

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



June 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 25th June.

The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 27th June.

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 June 2021:

Open
Reg, Marie

Novice/Species
Peter, Alison

The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

Winter has arrived with a few colder nights and cooler days. Most of us look forward to this weather every year. Winter also heralds the dropping of some old leaves on our orchid plants. I have been picking off/up leaves now for a couple of weeks. At this time of the year, I start looking forward to the repotting season when all that is old is removed and plants start to throw new growths. I think that is my favourite time.

I must admit I was pleasantly surprised (gobsmacked) with the numbers of members who helped move the tables into town for the Orchid Fair. The extra helpers certainly took the pressure off those who have done the task before.

There was a TQOC meeting held at the Orchid Fair and the President/Organiser made strong positive comments about the numbers of TOS members involved, not only in moving tables but helping the vendors bring plants into the venue. Similarly, members were on hand to transport the tables back to our hall at pull-down and this included helping remove plants from the venue. Thanks to all.

I am told that the numbers attending were slightly down, but this event clashed with the Garden Club Field Day and the Family Day at one of the parks. As usual, I exceeded my intended budget for plants, but that is life.

There will be no Orchid Fair in Townsville next year as Mackay and District Orchid Society is hosting the TQOC conference in Mackay on 2 - 3 July, 2022. Details of registration will be advised as soon as they come to hand.

The Australian Orchid Council Conference will be held at Logan from 31 August to 4 September, 2022. No further details are available at the moment.

The Townsville Orchid Society Winter Show is to be held in early July – from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th. As usual, please assist wherever you can. Flowering plants are always wanted for the Show; the rosters need to be filled; we need more boxes for the sale plants; there is a box day on July 1 at 9am to prepare the boxes for the show. Members who intend to sell plants are reminded to order any required barcode label stickers from Jeff as soon as possible. Barcode labels are required for all sale plants.

At the July meeting, there will be an extended afternoon tea. The club will support the afternoon tea with some additional food (We all need that). Please bring something for the afternoon tea. The rest of the meeting will run as usual with plant competitions and talks being held.

I would like to thank Reg Dix for the work that he has done organising signs indicating where plants are to be placed for the competitions at our meeting. If you are unsure where to place your plants, please don't be afraid to ask any senior member for help. In time, it is hoped that members will learn more about their own plants and the sections in which they should be entered. This is a win for everybody.

Good growing. Greg

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday 21st May 2021.

Meeting opened: 7.36pm by President Greg Kelly

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

Minutes

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

M: R. Whiting

S: N. Grant

Carried

Correspondence.

Newsletters/Bulletins: NQ Herb Society Potpourri; South Coast OCSA; Gladstone OFS; Maroochydore OS; Nightcliff OS; Mackay DOS Orchidwise; Maclean & Dist Orchid Society Inc; Childers & Isis DOS; Townsville OS Inc; Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc; West Brisbane Orchid Society.

Mail Inwards: Agnes Water - August Show cancellation and reschedule of OQI meeting; Roster for Orchid Fair; Tentative date and venue for OQI meeting; Query - Cooktown orchids; Condolences - Ted Boon; Triple T - Mega Fundraising Raffle; Renew Membership; RE: Application form for Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Re: Hamilton x 2; Bus trip to Bowen; Free styrofoam boxes; Councillor Discretionary Grant application 20/21027CDG - Council logo request; Queensland Country Bank Limited - External Transfer Confirmation Advice; LJMDesign Invoice INV-3753 for Townsville Orchid Society; April - May Taiwan Flask List; C-Mobile A/c; Responses re Bowen Field Day Trip x 4; Bowen Field Day - Cheryl Hammond; Bank transfer information; Circular To Societies In Relation To Sale Plants; TQOC Meeting information; NQ Orchid Fair flasks; Payment – Fernland; Orchid Show – Nambour; Sharon Kenny - response to email re Bowen Field Day; Tax Invoice no. 32789 - DMC Electrical & Air Cooling Pty Ltd; 2021 Townsville Show - Floriculture Section; TOS Financials; Insurance Review – TOS.

Mail Outwards: Query to G.Kelly and R. Dundas: Show Schedule; March minutes; Check In Qld Welcome Pack - The Orchid Hall - Shell Club; Show Results; Vale Ted Boon; 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 x2 – to members; Financials for April Management meeting

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

M: J. Allen

S: G. Kelly

Carried

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

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 23rd May, 2021.

Meeting opened: 1.05 pm by President Greg Kelly.

Present: 57 as per registration book.

Apologies: Noel Hardwick; Robyn Dundas; Peter Serra; Clara Sewell; Aiden Skinner.

Visitors: Olga & Stephen De Campo; Jo Melvin, Petrice Melvin; Marion Barlow.

