

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### June 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June.  
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

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 June 2023:

Novice/Species  
Charlie, Marie

Open  
Peter, Alison

### President's Report.

Hello everyone,

My break away last month was most enjoyable. I spent a week up in Port Douglas; it has changed a lot since I was last up there (approx. 45yrs ago). The weather was beautiful and we had a relaxing time. The Townsville Orchid Society Winter Show is creeping up fast, and will be held from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. I am hopeful everyone will be able to enter many of their plants into the Show. If you would like to help out on the rosters for the Show, please let us know so that we can slot you in. We are endeavouring to hold a raffle to raise money for the Cancer Council "Biggest Morning Tea" - if you can see your way clear to donating something towards the raffle, it would be appreciated. Tickets will be sold at the June General Meeting on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and if anyone would like to take a book to sell, please come and see me at the Meeting.

We will be handing out mid-year plants to all members attending the June meeting. These seedlings were purchased by the Society last year, and I have been growing and looking after them. Do not forget to sign the attendance book at the front door, from which I will be calling out names for the free plants.

(Thought from the Editor - is this the latest TOS Growing Competition?)

The Guest Lecturer for the General Meeting will be Dennis Farlow from Mackay. His topic will be "Pests and Diseases and products to use to combat them".

Hope to see you all there.

Happy growing and stay safe.

Robyn Dundas

## **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 26 May 2023**

Meeting opened: at 7.15pm by Vice President Jan Allen

**Present:** Lisa McCulloch, Greg Kelly, Troy and Samantha McGill, Jan Allen, Noel Grant and Robert Rasmussen

**Apologies:** Robyn Dundas, June Cairns and Stacey Fidler

### **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:**

- Jan advised that President Robyn had contacted her electrician regarding the cleaning of the air-conditioning units in the hall. Greg advised that the quote had been received from Shane Lock.

### **Correspondence:**

**Inward:** DMC, Ruth Whiting, Office of Fair Trading, (2) Jack Worsfold (3) – Shell Club, Leonie Johnson. Rockhampton Orchid Society, Charles Lee, C Mobile, Google, Royal Horticultural Society, Vic. Ecuagenera, Malcolm Triebell, Robyn Juffs, Ergon Energy, Townsville Garden Club, Radio TTT, National Library of Australia, Sunbus, Rockhampton Orchid Society, Malcolm Triebell, Sunbus, Tania Brown (2) Mark Laffin, Netbank, Rentokil, NQIB, National Edeposit Summary, Shane Locke, Linda Feldt and Complete Tag Solutions.

**Outward:** Councillor Russ Cook, All Members re Triebell accident, Robyn Juffs (2), Sunbus, Tania Brown and Complete Tag Solutions.

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

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

### **Business arising:**

- Death of Terry Dean – mail forwarded to Reg Dix and Robyn. General Meeting to be advised re this.
- Townsville Garden Club – Having an Open Day at Ryan School. General Meeting to be advised and flyer on the wall for meeting
- NQIB – List of terms of engagement for dealing with clients – legislated. Lisa advised that quote at the end. To be discussed later in the meeting
- Rentokil – Cost increase for maintaining sanitary bins for the club.
- Shane Lock – Quote has been provided. Troy to address this.
- Tanya Brown – teacher from Ryan School is asking for members to address students on the basics of growing orchids and specifically local species. To be raised at the General Meeting.

### **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: J Allen **Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil

### **Vice President Reports:**

**Show** Jan Allen

- Vice President Jan indicated that she would commence the rosters for the Winter Show this Sunday.
- Jan further advised that she still had work to do on the table cards.
- Jan further indicated that she is still seeking a publicity officer to address the needs of the club in terms of advertisement for the show.

- Box Day on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 9am.
- Jan spoke about the need for an 'expert day' where new growers would be encouraged to bring plants in to be shown how to prepare for the upcoming shows and to highlight pests and diseases with the new growers. Tentative date for 24 June.
- General discussions had re the formation of a new members group to meet on a separate day from general meetings. Some discussions had about what may be possible including visits to members bush houses.
- Jan advised that 18 members as well as 3 Ayr Members travelled to Bowen for the field day. Seven other persons joined the bus in Bowen to travel to the bush houses. Jan indicated that she had ordered a small bus but through circumstance had been given a full-sized bus at the same price.
- Discussion was held about the various ways the fees for the bus could be set. It was resolved that the usual practice was to set a price for members and the club to support some of the cost for the members. Jan indicated that the cost of the bus was getting dearer and that some members may not be keen to pay the higher amount.

