

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### January 2022 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 21<sup>st</sup> January.**

**The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.**

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 January 2022:**

Open

Marie, Peter

Novice/Species

Charlie, Reg

**The President's Comments**

Hello everyone,

Well, I hope you all had a joyful and safe Christmas. Here we are in the new year of 2022 already, and I think the hot weather is making it quite unbearable at the moment. The humidity may be good for our orchids and plants but personally I'm finding it terribly exhausting this year. The good rain that we have had so far has certainly made the weeds and grass grow fast, as well as being exceptionally good for our orchids. With the Queensland borders now open to the rest of Australia and some parts of the world, despite Covid-19 spreading, you would already know of all the extra precautions and requirements that businesses and clubs have to adhere to, and these regulations will also apply to our club meetings. Everyone will be required to **register** via the QR code on their entry into the TOS hall, and **must wear a mask**, and have proof of being **double vaccinated**. Unvaccinated people and those without proof of vaccination will be refused entry. These rules are the requirements of the Queensland Government and we need to protect all of our members who attend.

On a brighter note, Townsville Orchid Society will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday in June this year, and we will hopefully be celebrating this milestone in a big way. Preparations are under way already in the hope of achieving our goals for the event. More information will be announced as it comes to hand, so stay tuned.

Our first lecture for the year (at January's meeting) will be about growing and caring for vandae and the speaker will be Greg Kelly. I'm sure it will be a great presentation, and I am looking forward to it.

Hopefully I will see you all at the first Townsville Orchid Society meeting of the year on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 starting at 1pm. Don't forget your donation for the raffle table and please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Happy growing and stay safe,  
Robyn Dundas

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### **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm by President Robyn Dundas

**Present:** Robyn Dundas, Noel Grant, Ruth Whiting, Stacey Fidler, June Cairns, Robert Rasmussen, Jeff Knowles, Troy McGill, Jan Allen, Helen Butler, Leonie Johnson.

#### **Apologies:**

#### **Minutes:**

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

M: H. Butler S. R. Whiting **Carried**

**Business arising:** Robyn and Robert have purchased two new phones from Officeworks, none in stock so waiting on supply.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Newsletters/Bulletins:** South Coast OCSA Inc; Calliope Orchid and Foliage Society Inc; NQ Herb Society Potpourri; HR Orchid Allied Plants Society Inc; Maroochy OS Inc; TATOS; Nightcliff Orchid Society; Maclean & Dist Orchid Society; Western Brisbane OS; Townsville OS Inc; Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc; Mackay District OS Inc; Childers & Isis DOS; Nambour OS Inc.

#### **Mail Inwards:**

Newsletters: EDOS, CIDOS, Calliope, IOS, GOFs, HR, Maclean, MDOS, NQ Herbs, NOS, Cairns, Rockhampton, SCOCSA, TATOS, TQOC, WBOS.

Fernland - Seasonal specials, Supply chain challenges and price changes; Shadecloth specials;

Miscellaneous:

Cheryl Stout re GST question; Ruby Stephens re Flora Connections Citizens Science Project; Helen Butler re apologies; Hung Sheng Flask list; Complete TAG Solutions statement; John Batey TQOC Meeting; Hot toner sales; My Community Directory opportunity for promotion; CMobile account; Phillip Thompson re Covid Check In requirements; Woodson new urn available; Ecuagenera list for November; Gary Watt receipt for Christmas party payment; Heatley Secondary College hiring inquiry; Sunnyview Orchids order confirmation; Councillor Discretionary Grant; Cliff Alexander request for contact information (C Truscott); Jeff Knowles Treasurer's Financial Reports for November; eDeposit summary; TCC request for Public Liability Currency certificate

#### **Mail Outwards:**

Ruth Whiting re Christmas Party, Successful Councillor Discretionary Grant application; Inquiry on Hall Hire; Margaret Boyd re refund; Smarty Grants Password.

From Helen's email: Reminder to all members re Christmas Party payment, Minutes of October AGM and General Meetings.

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

M: J. Allen S: R. Dundas **Carried**

**Business arising:** Jan is going to return the WOODSON urn to the vendor on Monday – after collecting it from the meeting on Sunday.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Motion: That the Committee accepts the Auditor's report.

M. J. Knowles

S. R. Rasmussen

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: J. Allen

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Field Day – refunds will need to be made.

