

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### September 2023 Bulletin

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Annual Membership Fees are due **1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

**The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

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 September 2023:**

Novice/Species

Alison, Marie

Open

Reg, Charlie

### **President's report**

Hello everyone,

By the time you all have read this, the latest Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin, we will have had our Spring Show. I do hope that you all put your beautiful orchids in for judging and acquired a few more plants for your collection. I am sure you enjoyed the Show.

Our Field Day is coming up on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you are wanting to come along for a great day out, please notify Jan Allan so she can put you on the list for lunch and for the bus if you want to travel to the open bush houses. The Hall doors will be open at 7.30am. Please bring a plate for morning and afternoon tea, as well as something for the raffle table.

Our AGM is coming up in October; if you are thinking of joining our Committee, please come and see me and we can have a talk. I am stepping down from my position of President after doing my 2-year term. Originally the constitution indicated that the 3 main positions of the Committee could only serve for 2 years but we had that changed earlier this year to a 3-year term. I had already organised a 5-month holiday away with my husband in 2024 before the Constitution was changed, hence the reason for my resignation.

The Christmas Party is also coming up at our November General Meeting. If you would like to join everyone for the Christmas lunch, please let us know and we will put you down on the list. It is always a great day with a sit-down dinner, activities, and a monster raffle. The club will be supplying \$500 worth of orchids to be put onto the raffle table. Come join us for a great day.

I will be giving away free plants to members at our September General Meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, so don't forget to PRINT your name in the attendance book to be eligible to receive a plant.

Our lecturer on Sunday will be Doug Pennigh from Sarina.

Happy growing and stay safe.

Robyn Dundas

Apologies from the Editor, who forgot to insert the July General Meeting minutes in last month's Bulletin.  
Here they are now!  
Noel Grant, Editor

## **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 23 July 2023**

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

**Present:** As per registration book.

**Visitors:** Michelle and Flynn Connors

### **New Members:**

Robyn Dundas introduced and welcomed visitors to the Society and presented a plant to the new members who were present. New members are Bette and Richard Willis, Lyn Craill and John Dow

### **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 out of Minutes**

- President Robyn advised that the Committee had authorised the re-screwing of the roof of the club house at a cost of \$9550. Present situation is the roof has numbers of screws that are loose and most are rusted. This needed immediate attention.
- Robyn further advised that the Committee had authorised for the replacement of the solar panels on the roof at a cost of \$4990.
- Robyn advised that on the Friday of the Winter Show the door had fallen off the disabled toilet and was fixed on that day.
- The security light in the hallway to the bathrooms is also being repaired at a cost of \$305. This is being finalised.
- Councillor Russ Cook has notified the Society that the Council has renewed the lease for the clubhouse for a period of ten years as requested by the Society. This commences at the expiry of the present lease next year.

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

### **Business emanating from Committee Meeting:**

- Tully Orchid Society is requesting speakers from this society who would address their members with relevant lectures. Please advise Robyn if interested.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch**

The treasurer provided her report as to the state of the society funds. Spreadsheets are available on the table for any member interested.

The cancer raffle resulted in \$709 being donated to the Cancer Foundation.

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 their work at the Winter Show.
- Spreadsheets were distributed for the various rosters for the forthcoming Spring Show in September.
- Box Day will be on the 6 September at 9.30am. More boxes are required.
- An 'Ask the Expert' day will be held on 2 September 2023 between 10am and 12md.
- Advertising for the Spring Show in the Townsville Bulletin will be the same as the Winter Show.
- Townsville Orchid Society Field Day is on 15 October, 2023. Jan is seeking members who are willing to open their bush houses for the day, A club bus will be available on the day and costs will be available at next meeting.
- For new members, a Field Day involves the club organising a day where members travel to various members shade houses to view plants. Plants will be for sale by the members on the day. Please bring a box in which to place plants that you may purchase. The box can be stored under bus. Morning/Afternoon tea and lunch available. Lunch will cost about \$10. The cost is yet to be finalised.

### **General Business:**

- The committee has decided on dates for our shows and field day for 2024.

- Dates for 2024 are:
  - Autumn Show 12 – 14 April, 2024 (**Note from the Editor: since changed to 5 – 7 April**)
  - Winter Show 5 – 7 July 2024
  - Spring Show 13 – 15 September 2024
  - Field Day Sunday 20 October, 2024

**Judges Choice:**

- Reg Dix commented on the number of plants which were in flower at this time of the year. Some he did not think would flower in Townsville whilst others normally would flower at a different time.