**Hospitality** Samantha McGill: Nil.

### **Building Report** Troy McGill

- Vice President Troy spoke about the increase in cost for Rentokil to maintain the sanitary bins in the female toilets. He needs to speak with them again to discuss their procedures and practices.
- Troy spoke on the quote from Shane Lock to clean and service all the air-conditioning units in the club. Quote for \$715. Discussion held and quote reasonable. All Units need servicing. Quote Accepted.
- Troy spoke about the hall hire for the next two months. Some discussion over payment methods.

Motion: That the club accepts the quote from Shane Lock for the cleaning of the air-conditioning units in the hall. M T McGill S R Rasmussen. **Carried**

### **General Business:**

- Jan advised that the proposed morning tea for the Cancer Council has been changed to a raffle due to time constraints.
- Jan provided an update on the Triebels. Malcolm is at home but cannot drive. Mary has been moved to rehabilitation at the Townsville Hospital. Jan will contact Malcom to see if members can assist with his needs.

### **Around the table**

- Lisa spoke about the quote for insurance for the hall. This had increased markedly above the same insurance for last year. This year's quote is \$4,425.00. North Queensland Insurance Brokers advice is that other quotes were above \$5,000 and one would not provide a quote. Due prior to next meeting.

Motion: That the club accepts the quote of \$4,425 for insurance from the North Queensland Insurance Brokers. M S McCulloch S R Rasmussen **Carried**

- Noel advised that he would not be available for the Winter Show. He has made arrangements with Jeff Knowles to formulate the July Bulletin but he would be back in Townsville in time to attend to the dissemination of the July Bulletin.
- Greg asked if the Solar Panel System had been checked to date. Not at the moment. He also spoke in terms of a 20% increase in electricity cost. Should the club invest in more solar panels? Samantha indicated that the club received a benefit of 44 cents at the moment and that would decrease should additional solar be added to the system. Greg asked could the club simply install an additional system and maintain the ones we have at present?

**New Member Applications accepted:** Nil This Month.

Meeting Closed at 8.22 pm

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J Allen – Vice President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

## **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 28 May 2023**

Meeting opened at 1pm by Vice President Jan Allen who welcomed all attendees.

**Present:** As per registration book.

**Visitors:** Rob and Janelle Tompsett

**New Members:** Nicole Lenehan and Peter Mikkelson

Jan Allen introduced and welcomed visitors to the Society and presented a plant to the new members who were present.

**Minutes:**

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

Moved: Greg Kelly    Seconded    H Cooper    **Carried**

**Business arising:**

- President Robyn had previously indicated that the club was not entirely satisfied with the quote to clean and service the air-conditioning cassettes within the hall. Robyn arranged for a quote from her electrician to do this work. The quote was received and the management committee decided that on this occasion it would be accepted.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Advice from Rockhampton Orchid Society re death of Terry Dean.
- Advice from Garden Club re Garden Club Friendship Day on 12/8/23

**Business from Committee Meeting:**

- Advice from Garden Club that they are holding a friendship day at the Ryan School on 12/8/23 and all are welcome. Flyer and Form posted on the wall for anyone interested.
- Advice received from Rockhampton Orchid Society regarding the death of Terry Dean. Terry had been in the ROS for over 40 years and was also a judge.
- The club received a quote for insurance for the hall. The quote was obtained through North Queensland Insurance Brokers and was markedly higher than last year. NQIB provided quotes from other providers that were dearer again. One provider would not quote. The first quote has been accepted.

**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.

Moved Lisa McCulloch    Seconded    R Rasmussen

**Carried**

**Vice President Reports:**

**Show** Jan Allen

- Vice President Jan indicated that the rosters for the Winter Show and the kitchen for the show were being circulated at this meeting. Winter Show is from July 7 to July 9.
- Jan spoke of wishing to implement an 'expert day' where newer members were able to bring plants and receive advice re pests and diseases. Newer members would also be shown how to correctly present their flowers for the show. Discussion took place and 24 June was decided as the day for this to occur. Jan to organise.
- Jan advised that 18 members travelled to Bowen for their Field Day and a good time was had by all.

**Hospitality** Samantha McGill

- From Jan. Kitchen rosters being circulated as well as list of what members can provide for morning teas at the show.

**Building Report** Troy McGill

Nil this month.

