

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### October 2021 Bulletin

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Annual Membership Fees are due **1<sup>st</sup> September** each year  
Family \$20.00  
Single \$15.00

Details for paying membership fees: BSB: - 064823  
Account Number: - 0009 0973  
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 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

**The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 24th October.**

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

Please also donate some items for the raffle table. Quality items appreciated!

**Judges for October 2021:**

Open  
Warren, Peter

Novice/Species  
Charlie, Reg

### **The President's Comments**

Welcome to all.

I write this shortly after the decision to cancel the 2021 Townsville Orchid Society Field Day because of Covid-19 restrictions. Members who open their greenhouses for Field Days take time to get all in order for the big day. I know I have been waiting for inflorescences to open so that I had something in flower for the visiting hordes. I was reasonably prepared for the day but at least my greenhouse is now clean and tidy to a standard that it has not been for a while. I am sure that the club will have a successful Field Day next year.

Our club managed to run the 2021 Spring Show very successfully and the profit from this Show has secured the funds of the Society for some time. There was a large number of applications for membership arising from the Show. It would be simply great if most of these became active members. The **Christmas Party** is scheduled for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a two-course meal supplied at a cost to members of \$20 per person, following a short General Meeting. **This meeting commences at 12 noon**, so be aware of the early start. To attend, you must advise the club you will be attending and complete payment at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Of course, you must be a financial member. The club will support the raffle with some plants. If you are also bringing in raffle prizes, be aware that this is a raffle where prizes should be to a high standard. There will be no flowering plant competition at this meeting but as usual, there will be a table in the back room to place flowering orchids if you have something that you simply must share with others.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the October meeting, when my time as President will conclude. May I take this opportunity to thank all members for their fellowship, and their willingness to lend a hand and do whatever the club needs at the time.

I wish all of the best to the incoming Committee for the future of the Townsville Orchid Society.  
Good growing.

Greg Kelly

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**Reminder: Annual membership fees were due 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

**These fees may be paid at our October meeting (please be early to avoid the queue) or online (see payment details on Page 1).**

**If you remain un-financial, you will be unable to vote at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October!**

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**Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Meeting opened: 7.31 pm by President Greg Kelly

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

**Apologies:** Bill Hughes, Leonie Johnson

**Minutes**

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

M: R. Rasmussen

S. R. Whiting

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**Newsletters/Bulletins:** Gladstone OFS; South Coast OCSA Inc; Maroochy OS Inc; NQ Herb Society Potpourri; TATOS; HR Orchid Allied Plants Society Inc; Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc; Childers & Isis DOS; Townsville OS Inc; Calliope

Orchid and Foliage Society Inc; Mackay District OS Inc; Eastern District OS Inc; Western Brisbane OS;

**Mail Inwards:**

Amended Nomination Forms; Query on wheelchair accessibility; Membership change request; Fernland response to query; Supply Proposal 189798 from Anthony Challenger at Fernland; BromsQld 2021 Spring Show - September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Update & Reminder; Invoice 00009985 From Townsville Community Broadcasting Co Ltd; Responses: Invoice 00009985 From Townsville Community Broadcasting Co Ltd; TOS Membership Payment - RG Hilder; Maclean & District Orchid Society - Spring Show cancellation; Labels query; Query about bark orders; New password for Fernland order; Townsville Orchid Society's logon to Fernland prices; AGM Minutes - Orchids Qld Inc; TCC Submission 21/22007CDG started; Submission 21/22007CDG submitted; Show Schedule for Spring Show x 3; Show Schedule in PDF not XPS viewer x 3; Mark Vesley - thanks; Tvl City Council tenders 30 July; Greg Kelly - response to query re Show Schedule publication; TCC - CE-126758 Your event has been submitted for moderation; Placement of Show Schedule on webpage; J. Goady - query membership number; Delivery status Notification - fmarnock; maleskybar; TOS Field Day Invitation; TOS Field Day Invitation - thanks; Rosters for Spring Show - J Stevens; Notice for Spring Show - B Howell; Please Help - query about an orchid; Roster for Spring Show - K. Davies; Toni Hammond - Group coming; ebill - Ergon Energy; M. Soden - no longer member; P. Cooper re membership; K. Taggart - membership paid; Helen Steel - Field Day; Membership payment - B. & J Richardson; M & M Triebel - re membership fee; Robyn - Flyer on TOS Facebook page; M. Laffin - membership paid; Membership fees - Marie Venn; C. Gibson - Membership paid; J Stevens - membership paid; J. Stevens - duplicate membership; C. Jones - paid membership; Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc, Spring show flyer; HROAPS - Spring orchid & foliage display and plant sale; M & J Draper - membership fees; J. Allen - fees paid; ATM for weekend; CONSTITUTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN ORCHID COUNCIL INC. (7 September 2021); Adeniums - Ingham Spring Show; Australian Orchid Foundation AGM, Guest speaker Mike Duncan; C. Stout - query about fees; Response to Query - Financial/Unfinancial Members; D. Higginson - fees paid; 2021/22 Successful Councillor Discretionary Grant application; Julie McLean - query about volunteering; Admissions poster; Photos for certificates; e-receipt - Joyce Mayne; Subscription renewal - G. Watt; Fernland receipt; Karen Davies - Field Day registration; Pop-up Plant Sale - Atherton Tablelands; . TCC - Invitation to Greg Kelly; Natasha Nicopoulos re: Orchid Society - 75th Anniversary Show; COVID-19 Check-in at Orchid Show; TOS Financials to EOFY; Re: COVID19 Check-in at Orchid Show; Peter McLeod NZ - Orchid Seed; Fernland receipt; TOS September Meeting financials.

