

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### April 2023 Bulletin

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Family \$20.00  
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**The next Management Committee Meeting will be held from 7.30pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.  
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

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 April 2023:

Novice/Species  
Reg, Charlie

Open  
Marie, Peter

### President's Report.

Hello everyone,

I do hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter break.

We went to Cooktown for our Easter break - it was very, very hot but was enjoyable. Eric went fishing and we will be eating fish for the next 6 months; a great catch with good quality fish.

By the time you read this newsletter, the Autumn Show will have come and gone, so I am hoping that you all did very well in the Show.

I would like to pass on our condolences to Bill Hughes (TOS Member), on the passing of his wife last week. I'm sure that she will be sadly missed by Bill and his family.

The Ingham Field Day is creeping up – it will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to go, please let us know, and we will slot you onto the bus list. The cost is \$40 pp for the bus plus \$10 lunch. The bus will be leaving the hall at 6.30am.

Also, the Bowen Field Day is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, please let us know soon if you wish to go.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, hope to see you all there. Our lecturer will be Jeff Knowles.

Happy growing and stay safe.

Robyn Dundas

## Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 24 March 2023

Meeting opened: at 7.30pm by President Robyn Dundas

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

**Apologies:** Nil.

### **Minutes:**

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

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

### **Business arising:**

- President Robyn advised that she had obtained the flasks for the society from Mallee Phallees and was waiting for a short period before deflasking the plants.
- Robyn spoke at length regarding the meeting with the representative from the Townsville City Council. This related to the renewal of the lease on the hall. Meeting very positive with the representative Helene James indicating that the society ticked all of the areas required for renewal of the lease. Robyn continued that Helene had indicated part of her role was to help clubs obtain grants wherever possible. Areas covered included the frequency of the use of the hall by members as well as other clubs; major projects planned for the next five years as well as the overall structure and management of the club. Helene James to report back to the Townsville City Council and outlined the procedures that she had to follow. Unable to extend the lease for more than five years as this is Townsville City Council policy.

### **Correspondence: In**

John Batey x 2, Bowen Orchid Society, National Deposit Summary (Several), Mackay District Orchid Society, Inner Circle Plumbing Primivo x 2, American Orchid Society, R Dix, C Mobile, Fernland, Community Development. C Gibson, OM Orchidmart, Ergon Energy, Townsville City Council, Metua Timoti, Bunnings, Lankester Gardens Costa Rica, Owen Brooks, Malcolm Triebell x 2, Jeff Knowles, Townsville City Council, Charters Towers Orchid and Allied Plants Society Inc.

### **Correspondence: Out**

O. Brooks

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

M: G Kelly    S: L McCulloch    **Carried**

### **Business arising:**

- Bowen Field Day 21 May 23. Quote for bus to be obtained and list for those interested in attending for next General Meeting
- First Aid Kit and defibrillator have arrived.
- Some small changes to Show schedule suggested for the Novice Section.
- Meeting with Townsville City Council previously discussed.
- Discussion was held about the exorbitant increase in the power bill. Checks to be made that the reading of the meter was actually correct. Noted the previous bill was an estimate. It was noted that the solar return was down. Is the unit functioning correctly and reduction due to rain periods? The committee will again look at this at the next meeting.
- From Townsville City Council - they have assigned clubhouse address of 382B Charles Street, Kirwan and requested club that the property be appropriately signed. Troy to attend to this.
- A new Orchid Market for back yard sellers – Orchidmart from New South Wales.
- Request for financial donations from Latin America to establish a library in Lankester Botanical Gardens in Costa Rica. Discussion held and resolved not to donate in this instance.

- Jeff Knowles suggested we buy a copy of a book ‘2021 Virtual World Orchid Conference’. Noel Grant advised that he has looked into this. The book is very large and suggested that it would be sold as CD. He had requested a price but had not received a reply.
- Invitation to Easter Bunny Hop at Bunnings on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Declined.
- It was noted that Charters Towers Orchids and Allied Plants Society Inc had closed their club due to the lack of members and interest. It is sad to see the club cease operating.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- Treasurer Lisa outlined her report covering the major areas of the club’s finances.

