

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



August 2021 Bulletin

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Family \$20.00
Single \$15.00

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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 20th August.

The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 22nd August.

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

Please also donate some items for the raffle table – e.g. plants, which don't have to be orchids!

Judges for August 2021:

Open

Peter, Warren

Novice/Species

Reg, Marie

The President's Comments

Welcome to all.

At the last General Meeting, the attending members confirmed the membership dues for the next financial year. Family membership has been kept at \$20 with a single membership costing \$15. If you are making payment through electronic transfer (details are at the top of page one of this Bulletin), please include your name and membership number so the treasurer knows who is paying their membership.

Our member John Johnson passed away this month after a long illness. John and Noelene joined the club in 2012 and both fitted seamlessly into the club. Over time John was our 'Bunnings Man' which resulted in John hosting many information sessions at Bunnings on behalf of the club. His company was enjoyed by all members and he will be sadly missed. His partner, Noelene, daughter Leonie and grandson Aiden are all members of our club. We hope to see them soon.

As usual the various rosters will be doing the rounds at the August meeting for our upcoming Spring Show. We always seem to have gaps in the rosters and then someone will step up and fill the hole. Please assist wherever you can. We are hoping that the recent Covid-19 outbreak in Cairns is contained and not transmitted to Townsville to impact the running of the Show.

Prior to the next meeting, I will have collected a number of Vanilla Orchids (*Vanilla planifolia*) which will be given away to members. These are terrestrial and need to be grown in potting mix. There should be enough to enable all those who would like a piece to take a piece.

For those who know Rod Shoesmith (President of TQOC), he is presently in hospital in Mackay after going down with a serious infection. Latest advice received indicates that Rod will be recuperating in Hospital for a number of weeks.

I have often said that I walk through my greenhouse most days. From afar, something was amiss with one of my Cattleya flowers recently. On closer inspection I found that one of the petals had

been severed. I could find no remains. I could find no trace of grasshoppers in the greenhouse so I am guessing that a rat has had a midnight snack on the flower. I have only had this happen once before in over 33 years growing orchids, so I hope it is an isolated incident. When I was in Brisbane earlier in the year, I visited a greenhouse where the owner had about 45 phalaenathe dendrobiums that had been attacked by rats with big gaps in just about every flower spike. This happened a week before his local orchid show! I am lucky to have lost only one flower.

Good growing.
Greg Kelly

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

Meeting opened: 7.30pm by President Greg Kelly

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

Apologies: Leonie Johnson

Minutes

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

M: R. Dundas S. R. Whiting **Carried**

Business arising: Jeff Knowles and Troy McGill were present at June meeting - need to amend minutes to include them.

Correspondence

Newsletters/Bulletins: Maroochydore OS; South Coast OCSA; NQ Herb Society Potpourri; Ipswich OS; TATOS; HR Orchid Allied Plants Society; Nightcliff OS; Mackay DOS Orchidwise; Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc; Childers & Isis DOS; Townsville OS Inc; Eastern District Orchid Society; Calliope Orchid and Foliage Society;

Mail Inwards: Townsville Bulletin costs; Confirmation of Hall Hire; Winter Show Schedule - R. Dix; Confirmation of Acquittal Submission; Winter Show Rosters; Show Schedule - responses x 3; Question from John Rees; Dewplanter - discount to members; Update - cancellation of box day/advertising; Update Winter Show; Update - Winter Show and COVID restrictions; Request from TripleT - sample voiceover; New membership - Chery Stout; Show Decision + responses; C-Mobile A/c; Cancellation of Winter Show; Every plant, every garden, every season; Cancellation of TOS Winter Show + responses; Query about keikis; Orchid show winnings; Winter Show Media; AOC Club Membership invoice and information letter; Proserpine Orchid Foliage Plant Society - Field Day CANCELLATION; Finalised Councillor Discretionary Grant - Townsville Orchid Society application; ADVJ Sands Expo and Convention Centre is SG SafeEvents-certified; Invitation to Charters Towers Field Day; Query about hiring the hall; Invoice: Gracie Signs; TOS - Filing of TOS publications/documents; Invoice - Urn; Townsville Orchid Society Inc - member 80350; Alices Orchids 2021 plant listing; Microsoft account password reset; Microsoft account password change; Nambour Field Day Invitation; Possible School Visit; TOS - Financial statements for July 2021 meetings; Receipt for Microsoft 365 family.

