

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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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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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 20th May.
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 22nd May.**

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 May 2022:

<u>Open</u>	<u>Novice/Species</u>
Charlie, Alison	Warren, Reg

The President's Comments

Hello everyone,

I hope that all the Mothers out there had a wonderful Mother's Day and were spoilt with gifts of orchids.

Our Autumn Show has come and gone, and was a great success. I must congratulate those who won the Champion ribbon for the individual sections. It was pleasing to see some of our Novice members enter their prized orchids into the show as well, so well done and congratulations. The numbers through the door were down slightly from last year's Shows, but we could expect that as people are now able to travel and sight-see elsewhere. I think we were very fortunate to be able to hold 2 out of our 3 shows last year due to Queensland's outstanding effort of having minimal Covid 19 cases, which boosted our attendance numbers. We are hoping that the 75th Birthday Gala show in July will be bigger and better.

The rain is pouring down here at the moment, as it would be at your place also, so I hope you remembered to spray your orchids with Mancozeb fungicide. If you did not get around to doing it before the rain, it would be a good idea to give them a spray after the rain has finished. As we all know, our potted orchids do not like to be wet for any length of time, and spraying them with a fungicide can help reduce the rain damage and prevent root rot and other fungal damage from setting in.

Bunnings at North Shore has kindly donated a cart to be raffled off at the 75th Birthday Show in July. My aim is to fill the cart with items to ensure that the raffle looks impressive and appealing. If you could kindly donate something to put into the cart, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be in the form of gardening items, eg. Pots, fertilisers, hose, sprinklers, rake, shovel, etc, as an example. I will bring the cart to the next meeting for your donated items.

The lecturer for our next meeting being held on Sunday May 22nd is Jeff Knowles, who will be talking about Fertilising Orchids, a topic everyone wants to know about. I'm sure it will be very interesting.

Happy growing, stay safe and well.

Robyn Dundas

Minutes from the Management Meeting held Friday, 22 April 2022

Meeting opened: 7.32 pm by President Robyn Dundas

Present: R Dundas, J Knowles, R Rasmussen, T McGill, S Fidler, J Cairns, L Johnson, J Allen, H Butler

Apologies: N Grant, R Whiting.

Minutes: Corrections to previous minutes: Nil

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

M: H Butler

S: T McGill

Carried

Correspondence In

Other Society Newsletters for March: NQ Herbs, Maroochydore OS, Australian Orchid Foundation, HR Orchid and Allied Plants, Nambour Orchids, Ipswich OS, Maclean and District OS, EcoFiesta, CIDOS, Nightcliffe OS, MDOS, Rockhampton OS.

General: Fernland, My Community Directory, Ergon Energy bill, Debra Sanim question re selling at the show, Bill CMobile, Invoice for advertising from Townsville Bulletin, Flora Connections collaboration, Kerry Laughton request for CEO information, Marina Bay Sands Sustainability information, Bowen Field Day information, Mother's Day Plant Spectacular Atherton, Bunnings Special Orders survey, Cash Register Warehouse, Invitation to Bowen Field Day, Safe Service Letter, Zoom Video, Insurance Update, Denis Parker (request to be removed from email list), Payment received from Barry Woodhouse and Ann Richards for Bowen Field Day, TOS Financial Reports, OrchidWiz update, Commonwealth Bank, Townsville City Council land valuation, Orchids magazines from AOS for February and June 2021 and January and February 2022 and membership renewal, Orchids Australia magazine for April 2022, Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria Gardeners' Gazette for Autumn 2022, Check In Qld App (change to requirements for some businesses).

Correspondence Out

Kerry Laughton reply (undeliverable), Reply to Debra Sanim, Insurance information, Townsville Bulletin payment, TOS Bulletin.

Business Out of Correspondence

Pick up of Barry Woodhouse and Ann Richards at Green Acres Roadhouse on the way down. No objections.

Helen to chase up EcoFiesta on Tuesday.

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

M: H Butler

S: L Johnson

Carried

Treasurer's Report

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

Business arising:

Those who have paid and did not attend trip to Ingham are not going to be reimbursed.