**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: R Rasmussen

**Carried**

### **Vice President Reports:**

#### **Show Jan Allen**

- Vice President Jan indicated the box day will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Jan will remind members at the meeting and also send an email to members regarding this.
- Ribbons for the three shows this year have been purchased and have arrived.
- Advertising with the Townsville Bulletin has been arranged and paid for.
- Leonie Johnson will do the advertising for the show on the clubs’ Facebook page.
- Jan spoke of the issue of some members simply emailing requests for barcode labels and not on the form as required. It was resolved that only requests on the form would be addressed in the future. The reason behind this is that a copy of all barcodes is available to members working the sales cash register should there be a problem with a label. Also, some members are ordering large numbers of barcodes which have a limited life span.
- A motion from Jan that “The TOS approves a float for the Autumn Show in the sum of \$1400”  
Seconded T McGill **Carried**
- Jan indicated that the cost of the bus for Ingham is \$1430 and at this time we have twenty-six members indicating that they are going. Resolved that the price of the bus fare would be \$40 for members (plus \$10 for lunch). Members to be at the hall at 6.15am for a 6.30am departure. It was hoped that a few more names may be added at the General Meeting.

#### **Building Troy McGill**

- Vice President Troy indicated that he had disseminated the calendar for the month of April and commented on extra use of the hall in the future.
- Discussion was held regarding the first aid kit and the defibrillator as to where they should be housed. Resolved that the first aid kit would remain in the office whilst the defibrillator would be placed on the sidewall near the fire extinguisher. The cabinet would be locked but groups hiring the hall would be supplied with a key.
- Troy advised that he was scheduled for surgery on 17 April and that Samantha would cover his hall duties for about a week until he had recovered.

#### **Hospitality Samantha McGill**

- Vice President Samantha indicated that Whites Catering had been booked for the Clubs Christmas Party in November.
- Samantha suggested that a small cold display cabinet to show the public what was for sale at the shows be purchased. This would alleviate members of the public having to peer in the refrigerator at the rear of the kitchen. The display would be just that and the food being provided from the refrigerator. Supported.
- Samantha suggested a rise in the cost of soft drink and water for sale to members and the public at shows. Resolved that the price for soft drink would increase to \$2.50 a can and water would be \$1.50.

### **General Business:**

- President Robyn indicated that she would not be standing again at the next election as she and her husband had planned a caravanning holiday which would take them away from Townsville for several months next year.
- Robyn asked that the club provide potting material and pots for the nine flasks that she has to deflask for the club in the near future. One flask purchased from Alice to provide plants to be given to new members. Approved.

### **Around the table**

- Secretary Greg advised that he was having surgery the following Tuesday and would be on light duties including being unable to drive for a period of time. Will be able to perform Secretary duties.
- Robert apologies for being absent from meetings next month as he will be away on holidays.
- June asked that all members be reminded that they need to own plants six months before placing in the show competition.
- Noel indicated that he had placed library books to be given away to club members on tables for Sunday's meeting.
- Lisa asked if the vote for the amendment to the Constitution would proceed on Sunday. Advised that it was going ahead.

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

Kate Johnson accepted. Novice Section

Meeting Closed at 8.56pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

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### **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Meeting opened at 1pm by President Robyn who welcomed all attendees.

**Present:** As per registration book.

**Visitors:** Peter Mikkelson, Nicole Lenahan and Coen

**New Members:** Nil this month

**Minutes:**

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

Moved: G Kelly    Seconded: K Turner    **Carried**

**Business out of Minutes**    Nil this month.

**Correspondence:** Inwards

Orchidmart, Charters Towers O&APS Inc, Bowen Orchid Society and Townsville City Council Spatial Administration.

