

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



May 2019 Bulletin

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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

Details for paying membership fees: BSB: - 064823

Account Number: - 0009 0973

Name of Account: Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Commonwealth Bank, Aitkenvale.

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 May 2019:

Open
Ted/Charlie

Novice/Species
Alison/Warren

MAY

Fred Marnock	2
Ann Roberts	2
Liz Tyrell	11
Lynne Ryan	12
Bob De Costa	16
Allan Anderson	18
Wilma Dean	20
Vicki West	23



JUNE

Lyn Carlill	2
Mila Dolan	4
Rob Sweeney	4
Noel Hardwick	7
Graham MacKenzie	8
Ross Tucker	12
Lawrence Piva	13
Joanne Schramm	14
Walter Martin	18
Donna Marnock	21
Allan Hughes	25
Terry Ruxton	26
Betty Sheret	28

The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

I was super-impressed with the numbers of flowers on display at our April Meeting. I cannot remember a time when more flowers were at a normal meeting. The only sad thing about it all was not too many of the flowers were mine. It is the time of the year that the cattleya orchids should be starting to bud for their winter showing. I found a number of new buds this morning including a few plants flowering for the first time. I really enjoy the first flowering of a plant when you may get some indication if you have a champion, a so so, or a complete disaster.

Our new club shirts have arrived and Ruth will have them all ready for collection at the next meeting.

Arrangements are being made for those members who ordered shirts and are going to Bowen to get their shirt on the day of the Bowen Trip. They will have the opportunity to debut the shirts for the club. There will be further orders taken later, but to obtain a reduced price for the shirts, orders must number at least 20. When things settle a bit, the club will buy some shirts to have shirts on hand for members.

Over 30 chairs have been sold since the last meeting. These chairs are the old plastic chairs which are now superfluous to the clubs needs since we purchased our new chairs. At \$5 each, if you have a need for that type of chair, they are still strong and have lots of use left. On that topic, the members seemed to handle the new stackers with ease after the meetings. I have been to the hall a couple of times since and others using the hall seem to be doing the right thing.

Please make an effort to participate in the popular vote. There is considerable time taken to organise this every month for the members, so please participate.

See you at our next meeting on Sunday, 26th May.

Good growing.

Greg Kelly

Minutes from the Committee Meeting held 26th April 2019

Meeting opened: 7:30 pm by President Greg Kelly

Present Greg Kelly, Maureen Draper, John Draper, Terry Ruxton, Noel Grant, Jeff Knowles, Ruth Whiting, L & J Johnson, Charles Lee, Peter Luke, Marie Bloom, June Cairns and Lyn Ryan

Apologies Robyn Dundas, Rob Rasmussen **Visitors** Ted Boon

Minutes

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

M: L Ryan S: J Knowles Carried Business arising: NIL

Correspondence

Business arising:

- Magazines & Brochures given to Noel Grant for Library
- Greg Kelly spoke with Councillor Russ Cook who attended Autumn Show. Discussed things in general but in particular asked when the basketball courts re-open, could he ensure that there are sufficient bins for use that are emptied more regularly. Discussed the use of the carpark by persons not associated with any of the clubs. Councillor Russ Cook said that he would see if anything could be done with signage.

Motion: That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards adopted.

M: M Draper S: R Whiting Carried

New Member Applications:

- The following applications were reviewed and accepted:
 - C & N Cameron, N & A Ryan, J & R Goadby, L Huff, C Metcalfe, M McCarthy.
- The process for welcoming new members to the club has been reviewed and going forward an email will be sent to the new members (if they have provided an email address), instead of holding onto a "Welcome Pack" until they come to a meeting. Over the past 6 months, we have accumulated numerous packs which have not been collected. These will be posted out. If new members do not provide an email address, the "Welcome Pack" will be posted.

Treasurer's Report

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

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

M: T Ruxton S: C Lee Carried

Property (Rob Rasmussen):

- Robert is on holiday but has advised Greg Kelly that the lease expires on 30/6/2024 and that the council will contact us some 12 months out. New lease will be for only 10 years, not 20 as is the current case.
- The Chairs purchased have been marked as property of "TOS"
- The 2 new trolleys have been obtained
- The bottom chair on each trolley has been left cable-tied to show the way the chairs need to be stacked. Also, a sign with instructions has been placed on the bottom chair.
- The best of the old chairs have been put aside just in case they are required.
- The remaining old chairs to be sold (\$5.00 each) to members. Limit of six per member. Chairs must be paid for prior to collection.

Show:

- Received Robyn's apology as unable to attend tonight's meeting.