Mail Outwards: Proserpine Orchid Foliage Plant Society Field Day; Membership welcome x 4; Show Schedule; Winter Show rosters; Box Day postponed; John Rees - visit; Update - Winter Show and COVID restrictions; Exhibiting your orchids and bush house plants at the Townsville Show due to COVID restrictions; Minutes in Word; Cancellation of TOS Winter Show; July - Every plant, every garden, every season; Minutes.

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

M: J. Allen S: J. Knowles **Carried**

Business arising: Jeff will follow up on the request from a Year 2 teacher at Grammar, requesting a visit to a greenhouse or someone to demonstrate to students 'what plants need to grow.'

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: T. McGill **Carried**

Business arising: Nil.

Vice President Reports:

Show (*Robyn Dundas*):

- Will try again for the next show. Show rosters to be handed out at Sunday meeting.
- Checked Show schedule – no big issues.
- Ribbons from Winter Show – maybe have some fun at the next meeting. Ask Reg if he is prepared to put ribbons onto plants. No monetary prizes will be given.
- Field Day – Is it too early to send out invitations? Alice has offered to open her greenhouse. Need two more local greenhouses to open. Northern Beaches sorted.
- TOS 75th Birthday next year. Idea to have a big 'Winter Show' organised in June/July. Will talk about it on Sunday.
- Try to get an ATM for the Spring Show.

Property (*Robert Rasmussen*):

- Female toilet door not fixed yet. Robert has a part which he will try to replace.

Hospitality (*Ruth Whiting*):

- Pizzas to be delivered by 2.00pm
- Roster for the kitchen for the Spring Show will be passed around.
- Christmas break-up - work out a price. Leave until next meeting.

Bulletin (*Noel Grant*)

- Still chasing up AOS magazines - paid but not received.

General Business:

1. We need a stand-in Secretary for August Committee and General Meetings. Noel Grant has agreed to do it.
2. Decision made on dates for our 2022 Shows.
Autumn – 29th, 30th April and 1st May.
Winter - 8th, 9th, 10th July
Spring –16th, 17th, 18th September
Field Day – 9th October.
3. Recommendation for fees.
“That we retain the current fees for 2021/2022.”
M. G. Kelly S. B. Hughes **Carried**
4. Seedling plants will be handed out on Sunday. Greg has done leaflets for the draw.
5. Trophy donated by TQOC will be named The Ted Boon Trophy.
6. We need to thank John Rutledge for announcing the cancellation of the Winter Show on Triple T.
7. Jeff – Townsville Show - Warren Sewell and Deb Sanim entered plants.
8. Jeff discussed the possibility of starting up Special Interest Groups within the Club. Groups could meet separately to the monthly meetings.
9. June Cairns – enquired as to whether we have someone come in to clean the toilets?

New Member Applications:

Cheryl Stout - single – Novice - accepted

Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

Greg Kelly - President

Jan Allen – Secretary

Two men were sitting in the lounge while their wives were in the kitchen.

“We had a fabulous meal at a restaurant last week” said one. “Oh, yes? What was its name?” asked the other. “My memory is failing” said the first. “What is that flower with the nice scent, but has thorns?”

“Oh, that would be a rose” said the second man. “That’s it” said the forgetful man, as he yelled into the kitchen “Rose, what is the name of the restaurant we went to last week?”

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 25th July, 2021.

Meeting opened: 1.02 pm. by President Greg Kelly.

Present: 53 as per registration book.