Motion: That the inwards correspondence be accepted.

Moved G Kelly    Seconded R Rasmussen    **Carried**

**Business from Committee Meeting:**

- President Robyn indicated that it was sad that the Charters Towers Club has ceased due to lack of members.
- The new Orchidmart can be found at [www.Orchidmart.net .au](http://www.Orchidmart.net.au).
- New address for the Clubhouse is 382B Charles Street, Kirwan.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa McCulloch

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 L McCulloch    Seconded    N Grant    **Carried**

**Vice President Reports:**

## **Show Jan Allen**

- Vice President Jan spoke about the Ingham Field Day which is on 30 April 2023.
- Fares for the club bus have been set at \$40 for members with \$50 for non-members. Lunch will be provided at an extra cost of \$10. There is no catering for persons with special needs. If you would like to go, put name down on the list at the front table
- There are 26 names down at the moment. Money to be paid by 17 April as Ingham wants numbers shortly afterwards for catering purposes.
- The club bus will leave at 6.30am Everybody going should be here by 6.15am ready to board the bus. Medical Forms will be handed out next meeting.
- Bowen Field day to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023. A list for those intending to attend is at the front table. Cost will be organised by the next meeting.
- If numbers for a full bus were not sufficient some members indicated they would be happy with a small bus. Other members commented that room on a smaller bus is limited and last time the trailer was not in working order.
- Relating to the Autumn Show A4 sized flyers were available if wanted.
- The general roster for the show is almost full.
- In relation to the Kitchen, roster workers were required for a couple of the shifts on Friday.
- Jan spoke about the need and format for show tags required with each plant as well as the need to have owned the plants for six months prior to competing in the show.
- A Red sticker to be placed on the front of novice plants to identify plants for the Champion and Reserve Champion Novice Ribbons
- Box day is Wednesday 29 March at 9am
- Some recycling bins had been placed near the rubbish bins and identified for tins and bottles. Money raised to be donated to charity.

## **Hospitality Samantha McGill**

- Vice President Samantha requested more people to provide cake and sweets for the morning teas at the show.

## **General Business:**

- Greg Kelly spoke about the vote for the amendment to the constitution and the reasons for same. President Robyn then put the amendment to a vote which was carried.
- President Robyn advised that the flasks for plants to be given members next year had arrived and she would de-flask them in the near future. She had some of the flasks with her if members want to have a look at the flasks.
- Robyn indicated that she and Greg Kelly had a meeting with a council representative in reference to the new lease on the TOS Hall which is due for renewal in June next year. The representative had indicated that she could see no reason why the council would not renew our lease. She further stated that she could help with advice regarding grants to assist with planned upgrades to the hall. She had taken photos of the various areas in the hall including a couple of safety issues. In general, the representative indicated she was impressed with the overall management and standards of the hall. She further indicated that she was pleased with the number and variety of other organisations that have access to use the hall.
- Jeff queried if the club had received information re excursions to the 14<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Orchid Expo to be held this year. Jeff further stated that the best information that he could get at the moment was that it will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and will probably be held at Singapore Expo. No costings at the moment.

## **Judges Choice:**

**Open Section:-** C Ollies' Folly x C Lucky Charm L&G Johnson 76 Points

**Novice Section:** Onc Unknown L McCulloch 74 points

**Species Section:** *Bulb flavello-vernisi* L&G Johnson 77 Points

**Lecture:** Member Reg Dix provided the lecture on the topic of pH as it relates to Orchids.

- Reg spoke of the practice of a number of the better growers ensuring that the pH of their liquid fertiliser was within a given range in order that orchids could take better advantage of the products provided. He indicated that orchids in general prefer an acid product rather than an alkaline one.
- Reg explained that there is a difference between rainwater, town water and bore water in terms of pH levels
- The composition of various products was broken down. Reg demonstrated the products that he uses. He also demonstrated a couple of different pH meters and using the meters demonstrated how the pH reading of different types of water and how some products will change the pH of your water.
- Reg recommends that members keep their liquid products at a pH of between 5.6 and 6.3 for best results.

