchen facilities, the computers, the tables & chairs, Air-conditioning, and a few other miscellaneous items. While all of this was going on, Wal took control of all maintenance of the building, together with Hall Hiring. He also arranged several shipments of bark from South Australia. With one such shipment he took his Rodeo Ute to Brisbane supplementing the bark with goods from Garden City Plastics and from Fernland in Nambour – what a trip!!

He carried out the duties of President with Jean as Secretary, filling that position for more than 14 years. He has given up with reluctance but, in view of the speed with which he seems to be recuperating, we can expect to see more of him.

We have asked Wal the following four questions, which will be answered A.S.A.P over the coming months. 1. How Wal became interested in orchids. 2. How his collection has grown. 3. How many orchid awards he has gained. 4. How many years Wal has won Annual T.O.S. Inc. Competition. And I am sure there are many other orchid stories, for example his trips covering World Orchid Conferences every four years, all over the world.

Thank you Wal, without your efforts, and those of Jean, the Society would not be what it is today.  
Fred, Ray & Coy.

**Novice/New Growers Report:-** The monthly meeting of the new growers was held on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. hall, Charles Street, Kirwan with 71 members in attendance.

Our Guest Speaker for the afternoon proceeding was Delia Hobden, a well known member of both the Townsville and Herbert River orchid fraternity. I am sure everybody who attended the meeting enjoyed her talk. She spoke on the ways that she grows her Cattasetum orchids in relation to the several types of potting media that she has tried, the proper time to water and fertilise and when to back off this programme. Also, the importance of light and air movement that is needed in your shade house to grow these orchids successfully. We thank Delia for her time and expert knowledge on this subject and it is always a pleasure to have her talk to the members at our meetings. Jeff also gave a short summary of the correct way to write names on labels for species orchid. To all our members who are not well at the present time, especially Wal and Olive who are both in hospital and to Ray, we can only hope and pray that there will be better days ahead for all of you in the near future. The meeting concluded with a delightful and enjoyable afternoon tea supplied by the members and the drawing of the Multi Raffle.

P.S. Our Field Day was quite a success only for a couple of hick ups which need to be addressed before our next one. The support from our members in relation to the donation of food and prizes on the day was fantastic and it was also pleasing to have a few new shade houses to visit and I have to congratulate them for their efforts. As for that old saying 'It's out with the old and in with the new.'  
Bye Warren

## *Christmas Party*

*Members*

*In my ramblings I mentioned a Christmas Function possibly at the November meeting.*

*Due to the lateness of the hour it was necessary to move quickly, so a booking has been made with "Chef on Call" to cater for our Christmas Party to be held on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*At the October meeting we will need to know the numbers likely to attend.*

*I would also like to know if you want a dinner meeting or just a plain old meeting free lunch and multi raffle.*

*Ted*

### Nominations for the election of Officers for Townsville Orchid Society's Management Committee

The following table shows the nominations for our Management Committee (to be voted for during our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October). While there has been a good turnout of people willing to assist with the running of our Orchid Society, there are still some gaps on the table.

Please come forward if you are willing to help - don't leave it to the usual people. Please raise your hand at the meeting.

