

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



November 2020 Bulletin

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Family \$20.00
Single \$15.00

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

Welcome to all.

This is my last 'blurb' for the year. It cannot be said that this year has not been different, with Covid-19 rules and conditions changing frequently over a period of months. Our members were forced to desert meeting and shows, often at very short notice due to the restrictions placed upon all Queenslanders.

We were very fortunate that we had some money in our bank account, as the club has had no income for months but still had to pay the bills that keep coming in. Recently the situation has settled to some degree with the Townsville Orchid Society being able to function whilst complying with Covid-19 rules. If these rules do not change markedly in the near future, I believe that we will be in a solid position to work through most situations.

Reading Bulletins produced by other clubs throughout the state, I see there are numbers of clubs who have not been in a position to hold a meeting for some time. Some of the clubs indicate that their meetings will only recommence when restrictions ease further. We have been able to hold a number of meetings, including an Annual General Meeting and a Members Sales Day without any serious issues arising. We are doing okay for ourselves.

Our Annual General Meeting was conducted with just about all positions being filled. You may have noticed that the number of Committee members has been reduced as a consequence of changes made by our new Constitution. Congratulation to those who nominated and were appointed to positions on the Management Committee. Commiserations to those who nominated but did not attain a position after voting was conducted - please do not stop participating, as the club needs members such as you, who want to be involved and to contribute.

We held our Members Sales Day on Sunday, 1st November, where members had the opportunity to sell their plants in our hall to other members and the public. Fifteen members sold plants. All TOS members were allowed to peruse/shop for about 45 minutes before the public were admitted. An astounding queue of people reached down the front ramp across the carpark to the driveway! There were very few complaints from the public about queuing and waiting in the sun. I had been concerned over numbers as this was a low-key event in terms of advertising, but more than 300 members of the public streamed through the front door, in addition to the members attending to buy plants. Many of the public thanked us for putting the event on, showing there is a pent-up demand for these types of events. The vast majority of vendors were more than happy with the sales; members had an opportunity to buy/sell plants and make room to buy more; the club made a tidy sum out of the door and the raffle, and all attendees complied with our Covid-19 Rules and our social-distancing requests.

May I give a special thanks to those who volunteered on the entry door and exit to ensure that we maintained correct numbers in the hall. They did not sell plants but participated for the betterment of the club. Thanks to Robyn and Jan for their work in preparing the layout and forms for the day. Thanks also to Leonie Johnson for managing the Facebook page and getting some free advertising for the event.

Lastly, may I thank all members who arrived basically at a given time to participate and left when requested, in order that the event could flow. This certainly could be considered a trial run if we have to host shows next year under similar conditions. A few things need to be fine-tuned but nothing major.

Our November General Meeting will be a shortened version of normal meetings. There will be the usual plant competitions (I noticed numbers voting in the popular vote were down last meeting). There will be a short presentation and a brief discussion of the plants and then we will have an afternoon tea. The club will supply some food but please help by bringing a plate. We will finish up with a raffle that is also being supported by the club (but not as much as last year). Please try to bring a desirable raffle prize.

We rarely have a plant competition at a November meeting, so this is an opportunity to display your flowering orchids that usually remain hidden in the bush house over the Christmas break.

Good growing.
Greg Kelly

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday 23rd October, 2020

Meeting opened: 7.30pm by President Greg Kelly

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

Apologies: Ruth Whiting

Minutes

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

M: J. Knowles

S: S. McGill

Carried

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence.

Newsletters/Catalogues:

Mail Inwards: New member question and responses; Annual Membership advice – receipt; TQOC Meeting; TQOC Meeting notes; Details of a Netbank transfer; TOS - Shop Sales 27 September 2020; Request for Reg's talk; Nomination for Committee position; Query about show/sales dates; Query re membership status; Receipt from TQOC Inc – post; Membership application; Ergon Energy Qld - refund \$532.38 cheque; Bank Statement; Notification of Branch closure; OrchidWiz 7.0; Apology re meeting; Pricing update – Fernland; Request for Reg's talk.

Mail Outwards: TOS September Bulletin; Member - email delivery problems; Response to email - wishing to become a member; Membership enquiry responses.

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

M: J. Allen

S: R. Dundas

Carried

Business arising: Nil

New Member Applications: Glenys Rowe – accepted - Novice

Treasurer's Report

Motion: That the Auditor's Report be accepted.

M. T Ruxton

S. T Boon.

Carried

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 R. Rasmussen

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Vice President Reports

Show (R Dundas):

Sales Day: Plan for table set-up.

