

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### January 2023 Bulletin

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Family \$20.00

Single \$15.00

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**The next Management Committee Meeting will be held from 7.30pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.  
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.**

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

It would also be appreciated if members would donate some items for the **raffle table**.

Quality items appreciated!

#### Judges for January 2023:

Novice/Species

Alison, Marie

Open

Reg, Charlie

### President's Report.

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyful Christmas with family and friends.

I'll take this time to wish everyone a Happy New Year with loads of flowering blooms on your precious orchids.

I have at long last found some time to do some repotting of my orchids; I see a lot have outgrown their pots and are in bad need of repotting. With the rain that we have had, they seem to be growing so fast I can't keep up. I hope everyone had time to spray their orchids with Mancozeb or Anti rot to help stop any fungus that may occur due the extra water and humidity from the rain.

Our aim this year is to do much needed maintenance and updates on our Hall, starting on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> January with a Spring clean of the hall - general cleaning and scrubbing to start the year off with a clean slate.

We also hope to paint the interior at some stage through the year as well as look at putting down new floor coverings.

Troy McGill, our hall maintenance person, has already started with the update to the intercom system and the gents' toilet system.

2 new laptops have been bought for the Secretary and the Treasurer to replace the aging machines that were out dated and not working efficiently. Thank you to Lisa McCulloch for the time you have put into the setting up of the 2 new laptops.

We also have new orchid seedlings that have been deflasked and cared for by members. The seedlings will be handed out to our members for free at various stages of the year. The April Autumn Show is fast approaching. If you intend to sell orchids or other plants at the Show, it is advisable to organise your pricing barcodes early - you can place your order for barcodes at the TOS shop at our meetings, where Ruth Whiting, who is now running the shop, will have order forms available.

The lecturer for the January meeting will be Greg Kelly. He tells me that it is a basic and informative demonstration for the new growers. I'm looking forward to hearing and seeing this lecture, as there is always something to learn about growing orchids no matter how long you have been growing them.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, hope to see you all there. Please do not forget to bring a plate for afternoon tea, and something for the raffle table.

Happy growing and stay safe,  
Robyn Dundas

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### **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 25 November 2022**

Meeting opened: at 7.26pm by President Robyn Dundas. The president welcomed all to the new Committee especially the members joining the committee for the first time.

**Present:** Robyn Dundas, Lisa McCulloch, Greg Kelly, Troy and Samantha McGill, Jan Allen, Noel Grant, Robert Rasmussen, and June Cairns.

**Apologies:** Stacey Fidler and Leonie Johnson

#### **Minutes:**

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

Moved T McGill Seconded S McGill. **Carried**

#### **Business arising:**

- Vice President Troy advised that he had obtained quotes for Marquees. He further indicated that Bunnings may be in a position to donate a marquee upon application from our club. It was resolved that Troy would purchase a marquee and the secretary would communicate with Bunnings with a view to having a second marquee donated.
- Discussion was held re the Bunnings Market Night on 8/12/22. It was resolved that the club would provide a display, hold a raffle and conduct some potting demonstration on the night. The new marquee would be used on the night. Further resolved that members would be asked to donate plants towards the raffle on the night. Set up at 5.30pm and market from 6pm to 8pm.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Bulletins:-** South Coast Orchid Association, Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plants, Mackay Orchid Society, Maroochydore Orchid Society, Orchidwise, Rockhampton Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Calliope Orchid and Foliage Society and Nambour Orchid Society

**Correspondence In:-** Request from Mackay for access to TQOC trophy cabinets; Outcome of TQOC meeting – John Daley; Minutes from AGM AOC; Advice Thuringowa Library is moving. Advice OQI has formed an executive; Advice from VP Troy re exit signs, communications and lights at clubhouse. Several emails from members relating to attending/not attending Christmas Party. Invitation from Bunnings re Christmas Market on 8/12/22. Invoices and Tax statements from Flaming North. Oki re additional warranty on printer. Community Group workshop. Open Gardens Victoria Nov 22. Request re school holidays activities from Community Development; Advice re Orchidwiz Sale. Minutes OQI meeting. Customers Registration – Campbells.

**Correspondence Out:-** Return Office of Fair Trading, Welcoming Packages all new member 2022, Email to club re timings of Christmas Party; Further Email correct time for set up for Christmas Party. Forward requests from Troy to all committee members re quotes for repairs. Updated AOC re committee members and 2023 shows. Response to a number of emails re Christmas Party from members.