**Open Section** Rlc Mem. Beverley Walker 78 Points owned by Charlie Truscott.

**Novice Section:** C Unknown 70 Points owned by Myra and Neil De Buck

**Species Section:** Rhy *gigantea* 75 points owned by Robyn and Eric Dundas

**Technical Advisor**

- Charlie Truscott spoke on the need to ensure the PH balance, when using any chemical, is in the optimal range for the product. Most products provide advice at what PH level provides the best use of the product.
- Charlie also identified a number of ways members could test the PH levels of their water and mixes.

Member Bruno Figuera showed members the steps necessary to pollinate an orchid flower which will eventually result in a seed pod that in time will result in orchid plants.

**Lecture**

Charles Lee provided a talk on the wildflowers including orchids he had encountered on a trip to Western Australia

Meeting Closed at 2.25pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

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**Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

Meeting opened: at 7.20pm by President Robyn Dundas.

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

**Apologies:** 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. J Allen **Carried**

**Business arising:**

- The re-screwing of the roof has been completed.
- The committee discussed at length the options available in relation to the solar panels. The situation is that whilst the club has been receiving payment for the electricity generated by the two solar panel systems it was discovered when we tried to replace the panels that the second system was not registered with Ergon Energy.
- After much discussion it was resolved that the club would approach Ergon and explain the situation to them and try to get the second system included. If we failed to do this there could be serious consequences with any major insurance claim as we have solar panels that are not registered.
- Greg Kelly to obtain a copy of the form from the solar company which should have been acted upon to register the second system. This would be used whilst speaking with Ergon.
- Due to the situation the account for True North Solar had not been paid. It was moved by R Dundas and seconded G Kelly “That the club make payment to True North Solar up to the sum of \$3000.00 and the balance be withheld until this matter is resolved.” **Carried**

**Correspondence: Inward**

Flaming North, Helen James (TCC). Lianna Chase, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Leonie Johnson, Plumber To Your Door, Fernlands, Eve Penningh, Bundaberg Orchid Society, Helen James (TCC) x 2, Flaming North, C Mobile, Helen James (TCC), Elenor Wills, Councillor Russ Cook, Triple T Townsville x 2, Flaming North, Lavina Rees. OQI, Garden Club, Phil Thompson, Owen Brooks, Townsville Triathlon, Bowen Orchid Society, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Cheryl Latchford. Gympie OS, Ira Butler Trophy Winners, Townsville Bulletin, Ian Garcia, TCC (Melisa Thomson), Lavina Rees, TCC – Rates, Royal Horticultural Society, Email; Sec to committee re solar.

### **Correspondence: Outward.**

Plumber To Your Door, True North Solar, Helen James (TCC) x 2, John Hughes, Councillor Russ Cook, Plumber To Your Door, Owen Brooks and Cherlyl Latchford.

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

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

### **Business arising:**

- President Robyn spoke of the documentation with the new lease. Only five years not ten years as advised and commenced 1/8/23 not expiry of current lease. Robyn spoke to Melisa Thomson of the TCC and she requested that the club send an email indicating the issues that the club had with the lease.
- It was resolved that Robyn and Greg would attend to this.

### **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: R Rassmussen. **Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil.

### **Vice President Reports:**

**Show Jan Allen**

Re Spring Show.

- We need to authorise a float for the show.
- The advertising for the show has been paid for.

Re Field Day

- Jan indicated that she had a quote for a bus for the Field Day in the sum of \$1485.
- Field Day to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Resolved that the club would charge person using the bus \$20 for the day. This does not include lunch.
- Letters to be forwarded to invite clubs to our Field Day.
- The food and raffles for the day are yet to be finalised.

**Motion:** The club authorises a float in the sum of \$1,400 for use at the Spring Show.

M J Allen S L McCulloch **Carried**

**Hospitality Samantha McGill**

- Sam advised that she had a quote for \$3925 from White Caterers for the Christmas Party. This was based on a number of 72 persons.
- It was resolved that the fees payable for the Christmas Party would be \$25 per member and \$40 for non-members

**Building Report Troy McGill**

Nil Report.

## General Business:

- Robyn advised that she and Jan had completed an application for a grant from the Gamblers Fund. The grants from the Gambler's Fund are for \$35,000 which would nearly cover the cost of the new floor coverings.
- Robyn raised the issue of plants for the raffle for the Christmas Party. It was resolved that the club would purchase \$500 of plants for the party and this amount would be split equally between Alice and Peter as usual.
- Robyn asked for some nomination forms be available at the Sunday Meeting in order that the formation of the new committee can start.
- Robyn asked that the handyman who repaired the door to the disabled toilet return and try to get the door to shut properly. Could be as little as planing the door to make it fit.

