

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### May 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 26<sup>th</sup> May.  
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

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 May 2023:

Novice/Species

Alison, Marie

Open

Reg, Charlie

### Presidents Report May 2023

Hello everyone,

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers out there, I hope you had a lovely day with family.

Ingham Field Day was another great day out, with the Ingham club putting on another wonderful day with some excellent shade houses open and plants for sale. Townsville Orchid Society members did very well in the running raffle, taking home quite a few prizes, unfortunately I was not one of them.

Bowen also had their Field Day last weekend. I'm sure that everyone had a great day down there as well - I was unable to make it to Bowen, but it is usually a big day as well. This is the time to get on top of your pests, Spider mites etc, as winter is approaching and the pests are going into dormancy. This is the time to spray and kill them before they explode in the spring. The use of miticide and insecticide 7 days apart will limit the infestation of these annoying pests on your orchids.

The lecturer for our May meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May is Charlie Truscott; his topic will be all about Phalaenopsis. I hope to see you all there.

Happy growing,

Stay safe and well

Robyn Dundas

## Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023

Meeting opened: at 7.30pm by President Robyn Dundas

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

**Apologies:** Troy McGill and Rob Rasmussen.

### **Minutes:**

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

M: G Kelly S. N Grant **Carried**

### **Business arising:**

- Vice President Samantha advised that she had made some inquiries into the seemingly excessive power bill recently received. Samantha advised that she had compared the quarter with previous quarters and historically this quarter always was the dearest for electricity. With increased use of the hall, there was more energy consumed and that meant that there was less power to be sold to the grid.
- Bills of over \$1200 had been received previously in this time frame.
- Issues, including the failure of the air conditioner units to cut off when the time on the meter expired as well as the need for maintenance of the solar system, were discussed.
- President Robyn indicated that a deal of money was spent on the air-conditioning of the hall last year and the problems were still not corrected.
- Resolved that the issue should be continually monitored. The solar system should be cleaned and the system checked. Priority should be given to have the air-conditioning issues resolved.
- President Robyn advised that she had received a phone call from Helene James regarding the extension of the lease of the hall. James advised that she was recommending an extension and indicated that the club proceed to source quotes for the floor coverings and the painting of the hall.
- The extension of the lease would be finalised at the June meeting of the Townsville City Council.
- Robyn further advised that she had spoken to Councillor Russel Cook about a ten-year lease not five. Robyn forwarded her request by email to Councillor Cook to state her reasons for this.

### **Correspondence: In**

J Rutledge, D Sanim, TQOC, AOC., Australia Post, T McGill, AOF, Triple T, C Mobile, Townsville City Council (Helene James) American Orchid Society, National Deposit Summary, Bowen Orchid Society, Oki Printers (several), American Orchid Society, L McCulloch, Gaming Liquor and Fair Trading, Orchids in Print. Lavina Rees and Townsville City Council.

### **Correspondence: Out**

AOC, Oki Printers (several) Townsville City Council and Gaming Liquor and Fair Trading.

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

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

### **Business arising:**

- Treasurer Lisa spoke on the emergency procedures that she had put together prior to the last show. Lisa will update these procedures and forward them to the Committee, To be further discussed at next Committee Meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Funds available to TOS:** TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings

- Lisa spoke about the show and the profit and loss for that event. Final numbers still pending awaiting finalisation of a number of outstanding invoices.

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

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Vice President Reports:**

**Show Jan Allen**

- Jan reported that the Autumn Show went off fairly smoothly.
- Jan indicated that the number of plants in the show were down. Public attendance was down.
- Rosters for show were full with a couple of late withdrawals that were easily managed.
- Jan indicated that she had taken on faith that the vendors would enter the five required plants in the display and she should not have to check that each individual had done so. It was reported that one vendor had not complied with this requirement.
- Lisa commented that by reading the other clubs bulletins most of those clubs had fewer plants on display and less attendance. The weather did not help. She also commented that other clubs had a three-month period before a plant can be entered in competition and this club has six months wait. She indicated that this would inconvenience novice growers more.
- For the Ingham Field Day (30 April 2023) there were 24 confirmed attending with some more that had not decided if they were going or not. Jan to try and get a quote for a small bus if possible.
- For the Bowen Field Day, (21 May 2023) ten members had indicated an interest in attending.
- Both Field Days would be mentioned at the General Meeting.

**Hospitality Samantha McGill**

- Sam indicated that the format of the kitchen had been changed to see if room could be found for the display refrigerator. Sam indicated that the new format worked well and the only issue was members going to the back of the kitchen to help themselves to coffee/tea. Some were not mindful of others in the kitchen when handling the hot beverages.
- Further conversation was had re the purchase of a display refrigerator. Cost was prohibitive considering the limited use that would be made of it. Storage at other times would also be an issue.
- It was resolved not to take this matter any further at this time.