**Mail Outwards**

Membership fees - R & G Hilder; Order for Townsville Orchid Society - Fernland; Request for Burdiken Bells; Triple T query; Show Schedule for Spring Show x 3; Karen Davies - Welcome Pack; Mark Vesley - Welcome Pack; TOS FEES - Cheryl Stout,

Debra & Nathan Sanim, Troy & Sam McGill; Show Schedule - final; Jenny Goadby - membership status; Rosters for Spring Show; Townsville Field Day details; Subscription Renewal Notices; Response to query about orchid; ATM availability; Australian

Orchid Foundation AGM - Zoom; Show set-up Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June; Townsville Orchid Society Newsletter.

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

M: J. Allen

S: R. Dundas

**Carried**

**Business arising:** A letter from a member of the public suggested that our procedures at the Spring Show were possibly illegal. Jan has researched each point and has come to the conclusion that we are complying with "Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency." and are not discriminating against anyone by asking them to check in. Committee members discussed various options in response to the email and agreed to acknowledge the email and send a copy to Federal and State members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

Motion: That the treasurer's reports be accepted and accounts be passed for payment

M: J. Knowles

S: T. McGill

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Jeff expressed thanks to Terry Ruxton and Maureen Grant for their assistance during the Show. He presented a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Spring Show.

Motion: Move that we draw a float of \$400 for the Field Day.

M. J. Knowles

S. R. Dundas.

**Carried**

### **Vice President Reports:**

#### **Show** (*Robyn Dundas*):

- Friday morning rush was handled very well by Ruth at the register.
- All raffle plants were kindly donated. Ralph and Gloria Robertson from Harbourside Nursery, Innisfail donated eight plants, Alice's Orchids donated five plants, and Gloria and Ron Hilder donated one plant.
- It is important to be aware that some people will try to steal plants. One known incident this Show. Volunteers must continue to be vigilant and take plants out of boxes to scan.
- Rosters for helpers for the Field Day will be going around. Bus route is typed up for the guides who will go with the bus drivers. Free lunch for the Townsville bus driver. Herbert River will have their own bus.
- It is ok to pay on the day. Tickets are needed for the bus and lunch.
- Set-up for Field Day is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm.
- Spoke to several Councillors about getting a grant for our TOS Anniversary Show and Dinner. Looking at venues at the moment.

#### **Hospitality** (*Ruth Whiting*):

- Needs to work out numbers for the Field Day lunches.
- Need to get containers for the lunches – Robert to source.
- Can we use existing plastic knives and forks?
- Christmas Party list to go around at General meeting.

#### **Property** (*Robert Rasmussen*):

- Bill for toilet received.
- New urn leaking.
- Bunnings – 3 x \$20 gift cards for the Break-up. Robert to ring Bunnings to organise.
- Looked into collapsible crates to use instead of the Coolite boxes. 1 kg each.

