

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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Family \$20.00
Single \$15.00

Details for paying membership fees: BSB: - 064823
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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 21st May.

The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 23rd May.

It would be appreciated if members would donate food items for the afternoon tea.

Please also donate some items for the raffle table – maybe something you would like to win!.

Judges for May 2021:

Open

Warren, Charlie

Novice/Species

Alison, Reg

The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

Sadly, the club lost Life Member and Past President Ted Boon in late April after a long fight with illness. Through family circumstances, a public funeral was not held. Ted's family asked that individual clubs commemorate his involvement within their own club. A tribute was given to Ted and a minute's silence was conducted at our April Meeting. An appropriate article will feature elsewhere in this Bulletin. Rest in Peace.

Since I last wrote, the club has completed its first show in about eighteen months. It was an outstanding success from every viewpoint. A very solid show, combined with an excellent sales area, occupied the large number of people who walked through the door. The club, through the hard work of Show Vice President Robyn Dundas, addressed all covid related issues, used different floor plans and we actually used (for the first time) the barcode/cash register system purchased for this reason at this time last year. We also had to work through the show set-up without Ted, who has been running this area for years.

The doors to the show were opened at 9am on the Friday morning, and I was told that the public had been queuing up as early as 7.30 that morning to be among the first into the show and sales area. The number to attend was well above previous shows. There was definitely more interest among the media which helped publicise the event, thanks to our Publicity Officer, Leonie.

It was a very big weekend and I send thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

At our April meeting, new signage was used to help members place their plants in the display area. For a first try, I believe it worked very well. With the use of these signs, I would hope that more members may volunteer to scribe the winning plants for the sections, so they can be reproduced in the Bulletin.

I have been co-ordinating the lectures at the monthly meetings this year. I believe that all speakers so far have been of high quality and were relevant to the members attending the meetings. Again, this month, Jeff conducted a comprehensive lecture on Bulbophyllums which kept the audience very interested throughout. These comments have been completed sooner than normal as I am leaving Townsville for a trip for a while. See you at the May meeting. Good growing.

Greg Kelly



The late Ted Boon with (left) Rod Shoemith (TQOC President) and Jenny Hill (Townsville Mayor)

Farewell, Ted Boon

Edward Arthur Boon, known to everyone as Ted, died on Tuesday 20th April 2021 after a battle with leukemia, leaving Townsville Orchid Society and the wider orchid community grieving at the loss of a knowledgeable and friendly orchid expert.

Ted was born in September 1938 and had an early interest in orchids in Gympie, which widened when his family moved to Gadgarra (between Lakes Eacham and Barrine). At 15, he moved to Townsville and attempted to join the Townsville Orchid Society the next year. At that time, there was no provision for junior members, so, after his application, the Committee met and decided to change the Constitution to allow Junior members. Ted remained a member throughout his life, despite moving for a time to the Atherton Tablelands, Toowoomba and New Zealand before settling back in Townsville. He was a member for 66 years and a Life Member since 2004.

He served the Townsville Orchid Society for two terms as Secretary, two terms as President and was a Committee member for 25 years. He was President and Show Chairman for the 2016 TQOC (Tropical Queensland Orchid Council) Conference in Townsville, which was a very large and successful undertaking for the Society.

Ted became interested in judging orchids, becoming a TQOC junior judge in 1985, an Associate TQOC Judge in 1987 and a full TQOC judge in 1988. He became an AOC (Australian Orchid Council) judge in 1991, and was appointed TQOC Registrar in 1996, a position he held for the rest of his life. TOS members will be familiar with the awarding of 'Registrar's Choice' at each of our monthly meetings.

Ted did not confine his interest in orchids to Townsville, but became widely known throughout Far North Queensland by often travelling to judge at other orchid shows and meetings. He had a long association with The Atherton Tablelands Orchid Society and became their Patron in January 2016.

His orchid collection was wide-ranging but he was particularly interested in the *Oncidium* family. In 1987, he received the very first TQOC award (a CCM – a cultural award) for *Oncidium lanceanum* (now *Trichocentrum lanceanum*) which was featured on the cover of The Australian Orchid Review in the March 1988 issue.