Minutes:

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

Moved: Kerry Turner

Seconded: Wal Carlill

Carried

New Correspondence. No new correspondence since Management Meeting on 21st May 2021.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Moved: Jeff Knowles

Seconded: John Johnson

Carried

Ruth Whiting (Hospitality Vice-President);

- Show roster and Kitchen roster being handed out.
- Need to re-order barcodes if you are selling plants.
- Need boxes. Box day is on Thursday 1st July at 9.00am.
- Shirts should be available for the next meeting.

Frank and Josephine Della (report on Bowen Field Day)

This was the first time Frank and Jo had done a bus trip to a Field Day. They had a very enjoyable day, noting there was lots of conversation on the bus, and it was great to catch up with people from other Clubs throughout the day.

Part of the fun of the day was visiting several gardens/greenhouses and choosing new plants. There was a variety of orchids and foliage plants on offer including bromeliads and desert roses (Brisk Bay), succulents (Linda Roberts - Queens Beach) and orchids (Brian Stableton and others).

Two points Frank made for future reference were –

- hand sanitation, such as was used at the Hall, needed to be used at the bush houses.
- It is helpful to have not just names on the orchids but also pictures of what the flowers look like – this helps beginner growers.

Frank and Jo noted that we have a good club here and the Townsville Club has a good reputation.

General Business:

1. At the commencement of the meeting Greg Kelly welcomed visitors and new members.
2. Vacancy on the Committee has been filled by Troy McGill. Congratulations to Troy.
3. Orchid Fair. 5th – 6th June. Run by TQOC. Part of our commitment is to take 68 tables into the venue on Friday 4th June at 11.00am at the Orchid Hall. Steps to go up at the venue. Need people to help. At the Hall by 12.30pm. Bringing them back on Sunday at 2.00pm. TQOC has sent a list of times for volunteer if you want to assist over the weekend. Greg will give people Rod Schumacher's email address or phone number if people want to contact him to organise a time.
4. Some of Ted Boon's plants are on the raffle table today. They have been treated so if there is any scale on them, they will be dead.
5. Charlie Truscott – Presentation in sales area and Show is paramount. Need extra light and fertilizer to induce phalaenopsis to flower. Use Epsom salts then flush them out. Should have done your program for spider mites as they become dormant in Winter. Affects foliage plants and orchids. Careful not to spray with the same chemical often as they will become resistant.
6. Greg Kelly gave a presentation on 'Growth Habits of Orchids'. (See notes below)
7. Reg Dix announced Judge's Choice.
8. Raffle.

Meeting Closed: 3.20pm

Growth Habits of Orchids - Greg Kelly

1) Sympodial

Includes Cattleyas, Dendrobiums and Oncidiums.

- Reproduce in propagation by division of the multiple growths and grow horizontally
- Some have keikis.

Comprised of five major parts.

Rhizome, pseudobulbs, leaf, sheath, and roots

Pseudobulbs act as a storage facility for the plant

Roots grow from the rhizome.

Sheath helps to protect plants when they are young.

2) Monopodial

Includes Phalaenopsis and Vandaceous Orchids

- do not have rhizome, sheaths or bulbs, but a stem.
- continue to grow from the top of the plant.
- reproduce by growing keikis or pups.
- No storage system other than the leaves and the stem and may dehydrate quicker than sympodial orchids
- roots are aerial and usually very active.

Where do orchids grow?

Epiphytic – on trees

Lithophytic – growing on rock

Terrestrial - growing in soil which may include leaf litter.

Reproduction Cycle – Pollination

- A flower is pollinated either by nature or man. Placing of pollen onto stigma.
- Flower closes and forms a seed pod behind the flower.

'Flasking' – a seed pod is harvested and the seeds placed on agar in sterile bottles to propagate.

Plants in flasks continue to grow until they are big enough to remove from the bottle.

Some Orchid Terms

- Mericloning – a method of multiplying plants through the use of micropropagation. Mericlones may be identified as MC on tags and plant listings.
- Species – found in nature.
- Greg spoke about the difference between selfing, sibling crosses and back crossing.
- An 'eye' – at the base of the pseudobulb, usually triangular. Some eyes are dormant.

The Winter Show

The Townsville Orchid Society Winter Show will be held from Friday 9th July to Sunday 11th July 2021. Preparing the Hall will take place from 11am Thursday 8th July and members are asked to assist with the set-up (many hands make light work).

If you are exhibiting orchids at the Show, plants can be brought to the Hall after 1pm Thursday. Judging will take place from 7pm Thursday, so plants must arrive and be placed in the correct section by 6.30pm. Remember – every plant must be free from disease or insect infestation. Check that all pots are stable, as you may need to place it in a larger pot with some rocks so the pot does not fall over. Plant labels (to place on supplied 'tridents') are available at our website <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au/>

If you intend to sell plants at the Show, don't forget to:

- 1 Reserve a sales table with Robyn Dundas – though a member's table will be available if you have fewer than 10 plants to sell per day.
- 2 Order from Jeff Knowles your stick-on barcode sales labels, one of which must be placed on the pot of each sale plant.

Tabled Plants - PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021.

