TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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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 November. The November General Meeting will be held from Noon Sunday 26th November, followed by our Christmas Lunch.

It would be appreciated if members would donate some items for the **raffle table**.

Quality items appreciated!

Please note a quantity of orchids have been purchased for the raffle. Be early for your tickets!

Judges for November 2023:

NOT REQUIRED

Presidents Report

G'day everyone,

I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to the Townsville Orchid Society final General Meeting for 2022, our Christmas lunch - and Christmas! It's been another busy year in the world of Townsville orchid enthusiasts, with three Shows, Field Day trips to Ingham and Bowen and our own Field Day. Thanks to everyone who opened their greenhouse or bush house (depending on what you like to refer to them as) and also the members who helped out. After I attended the Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plant General Meeting in November, it was wonderful to hear the feedback from their members who enjoyed our Field Day.

Unfortunately, we have been sad at the passing of Noel Hardwick. It was really nice to see members of the Society attend his service and this was appreciated by his family. Farewell Noel, and condolences to his family and friends.

There have been a few changes to the Management Committee for 2023/24. First, I would like to thank Robyn as the previous President. May your caravanning holiday be enjoyable and keep that heavy right foot off the accelerator or the trip may be over before it starts. I'd like to thank Greg and Lisa for making my life easier by putting their hands up to carry on in their positions of Secretary and Treasurer. I would also like to thank Jan, Sam and Wally for taking the responsibilities of the three Vice President positions (Show, Hospitality and Hall). The other four Committee members are Noel, Robert, Lyn Johnson and new member Joseph Walker. A big thank you to Carolyn Gibson for stepping up as the Publicity Officer, Jeff Knowles as the Technical Officer, and Ruth Whiting for managing the shop again.

It is important for members to show interest in the running of the Townsville Orchid Society, so in future people are willing to step into roles for the Committee. Thanks to Cr Russ Cook for accepting the position of Patron, and we will be expecting to see you buying more orchids at our three shows next year! Finally, thank

you to John Nuss for acting as the Returning Officer, I was surprised that we managed to fill all the positions without twisting arms.

We have also been informed that the dreaded **orchid weevil** has been found in Cairns Botanic Gardens. So, for all you travellers or members who purchase orchids on line - please be careful, we don't need these nasties visiting our region.

Finally, I hope to make myself and the members of the Committee available for any member to approach and offer suggestions on things they would like to see happen within the Society, remembering we have three Shows, field days away and at home plus the annual Christmas lunch. It would be nice to see members bring friends along to the meetings and entice them to join the Society in the future. We need new members to keep the club running.

Cheers, Troy

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 22nd October 2023

Meeting opened at 1.00pm by President Robyn Dundas.

Present: As per attendance book. **Apologies:** As per attendance book

Welcome to visitors.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting.

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

M: Greg Kelly S: K Owens Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Auditors report completed and available to view. It has been published in this month's Bulletin. Nothing untoward or out of the ordinary,

M: Lisa McCulloch S: T McGill Carried

Honorary Member:

President Robyn advised that at the Committee Meeting on 20/10/23, the committee had voted to appoint Noel Hardwick an honorary member of the Society. Noel was a long-term member of the club who due to health reasons is no longer able to participate in the society.

President's Address (Robyn Dundas)

The president provided her report for the past twelve months. This included issues with air-conditioning, solar panels and repairs to the roof. She spoke further of the upgrades to other equipment including mobile phones and laptops. Robyn spoke of the success of the 75th Birthday Show. The lease renewal is underway and we have managed to obtain a period of ten years lease rather than five. A Community grant for floor repairs has been submitted but not finalised.

Robyn thanked all that had contributed to the success of the club over the past years and indicated she was now going on an extended holiday.

The president declared all club positions vacant.

Returning Officer John Nuss took control of the meeting.

