

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



March 2021 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

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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 next Management Committee Meeting will be held from 7.30pm Friday 26th March.

The March General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 28th March.

It would be appreciated if members would donate food items for the afternoon tea. It was embarrassing to see the small number of dishes on the table at the February meeting.

Please also donate some items for the raffle table – we suggest you bring something you would like to win!

Judges for March 2021:

Open

Alison, Peter

Novice/Species

Ted, Warren

The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

I guess that most of us have been looking at our plants to see what we may have in flower for the Autumn Show. It has been about eighteen months since our last one and I know that Robyn has been working very hard to have this one organised. The show will run from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 April 2021. Set-up will be at 11am on Thursday 15 April 2021.

We do have a need for members to put their names down on the various rosters so the Show can proceed smoothly. Rosters will be at the March meeting. We also have a need for members to bring in flowering plants for the display. You might not think that your plant is up to standard, but if the flower is reasonable and the plant is clean, please bring it along. Remember the public wants to see flowers at the show. Most of the public are not interested in the finer details but simply want to see flowers. And, who knows, your plant may win a 'First' in its section.

Tabling of plants at monthly meetings.

Last month, the tabling of plants at the meeting was not good, with little thought given to the layout of the flowering plants. This makes difficulties for both the judges and the person writing the results. From the March meeting forward, members will have to place their plants in the correct position on the tables.

Some signs will be there and Reg Dix will be available for advice and guidance.

For many years, members have had their plants placed in position on the table for them. I know of no other clubs that do this. While this was convenient for all, that practice is simply unable to be continued. Members need to learn what their plants are and where they should be placed.

In the interests of consistency this practice will be adopted at every meeting. I thank you for your co-operation.

Field Days

The Ingham Field Day is proceeding. The bus has been confirmed. We will be leaving the hall at 6.30am on Sunday 11 April 2021. There are a few seats still available. You will need a hat, some water and a big box to hold the plants that you buy. And money (no \$50 notes, please, to help the vendors).

The Bowen Field Day is scheduled for Sunday 16 May 2021. I have obtained quotes for a 57-seat bus and a 24-seat bus with trailer. The committee will discuss these and I will have more information at the March meeting. Last year, some issues were raised with a 24-seater. The big bus is over \$300 dearer than the 24-seater. If you want to go, please be in a position to advise if you want the big bus or the small bus and how much you are prepared to pay to go when it is discussed at the March meeting.

Good growing.

Greg Kelly

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday 26th February 2021.

Meeting opened: 7.31pm by President Greg Kelly

Present: Greg Kelly, Robyn Dundas, Jan Allen, June Cairns, Jeff Knowles, Robert Rasmussen, Noel Grant, Bill Hughes, Ruth Whiting, Leonie Johnson.

Apologies: Nil

Minutes

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

M: R. Whiting

S J. Cairns

Carried

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence.

Newsletters/Catalogues: EDOS Inc Newsletter for January 2021; SCOCSA Gazette -February; IOS Newsletter January 2021; TATOS January newsletter; Herb Society of NQ January Newsletter; Nightcliff Orchid Society February; HR Orchid & Allied Plants Society Inc February newsletter; Maclean & Dis OS Inc. February 2021 Bulletin; MDOS Orchidwise February newsletter; West Brisbane Orchid Society February Newsletter; CIDOS February Newsletter; EDOS Inc Newsletter February 2021; TOS Inc January 2021 bulletin; Orchids Australia; IOS Newsletter February 2021; SCOCSA March Gazette 2021;