Meeting Closed at 2.30pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

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PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

**Bold Type** indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
<b>OPEN</b> CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Thaksina Gold #3 Rlc Thaksina Gold #3 Rlc Haadyai Delight x Phet Thanatorn	R Rasmussen L&G Johnson B Fighera
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	C Ollies' Folly x C Lucky Charm C Berndadine Kennedy 'White Jewel' Rlc Monthatip Gold	L&G Johnson W Hughes R Rasmussen
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st 2nd 3rd	Bsn Maikai 'Mayumi' Bc Little Stars C Minerva	M Boyd D Blanchard B Fighera
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	C Hawaiian Star 'Only One' Rlc Naomi's Delight Ctt Jet's Surprise	W Hughes G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
DENDROBIUM Phalaenathe	1st 2nd 3rd	<b>Den Alisun Snowflakes</b> (Alisun Cherry x Alisun Mini Compact) Den Legina Beauty Den Little Panda	L&G Johnson  G Watt K Owens
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Alice's Silveno Den Lorraine's Delight Den Rambo	K Owens R&E Dundas R&E Dundas
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Caesar Red Den Black Cat x Den Bethachong Den Aridang Green	R&E Dundas R&E Dundas R&E Dundas
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Parinlada V Kulwadee Fragrance #27 V Mem. Katherine McCarne 'Thai Ruby'	B Fighera W Hughes W Hughes
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Blue Eyes Van Fuchs Precious Jewel 'Rezza' V Boonyarit Little Flame	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
VANDA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Aerdv Sukho x <i>Aer houlettiana</i> Aranda Jasso's Pride Pda Ambrosian Twinkle	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS Any Other Hyriid	1st 2nd	P Tying Shin Beagle	L&G Johnson

ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Onc SP 12 European Yellow Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bird' Milt Christina Carpenter Rumsfelt	W Hughes L&G Johnson K Owens
PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Ecithis Paph Coos Paph Miss Faith Hanbury	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Cydc Taiwan Gold 'Orange' Ctsm Unknown Ctsm Orchidglade 'Green Goddess'	R&E Dundas J Richardson R&E Dundas
<b><u>NOVICE</u></b> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Rungnapha Fancy 'Warm Welcome' Bsn Maikai 'Mayumi' Rlc Haadyai Delight 'Long Tone'	C Gibson L McCulloch C Gibson
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd	Den Lai Thai Den Dark Desire	L McCulloch L McCulloch
ANY OTHER	1st	Onc Unknown	L McCulloch
<b><u>SPECIES</u></b> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd	<i>Den bigibbum var compactum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i>	K Owens G Watt
CATTLEYA	1st	<i>Gct bowringiana var coerulea</i>	N&M Grant
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>V falcata</i> <i>V falcata</i> <i>Aer magnifica</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant R&E Dundas
PHALAENOPSIS	1st 2nd	<i>Phal cornu-cervi var red</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant
ONCIDIUM	1st	<i>Prosthecea chacaoensis</i>	N&M Grant
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	W Hughes
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd	<i>Bulb flavello-vernisi</i> <i>Bulb annandalei</i>	L&G Johnson A & J Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st	<i>Ctsm pileatum</i> 'Jumbo Green'	L&G Johnson

### What does 'pH' mean?

Further to Reg's talk on pH in March, this what 'pH' means (or may mean):

In 1909, the Danish chemist Søren Peter Lauritz Sørensen introduced the concept of pH.

'H' stands for Hydrogen, but Sørensen did not explain why he used the letter p, and the exact meaning of the letter is still disputed.<sup>[6]</sup>

Sørensen described a way of measuring pH using **potential** differences, and it represents the negative **power** of 10 in the concentration of hydrogen ions.

