

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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

Details for paying membership fees: BSB: - 064823
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The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

Our waiting for an orchid meeting finally came to an end last month at the July General Meeting. While there were no plant competitions as such, we had a reasonable number of flowers for the attendees to view.

I would like to thank all of the Committee for their involvement in sorting through what we could do for the afternoon. The State Government has not amended the social distancing laws that are applicable for our meetings, so the maximum number of attendees will remain at sixty for the foreseeable future, with no afternoon tea being served. All procedures will remain the same as at the July meeting, with members having to advise Secretary **Jan Allen on 0408 783 777** that they will be attending the meeting. Once sixty has been reached, those members who register after that will be put on a waiting list and advised accordingly. If you register for the meeting, assume that you can attend unless advised otherwise. **At the August meeting, we will return to the plant competitions with no limits on the number of plants that can be entered.**

At the July meeting, the shop was popular and I know another order for stock has been placed. I called a break in proceeding to let people stretch or whatever. It was amazing for me to sit back and watch the interaction between the members. Obviously, many had not seen others for some time and had a lot to say. Great to see.

Whilst the final decision relating to holding our Field Day has not been made yet, I think that there is very little chance that it will proceed. We have a number of issues relating to transport and social distancing that we simply cannot overcome.

The Spring Show will be here shortly and we ask for assistance from all members where possible. I will let Robyn advise what she needs to get things done.

At the July meeting, the attending members of the Townsville Orchid Society voted for the Annual Subscriptions for membership for the next financial year. The fees are \$15 for single and \$20 for family membership. Remember that with the new Constitution, under which we are now operating, there are only two types of membership, single or family and you will be in one or the other. Terry, the Treasurer, has indicated that he would prefer payments to be made electronically (bank details are at the top of page 1 of each monthly Bulletin) and reminds members to add information so he knows who the money is coming from (e.g. membership number, family name).

The club continues in a fairly solid financial situation. We have, however, missed the financial advantage from two cancelled shows and our long-term tenant Weight Watchers, who have advised they no longer will be using the hall, with their meetings being conducted online. The hall is available for rental and is very well situated for most people. If you know of anyone wanting to rent on a **regular basis**, especially in business hours perhaps you could ask them to speak with

Hall Vice President, Robert. The hall will not be rented for parties due to damage that has occurred previously.

With a few hotter days in the past week, I can see new growths and roots on many of my plants. I have a couple of old favourites in flower at the moment that should have been out in a month's time for the Spring Show. As "They" say, a day or two can make a difference as to which plants takes out the titles at the shows.

Good growing.

Greg Kelly

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday 17th July, 2020

Meeting opened: 7.36 pm by President Greg Kelly

Present: Greg Kelly, Leonie Johnson, Peter Lucke, Jeff Knowles, June Cairns, Troy and Sam McGill, Lynne Ryan, Ted Boon, Noel Grant, Terry Ruxton, Jan Allen, Robyn Dundas.

Apologies: Robert Rasmussen, Ruth Whiting.

Minutes

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

M: N. Grant

S: L. Ryan

Carried

Business arising:

Correspondence.

Newsletters/Catalogues:

Mail Inwards: Garden Club - Plan to recommence meetings in the Hall: Cloud recording; Searching for Myrmecatanavola (Mcv.) Frances Fox 'Sun Spots' x 6; Fortuity Pty Ltd t/as WW Australia - Certificate of Currency 2020-2021; June minutes feedback; C mobile Account; Acknowledgement of receipt of cheque - Orchid Qld Inc; Query - *Phalaenopsis amabilis*; Discontinuation of Hall hire -WW; RHSV AFFILIATION AND INSURANCE - Evidence of cover; Communications from TOS - Charles Lee; AOCC 2021 Show Schedule Sponsorship request; Acer – registration; Request for sympathy cards; Robyn Harrison's Notes & images of orchid culture booklets; Cloud recording; Request to join Society; Request to Noel to put New Constitution on website; Charlie Truscott's talk on Spider mites; Refund request; email from Fair Trading 18/06

Mail Outwards: Orchids Qld. Inc Membership Application/Renewal for 2020 – 21 and cheque; RHSV Insurance and Affiliate Information – with cheque; Cards of condolence x 3; TOS Survey - July meeting; TOS Bulletin June 2020 - members and clubs; Zoom meeting reminder; reply to membership query.

New Member Applications: Nil

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

M: J. Allen

S: T. McGill

Carried

Business arising:

Weight Watchers have pulled out. That is \$150 a week in lost revenue.