As Scrutineer Robert Rassmussen was not in attendance, June Cairns volunteered to act in his stead. Nominations in hand are:

Position		Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Confirmed
President		Troy McGill	R. Dundas	R. Rasmussen	Confirmed
Treasurer		Lisa	R Dundas	N. Grant	Confirmed
		McCulloch			
Secretary		Greg Kelly	R. Dundas	L McCulloch	Confirmed
Vice Presidents					
- Show		Jan Allen	T McGill	R. Rasmussen	Confirmed
- Hall		Wally Brooker	R. Dundas	T. McGill	Confirmed
- Hospitality		Samantha	R. Dundas	G Kelly	Confirmed
		McGill			
Committee Member	1	Noel Grant	R Dundas	R Dix	Confirmed
Committee Member	2	Robert	R. Dundas	S. McGill	Confirmed
		Rasmusen			
Committee Member	3	Joseph Walker	J Allen	R Dundas	Confirmed

The returning Office then confirmed the nominated members in their positions. Nominations were called for

the outstanding positions. The below members were confirmed into their position.

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President		Troy McGill	R. Dundas	R. Rasmussen	Confirmed	
Treasurer		Lisa	R Dundas	N. Grant	Confirmed	
		McCulloch				
Secretary		Greg Kelly	R. Dundas	L McCulloch	Confirmed	
Vice Presidents						
- Show		Jan Allen	T McGill	R. Rasmussen	Confirmed	
- Hall		Wally Brooker	R. Dundas	T. McGill	Confirmed	
- Hospitality		Samantha McGill	R. Dundas	G Kelly	Confirmed	
Publicity Officer		Carolyn Gibson	R Dundas	T Ruxton	Confirmed	
Committee Member	1	Noel Grant	R Dundas	R Dix	Confirmed	
Committee Member	2	Robert Rasmusen	R. Dundas	S. McGill	Confirmed	
Committee Member	3	Joseph Walker	J Allen	R Dundas	Confirmed	
Committee Member	4	Lyn Johnson	R Dundas	N Grant	Confirmed	
Other Positions						
Patron		Cr Russ Cook	T McGill	R Dundas	Confirmed	
Editor		Noel Grant	T Ruxton	S Woods	Confirmed	
Librarian		Noel Grant	J Cairns	T Kapcelovich	Confirmed	
Technical Officer		Jeff Knowles	T Ruxton	T McGill	Confirmed	
Program Director		Vacant				
Host	1	J Rutledge	T McGill	W Brooker	Confirmed	
Host	2	J Knowles	M Boyd	T McGill	Confirmed	
Host	3	M Boyd	T McGill	L Ryan	Confirmed	
Auditor		Peter Dadic	G Kelly	T Ruxton	Confirmed	
Returning Officer		John Nuss	T Ruxton	G Kelly	Confirmed	
Scrutineer	1	Noel Grant	J Cairns	K Owens	Confirmed	
Scrutineer	2	Rob.	G Kelly	J Cairns	Confirmed	
		Rasmussen				

President Troy McGill then assumed the chair.

President Troy thanked past president Robyn for her effort in maintaining the standards within the society and for all of her work over the years.

President Troy also wished Robyn a Happy Birthday for the following day.

General Business:	
There was no general business at this meeting	g.
Meeting Closed at 1.50pm	
T McGill President	G Kelly Secretary

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 20 October 2023

Meeting opened: at 7.25pm by President Robyn Dundas.

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

Minutes:

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

M: G Kelly S. L McCulloch Carried

Business arising:

- Lease. President Robyn advised that she, Troy and Greg had had a meeting with Helene James and Melissa Thompson regarding the new lease. Main issue is a standard lease was used which did not suit our situation. Another lease is being drawn up. Helene has since advised that the club is receiving a discount on the rates. The issue of permanent rubbish bins for the hall has to be discussed with Customer Experience.
- Solar Panels. Robyn, Sam and Troy had a meeting with True North Solar. The outcome of the meeting was that True North Solar did not believe that the second system was a stand-alone system. After a lengthy conversation it was resolved that the club would rely on the system presently in use. True North Solar was not prepared to add any additional panels to our system.

Correspondence: In

Melissa Thompson (TCC), S Fidler, TQOC, Ian Johnstone CTB, Jan Allen, Proserpine OS, Townsville Garden Club, Support Mobile, Bob McHarry x 2, Shane Locke x 2, Helene James (TCC) x 4, Paula David (TCC) TQOC, Helene James x 2, Bowen Orchid Society, Sue Wheeler x 2, Tim Sue, Stacey Frost x 2, Cecilia Tran, Nambour OS, TQOC and Shane Locke.