The letter *p* could stand for the French *puissance*, German *Potenz*, or Danish *potens*, all meaning "power", or it could mean "potential".

So: Power of Hydrogen, or Potential of Hydrogen – choose one!

Thanks to Wikipedia for this 'clarification'.

Noel Grant April 2023

## FIELD DAY

"Sunday 05 March is our field day. It begins from 8.15am with a cuppa and morning tea (free) and raffle ready for a 9.00am start. Pile into the bus (only \$2.00 for the whole morning) or into cars for the tour of approximately 6 orchid houses, where you can view and often buy. Remember to bring your own boxes to carry your purchases. There is plenty of room on the bus for the boxes. Then back to the TOS hall for lunch - only \$4.00, and raffles.

Once lunch is completed, we pile into the bus (\$2.00 for the entire afternoon) or cars and visit about 6 more orchid houses. Again viewing and buying - don't forget your boxes to carry those precious orchids you purchase.

Then it is back to the TOS hall for arvo tea (free) and multi raffle.

We all then bid farewell and stagger home with full bellies and styro boxes packed with 'just a few more orchids.'

Oh, did I mention that this information is referring to our 1994 Field Day?

## SERVICE AWARD

The minutes of the April, 1994 General Meeting recorded this:

"President Geoff then took pleasure in presenting an "Award of Service" certificate to Wal Nicholson for his long and continuing service to our society, which the members present supported with acclamation."

Which was followed in the May, 1994 meeting with:

"President Geoff presented a Service Award plaque to Wal Nicholson who suitably replied."

A few questions spring to mind. Was the presentation of this award a regular occurrence? Where does it fit into the scheme of things? Can anyone shed some light on the matter?

## TOS BULLETINS

Over the past few years, I have been chasing up documents relating to the history of the Townsville Orchid Society. I managed to obtain copies of many TOS Bulletins and I have processed them and uploaded about 443 editions (all from February 1985 to the current time) in electronic form to the National eDeposit Scheme. They are all safely stored and easily available to view in Trove. (Use your search engine on the computer with something like "Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin Trove" to browse the collection)

### **What is National eDeposit (NED)?**

National eDeposit (NED) is an exciting collaboration between Australia's nine national, state and territory libraries, responding to the major challenge of capturing and preserving the digital documentary history of Australia for the future. The NED service provides for the deposit, management, storage, preservation, discovery and delivery of published electronic material across Australia.

Paper copies from about 1991-2023 are available for viewing at the Townsville City Council Library in Flinders Street. The TOS webpage holds the 2009-2023 copies.

*Jeff Knowles*



## Points for Tabled Plants after March 2023

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blackman K		4		4
Blanchard D	13		2	15
Boyd M	35			35
Cairns J	13		3	16
Day K			2	2
Dundas R&E	84		11	95
Fighera B	28		4	32
Gibson C			6	6
Grant N&M	37		69	106
Hilder G&R	4			4
Horn J		4		4
Hughes W	33		4	37
Johnson L&G	80		27	107
Kelly G&S	85			85
Knowles A&J			26	6
McCulloch L		21		21
Melvin J		8		8
Nicholson J	3			3
Owens K	56		12	68
Rasmussen R	7			7
Richardson J	3			3
Sewell C&W	2		4	6
Stevens J	4		1	5
Watt G	20		2	22
Whiting R	46		16	72



### Judges Choice March 2023

#### Novice:

Oncidium unknown

Exhibited by Lisa McCulloch

74 points



**Judges Choice March 2023**

**Open:**

Cattleya Ollies Folly x  
C. Lucky Charm

Exhibited by Lyn Johnson

76 Points



**Judges Choice March  
2023**

**Species:**

*Bulb. Flavello-vernisi*

Exhibited by Lyn Johnson

77 Points