

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



September 2020 Bulletin

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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
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.

The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

There is important news about the issues facing the Townsville Orchid Society in these comments. Please take the time to read through what you think is relevant to you.

Cancellation of the August Meeting and the Spring Show

I wish to apologise for the late cancellation of our August meeting. I arrived home on the Saturday (the day before the meeting date) about lunchtime. By that time a number of committee members had called to advise the changes to the meeting numbers, effective immediately, that had been released that morning by the State Government. We would be restricted to only 30 able to be in the hall. I had also received a number of emails regarding the same subject. I spoke with senior members of the committee and a decision was made to cancel the meeting, which was going to be on the next day. Due to time constraints relating to the Spring Show, a decision was also made to cancel that show as we could not operate with only 30 persons in the hall at a time. I am just as frustrated as you, as I was waiting for the numbers able to attend to increase, not decrease.

Whilst some members did not see the cancellation, I was surprised and pleased by the numbers of members attending the hall on the Sunday to avail themselves of the shop and pay their membership fees.

Future Meetings.

Since the August meeting was cancelled, inquiries have been made regarding what the club can lawfully do and how do we get to that point.

The Garden Club recently held a meeting at the hall with similar numbers to our hall capacity of 60 attendees. Terry, who is also a member of the garden club, arranged to collect their reasoning to enable them to hold such a meeting. I also spoke to their President to ascertain some finer details.

I made several phone calls to the Queensland Government Covid-19 hotline and as a consequence, a TOS Covid-19 Plan has been completed. In conjunction with an event checklist which will be completed and displayed, the club will be able to revert back to having 60 members in the hall.

The September meeting will proceed as scheduled. All the practices that were put in place for the August meeting will stand for future meetings, until restrictions ease. These include the plant competitions continuing and the registering of your intentions to attend the meeting. It is to be understood that if you register to attend a meeting, you will not be advised that you can attend; you will only be contacted if your attendance exceeds the permitted number of members in the hall. **After registering, if you hear nothing from the Secretary you do not need to do anything else but attend the meeting.**

Annual General Meeting.

This will proceed as scheduled in conjunction with the October Meeting. Nomination forms are elsewhere in this Bulletin. Remember that you cannot nominate or be nominated for any position if you are unfinancial. Whilst the club can function with some committee members missing, it cannot work if we do

not have a Secretary, Treasurer and a President. Terry Ruxton cannot return as Treasurer due to the new Constitution. We will need a new Treasurer this year. Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Dues for the next year have been set and it is preferred that you pay your subscriptions electronically if possible (payment details are at the top of Page 1).

Christmas Party.

There will be no usual Christmas Party this year for a number of reasons. The Committee is still open for suggestions in this regard. At the moment there probably will be a November General Meeting with plants displayed and possibly judged, followed by an afternoon tea which may be supported to some degree by club funds. (Similar to the July Meeting last year).

This will be followed by a raffle which again will not be as extravagant as last year but may be supported by the club. Nothing has been finalised. Suggestions are welcome.

Members Sales Day.

This will be held on Sunday 1st November from 9am to 2pm. Members will have to provide their own cash float and manage their own sales. It will be necessary to have people on the door to obtain personal details of sellers and attendees as required for Covid-19 contact tracing.

Something about orchids.

This is simply a great time of the year for me as it is Tolumnia time. At the moment I have about fifty plants in flower, and about the same with developing flower spikes. I will speak briefly about two plants, both of which were given to me and are flowering for the first time. The first is a species, *Tolu urophylla*, which is in an 80mm pot and has eight spikes on it. The flowers are small and in today's terms not well shaped. The bright yellow flowers are well spaced. You can see by the number of flower spikes and their ability to support themselves that these traits would be welcomed by hybridisers when creating new hybrids.

