

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### January 2020 Bulletin

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Annual Membership Fees are due **1<sup>st</sup> September** each year  
Family \$20.00  
Single \$15.00

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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 2020:

Open  
Marie/ Alison

Novice/Species  
Reg/ Warren

### The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

The year 2020 is here with new hope for the future. The Christmas period for me was relatively quiet and nothing to report. I know a number of people who were struggling with health issues and I trust that you are winning the battle. One of my family members is going through a similar situation and we trust that in due course, all will be well.

Our first meeting for the year will be on Sunday 26 January commencing at 1pm. Looking forward a couple of months to April: the first show for the year is on from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We have our General Meeting the following week. The week following that, Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Ingham Field Day. The Bowen Field Day is a fortnight later on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. No rest for the wicked. We will start collecting names etc for the Field Days at the February meeting, once we have worked out bus costs etc.

For some time now, I have not been content with the standard of my orchids. Other growers have the ability to present clean, vigorous and well grown plants at meetings etc. Over the past couple of months, I have reviewed what has worked, what is failing and what needed to improve. I have commenced to use slow release fertilisers (both growth and flowering) as well as increasing the number of times I applied foliar fertilisers on all my plants. I have increased the range of fertilisers that I use and returned to including some iron chelates and magnesium sulphate. The cattleyas have responded with increased size in new growth. The plants look better than they did in previous years. Some plants have responded with more new growths than normal. I am not a fan of this in plants as I believe that the plants share the energy among a number of new growths rather than concentrating on one growth.

In relation to my vandas, I have added a couple of new sprinkler heads into the spray lines to ensure all plants receive water each time they are watered. I had incorrectly thought that they all received adequate water. When a vanda plant is of a suitable size, I usually do not have any mix in the pot. This makes it hard to apply slow release fertilisers with nothing to hold it in place. I have experimented with a few plants and await the results. Most plants are now growing actively, as they should be at this time of the year. A number of plants have flowered for the first time in a number of years.

We all need to review our growing mechanisms on a regular basis. I often advise newer growers to have a look at the prize winners at shows and meetings. Very few plants that are not well grown take out the bigger prizes in the competitions.

I was interested in a recent newsletter from Aranbeem Orchids that about one in a thousand people (that would be me) who purchase orchids are concerned about having the correct name on the plant. Most people

just want a pretty flower. He gave a few examples how pot plant names can affect sales of the plant to the public. He has given many talks on the difference between breeding for show against breeding for the general public. In my opinion a lot of nurseries are concentrating on colour as the major selling point for a plant. Good growing.  
Greg Kelly

## **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday 22nd November 2019**

Meeting opened: 7.30pm by President Greg Kelly

**Present:** Greg Kelly, Terry Ruxton, Robert Rasmussen, June Cairns, Leonie Johnson; Troy McGill, Samantha McGill, Lynne Ryan, Peter Lucke, Robyn Dundas, Noel Grant, Jeff Knowles, Jan Allen.

**Apologies** Ted Boon; Ruth Whiting      **Visitors** Nil

### **Minutes**

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and correct record  
M: G. Kelly                      S: R. Rasmussen                      Carried

Business arising:

Noel Grant advised that 'cattleya' was incorrectly spelt in the minutes. Correction made.

Greg Kelly advised that Cheryl Sim was incorrectly stated as 'Novice' but should be in the 'Open' section. Correction made.

### **Correspondence.**

**Newsletters/Catalogues:** 1. Australian Orchid Review 2. Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Society 3. The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc. 3. AOS - Orchids, The Oncidium Alliance 4. Nightcliff Orchid Society 5. Herbert River 6. Childers and Isis District 7. PROPA- GANDA (Pioneer River Orchid and Plant Association) 8. North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns. 9. Rockhampton Orchid Society

