TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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Annual Membership Fees are due 1st September each year

Family \$20.00 Single \$15.00

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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 22nd July. The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 24th July.

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!

HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY Townsville Orchid Society!



Judges for May 2022:

Novice/Species
Reg Alison

Open Peter Warren

A Word from the President

Hello everyone.

Wow, what can I say? The 75th Birthday Gala Show and Sales event was a massive success, with a steady flow of people through the door every day of the 3-day event very impressive. I have to admit I was a little worried about having the Show on the same weekend as the Townsville V8s, but I really had nothing to worry about as the crowds just keep coming in the door.

I would like to thank the Management Committee, especially the Gala Show sub-committee for all the hard work that was put into the organisation and preparation of the show.

My special thanks go out to Show Vice President Jan Allen who worked tirelessly in the final preparations, Stacey Fidler who started the ball rolling in the early stages, our Treasurer Jeff Knowles who kept our finances intact, Hospitality Vice President Ruth Whiting who organised the Gala dinner and the decoration of the TOS hall for the dinner, Leonie Johnson for the constant advertising in social media.

The enormous help from our volunteers who helped set up and dismantle the event was essential and much appreciated. To the ladies and helpers in the kitchen, well done for your tireless work. I would also like to thank the members who bought in food for the kitchen - I had to try most of it for quality control! I think I put on a couple of kilos over the weekend.

Special mention must be made to:

Townsville City Council for their support in awarding Townsville Orchid Society a financial Grant to help run the Show.

Councillor Russ Cook, Division 5, for the official opening of the 75th Birthday Gala Show on Friday morning

Councillor Sue Blom, Division 2, for her attendance and representing Townsville City Council at the Gala Dinner.

All the vendors, local and from out of town, who helped make it a successful show with sales of their beautiful plants.

A big thank you goes out to the sponsors, who sponsored the Champion sections of the Show; this was greatly appreciated.

The businesses and members who donated prizes for the Monster Raffle. It was amazing to see how big it ended up. I would like to congratulate Wally Brooker [TOS Member], the winner of the Monster Raffle.

I would also like to make special mention about a special 75th Anniversary Book that has been written by Jeff Knowles and Jan Allen. It is called BLOOMIN' WELL and consists of the club's history, photographs from the past, different awards that have been awarded to our members and more. The information that has been compiled for the book is just fantastic. The hard work that has gone into the research and information gathered by these 2 people is nothing short of phenomenal. A copy of the book was donated to Councillor Sue Blom on Saturday night at the Gala Dinner for the Townsville City Council.

If you would like a copy of the book, please see Jeff Knowles. He suggests you provide a USB stick, to which he can copy the book as a PDF.

When I planted the seed of celebrating the club's 75th Birthday to the Committee members in September last year, I had not envisioned that it would turn out to be as grand an event as it proved to be. The ideas flowed in from the members and it grew from there. The hard work that

went into the organisation of such an event was phenomenal. Stacey Fidler took the bull by the horns and charged on with great enthusiasm, but due to some personal issues she had to stand down. Happily, Jan Allen took over the reins and, with the help of the subcommittee, we achieved one of the greatest Orchid Shows I think Townsville Orchid Society has ever put on.

I am very proud to have been a part of the organisation of such a milestone event for the club's 75th birthday. So, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to achieve such a successful 75th Anniversary Gala Orchid Show.

The feedback from the general public over the weekend was just wonderful - everyone commented on what a great venue we had chosen, with room to move around freely, the show display was beautiful and well presented, and having the kitchen sell all types of food for lunch etc was great. I'm sure everyone had a great time and bought up big.

Well, I think I have thanked everyone, hope you all enjoyed the Show and I will see you at the General Meeting on Sunday 24th July.