Correspondence: Out

B McHarry x 2, Helene James, Paula David (TCC) S Wheeler, S Frost and C Tran.

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

M: G Kelly S: T McGill Carried

Business arising:

- Townsville Garden Club. The Townsville Garden Club has advised that they no longer intend to use our hall, primarily due to the numbers of members in their club. They have asked that their regular booking be held. They have previously paid in advance and it was resolved that the club would hold the dates to which they are paid. After that date the hall would be available provided it was not being used. The Garden Club to be advised of this.
- Eftpos Machine. Greg spoke about the options available to the club regarding this. The present cash register is not able to send to a Eftpos machine. Cost of a suitable cash register is about \$2,500 plus programming. The old cash register is able to acknowledge an Eftpos transaction but the amount would need to be manually inserted by the cashier.
- In either case an Eftpos machine would be required from the bank. Cost of about \$30 per month. No phone required and can print a paper receipt.
- Further discussion was had regarding how this would affect the vendors at the shows and how system may be implemented. It was resolved that Greg would contact show vendors and obtain their thoughts on electronic payments.
- Hand Dryers. Townsville City Council advised that the application for a grant for the hand dryers was not successful in that it did not fall into their loan categories.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa explained what had been included in this report, the main costs to the club for the month and what payments had been processed since the date of calculation.

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 Jan Allen: Jan indicated that the Field Day had been a successful event. Numbers were down slightly. She thought the food was amazing and that the raffle was well supported.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Samantha thanked all the members who had donated and made the day memorable. The quantity of the food seemed to be too much for the numbers and perhaps next year it may be reduced slightly,
- She was disappointed in the actions of a number of members who took several full plates of food for morning tea. This was supposed to be a snack not a meal. Some then took another full plate of food with them whilst travelling around the bush houses. This should not happen.
- Samantha also indicated that she had been told of a person apparently taking money from the honesty container in the drink's fridge. In future drinks will have to be sold as the honesty system was not working.

Building Report Troy McGill

- Troy spoke briefly about the hand dryers and that Jan is now looking for a different grant to assist with the purchase of same.
- Troy spoke of the need for a Patron for next year and it was resolved that Councillor Russ Cook would be approached to fulfil that role.

General Business:

- President Robyn indicated that she and Troy were participating in a TQOC meeting on Saturday
 Morning and wanted it confirmed that the club would withdraw from the TQOC hosting role if there
 was no support from both Ayr and Ingham Societies. It had been six months since that decision
 was taken and neither of the other clubs had offered any assistance to be involved in the preparation
 and running of the Orchid Fair and the TQOC Conference
- Discussion was held and it was agreed that we should maintain our position if the other clubs are not willing or able to assist the TOS should withdraw.

Around the table

• Jan spoke of the health situation of long-time member Noel Hardwick. Due to his health, he is no longer in a position to attend our regular meetings. Noel has been a long-term member who mainly grew Phalaenopsis.

Motion. That No	oel Hardwick be made a	n honorary member of the	Townsville Orchid Society.
M: J Allen	S: G Kelly	Carried.	
New Member A	Applications accepted:	Nil	
Meeting Closed	at 8.45 pm		
Roby	yn Dundas - President		Greg Kelly – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 22nd October, 2023

Meeting opened at 1.55pm by President Troy who welcomed all attendees.

Present: As per registration book. **Visitor:** Bob McHarry

New Members: Nil

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

Moved: Greg Kelly Seconded S Wood Carried

Business out of Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Nil new correspondence relevant to this meeting

Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch

The treasurer provided her report as to the state of the society funds. Spreadsheets are available from the Treasurer if anyone would like to look.

Carried

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payments.

Moved Lisa McCulloch Seconded J Rutledge

Vice President Reports:

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Field Day. Samantha indicated from her area the Field Day went off well. Samantha thanked everyone
 for their involvement in the day, especially those who worked in the kitchen and/or provided food for
 the day.
- Christmas Party. Samantha informed the members present that the Christmas Party would be held on Sunday 26th November. The November meeting will commence at 12noon. Lunch will commence to be served at 12.30pm. Samantha suggested that members arrive about 11.30am in order to have time to purchase tickets for the multi raffle. Final numbers including payment are required by 17th November as this was the time frame required by caterers.
- Set up is on Saturday 25th November, 2023 at 10am and assistance would be appreciated.