## Townsville Orchid Society Management Committee Nominations 2016

	NOMINEE	F	PROPOSER	F	SECONDER	F
POSITION						
Patron	Phyllis Merritt		W Nicholson	Y	J Nicholson	Y
President	E A (Ted) Boon	Y	W Nicholson	Y	J Nicholson	Y
Vice President (Property)						
Vice President (Show)						
Vice President (Editorial)						
Vice President (Hospitality)						
Vice President (Country)	B Fighera	Y	J Knowles	Y	D Hobden	Y
Vice President (Country)	K Donnell	Y	J Knowles	Y	R Rasmussen	Y
Secretary	J Knowles	Y	J Cairns	Y	Kerry Turner	
Assistant Secretary	W Sibthorpe	Y	L Carlill		C Swart	
Treasurer						
Assistant Treasurer						
Technical Adviser						
Librarian	N Grant	Y	J Knowles	Y	E A (Ted) Boon	
Publicity Officer						
Auditor						
Committee	J Knowles	Y	J Cairns	Y	K Turner	
Committee	W Nicholson	Y	J Nicholson	Y	A Hardy	
Committee	J Nicholson	Y	W Nicholson	Y	J Cairns	Y
Committee	A Hardy		J Knowles E A (Ted) Boon	Y Y	W Sewell J Nicholson	Y Y
Committee	G Kelly	Y	W Sewell	Y	J Rutledge	
Committee	F Marnock	Y	E A (Ted) Boon	Y	C Osborne	
Committee	J Cairns	Y	J MacTntyre		J Knowles	Y
Host	D Lincoln		W Sewell	Y	W Hughes	
Host	T Phillips	Y	J Knowles	Y	W Sewell	Y
Host	Jolly Trotman	Y	J Knowles	Y	???	
Host	J Rutledge		J Knowles	Y	A Knowles	Y
Host	Luz Lewis	Y	J Knowles	Y	W Martin	
Returning Officer and Scrutineer X 2						

## Presidents Ramblings...

The Field Day: Well another event in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. annals has passed, apart from finishing late I believe the event was a success, there were over 100 visitors from Sister Societies, Ingham, Charters Towers, Bowen and the Hibiscus Society along with a visitor who read of the Field Day through our Bulletin, and Jo indicated she was interested in joining for the day with a possible view to further contact. I believe she enjoyed herself from the few scant words in passing, I have no doubt she did enjoy herself.

My thanks along with those of the committee go to all the ladies in the kitchen for the work done in organising the food, special thanks to Robyn and Ruth for the efforts in preparing the salads, meats etc. along with the contentious sweets which followed. Thanks also go to those members who rocked up with morning and afternoon tea, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

No person should have gone hungry with the variety and quantity.

Thanks also go to those members who opened their bush houses, there were 2 new ones this year (3 including mine as I had not opened my place for over 30 years) - one was Robyn Dundas's spacious abode, a wonderful large backyard with lots of interesting items including some very well grown and flowered Oncidiums. The Phalaenopsis house was a sight to behold; it won't be long before there is a new member of the Veterans group. For those interested in flight Eric had a small plane he built himself on display.

Peter and Jo-Anne Lucke have just opened Sunnyview Orchids, which proved very popular with the majority of Field Day visitors. I hope all who sold plants were happy with their proceeds

The only sour note of the whole day was Noel Hardwick losing his footing at my place, ending up with a busted leg - a little patching up with help from Treasurer Terry and he was on his way to medical treatment. It was an unfortunate accident and he has to have bandages replaced in a few days, but nothing was going to hold him down and he was able to see the rest of the day out... good one Noel.

Our next major event will be our Annual General Meeting. The nominations were finalized today and in due course, those nominated will appear on the Club House door and voted for at the AGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's final event will be our annual Christmas get together which will be in the hands of the incoming committee. If you have any suggestions see me or a committee member.

I would like to thank all for the friendship and assistance given to me after I took the chair at a time when Wally N took seriously ill and was hospitalized. I do feel the last few months have been productive, with 3 good shows. The society certainly has grown judging by the number of new members we have gained in that time.

My thanks also go to the present committee. One person who is desperately needed is that of Secretary. I have been doing that job also mostly in the form of mail etc., Thankfully the minutes have been taken by Wendy Sibthorpe, thanks Wendy. Thanks also to Jean who continued to do various jobs to keep things flowing smoothly, jobs like Registrars choice photographic placings, manning the sales stand to raise money for the Conference, etc.

Perhaps that is enough of my thoughts and ramblings... many many thanks, see you at the AGM.....

Ted

## **In Noel's Bush House 50**

*Cattleya loddigesii* var. *alba* "Angelique" Lindl. 1826

This is the albino form of the lovely *Cattleya loddigesii*, which is usually a clear pinky- purple, with a white lip which has a dash of the main colour at the tip. I was very happy to see it in flower, (this is its first blooming) because it is generally recognised that orchid color variants, whether *alba*, *coerulea*, *semi-alba*, *aquinii* or whatever, are generally the result of population isolation and in-breeding mutations. This tends to make these orchids show some of the other traits that one might expect from in-breeding such as growing poorly, low fertility or other symptoms of weakness. If you purchase an *alba* orchid, or other color variant, be aware that the plant may have the potential to be more finicky, and you should keep a close eye on the growth and care of your plant.