Happy Growing, Robyn Dundas President

Minutes from the Management Meeting held Friday, 24th June 2022

Meeting opened: 7.35 pm by President Robyn Dundas

Present: R Dundas, J Knowles, N Grant, R Rasmussen, T McGill, J Cairns, H Butler, J Allen, R Whiting

Apologies: L Johnson

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

M: H Butler S. T McGill Carried

Business from the Minutes:

- ABC Radio interview, went well
- Bunnings demonstration at Fairield Waters, \$200 voucher, thank you Noel
- Bunnings North Shore, \$50 voucher donated, thank you to Robyn, Rob, Ruth, Noel
- EcoFiesta, 230 tickets sold, 200 flyers handed out, successful promotion.

Correspondence In

Other Society Newsletters for June: EDOS, SCOCSA, AOCC conference and show update, MOS, NQ Herbs, TATOS, NQOS Cairns, Congratulations on 75 years as a club from TQOC (Mervyn Fuller), POFPS, HR Orchid & Allied Plants, NOS, MADOS, TQOC notification of AGM, CIDOS, ROSI, EDOS, BromsQld.

Advertising: Fernland, OneAffiniti Insurance update, The Feel Good Foodie available for show, HotToner, NQIB insurance, Nutrog, Triple T radio advert re birthday event, Website designers,

General: ANOS (Australasian Native Orchid Society) online judging course \$50, request for contact information from Tully &DOS, confirmation of numbers for Bowen Field Day, L Johnson offer to sponsor Bulbophyllum section prize in honour of her father John Johnson, update on potential price increase in pot labels, R Cook to open show and Gala Dinner, positive covid test for attendee of Bowen Field Day, request for donation to Orchid Conservation Alliance (California), invoice for show tickets, Fernland contribution to show raffle prize, call to meeting of OQI for 16 July in Childers, Letter of resignation as Show President from S Fidler, invoice Complete TAG Solutions, CMobile account, J Tout request to sell plants, CTOS change of Field Day to 2 October, Ergon bill, DMC bill, TCC events, Donations from Bunnings North Shore and Fairfield Waters, TOS Bulletin, Bluewater Gardening Fair, Congratulations on 75 years from John Rees, Registrar General of Judging, AOC, Townsville Garden Club request for sales tables, R Cook greeting and lease information, Bohle Barn donation, M Davey AOC President, Historical information on TOS, Council Grant awarded, TOS financials.

Correspondence Out

Replies to above enquiries, Thanks for contributions and donations, TOS Bulletin, organizational emails for 75th Birthday show.

Business from Correspondence

- Russ Cook to open show and coming to dinner with his wife
- Deputy Mayor declined
- Stacey has resigned, thank you so much for your efforts with the Autumn Show and the preparatory work for the Grant and the 75th Birthday Show.
- Jan has taken on the role of Show Vice-President, thank you very much.
- Jan will be away for the Spring Show, so we need to plan for rosters etc for September.
- Charters Towers Orchid Society Field Day, 2 October
- Townsville Orchid Society Field Day, 9 October

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

M: H Butler S: R Dundas Carried

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: R Rasmussen Carried

Motion: \$1926 float for birthday show.

M: J Knowles S R Rasmussen Carried

Show Report (Jan Allen):

- Suspended by-laws, propose to change the by-laws to include non-TOS club members.
- Entry free and open to all financial members of the society, now open to all Australian Orchid Club Members and affiliates
- Amendment to the wording of by-law 18.4 to say "The entry of orchids is free to members of orchid growing clubs and societies", provided they exhibit five flowering plants and work as volunteers
- and by-law 19.1 to say "Vendors who sell plants at the 75th Birthday Gala Show and sales are required to exhibit a minimum of five flowering plants."
- Box Day, Monday, 27 June at 9.00 am at the hall
- Set up, start at the hall at 9am, meet at Emmaus Hall at 10am on 7 July
- Amendment to advertising posters for directions to Emmaus Hall
- Grant requires that the Townsville City Council logo be on signage, front door of hall,
- All logos from businesses who have supported and donated towards the birthday show to be on display
- \$200 Project Plants voucher sponsor for Novice Champion
- Cape Oasis would like to sponsor Exotic Species

Building Report - Robert Rasmussen

- Air conditioning is fixed.
- Currently the hall does not have water, toilets are an issue for Sunday's meeting
- Large pile of soil has been left at the front of the hall