As Ted often said "Orchids are my life" and he was an active TOS member, serving numerous times as Show Chairman, providing plant commentary at meetings and helping with advice to junior growers. He became the central person helping to position plants for meetings and shows and was the 'go-to' for advice and help.

Townsville Orchid Society and many similar clubs will deeply miss Ted's experience and knowledge of orchid culture as well as his respect and courtesy.
I considered Ted as my friend and will miss him.

Edward Arthur Boon – he would say he was named after two kings. Rest in peace.
Noel Grant April 2021

Parts of the above were adapted from an article in The Atherton Tablelands Orchid Society Newsletter by Noel Grundon and John Batey.

Townsville Orchid Society Inc

would like to thank

Division 5 Councillor Russ Cook

for approving a \$250 grant for Hall Cleanliness

through the Councillor Discretionary Fund.

Through this grant, we have been able to upgrade
our cleaning equipment.





NQ Orchid Fair

5/6 June 2021

Townsville



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

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 23rd April 2021.

Meeting opened: 7.31pm by President Greg Kelly

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

Minutes

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

M: R. Rasmussen

S: R. Dundas

Carried

Correspondence.

Newsletters/Bulletins: SCOCSA April Gazette; PROPA; GOFs; NQ Herb Society; TATOS; Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.; HR Orchid & Allied Plants Society Inc; NOS; Maclean & Dist Orchid Society Inc; MDOS Orchidwise; CIDOS; West Brisbane Orchid Society; IOS; TOS Inc; Orchids Australia - April 2021; RHSV Gardeners Gazette - Autumn 2021;

Mail Inwards:

Autumn Show Rosters - responses x 3; DMC Electrical & Air Cooling Pty Ltd - Tax Invoice no. 32668; Cancellation of Ingham Field Day; C-Mobile Account; Responses to email regarding Ingham Field Day x 4; Townsville Bulletin Advertising Options - Leonie x 6 responses; Growing Orchids in Townsville – request; Stepping down from Facebook administration - Peter Lucke; Gracie Signs – Invoice; Events checklist; Tax Invoice - Townsville Bulletin; Townsville Orchid Society Autumn Show- Judging Thursday 15 April 2021; Lift up an RFDS Local Hero and Nominate today; Response to Query re: Show Schedule; Cr Russ Cook attending the Autumn Show; Netbank advice – Receipt #: N040917649099; Query re showing plants; Annual letter from the AOF; Offer of assistance from member; Yearly Safe Service; Mayor Jenny Hill Acceptance; RSVP Cr Greaney at Autumn Orchid Show; Brisbane Orchid Society Autumn Show; Bowen Autumn Show; Confirmation Sanim membership; Price for entry on Facebook; Acknowledgement of receipt of email - Shell Club; Mother's Day Plant Spectacular – Atherton; Invitation to a weekend away with the Herbert River Orchid Club; Letter of thanks from Greg Kelly to Committee members; Ted Boon's Collection - Greg Kelly; Rentokil Initial Annual Price Increase Notification - Account 053001231; Show Schedule for website; Request to inform Proserpine Orchid and Plant Foliage Society Inc of Ted's funeral; Show Schedule for the Website - Word version; Annual letter from the AOF – response; Advice regarding incorrect information in another Club newsletter; Application for membership - Karen & Andrew Hamilton; Receipt from TQOC for \$50 for raffle tickets.

Mail Outwards:

Query to G.Kelly and R. Dundas: Show Schedule; March minutes to Committee; Check In Qld Welcome Pack - The Orchid Hall - Shell Club; Show Results; Vale Ted Boon - members; Show Schedule; Vale Ted Boon - other clubs;

Ted Boon's funeral arrangements; Query to Bulletin Editor re AOF document; Growing Orchids in Townsville - response to query; Other Orchid Club Newsletters; More newsletters; Financials for April Management meeting.

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

M: J. Allen

S: J. Knowles

Carried

Business arising: Thank Peter Lucke for his contribution to PR. Leonie will continue in the role, with the assistance of Stacey Fidler.

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: G. Kelly

Carried

Motion: The float of \$946 drawn for the Autumn Show be approved.