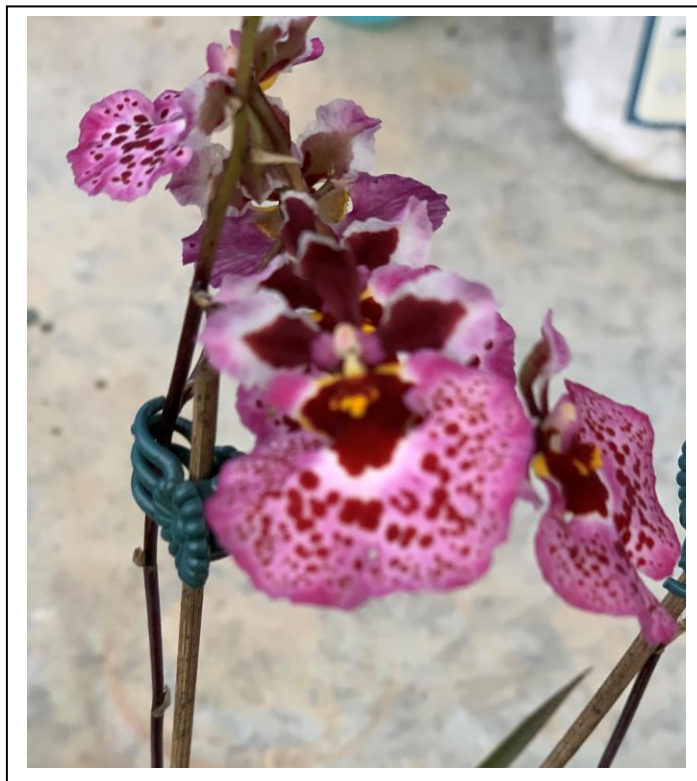
The second is Tolu Tiny Tim which is a primary hybrid (a crossing of two species - *Tolumnia triquetra* x *Tolumnia guianensis* – both from the Caribbean). This plant is in a 50mm pot with two spikes. Flowers are reasonably big with a very nice skirt. Flowers are white with heavy speckles of red/black across the flower, (see below) Apologies for the blurry photograph. Looking at the species that made this plant I have to wonder how the two species ever produced a plant of this quality. I believe that Tolu Tiny Tim has been line bred (breeding with the best flowers of a cross to obtain higher quality flowers). One just has to marvel at the beauty of flowers produced by species in the first place but then manipulated by man to produce other plants through hybridizing which may be deemed, by some, to be far superior to the original flower. Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.

Good growing.

Greg Kelly



Tolu urophylla



Tolu. Tiny Tim

Nomination form for the election of Officers

We hereby nominate

for the position of

Proposer: Name..... Signature:

Seconder: Name: Signature:

I accept the above nomination
(Signature)

Nominations for the positions of Office Bearers and Committee of Management must be in the hands of the Returning Officer **fourteen (14) clear days** before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Nominations." This envelope must then be handed to the Returning Officer or placed in a second envelope and posted to the Returning Officer care of the Society's postal address.

The Postal Address of the Society:
Townsville Orchid Society Inc.
PO Box 836
Aitkenvale QLD 4814

Committee of Management:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice President - 3:
 - Shows,
 - Hall,
 - Hospitality,
- Committee members - 4

Other Officers (these officers do not need to attend the Management meetings)

- Patron
- Editor
- Librarian
- Technical Officer
- Programme Director
- Hosts - 3

Others to be nominated:
Auditor

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Proxy Form

I,..... of

being a member of the above-named Society, hereby

appoint..... of.....

or failing them,

..... of.....,

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society,

to be held on the twenty-fifth day of October 2020 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed thisday of.....2020.

Signature.....

Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as they think fit

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 21st August, 2020

Meeting opened: 7.35pm by President Greg Kelly

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

Minutes

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

M: T. Boon

S: T. McGill

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence.

Newsletters/Catalogues: Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc July newsletter; MACLEAN & DOS INC. JULY 2020 BULLETIN; IOS Newsletter June 2020; Potpourri Herb Society North Queensland; August 2020 Newsletter TATOS; EDOS Inc Newsletter July 2020; August NOS magazine; Ecuagenera list for August/September 2020; Orchids Australia - August; Orchids May - AOS; Orchids July - AOS;

Cancellations: Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show: Maclean & District Orchid Soc. Inc Spring Show: Maryborough District Orchid Society Orchid Show - September

Mail Inwards: COVID safe event checklist; Review of By-Laws response; Request to add person to mailing list; Details of Netbank payments x 3; Hung Sheng Paphiopedilum list for July/August 2020; Cash Register Warehouse invoice & receipt - labels x 2; Growing from a cutting; TOS meeting responses x 2; COVID safe event checklist - responses; Enquiry about freight; Query re receipt of correspondence; Tips for growing; Apologies x 2; Thank you from Edith and Cheryl Sim; Next TQOC meeting advice; Enquiry on Hall hire; Next Meeting x 2; Shop report - and responses; AOC AGM and BOM agenda; Shop order; AOC agenda advice; AOC2021 update; July Bulletin was not produced; Amendments to TQOC meeting information; Invoice INV-0699 from Need Some Help for Townsville Orchid Hall; OQI Financial report; Motion to accept OQI Financial report; Pop Up Carols 2020; C-mobile Account; Vale Neale Marxsen; Better Together Breakfast invitation; Wine and Paint in the Hall; Request to be included in next meeting; Invoice from Fernland; Re: Tax Invoice - 31265472 From GKR TRANSPORT SA; Reminder to Committee members re meeting; Membership fees; Query re member correspondence; Apologies x 2; TQOC Inc Invoice; Rates notice; Further Changes to AOC meetings; Invoice from Fernland – Jeff; Working bee for bark x 3; Wine & Painting Nights at the Orchid society

Mail Outwards: Need Some Help - Cleaning of Orchid Society Hall; August Meeting Registration; TOS August Newsletter.

