

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



February 2023 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 24th February.
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 26th February.**

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 February 2023:

Novice/Species

Charlie, Marie

Open

Peter, Alison

President's Report.

Hello everyone,

With all the rain that we have had in the past few weeks, it has done wonders for my orchids! it is amazing what rain water can do for the garden, lawns and our orchids. I hope everyone prepared their orchids for the rain by spraying Mancozeb or Anti Rot fungicide to protect them from rotting.

I have been very busy repotting my over grown orchids, with plenty of off cuts ready for the sales table at the shows, this is when I need a couple of helping fairies to give me a hand potting up.

The Autumn Show is creeping up on us fast. Jan will have the rosters for the Show to pass around at the February meeting. If you are not able to be at the meeting but would like to help out on the Show roster, please give me a call and we will be able to slot you in. Also - if you are requiring pricing bar codes for selling your plants, speak to Ruth Whiting at the shop and she can give you an order form, or send in an email requesting the bar codes you want.

Our lecturer for the February meeting is Bruno Figuera, he will be talking about Cymbidiums, how to grow and care for them.

During the afternoon tea break, Charlie Truscott is doing a demonstration on how to make wire hangers for the orchid pots/baskets. After the demo he will be offering anyone who would like to have a turn at making one themselves - could you please bring along your cordless drill to use if you wish to participate. Safety glasses, wire and pliers will be supplied by the club for use.

The next monthly meeting is being held on Sunday 26th February from 1pm. I hope to see you all there, please do not forget a plate of food and something for the raffle table.

Happy growing and stay safe

Robyn Dundas

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday 20 January 2023.

Meeting opened: at 7.32pm by President Robyn Dundas who welcomed all attendees.

Present: Robyn Dundas, Lisa McCulloch, Greg Kelly, Troy and Samantha McGill, June Cairns and Stacey Fidler.

Apologies: Noel Grant and Robert Rasmussen

Minutes:

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

M: G Kelly S. T McGill **Carried**

Business arising:

- President Robyn indicated that two new laptops had been purchased for the Secretary and the Treasurer. These should last the club some years.
- President Robyn indicated that the clean-up day on 14th January was a great success with 15 members turning up to work. Robyn thanked all but especially Troy, Sam, Jan and Lisa who remained working at the hall until 3pm
- President Robyn indicated that the Bunnings Car Park Night was a bit of a fizzer. She thanked all who assisted on the night and donated plants for the raffle.

Inward/ Outward Correspondence: As per list

Business out of Correspondence

- Townsville City Council wanted contact details updated for their records – completed.
- Requests from Sports and Leisure to complete survey re people with disabilities completed.
- Troy advised that he had requested further information from Mr Sinner re wishing to rent the hall for gaming (War Games)
- Townsville City Council has advised that they agree with the balance of monies to be returned by the club from the 75th Anniversary Show last year. Sum was \$4,412.07. They will provide an invoice in due course.
- Troy advised of several avenues for grant funding which may be used when the hall is painted and new flooring is purchased.
- Secretary advised that he had sent a letter to Bunnings in early December requesting the donation of a marquee but there has been no response.

Newsletters/Bulletins:

: TATOS. Herbert River Orchid Society, Mackay District Orchid Society, Childers and Isis DOS, Tweed District Orchid Society, North Queensland Orchid Society and Tweed District Orchid Society.

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

M: G Kelly S: J Allen **Carried**

Treasurer's Report

Funds available to TOS: 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: L McCulloch S: T McGill **Carried**

Vice President Reports:

Show: Vice President Jan Allen

- Vice President Jan indicated she will contact the Townsville Bulletin to get a quote on advertisement for shows for the year.
- Jan is to take up with Reg Dix re classes and judging.
- Jan indicated that she has all of the table cloths at home to wash.

- Will order Ribbons for Show in near future.
- Community Announcement on 4TTT to be amended,
- Rosters will be ready for February General Meeting.

Hospitality: Vice President Sam McGill

- Vice President Sam spoke about ordering the same caterers for this year's Christmas Party. All agreed to this.
- Roster for kitchen to be available for February Meeting.
- Sam will advise members what donations are requested for the kitchen for the Autumn Show.

Building: Vice President Troy McGill

- Vice President Troy advised that the toilets had been fixed and plugs purchased for the sink in the kitchen
- He is getting a quote to change the lights to LED bulbs.
- He further spoke of a grant available from the Mayor. To be considered for use in purchasing a first aid kit and a defibrillator.
- Troy spoke of the need for members to advise the club of illnesses and what is to be done should they need assistance at the meetings. On a voluntary basis.
- Troy suggested that the Web page be modernised and made easier to use.