Apologies: Karen Hamilton; Andrew Hamilton; Jan Richardson; Lyn Howell; Clara Sewell; Roslyn Tappenden; Noel Hardwick; Aiden Skinner; Noelene Parker; John Johnson; Maureen Draper.

Visitors: Brian Stanborough; Mark Vesley; C. Mathews; K. Davies; Kerry Devereaux

Minutes:

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

Moved: J. Rutledge Seconded: W. Carlill **Carried** Business arising: Nil

New Correspondence. No new correspondence since Management Meeting on 23rd July 2021.

Business arising: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

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Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: J. Knowles Seconded: L. Johnson **Carried** Business arising: Nil.

Robyn Dundas (Show Vice-President):

- handing out rosters for the September Spring Show
- TOS 75th birthday to be celebrated in 2022. We hope to hire a larger venue to host the Winter Show, possibly have a special dinner. Any ideas, please speak to Robyn.
- To use Show Ribbons that were not given out at the cancelled Show, Reg will place the ribbons on different plants today e.g. Judges Choice will get the Grand Champion ribbon.

Ruth Whiting (Hospitality Vice-President):

- handing out the roster for the kitchen and donations for the Spring Show.

General Business:

1. Greg Kelly welcomed visitors to the Club.
2. New members Jo and Petrice Melvin were welcomed into the Society with a book and a seedling plant.
3. Jeff Knowles floated the possibility of organising Special Interest groups, covering different topics related to orchid growing. Groups could meet at homes – no need for formalities. If you are interested in organising a group, contact Jeff for more information.
4. Thanks to Robert Rasmussen and Noel Grant for fixing the door of the ladies' toilet.
5. A motion was put that "The membership fee for 2021/22 be set at \$20 family and \$15 single."
M. R. Scott S. T. Ruxton **Carried**
6. Field days – Charters Towers (12th September); Townsville Orchid Society Inc. (10th October)
7. Give-away plant instead of a Competition plant. We are looking at doing this possibly once a year or every 18 months so we need someone who is prepared to deflask and look after the plants.
8. Show dates for next year have been decided and will be published in the Bulletin.
9. Stacey Fidler - Saturday 28th August – Flower and Garden Show. Love to have vendors and people to help on the day.
10. Charlie Truscott – discussed a problem that one of the plants on the table had: Botrytis, caused by dust on plants getting wet.
He suggested mixing Alginox with your inorganic fertilisers to prevent this. It is a good wetting agent. Can be purchased at Pool suppliers. Burdekin Farmers sell Path-X or SteriMax which does the same job.
Question 1: When do you start repotting Cats? Answer: Now. Charlie soaks plants and pots in Alginox for about 10 minutes to ensure there is no transference of disease.
Question 2: When should keikis be cut off the original plant? Answer: When it gets a second growth and roots – cut it off and pot it.
11. Plant Competition: - Ribbons were awarded.
12. Jeff Knowles gave a presentation on "Phalaenopsis – species to hybrid to award winners".
Thanks, Jeff for a very interesting and entertaining presentation. (see notes below)
13. Afternoon tea.
14. Raffle

Notes from “Phaelanopsis – species to hybrid to award winners.”

Jeff commenced his presentation with some interesting history regarding the finding and naming of the Phaelanopsis orchids. He showed an early definition of the plant.

PHALAEANOPSIS AMABILIS – INDIAN BUTTERFLY PLANT

The generic name is derived from the Greek PHALAINA, a moth, and OPSIS, resemblance. An epiphyte which displays bold foliage and flowers, but is devoid of gaiety. Should be grown in moss, attached to decaying wood.

We saw pictures of the phalaenopsis hybrids that were awarded an AM or FCC in Australia – the first in 1965 and progressively more in the following decades. It was noted that until the 1990's all awarded flowers were white.

In 1993, our own TOS member (technical advisor) Charlie Truscott won an AM/AOC with Phal. Carmela's Wonder 'Sharon'.

Our Society was also well represented in the 2000s with awarded flower. It was also noted that Charlie Truscott has the only AOC award for Phaelanopsis.