*Cattleya loddigesii* was named for Mr. George Loddiges, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century plant collector and nurseryman – one of his better known horticultural endeavours was to establish the world's largest hothouse in his Hackney Botanic Nursery. He invented a system of warm mist-like rain to maintain beautiful tropical palms, epiphytic orchids, ferns and camellias in almost perfect environmental conditions similar to a tropical rainforest, creating a sensation in England at the time.

*Cattleya loddigesii* is found in parts of the Brazilian states of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Minas Gerais. The habitat extends from near São Paulo northward to the vicinity of Passos and westward to the region around Bauru. Plants grow at 610-910 m along the Rio Grande, Rio Tiete, Rio Pardo, and Rio Feo, and in the swampy regions near the headwaters of these streams. Plants are also found in swampy areas of the headwaters of the Rio Paraíba in southeastern São Paulo. It is closely related to *Cattleya intermedia*, for which it is often mistaken.

Loddigesii, according to most sources, is pronounced "lod-i-jis-ee-eye". However a respected local grower says that Mr. Loddiges is likely to have pronounced his name "lod-jis" (Lodges), so I say "lod-gis-ee-eye" when talking about this orchid. What do you think?

I am very happy with the full, round form of this bloom, and I am looking forward to the flowering of my plant next year, when I hope for more than one flower.

Noel Grant, October 2016

References:

Computer program "OrchidWiz" 12.3 , Wikipedia "Loddiges"

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

The American Orchid Society "The culture of Alba Orchids" <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-question-answer/culture-of-alba-orchids.aspx>

Note: all 50 issues of "In Noel's Bush House" are available, included in "Newsletters", at the website of Townsville Orchid Society <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au>



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## JUDGED RESULTS SEPTEMBER MEETING....

Hybrid Paph Susan Booth 83 points B. Fighera  
NOVICE Phalaenopsis unknown 80 points... R Whiting  
SPECIMEN Den anosmum A Hardy  
SPECIES Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum var esquirelei 81 points P & J Lucke

## POPULAR VOTE..... SEPTEMBER 2016

### NOVICE

1<sup>st</sup> Phal unknown R Whiting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phal unknown L Zappala  
3<sup>rd</sup> Den Hoshimusume T & S Ruxton  
SPECIES  
1<sup>st</sup> Den anosmum A Hardy  
2<sup>nd</sup> C amethystoglossa B Fighera  
3<sup>rd</sup> Den lindleyi J & W Sibthorpe

### OPEN

1st Phal unknown R & E Dundas  
2nd Phal Chian Xen Panda R & E Dundas  
3rd Rlc [Blc] Brunswick Bonanza R & E Dundas

### VETERANS

1st Den Island Fantasy W & J Nicholson  
2nd Bc [Pot] Hoku Gem N & M Grant  
3rd Paph Susan Booth B Fighera

### FIRST FLOWERING

1<sup>st</sup> Cattleya unknown P & M Cooper  
2nd Den Pale Doreen x Ricky Sie C Berzinski/L Mutch  
3rd Den lindleyi (aggregatum) R & E Dundas

## MONTHLY RESULTS.....SEPTEMBER

### NOVICE SECTION

#### Cattleya Miscellaneous

1<sup>st</sup> Gcp Daphne Hinds R Whiting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ctt Rojo K Turner  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ctt Kauai Starbright x Ctt Gold Nugget T & S Ruxton

#### Dendrobium

1<sup>st</sup> Den Hoshimusume T & S Ruxton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den unknown A Hardy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Den Emmaron Spread (unknown) R Whiting

#### PHALAENOPSIS Miscellaneous

1<sup>st</sup> Phal unknown R Whiting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phal [Dtps] Younghome Angel W Hughes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Phal unknown M Lock