## General Business:

- Jan provided an update on the state of health of the Triebels who were recently in a serious traffic accident. Help is needed. Especially for transport of Malcolm to see his wife Mary in hospital. Malcolm to have surgery in near future for an unrelated matter. Anyone that can help to speak to Jan.
- Jeff Knowles advised that Bruce Gray from Atherton and Ashley Field from Cairns were hopeful of obtaining an Australian Orchid Foundation (AOF) research grant to DNA survey Australian native antelope orchids in Northern Queensland. On another front, the AOF is propagating *Phal. amabilis* var. *rosenstromii*, (our club emblem) and they will sell them to help reduce plants being taken from the wild. (Members can purchase true *Phal. amabilis* var. *rosenstromii* plants from Bill Miles at Orchid Species Plus.)
- Jan Stevens spoke concerning the Biggest Morning Tea. A decision had been made to revert to June General Meeting as a donation day for the Cancer Council. There would be a better prize and the opportunity to donate on that day.

## Judges Choice:

**Open Section:** Rlc Hsinying Dream 'Velvet Queen' 74 Points W&C Sewell

**Novice Section:** C Rosella's Double Flare 75 Points J Horn

**Species Section:** *Paph spicerianum* 70 points L&G Johnson

Judge Reg Dix spoke about a number of plants exhibiting signs of disease, mainly Thai rust. Some other plants were isolated and these along with some Vandas were not included in the judging.

Reg showed one of his Vandas that was clean as an example of how a plant should be.

Reg advised that any leaves of plants infected should be removed with sterile cutters. These cuts should be sealed with Steriprune (available from Bunnings) using a cotton bud. The cotton bud being replaced after being used on each individual plant.

If you cut the stem half way through this will induce the plant to throw kiekies which can be removed once the kiekie has established at least three roots. Note you will also need to continue treatment of this plant on an ongoing basis as the rot may be transferred to the new growth.

He also advised that when the temperature goes down under 15 degrees, he sprays his vandas and other orchids with a mix of Mancozeb and Spreadmax (both available from Bunnings) as a protection against fungal spores. Spray on both sides of the leaves avoiding runoff from the leaves. Top of pot should also be sprayed. You will also need to spray your plants with a systemic fungicide with treatment being ongoing until such time as the plant does not show symptoms of the Thai rust.

## Technical Advisor

Charlie Truscott indicated that it was his role to improve the standard of plants within the club. Charlie spoke of the effects of black spot and other fungus on orchid plants.

- He indicated that he used Banrot 400WP (Thiophanate-methyl) as it kills 100% of the Disease and fungal spores, as well as preventing new infections. This product is expensive but worth the outlay. Should be used in conjunction with Mancozeb. Spray Mancozeb more regularly to kill the spores.
- Richgro Bug Killa is a Granular Garden Insecticide. This is used on the top of potting media. It is stocked by the club.
- Charlie also spoke of the use of Envy as a preventative spray. Envy is normally used when deflasking occurs as it reduces the dehydration of small plants. It can be sprayed on all plants and leaves a film on the plants which inhibits the spores.

## Secretary's Note

Charlie Truscott provided the Society with a copy of his presentation on Phalaenopsis. Contained in that presentation are points relating to the maintenance of clean plants. I believe that this would be applicable to all genera of orchids and running through the presentation would be helpful to most. The presentation is on our website <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au/> on the "Orchid Growing" page.

## Lecture

The lecture for today was provided by Charlie Truscott on the topic of growing phalaenopsis orchids in Townsville. This presentation covered all areas relating to the topic and was very warmly received.