Hospitality Report – Ruth Whiting

- Rosters organised and to be distributed on Sunday
- Request for members to help out with setup
- Need to look at booking for Christmas
- Currently 36 for Dinner
- Demonstration of banners and other advertising that have been prepared. Need to tailor current street posters

General Business

- Townsville City Council Grant approved for the 75th Birthday Gala Show
- Donations for cart valued at over \$1000 currently
- Possibility of splitting some for a second and/or third prize

- Bohle Barn donated two Venue vouchers also
- · Ribbons have arrived, very eye catching
- Floor map of hall discussed for Birthday Show and placement of Raffles, Sales and Displays
- Lucky door prize for the dinner. Will cancel Mary McKillop and hold dinner at TOS hall.
- Due to being awarded the Council Grant, we are happy to announce that the cost of the dinner for members and their family members, vendors and family has been dropped to \$20 per head.
- Need to have receipts etc to lodge for verification of spending of grant funding
- "Blooming Well" book, Russ Cook wrote a contribution which is quite good. PDF file, need some in hard copy for display purposes, can transfer onto USBs for distribution
- New TOS Hall lease only five years, need to apply six months prior to expiry (in 18 months time)
- Domain name additions: townsvilleorchidsociety.au and townsvilleorchidsociety.online, paid for and now owned by TOS. We are unlikely to use either, but it is safer to own them.

New members

• No new members this month

eting closed 9.35 pm.						
Robyn Dundas - President	Helen Butler - Secretary					

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday, 26th June 2022

Meeting opened: 1.01 pm by President Robyn Dundas

Present: As per attendance book

Apologies: J Rutledge

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

M: H Butler S: Lyn Johnson Carried

Business from Minutes:

- ABC Radio interview, went well
- Bunnings demonstration at Fairfield Waters, \$200 voucher, thank you Noel
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M: J Knowles S: K Turner Carried

Show Report (Jan Allen):

- Rosters: still need some places filled, being sent around. Some people needed to set up on Thursday please, workers at 10.00 am at Emmaus Hall please
- Box Day tomorrow at 9.00 am, bring a Stanley knife
- Gala Dinner, only 36 people currently, due to TCC Grant, all meals for members or non-members is \$20, will be held at TOS Hall. We can arrange pick ups and drop homes.
- Orchid Show signs, amended to show Emmaus Hall information, please come and get from Jan.
- Project Plants have given a \$200 voucher for Novice Champion thereby doubling the prize, so
 please enter your orchids
- List of vendors will be sent out, Jan read out.

Hospitality (Ruth Whiting)

- Donations of cakes, slices etc please add to roster, really need lots more to drop off at Emmaus Hall
- Need kitchen hands please, roster coming around

General Business

- Add to show report, donations coming in for monster raffle, thank you to Bunnings Stores \$600, Repco Auto \$100 products, Cheapa Auto Spares products to the value \$150, Project Plants \$200 voucher and \$100 gardening supplies, Neutrog \$400 of fertilisers, Bohle Barn 2 gift vouchers \$150, Hydroponics \$130 of garden pots and hydroponic starter kit,
- Champions of Show sponsors: Cape Oasis, Stocker Family, Jean Nicholson, Jan Allen and Leonie Johnson
- Increase of Novice Champion prize
- Need as many entries as possible please, anything and everything
- Cancelled Mary McKillop Hall due to low numbers
- Gala Dinner to be held at TOS Hall, dinner 6.30 pm for 7pm start
- Setup between 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, plants for entry and sales after 1.00 pm, if helping to set up bring orchids in and will be put to one side in the morning while setting up happens
- Need lovely foliage plants around the front of the Champions table

Judge's choice:

- Hybrid Section: Rth Topaz Fever owned by Greg Kelly
- Species Section: Vanda luzonica, Exhibited by Noel Grant
- NO NOVICE ENTRIES!

