

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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Annual Membership Fees are due **1st September** each year
Family \$20.00 Pensioner Family \$10.00
Single \$15.00 Pensioner Single/Junior \$7.50
Country Family: \$10.00

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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.

Judges for January 2019:

Open
Ted, Peter

Novice/Species
Alison, Warren

January

John Pollock	7
Tom Hobden	12
Marie-France Mack	15
Leon Fleming	15
Jolly Trotman	19
Anne Osbaldiston	22
Delia Hobden	30
Bruce Warren	31
Glennis Edwards	



February

Kevin Owens	
Charles Lee	1
Tina Phillips	1
Eric Dundas	2
Bernadette McInnes	3
Ann Hardy	5
John Rutledge	6
Jim Steven	8
Evon Liang	11
Peter Lucke	16
Mary Triebel	17
Maureen Davis	17
Debbie Condren	21
Sarah Ruxton	22
Ken Norman	23
Warren Sewell	25
Norma Palin	28

President's Message

Welcome to all.

Christmas is now done and dusted and we are looking forward to the year ahead. I hope all enjoyed the festive season and come back to us safe and well. I trust that all who attended our Christmas Party enjoyed the day. I thought the raffle was simply great. There were six tables of plants as well as the 'special prizes' on their own table. I thank the members who donated prizes for the day for their generosity. I collected one of the special draws in the raffle and have to say we are still eating peanuts, biscuits and the other goodies in the prize.

In December the club lost another life member when Phyllis Merritt passed on at the age of 96. Phyllis was very active in the club in the 1960s and 70s. Her husband Ron, was President of the Society for a number of years in the late 70s and Phyllis was a very strong support to him and a tireless worker for the club. Phyllis was the Patron of the Society in recent years. Fellow Life Member and her good friend Ted Boon spoke on behalf of the Society at her funeral.

I know a number of growers lost plants in the heatwave of early December. I lost some Tolumnias which could not take the dry heat. I also had a few burnt leaves on my other orchids but nothing serious. The following rain certainly refreshed the greenhouse with all plants responding well to the downpour. I hope that nobody lost anything which is irreplaceable.

In recent times there were a couple of questions asked about how the points competition works. Noel Grant has put together an explanation of the process of the competition and I have asked him to include that explanation with this bulletin. Thanks Noel. Arrangements are being made for information to be included in the new member's package.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Sunday the 27th January.

Good growing.

Greg Kelly

Tabled Plants at Townsville Orchid Society's Monthly Meetings

Some newer Members have indicated that they are unsure of the rules when tabling flowering plants at our meetings. I hope the following will clear any doubts:

Members are encouraged to display their flowering orchid plants, or cut flowers where plants are too large for convenient transport, at each of our General Meetings, held on the fourth Sunday of every month except November (our Christmas Lunch) and December. The plants are divided into 4 sections – Novice, Open, Species and Veteran (although the Veteran section is currently not operating). Members compete for an annual award given to the owner with the highest points for each section and for the highest aggregate for the year (points in the Member's section plus Species). Awards are usually given at our November meeting.

Each tabled plant must have a label showing both the plant name (or one saying 'Unknown') and the Member's allocated Society number (please place this number on the rear of the label). A register is kept for each section, and Members must list their plants in the appropriate register, with their Society number. **If a list is not supplied, no points are awarded!** Plants must be in a clean, healthy condition and, for points to be awarded, must have been owned for at least 6 months. If you have a flowering plant which you have owned for less than 6 months but are keen to display, a "Not for Judging" sign should be attached. We trust you to be honest. Pots should be clean and undamaged. If your plant is top-heavy, please place it in a larger pot with some stones to prevent it toppling.

Within each section, plants are placed into appropriate classes, e.g. Cattleya, Dendrobium, Vanda etc. If there are fewer than 3 plants per class, they may be grouped in a 'miscellaneous' class. Points are allotted as follows:

1. Members are given 1 point for each presented plant in each Section, to a maximum of 10 points per Section, so you can earn up to 20 points per meeting if, for instance, you present 10 plants in the Novice Section and 10 plants in the Species Section. These points are calculated from the lists placed in each register, so **don't forget to bring your list!** Please remember you are not restricted to bringing 20 plants if you have more in flower!
2. After judging, winning plants are given: 3 points for 1st in class, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd.

The combination of the points per section for presented plants (1) and for judging (2) are recorded for the monthly Points Table. The highest aggregate for the year (e.g. Open points plus Species points) is also calculated from these points.

If the above still confuses you, please have a word to any of our senior members, who are always happy to clarify.

Here's to many beautiful plants at our meetings each month!

Noel Grant

Minutes from the Committee Meeting held 23rd November 2018

Meeting opened 7:30 pm. President Greg Kelly in the chair

Present Greg Kelly, Noel Grant, Terry Ruxton, Ruth Whiting, John Draper, Charles Lee, June Cairns, Robyn Dundas, Maureen Draper, Lynne Ryan, Jeff Knowles, John Johnson, Peter Lucke.

Apologies Nil

Visitors Nil

Minutes

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

M: R Dundas S: P Lucke Carried

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence: Refer to attached correspondence listing.

Treasurer's Report:

TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings.

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

M: T Ruxton S: C Lee Carried

Building Chair report:

- Robert Rasmussen has forwarded the quotes for the supply and installation of 2 air conditioners for the Office and Kitchen. Quotes from DMC were discussed. Three options were put forward.
 - Motion: That Option 1 be accepted.
 - M: R Dundas S: Lynne Ryan Carried
- Robert Rasmussen has asked that the Committee approve the purchase of 2x100 litre wheelie bins to replace present rubbish bins. Approximate cost \$130
 - Motion: That purchase of 2x100 litre wheelie bins be accepted.
 - M: G Kelly S: C Lee Carried
- Robert Rasmussen is also looking at fencing for the box area.

