#### TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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Are you currently un-financial? To remain a member of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. and to continue to receive the *TOS Bulletin*, you MUST pay your annual membership.



May Birthdays:	
Fred Marnock	2
Ann Roberts	2
Liz Tyrell	11
Elva Baillie	12
Lynne Ryan	12
Jennifer Mellick	16
Allan Anderson	18
Wilma Dean	20
Kay Worth	20
Vicki West	23
Anne Lord	27

## **Photos from the Townsville Orchid Society Autumn Show**



## **Grand Champion**

Ctsm. Lovena B. Fighera Also Champion Any Other Genera Hybrid



## **Reserve Champion**

C. Tainan City P & J Lucke Also Champion Laeliinae Hybrid



**Champion Dendrobium Hybrid** 

Den. Blue Paradise C. Truscott



**Champion Phalaenopsis Hybrid** 

Phal. Tying Shin Eagle x bellina J & A Knowles



# **Champion Exotic Species**

Eria hyacinthoides
A. Hughes
Also Best Specimen



# **Champion Vandeae Hybrid**

V. Leamy P & J Lucke



# **Champion Oncidiinae Hybrid**

Mtssa. Phoenix Rising R. Whiting



# **Champion Novice**

Lc. Marie's Song x Pot. Nonthaburi Fancy

R. Whiting

## **RAMBLINGS:-**

It's now under 3 weeks to the TQOC Conference and Orchid Spectacular; am I getting excited? Yes and no, there is still so much to be done and not everything is falling into place. I would like to see a few extra things to go into the wheelbarrow for the raffle, not necessarily for the yard, it could be something for the home. We have several electrical items in the wheelbarrow, and it now appears they may have to be electrically checked, even though they are brand new. Those of you who have not contributed, please consider doing so. In the long run, it is you who will benefit from the results of this Conference. To those of you who have, the committee's thanks and mine go to you.

It would be appreciated if club members would support those firms who have offered donations and sponsorships.

Members will be pleased to know we were successful in obtaining Townsville City Council assistance, comprising the waiving of Stadium Fees and providing funding for fares etc. for 2 of our speakers. All advertising material now must have council Logos on them.

Several Conference signs are about to make their appearance. I am hoping sometime this week we will receive them; really, they should have been out weeks ago.

By the time you receive this, the Bowen trip will be over for another year. Those of you who did attend, I hope you enjoyed the day. I am a member of the Bowen Orchid Society and was privileged to attend their 50th Anniversary and dinner on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. I was fortunate in staying with friends overnight. Probably 50 to 70 members and former office bearers attended a very enjoyable night; all were presented with a souvenir copy containing various details on members and how they come to be involved in orchids (yes, my details are also there). I had been asked early in the planning if I would give a talk to those assembled, and the topic chosen by Janet, (one of the organising ladies) was "Orchid Aromas." I never thought that would be a subject I could tackle... interesting! TQOC president Rod Shoesmith was a Guest for the function.

The meal was 4 courses with plenty of food - pre-nibbles, then entrée followed by the main course, a round slice of pork covered a plate, with the usual array of vegies, followed by sweets, tea or coffee and the night ended with the drawing of the raffle.

The damage done by cyclone Debbie was not evident coming into Merinda but where I stayed overnight, a great deal of damage was seen, with trees and branches down everywhere, bush house shade taken off and plants burnt, another bush house completely wrecked. The results of cleaning up was tremendous and one would not have thought a cyclone had gone through weeks before, as most areas were clean and tidy, but there is still a lot of stuff to be cleared and trees taken out.

All in all, an enjoyable sojourn for a few hours, the trip down and back was also enjoyable. Some road works to improve the Merinda area are also taking place.

Finally, the week after our general meeting we are going to require many hands to help fill TQOC Conference satchels, which will be done at the TOS hall. Details will be given at the May meeting, and your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Ted

He's chasing an orchid!

A Townsville resident has enquired if any Townsville Orchid Society member has the following orchid for sale:

RLC Calico Charm (it used to be called BLC Calico Charm).

If you can help, please contact Secretary Jeff at <a href="mailto:townsvilleorchidsociety@gmail.com">townsvilleorchidsociety@gmail.com</a> or Editor Noel at 4773 7708.

#### Reconstruction of the Carpark in front of the Townsville Orchid Society's hall.

**Great news!** The Townsville City Council has advised it plans to reconstruct the car park, including full bitumen cover, with 20 standard and 1 disabled car parking bays, and a clear zone to allow vehicle access into Joe Kirwan Park. They will also reconstruct the disabled ramp and improve disabled access to the hall. New drainage works will occur adjacent to the basketball court.

We do not know yet when work will commence, but it is expected to be complete by the end of November 2017. Members are asked to have patience during the work, as access may be interrupted for long periods. If access to the carpark is blocked, we suggest you use the carpark on Bamford Lane adjacent to the Bowls Club.

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2017

As the Secretary was unavailable, Stacy Cairns assisted with taking the minutes. My sincere thanks, Stacy. Meeting commenced at 1.09 pm.