### OPEN SECTION

#### PAPHIOPEDILUM Miscellaneous

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Duo de Citron C & H Osborne

#### PHALAENOPSIS Spots & Blotches

1<sup>st</sup> Phal Temple Cloud P & M Cooper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phal Chian Xen Panda R & E Dundas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Phal Steve's New Girl Speckle x Phal I-Hsin Cream P & M Cooper

### ANY OTHER COLOUR

1<sup>st</sup> Phal unknown P & M Cooper



2<sup>nd</sup> **Phal [Dtps] Hysinying Picture (Incorrect... should be  
Phal I-Hsin Picture)** C & H Osborne

3<sup>rd</sup> Phal Hysinying Sonata x Phal Hysinying Leopard

**This is incorrect should be....**

**Phal I-Hsin Sonora x Phal I-Hsin Leopard** C & H Osborne

**MINIATURE**

1<sup>st</sup> Phal unknown R & E Dundas

2<sup>nd</sup> Phal Brother Peptide x Zuma's Pixie P & M Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> **Phal [Dtps] Hysinying Little Voodoo x Phal [Dtps]**

**Fushengs Bridal Dress (Can find no reference to this name)** C Berzinski/L Mutch

**CATTLEYA To 114mm**

1<sup>ST</sup> **Rlc Island Girl** (C [Pot] Little Toshie x Rlc Goldenzelle) R & E Dundas

2<sup>nd</sup> Rlc[Blc] Brunswick Bonanza R & E Dundas

3<sup>rd</sup> Rlc [Blc] Golf Green P & M Cooper

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1<sup>st</sup> Ctt [Lc] Rojo K Turner

2<sup>nd</sup> Eny [Epicat] Charlie Brown C Berzinski/L Mutch

**ANY OTHER HYBRID**

1<sup>st</sup> C [Slc] Hirota x Rlc[Blc] Yellow Ball C Berzinski /L Mutch

**DENDROBIUMS**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Pale Doreen x Ricky Sie C Berzinski / L Much

2<sup>nd</sup> Den Emma White R & E Dundas

**VETERANS**

**PAPHIOPEDILUMS**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Susan Booth B Figuera

2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Susan Booth P & J Lucke

3<sup>rd</sup> Paph Prime Child P & J Lucke

**PHALAENOPSIS Any colour**

1<sup>st</sup> Phal [Dtps] Da-chien Spider Beauty B Figuera

2<sup>nd</sup> Phal (Ox Black v Golden Star J & A Knowles

3<sup>rd</sup> Phal Fullers Apple B Figuera

**CATTLEYA Miniature to 74mm**

1<sup>ST</sup> C Elusive Dream W & C Sewell

2<sup>nd</sup> Gct Barrel of Brandy G & S Kelly

3<sup>rd</sup> Ctna [Bish] Dal's Toy G & S Kelly

**CATTLEYA Cluster**

1<sup>st</sup> C. Orange Delight N & M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> Ctt Kauai Starbright x Ctt Gold Nugget N & M Grant

**Cattleya nodosa Influence**

1<sup>st</sup> Bc [Pot] Hoku Gem N & M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> Procatavola Golden Peacock N & M Grant

**Cattleya Miscellaneous**

1<sup>st</sup> Ctt [Lc] Trick or Treat B Figuera

2<sup>nd</sup> Unknown P & J Lucke

**VANDACEOUS Vandachostylis**

1<sup>st</sup> Van Precious G & S Kelly

2<sup>nd</sup> Van Precious (Rhy coelestis x V Yip Sum Wah) N & M Grant

3<sup>rd</sup> Van Pine Rivers G & S Kelly

**VASCOSTYLIS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Vasco South East Pearl N & M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> Vasco South East Pearl G & S Kelly

**NON-EXHIBITION**

1<sup>ST</sup> V Daves Golden Heritage W & C Sewell

2<sup>nd</sup> V unknown N & M Grant

**ANY OTHER HYBRID**

1<sup>ST</sup> V Red Gem W & C Sewell

2<sup>nd</sup> Rhrds Norma N & M Grant

3<sup>rd</sup> Aerdv Punnapob Moonlight N & M Grant

**DENDROBIUM Spathulata**1<sup>st</sup> Den Island Fantasy

W &amp; J Nicholson

**MISCELLANEOUS**1<sup>st</sup> Den Tropical Dawn

B Figuera

2<sup>nd</sup> Den Montrose

B Figuera

**ONCIDIUM**1<sup>st</sup> **Onc Sphacetante (correct spelling)** x Onc ornithorhynchum

W &amp; J Nicholson

2<sup>nd</sup> Tolu Sniffen x Tolu Kinnaree.