## Around the table

- Greg indicated that he was no longer doing the points system. President Robyn advised that Noel Grant had agreed to take on this task.

**New Member Applications accepted:** Nil this month.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

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Robyn Dundas - President

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Greg Kelly – Secretary

### **Information Notes on Peters Cal/Mag Finisher.**

Members have been asking for information on this product which is sold at the TOS shop.

**N:P:K 12-6-20 = Nitrogen 12 Phosphorus 6 Potassium 20**

Plus CaO (Calcium Oxide/Quicklime) **6.5** MgO (Magnesium Oxide) **2**. Plus TE (Trace elements)

Apply at the rate of 1 gram per litre of water.

Regards, Reg Dix

### **PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF August 2023**

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

Section			TOS No.
CATTLEYA 110MM AND OVER	1st	Rlc Burdekin Sunbeam "Golden Treasure"	190
	2nd	Rlc Brunswick Bonanza	190
	3rd	Rlc Fiona Tomachio	190
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st	C. Dendi's Perfection	116
	2nd	Rlc Destiny Dixon	102
	3rd	Rlc Topaz Quaint	100
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st	C. Southern Aurora 'Cutie'	116
	2nd	Epicat <b>Yucatan</b>	190
	3rd	Rth Young-Min Gold	87
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st	Ctt Yarut Startrack 'Chien Ya'	240
	2nd	Lc Tropical Trick	87
	3rd	Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'	102
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1 <sup>st</sup>	Den Yaya Victoria	68
	2nd	Den (Shanees Twist x <i>gouldii</i> ) x <i>tangerinum</i>	190
DENDROBIUM Soft Cane	1st	Den CL Rebecca Northern "ABE"	240
	2nd	Den Tropic Flare	240
	3rd	Den Gatton Monarch	240
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st	V Kulwadee Fragrance 'Black # 27'	213
	2nd	V Kulwadee Fragrance 'Black Spot'	213
	3rd	V Kriangkrai **Name not found	87

VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Ann Hayes V Jade Magic 'Brighton' Van It-Jom	213 102 116
PHALAENOPSIS Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Alice **name not found Dtps Alice's Bleeding Heart x I-Hsin Cherry Dtps Alice's Bleeding Heart x I-Hsin Cherry	221 226 226
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	<b>Brat Shelob 'Tolkein'</b> Onc Witch's Jewels Odcdm Wildcat '#13'	240 316 102
TOLUMNIA	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu Capalaba Queen Tolu Sniffen 'Evie' Tolu Willowbank Whirl	240 116 116
PAPHIOPEDILUM Multi Floral	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph St. Swithins Paph Angel Hair x Reoy Paph Deena Nicol	87 240 240
ANY OTHER ORCHID Over 75mm	1st 2nd	Ctm Black Jade Phrag Calurum	102 68
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st 2nd	Cym Son of Midnight Cym Kintoki	102 87
<b><u>NOVICE</u></b> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	Blc Nell Hammer Epi. Cerise Special x Coconut Ice Epi Max Valley 'Shirene'	322 322 322
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Egret Gold Den Unknown <i>Den trilamellatum x canaliculatum</i>	322 ? 233
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph St. Swithins	215
PHALAENOPSIS	1st 2nd	Phal unknown Phal Loulin Wildcat	310 310
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu unknown Tolu Golden Sunset 'Brownie' Tolu Popuket Sunset x Popuket Spagenthante ** names not found	121 322 143
<b><u>SPECIES</u></b> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den semifuscum</i> <i>Den trilamellatum</i> <i>Den johannis</i>	233 190 233
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Cat amethystoglossa</i> 'Pink Powder Puff' <i>Cat amethystoglossa</i> 'Jaguar' <i>Cat amethystoglossa</i> 4N	116 87 190
DENDROBIUM	1st 2nd	<i>Den nobile</i> <i>Den superbum</i>	322 240
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	<i>Phal cornu cervi</i>	213
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Paph philippinense</i> <i>Paph philippinense var. laevigatum</i> <i>Paph exul</i>	100 240 240
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Caularthron bicornutum</i> <i>Oeoniella polystachys</i> <i>Ludisia discolor</i>	213 213 100

## Nomination form for the election of Officers

We hereby nominate .....

for the position of .....

Proposer: Name..... Signature: .....

Seconder: Name: ..... Signature: .....

I accept the above nomination .....

