

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



February 2022 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
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 25th February.

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

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 February 2022:

Open

Reg, Alison

Novice/Species

Warren, Peter

The President's Comments

Hello everyone,

Here we are in February already! The attendance for the January meeting was of reasonable numbers considering the restrictions of Covid-19, which have now eased a little; all we have to do now is show our vaccination certificate and the wearing of masks is still compulsory (though we hear that this last requirement may be cancelled next month). Of course, please continue to register in the attendance book.

How did everyone fare with the substantiable amount of rain we had a few weeks ago? The rain recordings in my area were up to 310mm of rain over night. I had over 300 little seedlings in trays on the floor of my bush house, where they could stay cool in the hot weather. The bush house had about 150cm [6ins] of water flowing through it, unfortunately my seedlings floated down to one end and many drowned from all the water. I'm trying very hard to save the others, but what a mess they were in.

The lecture for the February meeting is 'How to care and grow Cattleyas' by Reg Dix, who grows beautiful Cattleyas and I'm sure the presentation will be very informative. Preparations for the Ingham Field Day are under way, with a bus hired for us to travel to Ingham on Sunday 10th April, leaving our hall at 6.30am. For those who would like to join us on a great day of fun visiting some of Ingham's bush houses can register on the list which will be available on Sunday at our General Meeting. Costing will be announced at the meeting.

Our April Autumn Show is drawing closer, so I am hoping everyone will be able to bring all of their beautiful flowers in for display and judging. With the rain and humidity we have had lately, your orchids should be growing profusely and flower spikes developing.

I hope to see you all on Sunday at the General Meeting - don't forget your raffle donation and a plate for afternoon tea.

Happy growing, stay safe and well,
Robyn Dundas

Minutes from the Management Meeting held Friday, 21 January 2022

Meeting opened: 7.45 pm by President Robyn Dundas

Present: As per vaccination sign in sheet

R Dundas, J Knowles, N Grant, T McGill, S Fielder, J Cairns, L Johnson, H Butler, R Whiting.

Apologies: R Rasmussen

Minutes:

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

M: H Butler S. N Grant **Carried**

Correspondence In:

Other Society Newsletters for December: SCOCSA, Maroochydhore OS, HR Orchid and Allied Plants, CIDOS, EDOS, Nightcliffe OS, Orchids Queensland, Australian Orchid Council, MDOS, Advertising: Fernland, Zoom Video, three different website designers, Cash Register Warehouse, Hot Toner, Triple T Radio,

Grant: Support for Grant from Cr Sue Blom, Support for Grant from Cr Maurie Soars, SmartyGrants account details, Funding Requirements, Remittance advice from TCC, Letter of recommendation Cr Russ Cook, confirmation of Acquittal Submission,

General: Insurance renewal, Purchase of Projector documents, Notification of illness Lyn Archibald, 'Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species' purchase opportunity, Statement TAG Solutions, Bill CMobile, Sunnyview Orchids Order Confirmation, My Community Directory details, Ergon Energy bill, Question re crucifix orchids from Kim Wright, Quote from White's Corner Store, DMC Electrical and Airconditioning invoices, QOS calendar request, Townsville Garden Club Hall Hire for 2022, January financials and data projection instructions.

Correspondence Out:

Covid Safe Plan, Quote request for Insurance for Birthday Show, Grant documents, TOS Orchid Show dates for inclusion in Orchids Australia, TOS Bulletin to members.

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

M: H Butler S: K Turner **Carried**

Business arising:

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: S. Fielder **Carried**

Show Report (Stacey Fielder):

- Discussion held around council requirements, submission on next Tuesday.
- Grant submission cannot claim costs of ribbons or prize monies.
- Eight vendors have confirmed attendance, grant needs definite numbers which is not possible at this stage.

- Kitchen and catering volunteers at monthly meetings miss out on raffles etc. Reduce workload by using paper plates and cups. Discuss on Sunday at monthly meeting to make members aware of changes and reasons.
- Noel sent bulletins on Monday, Ipswich bounced back needed to update details. Logan and District also.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

Robyn Dundas - President

Helen Butler – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday, 23 January 2022

Meeting opened: 1.00 pm by President Robyn Dundas

Present: As per vaccination sign in sheet

Apologies: M and M Triebel

Visitors: Joan and Lex Cooper, Sandra Le Corvu

Minutes:

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

M: R Dundas

S. J Allen

Carried

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S: K Turner

Carried

Treasurer's Report

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M: J. Knowles

S: Denise

Carried

Show Report (Stacey Fidler): Rosters for Autumn Show 28/29 April will be distributed next meeting