### **Correspondence in:**

Biosecurity Queensland - National Varroa Mite Eradication Program; Letter and cheque from Denise Lincoln; email - Elisabeth Sylvester, Townsville Bulletin - Thank you and link to story; email - Jeff Knowles - TOS shop comments; email - Ruth Whiting on behalf of Doug and Eve Penningh; Mick Hoge - membership enquiry; Complete TAG solutions invoice -\$73.55; Community Information Centre - Membership Application; Philosophie - cleaning Townsville Orchid Hall - invoice \$500; Jeff Knowles - Invoice from Fernland - \$3,391.98; Tenders from Townsville City Council; Notification of Netbank transfer - \$1231.50; Cheque for renewal of membership - John & Judy Smith; Enquiry about hire of hall; American Orchid Society - Renewal Envelope; Cmobile - Invoice \$45.80; Jeff Knowles - Confirmation of receipt of order **Ref Item 10**; Triple T FM103.9 Community Radio Press Release; Taiwan List for October/November; Janelle Stevens – email regarding not receiving bulletin; email from Bill Doherty (Biosecurity) Looking for Cymbidium 'Miss Muffet'; Points from TQOC meeting; Jeff Knowles regarding new constitution; Reply from Joy Rains regarding receipt of Bulletin; email - Reg Dix regarding Christmas party; email - Ava Punchard regarding Christmas party; email - Betty Sherret regarding membership and kind wishes to Committee; receipt from Office of Fair Trading; reply to Bill Doherty (Biosecurity) from Noel Grant regarding 'Miss Muffet'; Christmas card - John Batey TQOC Inc Committee; Invoice from Sunnyview Orchids - \$250 orchids for Christmas Raffle; Peter Lucke - re Judge's meeting; Letter of resignation from Charles Lee (as Society President); WW Closure dates over Christmas period.

**Correspondence Out:** e-mail to G. Kelly regarding concerns about minutes of the AGM; email to Ruth Whiting addressing database issue; returned email – R. Rasmussen regarding hall hire;

AGM minutes to President Kelly; minutes for Newsletter to J. Knowles; Invoice sent to Weight Watchers for Hall Rental – R. Rasmussen; amended AGM minutes to J. Knowles;

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

M. J. Allen                      S: R. Rasmussen                      Carried

Business arising:

Refer Correspondence Item 4: Re TOS Shop

- discussed the increasing popularity of the TOS shop and the difficulty of doing everything manually. The number of people making use of this facility (which is voluntarily stocked and manned by Jeff and Alison Knowles on behalf of the TOS members) indicates that there is a desire for the shop to continue.
- Jeff Knowles has been looking into the purchase of a cash register or a POS system. The desired POS system would include a cash register/drawer, beeper gun, POS software and a printer. Ideally, we would also need a trolley, for ease of movement.
- The POS system could also be used at the Orchid Shows, which would eliminate the tedious job of inputting all the sales.

Motion: That 'TOS Purchase a POS system to the value of not more than \$3000'

Mover. J. Knowles                      Seconder. T. McGill                      Carried

Refer Correspondence Item 23: Re New Constitution

- Jeff Knowles informed the Committee that, in line with requirements, to submit the proposed new TOS Constitution, we must pass a special resolution beforehand. The required written notification has been included in the November bulletin and members will also be notified at the November general meeting.
- Notification in the November bulletin read: The following Special Resolution will be presented at the general meeting of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. to be held on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 which will commence at 1:00pm in The Orchid Hall, Joe Kirwan Park, Charles Street, Kirwan, Qld.:

That "*The proposed new constitution of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be adopted.*"

Mover: J Knowles                      Seconder: R Rasmussen                      Carried

**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: N. Grant                      Carried

Business arising: Terry Ruxton informed that he has a payment for single membership that came into the TOS account which did not have a name attached to it. He will ask at the general meeting on Sunday.

**Vice President Reports:**

**Property (Rob Rasmussen):**

- Graffiti on back wall – police not interested in coming to see it. Robert painted over it - needed new paint as old can was rusted and paint was gluggy.

- Quotes for louvers (check info that Robert sent to Committee members) were discussed. Motion: "That we accept the quote from Townsville Windows and Screens."

M. R. Rasmussen S: R. Dundas Carried

### **Show (Robyn Dundas):**

- no changes to the Show schedule.
- Conversation re shelving constructed by Charles Lee.

In general, the Committee thought they were practical and aesthetically pleasing.

Are 5 shelves making it too high, especially for judging? Could shelves be slightly deeper, and possibly the bottom shelf lower without compromising safety? It was agreed to trial it again at the next meeting (January) and address any issues/suggestions.