General Business:

- Lease: President Troy advised that the club had met with the Townsville City Council to discuss amendments to the lease of the grounds. Main issue was to clarify that the club owns the hall. Queries were also made regarding the provisions of rubbish bins for the club.
- Eftpos machine. Greg Kelly provided a brief overview of the outcomes at this point relating to the Eftpos machine suggested for the club. It cannot directly connect with present cash-register and Eftpos machine would need to be entered manually. Vendors will be contacted as to their views as payment of monies due for sales may be made electronically and would not happen on the final day of the show.
- TQOC meeting: Troy advised that he had attended a TQOC meeting which focused on the Orchid Fair in June next year. This event as well as the TQOC conference have been put on hold until there is commitment from other clubs and further direction by the TQOC.
- Garden Club: This club who hires our hall on a monthly basis may be moving to a larger hall as our hall is too small for their needs. They wish to keep their booking for the near future and have paid for those days. This is a fall-back action.
- Hand Dryers: The club is still looking at the provision of hand dryers. The grant that had been applied for was not approved.

Judges Choice:

Open Section: Paph Johanna Burkhardt x *Paph rothschildianum* R & G Hilder 78 points

Novice Section Onc Heaven Scent 'Redolence' M&M Triebel 76 points

Species Section: *V tessellata* L McCulloch 73 points

Technical Advisor: Nil.

Meeting Closed at 2.35pm	
T McGill - President	Greg Kelly – Secretary

THE ORCHID WEEVIL

by Victoria L. Tenbrink & Arnold H. Hara Beaumont Research Center, Hilo, Hawaii

Recorded hosts of the orchid weevil include these genera of Orchidaceae: Dendrobium, Vanda, Phalaenopsis, Renanthera, Angraecum, Saccolobium, Cymbidium, Spathoglottis.

Distribution

Orchid weevils have been accidentally introduced from Asia, were first observed in Hawaii at an orchid house in Honolulu in 1910 and are now prevalent across the tropics. Because of plant movement and glasshouse orchid culture, they occur in temperate regions as well.

Damage

Orchid weevil larvae and adults have chewing mouth-parts. They feed on orchid flowers and on tender tissues at the growing points of orchid plants. These tissues can be stems, leaves, and exposed roots. The adult females chew feeding holes into pseudobulbs or other plant parts, crawl in, and deposit eggs. After hatching, the grubs continue feeding, creating frass/fiber chambers suitable for pupation. Pupae do not feed. Adults eventually eat their way out of the pseudobulb. While feeding may not kill the pseudobulbs, bulbs often stop growing and fail

to produce flowers. Colour break, a white streaking of *Vanda* flowers, is associated with larval infestation of pseudobulbs or stems.

Biology

Orchid weevils lay eggs inside pseudobulbs, in leaves (*Dendrobium*) and in leaf axils (*Vanda*). In the laboratory, eggs hatch in 11 days. Larvae feed for about 4 months, moulting at least 4 and maybe 5 times. Pupation, or the transformation from larva to adult, lasts 16 days. Total development time from egg to adult is about 5 months. Adults live 9 months to a year.

Eggs

Eggs are tiny (1mm) ovals. At first they are white, but during the last few days the jaws of the grubs are visible as triangular brown spots. The last day before hatching the heads of the grubs are visible.

Larvae

The legless body is white to yellow-white, with a light brown head which darkens during development. Mature larvae are 10mm long by 6mm wide. Larvae feed immediately after hatching from the egg.

Pupae

When fully grown, larvae enter the pupal stage. This is the stage of transformation to adult. In preparation, larvae construct chambers of frass and fibers. Development of pupae usually occurs inside pseudobulbs. The total time for transformation from a white, legless grub to a dark weevil with legs, antennae, and wings is a little over 2 weeks.