### **General Business:**

1. ATM – pulled out at the last minute. Question is - could we sell any more plants by using an ATM? Is the effort to get an EPOS machine or ATM worth it?
2. Are the people selling plants putting at least 5 plants into the Show? This is a requirement stated in our By-laws.
3. Greg recommended that we do not put Membership applications out at Shows in future. Patrons can be told that they are able to have three visits. Too many people pay to become members and don't come along to meetings.



- We did have an incident of attempted theft on the weekend, but our procedures helped detect it.
- Rosters for the Field Day – helpers needed for the raffle table and lunches. Three locations will be visited in the morning – Alice’s, Greg Kelly’s and Jeff and Alison Knowles. Afternoon – Ruth’s and Robyn’s.
- Set-up at the Hall at 1.00pm on Saturday.
- Greg - We supply a bus for the Field Day - \$20 per person. \$10 for lunch. Club is subsidising the bus cost.

**Ruth Whiting** (*Hospitality Vice-President:*)

- Field Day – no list for food. Bring a plate along to share for the morning tea.
- List for Christmas Party is going around - \$20 per member, \$40 per non-member (partners).

**General Business:**

1. Application forms will not be put out at the future Shows. Public will be reminded that they are eligible to come along to 3 meetings as visitors before joining.
2. Annual General Meeting is next month. Nominations need to be in two weeks before the AGM.
3. Jeff – de-flasking demonstration – plants are on the back table for members to see how they have grown since that last meeting.
4. Warren Sewell – complained that too many plants were being held in the backroom. Robyn explained that members who were volunteering at the 9.00am shift were allowed to choose plants beforehand. As the register was not opened until 9.00am, they needed to store their plants until they were no longer working.
5. Warren Sewell asked if members could sell non-flowering plants at meetings. No decision was made as this would require a change to By-law 16.
6. Reg announced the Judge’s choice.
7. Charlie Truscott – Technical advisor
  - Everything is in growth at the moment. Should start repotting or be finished repotting at this time.
  - Pests and mites become very active at this time of the year. Everyone should have a program for spraying for pests. This is the time to do it.
  - Spider mites – Stealth Miticide and Insecticide – but use different chemicals over time, so that the pests don’t become resistant to one chemical. Insecticides and miticides are different. Any of these chemicals are poisonous so take care.
  - *Dendrobium bigibbum* plants – do not water after May until the new growth is about 2cm long.
  - Potting in clear pots? Charlie does not recommend.
8. Noel Grant presented a talk on Vandaceous orchids, explaining the differences between *Vanda sanderiana*, *Vanda tessellata* and *Vanda coerulea*. Members were shown the unique foliage, root growth and petal shapes of the different species.
9. Afternoon tea.
10. Raffle

Meeting Closed: 3.40pm

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Greg Kelly – President

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Jan Allen – Secretary

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Nominations for Townsville Orchid Society Annual General Meeting October 2021

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
President	Robyn Dundas	G. Kelly	N. Grant
Treasurer	Jeff Knowles	R. Dundas	G. Kelly
Secretary	Helen Butler	R. Dundas	L. Johnson
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>			
(1) Show	Stacey Fidler	R. Dundas	T. McGill
(2) Hall	Robert Rasmussen	R. Dundas	S. Fidler
(3) Hospitality	Ruth Whiting	R. Dundas	N. Grant
Publicity Officer	Leonie Johnson	R. Dundas	R. Whiting
Committee Member 1	Jan Allen	R. Dundas	S. Fidler
Committee Member 2	June Cairns	S. Fidler	R. Dundas
Committee Member 3	Noel Grant	R. Dundas	R. Whiting
Committee Member 4	Troy McGill	R. Dundas	R. Whiting
<u>Other Officers:</u>			
Patron			
Editor			
Librarian			
Technical Officer	Charlie Truscott	R. Dundas	T. McGill
Programme Director			
Host 1	Denise Lincoln	J. Rutledge	A. Knowles
Host 2			
Host 3			
Librarian			
Auditor			
Returning Officer			
Scrutineer 1			
Scrutineer 2			

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## 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 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