Set up: 10.00am Saturday morning and Greg 7.30 Sunday morning. Hall is being used on Saturday so plants cannot be set up until the Sunday morning.

Vendors need to be ready to sell to members by 8.30am. Members to come in through the back door.

Hospitality (R Whiting):

Christmas Party: 4 pizzas and 2 cheesecakes + 2 cakes from Cakes on Carthew.

Check for paper plates and serviettes. Members also to bring a plate.

No shop November meeting.

Preparation on Sunday morning 11.00am

Raffle plants – spend \$300 - \$150 each from Peter and Alice. Members welcomed to bring in a raffle prize.

By-laws (J. Knowles):

Discussion of terminology in By-laws.

Fair and equitable – New wording open to the interpretation of the Show Marshall. This suggestion was rejected.

Motion: 'That we adopt the new by-laws as discussed at the Meeting'

M. J. Knowles

S. L. Ryan

Carried

By-laws will be published on website.

General Business:

1. AGM – seven candidates for 4 Committee member positions. Greg has prepared a voting sheet.

Motion: Move that Robyn Dundas takes the place of Noel Grant as scrutineer for the election of Committee members.

M. G. Kelly

S T. Boon.

Carried

2. Honorary Membership – Greg Kelly mentioned the need to give 'Honorary Membership' to members who are not well and have made a valuable contribution to the Society. He feels we are leaving it too late to acknowledge these members.

Motion: That we make Alan Hughes an Honorary Member of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

M. G. Kelly

S. T. McGill

Carried

3. Congratulations to Robyn Dundas whose article on growing her orchids was published in the recent *Orchids Australia* magazine. A great achievement. Robyn mentioned that the magazine also published a group photo which included Peter Lucke and herself from an Orchid Conference they attended before COVID.

4. Jan suggested that brooms and cleaning equipment to the value of \$250 could be considered when applying for a Council grant. We are limited as to what we can purchase. Jan to make the application.

5. Leonie – lots of enquiries about the Sales day.

6. Robert – recommended that Reg's talk on Fertilisers should go on our website.

7. Shop – bought some items from Cairns – brought back by Robert and Robyn.

8. Ted – November. Ted will delay his talk until next year as it needs more time than is available during the November meeting. A short video regarding fungi and treatment could possibly be used instead.

9. Membership – membership register will be used for members attending Sales Day at 8.30am. Will just need to give time in and time out beside their names.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

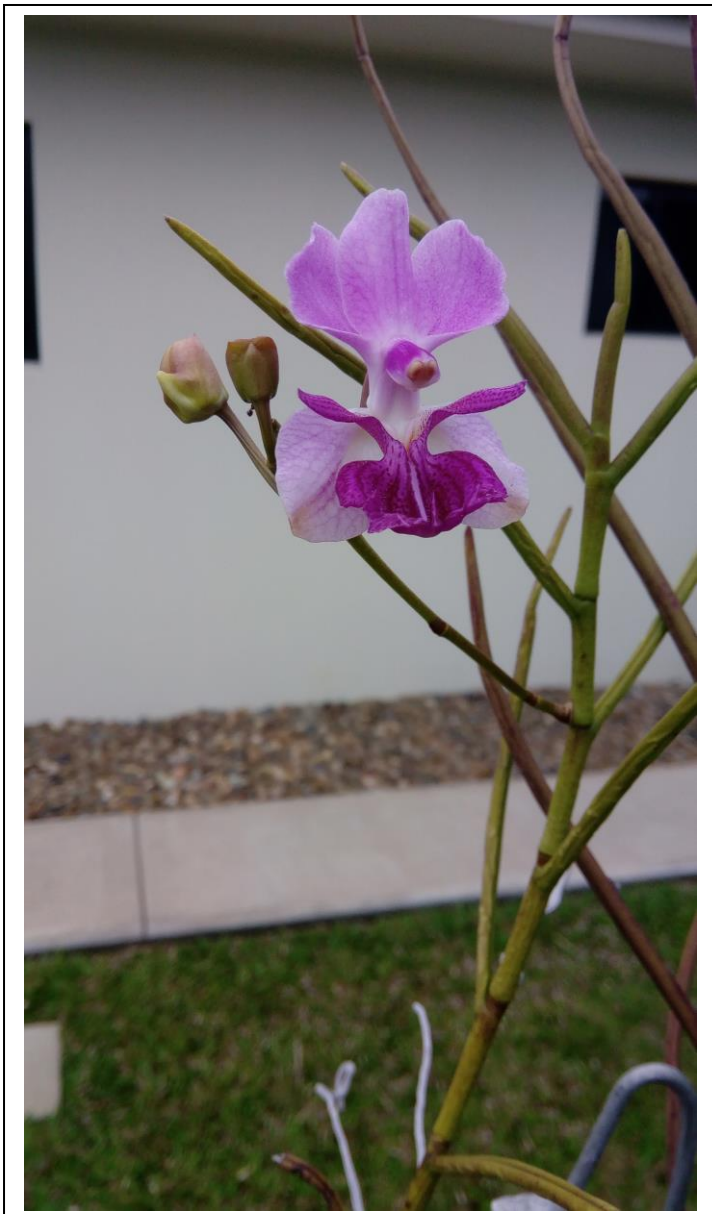
Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Flowering of Un-named Vanda