- Greg Kelly commented that the Autumn Show ran very smoothly and thanked everyone for their help and participation
- Received a complaint from Ted Boon regarding the changing of the Show Schedule. It was agreed that each new Show Schedule would be reviewed prior to the show and passed through a Committee Meeting. Maureen Draper will forward the Autumn Show Schedule (which is on the TOS Computer) to Ted Boon, Robyn Dundas, Jeff Knowles and Charles Lee for review. Once reviewed, comments to be sent back to Maureen Draper and the reviewed schedule will be put through the next meeting for acceptance.
- Ted Boon to provide an article on TOS Shows to the Australian Orchid Council

Hospitality (Ruth Whiting):

- New club shirts have arrived in Australia.

General Business:

- It was agreed by the Committee that Lyn Johnson will be moved to the Open Section.
- Talks at Sunday General Meeting
 - Bush Houses – C Lee
 - How to Stack New Chairs – N Grant

Meeting Closed: 9:07 pm

Greg Kelly - President

Maureen Draper - Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held 28th April 2019

Meeting opened: 1:00 pm, President Greg Kelly in the chair

Present as per attendance book.
attendance book

Apologies as per attendance book

Visitors as per

Minutes

Business arising: NIL

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

Moved: Wal Carlill Seconded: Stephen Woods Carried

New Correspondence:

- Email to and from Councillor Cook re basketball courts, rubbish and car park
- Email from Rob Rasmussen advising the Hall Lease will be up for renewal in 2024 and that Council will contact the club 12 months out. New lease will only be for 10 years, whereas current lease is for 20 years.

Treasurer's Report

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M: T Ruxton

S: K Turner

Carried

Show Report

- The Autumn Show was very successful considering the heat and rain Townsville has experienced recently
- Dendrobiums which are usually the highlight of this show were down
- Sales were good
- Greg Kelly would like to thank all who helped. It was really great to see the new members participating

- The Winter Show is scheduled for 12th to 14th July 2019

General Business

- Bowen Field Day – please finalise payment today
- Popular Orchid Vote – numbers participating in this are very low. Will review at our next Committee Meeting to see if it is worth continuing
- The club's new chairs are in use today
- Old chairs will be sold to members for \$5.00 each (limit of 6 per member)
- Club Shirts – are in Australia and the club should receive them in May sometime.
- Lyn Johnson has been elevated from Novice to the Open Section as from next General Meeting.
- Social Event for Members
 - If anyone is interested in TOS holding a Members Social Event in July, please email Maureen Draper (maureen.draper@ergon.com.au) your thoughts and ideas. These will be reviewed at the next Committee Meeting and a decision will be made if it will be organised.

Meeting Closed: 3:30pm

Greg Kelly - President

Maureen Draper - Secretary

Novice/New Growers' Report

On Sunday 28th April, members gathered at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Charles Street, Kirwan for our monthly meeting. Among the 70 who signed in were 4 visitors and many novice members who enjoyed our afternoon activities. All members are reminded that without proof of attendance by way of the attendance book, you may not be covered by our insurance if anything untoward happens. Your sign-in also helps the Management Committee gauge numbers for upcoming events. The complimentary Christmas Break up Function at the November meeting is only available to members who have attended 4 meetings or more.

Following the General Meeting, Noel spoke on the chairs that the club has recently bought and how to stack them on the special trolleys that came with them. For ease of handling and WHS considerations, members are asked not to stack the chairs more than 18 high.

The main topic for the afternoon proceedings was 'the design of greenhouses' in a PowerPoint presentation given by Charles. Charles will endeavour to write an article for the web page so that members will be able to refer back to it. [Note from the Editor: Charles has recently advised he "Spoke to my friendly building certifier. It appears that, if the greenhouse is covered by 'fabric' and does not have solid roof or walls, it does not qualify as a class 10a structure and as such does **NOT** require building certification."]

Our technical officer, Peter Lucke spoke on various happenings in the greenhouse including the need to reduce water and fertiliser as winter approaches. This is particularly important for many hard cane *Dendrobiums* that originate from monsoonal regions where they have 2 distinct seasons, 'the wet' and 'the dry'.

Our senior judge and Registrar, Ted Boon gave a commentary on the superb tabling of flowering plants. His 'Registrar's Choice' was a *Renanthera* hybrid with a beautiful branched inflorescence.

Jeff told members that the Taiwan International Orchid Show was going to be held in March next year, a week before the 23rd World Orchid Conference opens in Taiwan. Anyone wishing to go can therefore visit 2 conferences by extending your stay by just over a week.

