

# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

## June 2017 Bulletin



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Family \$20.00 Pensioner Family \$10.00  
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Country Family: \$10.00

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### JUNE:

Lyn Carlill	2
Mila Dolan	4
Jane Robino	6
Noel Hardwick	7
Ann Scholl	12
Ross Tucker	12
Lawrence Piva	13



### JUNE:

Joanne Schramm	14
Walter Martin	18
Jacquie Scull	20
Donna Marnock	21
Bernice Leeson	24
Allan Hughes	25
Terry Ruxton	26
Betty Sheret	28

### Judges for June

Veteran/Open: Warren, Marie  
Novice/Species: Charlie, Peter

### Judges for July

Veteran/Open: Alison, Peter  
Novice/Species: Ted, Marie

### **Cairns Orchid Centre, Clifton Beach**

During the Orchid Spectacular, it became known Peter Valmadre's nursery was closing. I, like many others, was concerned about this and it was widely discussed. Peter came to me late on Sunday, rather disturbed about the number of people who had commented to him on his nursery's imminent closure and he wished to clarify the situation.

**Please note** Peter is **NOT** closing his nursery for **at least another 2 years**. He does have another job, but that has nothing to do with closing the nursery. He will still be bringing his plants to a number of our shows in the future.

Ted

## Minutes from the General Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Meeting opened: 1:08pm. President Ted Boon in the chair

**Present** 66 as per attendance book.

**Apologies** 4 as per attendance book

**Visitors** G Nieva, D and L Wirtanen, J Bewert.

### Minutes:

A minute's silence was held for our past member and Treasurer, Keith Chambers.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and correct record

M: K Turner                      S: W Carlill    Carried

Business arising: Nil

### Correspondence

**Treasurer's Report:** General \$30325.58, Investment \$47956. These figures include TQOC registrant fees and Gambling fund.

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment

M: T Ruxton                      S: T. Phillips    Carried

Business arising: Nil

### General Business

1. New members packs presented to Ken and Letitia Wedel and Carolyn Gibson
2. The set-up for the conference is on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please volunteer to help. The form is on the back table.
3. We are disposing of our old tables. Members wishing some (no charge) are to give names to Secretary.
4. Townsville City Council has given funding for F Clarke (USA) and J Shaughnessy (SA) and Townsville Stadium hire fees (not labour, cleaning, security fees). Excess monies to be returned.
5. Townsville Rentals are sponsoring A Stephenson (NSW) to lecture at the conference.
6. Members are asked to clean up obvious litter at the Conference.
7. There will be a working bee at 9am Monday to pack the satchels.
8. T Ruxton volunteered to pick up plants from members to transport to Stadium. Give names to Terry.
9. The wheelbarrow is progressing well. More donations are still welcome.
10. Plants may be registered from 8am Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.
11. J Knowles explained the plant registration process.
12. TOS hall convenor needed from August.
13. A "Christmas in July" dinner meeting will be held at the July meeting. Members are to register on the list on the back table.
14. Show dates for 2018 were suggested.
15. Thanks to Ross and Rosalind Tucker who have offered to host F Clarke and J Kidwell while they attend the conference.

Guest speaker: Robyn Dundas – "How to clean your orchids."

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Ted Boon - President

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Jeff Knowles - Secretary

# Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

## Calendar 2017

(as at 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017)

### June

- 23 Management Meeting
- 25 TOS meeting

### July

- 21 Management Meeting
- 23 TOS meeting, Christmas in July Party,  
Members are to record names on list.

### August

- 5 WAOS at Scarborough Beach, WA
- 6 WAOS at Scarborough Beach, WA
- 25 Management Meeting
- 27 TOS meeting

### September

- 7 Autumn Show set-up, judging
- 8 Autumn Show
- 9 Autumn Show
- 10 Autumn Show
- 22 Management Meeting
- 24 TOS meeting

### October

- 1 Charters Towers Field Day?
- 8 TOS Field Day
- 8 TOS nominations for AGM due
- 20 Management Meeting
- 22 TOS Annual General Meeting  
and General meeting

### November

- 8-12 World Orchid Conference in  
Guayaquil
- 24 Management Meeting
- 26 TOS meeting, Christmas Party?