We had 56 members respond to the Survey regarding attending the July meeting. Jan will contact members again to make sure they are still coming and convey set rules for attendance.

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: G. Kelly

S R. Dundas

Carried

Business arising: R. Rasmussen to work out refund for WW.

Vice President Reports

Property (on behalf of R Rasmussen): The motion was put forward, that - "The society agrees that Robert Rasmussen may purchase tools, to the value of approximately \$100 to hold at the Orchid Hall to repair small problems."

M. G. Kelly

S. N. Grant

Carried

Show (R Dundas): Organisation for Spring Show is underway.

- All agreed to organise the show with the idea that it will go ahead, then we will see what is happening closer to the event.
- Rosters done ready to go – will be filled out at the July meeting.
- Robyn suggested that we have a couple of marquees erected outside for volunteers who are there for long hours to have a cuppa and sit down.
- Volunteers will be required to keep a check on how many people are in the Hall. Need to work out a system – possibly a ticket system or radio contact (T. McGill informed that he has radios if we need to borrow them).
- Peter Lucke presented the Committee with ‘Attachment C: COVID Safe Event Checklist’ which is relevant to this type of event.
- Look into what signs need to be made up for physical distancing etc.
- Jeff will organise a refresher course on POS before the event.
- ‘Box Day’ organised for Thursday 13th August from 9.00am.

Field Day – when do we start organising the Field Day?

- Robyn to check on buses.

Could we just have a Sales Day rather than a Field day? Food for thought.

Zoom (Jeff Knowles) – Positive feedback about meetings. Not a lot of members joined in. Average of 25 people per meeting. No plans to continue if meetings are to resume in the Hall.

Shop (J. Knowles): Plans to sell products at the meeting in July. Possibility of sharing orders for chemicals - e.g. Paramite – advantages of reduced cost by sharing but shop can't do it. TOS shop will not get involved in decanting the product. Order done some time between two meetings. Jeff will inform members at monthly meeting.

General Business:

The Committee discussed how we were going to organise a COVID19-safe meeting.

1. Working bee Saturday 25th July at 2.00pm to set up for Sunday's meeting.
2. Troy & Sam to tick off people from the list that was drawn from the survey.
3. Attending member numbers will be put into the draw for the lucky door prizes.
4. Raffle table – tickets to be sold at separate tables from attendance register.
5. Set up chairs at appropriate distancing.
6. Signage – Jan to organise
7. Bring afternoon tea and drinks themselves.
8. No more than 10 plants per member number
9. No judging at the meeting – just registrar's choice.

Motion to be put to the general members that “We recommend that next year's fees be set at \$20 per family and \$15 single.”

M. G. Kelly

S

L. Johnson

Carried

Change of by-laws. Jeff handed out suggestions for deletions, additions, and corrections to our current by-laws. Flexibility needed.

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Minutes from the July General Meeting held Sunday 26th July 2020

Meeting opened: 1.00pm by President Greg Kelly

Present: 52 as per attendee list.

Apologies: Hung Ta; Joy Rains; Pam Cooper; Janelle Stevens; Ada Punchard.

Minutes

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

M: G. Kelly

S: J. Cairns

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence.

No new correspondence since Management Meeting on 17th July 2020

Business arising: New constitution has been approved.

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 J. Johnson

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Vice President Reports

Show (R Dundas): Holding Spring Show from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September.

Due to COVID19 changes will have to be made:

- no morning teas
- no tables set up outside kitchen as usual.
- Outdoor marquees for working members only
- draft of what to do at the front door.
- allowing 70 in hall at one time – that includes volunteers
- holding refresher course for POS cashiers.
- box day – need help on Thursday 13th August at 9.00am.
- showed checklist of rules and regulations for holding the show.
- order forms for barcodes for the plants.
- rosters to be handed around – extra one for COVID19 duty

Property (R Rasmussen): WW has stopped hiring the Hall. Greg Kelly mentioned that we are looking for new groups to make up the shortfall.

Reports from:

Shop: (Jeff Knowles): Putting an order in. Need to confirm orders. Options for bark – 3 choices (see Jeff for detail). Prices are estimates only.

Pesticides – the shop does not handle pesticides – will not decant pesticides. Shop will be happy to order product but groups of people must plan to share cost and product.

Jeff explained what the different names of the pesticides were and for what they were generally used. He researched prices from wholesalers and compared them with Bunnings prices. Products included:

- mancozed, Imidacloprid (Environmax), Azadiractin, Eco Neem oil. – for sale at Bunnings, Natrasoap, Eco oil, Etoxazole (miticide) Paramite 5L - \$1364

Charlie Truscott spoke about the benefits of Paramite – a non-toxic chemical (more environmentally friendly). Long shelf life of 6 years.