Hospitality Report (Ruth Whiting): nothing to report at present

General Business

- Donations of orchids to the club: a large and overgrown cymbidium was broken up by Robyn and added to the raffle table bare rooted. Troy and Sam have offered to break up two further extra large plants. Thank You.
- Due to covid concerns, when catering, the society will use paper plates and cups. If you wish to use china cups, please bring your own.
- Request for help needed on pack up after meetings, please.
- Alison Knowles judged: Species - *Den lasianthera* owned by R Dundas, Hybrid – Van. Fuchs Precious Jewel 'Rezza' owned by Greg Kelly, no novices entered.
- New projector arrived, has been tested, about to be used now for the first time
- 75th Birthday Show to be held in July, at a large hall probably Ryan Catholic College Hall, awaiting confirmation.
- Invitations to vendors and other societies to be sent.
- Gala Dinner being organised.

Presentation – Vandas by Greg Kelly

- Types and growth habits
- Need for airflow and humidity, fertilising
- Forms of baskets and pots, types of hangers
- Repotting in spring to summer, leave as many roots as possible to reduce shock (yellowing and shedding of bottom leaves to make room for new roots)
- Potting media of bark, stone, perlite or a combination thereof, remember stones mean weight and across many plants that is a great deal of weight for your structure
- Roots should continue to grow down and through, if roots turn and grow upward, mix is too tightly packed
- Fertilising - growth and flowering types, include molasses in the mix and add iron chelates
- Water early mornings, and again late afternoon in summer to maintain humidity and get roots wet, but allow time to dry out, do not allow roots to remain wet, they will rot. Do not water before you fertilise
- Keikis will grow on healthy growing parent plants, but they will produce extra ones if the parent plant is struggling, Think about changing how you are dealing with it. Also, hint of removing the parent plant from the keikis and leave keikis in original pot attached to the old base of the parent plant, move parent plant to new pot
- Need to spray for thrips, tiny black insects which feed on sap, especially when flowering will appear on flowers and damage from the edges
- Vandachostylis with *Rhyncostylis coelestis* as a parent are the best flowering types producing more flowers per spike and more contained size to plant
- Judges look for flowers away from the plant or above the plant, not flowers through the leaves, no missing or damaged flowers, can encourage spikes to change direction using additional wire or bamboo stakes, can trim old and dead roots to improve appearance

Outstanding information, thank you Greg.

Meeting closed 2.10 pm.

Robyn Dundas - President

Helen Butler – Secretary



**53rd Tropical Qld Orchid Council
Conference
1st -3rd July 2022**

**Mackay Entertainment & Convention
Centre
Alfred Street, Mackay, Queensland**

Register now to attend a great social
event!

Catch up with old friends and make new
ones!

View a great display of Orchids and
Foliage!

Enter to win some great prize money!

Interesting and informative lecturers!

Variety of Vendors supplying your every
orchid need!

**Early Bird Registrations close 31.03.2022
Full Registrations close 17.06.2022**

All enquiries to Mackay & District Orchid
Soc. Inc.

Email: mdos.secretary@gmail.com



Phone: 0435 002 990

Registration forms are available on
request from Noel Grant,

grantnml@bigpond.com

75 YEAR ANNIVERSARY of Townsville Orchid Society 20th June 1947 to 2022

Members are encouraged to submit items about the early years of the TOS that can be used in our monthly Bulletin.

DID YOU KNOW?

20 June 1947 – WHEN IT ALL BEGAN.

Orchid Societies had already been operating throughout the country, when five orchid enthusiasts decided it was time to start one in Townsville. Taking matters into their own hands, an advertisement was placed in the Townsville Bulletin inviting interested parties to attend a meeting at Willmett's Chambers, Flinders Street, at 7.45pm on Friday 20 June 1947. So, with 21 interested growers in attendance, Townsville Orchid Society came into being.

N O T I C E

ALL Persons interested in the formation of an Orchid Society in Townsville, are requested to attend a Meeting at 7.45 p.m. FRIDAY, 20th June, 1947, at Willmett's Chambers.

P. K. SEARLE,
Hon. Sec. (pro tem).

Ref: Townsville Daily Bulletin (1907 – 1954)
Thursday 19th June 1947 p 7

An interesting read. Below is a copy of a report by the Townsville Daily Bulletin on the formation of the Townsville Orchid Society, describing what occurred at that meeting:

ORCHID SOCIETY FORMED

Friday last, saw the inauguration of the Townsville Orchid Society. A representative gathering of 21 citizens of the city, drawn together by the common interest of orchids, met at Willmett's Chambers and the society came into being.