Members will recall that, in the middle of 2019 (or was it 2020?), Greg Kelly received a donation of a tangled mass of an overgrown, uncared-for orchid plant, which was an un-named terete-leaved Vanda. He carefully untangled the intertwined puzzle and gave pieces to those attending a Townsville Orchid Society meeting – I apologise that I did not note the date on my tag at the time.

I am pleased to say my plant has now flowered!



I am interested to know if other TOS members have also flowered their plant. Please let us know at the November meeting.

My plant was grown in full sun, as all terete-leaved Vandas should be – I tied it to a garden stake which I inserted in the corner of a garden bed next to my tomatoes. Terete leaves are specially adapted to keep water loss at a minimum – you will note the leaves are curled tightly to reduce the area exposed to the sun's heat.

I am also keen to know if anyone knows the name of this Vanda – I have a strong feeling that it is Vanda (now Ple.) Amy (*Papilionanthe hookeriana* x *Papilionanthe tricuspidata*), a popular Vanda in days gone by, which I grew on a wire fence at my previous home but forgot to bring when we moved.

If you have the correct name, please tell us at the November meeting.

Noel Grant

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 25th October 2020

Meeting opened 1:03 pm. President Greg Kelly in the chair

Present 44 members as per Registration list.

Apologies Reg Dix, Ros Tappenden

Proxies Nil

Minutes

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

M: M. Soper

S: S. Woods

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Auditor's Report

Motion: "That the 2019/2020 auditor's report be accepted".

M: T Ruxton

S: R. Dundas

Carried

President's Report

President Greg Kelly's report was presented.

Motion: "That the President's report be accepted"

M: G. Kelly

S: K. Turner

Carried

Election of Office Bearers.

S Fidler, Returning Officer, declared all Management Committee positions vacant.

Nomination in hand were:

Position		Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Elected
President		Greg Kelly	Santina Kelly	T Ruxton	unopposed
Secretary		Jan Allen	Robert Rasmussen	J. Knowles	unopposed
Vice Presidents					
- Show		Robyn Dundas	Ruth Whiting	T. Phillips	unopposed
- Hospitality		Ruth. Whiting	Robyn Dundas	T. Phillips	unopposed
Committee Member	1	Ted Boon	Robyn Dundas	L. Johnson	elected
Committee Member	2	June Cairns	Robyn Dundas	R. Whiting	elected
Committee Member	3	Noel Grant	Greg Kelly	J. Cairns	elected
Committee Member	4	Bill Hughes	Jeff Knowles	S. McGill	elected
Committee Member	5	Jeff Knowles	Robert Rasmussen	A. Knowles	withdrawn
Committee Member	6	Sam McGill	Robyn Dundas	R. Whiting	
Committee Member	7	Troy McGill	Robyn Dundas	R. Whiting	
Host	1	Denise Lincoln	Luz Lewis	P. Lucke	unopposed
	2	John Rutledge	Jeff Knowles	A. Knowles	unopposed
Patron		Jean Nicholson	Noel Grant	G. Kelly	unopposed

Committee Member positions (4 needed, 6 nominees) went to a vote with the result being: Ted Boon; June Cairns; Noel Grant; Bill Hughes.

All other nominees were duly elected.