General Business:

- President Robyn suggested that the club should buy flasks soon so that the club would have plants to give to members in attendance at general meetings next year. Resolved that six flasks be purchased.
- President spoke of the need to paint the hall. All committee agreed to this. Discussion was then held regarding whether club members would do this or a contractor. To go to a general meeting for discussion.
- President spoke of the need to replace the floor covering in the hall including the kitchen. A quote had been obtained last year. The committee last year confirmed that the new floor would be of planks. Looking for a grant to cover most of the cost, for this. This item also will go to a general meeting for discussion.
- The issue of the renewal of the hall lease was raised in relation to the expense to be incurred by painting and new floor covering. It was resolved that the President would contact Councillor Cook to attempt to ensure that the lease will be renewed.
- Treasurer Lisa provided costs she had obtained for rental of various halls within Townsville and what facilities that was included in those rentals. Discussion was held in relation to this.
- Various groups that hire the hall and their payments at the moment. It was resolved to increase the rental for the Garden Club and that Troy would advise them of the increased rent and the reasons for same. For a number of years, the Garden Club has deposited the cost of their rental into the clubs account without any consultation or negotiation of costs.
- Secretary Greg spoke further on the proposed amendment to the constitution, He provided each member with a suggested new wording of S.17(4). Discussion took place and the proposed amendment was agreed to by the committee,
- After this agreement was reached. The issue of the maximum terms that can be served by the President, Treasurer and Secretary was discussed. Committee agree that three years in that position would be preferred to the present two years if the member so desired. This amendment to the new wording was made.

Motion: "That the Committee adopt the new wording of the S17(4) and proceed to amend the constitution in that regard."

New Wording for S.17(4)

4) At each annual general meeting of the Society, the members of the management committee and officers must retire from office. (i) The president, secretary and treasurer are not eligible for re-election in that position if they have served in that position continuously for the previous three financial years of the Society. (ii) All others are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.

Moved G Kelly

Seconded J Allen

Carried

- Treasurer Lisa requested advice on who attends to the inbox in email. Resolved that the Secretary will forward emails to various committee members in line with their responsibilities. This was the prevailing situation.
- Vice President Troy spoke on a booklet he was preparing for the club. Relates to growing orchids in Townsville conditions. Some committee members had seen a draft. The booklet still had a way to go. Would be useful for new members and for sale at shows.
- Troy also showed an events calendar for the Web Page which shows months activities of the club and meetings and field days of associated clubs.
- Stacey spoke on a presentation on how to use the club's Facebook page and indicated that Leonie had more knowledge than she had, on this topic.

New Member Applications: - Nil applications to consider.

Meeting Closed at 8.56 pm.

Robyn Dundas - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 22nd January 2023

Meeting opened at 1pm by President Robyn who welcomed all attendees and wished them a Happy New Year.

Present: As per registration book.

Visitors: As per registration book

New Members: Nil this meeting

Robyn Dundas introduced and welcomed visitors to the Society and presented a plant to the new member who was present.

Minutes:

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

Moved: Greg Kelly Seconded W Hughes

Carried

Business out of Minutes

- President Robyn indicated that two new laptops were purchased by the society. Robyn thanked Lisa McCulloch for her time in setting up the new laptops.
- Members thanked for their attendance at the spring clean of the hall on 14 January. Fourteen members attended to help. Robyn indicated special thanks to Troy, Sam, Jan and Lisa for staying back with her to finish the job.
- Robyn indicated that still trying to find someone to take the old green tiered stands. Wally Brooker indicated that he would take them.
- Robyn indicated that the car park market at Bunnings was a bit of a fizzer. She indicated that the raffle did not cover cost of the prizes. She also thanked those members who assisted and donated prizes for the raffle.

Correspondence: Nil new correspondence relevant to this meeting.

Business from Committee Meeting:

- President Robyn advised the club that the Townsville City Council had drawn up an invoice for \$4,412.07 which was surplus funds from the grant acquired for the 75th Birthday Show. To be paid soon.

Charlie Truscott spoke about being aware of the requirement for additional fungus spraying after rain events or even in the event of consistent days of high humidity. He advised that a monthly spraying would be appropriate but individuals may need to do it more often.

Lecture

Greg Kelly provided a lecture covering areas of interest for new growers. Some giveaway plants were handed out to members who were interested. These had been deflasked, potted and cared for by Jeff Knowles. Thanks for that, Jeff.

Meeting Closed at 2.25pm

Robyn Dundas - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. CONSTITUTION TO BE HELD AT THE 26 MARCH 2023 GENERAL MEETING.

A motion to amend the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Constitution was passed at the January 2023 Committee Meeting of the Society.

This will necessitate that club members vote on the motion. A vote on this motion will be held during the 26 March 2023 General Meeting. This relates to S17(4) of the constitution.

Details of the proposed wording of the new subsection and background reasoning will be included in the March 2023 Bulletin for the information of members.