M: J. Knowles

S. R. Rasmussen

Carried

Business arising; Novice Grower's book – need to order more books. Greg will contact the lady in Bundaberg and pick them up when he is there.

Overall Show profit was a record – includes kitchen, door, raffles, vendor commission and book sales – \$ 8,797.85.

Vice President Reports:

Show (Robyn Dundas):

- Great show. Robyn would like to thank everyone for their assistance. Disappointing that Novices did not bring their plants in. Robyn will talk at the General Meeting about this. It is the responsibility of the Novice to put a red dot on their plants.
- Reg Dix – looking at the Show Schedule and will get back to Committee.
- Thanks to Alice for her donation of a \$60 plant and Thomas for putting Facebook advertisements on their Facebook account.
- Need to refine the rules about purchasing plants early. Only those on roster should be able to purchase plants early.
- Disqualification – a plant was judged and when it was put in the system the member was not financial. When disqualifying the plant, Robyn followed By-law 18(4) which states: "The entry of orchids is free and open to all financial members of the Society." Robyn felt that allowing an unfinancial member to win a prize was on a par with allowing members of the public to present a plant and win a prize.
- Feedback about the marquees out the back was generally positive.
- During the Show, TOS used Robyn's iPad to check-in people who did not have the app on their phones or did not have a phone. This was a great success. We will need to continue to do these COVID-SAFE check-ins for a long time, so Robyn has offered to sell her iPad (only ever used by TOS) to TOS at a considerably cheap price. Committee agreed.

Motion: "That TOS purchase the iPad that was used at the entrance, from Robyn Dundas for the price of \$100."

M: G. Kelly

S. J. Allen

Carried

Property (Robert Rasmussen):

- DMC Account goes back to December 2019. No bill sent out in 2020.
- Robert to send an email to Rentakill regarding pest control.
- Norm Hyatt – costs too much for what they do. Club usually change battery and password when new Treasurer is elected.
- Air conditioners not working properly still – waiting for a quote.
- Do we need to contract cleaners for the Hall again? Was \$100 a week. Do we get it done weekly or fortnightly? Everyone agreed that toilet areas should be done on a regular basis. Robert will look at organising cleaning.
- Look into possible Gambling Fund to redo the floors – re-cover vs replacement.
- Urn and microwave need to be replaced – look at applying for Council discretionary grants.

Hospitality (Ruth Whiting):

- 6 orders for shirts. Would like to order 10 new shirts in varying sizes to have available at the Shop?

Motion: Ruth to place an order for extra shirts to have available at the General meeting.

M. R. Dundas

S. J. Cairns

Publicity (Leonie Johnson):

- Happy with the publicity for the Show. The size of the Townsville Bulletin advertisements was good and our decision to do just two days, Thursday and Saturday, was satisfactory. Not sure what prices we will need to pay next Show.
- Good coverage on the radio – ABC and TripleT.
- Channel Nine News coverage was impressive. Thanks to Robyn and Alison for stepping up and talking.
- Stacey to help with Facebook page – given full admin.

General Business:

1. Jeff thanked Terry and Maureen for assisting him with the financial side of the Show.
2. Jeff pointed out that at the end of the Show, we need to slow down when packing up. A lot of little things need to be considered e.g. Treasurer and assistants weren't able to collect plants until after financials were done; plants were being dumped on the floor; everything should be packed away before everyone leaves.
3. Ted Boon rang Greg on the Sunday prior to his death, to ask him to sell his plants for him. At the General Meeting, Greg will talk to Club members about it. Some plants have scale. After Tuesday, Robert is prepared to take people through Ted's greenhouse.
4. Greg has spoken to Ted's family. The family has decided not to have a funeral – he is being cremated then having a private ceremony with family when they are all well enough to travel to Townsville. It is normal procedure to have a minutes' silence when members are deceased. Greg will talk about Ted and his involvement with TOS. Reg Dix will talk about Ted's judging history. Noel Grundon has sent Greg an article about Ted's involvement in The Atherton Orchid Society.
5. As a mark of respect, the Committee has decided to leave Ted's position on the Committee vacant until next month.
6. Reg Dix has organised a layout for the Sunday meeting. He has also organised a recording sheet.
7. Bus trip to Bowen. We need definite numbers on Sunday. Jan will contact Campbells regarding stops along the way. The decision was made that there will be a pick-up opposite the Alligator Creek Roadhouse and a comfort stop at Home Hill where people may join the bus. Jan to contact Ayr Orchid Society to let them know this. Cost of \$60. Need to know who needs to be picked up at Alligator Creek.
8. Greg leaving town for 3 weeks.
9. The Trophy for Registrar's Choice is in the office if anyone wants to look at it.
10. Orchid Fair – Greg has requested a roster from TQOC. As yet, none received.
11. Need to put an article on Facebook and into newsletter regarding grant given to the Society by Russ Cook through the Councillor Discretionary Fund. Leonie has photo. Jan to write a short paragraph.
12. Russ Cook has offered branded 'goodies bags' for next Show if we wish to take up the offer.
13. Robyn expressed thanks to Councillors Sue Blom, Ann-Maree Greaney, Kurt Rehbein and Russ Cook for attending the Autumn Orchid Show. All appeared to enjoy it.
14. Table set up and show set up was excellent. Even though there seemed to be spaces, it meant that plants were well spread out and easily viewed.
15. There were a lot of positive comments by people on Sunday about the quantity and quality of plants still available for sale on Sunday. Thanks to the growers who were constantly topping up the sales tables.
16. Marquees were Robyn's – should the Society consider getting our own marquee? Maybe consider through a grant. Look into it.

New Member Applications:

Lillian Mulligan – single – accepted – open,
Renaye Gregory – single – accepted – novice,
Hugh Barlow – single – accepted – open,
Andrew Hamilton – single – accepted – novice

Helen Butler – single - accepted - novice
Marylen Alexander – single – accepted - novice
Karen Hamilton – single – accepted - novice

Meeting Closed at 9.50 pm

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Some notes taken from Jeff Knowles' presentation on 'Bulbophyllum'.

Orchid flower is zygomorphic – 3 sepals, column has a stigma and pollen.

- Can be epiphytic (on trees) or lithophytic (on rocks)
- sympodial growth (grow along not upwards)
- single leaf pseudobulb (mainly)
- Single node or pseudobulb
- Basal inflorescence (bulb or rhizome)
- mobile lip (fascinating feature of bulbos)
 - originated in Malaysia
 - largest genus in the world

To grow them successfully you will need to make a tropical, or subtropical environment for them. Need to know where they have originated from.

Where to grow them?

- in pots - in trays -in chimneys

Medium – usually sphagnum moss

- in pots cover the sphag with perlite, rocks etc to protect from the sun.

Repotting – try not to disturb the roots. Minimal disturbance – take out of one pot into another.

Environment - weak sunlight (use a finger test to look at shadow) – need some sunlight.

Watering - make sure you water them all - water all the way around. External roots need water and become dry – need water. Skinny roots need more water.

Need fertilizer.

PRIZE WINNERS for the month of April 2021.

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Prag. Schroderae Paph. Miss Faith Hanbury	L Johnson L Johnson
CATTLEYA 115mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc. Doctor John Baker Rlc Alma Kee 'Tip Malee' Bk Haadyai Delight	K Day W. Hughes R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA 74mm to 114 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc. Young Min Queen C. Unknown C. Deception Palouse 'Melanoma' x Rlc Glen Maidment	R Whiting 260 K Day
CATTLEYA Miniature	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc. Hsingying Yellow Bird 'Sunburst' Lc. Susan Holcombe 'Yellow and Red' C. Lana Coryell	R Whiting R&E Dundas G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA Epi Influence	1st 2nd 3rd	B. Little Stars x Ctt Merinda Star C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' Pcv. Golden Peacock	W&C Sewell N&M Grant N&M Grant
CATTLEYA Any other hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Pot. Alyssa Valmadre 'Clifton' Pot. Orlades Tradition 'Sunset'	R&E Dundas K Owens
VANDA To 64mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V. Fuchs Precious Jewel 'Rezza' V. Blue Eyes Vct. Herbert 'Kurihara'	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly N&M Grant