Jeff gave hints as to how he and Alison grow their Phaelanopsis orchids.

- Medium – sphagnum moss
- Pots – squat and otherwise
- Moisture – keep sphag moist (3 waterings a week in Summer, once a week in Winter, am), misters – take care not to allow water to lie around in the middle of the plant as it can cause bacterial rot.
- Fertilise – regular (weekly, variety of fertilisers) – (Phallies take up 85% of water and nutrient requirements through their roots).
- Repot – by December each year (cut flowers off)
- Solid roof
- Light – aim for <1500fc
- Pests – false spider mites, botrytis, root rot, bacterial rot
- Pest control – variety - prevention is better than cure.
- Staking – Aluminium wire and clips

Jeff finished off with this comment:

Many orchid flowers are nice, but . . . Phalaenopsis orchid flowers are a class above the rest.

TABLED PLANTS: PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021.

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN	1st	Rlc Burdekin Jewel 'DJ'	C Truscott
CATTLEYA	2nd	Rlc Burbank Elegant	R&E Dundas
110mm and over	3rd	Rlc Glenlee Danger	W&C Sewell
CATTLEYA	1st	C Dendi's Perfection 'Carmella'	G&S Kelly
75mm to 109 mm	2nd	Ctna Dal's Toy	G&S Kelly
	3rd	C Unknown	-
CATTLEYA	1st	Ctt Siamese Doll 'Kiwi Fruit'	W Hughes
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	Rth Fuchs Orange x Young Min Orange	W Hughes
	3rd	Ctt Varut Startrack 'CS'	R Whiting
DENDROBIUM	1st	D Memoria Joan Laffey	W Hughes
Spatulata	2nd	D. Mem Kip McKillop x Helix x <i>canaliculatum.</i>	K Owens
	3rd	D Janani Chrome	K Owens

VANDA 65 mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	V Gordon Dillon 'Black' V Princess Mikasa 'Blue' V Gordon Dillon 'Blue'	N&M Grant J Cairns W&C Sewell
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Vct South East Pearl 'Chao Praya' Van Azure V Princess Mikasa 'Blue'	J Cairns N&M Grant J Cairns
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Yip Sum Wah 'King Red' V Fiftieth State Beauty 'Rich Red' V Yip Sum Wah	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly K Owens
VANDACEOUS Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Van Tropic Snow Van Tropic Snow Van Tropic Snow	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS 60mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Unknown Phal Sogo Yukidan	W Hughes W Hughes
PHALAENOPSIS Under 60mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Sogo Mandolin Phal Jihboa Pink Lady Phal Unknown	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles R&E Dundas
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Gptm Arlene Armour 'Conching' Ons Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' Ons Wildcat	R&E Dundas R Whiting R&E Dundas
TOLUMNIA	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu Capalaba Gold x Rrm Swan's Statement Tolu Capalaba Sun Tolu Capalaba Gold x Rrm Swan's Statement	G&S Kelly N&M Grant G&S Kelly
<u>NOVICE</u> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	BLC Fuchs Orange Nuggett 'Lea' C Unknown Ctt Tropical Trick 'Machado'	G Watt C Gibson C Gibson
DENDROBIUM	1st	D Woon Leng	G Watt
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kee Yong Wee (V Kultana Gold x Guo Chia Long) V Ambrosian Discovery x Kulwadee Fragrance V unknown	G Watt M Boyd G Watt
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal Pink Cheeks	D Blanchard
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	Onc Unknown Onc Cooper Scarab	G Watt M Boyd
<u>SPECIES</u> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>D tangerinum</i> <i>D clavator</i> <i>D lichenastrum</i>	K Owens N&M Grant N&M Grant
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Epi stamfordianum</i> <i>C maxima</i> <i>C aurantiaca</i> 'Mishima Spots'	R&E Dundas N&M Grant R&E Dundas
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Rhy gigantea</i> 'Red' <i>Rhy gigantea</i> Panda <i>Rhy gigantea</i> 'Red'	R&E Dundas R&E Dundas P&M Cooper
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Ludisia discolor</i> <i>Paph exul</i> <i>V lilacina</i>	K Owens K Owens N&M Grant