Mail Inwards: American Orchid Society-Password recovery; Request to exchange Club shirt - wrong size; DMC Job no. 15593 - quote; Grant Update: Building Better Regions Fund; Affiliated Society update - American Orchid Society x 3; Soft Cane Dens x 2 and response; American Orchid Society - re membership instructions; Brisk Table x 2; Jeff Knowles - information re QR code with Brisk Table and responses x 3; Item for Bulletin - Charles Lee; AOS Membership Renewal -re refund x 2; Free TQOC Trophy; Request to sell unused shirt x 2; Cheque for Ingham Field Day - Linda Feldt; Screenshot from J. Laffin of payment for Ingham Field Day; C-mobile account; Guest Track by BGL. - for QR code (Australian) x 3; NQ Orchid Fair - request for equipment; TQOC Meeting on 6th March at 10.00am; Query regarding financial position of member; Payment of Post Office Box due; Request for price labels – Hilder; Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria AGM 2020 - 28th February 2021; Minutes of today's meeting - Queensland Orchid Society; AOCC 2021 Update - Postponement of 22ND AOC Conference & Show; AOC Minutes of 2020 AGM and BOM along with club information form for 2021; Minutes - re Amendments x 3; Request to attend the monthly meeting; NQ Orchid Fair - request to put information into newsletter; DMC Electrical & Air Cooling Pty Ltd - invoice for work done on air-conditioners and security lights; Marketing service - free offer; Rates Notice; Post Office Renewal - as per online; 2020 American Orchid Society Inc. Election of Trustees; Up-coming events for Bowen Orchid and Foliage Society; Query regarding buying orchids in Townsville; Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plants Soc. Inc" Field day invite" x 2; Account Registration with Townsville City Council x 2; Submission 20/21027CDG received.

Mail Outwards: American Orchid Society – renewal; American Orchid Society - re payment; Query about Guest track; TQOC - acceptance of trophy; Minutes to Committee members; Julie Maclean - response about membership; TOS Membership Acceptance Letter - Donna Brown; Information of TOS contacts and events to AOC; Response regarding orchid vendors.

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

M: J. Allen

S: B. Hughes

Carried

Business arising:

- Jeff Knowles suggested that we change Post Office Box to a smaller box. Much cheaper. Discussion about having to change the number of our P.O. Box ensued. Members believed it was not worth the trouble if this was the case. Resolved. We will keep the same box.
- Application for \$250 grant from the Townsville City Council has been submitted.

New Member Applications: 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: J. Knowles

S: R. Dundas

Carried

Business arising:

Invoices for website: two issues were encountered so Noel had to speak to the programmer to upgrade the website. Had trouble getting access to the server. Could not upload the bulletin to the website. Now fixed.

Vice President Reports:

Property (Robert Rasmussen):

- Sending email to Garden Club and Church regarding keeping the Hall clean.
- Suggested that we get the floor stripped and reseal it. \$7.50 a square metre. Robert will investigate it a little more.
- Sign out the front has been repainted. Robert has asked for the invoice. There was not much that needed to be done.
- Check with Arc Yoga (Maria) regarding a payment at the beginning of February.

Show (R Dundas):

- Ribbons and new buttons for rosettes have arrived.
- Roster done for the Show.
- Electronic QR code as well as paper option for those who do not have a phone? Are we allowing both? Could we have an electronic check for those who don't have their own phone with QR reader? Recommendation that we have workers checking people in if they don't have phones. Will need a roster for this (COVID roster).
- Robyn put forward a proposal that we resume the tables for the general public. Resolved – kitchen will occur at next Show. Robyn will make up a roster for this.
- Increase to the door fee? Robyn proposed that we increase it to \$3. No concessions. Members who work on the day will be allowed free entry on that day. Resolved - All agreed – entry fee will be \$3.
- Asked if people could join the bus at Ingham. \$10 to use solely on the bus in Ingham.

Hospitality (R Whiting):

- Will make up a roster for food for the kitchen.
- Cost for sandwiches and cakes – review. Should be increased.

Publicity (Noel Grant)

1. Noel requires electronic copy of membership list.

General Business:

1. Jeff expressed concern about safety of the back of the Hall. Need to have a barrier so that people do not have an accident. Also, we need shade outside the back door as the sun creates a problem during the day.
2. Trophy donated by TQOC will become a perpetual trophy for Registrar's choice.