**VISITORS:** The following visitors were welcomed to the meeting, it was hoped they would enjoy their visit: Ken and Tish Wedel, Deb Blanchard... all have lodged an application for membership.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the March meeting were moved by Delia Hobden and seconded by Kerry Turner with all members being in favour.

**TREASURERS REPORT**... Treasurer Terry gave a precis of his report with a full report on the notice board. The amount held in the bank is larger than normal due to the Registrants and sponsors for the June conference.

## A quantity of bark was still available, see members at the shop table if you require any.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**. President Ted apologised for his lack of enthusiasm during the recent Ingham Field day, as he was not feeling well.

The public raffle for the Conference sold well during the recent Autumn show. Goodies for this raffle keep coming in, but more is required, please.

A sincere thank you was given to Jean Nicholson for her effort in raising \$1,000.00 for the June Conference. This was achieved through assistance from various members supplying saleable goods for her table, a thank you to those persons also.

Marie and Lyn were also thanked for their assistance with treasury.

Mother's Day raffle to be drawn this afternoon.

**BOWEN FIELD DAY**... Trip Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Cost to members \$20 with non-members to pay \$25. Lunch is \$7; meet at club hall 5am as the bus will leave at 5.30. Ayr to be advised.

**INGHAM FIELD DAY**... Space between seats on the bus was very narrow, with members having problems entering and leaving. The bus company will be advised.

A letter was received from Eric Beltrame regarding the theft of a valued Tillandsia during the Ingham Field Day trip to his collection. It would appear the thief may not have been a bus traveller. Anyone with information should contact Eric as he is rather annoyed about the episode.

**TQOC CONFERENCE**... A list with duties, days and time was sent around for members to add their names. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June - meet at hall to load items to be taken to the Stadium.

Next meeting, members will be asked to assist with publicity - a quantity of leaflets will be available, and members are asked to assist by taking a quantity and hand delivering them around their neighbourhood. Friday 9th June - 4 staff will be needed to staff the office area and hand out satchels as required.

Requirement of Stadium management - covered shoes to be worn during setup and pull down.

Members with a lot of plants for the display will have their plants collected, thanks to Terry and helpers. Anyone with a lot of display plants can leave their names next meeting.

The Conference Show finishes Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June and the pull down starts at 2.30, with the area needing to be clean and vacated ready for the BBO Auction that night. Many helpers are needed.

**PROPERTY CHAIRMAN:** urgently needed. As Robert has tendered his resignation due to being away for several months, we urgently need someone who can assist till Robert's return. It is a Committee position, but help is available to carry out this important job of hiring out the hall and various other jobs.

## Your help would be greatly appreciated.

President Ted advised Robyn Dundas was willing to give a lecture at the May meeting... Many thanks, Robyn.

<u>CHRISTMAS IN JULY</u>. We will again hold this function at our July meeting. The Committee will discuss and advise details at the June meeting - regrettably this function won't be subsidized; only our Christmas function is free.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Warren advised members that Alison Knowles had lost her Mother while Alison and Jeff were on a cruise. Our sympathies go to Alison at this time.

Ted spoke about the tabled plants, and the meeting closed at 1.40pm after the continuous raffle.

**Our next monthly meeting** will be on Sunday 28th May.

## Plants tabled at the April Meeting:







Veterans: Ctsm Raymond Lerner T & D Hobden

# **Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grant**

Our road to a successful TQOC Conference and Orchid Spectacular has become a little easier, as our application for funding through the Gambling Benefit Community Fund has been granted, so we can now purchase brand new tables for use at the Spectacular. Our current tables will become surplus after that time, and, depending on the Management Committee's decision, it is likely the surplus tables will be donated to a suitable organisation – suggestions, please.

Onwards and upwards, our next project (later in the year) will be suitable new chairs for our hall. It is not possible to repair what we have. I have given the committee details of a chair I have seen, which is stackable and quite attractive.

Ted

## Tabled plants points score - April 2017

Name		Novice	Open	Veterans	Species	Aggregate
Bloom	Marie			4	11	15
Cairns	June and Stacey		7			7
Chambers	Keith and Lyn		2			2
Cooper	Peter and Mary		17		10	27
Dundas	Robyn and Eric		61			61
Evans	Lyn	5	0	0	0	5
Fighera	Bruno			58	4	62
Grant	Noel and Maureen			139	84	223
Hughes	Bill	24			3	27
Kelly	Greg and Santina			70	11	81
Lucke	Peter and Joanne			17	8	25
Luecke	John				4	4
Mutch	Col Berzinski and Lyn		84		7	91
Nicholson	Jean			61	6	67
Osborne	Carl and Hunter		13		4	17
Otto	Keith			4	4	8
Palin	Norma		3			3
Parker	Fred	3				3
Rasmussen	Robert		4			4
Ruxton	Terry and Sarah	27			3	30
Scott	Ron		3			3
Sewell	Warren and Clara			34	1	35
Turner	Kerry-Ann	12			4	16
Watt	Gary	1			4	5
Whiting	Ruth	32			3	35

## Tropical Queensland Orchid Council 50th Anniversary Book

The Townsville Orchid Spectacular is now only three weeks away and I have been asked to let you know that the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council has published a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book which will be available for sale at the TQOC Conference for a very reasonable \$25. Should you wish to pre-order your copy for pick up at the conference, please contact:

John Batey, TQOC Secretary, <a href="mailto:ebatey1@bigpond.com">ebatey1@bigpond.com</a> or Rod Shoesmith, TQOC President, <a href="mailto:rjshoes@mcs.net.au">rjshoes@mcs.net.au</a>.