### December

Note: there will be, as usual in  
December, NO monthly  
meeting

## President's Ramblings.

I am writing this a week after the start of an exciting TQOC Conference and Orchid Spectacular weekend, which all too soon has come and gone. What a weekend that was, and how pleasing to see a huge cavernous empty stadium area on the Thursday being completely filled by a vast array of orchids and foliage plants, as well as the very large sales area crammed with orchid vendors and associated products. It is a shame some members were unable to attend and witness this special event, an event which will not be repeated in the foreseeable future. I went to the lecture rooms which overlooked the area and took many photos of the area, which looked quite spectacular.

To all members who assisted over the week end - thank you, thank you, thank you. You deserve to be proud of yourselves for the time and assistance given. All contacts I had over the weekend were very positive about the event. I think a lot of us were on a high during the weekend. I have been to a lot of TQOC Conferences over the years, and this one was special. I am so pleased we had the assistance of the Townsville Art Society, who put on a fabulous display in the foyer, with various art pieces throughout the orchid show, and the Bonsai group, who displayed some very choice specimens. Both groups gave demonstrations to the public. We also had a whimsical table display from Kevin Butler (Ezi-Gro Orchids) of Cymbidium flowers in black hats.

The display which caused a lot of emotion for me was the display from NSW, which was set up by 2 people, of a wide variety of differing orchid genera, cut flowers and large plants, including Cymbidiums which I had been trying to source for weeks. All came to Townsville in a fully laden car. It was a remarkable sight. It certainly beat the display NSW put on at the 2015 AOC Inc./TQOC Inc Conference in Mackay.

Congratulation to Robyn and Ruth and their band of assistants, their display was worthy of any prize in southern competitions. Well done, it certainly drew a lot of favourable comments.

I must also thank Ann Hardy who went to meet our American lecturer at the airport, then went and collected our Patron Phyllis Merritt on the Sunday, brought her to the show and at the end of the visit returned her to the RSL home in Rowes Bay! Thanks a million, Ann.

To all our Lecturers - sincere thanks. I missed all the lectures, so I don't know how well they were received ("very well by all who attended!" -The Editor.). I never heard anything negative, apart from us running 2 lectures at the same time, though other conferences have 3-4 running at the same time. I hope this Conference and Orchid Show will be remembered for a long time by all who were involved!

It would be remiss of me if I did not thank the TOS Committee for their diligence and demanding work involved in organising this event. I must single Jeff out for the tremendous amount of work he did on the Computer, it was a fantastic job, I thank him for that work.

I am aware the Sponsors will not read this, but I really must thank them for their valued support: Townsville City Council, Professional Plumbing Services, Townsville Rentals, Flintstones, Lamberts, TrueValue Aitkenvale, Banjo Paterson Motel, Billabong Motel, Monte Carlo Motel, Day Dawn Nursery, Bunnings to name but a few. Please support them where possible.

Those members who exhibited plants probably retained the "trident" sticks used for tagging the plants. TOS can reuse these in the future, so please hand them in at the next meeting.

Three of our members were successful in gaining Champion status: Robyn Dundas won Champion 'Any Other Foliage' and I won Champion 'Any Other Flowering Foliage'. **Charlie Truscott gained Reserve Champion Plant of the Show.** Congratulations, Charlie!

Others who won placings in the various orchid categories were Bruno, Greg, Kerry, Warren, Jeff and Alison, Noel, Mark, Stephen Hinds, "Uncle" Fred, Jean, Carl, Terry and me. This is a good result for local members, considering plants were exhibited from as far away as New South Wales.

Foliage winners included Ron Hilder, Lynn, Warren, the Cairns Family, Robyn and me.

The only sour note from the weekend **was some light-fingered persons (perhaps a member of the public) stole 3 plants I know of.** I lost a brand new Tolumnia I had purchased on the Friday, when I put a 'display only' sign on and placed it amongst the other smaller Oncidiums on the table. Terry and an exhibitor from Mackay also lost a plant. **To whoever lifted them, may karma hit you where you have never been hit before.**

When you arrive for the next meeting, you will no longer be using those disgusting fabric covered chairs. After we arrived back from collecting items from the Stadium, we marked the 150 new tables with "Townsville Orchid Society" and stored them, then turned our attention to the chairs. All badly damaged and uncleanable chairs were disposed of; I think we ended up with about 10 still useable, so now we have extra room. Don't forget the "old" tables at the hall. If you would like a **free** table (or several), please advise at the June meeting. We will need them to be collected ASAP after the June meeting.