W &amp; J Nicholson

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID**1<sup>st</sup> Den Native Gold

W &amp; C Sewell

2<sup>nd</sup> Den Native Gold

W &amp; C Sewell

**CYMBIDIUM**1<sup>st</sup> Cym James Webeck

B Figuera

**SPECIES****CATTLEYA**1<sup>st</sup> Cattleya aelandiae

N &amp; M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> C amethystoglossa

B Figuera

3<sup>rd</sup> C amethystoglossa

P &amp; J Lucke

**CATTLEYA Alliance**1<sup>st</sup> Caularthron bicornutum

N &amp; M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> C skinneri

N &amp; M Grant

3<sup>rd</sup> C walkeriana

G &amp; S Kelly

**ENCYCLIA**1<sup>st</sup> Enc cordigera

A Hardy

2<sup>nd</sup> Enc cordigera

N &amp; M Grant

3<sup>rd</sup> Enc randii

N &amp; M Grant

**DENDROBIUM**1<sup>st</sup> Den sylvanum

P &amp; J Lucke

**CALLISTRA GROUP**1<sup>st</sup> Den lindleyi

W &amp; J Sibthorpe

2<sup>nd</sup> Den farmeri

P &amp; J Lucke

3<sup>rd</sup> Den lindleyi

W &amp; J Nicholson

**PAPHIOPEDILUM**1<sup>st</sup> Paph hirsutissimum

P &amp; J Lucke

**ANY OTHER GENERA**1<sup>st</sup> Phaius tankervilleae

T &amp; D Hobden

2<sup>nd</sup> Cym pendulum

W &amp; J Nicholson

**BULBOPHYLLUM**1<sup>st</sup> Bulb allenkerrii

W &amp; J Nicholson

**SOFT CANE DEN**1<sup>st</sup> Den anosmum

A Hardy

2<sup>nd</sup> Den aphyllum (pierardii)

L Joynson

3<sup>rd</sup> Den anosmum

T &amp; S Ruxton

**ANY OTHER GENERA**1<sup>st</sup> Robiquettia succisa

N &amp; M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> V coerulescens

N &amp; M Grant

**AUSTRALIAN SPECIES**1<sup>st</sup> Den lichenastrum var prenticei

N &amp; M Grant

### Tabled plants points score - September 2016

Name		Novice	Open	Veterans	Species	Aggregate
Allison	Allan		2			2
Bloom	Marie			13	58	71
Bowler	Nikki	2				2
Cairns	June and Stacey	0	94			94
Chambers	Keith and Lyn	0	2	0	0	2
Cooper	Peter and Mary	0	38			44
Donnell	Bruce and Karen	12	0	0	0	12
Dundas	Robyn and Eric	0	131			135
Fighera	Bruno	0	0	114	13	127
Grant	Noel and Maureen	0		197	172	369
Hardwick	Noel	0	10	0	0	10
Hardy	Ann	77			15	92
Hobden	Tom and Delia	0	0	16	4	20
Hughes	Bev	2	0			
Hughes	W	10	0	0	0	10
Joynson	Lucy	7	0		5	12
Kelly	Greg and Santina	0	0	147	9	156
Knowles	Jeff and Alison	0			20	49
Lucke	Peter and Joanne	0	0	110	72	182
Marnock	Fred and Donna	0		79	15	94
Mutch	Col Berzinski and Lyn	0	116	0	5	121
Nicholson	Wal and Jean	0		232	113	345
Nuss	John	0	0	0	14	14
Osborne	Carl and Michelle	0	15		4	19
Palin	Norma	0	5	0	0	5
Phillips	Tina	0			2	2
Rasmussen	Robert	0	1	0	0	1
Rutherford	Gillian	8	0		4	12
Ruxton	Terry and Sarah	47	0	0	8	55
Sanim	Mark		16		4	20
Sewell	Warren and Clara	0	0	83	13	96
Sibthorpe	John and Wendy		12		1	13
Skinner	Aidan	4	0	0	0	4
Turner	Mark Step and Kerry-Ann	48			3	51
Whiting	Ruth	34	0	0	4	38