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

Moved: G Kelly                      Seconded: J Allen                      **Carried**

### **Business arising:**

- President Robyn spoke of the outcomes of the TQOC Meetings. No club has volunteered to host next TQOC conference. Too much work for one club. She suggested to the TQOC meeting that perhaps clubs could join together to host Conference. Mackay would go with Bowen and Proserpine while Townsville would unite with Herbert River and Ayr. The president was going to speak about this at the General Meeting and get a majority of the club membership to support the idea.

### **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

Moved: L McCulloch                      Seconded: R Rasmussen                      **Carried**

### **Business arising:**

### **Vice President Reports:**

**Show: -**

- Jan indicated that she believed the club should increase the prize money for the competitions at the Shows. She hoped the increase would result in more members placing more plants in the Shows. Further discussion to be held at a later date.

### **Hospitality: -**

- Sam indicated the final figure of 75 members for the Christmas Party had been confirmed.

### **Building Report: -**

- Troy advised that the building safety lights and fire extinguishers were now all up to date.
- He had the communications system repaired and updated which has resulted in the club having more options during presentations.
- Troy further indicated that he wanted to clean the storeroom to organise it better.
- Troy indicated that he had a quote of \$1350 to repair the men's toilet (urinals). After discussion Troy Moved **"That the club accept the quote of \$1350 to repair the men's toilets."** This was seconded by Jan. Put to a vote and all in favour.
- Troy was also doing a register for all persons holding keys to the hall. Committee members' keys were recorded on the night.

### **General Business:**

- President Robyn indicated that this year she would like to complete major hall maintenance which includes new floor covering including the kitchen. May be able to obtain gamblers grant for this.

- The president would also like to have the interior of the hall painted prior to the new floor coverings. She was hoping this could be completed by members in a working bee.
- A spring clean is to be undertaken prior to the commencement of meetings next year. Committee decided that Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.30am would be the date and the time for the spring clean.
- The president raised the issue of elevating the rent paid for the hall by other users. Robyn indicated that our costs have risen but the rents have not. Discussion was held regarding the advantages of increasing rents against maintaining present clients. Rob Rasmussen indicated that the Church Group who hire the hall always mop entire hall before leaving.  
The discussions covered the needs of a hired cleaner for the hall. All in agreements. Finding someone to do it may be a problem.  
It was resolved that Treasurer would complete research on the cost of equivalent halls locally and further discussions would be held at a later date.
- President Robyn raised the issue of the problems being encountered by the users of the Secretary's and Treasurer's laptops. Both computers are very slow and are more than frustrating to use. Previous committee members used their own computers rather than the club's computer.  
T McGill moved '**The club purchase two new laptop computers for use by the treasurer and secretary**'. Seconded L McCulloch. Carried. It was resolved that \$3000 was the limit for the new computers.
- The president spoke of the vacancy for a Publicity Officer. Jan indicated that she would undertake these duties as it relates to the shows. President indicated that she was still trying to have someone take on these duties. In relation to the Program Manager position the President indicated that she had some lectures organised.
- President advised that she had swapped some Bunnings Vouchers on hand to smaller for trophy purposes. She also needed to purchase another \$100 worth of vouchers.

### **Around the table**

- Secretary spoke on confusion on S.17(4) of the constitution as it relates to the terms of the President Secretary and Treasurer. Greg indicated that prior to AGM some members were confused as to what it actually meant. Committee Members read the relevant section and agreed it was duplicitous and should be clarified. Members also spoke briefly of the 2 years period being not best practice and perhaps should be raised to three years.  
It was resolved that Greg would address the issue further with some suggestions on the new wording. This needs to go to a special meeting of the club. Needs to be finalised prior to next AGM.
- Secretary advised with help of Jan they had updated the membership data base from July to present. Secretary had also written to all new members this year to ensure they had received welcoming package.
- Secretary advised of offer to increase warranty on Printer. Resolved this would be done.
- Secretary to purchase toner for printer and box of paper for society.
- Robert Rasmussen showed a desktop file that he had compiled for Troy to guide him in the new position. Robert suggested that all committee members should do something similar.

### **New Member Applications accepted:**

Application from Myra and Neil De Buck accepted – Novice Section

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

## **Minutes from the November General Meeting held Sunday 27 November 2022**

Meeting Opened by President at 12 Noon

**Present:** As per registration book.

**Visitors:** Nil.

Robyn Dundas welcomed all in attendance and as today's meeting is also our Christmas Party explained how the day would proceed.

**Minutes:**

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

Moved Greg Kelly    Seconded    June Cairns.