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Greg Kelly - President

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Jan Allen - Secretary

#### TABLED PLANTS - PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021

**Bold Type** indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
<b>OPEN</b>			
CATTLEYA	1st	Ctt Orlade's Early Harvest 'Magic'	N&M Grant
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	Ctt Kauai Starbright x Ctt Gold Nugget	N&M Grant
	3rd	Ctna Quantum Spirit 'Ring of Fire'	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	1st	<b>Rth Deception Clown</b> (Rlc Toshie Magic x Ctt Aussie Sunset)	R Whiting
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	C Mem. Ralph Yagi	R Whiting
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Airy Crimson	R&E Dundas
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Den Brown King	R&E Dundas
	3rd	<i>Den semifuscum</i> x Den Shogun	K Owens
VANDA	1st	Van Fuch's Precious Jewel 'Rezza'	G&S Kelly
Under 40mm	2nd	Van Pine Rivers 'Wasana'	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Van Pine Rivers 'Brighton'	G&S Kelly
VANDA	1st	Van Prapin x <i>V luzonica</i>	N&M Grant
Any Other Hybrid			
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal unknown	R Whiting
OVER 60mm	2nd	Phal Golden Apple	A Hardy
	3rd	Phal Splendid	R Whiting
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal Unknown	R&E Dundas
Under 60mm	2nd	Phal Unknown	W Howell
ONCIDIUM	1st	<b>Gmn Rosa Ballerina</b>	K Owens
Any Other	2nd		
TOLUMNIA	1st	Rrm Swan's Statement 'Layla'	G&S Kelly
	2nd	Tolu Karisma Sensation 'Abbie'	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Rrm Willowbank Whirl 'Chase'	G&S Kelly



<b>NOVICE</b> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd	<b>Epc</b> Charlie Brown	M Boyd
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd	<i>Den lindleyi (D aggregatum)</i>	M Boyd
VANDA	1st 2nd	V Roberts Delight	G Watt
PHALAENOPSIS	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Unknown Phal Unknown Phal Unknown	G Watt G Watt M Venn
<b>SPECIES</b> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den discolor</i> <i>Den discolor</i>	K Owens K Owens
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>C nobilior var amaliae</i> <i>Gur skinneri var semi alba</i> 'Pattara' <i>C nobilior var amaliae</i>	K Day N&M Grant N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den lindleyi (Den aggregatum)</i>	R&E Dundas
VANDA	1st 2nd	<i>V tessellata</i>	N&M Grant
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Paph exul</i>	K Owens
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb echinolabium</i> <i>Bulb plumatum</i> <i>Bulb purpurascens</i>	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles A&J Knowles

The Editor apologises that no photographs of the Judge's Choice plants were taken, due to preparations for (and panicking about) his Vanda talk. The winners were:

Open: Ruth Whiting for Phal unknown 77 points

Novice: Margaret Boyd for *Den lindleyi (Den aggregatum)* 74 points

Species: Robyn Dundas for *Den lindleyi (Den aggregatum)*, 78 points

In Noel's Bush House 52

*Eulophia andamanensis* (Rchb.f.) 1872

This daintily-flowered plant has a distribution extending from the Andaman Islands (after which it is named) through Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and into Sumatra, usually growing in grassland. The 'Rchb.f.' after the name denotes that this orchid was named in 1872 by Heinrich Gustav Reichenbach, who became the world's leading authority on orchids after the death in 1865 of his friend John Lindley, 'the father of orchidology'. The 'f.' is an abbreviation (of 'fils' – son) to prevent confusing him with his father, also a well-known botanist.

This unusual-looking plant, bought in 2015, is one of the few terrestrial orchids in my collection (it is planted in a soil-based mix, not rocks). It is grown in a good potting mix, with other items added to aerate the mixture such as bark, perlite and probably other items I don't remember, because it was last re-potted in March of this year, and who remembers that long ago? Some rocks were added on top to prevent the mixture washing out. I thought it was important to give it a fast-draining mixture, as the sprinklers in my bush house operate for a short time every second day and a soggy pot would have spelt death. I was amused to read that Hawkes (1965) recommended a mix of equal parts soil, rotted cow manure and sphagnum moss – too smelly for me!

Other *Eulophia* species can have an inflorescence as tall as 5 metres, but my plant towers to a little over 400mm (including the pot).

Noel Grant October 2021

References: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich\\_Gustav\\_Reichenbach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_Gustav_Reichenbach)  
<http://www.orchidspecies.com/indexepid-ex.htm> , OrchidWiz X7.3.

Note: all 52 issues of "In Noel's Bush House" are available, included in the monthly "Newsletters", commencing January 2012, at the website of Townsville Orchid Society  
<http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au>