Orchids named after American First Ladies

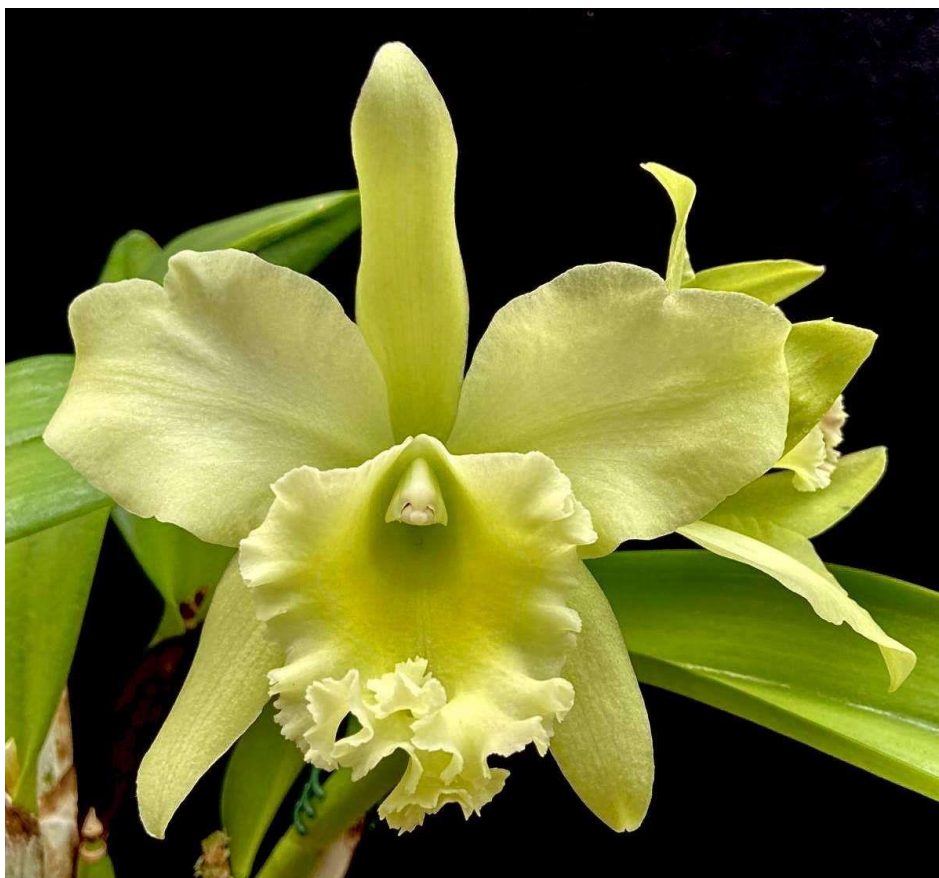
In the Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin of February 2009 (which is available for you to read at the TOS website <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au> , click on 'Newsletters') I wrote an article about Chadwick and Son Orchids Inc, of Delaware, U.S.A. who have a long history of naming flowering orchids after famous people, including HRH Queen Elizabeth the Second. They have named orchids after the wives of 4 previous Presidents of the United States, including Michelle Obama. Their interesting book "The Classic Orchids" is available for loan from the TOS library. I recently re-read my article and wondered if they had made any further 'namings' and an internet search revealed:



RLC Melania Trump

(C. Bold Swan x
Rlc. Chia Lin)

Registered by
Chadwick's in 2016



RLC Jill Biden

(Rlc. Goldenzelle x
Rlc. Sea Swirl)

Registered by
Chadwick's in 2013
when Jill's husband
Joe was Vice President
and they lived close to
Chadwick and Son
Orchids