## **Vice President Reports:**

**Show** (Stacey Fidler):

- All ribbons previously ordered
- Vendors for Birthday show in July, any suggestions for further vendors?
- Look through suppliers' samples for next year
- Jeff suggested that we have special or different colours for the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday show
- Ryan Catholic School to provide costings for Hall hire.
- Jeff suggested that basketball court to be curtained off for show and that the dinner will probably need to be held in TOS hall
- Robyn to sent Stacey previous emails re discussions to date
- Show schedule to be organised for 2022 by early in the new year, approach Reg for guidance. Noel suggested that we organise lists for Autumn, Winter, Spring orchids in season to reduce numbers of potentially unfilled categories
- Discussion held around need to organise schedules prior to ordering ribbons
- Grants available to be investigated, need community business names to be settled on and supplied as information on application forms

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

- Christmas Party – lists all done, Jeff created spreadsheets, alphabetically
- attendees checked in at the door
- Caterers asked about eco-friendly, Japanese style plates
- Caterers to be here on the Sunday, we will be here from 11.00 am
- Ruth has got chips, lollies etc.
- Caterers asked about possibility of 9 July for Birthday party, discussion held around which evening would be best.
- Need for two sellers for raffle tickets for Sunday
- No lucky door, prizes for game

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

- Installed shelving supports
- Airconditioning was looked at, showed how to hard boot the machine, looked at the coin slot and corrected, cost to run machines approximately \$0.80 per hour per machine
- Church renting hall on 24, 25 and 26 December

**Publicity** (*Leonie Johnson*)

- Need to look at advertising closer to the Birthday time
- Who can potentially talk to ABC, radio, etc
- Grants available from local members for advertising, venues, postage etc?

## **General Business:**

1. New phones, 5GB available to add gmail access for President's phone, any issues, is there a problem in upgrading the plan
2. Hot spot the iPad on the new phone to be investigated
3. Troy asked if it was potentially a good idea to have internet access located in the hall, available for hirers of the hall, to watch AOS webinars etc. Not really enough return for cost. Potentially look at purchase of a dongle.

4. Please contact Jeff on home phone
5. Data Projector – 3200 lumens seems to be a good strength. Epson EB992F with 4000 lumens \$1199, discussion held around some other options with less brightness and not much cheaper, or laser projectors which are far too expensive to justify the purchase for amount of usage each year. Replacement bulbs are not hugely expensive.  
Resolved to purchase projector, Jeff will organise.
6. Community Gambling Fund to be looked at to re-floor hall. Need to look at needs of hirers, are tiles an issue, what type of flooring would be preferred. Robert discussed the floating flooring that he had seen that cost for that would be above \$40 000. Discussion held around quality of new vinyls, problems with tiles chipping or cracking, keeping grout clean, how slippery with water on etc.
7. Subcommittee to be formed for preparations for Birthday celebrations
8. Troy picked up orchids from Alice.
9. Jan needed to take new urn back and have it replaced. Purchased urn faulty, actually rusted. New exchanged urn to be checked for same fault. Care needed in packing up after use.
10. Noel removed old written off equipment.
11. New Qld Covid 19 rules, need to keep up with rapid changes.

Meeting Closed at 8.48 pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Helen Butler – Secretary

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### **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Meeting opened: 12.05 pm by President Robyn Dundas

**Present:** As per Christmas Lunch register

**Apologies:** none recorded

**Minutes:**

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S. R. Whiting

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S: S. Fielder

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### **Prize Presentations** (*Robyn Dundas*):

Plant competition winners, receiving a small trophy:

Novice

G Watt

Open

G & S Kelly

Species

N & M Grant

Aggregate

N & M Grant

Judges Choice, envelope containing Bunnings Voucher:

Novice

G Watt

Species

L Johnson

Open

B Figuera

Ted Boon Trophy, large trophy for highest judges points for the year, small trophy to keep:

B Figuera

Meeting Closed at 12.28 pm for Christmas Lunch.

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Helen Butler – Secretary

### **“Tabled Plants” and “Points Table”**

As no plants were tabled at our November General Meeting due to the Christmas Lunch, and our Points Competition for 2021 finished in October, there will be no “Tabled Plants” or “Points Table” in this month's Bulletin.

Please bring your flowering Orchids to our January General Meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. We promise not to be jealous.

"A Compendium of miniature Orchid Species, Second Edition" has recently been published in 4 volumes, with 2,270 pages. The 4 books weigh a total of 12.8kg and are for sale for UK pounds 199.96 (about A\$375) plus postage.

We have been offered free postage (a large cost for 12.8kg) if we provide a group order of 10 copies or more. If you are interested, please contact Noel Grant at [grantnml@bigpond.com](mailto:grantnml@bigpond.com)

More details can be found at [www.redfernnaturalhistory.com](http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com)

The 2-volume first edition is available to borrow from the Townsville Orchid Society library. It weighs about 6kg.



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