Meeting Closed at 2.45pm

**PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023**

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

Section			TOS No.
<b>OPEN</b> CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st	Rlc Haadyai Delight xx (Chialin x Tubtim Sayam)	C Truscott
	2nd	Rlc Melody Fair 'Carol'	W Hughes
	3rd	Rlc Dal's Rapture 'Water Color'	R Whiting
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st	Rlc Hsinying Dream 'Violet Queen'	W&C Sewell
	2nd	C Ollies' Folly x C Lucky Charm	L&G Johnson
	3rd	<i>C loddigesii x C walkeriana</i>	Unknown
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st	Bc Hippodamia 'Hanabu'	W&C Sewell
	2nd	Ctna Quantum Spirit 'Ring of Fire'	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Rtt Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'	L&G Johnson
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid	1st	Eny Grapelade	N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM Phalaenanthe	1st	Den Roongkampi Vejvarut	P&L Lewis
	2nd	Den Unknown	K Owens
	3rd	Den Black Mountain	K Owens
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st	Den Fraser's Mosaic Spiral x Fraser's Red Dragon	K Owens
	2nd	<i>Den lasianthera 'sophis' x self</i>	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Den Magenta's Chocolate Curls	L&G Johnson
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st	V Kulwadee Fragrance	J Stevens
	2nd	V Roberts Delight Blue	G Watt
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st	Mok. Sayan x V Duangporn	W Hughes
ONCIDIUM Full Shaped	1st	Onc Wild Cat Red Star	H Cooper
	2nd	Osp Leopoldo	H Cooper
	3rd	Nhc Parquet 'Uptown'	H Cooper
PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other Hybrid	1st	Paph Mary Franz Smith	L&G Johnson
	2nd	Paph Duo de Citron	W Hughes
	3rd	Paph St Swithin x <i>rothschildianum</i> x Pinocchio	L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER ORCHID Over 75mm	1st	Cal William Murray	R Whiting
	2nd	Cycd Taiwan Gold 'Orchis'	R Whiting
	3rd	<i>Bulb ornatissimum x Bulb putidum</i>	L&G Johnson
<b>NOVICE</b> CATTLEYA	1st	<b>C Rosella's Double Flare</b> (Inez Okimoto x C Rosella's Royal Flare)	J Horn
	2nd	Bsn Maikai 'Mayumi'	L McCulloch
	3rd	Rlc Naomi's Delight	L McCulloch
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Thongchai Gold 'Promote'	J Horn
	2nd	Den Dark Desire	L McCulloch
	3rd	Den Lady Charm x Den Sultan White	K Blackman
ANY OTHER	1st	Tolu Golden Sunset 'Brownie'	L McCulloch
<b>SPECIES</b> CATTLEYA	1st	<i>Enc thienii</i>	L&G Johnson
	2nd	<i>L linleyana</i>	K Day
	3rd	<i>Bar dorotheae</i>	N&M Grant
VANDA	1st	<i>Ang eburneum</i>	P Eggins
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	L&G Johnson
	2nd	<i>Paph liemianum</i>	L&G Johnson

BULBOPHYLLUM	1st	<i>Bulb lasiochilum</i>	
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## Points for Tabled Plants after May 2023

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blackman K		6		6
Blanchard D	13		2	15
Boyd M	39			39
Cairns J	36		3	39
Cooper H	10			10
Day K			6	6
De Buck N&M		4		4
Dundas R&E	118		11	129
Eggin P			4	
Fighera B	28		4	32
Gibson C			6	6
Grant N&M	78		86	164
Hilder G&R	4			4
Horn J		19		19
Hughes W	47		4	51
Johnson L&G	105		39	144
Kelly G&S	108			108
Knowles A&J			26	6
Lee C			7	7
Lewis P&L	4			4
McCulloch L		46		46
Melvin J		8		8
Nicholson J	8			8
Owens K	70		12	82
Rasmussen R	13			13
Richardson J	3			3
Sewell C&W	15		5	20
Stevens J	11		1	12
Truscott C	4			4
Watt G	24		2	26
Whiting R	75		16	91



**Judges Choice**

**May 2023**

**Novice**

C Rosella's Double Flare

Exhibited by Julie Horn

75 points

### **Retirement of John Batey, Secretary of TQOC**

In the June 2023 issue of "Orchids Australia", we read that John Batey, Secretary of the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council (TQOC), has announced his retirement from the position, due to his failing health. He has been Secretary of TQOC since 2006.

John is still heavily involved in the orchid-growing community, as he is President and Secretary of The Atherton Tablelands Orchid Society (TATOS), positions which he has held since 2006, as well as being the Country Vice-President of North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns Inc (since 2012) and the Registrar of the North Australian Judging Panel (since 2007).

The news shown above has been taken from an article written by Richard Lee, a member of Townsville Orchid Society, who advises that he will be the incoming Secretary of TQOC. We wish him the best.

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Also, in the July 2023 issue of "Orchids Australia", which is available for loan from the TOS library, is an article by Richard Lee "Orchid Houses for the Tropics" which should be read by all orchid growers contemplating building a bush house/orchid house/greenhouse/structure for your orchids.

Noel Grant





**Judges Choice**

**May 2023**

**Open**

Rlc Hsinying Dream  
'Violet Queen'

Warren Sewell

74 Points



**Judges Choice**

**May 2023**

**Species**

*Paph spicerianum*

Lyn Johnson

70 Points