Presentation – Lyn Johnson

- Up to 30,000 different species of orchids, of which 10,000 are found in the tropics, second largest family of flowering plants on Earth. TOS aims to help you with your frustrations and the difficulties you encounter
- Why are orchids so valuable? Specialised to specific locations of origin
- You can catch a disease from orchids call "Buymoreorchiditis"!
- Noel helped with reading orchid names in collection
- Sarcochylus and other orchids difficult in Townsville because it doesn't get cold enough.
- Some discussion re history and development of orchids
- Discussion re structure of family down to species
- Most popular Genus: Cattleya, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Paphiopedilum (Slipper Orchids), Phalaenopsis, Vandas, Bulbophyllum
- Need to look at space available, and the light needed for the type
- Shadow test put a piece of paper on the bench, place hand over the sheet, move up about a foot, if a slight shadow probably reasonable light, blurred dull shadow will indicate the light may not be bright enough
- Use technology when you buy a new orchid, google it, and look at its requirements for water, humidity, light and nutrition
- Remember to reverse times of things like flowering if using a Northern Hemisphere website like American Orchid Society, if it says it flowers in August, here that means February
- Change watering times to early mornings in April and through winter, change to late afternoons in September
- Good fertilisers include, Thrive, Eco forms, watering and fertilising systems are available, will pass around the information sheets
- Example of how records of orchids can be kept
- If not flowering, move them around to find happier locations
- Dendrobium beetles, permethrin active ingredient, read safety instructions and wear the proper gear, deters other insects but not spider mites, they are arachnids not insects
- Potting mix we all have ones we prefer, 2 parts of bark, 2 parts perlite, 1 part scoria
- Core peat comes in many forms, Lyn uses the one from the block, break off and dampen to use
- Gypsum good source of calcium, dolomite is lime will change pH, has magnesium in it as well, sprinkled on the top of pots after potting
- How to tell if orchids need water, push a bamboo skewer in the pot for half an hour to an hour and if
 it is damp, doesn't need water

Meeting closed 2.20 pm.		
Robyn Dundas - President	Helen Butler – Secretary	

TABLED PLANTS: PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022 Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section Section		sing Oremawiz.	TOS No.
OPEN	1st	C Pure Soul 'Yataka Morimoto'	R Whiting
CATTLEYA	2nd	Rlc Haadyai Delight x Rlc Wattana Gold	L&G Johnson
110mm and over	3rd	Rlc Blanche Aisaka 'Yuki'	R Whiting
CATTLEYA	1st	C Final Touch 'Mendenhall'	L&G Johnson
75mm to 109 mm	2nd	C Jack's Pride	N&M Grant
	3rd	Rlc Burdekin Dream x Rlc Shin Shiang	B Fighera
		Diamond	8
CATTLEYA	1st	Rth Topaz Fever	G&S Kelly
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	Gct Distant Drums 'Zelda'	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Ctt Aussie Sunset New York x C Dal's	L&G Johnson
		Emperor	
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st	Ctt Siamese Doll 'Kiwi Fruit'	R Whiting
	2nd	Gct Ines Monti	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Epc Renee Marques	L&G Johnson
CATTLEYA	1st	Ttna Dark Prince	G&S Kelly
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Ttna Dark Prince	N&M Grant
	3rd		
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Seree x Den Triangel	R&E Dundas
Phalaenanthe	2nd	Den Superbiens x Mae-Klong River x	K Owens
		Kuranda Classic	
	3rd	Den Crimson Red	W Hughes
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Spider Magic x Den tangerinum	R Whiting
Spatulata	2nd	Den Golden Rod x Den Tan Khen Lian	R Whiting
	3rd	Den Jennifer Sng x Den canaliculatum	K Owens
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Roongkamol Vejvarut	L&G Johnson
Soft Cane	2nd		
	3rd		
VANDA	1st	V Sumon Gold x Kultana Pappion	B Fighera
Over 65 mm	2nd	V Brighton Jade (Rasri Gold x Tubtim	L&G Johnson
		Velvet)	
	3rd	V Adisak Happiness 'Korat'	W Hughes
VANDA	1st	Van Tristar Gold 'Mandarin'	G&S Kelly
40mm to 65mm	2nd	V Boonyarit Red 'Bright Red'	G&S Kelly
	3rd	V Kultana Miami White 2 (V Kultana x V	N&M Grant
		Adisak)	
VANDA	1st	Van Pine Rivers 'Wasana'	G&S Kelly
Under 40mm	2nd	V Ann Hayes	N&M Grant
	3rd	Pda Ambrosian Twinkle	N&M Grant
VANDA	1st	Aerdv Sukho x Aer houlletiana	N&M Grant
Any Other Hybrid	2nd		
•	3rd		
ONCIDIUM	1st	Milt Leucoglossa x Onc Nona	K Owens
Full Shaped	2nd	Colm Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	R Whiting
•	3rd		
ONCIDIIUM	1st	Onc Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'	R Whiting
Any Other	2nd	One Pacific Sunrise 'Hakalau'	R Whiting
•	3rd		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph Mayfair	L&G Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Paph Pinochio	B Fighera
y	3rd	Paph Gold Dollar	L&G Johnson
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ANY OTHER ORCHID	1st	Zyg Cynosure 'Blue Bird'	L&G Johnson
Over 75mm	2nd		
	3rd		
ANY OTHER ORCHIID	1st	Cyc Brown's Passion	R&E Dundas
Under 75mm	2nd	Ctsm Extravaganza x Ctsm denticulatum	B Fighera
	3rd		
NOVICE			
		NO Plants this month !!!!!!!	
<u>SPECIES</u>	1st	Den bigibbum var superbum fma alba	B Fighera
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	2nd		
	3rd		
CATTLEYA	1st	Bark whartonianum	N&M Grant
	2nd	Epi imantophyllum	N&M Grant
	3rd	Bark whartonianum	N&M Grant
VANDA	1st	V luzonica	N&M Grant
	2nd	V falcata	N&M Grant
	3rd		
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph spicerianum	R Whiting
	2nd	Phap liemianum	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Phap spicerianum	L&G Johnson