**Building Report Troy McGill (Samantha provided report for Troy)**

- Troy advised that Lyndell had inspected the hall and was compiling a quote for regular cleaning of the hall.
- Troy was obtaining quotes to fumigate the hall.
- Troy was organising the cleaning of all air conditioning units.
- Troy would also organise the cleaning and checking of the solar system of the hall.

**General Business:**

- President Robyn advised that she had contacted the floor covering man to reassess the costing to include the kitchen. The man needs to inspect the kitchen prior to making recommendations as to the floor covering in the kitchen. (Waterproof and anti-slip).
- Robyn indicated that Noelene Parker had advised she would assist in the Biggest Morning Tea. Organiser Janelle Stevens had been away but should be at the meeting on Sunday. Date set aside for event was 17 June, 2023.

**Around the table**

- Secretary Greg indicated that he had an issue with the fans in the hall being up as fast as possible during show set up and on meeting days. No need for fans at that speed and the wind blows the flowers and dries them out. To be raised in General Business at next General Meeting.
- Greg needs to order yellow ink for the printer. Need stock on hand to ensure that the printer is in working order.

- Greg advised the committee that he had forwarded a number of documents to the committee but many had not been delivered. Advised what he had forwarded and if any committee wanted these but had not received them to let him know and he would send them once again.
- June advised that she had a complaint about her asking a woman not to take sales plants into the display. Signs everywhere to support her action. No further action required.
- Noel advised that he had made some inquiries about the suggested purchase of a copy of the Proceedings of the Virtual World Orchid Conference 2021. Cost is A\$185. Book is over 450 pages in length. Discussion had over the cost and the numbers of members that would actually use the book. Resolved not to purchase the book.

**New Member Applications accepted:**

Nicole Lenahan, admitted to Novice Section. (333)

Peter Mikkelson admitted to Novice Section (334)

Meeting Closed at 8.35 pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

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**Report – 2023 Autumn Orchid Show**

On 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, we hosted our 2023 Autumn Orchid Show. Membership participation in the form of volunteering and vending was exceptional. Thank you. Show plants were down in numbers but I realise that this was due to climatic conditions more so than disinterest. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us before the next Show.

Despite paying for advertising in the Townsville Bulletin (Tuesday and Saturday) and Facebook, as well as having an editorial in the Friday Townsville Bulletin and an ABC radio interview on Saturday morning, numbers through the door were down. It appears this is happening everywhere at the moment. Mind you, despite the slow flow of customers, our overall sales were not terrible.

Our Winter Orchid Show will be upon us in no time so I will be putting the rosters out at the May meeting. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our Show, feel free to talk to me about it. I am very open to suggestions. There are a couple of ideas I have that I will discuss with the Management Committee at our May meeting. Last Sunday (31st April), 22 members went by bus to the Herbert River Field Day. Although numbers were down, it was a great day, with a variety of greenhouses visited, great raffles and delicious food. What would Ingham be without their freshly cooked pasta and cakes? I definitely ate too much cake!!! Members returned to Townsville with a cargo hold full of flowering orchids, seedlings, foliage plants and some of us were lucky enough to take home winning plants from raffles.

By the time this newsletter gets to you, a group of 18 – 20 members will be venturing down to Bowen for their annual Field Day. Once again, this is usually a fantastic day, with visits to a variety of greenhouses and gardens, and a rolling raffle at the end. Unfortunately, I am heading to Atherton for a more sombre occasion that week, so I'm not sure if I will make it this year.

Until Sunday, happy orchid growing!

Jan Allen

Show Vice-President

## **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 23 April, 2023**

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

**Present:** As per registration book.

**Visitors:** Nil.

**New Members:** Nil this month.

**Minutes:**

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

Moved: Greg Kelly    Seconded    T Kapcelovich    **Carried**

**Business out of Minutes.**

- Townsville City Council Development Officer has indicated that she had recommended that the lease of our hall be renewed. It is now being handed to the Development Committee for approval. This should be completed at their June meeting. The officer advised that we should proceed and source quotes for the floor covering and painting.

**Correspondence:** Nil new correspondence relevant to this meeting.

**Business from Committee Meeting:**

- Lisa has drafted up an emergency procedure plan for use at the shows and general meetings. This has been approved by the Management Committee. Lisa is finalising the plan which can then be used if necessary.

**Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch**

The treasurer provided her report as to the state of the society funds including a basic report for the recent Autumn Show. Final figures for this are not available as some expenditures are still to be received and paid. 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    H Steele    **Carried**

**Vice President Reports:**

**Show** Jan Allen

- Jan thanked all for helping at the shows. Rosters were full and a couple of late withdrawals were covered easily.
- Jan indicated that the number of plants in the show were down. She indicated that the inclement weather over the past months may have been a contributing factor.
- Jan reminded those members availing themselves of a sales table need to ensure that they have the required five plants in the display. This may not have been the case at the last show.
- Regarding the Ingham Field Day (30/4/23), there are 25 members going. If anyone wants to come, see Jan later.
- Regarding the Bowen Field Day (21/5/23) only 15 had indicated an interest in attending on a club bus. This number is not sufficient to hire a bus. If the situation does not improve members will have to make their own way.