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

M: J.Allen

S: T. Ruxton

Carried

Business arising: 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: R. Whiting

S: L. Ryan

Carried

Business arising: Refunded some hire and security deposit to Weight Watchers.

Vice President Reports

Property (R Rasmussen):

- New Tenant – one night a month – wine and painting evening. We will have to set up on Sundays.
- Weight Watchers have finished Australia wide in regional centres.
- Outside lights – three not working. Robert will check on Sunday.
- Proposed dates for Shows next year?
 - 2021 - Autumn Show - April 9th, 10th, 11th
 - Winter Show - July 9th, 10th, 11th
 - Spring Show - September 17th, 18th, 19th.
- 2021 Field Day - October 10

Show (R Dundas):

- Sales tables are smaller than usual due to several sellers having health problems.
- Rosters almost full.
- Flyer – look at entry price.

- Not going to do special raffle for Alice.
- Need table setup for show. Spread out.
- Formally abandon the field day – go with a plant sale instead. Charge per table – check with members who want to sell plants. Need to manage according to COVID19 rules.

Hospitality (R Whiting):

- Christmas Party – how can we work it with the COVID19 rules? Maybe a barbeque? Discuss at Sunday's meeting.

Editorial – (Noel Grant)

- We need to check the register and get rid of the obsolete equipment that is cluttering up the corner area. Terry will find the register and let us know.
- Jeff to look at updating the by-laws.

New Member Applications: Nil

General Business:

- Plant competition to be back to normal.
- Ted unsure of who the judges will be.
- AGM – nomination forms to go into the next bulletin. – definitely need a new Treasurer.
- TQOC Meeting in September – Greg usually goes to it.
- Zoom subscription – cancel for now.
- Jeff – orders have arrived. Bought a 5m HDMI cable for presentations.
- Advertising – Leonie to organise Facebook advertising for Show.
- Leonie – media release will mention changes due to COVID19.
- Ruth – will acquire paper plates, spoons for Members.
- Terry would like to move a motion that:

'A float be drawn for the Spring Show to the value of \$2,205.'

M. T. Ruxton

S P. Lucke

Carried

Meeting Closed at 8.46

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Note from the Editor: the above Minutes should be read with the knowledge that the August Meeting and the Spring Show were both cancelled the next day due to Covid-19 restriction changes by the Queensland Government.

Mail Delivery of the Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin

Australia Post recently announced that it would be reducing mail delivery to homes in Townsville to every second day during the week.

We make every effort to post the Bulletin (to those members without email) on the Monday before the monthly General Meeting, which is held on the 4th Sunday every month except December. Many members use the arrival of the Bulletin as a reminder the meeting is on next weekend.

We are concerned that, due to Australia Post's delivery reductions, the Bulletin may not reach members in the week before the monthly General Meeting, and would appreciate if those members who receive the printed version could pay close attention to when Australia Post delivers this September 2020 edition to their home.

In the unlikely event it is delivered **after** the General Meeting is held, and you had intended to attend the Meeting, please contact Noel Grant on 4773 7708.

Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of

The Australian Orchid Foundation

to hear the guest speaker

Gary Yong Gee

How do you condense Gary's story into just a few lines?

Gary is an amateur photographer, grower of species orchids and a judge. He has travelled the world photographing orchids for over 30 years. His knowledge of orchid species of the world cannot be matched. He is an avid conservationist, promoting conservation of orchids world-wide. For this AGM he is focusing on our own orchids.

His topic: Australian Epiphytic Orchids

Most of Australia's orchids are terrestrial, however, approximately 15% are found growing on trees and rocks around the northern and eastern habitats of the country. Gary's presentation will cover a range of epiphytic species, with an emphasis on those which are not very often seen in cultivation.

Venue: Wherever you happen to be as this will be a ZOOM MEETING

Date: Saturday, 24th October, 2020

Time: 2pm for AGM

followed by Gary's presentation

Unfortunately, for this meeting, afternoon tea is BYO!

PLEASE EMAIL:

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FOR THE LINK TO THE MEETING

TOS Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in October and all Management Committee positions will be vacant.

Now is the time to step up and assist the Society in whatever capacity you can. We are always looking for new blood on the Committee, and your help would be much appreciated.

Nominations forms are shown above and will also be available at the September meeting, but please note they must be submitted before Sunday the 11th of October (2 weeks before the AGM).

Reminder: Annual membership fees were due 1st September.

These fees may be paid at our September meeting or online (see payment details on Page 1).

If you remain un-financial, you will be unable to vote at our Annual General Meeting in October!