VANDACEOUS Intergeneric to 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V. Fiftieth State Beauty 'Rich Red' V. Pine Rivers 'Wasana' V. Ann Hayes	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
VANDA Any other	1st	V. Luke Thai x <i>Aer maculosum</i>	N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM Phalaenanthe	1st 2nd 3rd	Den. Enobi Stripe Den. Alice's Stewart Zierk	K Owens K Owens
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st 2nd 3rd	Den. Twisted Gold Den. Burana Green Star 'Thani' Den. Lady Charm x <i>Den johannis</i>	R&E Dundas K Owens K Owens
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den. Son of Gloucester Den. Mary Trowse x <i>Den johannis</i> Den. Helix x <i>Den canaliculatum</i>	K Owens K Owens K Owens
DENDROBIUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Den. Roongkumoi Vejvarat Den. Little Green Apples	P&L Lewis L Johnson
ONCIDINAE Starry Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Mtssa Phoenix Rising 'White Light' Mtssa Charles M Fitch 'Izumi' Dgmra Pinot Princess 'Night Haulage'	J&B Richardson J&B Richardson J&B Richardson
ONCIDIUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Onc Sharry Baby Onc Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' Rden Woon Leng's Red Gem 'Chian Tzy Pink'	W Hughes R Whiting L Johnson
TOLUMNIA	1st	Tol Capalaba Queen x Swans Statement	G&S Kelly
ANY OTHER GENERA	1st 2nd 3rd	Cycd Taiwan Gold 'Orange' Cycd Taiwan Gold 'Orange' Fdk After Dark "Sunset Valley"	R&E Dundas R Whiting L Johnson
NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	1st 2nd 3rd	Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Sunburst' Bc Jara Kikiu Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Sunset Valley'	D Blanchard D Blanchard D Blanchard
PHALAEOPSIS Small	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal. Nebula V. Robert's Delight 'Blue'	W&L Howell G Watt
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Den. King of Monkey Den. Alice's Stripe x D Burana Stripe	W&L Howell W&L Howell
SPECIES			
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	B. (<i>nodosa</i> 'Grandiflorum' x <i>nodosa</i>) x self Epi. <i>imantophyllum</i> B. <i>nodosa</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant J Richardson
VANDACEOUS	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Rhy. coelestis</i> var <i>Alba</i> V. <i>falcata</i> V. <i>falcata</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph. <i>spicerianum</i> Paph. <i>spicerianum</i>	J Richardson J Richardson
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Bulb. <i>mastersianum</i> 'Yellow' Bulb. <i>sanguieno punctatum</i> Bulb. <i>medusae</i>	L Johnson J&A Knowles J&A Knowles
MISCELLANEOUS	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal. <i>pulcherrima</i> var ' <i>Champornensis</i> ' <i>unknown</i> Psh. <i>cochleata</i>	N&M Grant J&A Knowles J Richardson



Judges Choice April 2021

Novice:

Banfieldara Gilded Tower 'Sunburst'

D. Blanchard

Editor: I regret I have lost the sheet showing points awarded.



Judges Choice April 2021

Open:

RLC Doctor John Baker

K. Day

Editor: I regret I have lost the sheet showing points awarded.

Judges Choice April 2021

Species:

Rhy coelestis var alba

N & M Grant

Editor: I regret I have lost the sheet showing points awarded.



Points for Tabled Plants after March 2021

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blanchard D		15	2	17
Boon E.A.	1			1
Cairns J	18			18
Cooper P&M	11			11
Day K	4		4	6
Dundas R&E	104		11	112
Eggins P				2
Fighera B	16		4	20
Grant N&M	103		88	180
Howell W&L		20	8	20
Hughes W	21		4	26
Johnson Lyn	125		45	170
Kelly G&S	99		4	94
Knowles A&J			60	65
Lee C	36		11	47
Lewis P&L	3			2
Lucke P&J	6		14	20
Nicholson J	11		3	14
Owens K	92		31	115
Phillips T	2		4	6
Rasmussen R	6			6
Richardson J&B	6		7	6
Ruxton T&S	3			3
Ryan L	5			5
Serra P			5	5
Sewell W&C	11		3	13
Stevens J		19		19
Tappenden R	4			
Watt G		21		20
Whiting R	85		14	96