The meeting was opened on behalf of the conveners, Messrs S. Brock, R. P. Kirke, P. Bretherton, P. Johnstone and Mrs. E. Nott, by Mr. P. K. Searle, who outlined the initial steps taken and announced that several apologies, including one from the Mayor (Ald. J. S. Gill), and a letter of good wishes from "Sap" had been received.

Mr. R. P. Kirke was elected acting chairman and Mr. P. K. Searle acting secretary, with a provisional committee consisting of Messrs H. T. Wooster and J. Sim, and Mrs. E. Nott, whose task it is to draw up the rules of the society, to be presented to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 2, when the election of officers will be held. The annual subscription was fixed at 10/- for city members and 7/6 for country members and during the night 21 members were enrolled.

During the meeting pleasure at the formation of the society was expressed by several speakers, and the advantages to be gained were pointed out by members of the Queensland Orchid Society of Brisbane and the Collins Orchid Society.

The formation of the Townsville Orchid Society brings this city into line with most of the other cities of Australia which have for some years past had societies whose object is to promote good-fellowship and help and encourage growers of that most fascinating plant—the orchid.

For a clearer version, click on the article, right-click and select 'Open Link'.

Ref: Townsville Daily Bulletin (1907 – 1954)
Wednesday 25 June 1947 p5

This article by Jan Allen, February 2022

“From the back corner – February, 2022”

1. Members who wish to sell at the forthcoming Orchid Show, please check your supply of barcodes. You may order additional supplies at this meeting. Please be sensible with how many you order. They will be available for collection at the March meeting.
2. Some more goods have arrived for the shop table. Kiwi bark and Sphagnum moss are proving difficult to procure although I have some on backorder.
3. Fernland have a February special on *Growrite Seaweed Master Liquid Seaweed*. There are a few bottles on the shop table if any members are interested.
4. If you drink your milk out of 1L plastic bottles, please wash them out and bring them to the shop. We will reuse them to package *Auxinone*, which is a growth stimulant.
5. Club shirts are available for purchase at the shop at the subsidised price of only \$30, regardless of style. If nothing fits, see Ruth to order one that suits you.
6. Does anyone use Wuxal? It is a foliar nutrient that was exceptionally popular many years ago.



Jeff Knowles

TABLED PLANTS: PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Mary Anne Rue (Rlc Lucky Strike x <i>C walkeriana</i>)	R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	C Barbara Sanders x <i>Epi tampense</i> Rth Burana Beauty ‘Burana’	K Owens R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st 2nd	Rth Yellow Bouquet Ctna Why Not x C Pink Love	K Owens L&G Johnson

	3rd		
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Bc Theresa Ricci (Bc Hippodamia x <i>C aclandiae</i>)	R&E Dundas
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Warawon 'Orchid World' Den Fraser's Mosaic Spiral x Fraser's Red Dragon. Den Fraser's Blue Twister x <i>cochlioides</i> x Adrienne Lonne	R&E Dundas R&E Dundas K Owens
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Boonyarit Red V Parinlada V Golamco's Blue Magic	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly N&M Grant
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Yip Sum Wah Prara Kerri Meiklejohn (Rhds Bangkok Sunset x V Mahogany Gem) Van Precious 'Chao Praya Fuchsia'	K Owens R&E Dundas N&M Grant
VANDA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Aerdv Pramote Van Prapawan	N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS Under 60mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Tying Shin Beagle	L&G Johnson
ONCIDIUM Starry Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Milt Shelob 'Okika'	R. Whiting
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Milt Shelob 'Token' Onc Heaven Scent 'Rainbow' Onc Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	A. Hardy R. Whiting L&G Johnson
<u>NOVICE</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	NIL NOVICE PLANTS THIS MONTH.	
<u>SPECIES</u> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Nervilia plicata</i>	J&A Knowles
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bro sanguinea</i> <i>B nodosa</i>	K Owens R. Whiting
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den lasianthera</i>	R&E Dundas
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Aerides houlletiana</i> <i>Rhy coelestis</i> <i>V vietnamica</i>	G. Watt N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Phal bellina</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima var champornense</i> <i>Phal cornu cervi var red</i>	L&G Johnson N&M Grant N&M Grant
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Paph bellatulum var concolor</i> <i>Paph primulinum var purpurescens</i>	K Owens L&G Johnson
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb fritillariiflorum</i>	L&G Johnson