G Kelly,

Secretary

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

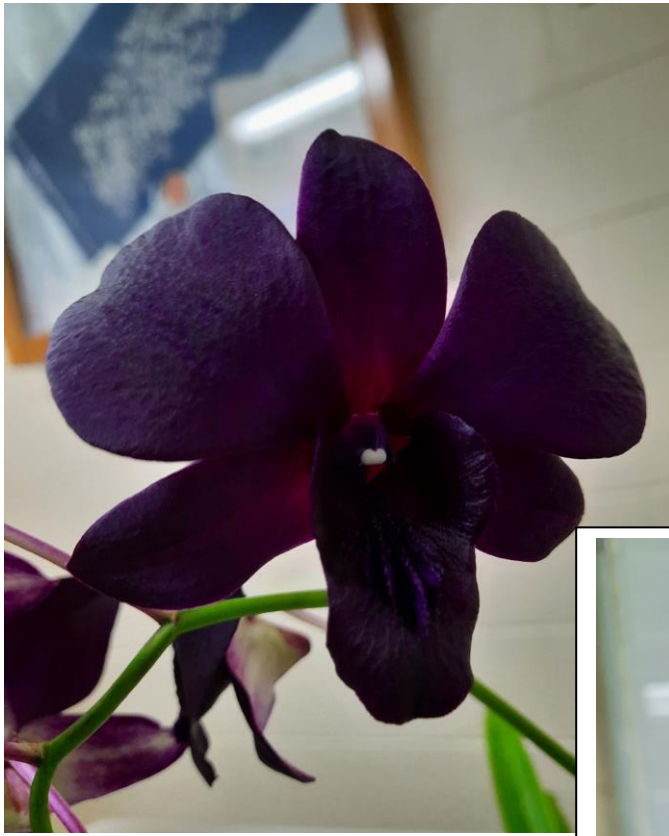
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Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Golden Bell ‘Fortune’	R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Rth Burana Beauty ‘Burana’ Rth Burana Beauty ‘Burana’ Rth Burana Beauty ‘Burana’	K Owens R Whiting R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Ctt Jet’s Surprise (C Mark Jones x Ctt Chocolate Drop) Ctt Varut Startrack C Elisabeth Colav	W Hughes W&C Sewell R Whiting
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st 2nd 3rd	Gct Dash of Napalm ‘Red Bouquet’ Gur Barbara Kirch Ctna Joy Bassin ‘Liana’	G&S Kelly G Watt L&G Johnson
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid (nodosa influence)	1st 2nd 3rd	Bc Hippodamia ‘Hanabu’ Bc Binosa ‘Kirk’ Bc Binosa ‘Key Lime’	W Hughes D Blanchard G&S Kelly
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Alice’s Rainbow Den Adrian Lonne x Fraser’s Spiral Hope Den Queen Cobra x <i>tangerinum</i> x Chocolate Surprise	K Owens K Owens D Blanchard

DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st	Den Aridang Green	L&G Johnson M Boyd
	2nd	Den Spellbound x <i>dicuphum</i> x Margaret Joan Fell	
	3rd	Den Caesar's Red	R&E Dundas
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st	V. Roberts Delight 'Blue'	G Watt
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st	Van Tristar Gold 'Mandarin'	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
	2nd	V Boonyarit Red	
VANDA Under 40mm	1st	Rhrds Mem. Suranaree 'Blue'	G&S Kelly K Owens
	2nd	Aer Korat Koki	
ONCIDIUM Starry Shaped	1st	Bak Flying High 'Stars&Bars'	M Boyd R Whiting L&G Johnson
	2nd	Milt Golden Spider 'Copius'	
	3rd	Milt Sandy's Cove	
ANY OTHER ORCHID	1st	Ctsm Jamie Lawson	R&E Dundas L&G Johnson
	2nd	Dtps Purple Marten x Dtps Kenneth Shubent x <i>Phal violacea</i>	
NOVICE DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd	Den Black Pearl	L McCulloch
ANY OTHER	1st	Milt. Shelob 'Tolken'	J Horn
SPECIES BULBOPHYLLUM	1st	<i>Bulb digoelense</i>	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles A&J Knowles
	2nd	<i>Bulb dearei</i>	
	3rd	<i>Bulb nutans</i>	
ANY OTHER	1st	<i>Phal equestris</i>	R Whiting R Whiting L&G Johnson
	2nd	<i>Ctsm fimbriatum var morrenianum</i>	
	3rd	<i>Milt bluntii</i>	