In Memory of Robert Bisetto and Geoff Stocker

At the Townsville Orchid Society's 75th Birthday Gala Orchid Show and Sales, there were many sponsorships for show champions. Two such sponsorships were by Sue Holcombe of Cape Oasis Orchids for the **Best Specimen** in memory of Robert Bisetto and for the **Champion Exotic Species** in memory of Geoff Stocker.

Unfortunately, Sue could not make the Presentation Dinner on Saturday night to talk to these awards and to present them.

We publish here her speech notes to fully honour these two gentlemen:

Robert Bisetto

Some of you here would have met or heard of Robert Bisetto. He was quite a flamboyant character but a very kind and generous person, who was passionate about species orchids, multifloral paphiopedilums and growing specimen-sized orchids, which he grew incredibly well.

Unfortunately, Robert passed away suddenly at the age of 62 years last year. He had been heavily involved with several Orchid societies in Sydney before moving to North Queensland. He would have been tickled to have a prize named in his honour.

Geoff Stocker, 1941 to 2021

Geoff was a botanical scientist with CSIRO and had a life-long interest in the orchids of South America, South East Asia and especially Papua New Guinea. He co-authored "Dendrobium and its Relatives" with Bill Lavarack and the late Wayne Harris. He had a long friendship with Phil Spence, a well-known collector and hybridizer of Papua New Guinea Dendrobium species.

Dendrobium stockeri and Bulbophyllum stockeri were named after him.

He is survived by his wife Jackie, his daughters Elise and Lucy and families.

Geoff would have been very proud to have a prize sponsored in his name for this Show.



Judge's Choice June 2022

Left:

Species Section

Vanda luzonica

N & M Grant 75 points



Judge's Choice June 2022

Left:

Open Section

Rth Topaz Fever

G & S Kelly 75 points

Note:

There were NO orchids exhibited in the Novice Section at the June meeting.

The Novice members have been chastised!

Supporters.

A big TOS thank you to the following supporters of our 75th Birthday Celebrations:



Jean Nicholson













Leonie Johnson



Jan Allen







Stocker Family

Forty Winks
SERIOUS ABOUT SLEEP