**Hospitality** Samantha McGill

Nil report this month

**Building Report** Troy McGill

Nil Report this month.

**General Business:**

- President Robyn indicated that she had spoken to Councillor Cook at the show and indicated that the club would like to have the Council lease extended from five years to ten years. Council Cook has asked for this to be forwarded to him in written form and the President will finish this shortly.
- Robyn has an appointment with the floor covering man during the next week. This is for a quote and to discuss what can be laid in the kitchen. This needs to be non-slip and hard wearing.
- The Biggest Morning Tea has not been advanced further as the organiser has been away on holidays and was not present today.

**Judges Choice:**

- Prior to announcing the sectional winners, Reg Dix indicated that some plants had Thai Rust and others had scale. These need to be addressed. Can be treated with Ban Rot or Mancozeb.

**Open Section** Van Thai Frost. 81points N&M Grant

**Novice Section:** Rlc Pathom Gold 71 points L McCulloch

**Species Section:** *C cernua* 76 points C Lee

**Technical Advisor** Charlie Truscott.

- Charlie continued on the points made by Reg Dix indicated that a couple of plants at the show also had Thrip and had to be removed from the show.
- Charlie spoke about the effect of Thai Rust and how contagious it can be. Severe infestations may lead to the death of plants.
- Charles spoke about the need for all members to ensure that their plants are clean prior to presentation as it will affect other growers. This disease produces spores that can germinate on other leaves. Moves in the air and also moves during watering of plants.

### Lecture

Today's lecture was presented by Jeff Knowles who spoke on the topic of Bulbophyllums. An excellent presentation. Jeff with the help of Allison also showed us how he manufactures hanging baskets and how he secures plants to the basket.

Meeting Closed at 2.25pm

Robyn Dundas - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

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## Gardeners Day Out 2023

The Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria has announced the **Gardeners Day Out** will return for 2023. It will be held on Saturday 17 June at Deakin University Campus, Burwood, VIC.

For further information, see their website <http://www.rhsv.org.au/>

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### PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023

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


Section			TOS No.
<b>OPEN</b> CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Hsinying Aloha 'CH Super' Lc Pirate King 'Crimson Glory' Rlc Dream Trader 'Manning'	R Whiting R Rasmussen R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Lakehaven Pearl Rth Chief Sweet Orange Rlc Pathom Gold	G&S Kelly R&E Dundas R Whiting
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	C Elusive Dream 'Ruby Lips' C Orglades Early Harvest 'Magic' Lc Jack's Pride	G&S Kelly N&M Grant N&M Grant
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st 2nd 3rd	Bsn Maikai x Ctt Loog Tune Bsn Maikai 'Mayumi' C Chocolate Drop 'Clifton Yellow'	R&E Dundas R&E Dundas R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	<b>C Deception Palouse</b> (Monte Elegance x Caudebec) C Jungle Gem 'Darby' Bl Simone Spress	R&E Dundas R&E Dundas N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM Miscellaneous	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Palolo Sunshine Den Thongchai Gold 'Pramote' Den Coleman's Big Red x <i>lasianthera</i>	W&C Sewell R Whiting R Whiting
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Adisak Happiness V Kulwadee Fragrance #27 V Gordon Dillon 'Black'	J Cairns N&M Grant N&M Grant

VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kee Yong Wee V Betty May Steel 'Carmela' V Super Cooper 'Ellen Schneekloth'	G&S Kelly J Cairns J Cairns
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Boonyarit Red 'Beauty' V Boonyarit Little Flame V Mimi Palmer	J Nicholson N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDA Miscellaneous 1	1st 2nd 3rd	Van Thai Frost V Ann Hayes Van Janice Allison 'Candy'	N&M Grant J Cairns N&M Grant
VANDA Miscellaneous 2	1st 2nd 3rd	Prra Bangkok Sunset Prra Bangkok Sunset 'Bright N Spicey' V Blue Star 'Royal Blue'	N&M Grant J Cairns N&M Grant
ANY OTHER ORCHID Over 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Fdk Dark Matter Fdk After Dark 'Sunset Valley' Fdk Sunset Ridge 'Bakers Wine Sunset'	R&E Dundas R&E Dundas R&E Dundas
Miscellaneous	1st 2nd 3rd	Bulb Fascinator Phaius Kryptonite Odtcm Succubus 'Night Shift'	J Cairns R&E Dundas R&E Dundas
<b><u>NOVICE</u></b> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Pathom Gold Bc Hawaiian Star	L McCulloch L McCulloch
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Yaya Victoria Den Seree x Den Triangel Den Unknown	J Horn J Horn L McCulloch
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	V Unknown	N&M De Buck
<b><u>SPECIES</u></b> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>C cernua</i> <i>C cernua</i>	C Lee C Lee
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>V tessellata</i> <i>V tessellata</i> <i>V tessellata</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant

## Points for Tabled Plants after April 2023

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blackman K		4		4
Blanchard D	13		2	15
Boyd M	39			39
Cairns J	36		3	39
Day K			2	2
De Buck N&M		4		4
Dundas R&E	116		11	12
Fighera B	28		4	32
Gibson C			6	6
Grant N&M	65		81	146
Hilder G&R	4			4
Horn J		11		11
Hughes W	33		4	37
Johnson L&G	80		27	107

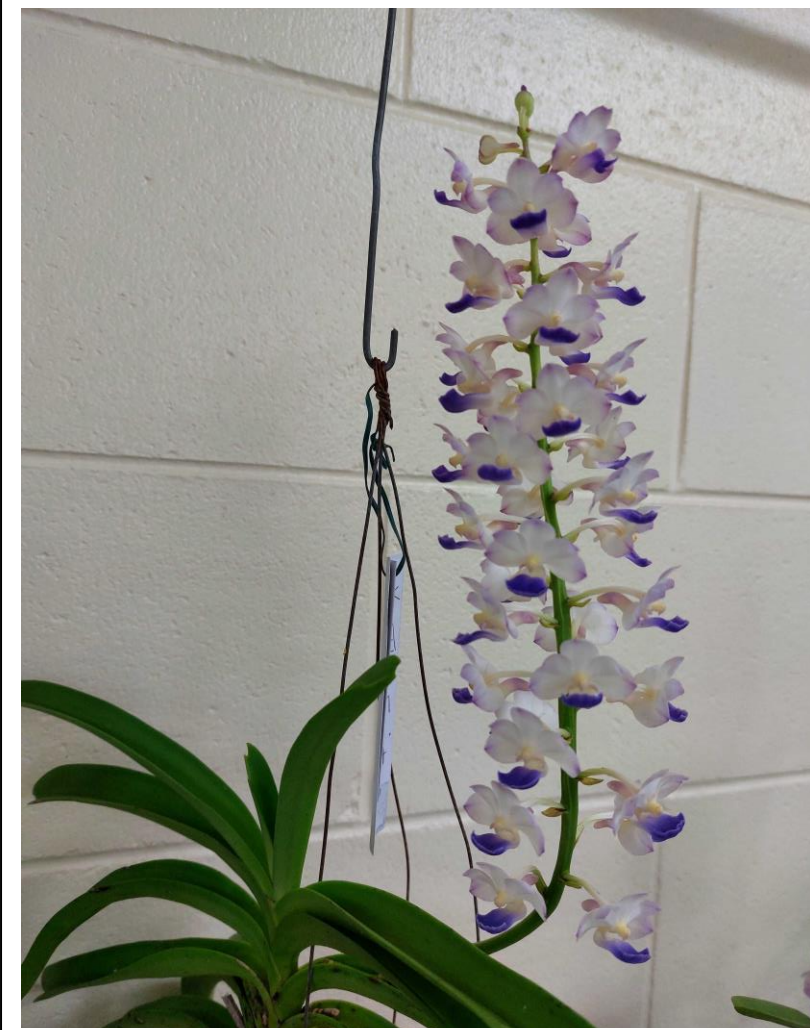
Kelly G&S	102			102
Knowles A&J			26	6
Lee C			7	7
McCulloch L		33		33
Melvin J		8		8
Nicholson J	8			8
Owens K	56		12	68
Rasmussen R	11			11
Richardson J	3			3
Sewell C&W	7		5	12
Stevens J	4		1	5
Watt G	20		2	22
Whiting R	59		16	75

	<p><b>Judges Choice</b></p> <p><b>April 2023</b></p> <p><b><u>Species</u></b></p> <p><i>Cattleya cernua</i></p> <p>Exhibited by</p> <p>Charles Lee</p> <p>76 points.</p>
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Judge Reg Dix commented that it was extremely rare to see a flowering plant of *Cattleya cernua*, shown above, in coastal North Queensland. It is understood that Charles Lee has incorporated various devices to lower the temperature in his 'cool house' to enable flowering.

An article about his growing techniques is in the April 2023 edition of 'Orchids Australia', available for loan from the library of Townsville Orchid Society.





**Judges Choice**

**April 2023**

**Open**

Van. Thai Frost

Exhibited by

N&M Grant

81 points



**Judges Choice**

**April 2023**

**Novice**

RLC Phanom Gold

Exhibited by

Lisa McCulloch

71 points