# Correct writing of orchid names.

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## Part 1: Species Orchid Names

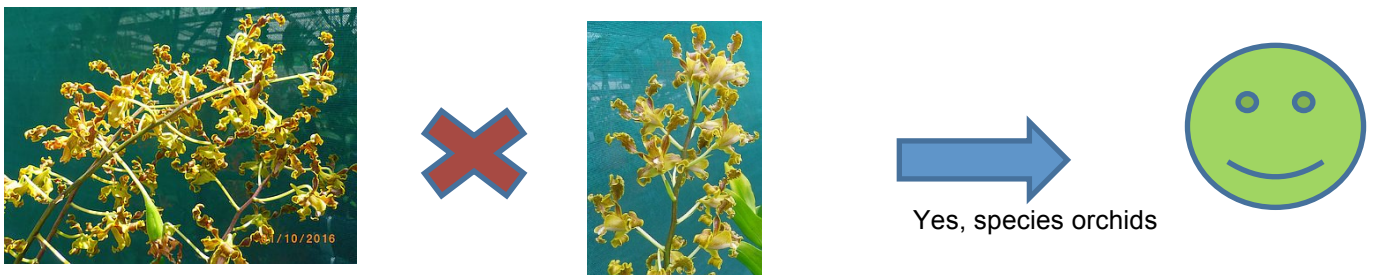
As a group of people who have an interest in orchids, we undoubtedly want our orchid communication to be as unambiguous as possible. One such technique is to ensure that the names on our orchid tags are accurately and correctly written.

### Species orchid

Before we consider how the names of species orchids should be written, it is worthwhile clarifying what a species orchid actually is. To summarise its characteristics,

- An orchid that grows naturally in the bush / jungle / etc.,
- That has **only bred** with its own "kind",
- But it can be grown and propagated in backyard bush houses,
- But, no crossings with orchids other than its own species is allowed.

For example, if you had two different plants of *Dendrobium discolor* growing in your bush house and you made a cross between them (shown below), then all the little offspring would also be species orchids, namely *Dendrobium discolor*.



*Dendrobium canaliculatum* is a species orchid as is *Den. discolor*, but if you were to cross these two with each other, then the resulting offspring would not be a species orchid.



No, not a species orchid

### Naming

Now back to the process of naming our species orchid. The following simple summary should help.

1. Each species orchid has a generic name or first term
  - for example, *Dendrobium*
2. And it has second name or a specific epithet
  - for example, *discolor*
3. When put together the two terms combine to form the specific name of the species
  - for example, *Dendrobium discolor*

Once it is accurately named, then it comes time to correctly write its name. The rules are,

1. Its name is always written in *italics* or underlined
2. The generic name always begins with a Capital letter, with the remainder in lower case letters
  - for example, *Bulbophyllum*
3. The specific epithet is written with a small first letter
  - for example, *Bulbophyllum rothschildianum*
  - even when it is derived from a personal name e.g. *sanderæ*.

Quite often there exists a distinctive race or population within a species. This requires the orchid's name to be further enhanced. Hence,

1. A varietal epithet (possible third term) is given to a distinctive race or population within a species.
2. It is preceded by the abbreviation var. (for variety) or subsp. (for subspecies) written in Roman letters.
3. It is in *italics* or underlined without a capital
  - for example, *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *bigibbum*, as compared to,

- *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *compactum*.

To (almost) complete the picture. Imagine you have a very nice species orchid and a very nice wife and you would like to dedicate this particular plant to her. Yes, you can earn heaps of Brownie points by following these steps,

1. A special clone of a species may be given a cultivar epithet.
  - for example, *Den. discolor* 'Nancy'
  - or *Den. bigibbum* var. *compactum* 'Darandwil'
2. It is written in Roman letters, with a Capital and has 'single' quotes.