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Doctor John Baker Rlc Burdekin Dream 'DJ' Rlc Chief Emperor 'Orchis'	C Truscott W Hughes W&C Sewell
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	C Dal's Beau 'Ines' C Dream Cloud 'Picotie' Ctna Topaz Raspberry 'Lea'	C Truscott G&S Kelly W&C Sewell
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st 2nd 3rd	Bc Keowee 'Mendenhall' Pcv Golden Peacock Gct Rest In Peace 'Fireball'	W&C Sewell W Hughes L Johnson
CATTLEYA Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	C Lacey Michelle Mathern Bc Hippodamia 'Hanabu' Ctt Armonia de Suenos x C Mark Jones	R Whiting W&C Sewell L Johnson
DENDROBIUM Phalaenanthe	1st 2nd 3rd	Den John's Charm 'Bruno' Den (Charelle x Ray's Twist) x <i>Den tangerinum</i> Den Fraser's Elite Dragon	W&C Sewell K Owens W&C Sewell
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Fraser's Canary Twister Den Emmerand Spread Den Pauline	K Owens R Whiting K Owens
DENDROBIUM Soft Cane	1st	Den Unknown	W Hughes
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Manuvadee V Kapiolea 'Blue Moon' V Amoena	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st	V Roslyn's Best 'Brighton'	N&M Grant
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Van It-Jom V Anne Hayes V Meda Arnold	G&S Kelly N&M Grant W&C Sewell
VANDA Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Rhrds Mem. Suranaree V Boonyarit Little Flame Van Veerawan 'Sugar and Spice'	W&C Sewell G&S Kelly N&M Grant
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Alcra Dorothy Oka Colm Jungle Monarch 'Own Select' Ons Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	L Johnson R Whiting R Whiting
TOLUMNIA	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu Capalaba Queen x Swan's Statement Tolu Capalaba Queen x Swan's Statement	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Toni Semple Phrag Schroderae	B Figuera L Johnson
NOVICE CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	C Unknown C Unknown C Unknown	G Watts M&M Tribel M&M Tribel
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kee Yong Wee (Kultana Gold x Guo Chia Long) V unknown V Adisak Happiness	G Watts G Watts M Boyd

SPECIES AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den bigibbum var superbum</i> <i>Den dicuphum</i>	B Fighera N&M Grant
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>C walkeriana 'Puanani'</i> <i>B nodosa</i>	N&M Grant A&J Knowles
DENDROBIUM	1st	<i>Den spectabile</i>	B Fighera
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	<i>Phal amboinensis</i>	B Fighera
ONCIDIUM	1st	<i>Onc sotoanum</i>	A&J Knowles
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	L Johnson
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb burfordiense</i> <i>Bulb lasiochilum</i> <i>Bulb plumatum</i>	P&M Cooper A&J Knowles A&J Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd	<i>Pinalia spicata</i> <i>Ceratostylis retisquama</i>	R Whiting A&J Knowles



Judges Choice May 2021

Novice:

V Kee Yong Wee
(Kultana Gold x Guo Chia Long)
70 pts

Gary Watt

Points for Tabled Plants after May 2021

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blanchard D		15	2	17
Boon T	1			1
Boyd M			2	2
Cairns J	18			18
Cooper P&M	12		5	17
Day K			4	4
Dix R	2			2
Dundas R&E	92		11	103
Eggins P	3			3
Fighera B	29		16	45
Grant N&M	125		96	221
Howell W&L		6	8	14
Hughes W	32		4	36
Johnson Lyn	138		52	190
Kelly G&S	115		4	87
Knowles A&J			78	78
Lee C	36		11	47
Lewis P&L	3			3
Lucke P&J	6		14	20
Nicholson J	11		3	14
Owens K	107		31	138
Phillips T	2		4	6
Rasmussen R	6			6
Richardson J&B	9		7	16
Ruxton T&S	3			3
Ryan L	5			5
Serra P			5	5
Sewell W&C	35		5	40
Stevens J		19		19
Tappenden R	4			
Truscott C	10			10
Watt G		33		33
Whiting R	102		18	120

PEST CONTROL - HOME REMEDY (For all plants, including Orchids): Supplied by Doug Penningh

*500 MLS luke-warm water *5 MLS Paraffin Oil *3-4 drops of dishwashing liquid (I use Morning Fresh)

I only spray early morning or late afternoon, never in the heat of the day. This mixture has been very effective on all plants, ferns and especially the orchids (dens, cats, oncidis & phallys).

It stops **RED SPIDER, WHITEFLY, SCALE & MEALY BUGS**. The best of it is, it's not poisonous!

Thanks for the above tip to Mackay & District Orchid Society 'Orchidwise' June 2021 and Doug Penningh.



Judges Choice May 2021

Species:

Bulb burfordiense 75 pts

P. Cooper



Judges Choice May 2021

Open:

Van. Roslyn's Best 'Brighton'
77 pts

N & M Grant