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

M: J Knowles

S: S Fidler

Carried

Show Report (*Stacey Fidler*):

- Sales tables, number of tables divided by number of vendors
- Currently at 19 vendors
- No covid check in
- Need signs to advertise show, discussion re locations for placement
- Will hand out on Sunday to members to put up

Building Report – Robert Rasmussen

- Airconditioner has issues again
- Quote to strip and repolish the floor to be received

Hospitality Report – Ruth Whiting

- Shirts arrived, be here on Sunday
- List of donations to be circulated

Advertising – L Johnson

- Acceptances received from Nic Dametto, Russ Cook, Maurie Foars, Sue Blom, Liam Mooney
- Live FM to put together an editorial for broadcast
- ABC radio interview closer to the date
- Social media going well
- Message to Thomas to put on Facebook

Bowen Field Day 15 May

- 20 people currently
- Stacey to manage the bus and club representative
- Brochures to hand out

General Business

- Thanks to Jan, Stacey, Noel and Robyn for help at Bunnings North Shore
- Donation of cart from Bunnings to Monster Raffle
- Request to members for donations to Monster Raffle, no live plants.
- Troy talked about information and presentation information as displayed in Botanical Gardens, could be an idea for additions to displays at shows, on stands perhaps.
- Operating rules for food handling to be prepared: No freezing of food donations, Wearing of disposable gloves for sandwich making. Hygiene poster to be put up in kitchen.
- 10 people down for being in the kitchen at 8 am on the Friday. Too many, can't all fit in to the kitchen
- Reminder that disposable cups are going to be used at meetings.
- New membership form prepared, including that the potential member has read and agreed to by-laws
- Chris Cobb confirmed for presentation on Sunday, will have plants in flower and bud for sale
- Orchids Australia cover and story to be sent to Jenny Hill

Meeting closed 9.04 pm.

Robyn Dundas - President

Helen Butler – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday, 24 April 2022

Meeting opened: 1.03 pm by President Robyn Dundas

Present: as per Attendance Book

Apologies: N Grant

New Members: Harold Cooper

Visitors: Helen Townsend, Joan and Bill Beitzel

Minutes:

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S: J Cairns

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S: B Hughes

Carried

Reports:

Show Report - Stacey Fidler

- Stacey discussed the increased prize money available at the 75th Birthday Show
- Autumn show to start at 9.00 am
- Need helpers on the Thursday morning please for setup
- Benching plants begins at 1.00 pm closing at 6.30 pm
- Vendors to have five plants in the show
- Must have owned plants for six months;
- Ensure it is free of pests and diseases
- Need pencillers for judging on the Thursday night at 6.00 pm
- Friday morning, doors open at 9.00 am
- Please arrive promptly for your shift
- Green card available to write up entries beforehand
- Need more food donations for the show please
- If not working on the Friday morning, please don't come in early
- Novices, please enter
- Rosters being handed around
- Only need six in the kitchen on Friday morning thanks

Hospitality Report - Ruth Whiting

- Request for slices etc for next show, particularly scones
- New shirts have arrived, available at the back

- Please bring in plates of food each meeting

New Business

- Looking for volunteers to put out signs to advertise the show this week
- Bowen Field Day, 15 May, \$40 members, \$50 for non-members, \$10 lunch
- 5.30 am departure, stops on the way down at Alligator Creek Roadhouse and Green Acres Service Station
- Stacey coordinator for the day
- Thanks to Jan, Stacey, Noel and Robyn for help at Bunnings North Shore
- Donation of cart from Bunnings to Monster Raffle
- Request to members for donations to Monster Raffle, no live plants. Please bring next meeting, cart will be here
- Orchids Australia April Issue, Jan Allen and Jeff Knowles contributed the story, history of the society including old photos

Judge's choice:

- Novice Section: Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance owned by Margaret Boyd and W Broker
- Hybrid Section: Van Alice's Anie owned by June Cairns
- Species Section: *Bulbophyllum medusae*, owned by Alison and Jeff Knowles

Technical Advisor: Charlie Truscott

- Predatory mites available from Bowen now, Natural Solutions, Biotechnology company, ph 0481 951 228
- Tube \$16.00, 10 000 predatory mites, application is per square metre of greenhouse
- Give the tube a roll and tap to ensure mites are distributed throughout the vermiculite in the tube

Guest Speaker – Chris Cobb (from Cairns)