Greg Kelly thought 4 would be a good number to purchase as they would be good back to back, side by side up the centre of the display. Must make sure there is access for wheelchairs.

There was discussion as to how and where they could be safely stored and whether we needed a trolley to store them on. Greg Kelly will discuss with Charles Lee.

- Field day for next year – Robyn is concerned that the Society is having trouble getting people in town to open their bush houses. There are 4 avid growers in the Northern beaches area who are willing to open their orchid houses (3 out of 4 each year). Need new town people to volunteer.
- Alice is willing to open her greenhouse but she can't do it on the date that our Field day has been organised.

### **Hospitality (Greg Kelly for Ruth Whiting):**

Christmas party

Caterers have been advised of numbers (107). We need 19 tables – name cards will be used as per last year. Set up will be 1.00pm on Saturday. Caterers will arrive at about 11.30 am.

Robert advised that he had purchased extra water this year and it would be in the kitchen fridge.

- Advised that plants have been purchased for the raffle table.
- Jeff has agreed to do another Trivia Quiz. Raffle tickets as prizes.
- It has been agreed to open the gates for parking.

**New Member Application:** Cathy O'Bryan and Deanne Jorgensen - Novice

### **General Business:**

- Greg Kelly reported from TQOC Meeting:

Orchid Fair to be held at the same location on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. - working to overcome access problems.

TOS to supply tables. Table to be set aside for pamphlets for clubs.

Mackay want TOS to supply plants suitable for breaking up and potting displays.

11 nurseries booked at this stage.

Looking at buying some lectures from America to be available to all member clubs to use.

Offer of a perpetual TQOC trophy? How would we use it? Any suggestions? Maybe photo of grand champion holding the trophy.

Jeff Knowles asked that members are made aware that the shop is the TOS shop – not Jeff and Alison's shop. Jeff and Alison stock and man the shop on a voluntary basis – for the benefit of the members. It is run on wafer-thin profit margins as they endeavour to supply items at low cost to members. It is only run during the Sunday monthly meetings and the small profit made goes to the TOS.

Robert Rasmussen and Noel Grant have asked that we have one minute's silence at this month's Sunday meeting, for Alf Steele, a past member. He was an inspiration and a mentor to Robert and Noel when they were younger.

Librarian (Noel Grant)– Valerie Withers has donated many of Arthur's books on orchids to the Society. Noel will place some in our Library and others will go on the raffle table next year.

When changing signatures for the Bank A/c we were informed that the minutes needed to show the approval of the Committee.

Motion: That 'the three executives – any two of to sign – be permitted to operate the electronic transfer of funds on Club accounts.'

M: T. Ruxton

S: R. Rasmusen

Carried

- Terry Ruxton enquired regarding Mobile ATM's for Shows - \$!50 flat fee per show. Are we interested in trying it out for one show? No final decision made.
- Greg Kelly expressed concern that we don't have a satisfactory system for assisting new member to transition into the club. He has enquired as to how other clubs do it. We need to see if members who are not otherwise occupied at the meeting can help.

Greg Kelly raised the possibility of having club members visit a couple of greenhouses – aside from the Field Day - maybe three times a year.

This would be relatively informal, with no morning/afternoon teas or raffles so that there would be less organisation and no-one would have to be accountable for money from raffles.

Would like to avoid previous problems where a member kindly did this for TOS, then got grilled over money from raffles etc.

Suggestion is that we meet at one house – go through the green house of the first member, then travel to the second location. Preferably different addresses than on the Field Day.

- Terry Ruxton is to follow up on outstanding payments for the Christmas Lunch.
- Jan Allen sought clarification on issues of payment of membership.
- Discussion on the changing demographic of the population concluded that we must ensure that we do not unintentionally discriminate when applications for membership are made. Each application should be considered on its merits. Jeff Knowles will check to ensure our new Constitution is inclusive.
- Leonie Johnson informed that there are changes regarding advertising with the Townsville Bulletin.
- Troy McGill, as a new grower, would like to see monthly meeting speakers talking about different types of orchids, and explaining/showing what a good orchid is, at a depth that would help novices. Maybe concentrating on one type of orchid at a time would be beneficial. Troy McGill suggested that our website needs upgrading as it is not very inviting and quite bland.