Please do this ASAP. By ordering now you will ensure your copy is available. See you in a few weeks. Jeff Knowles

#### MONTHLY MEETING RESULTS APRIL 2017 **VETERAN SECTION CATTLEYAS 125MM AND OVER** 1<sup>st</sup> Rlc Golden Llewellyn (not Leulin) **B** Fighera 2<sup>nd</sup> Rlc Taiwan Ruby 0 Krogh 3rd Rlc Goldenzelle **B** Fighera **CATTLEYA 95MM TO 124MM** 1st Rlc Hawaiian Star T Boon 2<sup>nd</sup> Bc Richard Young T Boon **CATTLEYA TO 94MM** 1st Bct Hoku Gem T Boon 2<sup>nd</sup> Bct Shannon Takamatsu T Boon 3<sup>rd</sup> Ctt Chocolate Drop N & M Grant **VANDACEOUS ANY OTHER HYBRID** 1STVan Janice Alison N & M Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> Van Fuchs Ocean Spray N & M Grant 3rd V Karen Leigh Pallanza N & M Grant **VANDACEOUS TO 49 MM** 1st V Su Fun Beauty N & M Grant **VANDACEOUS 50MM AND OVER** 1ST V Golamco's Blue Magic N & M Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> V Duang Porn N & M Grant 3rd V Varavuth x V Gordon Dillon N & M Grant **ANY OTHER** 1<sup>st</sup> D Anching Lubag x D Namigirl (Unknown) **I Nicholson** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tolumnia unknown **I** Nicholson **CATASETUM** 1st Ctsm Susan Fuchs T & D Hobden 2<sup>nd</sup> Ctsm Susan Fuchs T & D Hobden 3<sup>rd</sup> Ctsm Orchidglade T & D Hobden **PAPHIOPEDILUM** 1st Paph Pinemark **I** Nicholson **PHRAGMIPEDIUM** 1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Schroderae **I Nicholson** 2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Sedenii J Nicholson **OPEN SECTION CATTLEYA 125 MM AND OVER** 1st **Rlc Memoria Len Lawler** (Rlc Lyn Evans x Ric Goldenzelle) R & E Dundas 2<sup>nd</sup> Rlc Srivilas Gold (unknown can find no reference to Srivilas) C Berzinski/L Mutch **CATTLEYA TO 50MM**

1ST Rlc Village Chief North 'Green Genie' C Berzinski/L Mutch

2<sup>nd</sup> C [Lc] Star Parade **R** Whiting

#### **DENDROBIUM**

## **ANY OTHER**

1st **Den Valley Isle Skies** (Den Nago Beauty x Den Fuchs's Blue Angel) C Berzinski/L Mutch

2<sup>nd</sup> Den Brighton Pansy R & E Dundas 3rd Den Kuranda Giant 'Samaran' **R** Whiting

**ONCIDIUM** 

1ST. Onc Sharry Baby R & E Dundas

**NOVICE SECTION CATTLEYA TO 50 MM** 

1ST.Gur Barbara Kirch L Evans **ANY OTHER** 

1<sup>st</sup> Bc Binosa 'Kirk' K Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bsn Maikai** K Turner

**DENDROBIUM** 

**ANY OTHER** 

1<sup>st</sup>. Spath Golden Gift W Hughes

**SPECIES SECTION** 

**CATTLEYA** 

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**PAPHIOPEDILUM** 

1st. Paph primulinum J Nicholson

**PHALAENOPSIS** 

1st Phal deliciosa N & M Grant

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### **POPULAR VOTE**

## **VETERANS**

 $1^{\rm st}$  Ctsm Raymond Lerner (**Not Learner**) T & D Hobden  $2^{\rm nd}$  Ctsm Susan Fuchs T & D Hobden  $3^{\rm rd}$  Rlc Goldenzelle B Fighera

**OPEN** 

1st Onc Sharry Baby R & E Dundas

2<sup>nd</sup> Rlc Village Chief C Berzinski/L Mutch

3<sup>rd</sup> Den Brighton Pansy R & E Dundas

**NOVICE** 

 $1^{\mathrm{st}}$  Bc Binosa K Turner  $2^{\mathrm{nd}}$  Bsn Maikai K Turner  $3^{\mathrm{rd}}$  Den Sakurahine W Hughes

## FIRST FLOWERING

 $1^{ST}$  Den Urunsri x Den impact (unknown no details) W Hughes  $2^{nd}$  Spath Golden Gift W Hughes

# **New Names are in Bold lettering**