- Specialist on Dendrobiums of Tropical North Queensland
- Growing for 30 years
- Photographing in the wild for 25 years
- At the tip of the cape, in open melaleuca forest
- 130 species of dendrobiums native to Australia, most in Queensland
- Presentation of photographs and descriptions of: *Dendrobium canaliculatum*, (plant had actually been through a fire with blackened pseudobulbs but flowering well), with brown tips
- East coast form at Cardwell on a tree branch, masses of flowers, plants growing in full sun, White with yellow tips
- Torres Strait form white with purple
- Natural hybrid between *Den canaliculatum* and *Den bigibbum*, purple colour, whiter centre, smaller flower
- *Den carronii*, Southern New Guinea, north east Queensland, 30% shade cloth
- Den Mighty Mite, *Den canaliculatum* x *Den carronii*
- *Den johannis*, brown *antennatum* with yellow labellum, flowering May/June in the wild, mainly eastern coast, have been found on the western side of the cape also
- Den Minnie, *johannis* x *carronii*, brown and yellow labellum
- *Den trilamellatum*, larger, slender erect clumps, will grow in full sun, photo showing plants on dead paperbark tree with roots in paperbark, brown with yellow labellum, chopped coconut or volcanic rock in pots, keep dry over winter
- *Den trilamellatum* x *canaliculatum*, yellow with small brown marking in centre, flowered September
- *Den trilamellatum* small cluster, again on a paperbark, massive numbers of plants covering trees
- *Den trilamellatum* small flower, yellow, spade lip pointed not rounded
- Photo of Dendrobium beetle,
- Grow in small pots of quinca, water once a week
- *Den discolor*, can be red (Iron Range form), will grow in full sun
- Photos of specimens growing on large rocks in full sun with long roots reaching around and down into the shaded base of the rock

- *Den broomfieldii*, (now *Den discolor*) 7 feet wide and similar height, gets very large, too big for greenhouses or transporting
- Compact form of *broomfieldii* is available, they only get to 60 cm, hard to flower,
- *Den bigibbum x canaliculatum*, known as curly pink
- *Den discolor x canaliculatum* = 'Gloucester Sands'
- *Den nindii*, white with pink/purple wide labellum, some with blue labellum in winter, can grow in full sun
- *Den discolor x nindii*, brown lined/creamy pink, pink labellum
- Western wall of greenhouse, 70% wall, roof 30%
- *Den antennatum* from McIlwraith Range, only gets to 60 cm in height
- *Den smilliae* can be found down to Townsville, flower on the ends of the pseudobulb after it drops leaves, don't cut off bulbs, they will reflower for many years
- *Den tetragonum*, flowers up to 21 cm, usually yellowish green
- *Den speciosum x tetragonum*, = Den Hilda Poxon
- *Den jonesii*, flowers turn yellow before they die, comes from high altitudes
- *Den bigibbum*, *superbum* and *compactum*, *superbum* mainly east coast
- Can grow on rocks, ledges of cliff faces
- Flowers for up to 6 weeks
- Samples of Two Tone
- Shadehouse, 30% roof, 70% western wall, 50% northern wall

Meeting closed 2.43 pm.

Robyn Dundas - President

Helen Butler – Secretary

TABLED PLANTS: PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st	C Unknown	P Eggins
	2nd	Rlc Alma Kee 'Tipmalee'	W Hughes
	3rd	Rlc Chyong Guu Swan 'White Jade'	R Whiting
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st	Rlc Arom Gold	B Figuera
	2nd	C Mari's Love 'Taka'	J Cairns
	3rd	Rlc Ann-Maree Hudson 'Charm'	B Figuera
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1 st	Rlc Tsuting Beauty (C Maris Song x Tzeng-wen Beauty)	J Cairns
	2 nd	Ctna Deception Capri (Ctna Capri x C Caudebec)	L&G Johnson
	3rd	C Hawaiian Splash 'Lea'	L&G Johnson
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st	C Siamese Doll 'Kiwi Fruit'	W Hughes
	2nd		
	3rd		
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid	1st	Bc Keewee 'Marie'	R&E Dundas
	2nd	C Lacey Michelle Matherne	R Whiting
	3rd	C Brabantiae	B Figuera
DENDROBIUM Phalaenathe	1st	Den Unknown	G Watt
	2nd		
	3rd		
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1 st	Den Jensen Sands (Den Gloucester Sands x <i>Den cochliodes</i>)	R Whiting
	2nd	Den Coleman's Big Red x <i>Den tangerinum</i>	B Figuera
	3rd		

DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Chawewam Beauty Den Red Bull	R Whiting L&G Johnson
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kulwadee Fragrance 'Black' V Viraphandhu Glory x Viraphandhu Beauty V Unknown	W Hughes J Cairns G Watt
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kee Yong Wee V Kee Yong Wee V Robert's Delight 'Blue'	G&S Kelly G Watt G Watt
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Van Alice's Anie Ppra Bangkok Sunset Ppra Merinda Princess	J Cairns G&S Kelly J Nicholson
ONCIDIUM Full Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Odcdm Succubus 'Night Shift' Onc European Yellow	L&G Johnson W Hughes
ONCIDIUM Starry Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Milt Aztec 'Everglades Green'	L&G Johnson
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd	Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Onc Heaven Scent 'Rainbow'	R Whiting R Whiting
TOLUMNIA	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu Waianae Sunset	R Whiting
PAPHIOPEDILUM Miscellaneous	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Ecithis Prag Schroderae	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Bulb Fascination Bulb Fascination Bulb Fascination	A&J Knowles L&G Johnson P&M Cooper
ANY OTHER ORCHID Over 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Ctsm Portage Star x Ctsm Melana Davison	R&E Dundas
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Monn Jumbo Delight 'Orange Diamond' Fdk After Dark 'Black Pearl' Ctsm Melana Davidson	R Whiting R&E Dundas R Whiting
<u>NOVICE</u> CATTLEYA	1 st	<i>C walkeriana</i> "Pink Lady" x Rel Flammea "Hsinying"	J Horn
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Unknown Den Thongchai Gold 'Promote'	P Melvin J Horn
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kulwadee Fragrance #7 Van Viboon Velvet	M Boyd H Butler
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	Milt Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy' Epi Siam Orange	M Boyd K Blackman
<u>SPECIES</u> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den johannis</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i>	J Nicholson G Watt
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>B cucullata</i>	K Day

PHALAEENOPSIS	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Phal bellina</i>	L&G Johnson
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb medusae var alba</i> <i>Bulb pulchrum</i> <i>Bulb brienianum</i>	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles A&J Knowles

Points for Tabled Plants after April 2022

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blackman K		3		3
Blanchard D	4			4
Boyd M		24		24
Butler H		3		3
Cairns J	18			18
Cooper P&M	2		4	6
Day K			4	4
Dix R	4		1	5
Dundas R&E	101		15	116
Eggs P	5			5
Fidler S	3		3	6
Figuera B	28			28
Grant N&M	68		89	157
Hamilton A		8		8
Hardy A	6			6
Horn J		11		11
Hughes W	27			27
Johnson L&G	61		26	87
Kelly G&S	44			44
Knowles A&J	4		40	44
Melvin P		4		4
Nicholson J	12		8	20
Owens K	50		12	62
Rasmussen R	5			5
Richardson J&K	9			9
Sewell W&C	11			11
Stephens J		6	3	9
Truscott C	7			7
Turner K	4			4
Watt G	32		10	42
Whiting R	119		22	141

Please note: The Editor was unable to attend the April General Meeting and so no photographs of the Judge's Choice winners were taken.

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

Do you recognise these orchid names? Maybe you even have some. I know I do. *Dendrobium canaliculatum*, *Phalaenopsis rosenstromii*, *Dendrobium aggregatum*, *Dendrobium nobile*. These are just some of the orchids displayed at the Townsville Orchid Society Orchid Show in September 1949.

The Show was described in the Townsville Daily Bulletin article as 'Floral Grandeur at Orchid Show'. About 300 orchids, all locally grown, were exhibited. These consisted of 13 North Queensland species and 36 exotic varieties.

Cymbidium canaliculatum var. *sparksii*, the outstanding North Queensland black orchid, featured in the Show. Its depth of bloom and deep maroon colour was described as a magnificent feature of the exhibition.



Photos of the display took pride of place on the first page of the Townsville Daily Bulletin. If you wish to read more, press 'control' then click on the link to go to the original article.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/63076268/5606824#>

This article (the third in the series) by Jan Allen, May 2022

In Noel's Bush House 54

Epidendrum nocturnum Jacquin 1760.

This orchid is the type species of the genus *Epidendrum* (the species that best exemplifies the essential characteristics of the genus to which it belongs). It is distributed from southern Florida, through Mexico and Central America, the West Indies, and into northern South America as far south as Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil, mostly in lowland forests.

It gains its species name (which means 'of the night') because of the strong perfume in the evening. Each of the petals and sepals are about 70mm long and the flower is supported on an ovary as long as the sepals.

Each raceme supports usually only one flower at a time (on some plants there may be a few more) but it can produce flowers successively over several years.

I find this orchid easy to grow but frustrating, because it is autogamous – which means it is self-pollinating. Two days after the photo was taken, the flower had folded its petals and sepals and the creamy white had faded to greyish brown. Happily, this is its flowering period and other parts of the plant are producing flowers for me to enjoy. Caution - what you see in the top left is not a bud but a developing seed pod.



Noel Grant May 2022

References: OrchidWiz 7.3,

The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopaedia <http://www.orchidspecies.com/indexepid-ex.htm>

Note: others in this series may be viewed on <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au/>, then click on 'Newsletters', commencing with the January 2012 issue.