3. Organisers of the NQ Orchid Show want to use our tables on Friday 4th June. Needs to be brought to the attention of TQOC that someone needs to be there to collect the tables. It cannot be left solely to the TOS members.
4. Greg – lecturers up to the end of August have been organised. We need to encourage junior members to come forward with their knowledge.
5. Point of Sale computer needs to be available for Charlie Truscott for his presentation.
6. Jeff came to print – had trouble with the printer. Investigated. Drum units cost \$289. New printer costs \$245.16 + freight.
Greg Kelly moved that “TOS purchase a new printer from the Toner Shop in Brisbane for the price of \$245.16 + freight.” Seconded Jeff Knowles.

Carried.

7. Point of Sale training – to be done before the Show – Saturday 10th April, at 1.30pm.
8. Bill Hughes asked that the location of the sign-in table at the Show be changed back to where it used to be.
9. Facebook. Price coming up as ‘free’ instead of showing dollar value. NQ Fair page doesn’t link on our Facebook Page. Leonie will keep trying.
10. ADVERTISING for the Show– Facebook. Leonie will talk to Peter Lucke.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday February 28th 2021

Meeting opened: 1.04 pm. President Greg Kelly in the chair

Present As per registration book.

Apologies: B. Howell, Barry Woodhouse, Ann Richards

Visitors: Julie and Duncan McLean

Minutes:

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

Moved: K. Turner

Seconded: J. Cairns

Carried

Business out of minutes: Nil.

New Correspondence. No new correspondence since Management Meeting on 28th February 2021.

Business arising: Australian Orchid Council 22nd Conference and Show has been postponed until 2022.

Bowen Field Day is on Sunday 16th May.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Moved: J. Knowles

Seconded: R. Dundas

Carried

Business arising: Some major expenses will be occurring next month. Rates, air-conditioning, new printer.

Robyn Dundas (Show Vice-President)

- rosters are circulating.
- Kitchen will be functioning – members are asked to use the marquees at the back of the Hall to allow for other patrons to use the tables.
- **COVID** roster – members will be checking in the general public who don’t have phones.

Ruth Whiting (Hospitality Vice-President)

- Roster for donation of scones, cakes etc is circulating.

Robert Rasmussen (Hall-Vice President)

- Most of the Hall has been cleaned from a working bee. 8 or 9 people spent about 3 hours cleaning and scrubbing the floors. Louvres and fans wiped and dusted. We have not had cleaners in the Hall since COVID so we need to look after things ourselves.
- Walls also cleaned.
- Quotes for stripping and resealing the floor have been sought. Renewing the floor would cost around \$30 000.

General Business:

1. Welcome to Glenys Rowe and Daphne Higginson.
2. Bus trip to Ingham – need to get 40 people before decision can be made. People who want to use the bus in Ingham will be informed next month if there are any places available.
3. Orchid Fair – 5th 6th June. TQOC has requested that this club supplies 50 tables to the Tennis Table Club. Need assistance from members. Will follow up later.
4. Jean Nicholson is missing a Paph. from last month's display.
5. Greg Kelly reminded the meeting that we will need a new Secretary and President at the end of the year.
6. Bowen Field Day – 16th May. Members asked for a show of interest.
7. General public are ringing Greg re selling orchids. Club will not get involved.
8. Jeff – there is a book in the shop if you want to order something. Write in your request but it might take a while until there are enough orders to send it away.
9. 8008 pencil is the best way to write on your labels. They are available from Fernland \$6. Selling now for \$3.50 at the shop.
10. Registrar's Choice: V. Alice's Anie - 82 points - Noel Grant
Species: *Miltonia spectabilis* 78 points - Ruth Whiting
Novice: Den. Woon Lene 'Blue Lip' - 79 points - Gary Watt
11. Reg Dix gave a report on Registrar's Choice on behalf of Ted.
 - Better to take any old inflorescences off a plant when displaying it for the show as the whole plant is judged.
 - Dendrobium abbreviation should be Den. not De.
 - Vandas need to be upright – Reg will show how to make a Vanda grow upright.
12. Charlie Truscott. - Technical advisor
 - Clarifying some information about Iron Chelate – use 20g per litre for orchids – not what is on the back of label. Iron makes plant colour more vivid.
 - Reg - Iron Chelate – When mixing it up, store in a dark wine bottle to prevent it from turning green.
 - Can mix with fertilisers.
 - Growth formula – combination of two plant hormones +B1. Promotes strong root growth. Add to normal fertilising program. Use just 1ml per litre. Put in water when propagating plants. From Alice or Fernland or Burdekin Growers in Ayr. Makes plants more resistant to this – Once per month.
 - Mancozeb will not kill disease – more of a raincoat.
 - Johnsons remedy – Reg has the recipe for it.
 - Distressed plants need glucose to revive.
 - Product – Zaleton – broad spectrum fungicide. Useful in wet weather when plants are suffering.
13. Powerpoint presentation: Charlie Truscott – Growing & Breeding *Dendrobium canaliculatum* (Tea tree orchid) and *caronii* species.