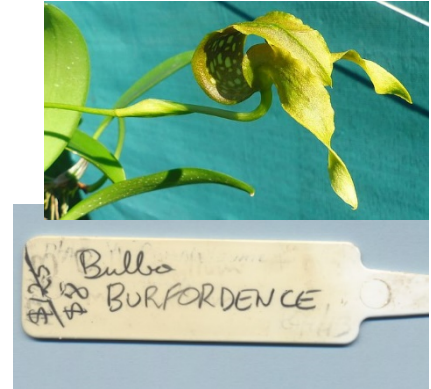
Please note that this cultivar epithet only applies to this particular plant (and mericlones of it), not to the other *bigibbums* or *discolors* you have growing in your lemon tree, and maximum Brownie points will only be gained if its flowers are in fact rather nice.

## Reality.

This completes the theory, but what happens in reality? Imagine you have just returned from the

*Townsville Orchid Spectacular* in June 2017

where you purchased a species orchid with this tag. What should you do?

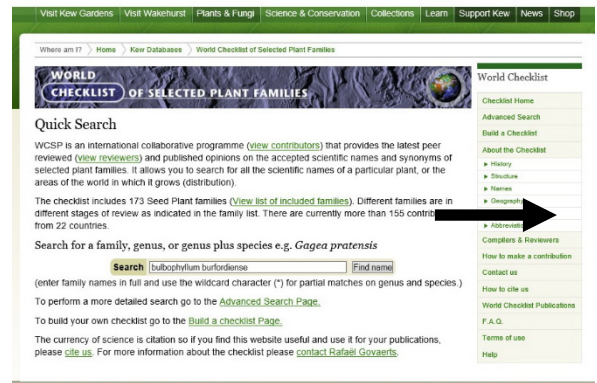
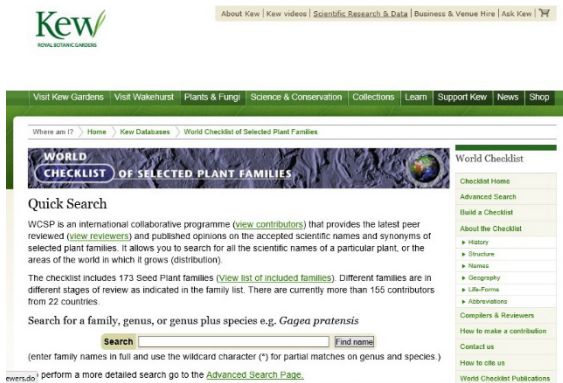


**Step 1** is to check its name. If you have access to a computer you can go to the "horse's mouth" so to speak, and log on to the "World Checklist of selected plant families" at Kew by using the address

- [http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=40032082D347A214EF6C5F5B5450A5E4?checklist=selected\\_families%40%40175240620130920325](http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=40032082D347A214EF6C5F5B5450A5E4?checklist=selected_families%40%40175240620130920325)

When you do this you will (or should) be at the search page.

Simply type in the orchid's name,



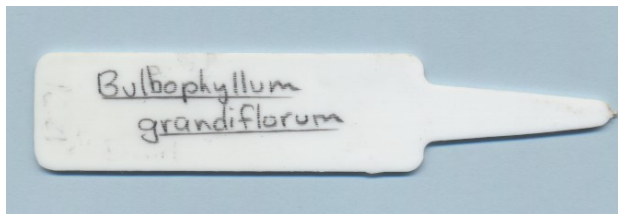
magic, information will appear.

and, as if by



Which you will notice is saying that *Bulbophyllum burfordense* is not its correct name. It is just a synonym for its correct name, which is *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum*. By clicking on this name you are taken to its name page,

**Step 2:** Now that you have its correct name, all you have to do is write out its new name tag and put it in the pot.



By doing this with all your species orchids, and I stress that the preceding explanation refers to species orchids only, you will have a well organised, accurately named collection.

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