Recommends to only use once a season – mites will build up a resistance if you use them too often – change types of chemicals throughout the year.

Robert mentioned that we do not need to buy 1 Litre of some products as you only use half a ml per 1 Litre of water.

POS barcode from last meeting are out the front – collect if ordered.

General Business:

Before the meeting Greg Kelly advised members that long-time member Lesley Verran passed away in May. Member Ron Scott's wife Kerry passed away in July as did Alan Sim, husband of member Edith Sim and father of Cheryl. Attendees stood for a minute's silence in recognition of the three deceased.

A recommendation for setting of fees for next year was passed at the Management Committee. This motion, that "We recommend that next year's fees be set at \$20 per family and \$15 single", was put to the members.

M. T. Boon

S K. Owens

Carried

Our Field Day may have to be cancelled. An alternative recommendation is to have a 'Sale day' in the Hall for members instead. This appeared to be popular with the members who were in attendance.

Since our February meeting we have held a variety of Zoom meetings every fortnight. We had between 25 and 35 people online. In July, Jeff spoke about *Bulbophyllums*, Robert on *Phalaenopsis* and Robyn on how she grows her plants and the method she uses etc.

Decisions to close Shows were sent out to members via email and some needed to be sent out via mail. If people have emails, we would prefer to send out information that way.

Ted Boon awarded the Registrar's choice – Species: *V. lamellata*, Charles Lee; Hybrid: Onc Twinkle 'White Blush', Deb Blanchard.

Peter Lucke talked about *Rhynchosyilis gigantea* and some hybrids. He spoke about the perfume. Recommended to repot now. Take care with roots on *Rhynchosyilis* – if you break or cut them, they will shrivel up.

Noel Grant gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Ascocendas* (now *Vandas*).

Peter Lucke thanked contributors for placing photos on our Facebook page. It has gathered a great deal of interest from the public.

Meeting Closed at 3.00pm

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

SHOW TIME!

Hello Everyone,

With a lot of luck, we will be holding our 1st Orchid Show for the year – the 2020 Spring Show – from Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be a few changes to the setup of the hall:

Firstly, the kitchen will not be open for food distribution, also the dining tables will not be set up, due to social distancing requirements. I have a couple of Marquees which will be set up outside, at the back of the hall, for volunteer workers only. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be supplied along with the hot water urn. BYO lunch etc.

Rosters were handed around at the July General Meeting, but there are still a few vacancies available. A 2nd roster has been made up for volunteers to collect the names and address of everyone who enters the hall, so for those who would like to help out, there are vacancies on this roster also. The rosters will be available at the August General Meeting on Sunday 23rd August. We are endeavouring to abide by the Qld Gov Covid-19 rules and regulations for social distancing and sanitising etc. Hand sanitiser will be supplied by the club at the front door for everyone to use. Numbers will be restricted to 70 people at any one time to be in the hall, including volunteer workers. A one-way system will operate, with attendees entering by the front door and exiting through the rear door, past the sales cashier. If volunteers leave the hall via the back door for lunch in the marquees etc, and wish to re-enter, please enter through the front door, so you can be counted.

We will be holding a refresher course for the new point-of-sale system (the new cash register) for those working the roster of cashier and assistant cashier. Jeff Knowles will be organising a date and time, so stay tuned. All members wishing to sell plants etc at the Spring Show will need to have their items tagged with the new barcode stickers which show price and members' TOS number. If you do not have your barcode stickers for the Spring Show, please access your order through the TOS website at <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au/>. They will be collected at the August meeting, so they can be printed out in time for the Show.

Set-up for the Show will be from 10am on Thursday 10th September and we would appreciate any assistance from members. Please do not bring plants into the hall prior to 1pm. Plants for judging must be tabled before 7pm Thursday 10th September.

Box Day was held on Thursday 13th August and I would like to thank Greg Kelly, Lyn Ryan, Noel Grant and Kevin Owens for working so hard to sort out and cut up the mountain of boxes ready for the Show. There were so many boxes I didn't think we were going to see the light of day, but of course we made it! Great team work, guys.

Spread the word and hopefully we will have another successful Spring Show.

Happy growing & stay safe

Robyn Dundas
Show Chairperson



Registrar's Choice August 2020-

Species 79 points

Vanda lamellata

C. Lee



**Registrar's Choice August
2020-**

Hybrid 80 points

Onc. Twinkle 'White Blush'

D. Blanchard