**Carried**

**Business out of Minutes**

- Troy has obtained a quote and has purchased a new marquee. Further discussion to be held with Bunnings re the donating of a second marquee.
- Herbert River O & A P Society are having a field trip to Cairns on the 27-28 May 2023. TOS members have been invited. Costs are about \$130 for a motel room and \$70 per person for the bus. Contact Ingham Society if interested. Secretary will send email to all members with contact details for the Ingham Society.

**Correspondence:** Two pieces of correspondence which are relevant to the General Meeting:

The first is an invitation from Bunnings for a Christmas Market on 8 December 2022. The second relates to the TQOC meetings that was held recently.

**Business arising from Inward Correspondence.**

- President advised that Bunnings are holding a Christmas Market on the 8 December and the club has been invited to participate. Our Club will be having a display and a raffle. Donations for the raffle would be appreciated. While the market is from 6pm to 8pm the President would like assistance to set up at about 5.30pm on the day.
- President spoke of attending a TQOC meeting recently. No interest in individual clubs running the next conference. A suggestion was that clubs in the various regions unite and run the event together. Townsville would be partnered with Herbert River and Ayr if this proceeds. President then asked for show of hands in favour of the proposal. The majority of members supports the proposal

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer provided her report as to the state of the society funds. Spreadsheets are available on the wall for the duration of the meeting.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payments.

Moved Lisa McCulloch    Seconded

R Whiting.

Carrie

**New Members:** - The President welcomed new members Neil and Myra De Buck into the society.

### **General Business**

- President advised that, at the Committee meeting on Friday night, the Committee authorised the purchase of two new laptops for the Treasurer and Secretary. Taking advantage of the Black Friday Sales they were purchased the next morning.
- A spring clean will be held at the clubhouse at 8.30am on Saturday 14 January 2023. The more members that assist with the clean up the easier the task will be.
- The two green tiered stands out the back are surplus to requirements and are taking up valuable room. If anyone is interested in purchasing these stands at a low price please take up with the President.
- President advised that this year her aim is for major hall maintenance. This includes new floor coverings including the kitchen. Prior to the updating of floor coverings, she intends to have the interior of the hall painted through a member's working bee.
- Vice President Troy has already purchased new fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and had arranged for repairs and updating to the PA System and new cisterns to be installed in the men's toilets.

**Presentations of Trophies** All trophies were presented by Club Patron Ron Hilder.

#### **Ivy Knott Memorial Trophy**

Champion *Dendrobium discolor* at Spring Show.

Gloria and Ralph Robertson

(To be presented later)

### **Points Competition Winners**

Novice Section

Open Section

Margaret Boyd and Wal Brooker

Ruth Whiting

Species Sections  
Combined

Maureen and Noel Grant  
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**Judges Choice Winners**

Novice Section  
Open Section  
Species Section

Julie Horn  
Santina and Greg Kelly  
Robyn and Eric Dundas

**Ted Boon Trophy**

Most points gained in Judges Choice  
Competitions

Maureen and Noel Grant.

President Robyn then spoke of the two members who were awarded Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting. President Robyn presented Greg Kelly with a plaque and his new name badge. President Robyn indicated that Charlie Truscott was unable to attend this meeting and his presentation would be conducted at a later date. The Honour Roll for Life Members had also been updated. Meeting Closed at 12.30pm and celebrations continued.

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

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**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 2022 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

We promise not to be jealous.

In Noel's Bush House 55

*Vanda roeblingiana* Rolfe 1894.

*Vanda roeblingiana* was described by Robert Rolfe in 1894 from plants introduced to Europe by Hugh Low. It is named after Charles G. Roebling, a civil engineer and industrialist, who financed Hugh Low in his search for orchids, as was the usual practice of rich orchid lovers at the time.

A unique ending for species orchid names was given by John Lindley to distinguish those who financed the explorers ('iana') from those who actually found the orchids ('ii). An example of the first – *Vanda sanderiana* (John Sander owned a huge orchid nursery and financed several explorers). An example from the explorers is *Vanda vipanii* – Captain John Vipan was the first European to discover it in northern Burma.

The flowers of *Vanda roeblingiana* have the most distinct and ornate midlobe, with its often finely fringed apex, of any *Vanda* species. Sadly, the highly frilled lip does not appear in hybrids produced with it so far. This long-flowering orchid comes from moderately high altitudes on the island of Luzon in the Philippines (1200 – 1600m) but grows and flowers well in Townsville. It loved the heavy rain in December.

Noel Grant January 2023

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