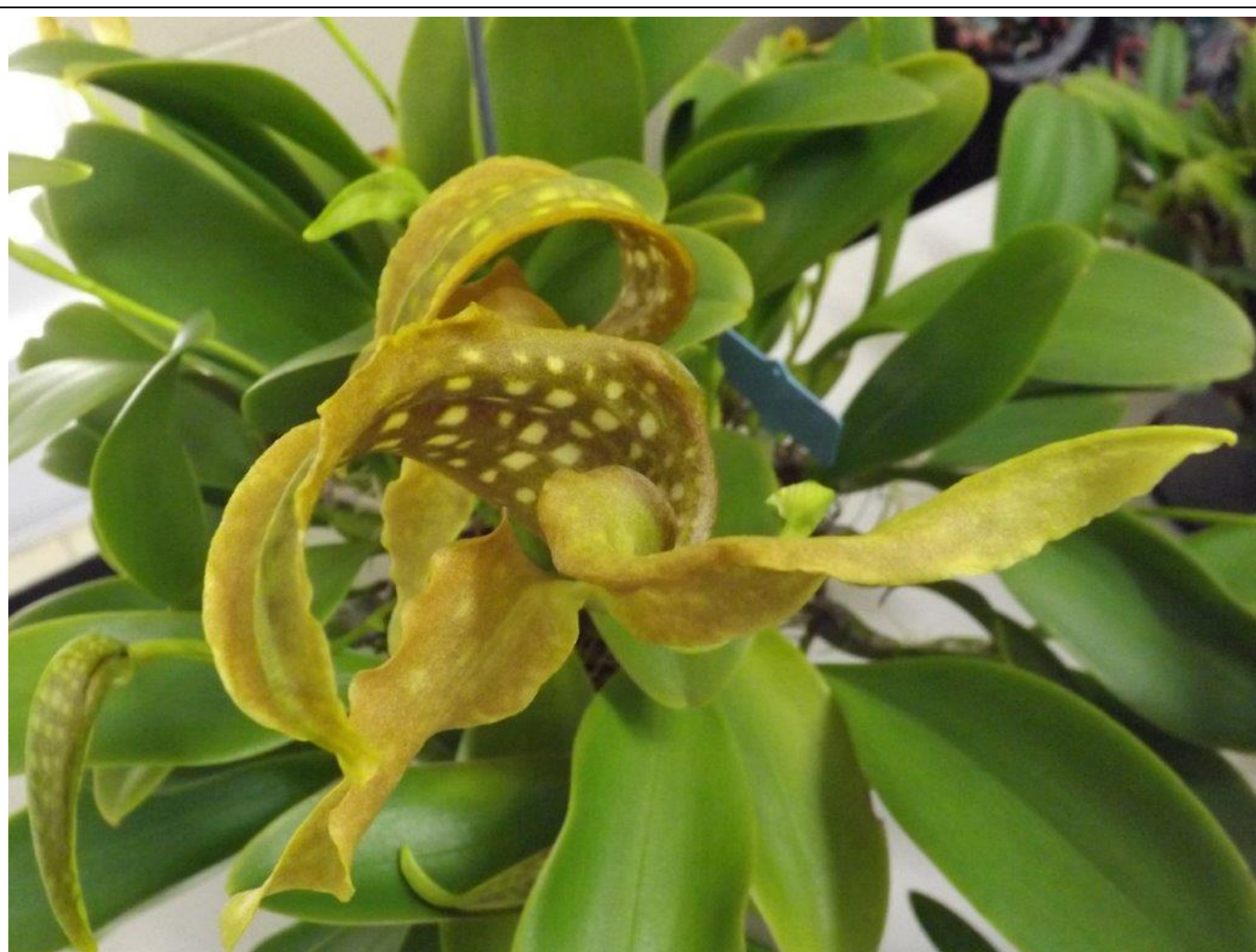
During the smoko break, Jeff and Allison Knowles demonstrated dividing a Cattleya plant. From the size of the huddle around the table, the demonstration was well received by novices and more experienced growers alike. Thank you, Jeff and Allison for a very interesting segment.

Charles related a cautionary tale of trying to rid moss from pots using baking soda, as described on the internet. The baking soda worked well, killing the moss overnight. By the end of the week, several unwanted ferns had browned off nicely BUT so had half the toolumnia collection and all the hybrid cymbidiums!

By the time you receive your May Bulletin, our Winter Show will be only 6 weeks away. Remember to stake the flower spikes early and boost the P and K levels in your fertilizer.

Once again, we have to thank everybody for the cakes and sandwiches you brought to the afternoon tea table, your donation of gifts on the Multi raffle table and purchasing of Raffle Tickets.