Points for Tabled Plants after January 2023

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blackman K		4		4
Blanchard D	6		2	9
Boyd M	27			27
Cairns J	4		3	7
Dundas R&E	38		1	39
Fighera B	15		3	18
Grant N&M	15		27	42
Hilder G&R	4			4
Horn J		4		4
Hughes W	8			8
Johnson L&G	25		16	41
Kelly G&S	40			40
Knowles A&J			10	10
McCulloch L		7		7
Owens K	32		3	35
Stevens J	4		1	5
Watt G	8			8
Whiting R	36		13	49



Left:

Judges Choice January 2023

Novice:

Den Black Pearl

Exhibited by Lisa McCulloch

71 points

Right:

Judges Choice January 2023

Species: *Phal equestris*

Exhibited by Ruth Whiting

75 points



Left:

Judges Choice January 2023

Open:

Rhrds Memoria Suranaree 'Blue'

Exhibited by Greg Kelly

78 points

In Noel's Bush House 56

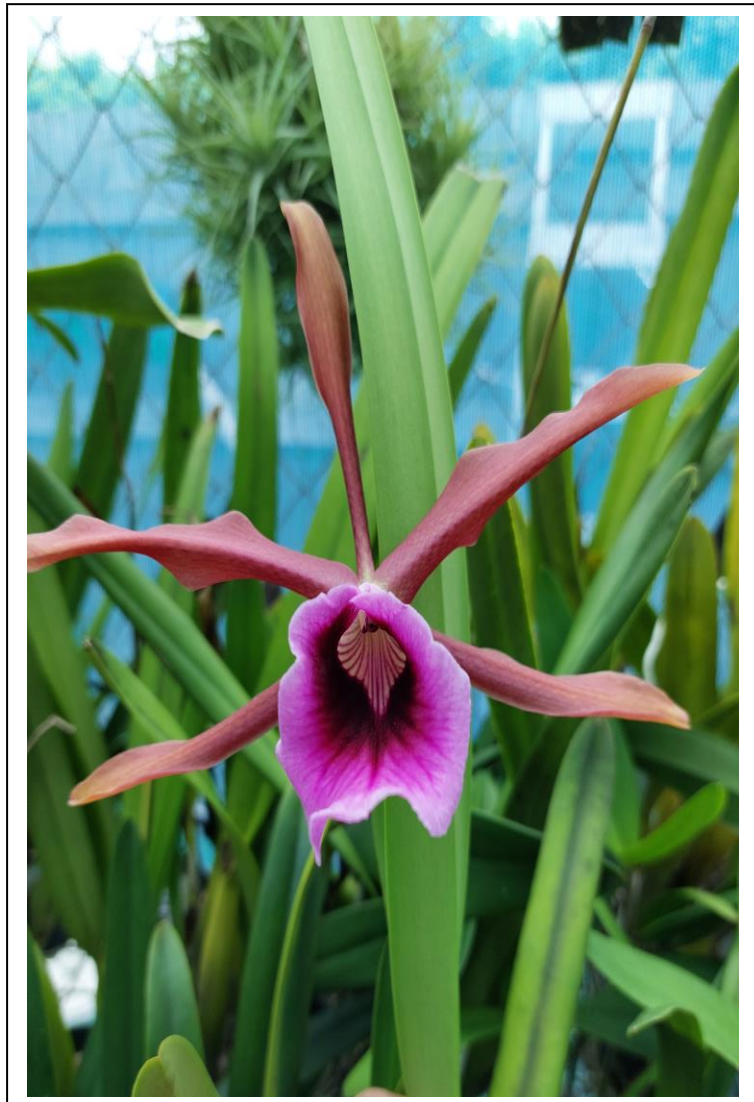
Cattleya tenebrosa Rolfe 1893

This orchid was sold to me as *Laelia tenebrosa*, the name given prior to 2012, when botanists, following DNA analysis of many orchids, reclassified all South American Laelias as Cattleyas. All current Laelias are the so-called “Mexican” Laelias, which are found in the area from Panama north to Mexico.

The habitat for *Cattleya tenebrosa* was reported by Miranda (1990) to be limited to a very small area in southern Espírito Santo, Brazil where plants grow on large trees in dense forest. He later stated that this limited habitat has now been totally destroyed and that this species, which has always been rather rare, is now impossible to find in nature. Happily, nursery-bred plants are occasionally available.

The meaning of ‘tenebrosa’ is “dark, growing in shady places” – as I noted above, “in dense forest”. It is prized for the striped lip showing the central extremely dark fringe. I find it always draws my eye when in flower.

Noel Grant February 2023



Vanda (Fuchs Harvest Moon x V. Jukkich Gold) x V. Suksamran Spots

Townsville Orchid Society Growing Competition 2187

Seedlings were distributed to interested members at the January 2018 General Meeting.

I was unsure that the first flowering of my plant would last until the February Meeting, due to the current high monsoonal rainfall, which is why I have photographed the inflorescence instead.

Has your plant flowered yet?

Noel Grant, February 2023