Meeting Closed: 3.30pm

Greg Kelly – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

“Growing *Dendrobium canaliculatum* and *caronii* hybrids” by Charlie Truscott

We are pleased to advise that the Power Point presentation that Charlie Truscott gave at our February meeting has been placed on our website, so you can study it at your own pace.

Please go to our website <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au> and click on the page “Orchid Growing”, then “Growing canaliculatum hybrids”.



The NQ Orchid Fair is on again – Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June 2021.

Presented by the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council, and supported by Townsville Orchid Society, it will be held at the Townsville Table Tennis Hall, 60 Charters Towers Road, Townsville - Open 8am to 5pm Saturday 5th June and 8am to 2:30pm Sunday 6th June.

12 vendors - both local and international – have been confirmed with more to come on board. A huge range of orchids from flask to flowering size will be available for sale, as well as foliage plants.

Entry will be only \$2 and a huge raffle will be available.

If staying overnight, the TQOC preferred accommodation is the Banjo Paterson Motel. Ph: 07 47 252 333

Remember when ?

• • • • **Back** in 2004 Robert’s date slice that was on the smoko table was soooooo tasty that he was convinced to publish the recipe in the TOS Bulletin.

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ROBERT’S DATE SLICE.

Melt 250 grams butter; add 2/3 cup castor sugar and stir until dissolved. Add 500 grams chopped pitted dates and simmer until soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add 1 well beaten egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Break 1 packet Marie biscuits into small bits and add to the mixture. Press into a lamington tray (or something similar) and refrigerate until set. Cut into small squares and roll in coconut. Store in the refrigerator. Thanks Robert.

***BUT PLEASE! PLEASE! DON’T EVERYONE ARRIVE WITH THE SAME ‘PLATE’
THE MORE VARIETY – THE TASTIER!***

• • • **Back** in the 1970s/80s there were not many, if any, fertilisers made for the orchid grower. As a result, there emerged many home remedies often based on the modification of fertilisers marketed for the veggie patch or lawn.

One such recipe that was given to us many, many years ago is:

To your Aquasol solution (at whatever dilution you normally use) add 1g/10L of Iron Chelate in powder form and 2g/10L Magnesium Sulphate (Epson salts). Dissolve well before applying. (Note: 10L was the approximate volume of a normal watering can.)

Jeff Knowles

Tabled Plants PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021.