We are going to use the plastic chairs for the time being - Jeff took one home to see if they can be scrubbed clean. We may purchase new chairs, but that will be up to the Committee. We may be able to submit another application for assistance from the Gambling Benefit Fund to buy new chairs.

At the June meeting, we will need numbers for our "Christmas in July" dinner (lunch-time at the July meeting), and a decision if you want to have plants displayed and judged at that meeting.

The time is rapidly approaching when we need to work out the winners of the various sections in our monthly competitions. Could members give some thought to the sort of trophy they would like awarded, e.g. a trophy, a gift voucher from e.g. Bunnings, perhaps a subscription to Orchids Australia magazine or an orchid book... we can have a discussion at the June Meeting.

Once again, I am asking for suggestions on what members would like discussed at the meetings... is anyone interested in Orchid perfumes? Or Oncidiums? I have a few notes I can speak on. Please let us know.

Again, our sincere thanks and congratulations for all your assistance at the TQOC Conference and Orchid Spectacular. It is indeed appreciated and you should all be proud of your input. **Thank you all.**

Ted

## Disposal of tables.

Members who wish to take away our old tables have been giving me their names. Here is the list I have compiled from various sources. If I have forgotten you (maybe I lost the piece of paper 😊), please let me know at the June meeting. Management will decide on distribution procedures when the list is complete.

Jeff Knowles,  
Secretary

1 – Ross Tucker	1 – Elsie Thompson	3 – Tina Phillips
3 – Ann Hardy	2 – Mary How Lum	1 – Merle Perkins
1 – Carolyn Gibson	3 – Robyn Dundas	3 – Ruth Whiting
2 – Betty Sheret	2 – John Johnson	



Grand Champion of  
the Townsville  
Orchid Spectacular:

Cynodes Taiwan Gold

Owner: Benny You

## **MAY 2017 TABLED PLANTS**

### **VETERANS**

#### **CATTLEYA 125mm and Over**

1st Rlc Burdekin Dream 'DJ'	P & J Lucke
2nd Rlc Shinfong Beauty	Bruno Figuera
3rd Rlc California Girl	G & S Kelly

#### **CATTLEYA 95 to 124mm**

1st C Burana Angel	Bruno Figuera
2nd Bc Yellow Bird	Bruno Figuera
3rd Bc Maikai	W & C Sewell

#### **CATTLEYA 50 to 94mm**

1st C Elusive Trader	W & C Sewell
2nd Pcv Peacock	J & A Knowles
3rd C Orange Delight	N & M Grant

### **VANDACEOUS**

1 <sup>ST</sup> V Kasems Delight x V Kultana Gold	N & M Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aer houlettiana x Rhy coelestis	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> V Pakchong Blue	N & M Grant

#### **VANDACEOUS to 49mm**

1 <sup>st</sup> V Tristar Gold	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ascda unknown	A Hardy
3 <sup>rd</sup> V Bicentennial	G & S Kelly

#### **VANDACEOUS - Vandachostylis**

1 <sup>st</sup> Van Pine Rivers	G & S Kelly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Van Alice's Anie	N & M Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Van Prapawan	N & M Grant

#### **DENDROBIUM Spatulata**

1 <sup>st</sup> Den Ursula x Den trilamellatum	Bruno Figuera
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den Verninha	P & J Lucke

#### **PAPHIOPEDILUM**

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph Pinemark	J Nicholson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph Delaina	J Nicolson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paph Helvettia	J Nicholson

### **OPEN SECTION**

#### **CATTLEYA 125 mm and over**

1 <sup>st</sup> C Purple	A Hardy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rlc <b>Mary Ann Rue</b> (Rlc Lucky Strike x C walkeriana)	R & E Dundas

#### **CATTLEYA Any Other**

1 <sup>st</sup> Bct [Bsp] Sun Mei Gold	R & E Dundas
2 <sup>nd</sup> C Guatemalensis	R & E Dundas
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bc Maikai	A Hardy

#### **VANDACEOUS 65mm and Over**

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#### **DENDROBIUM Phalaenanthe**

1 <sup>st</sup> Den unknown	C Swart
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### **NOVICE SECTION**

#### **CATTLEYA 125 and over**

1 <sup>ST</sup> C Chunyeah	R Whiting
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#### **CATTLEYA 95mm**

1 <sup>ST</sup> .Bct [Bl] Little Mermaid	R Whiting
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### **CATTLEYA 90 to 124mm**