Positions filled from the floor are –

Position		Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Treasurer		Jeff Knowles	Warren Sewell	John Johnson
Vice President - Hall		Robert Rasmussen	Noel Grant	June Cairns
Librarian		Noel Grant	June Cairns	John Johnson
Publicity Officer		Leonie Johnson	Robyn Dundas	John Rutledge
Returning Officer		Stacey Fidler	Terry Ruxton	June Cairns
Scrutineers	1	Robert Rasmussen	June Cairns	Bruno Figuera
	2	Noel Grant	June Cairns	Greg Kelly
Programme director				
Editor		Noel Grant	Jean Nicholson	Kevin Owens
Technical Advisor		Charlie Truscott	June Cairns	John Rutledge
Auditor		Peter Dadic	Terry Ruxton	Greg Kelly
Host	3	Lyn Johnson	June Cairns	John Rutledge

All declared elected. **General Business:** Nil Meeting closed: 1.30pm

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 25th October 2020

Meeting opened: 1.49 pm. President Greg Kelly in the chair

Present 44 members as per registration list.

Apologies as per attendance book.

Visitors. Jan Richardson

Minutes:

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

Moved: M. Soper

Seconded: J. Rutledge

Carried

Business arising: Nil.

New Correspondence. No new correspondence since Management Meeting on 23rd October 2020.

Business arising: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

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

Moved: T. Ruxton

Seconded: T. Phillips

Carried.

General Business:

1. Robyn Dundas addressed the meeting re Sales Day.
 - Set-up Saturday 31st October at 10.00am.
 - Vendors to be set up by 8.30am Sunday 1st November.
 - TOS Members through the back door.

2. Greg Kelly – congratulations to Robyn Dundas. In one of the Zoom meetings, Robyn made a presentation on growing orchids using the phases of the moon. The editor of *Orchids Australia* had joined the TOS Zoom meeting and was impressed. He requested that Robyn provide an article for the magazine. Her article was subsequently published in the last *Orchids Australia* magazine. A great achievement. Greg reiterated that this shows the potential of Zoom.
3. Greg Kelly explained what would be occurring next month at the November Meeting. Usually we have a Christmas Party but due to our unpredictable year, changes have been made. The order of the meeting will be –
 - General Meeting
 - Plant competition
 - Short Presentation
 - Talk about plants
 - Afternoon tea – shared, but club will be supporting it.
 - Shop will not be operating.
4. New By- laws were approved on Friday night at the Management Committee meeting and have been put on the website.
5. Greg Kelly mentioned that on Friday night, Alan Hughes was nominated to become an Honorary member of the Society. Alan has been a valued member of the Society over many years, with his plant commentaries, sharing his knowledge of plants and judging. At one stage, Alan had a collection of 7 000 plants.

Greg is keen to see more members nominated as Honorary Members. He believes we are losing active members due to poor health and should be acknowledging them sooner.
6. Keith Day shared information about a Bug Killer – Richgro Beat-a-bug Insect Spray – which he began to use as he was looking for something that was not harmful.
7. Registrar's Choice (Ted) –
Hybrid - Tolumnia Willowbank Devil x Rrm Emily Butcher. – owner Greg Kelly.

Species – C. schilleriana - Lyn Johnson

Novice Phal unknown - W & L Howell

Ted explained attributes of different plants on the tables.

Phalaenopsis do not like baskets with holes. Too much air coming through, drying them.

8. Technical Advisor Charlie Truscott –
 - explained that bifoliate plants have two leaves per pseudobulb .
 - used Greg's Tolumnia as an example of a superior plant with more chromosomes (4n). Explained that they produce brighter colours/bigger flowers and thicker leaves.
 - Phalaenopsis – limp leaves could indicate lack of humidity.
 - when dehydrated, they go limp
 - keep up 60 – 70 % humidity.
 - Vandas - drop leaves to compensate for moisture loss (keep humidity up)
 - grandfather's whiskers (*Tillandsia usneoides*) helps keep moisture up.