(Signature)

Nominations for the positions of Office Bearers and Committee of Management must be in the hands of the Returning Officer **fourteen (14) clear days** before the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Nominations." This envelope must then be handed to the Returning Officer or placed in a second envelope and posted to the Returning Officer care of the Society's postal address.

The Postal Address of the Society:

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

PO Box 836

Aitkenvale QLD 4814

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### Committee of Management:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 3 Vice Presidents:
  - Shows,
  - Hall,
  - Hospitality,
- Publicity Officer
- Committee members - 4

### Other Officers (these officers do not need to attend the Management meetings)

- Patron
- Editor
- Librarian
- Technical Officer
- Programme Director
- Hosts - 3

Others to be nominated:

Auditor

Returning Officer

Scrutineers - 2

**Townsville Orchid Society Inc.**

**Proxy Form**

I,..... of .....

being a member of the above-named Society, hereby

appoint..... of.....

or failing them,

..... of.....,

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society,

to be held on the twenty-second day of October 2023 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this .....day of.....2023.

Signature.....

**Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as they think fit**



The Townsville Orchid Society Annual General Meeting will be held before our October General Meeting. Nomination and Proxy Forms can be found in this Bulletin.

Don't forget to renew your membership (due 1<sup>st</sup> September) or you will not be able to vote at the AGM in October. Payment details are at the top of Page 1. Or you can pay at the September meeting.

### Points for Tabled Plants after August 2023

Number	Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
311	Blackman K		6		6
221	Blanchard D	27		3	30
263	Boyd M	39			39
68	Cairns J	46		3	49
316	Cooper H	19			19
238	Day K			6	6
332	De Buck N&M		12		12
215	Dolan M&M		4		4
102	Dundas R&E	172		25	197
266	Eggins P			4	7
273	Fidler S			6	6
190	Fighera B	94		8	102
226	Gibson C	5		6	11
213	Grant N&M	135		114	249
99	Hilder G&R	4			4
143	Horn J		34		34
87	Hughes W	78		4	82
240	Johnson L&G	176		70	246
116	Kelly G&S	165		2	167
193	Knowles A&J			26	26
81	Lee C			7	7
149	Lewis P&L	4			4
322	McCulloch L		90		90
289	Melvin J		8		8
147	Nicholson J	8		2	10
63	Owens K	98		13	111
128	Rasmussen R	13			13
131	Richardson J&B	3			3
233	Serra P		2		2
172	Sewell C&W	15		5	20
258	Stevens J	11		1	12
335	Tompsett R&J	2			2
82	Truscott C	10			10
310	Walker J&S		5		5
220	Watt G	29		3	32
100	Whiting R	113		21	134
121	Woods S		4		4



**Judges Choice:**

Judge Reg Dix spoke briefly about the manner in which some flowers could be staked and demonstrated how wire could be straightened. He emphasised the need to be aware of the end of the stake and how that this could injure people who may not see it end on. Any wire should be folded at the end for this purpose. He will assist any one at the expert day and show them how to stake effectively.

**Open Section:** V Ann Hayes 77 points owned by N&M Grant

**Novice Section:** Paph. Saint Swithin 74 points owner M&M Dolan

**Species Section:** Den *nobile* 78 points owned by L McCulloch

**Technical Advisor:**

Charlie Truscott spoke of the benefits of Cal-Mag as an additive in the fertilisation of orchids. This product contains Calcium and Magnesium which are very important in the growth and flowering of orchids.

**Lecture**

Today's lecture was provided by Bruno Figuera who spoke on how he goes about the propagation and flasking of orchids. This was very interesting.

Jeff Knowles also spoke on the flasking methods displayed at a recent conference. This showed how the need for sterilisation process had been simplified using everyday products in order that children could be taught the process in schools. This was to assist the with proliferation of endangered species. The plants are to be propagated and dispersed from schools and similar facilities.

Meeting Closed at 2.25pm

Robyn Dundas - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary



**Judges Choice**  
**August 2023**

Left:  
Open Section

V. Ann Hayes  
77 points

N&M Grant  
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Right:  
Novice Section

Paph. St. Swithins  
74 points

M. Dolan



**Judges Choice**  
**August 2023**

Species Section

*Den nobile*  
78 points

L. McCulloch



**Champion plants from the Townsville Orchid Society 2023 Spring Show**



**GRAND  
CHAMPION**

Paphiopedilum  
Michael  
Koopowitz

Exhibited by  
Thomas Zierk

Also:

Champion  
Paphiopedilum



**RESERVE  
GRAND  
CHAMPION**

*Dendrobium  
lindleyi*

Exhibited by  
Alice Zierk

Also:

Champion  
Exotic  
Species,

Champion  
Specimen