1<sup>st</sup> C unknown

K Turner

### **CATTLEYA to 90 mm**

1<sup>st</sup> Rth [Pot] Burana Angel

W Hughes

2<sup>nd</sup> Bct [Bsp] Sun Mei Gold

W Hughes

3<sup>rd</sup> Rth [Pot] Alyssa Valmadre

W Hughes

### **DENDROBIUM**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Candy Stripe

K Turner

2<sup>nd</sup> Den unknown

N Bowler

### **ANY OTHER GENERA**

1<sup>ST</sup> Rhrds Bangkok Sunset x V Mahogany Gem

Fred Parker

2<sup>nd</sup> Bulb Sheryl Kurizaki

K Turner

3<sup>rd</sup> Spathoglottis Golden

W Hughes

### **SPECIES**

#### **CATTLEYA**

1<sup>st</sup> C maxima

N & M Grant

2<sup>nd</sup> C walkeriana

N & M Grant

3<sup>rd</sup> C bowringiana

Bruno Figuera

#### **CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**

1<sup>st</sup> L rubencens

M Bloom

2<sup>nd</sup> B nodosa

A Hardy

3<sup>rd</sup> Barkeria dorotheae

N & M Grant

#### **ANY OTHER GENERA**

1<sup>st</sup> Den nindii

M Bloom

2<sup>nd</sup> Coel speciose

M Bloom

3<sup>rd</sup> Phal deliciosa

N & M Grant

#### **DENDROBIUM**

1<sup>st</sup> Den lineale

P & J Lucke

2<sup>nd</sup> Den helix

P & J Lucke

3<sup>rd</sup> Den strebloceros

P & J Lucke

#### **PAPHIOPEDILUM**

1<sup>ST</sup> Paph primulinum

J Nicholson

2<sup>nd</sup> Paph charlesworthii

P & J Lucke

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**NEW NAMES and name changes in bold and underlined.** Please check above.

### **POPULAR VOTE**

#### **VETERAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> Rlc Shinfong Beauty

Bruno Figuera

2<sup>nd</sup> Rlc California Girl

G & S Kelly

3<sup>rd</sup> V Pakchong Blue

N & M Grant

#### **OPEN**

1<sup>ST</sup> Gur Guatemalensis

R & E Dundas

2<sup>nd</sup> Bct Sun Mei Gold

R & E Dundas

3<sup>rd</sup> Bc Maikai

C Swart

#### **NOVICE**

1<sup>st</sup> C unknown

K Turner

2<sup>nd</sup> Rhrds Bangkok Sunset x V Mahogany Gem

F Parker

3<sup>rd</sup> Den Candy Stripe

K Turner



## **SPECIES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Den lineale  
2<sup>nd</sup> C maxima  
3<sup>rd</sup> B nodosa

P & J Lucke  
N & M Grant  
A Hardy

## **FIRST FLOWERING**

1<sup>ST</sup> Phal Juhbad Fashion  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bulb burfordiense  
3<sup>rd</sup> Onc Pacific Sunrise

A Hardy  
A Hardy  
R & E Dundas

## **REGISTRAR'S CHOICE**

<b><u>HYBRIDS</u></b>	Den Ursula x Den trilamellatum	80 points	Bruno Fighera
<b><u>NOVICE</u></b>	Rhrds Bangkok Sunset x V Mahogany Gem	80 points	Fred Parker
<b><u>SPECIES</u></b>	Den lineale	79 points	P & J Lucke



Registrar's Choice  
May 2017

NOVICE SECTION:

Rhrds Bangkok Sunset x V Mahogany  
Gem  
Fred Parker



SPECIESSECTION:

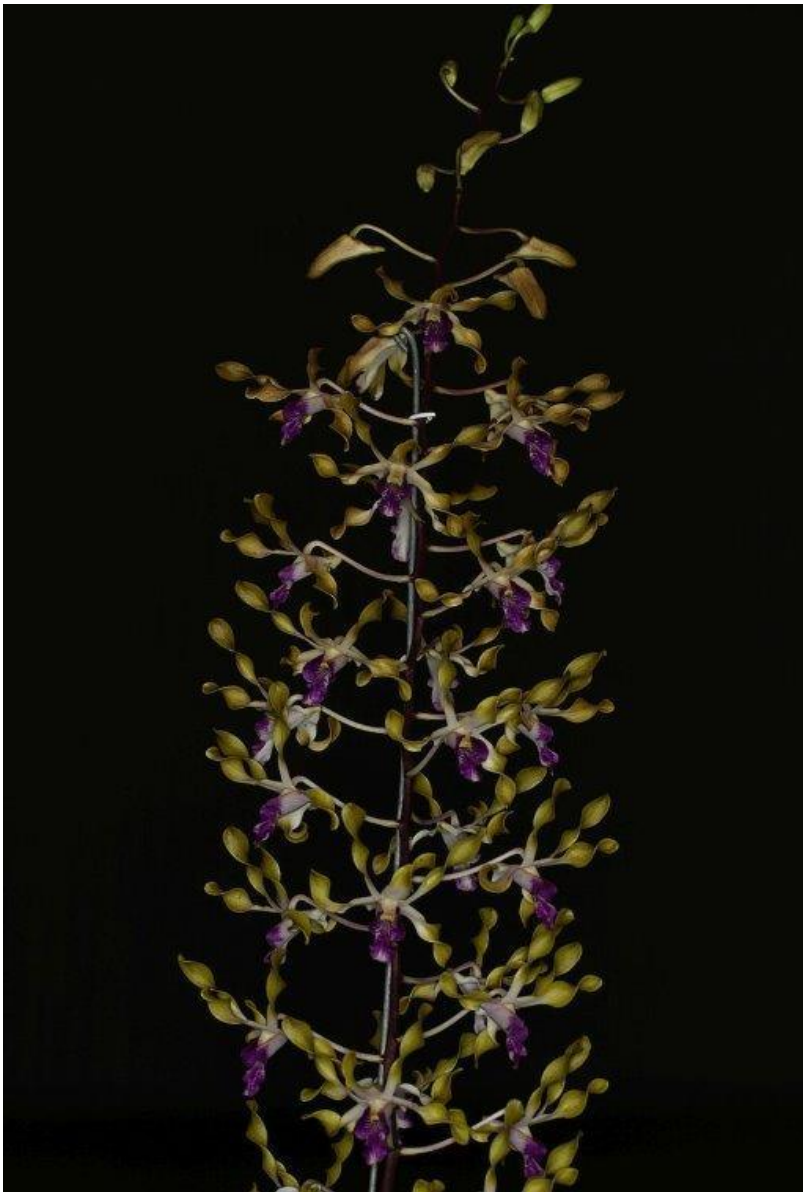
Dendrobium lineale  
P & J Lucke



### Tabled plants points score - May 2017

Name		Novice	Open	Veterans	Species	Aggregate
Bloom	Marie			4	23	27
Cairns	June and Stacey		7			7
Chambers	Keith and Lyn		2			2
Cooper	Peter and Mary		17		10	27
Dundas	Robyn and Eric		74			74
Evans	Lyn	5				5
Figuera	Bruno			74	6	80
Grant	Noel and Maureen			159	97	256
Hughes	Bill	36			3	39
Kelly	Greg and Santina			84	11	95
Lucke	Peter and Joanne			24	20	44
Luecke	John				4	4
Mutch	Col Berzinski and Lyn		84		7	91
Nicholson	Jean			70	10	80
Osborne	Carl and Hunter		13		4	17
Otto	Keith			4	4	8
Palin	Norma		3			3
Parker	Fred	7				7
Rasmussen	Robert		4			4
Ruxton	Terry and Sarah	27			3	30
Scott	Ron		3			3
Sewell	Warren and Clara			42	1	43
Turner	Kerry-Ann	23			4	27
Watt	Gary	1			4	5
Whiting	Ruth	40			3	43





Shown Left:  
**Reserve Champion** and  
Champion Dendrobium Hybrid  
of the **Townsville Orchid  
Spectacular:**

Dendrobium Mem. Joan Laffey  
'Mabel'

Owner: Charlie Truscott

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Shown Above:  
Champion Australian Native:

Den. bigibbum  
Owner: Ray Nicholls

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Shown Below:  
Closeup photo of  
Den. Mem. Joan Laffey 'Mabel'



## Townsville Orchid Spectacular

If you are interested in the judging results for the Townsville Orchid Spectacular, they are available on the TOQC website at [www.TQOC.org.au](http://www.TQOC.org.au)

Please go to the "2017 Conference" page, and click on "Results of the Show".



### **Registrar's Choice May 2017**

Orchid Hybrid:  
Den Ursula x Den trilamellatum

Bruno Figuera