Points for Tabled Plants after January 2022

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blanchard D	4			4
Dundas R&E	46		4	50
Fidler S	3		3	6
Grant N&M	19		41	60
Hamilton A		4		4
Hardy A	6			6
Hughes W	6			6
Johnson L&G	13		11	24
Kelly G&S	18			18
Knowles A&J			16	16
Owens K	23		9	32
Richardson J&K	9			9
Sewell W&C	8			8
Truscott C	7			7
Watt G	12		4	16
Whiting R	35		21	56

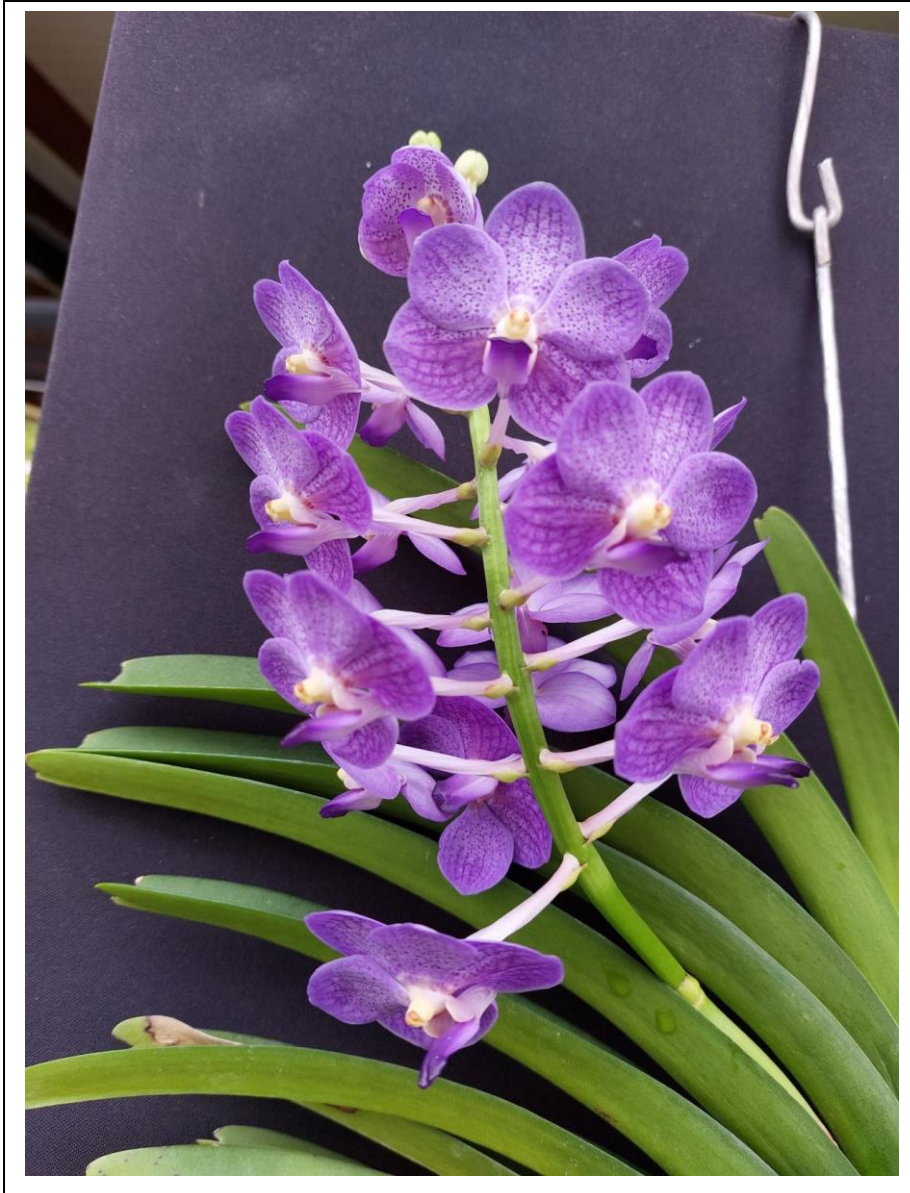


Judge's Choice
January 2022

Species Section:

Dendrobium
lasianthera

R & E Dundas



Judge's Choice
January 2022

Open Section:

Vandachostylis Fuchs Precious
Jewel 'Rezza'

G. Kelly

Attention! There were no Novice members' plants tabled at the January meeting!

Come on! Please bring your flowering orchids to our monthly meetings. Don't keep them at home where we cannot admire them.

Don't say "oh, this orchid is no good" – leave that decision to the Judges!

Senior members are always happy to give advice if your plant is not in top condition, and I am sure you will enjoy the praise if it is well-grown and wins points.

Just think – if you had brought your only flowering orchid to the January meeting, you would have won a First in its section!