Charles Lee



Registrar's Choice April 2019

Species:

Bulbophyllum burfordiense P & M Cooper 81 points

Calendar

(as at 15 May 2019)

Townsville Orchid Society Inc. (TOS)
Australian Native Orchid Society Townsville (ANOS)
Australian Orchid Council (AOC)
Tropical Queensland Orchid Council (TQOC)

May, 2019

- 19 Bowen Field Day
- 24 Management Meeting
- 26 TOS General Meeting

June, 2019

- 8, 9 TQOC Orchid Fair in Townsville
- 21 Management Meeting
- 23 TOS General Meeting

July, 2019

- 12-14 Winter Orchid Show
- 26 Management Meeting
- 28 TOS General Meeting

August, 2019

- 23 Management Meeting
- 25 TOS General Meeting

September, 2019

- 6-8 Spring Orchid Show
- 20 Management Meeting
- 22 TOS General Meeting

October, 2019

- 6 Field Day in Townsville
- 25 Management Meeting
- 27 TOS Annual General Meeting
- 27 TOS General Meeting

November, 2019

- 22 Management Meeting
- 24 TOS General Meeting

Big Ones

July, 2019

Asia Pacific Orchid Conference, APOC13

Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

24th - 28th Orchid Show

25th - 26th Conference

Venue – Borneo Convention Centre, Kuching

14 – 15 September, 2019

STOCQ Orchid Fest and Conference in Rockhampton.

Venue is the Korte's Resort Bruce Highway, Parkhurst

Show prizes: Grand Champion Orchid – at least

\$600.00

2020, 6-16th March

Taiwan International Orchid Show

Tainan, Taiwan

2020, 9-15th March

23rd World Orchid Conference in Taichung, Taiwan

Conference Centre – Fullon Hotel

Exhibition Centre – Waipu Yongfong Park

Possible organised trip.

2023 3 – 11 September

24th World Orchid Conference in Perth WA being staged at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Growing Competition Plants.

Here is a list of the orchids, and their reference numbers, that are currently in the growing competition.

These can be exhibited on the table (at the rear wall of the Hall near the Shop) at meetings. New members are presented with one of these as a gift upon joining the society.

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'



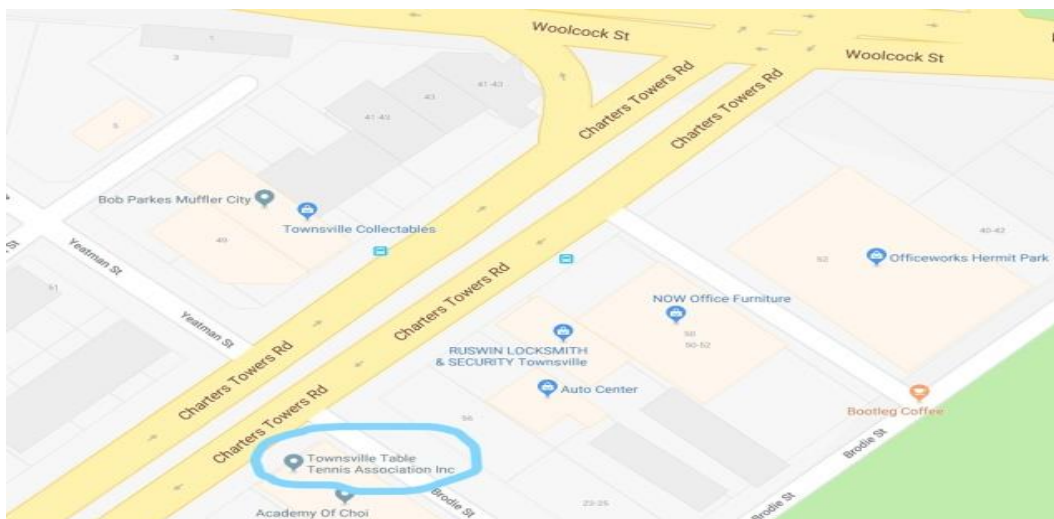
8th & 9th June 2019

Townsville Table Tennis Hall
60 Charters Towers Road, Townsville
Saturday 8am to 4pm *Sunday 8am to 3pm*

Vendors

Alices Orchids, Burbank Orchids, Cape Oasis, Eric Baltrame, Ezi-Gro Orchids, Harbourline Nursery, Hilders Nursery, Hubbards Orchid Nursery, Ivans Orchids, MnS Rawlings, Orchids North, Orchidaceous Supplies, Orchids Mackay, Penninghs Orchids, Sunnyview Orchids, Tings Orchids, Sakdisri & Daughters

Light Refreshments available



Please note the NQ Orchid Fair is sponsored by the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council and has not been organised by Townsville Orchid Society.



Registrar's Choice April 2019

Novice:

Paphiopedilum Edithiae

L. Johnson 80 points



Registrar's Choice April 2019

Open:

Rnst Bangkok Beauty

R & E Dundas 82 points