Points for Tabled Plants after July 2021

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Barlow H	2			2
Blanchard D		33	3	36
Boon T	1			1
Boyd M		19		19
Cairns J	27		1	28
Cooper P&M	12		7	19
Day K			4	4
Dix R	2			2
Draper M&J		4		4
Dundas R&E	121		30	151
Eggin P	3			3
Fighera B	42		16	58
Gibson C			3	3
Grant N&M	163		127	300
Howell W&L		17	8	25
Hughes W	53		4	57
Johnson Lyn	154		65	219
Kelly G&S	158		4	162
Knowles A&J	7		87	94
Lee C	36		11	47
Lewis P&L	3			3
Lucke P&J	6		17	23
Nicholson J	12		4	16
Owens K	131		40	171
Phillips T	2		4	6
Rasmussen R	6			6
Richardson J&B	13		8	21
Ruxton T&S	3			3
Ryan L	5			5
Serra P			5	5
Sewell W&C	47		5	52
Stevens J		19		19
Tappenden R	4			
Truscott C	18			18
Watt G		47		47
Whiting R	127		21	148



Judges Choice July 2021

Novice:

BLC Fuchs Orange Nuggett 'Lea'

70 points

Gary Watt



Judges Choice July 2021

Species:

Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Red'

79 points

Robyn & Eric Dundas



Judges Choice July 2021

Open:

C. Dendi's Perfection 'Carmen'

80 points

G & S Kelly

Important Dates in 2022:

	<u>Setup and judging</u>	<u>Show dates</u>
<u>Autumn Show 2022</u>	Thursday 28 April	Friday 29 April, Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May
<u>Winter Show 2022</u>	Thursday 7 July	Friday 8 July, Saturday 9 July and Sunday 10 July
<u>Spring Show 2022</u>	Thursday 15 September	Friday 16 September, Saturday 17 September and Sunday 18 September
<u>Field Day</u>	Sunday 9 October	

All the above: Covid-19 permitting.

“Club Shop Jottings”

August 2021 Meeting.

A few interesting bits of information:

1. We will be **placing an order with *Fernland*** after this meeting. Read the *Fernland* catalogue on the information table and at the shop and write your orders in the book at the shop. Talk to us about your wish list, including “Kiwi” bark you need now or in the reasonable future as we can order extras. Goods should be here at the September meeting, all ready for your mammoth repotting effort. Talk to us at the shop with your questions.
2. Check out this short informational YouTube video from Fernland detailing a **new natural insecticide**, Sero-X. (Yes, we can order whole bottles of this for you.) Copy this link and paste it into a web browser → [Sero-X Natural Insecticide - YouTube](#)
3. The **members’ sales table** is increasing in popularity. My observations are,
 - a. It is for orchid plants in flower.
 - b. Sellers must remember that you are selling to fellow orchid growers, so only quality orchids should be there.
 - c. Members buying usually bring the plant to the shop as their first point of contact, especially if there is a TOS barcode on the pot. However, the sell/buy process happens directly between the seller and the buyer. The shop is NOT involved, nor does the TOS receive any commission or donation.
 - d. Selling members should ensure their name is on the sale plant so the buyer can track you down and give you the cash.
4. We are trying to **upskill members**, as required, who are on the show roster as cashiers, by having them practice using the cash register at the shop during the meeting. Please be patient.
5. We have sold out of the secateur’s steriliser (**Trisodium phosphate**). I found a product “tricleanium” (on Mitre 10 webpage for example) which contains 99% Trisodium phosphate, so it will do the same job.
6. We have also sold out of the **liquid organic fertiliser, *Black Gold*** from Nutritech. We need to decide whether to include more with the order as sales have been extremely slow of late. Let us know your thoughts.
7. The July general meeting set the **membership fees for 2021/2022** at \$15 for single and \$20 for family, so now is the time to renew - either by direct debit (the TOS bank details are on the front page of this Bulletin), by posting a cheque, or paying at the shop at this August meeting. Please remember your membership number and your name as the cash register operator will require this information. Also include this information in your direct debit.

Jeff Knowles