General Business:

- Issues for next year:
 - R Whiting presented art work for club t-shirts. Ruth to check with supplier to see if they would provide a sample T-Shirt. It was agreed that further discussion is required at next Committee Meeting and presented to General Meeting in January 2019.
 - Constitution needs to be reviewed with possible amendments. Committee Members to review and bring suggestions to next meeting in January 2019.
 - No decision has been made yet in regard to the Show Sales Software. Pending.
 - Three shows and a field day. Robyn Dundas still working on this.
- Outcomes from TQOC Meeting
 - The TQOC Trophy Cabinet was installed and then discovered another three trophies to put in cabinet. Approval was given at the meeting for TQOC to purchase another single cabinet to accommodate the remaining three trophies;
 - Orchid Fair 8/9 June 2019. The fair committee has asked for about 70 tables for the vendors. As discussed at last meeting the use of the tables was approved. Greg ascertained that there are 8 steps to take the tables up
 - what arrangements would be made for the collection and return of the tables;
 - perhaps TOS could volunteer to do this as their contribution to the fair
 - requires further discussion
 - TQOC raffle was drawn at the meeting last week end. Prizes went to Proserpine, Tully and Townsville. Ted Boon won second prize.
- Charles Lee agreed to continue to organize speakers for the meetings.
- Greg Kelly received a phone call from council regarding the refurbishment of the Basketball Court, this will commence in January 2019. Greg will request more rubbish bins and more regular collection of rubbish due to bins apparently being removed and others overflowing.
- John Draper requested more information regarding the rules for the club competition. It was suggested that an article be included in the next Bulletin and also the Competition Rules be

included in New Members Starter Pack. There was discussion regarding the "First Flowering" rules – what are they??? More clarification required.

- Jeff Knowles presented the Life Membership Board that was kindly made and donated by Peter Cooper. Ruth Whiting to confer with graphic artist the best way to add the names to the board and obtain quotes for same.

Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm

Greg Kelly - President

Maureen Draper- Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held 25th November 2018

Meeting opened 12:00 o'clock. President Greg Kelly in the chair

Present Please refer to attendance book.

Apologies Please refer to attendance book.

Visitors Please refer to attendance book.

Minutes

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

M: John Rutledge

S: John Johnson

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings.

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

M: T Ruxton

S: Noel Grant

Carried

General Business:

- Decision has been made to install 2 air conditioners, one for the Office and the other in the Kitchen. These will be installed in January 2019

Congratulations to the following 2018 Trophy Winners:

Points Winners:

- Aggregate - N&M Grant
- Veteran's Section N&M Grant
- Species Section N&M Grant
- Open Section J&S Cairns
- Novice Section K Day and W Hughes (Tie)

Registrar's Choice:

- Hybrid Section C Truscott
- Species Section N&M Grant
- Novice Section W Hughes

Popular Vote:

- Veteran's Section W&C Sewell
- Open Section R&E Dundas
- Species Section N&M Grant
- Novice Section W Hughes

The Ivy Nott **Trophy** for best *Dendrobium discolor* at the Spring Show went to P&J Lucke.

After the meeting closed, the Members sat down to a Christmas Lunch and this was followed by a very large raffle.

Meeting Closed: 12:30 pm

Greg Kelly - President

Maureen Draper- Secretary

Wanted

Please search your cupboard drawers, that dusty box in the corner, grandma's neglected out-house and your hard drive for the following **Townsville Orchid Society Bulletins**. I would be most appreciative if copies can be loaned to, given to, scanned and sent to, or just emailed to me.

Thanks to Jean, Warren and Clara for filling in many of the gaps. Let me know if you have any suggestions as to where these copies may be hiding.

2008 May, August
2007 January
2005 September
1995 All
1994 All
1993 All
1992 All
1991 January, November
1989 October
1985 January
1984 January, February April, May
1983 All except January and September.
Pre 1983 All

Also, if you have copies of any old TOS minutes, or know where they could be, (especially 1955 to 1983), please let me know.

Jeff Knowles

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Growing Competition Plants.

2183 *Vanda sanderiana* var. *albata*
2186 *Vanda* ((Varut Leopard x Dona Isabel Bosch) x V. (Viboon x Varut Fuchsia)) x V. Mungkud
2187 *Vanda* (Fuchs Harvest Moon x Jukkich Gold) x V. Suksamran Spots
2207 *Den.* White Comet
2208 *Rlc.* Chunyeah '#19'

Please bring your (no doubt very healthy) plants to our meetings so others can be amazed at how well you are growing them!

TABLED PLANTS LIST

As no flowering plants were tabled at our November meeting due to the Christmas lunch, there will be no Tabled Plants list or Points Table in this Bulletin.

My Annual Lament

It happens every Christmas/New Year period – I have a number of plants in flower, that only flower during this period, that nobody else in the Townsville Orchid Society has a chance to appreciate. No doubt there are others who have similar plants.

I am not suggesting that we hold a December meeting, or that everyone troops round to my house for a viewing (though you are welcome – just phone me first).

There are three plants that spring to mind, that everyone would definitely want to see:

Cattleya araguaiensis – you may have seen a photo in the January newsletter from the Nightcliff Orchid Society, sent to you recently (if you have email). The unusual name refers to this orchid growing near the Araguaia River, in Brazil.

Stereochilis erinaceus – what was I doing when this lovely, unusual miniature was flowering? I must have been very busy, because I failed to take a photo for you. Check it out on OrchidWiz or Google it. The pervasive warty extrusions fascinate me.

Rhynchostylis coelestis – a very famous orchid, used extensively in hybridisation. I used to have 9 of them, but it seems I have killed a few. Hoorah, I have a photo!

Noel Grant