Meeting Closed 9.41pm

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Greg Kelly - President

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Jan Allen - Secretary

## Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Meeting opened: 12:04 pm. President Greg Kelly in the chair

**Present** as per attendance list. **Apologies** as per attendance book. **Visitors** as per attendance book.

**Christmas party** – still need to have a brief meeting.

### **Minute silence for the late Alf Steel**

- Former long-term member who passed away earlier this month.
- Unable to continue to attend meetings due to illness.
- Very supportive of newer growers and members.
- He had the unique ability to have some of his better plants in flower at show time.

### **Minutes:**

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

Moved: W. Carlill

Seconded: P. Cooper

Carried

**Business out of minutes.** Nil. **New Correspondence.** Nil.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

Moved: T. Ruxton

Seconded: T. Phillips

Carried.

### **General Business**

- A notice of motion has been tabled relating to the progression of the new constitution:

That "*The proposed new constitution of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be adopted.*" Formal notice was given in the November Bulletin.

This is a friendly reminder that this matter will be voted on at the January 2020 General Meeting.

Life Member Ted Boon is presently a patient at the oncology ward at the TGH. He had been diagnosed with Leukemia and treatment will commence tomorrow (Monday 23/11/19)

Orchid Fair is to be held on 6-7 June next year – same location (Table Tennis Hall, Charters Towers Road). Will be looking for plants to be used in potting demonstrations.

The Society has accepted a quote for \$6820 to replace all louvres in the main hall section. Work will commence in due time. R. Rasmussen will review progress.

The Committee has decided to have another look at the stand that Charles Lee has made. This will occur at the January General Meeting and a decision will consequently be made on the size and number of stands that would be required for use by the Society.

Those new members who had not received plants or booklets were asked to go forward to collect them from Greg Kelly.

- General business from the members: Nil.

**A presentation of trophies was held:**

**IVY NOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY** for best specimen of *Dendrobium discolor* at the Spring Show 2019 – Marie Bloom.

**POPULAR VOTE:** This relates to the member with the largest number of winning popular votes for the section throughout the year.

Novice Section **Keith Day**

Open Section is a Tie – **Robyn Dundas and Bruno Fighera.**

Species Section **Noel and Maureen Grant**

**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE** This is given to the member who received the highest points in their section for a plant over the past year. Judged by Registrar Ted Boon.

Novice – **Lyn Johnson** 80 points

Open Section – **Charles Truscott:** 3 at 83 points, 1 at 82 points. Charlie recently received a First Class Certificate (FCC) for *Dendrobium Memoria Joan Laffey 'Peachy'*. 85.5 points which was the Grand Champion of the TOS Spring Show 2019.

Species Section – **Peter and Mary Cooper** 2 x 81 points. Also awarded Certificate of Cultural Merit (78 points) for *Bulbophyllum burfordiense*.

### **POINTS COMPETITION**

Novice - **Keith Day**

Open - **Trevor and Peggy Jochheim**

Species – **Noel and Maureen Grant**

Aggregate – **Noel and Maureen Grant**

Meeting Closed: 12.21pm

**Our convivial Christmas Lunch and Raffle were then held.**

### **Special Resolution!**

Please note that the following Special Resolution will be presented at the General Meeting of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 which will commence at 1:00pm in The Orchid Hall, Joe Kirwan Park, Charles Street, Kirwan, Qld.:

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### **Ted Boon**

**Update on Ted:** While he is continuing treatment at Townsville University Hospital, he is now an out-patient and is living at home. It is hoped he will be attending our January Management and General Meetings.



### **“Tabled Plants” and “Points Table”**

As no plants were tabled at our November General Meeting due to the Christmas Lunch, and our Points Competition for 2019 finished in October, there will be no “Tabled Plants” or “Points Table” in this month’s Bulletin.

Please bring your flowering Orchids to our January General Meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Do not forget all your Growing Competition plants so we can marvel at their growth!

A splash of colour (for those with emails). This is *Aerides houletiana* ‘Lauren’, which usually flowers in time for the Spring Show each year, except this year when it graced my bush house in early December. Must have been caused by the bushfires!

Noel Grant