Meeting Closed: 3.20pm

Greg Kelly – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Tabled Plants - WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020
Bold Type indicates a correction using OrchidWiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN PAPHIOPEDILUM Maudiae	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Paph Hilo Emerald x Alma Gevaert x Hsyng Majakeum Paph Clifton Booth Paph Maudiae 'Magnificum'	L Johnson J Nicholson P&J Lucke
CATTLEYA 74mm to 114 mm	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Ctt Siamese Doll 'Kiwi Fruit' C Cariad's Mini-Quinee C Falcon	W Hughes K Owens K Owens
CATTLEYA Miniature	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Bc Hippodamia 'Hunabu'	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA Epi Influence	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Epi Bees Knees Epi Dancing Bees Epc Burdekin Honey x <i>Psy atropurpurea</i>	L Johnson R&E Dundas L Johnson
VANDA To 64mm	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	V Peggy Foo V Roslyn's Best V Ann Hayes	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDACEOUS Intergeneric to 40mm	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	V Twinkle V Seng x <i>parviflora</i> V Cherry Blossom	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDACEOUS Any Other Hybrid	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Rntda Maui's Mini Freckles V Kultana Indian Incense x Kultana Oriental Aroma V Mishima Lime 'Obsession'	J Cairns N&M Grant N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	D Aree Dang D Alice's Reniel Catubay D Red Bull	R&E Dundas K Owens L Johnson
DENDROBIUM Spathulata	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	D Coleman's Red Devil D Charelle x Ray's Twist x <i>tangerinum</i>	R&E Dundas K Owens
DENDROBIUM Any Other Hybrid	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	D Kip McKillop x Mighty Mite D Nicha Duangporn x Tan Kheng Lian	R&E Dundas L Johnson
AUTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIS	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	D Pauline	K Owens
ONCIDIUM Over 40 mm	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Brs Rex "Saratta" Odcdm Succubus 'Night Shift' Pyp Mendenhall 'Hildos'	L Johnson L Johnson L Johnson
TOLUMNIA	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Tolu Willowbank Devil x Rrm Emily Butcher Rrm Billy Tolu Mem. Ralph Yagi x Rrm Hawaiian Magic x Tolu Taffy	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly L Johnson
ANY OTHER GENERA	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Ctsm Jamie Lawson	R&E Dundas
NOVICE PHALAEOPSIS Large	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Phal Unknown Phal Limelight Phal Unknown	W&L Howell D Blanchard W&L Howell

PHALAENOPSIS Small	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Jessica	D Blanchard
<u>SPECIES</u> CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>C schilleriana</i> <i>C schilleriana</i> <i>C forbesii</i>	L Johnson N&M Grant K Day.
DENDROBIUM – Aggregatum Type	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>D lindleyi</i> <i>D pulchellum</i> <i>D lindleyi</i>	R Whiting L Johnson W&C Sewell
DENDROBIUM – Hard Cane	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>D smillieae</i> <i>D antennatum</i> <i>D racieanum</i>	P&J Lucke K Owens P&J Lucke
DENDROBIUM – Soft Cane	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>D aphyllum (formerly pierardii)</i>	W&L Howell
VANDACEOUS	1st 2nd 3rd	V Unknown (Flores Island) <i>V falcata</i> <i>V garayi</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
MISCELLANEOUS	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Max tenuifolia</i> <i>Paph primulinum</i>	L Johnson P&J Lucke
ONCIDIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Onc stramenium</i> <i>Milt flavescens</i> <i>Onc sphacelatum</i>	R&E Dundas L Johnson W&L Howell
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb grandiflorum</i> <i>Bulb mastersianum</i> <i>Bulb macranthum</i>	A&J Knowles L Johnson A&J Knoles
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES Cymbidium	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Cym madidum</i>	W Hughes
<u>POPULAR VOTE</u> OPEN	1 st	Tolu Willowbank Devil x Rrm Emily Butcher	G&S Kelly
NOVICE	1st	Phal Unknown	W&L Howell
SPECIES	1st	<i>Cym madidum</i>	W Hughes

The November meeting will proceed as scheduled.

We are now permitted to have up to 120 people at the meeting! However, all the practices that were put in place for previous meetings will stand for this meeting.

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.**

Only for members who receive their Bulletin by mail:

If you would like to attend the November meeting to be held at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall on Sunday 23rd November from 1pm, could you please phone our Secretary, Jan Allen on 0408 783 777 with the following information:

- 1 Your name**
- 2 Your TOS membership number (make sure you are a financial member)**
- 3 How many people covered by your membership will be attending?**

Points for Tabled Plants after October 2020

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blanchard D		6	2	8
Cairns J	4			4
Dundas R&E	20		4	24
Grant N&M	25		17	42
Howell W&L		6	8	14
Hughes W	4		4	8
Johnson Lyn	26		19	45
Kelly G&S	13			13
Knowles A&J			8	8
Lucke P&J	2		10	12
Nicholson J	3			3
Owens K	15		6	21
Sewell W&C			2	2
Whiting R			4	4
Day K			4	4



Registrar's Choice October 2020

Novice: Phalaenopsis unknown 77 points

W & L Howell



Registrar's Choice October 2020

Species: *Cattleya schilleriana*
82 points
L. Johnson



**Registrar's Choice
October 2020**

Open: Tol Willowbank Devil
x Rrm Emily Butcher

82 pts
G & S Kelly