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Hilo Emerald x Alma Gevaert x Hsinying Majakum	L Johnson
CATTLEYA 74mm to 114 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Sung Ya Green 'Green Gem' Rlc Sung Ya Green 'Green Gem' Lcn Topaz Fancy x C Caudebec	W Hughes R&S Dundas L Johnson
CATTLEYA Miniature	1st 2nd 3rd	Bc Binosa 'Kirk' C Goodbye My Love Bc Theresa Ricci	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA Miscellaneous	1st 2nd 3rd	C Caudebec Ctt Sagarik Wax Blc Golden Tang	R&S Dundas R Rasmussen R Rasmussen
CATTLEYA Broughtonia Influence	1st 2nd 3rd	Gct Why Not Ttna Dark Prince Ctna Joy Bassin 'Liana'	R Rasmussen K Owens L Johnson
VANDA Over 64mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Gordon Dillon 'Black' V Rothschildiana 'Pink' V Manuvadee	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDA Under 64 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Van Alice's Anie Van Thai Frost Rhrds Mem. Suranaree	N&M Grant N&M Grant G&S Kelly
DENDROBIUM Phalaenanthe	1st 2nd 3rd	D Alice's Stewart Zierk	K Owens
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st 2nd 3rd	D (Sawadee x <i>taurinum</i>) x <i>ionoglossum</i> D Bundy's Mini Lassy D John's Charm	P&J Lucke K Owens K Owens
TOLUMNIA	1st 2nd 3rd	Zlm Liz 'Full Moon'	G&S Kelly
ONCIDIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Milt. Sandy's Cove Milt Spectabile 'Mooreliana'	L Johnson L Johnson
ONCIDIUM Small	1st 2nd 3rd	Hwra Lava Burst 'Puanami' Milt Charles M Fitch 'Izumi'	R Whiting R Whiting
CATASETUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Ctsm Jamie Lawson Fdk Sunset Ridge 'Bakers Wine Sunset' Ctsm Black Jade	R&S Dundas R&S Dundas R Whiting

NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	1st 2nd 3rd	D Woon Leng C Unknown	G Watt G Watt
SPECIES CATTLEYA ALLIANCE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Gur bowringiana var coerulea</i>	N&M Grant
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>C percivaliana</i>	K Owens
MISCELLANEOUS 1	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Hab dentata</i> <i>V aurantiaca</i> <i>Phal bellina</i>	A&J Knowles N&M Grant L Johnson
MISCELLANEOUS 2	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>D crumenatum</i> <i>Tri philippinensis</i> <i>V vietnamica</i>	A&J Knowles N&M Grant N&M Grant
PROSTHECEA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Psh chacaoensis</i>	N&M Grant
ONCIDIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Milt spectabilis</i>	R Whiting
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb fascinator</i> <i>Bulb fascinator 'alba'</i> <i>Bulb digoelense</i>	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles A&J Knowles
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES Dendrobium	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>D bigibbum var compactum</i>	
POPULAR VOTE OPEN	1 st	Milt Sandy's Cove	L Johnson
NOVICE	1st	D Woon Leng	G Watt
SPECIES	1st	<i>Trgl philippinensis</i>	N&M Grant

Registrar's Choice:

Novice: Gary Watt Den. Woon Long 'Blue Lip' 79 points.
Open: N & M Grant Van. Alice's Anie 82 points
Species: Ruth Whiting *Miltonia spectabilis* 78 points

Iron Chelate and Magnesium Chelate

Interest was sparked among members at the January meeting when Charlie Truscott spoke on the benefits of including Iron Chelate and Magnesium Chelate with our orchid fertiliser program. The interest continued at the February meeting when he was again bombarded with questions about chelates. I am sure many of us are now using these products, as I am.

I am interested in orchid names and their meanings, and I have a minor knowledge of the origins of many words. A 'chelate' is a type of bonding of ions and molecules to metal ions (according to Google), and has its origin in the Greek language. In Greek, 'ch' is pronounced 'k', as in chemist, **not** as in cheese.

Therefore, chelate is pronounced 'key late'.

Noel Grant

Points for Tabled Plants after February 2021

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blanchard D		6	2	8
Boon T	1			1
Cairns J	8			8
Cooper P&M	9			9
Day K			4	4
Dundas R&E	77		11	88
Grant N&M	82		58	140
Howell W&L		6	8	14
Hughes W	18		4	22
Johnson Lyn	91		38	129
Kelly G&S	67		4	71
Knowles A&J			55	55
Lee C	36		11	47
Lucke P&J	6		14	20
Nicholson J	11		3	14
Owens K	53		28	81
Phillips T	2		4	6
Rasmussen R	6			6
Ryan L	5			5
Sewell W&C	8		3	11
Stevens J		14		14
Watt G			7	7
Whiting R	52		14	66