Adults [See picture below]

After hardening and before emergence from the pseudobulb the adult is totally black. About 2 weeks after pupation, adults chew holes about 2mm across and crawl out of the pupation site. Adults have long, curved snouts typical of weevils. The hard wing-covers have distinct, longitudinal grooves. It is not easy to tell males from females. Males are, on the average, larger than females, but small features identifiable in the lab are the only sure means of sexing the weevils. *Orchidophilus aterrimus* is the largest of the so-called orchid weevils in Hawaii. They range from 3.5mm to 6mm long.

Behaviour

When disturbed, weevils immediately drop from the plant and play dead.

Sanitation

Plants with feeding damage should be immediately destroyed. This may prevent spread of an infestation if done soon enough.

Preharvest

In bioassays, organophosphates and **synthetic pyrethroids** were effective against orchid weevils. Synthetic pyrethroids had greater residual activity, and some were superior to others in their effectiveness.

Postharvest

A pyrethroid dip will help eliminate adults harboured in leaf axils but will probably not affect eggs, larvae and pupae inside stems or leaves. Material with feeding holes should be discarded.



PLEASE KEEP A WATCH OUT FOR THIS PEST.

Geoff Stocker and Ned Fittock reported that this pest is common on the coast at Cairns, Innisfail, Ingham and Townsville, and has been reported from locations in New South Wales and South Australia (according to CSIRO). It has yet to be seen in large numbers on the Atherton Tablelands. Geoff Stocker reported they move slowly around a bushhouse, and suggested Supracide to kill the weevil. As a precaution, growers who bring orchid plants back after purchases on the coast would be advised to spray the plants as soon as practical and keep a close watch for any signs of this pest. (Noel Grundon)

This article has been adapted from an article included in the November newsletter of the North Queensland Orchid Society Cairns, with permission from Noel Grundon.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
<u>OPEN</u>	1st	C. Royal Beau 'Dendi'	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	2nd	Blc Irene Finney x sib #25	R. Whiting
110mm and over	3rd		
CATTLEYA	1st	C. Mari's Love 'Taka'	G&S Kelly
75mm to 109 mm	2nd	Bc Taiwan Big Lip 'Ta-Hsin	L. McCulloch
	3rd	Cattleya unknown	K. Owens
CATTLEYA	1st	Ctt Mini Doris 'Carmella'	J&A Knowles
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	Ctna Dal's Toy	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Ctt Maric Delight	S Fidler
CATTLEYA	1st	Gct Why Not 'Roundabout'	W&C Sewell
Cluster	2nd	Gct Why Not 'Roundabout'	R Whiting
	3rd	Ctna Dal's Toy #2	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	1 st	Rlc Naomi's Delight	R Whiting
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	C. Comet's Tail	G&S Kelly
3	3rd	Rlc Naomi's Delight	G&S Kelly
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Johulatum	K. Owens
Any Other Hybrid	2nd		L&G Johnson
	3rd	Den Chocolate Surprise	D Blanchard
VANDA	1st	V. Udomchai 'The King'	G&S Kelly
40mm to 65mm	2nd	V. Nicholas Keith	K. Owens
	3rd		
VANDA	1st	V. Seng x V. testacea	N&M Grant
Under 40mm	2nd	V. Cherry Blossom	N&M Grant
	3rd	V. Cherry Blossom	N&M Grant
VANDA	1st	Van. Pine Rivers 'KBR'	G&S Kelly
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Van. Pine Rivers 'Pretty in Pink'	G&S Kelly
, ,	3rd	Van. Pine Rivers 'Pink'	G&S Kelly
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal unknown	L. McCulloch
Over 60mm	2nd	Phal K.V.Beauty	L. McCulloch
	3rd	Phal Tying Shin Black Dragon	L. McCulloch
ONCIDIIUM	1st	Brsdm Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	R Whiting
Any Other	2nd	Onc Pacific Pagan	D Blanchard
•	3rd	Onc Space Race	R Whiting
TOLUMNIA	1st	Tolu Fay Tesch x Rrm Willowbank	R Whiting
	2nd	Tolu Patricia Tolen x John Thelander	R Whiting
	3rd	Rrm Willowbank 'Wizard'	G&S Kelly
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1 st	Paph Wossner Black Wings x Paph	R&G Hilder
Multi Floral		rothschildianum	
	2nd	Paph Transvaal	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Paph Mary Franz Smith	S Fidler

PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph Transdoll	R Whiting
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Paph Hsinying Lime x Hilo Citron	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Paph (St Swithins x rothschildianum)	L&G Johnson
		x Pinocchio	
NOVICE	1st	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	M&M Triebel
ANY OTHER			
GDE CIEC	1 ct		W 0
<u>SPECIES</u>	1 st	Den discolor var bloomfieldii	K. Owens
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	2nd	Den discolor	L. McCulloch
	3rd		
CATTLEYA	1st	C. intermedia var alba	N&M Grant
	2 nd	C. intermedia var. amethystine x var.	N&M Grant
		suavissima	
	3rd	C. intermedia 'Do Hector' x 'Gigantea'	N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den aphyllum	R Whiting
	2nd	Den lindleyi	R Whiting
	3rd	Den jenkinsi	J. Nicholson
VANDA	1st	V. garayi	N&M Grant
	2nd	V. tessellata	L. McCulloch
	3rd	V. javierae	N&M Grant
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph. primulinum var. purpurescens	L&G Johnson
	2nd	Paph. exul	K. Owens
	3rd	Paph. concolor var longipetalum	R&G Hilder
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st	Bulb plumatum	J&A Knowles
	2nd	Bulb sinapsis	R Whiting
	3rd	Bulb thiurum	J&A Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st	Enc. chacaoensis	L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER EXOTIC	1st	Euph. andamanensis	N&M Grant
	2nd	Chsch lunifera	S Fidler
	3rd	Chesh sp.	S Fidler



Judges Choice

October 2023

Novice Section

Onc Heaven Scent 'Redolence'

M&M Triebel 76 points

2023 Shows and Field Day Report

With the 2023 Field Day done and dusted, I have finished with official events for the year. I am now looking forward to a relaxing cruise around New Zealand.

The Field Day would not have been possible without the growers who willingly opened their bush houses to other members and clubs. Thank you to Eric and Robyn Dundas, Noel and Maureen Grant, Lynette and Graham Johnson, Greg and Santina Kelly and Alison and Jeff Knowles for welcoming people onto their properties. Thanks also to other members who provided extra plants for sale at the various locations.

Thanks to the Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plants Society Inc who supported our Field Day with a bus of 31 enthusiasts. Townsville members did the club proud by providing scrumptious food for both morning and afternoon teas and the raffle table was overflowing with quality prizes. Overall, I was happy with the way the day panned out.





I think the Shows went quite well this year. It started off slowly, with the Autumn Show being unusually quiet in terms of exhibited plants, and fewer patrons than we would usually expect. This was a pity, as we had a record number of vendors. Greg Kelly helped by putting a positive spin onto it. He reminded us that two years ago, the revenue from this Show would have bordered on the norm.

Thankfully, the Winter and Spring Shows were a great success. Again, thanks go to all those people who pitched in to help, whether it be as box day and set-up helpers, vendors, exhibitors, volunteers for the rosters, cooks, and the many people who stayed behind to pack up at the end of each Show. Your help is very much appreciated.

I think our new initiative, 'Ask an Expert Day', was a success and I am happy to continue that next year - probably two weeks prior to the shows. Thanks to our 'experts' who were very willing to help on those days.



As you would know, I have agreed to continue in this role next year. I'm looking forward to a productive year. Once again, thank you for your support throughout this year. Jan Allen

Show Vice-President

Points Tables after October 2023

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blanchard D	6			6
Fidler S	4		6	10
Grant N&M	12		23	35
Fidler S	4		6	10
Hilder G&R	4		2	6
Johnson L&G	17		12	29
Kelly G&S	32			32
Knowles A&J	5		8	13
McCulloch/Weaver	18		7	25
Nicholson J	2			2
Owens K	11		8	19
Sewell C&W	4			4
Triebel M&M		4		4
Whiting R	29		10	39





[Judges Choice: October 2023 Above Left: Open Section

Paph Wossner Black Wings x Paph rothschildianum

R & G Hilder 78 points

[Judges Choice: October 2023 Above Right: Species Section

Vanda tessellata

L. McCulloch 73 points