

# TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC



## MARCH 2013 BULLETIN

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Meetings are held 8pm  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each  
month except December  
in the Townsville Orchid  
Society Inc. Hall

General Meeting  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
at 8.00 pm

Novice/New Growers'  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
at 1.00pm

Next Management  
Committee Meeting:  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
at 7.30 pm

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### TOS CALENDAR 2013

March 2013 22 – General Meeting - 8.00 pm  
24 – Novice /New Growers' Meeting – 1.00pm  
29 - Management Committee Meeting – 7.30pm  
April 2013 14 – Ingham Field Day

### Annual Membership Fees

City Family	\$18.00	Pensioner Family	\$9.00
City Single	\$14.00	Pensioner Single/Junior	\$7.00

Details for paying membership fees: BSB: 064823 Account Number: 0009 0973  
Name of Account: Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Commonwealth Bank, Aitkenvale  
**Fees are due 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.**

### TOS - 2013 SHOW DATES

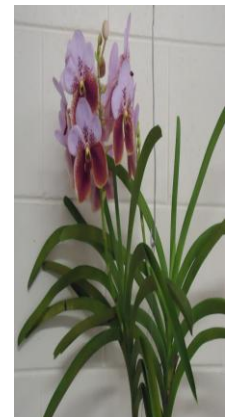
*Autumn – 5, 6, & 7 April*

*Winter – 21, 22 & 23 June*

*Spring 13, 14 & 15 September*

**TOS Members:** if you would like to receive the TOS Bulletin by email you can email me on the following email address:  
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Ascda. x  
*V. tessellata*  
J&S Cairns



*Euanthe*  
*sanderana* (Syn.  
Vanda  
Sanderiana)  
N&M Grant

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Only a couple of weeks to our first 2013 show, more than six months since our Spring Show – let's make it a beauty.

Unfortunately, due to a couple of problems, our web page on the internet has not been updated for a while. Would you believe, this has made us aware of just how important this facility is? Jean and I have been telephoned and emailed quite a number of times by orchid growers throughout the north and visitors from interstate enquiring about our proposed shows. They obtained details of both from the web, where last year's show dates were still being shown.

With the most unusual weather we have experienced, there could well be some surprises with what's in flower – whatever – bring it along – the more the merrier.

The talk by Ray Nicholls at next Sunday's Novice Group meeting should be very beneficial to those who acquired Cooktown Orchids (*Den. bigibbum*), which Chris Cobb brought to our February meeting. It was a shame Chris could not stay for Sunday's meeting, after his visit being so well received at the General meeting. And of course with Phalaenanth type Dendrobium seedlings being handed out for a growing competition, we all need to know their growing requirements. Thanks to Chris Cobb for acting as delivery man for "The Shop" – stocks coming from Nuleaf in Cairns and the Dendrobium seedlings from Cairns Orchid Centre. Also thanks to John Johnson for bringing goods from Nuleaf.

The Garden Club's television is now installed, whether we will have need of it is yet to be established, but they are happy with it, and recordings can be replayed through it.

Air-conditioning quotes are still a bugbear with one due three days before I write this, yet not to hand. I doubt we can go past the one we received a year ago, time will tell. We could certainly use it at the present time.

Best of luck with your growing/flowering, and with the unfathomable weather. Wal Nicholson.

### **NOVICE/NEW GROWERS REPORT**

The monthly meeting for the Novice/New growers Group was held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February and once again there was a good attendance of members at the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. hall, Charles Street, Kirwan to listen to our Guest Speaker, Ted Boon who spoke in detail of what the judges look for when judging orchid plants at various orchid shows. Ted also commented on the guide lines permitted for staking and tying up of orchid flowers and other jobs you need to do when you bring your plants along to orchid shows. Thanks Ted for your time and expert knowledge you gave to the members on this subject. Another item that was mentioned was those nasty insect pests, such as Thrip, Orchid Beetle and White Fly, so be vigilant and inspect your plants regularly and take whatever precaution is necessary. A clean and tidy shade house is most essential for all orchid growers.

We would like to thank Jeff, Alison and Steve who brought along the compots of Dendrobium and Phalaenopsis seedlings to whom a seedling of each type was given to each member present to take home to pot up and to return their plants each month to be measured for our growing competition this year. A small potting demonstration and the potting media that they use was given by Alison and Warren. It was somewhat disappointing to find out that of all the Dendrobium seedlings (3 compots) which were donated by Shane Snow of J&V's Fraser Coast Dendrobium, and distributed out to our members a couple of years ago, only six plants have survived. A well known and expert grower of phalaenanth and bigibbum dendrobium orchids, Ray Nicholls, has offered to be the Guest Speaker at our next meeting to speak on how he grows his plants so maybe then we will have more success in growing these genera in the future.

Help will be needed to set up the Autumn Show on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, also please check out the show roster for any vacancies to help out on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The Townsville Orchid Society Inc. will be hiring a bus to travel to Ingham on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April for the Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc. Field Day, so please put your name on the list as we will need to fill up the seats on the bus. Cost for the bus will be \$25.00 for T.O.S members, non members \$30.00, plus \$10.00 for lunch (Chicken & Salad). Morning & Afternoon Tea is free. A good day can be assured for everyone.

There were several nice orchid blooms tabled at the meeting for our Popular Voting Competition, but unfortunately the only results we have is Peter Lucke in the Novice Section and June & Stacy Cairns in the Open Section. I am having a bit of a hassle trying to find out who was 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our best wishes go out to all our members who are celebrating their Birthdays this month especially Don McDonald who will be 90 years of age on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulation from all of us here and have a good one. Gee that is 3 of our members who have reach the nineties, Patricia was 91 last November and Doris was 91 in February this year, also our thoughts and best wishes go out to all our members who are not in the best of health at the present moment, especially Maureen who has had a pretty rough time over the last several months. Many thanks for the wonderful afternoon tea that we all enjoyed and your generous donations of the Raffle Prizes, and support to the Raffle ticket Sales at our last meeting. Warren & Clara

### **MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23.11.2012**

**Meeting Opened:** 8pm by W Nicholson who welcomed all, particularly Guest Speaker Chris Cobb from Cairns.

**Minutes:** of Previous meeting held 25.01.2013 Moved as a True Record by B Blanchard. Seconded by P Lucke. Carried.

**Business Arising From Minutes: Air-conditioning:** Management Committee has requested a second quote.

**Solar Power:** Panel on roof has been replaced – no account as yet.

**Correspondence: Inwards:** rgb Facilities Management/A/c strip & seal floor; TCC/Rates Notice; Office Works/Printing of Bulletin; Orchid Wiz/renewal; Nuleaf/A/c; Gympie OS/request to advertise Spectacular; Toowoomba OS/request to advertise Spring Show; 7<sup>th</sup> ANOS/request to advertise Conference; AOC/President's letter; Travel Outreacher/request re advertising;

E Boon/revised show schedule; J Knowles/request purchase raffle tickets/copy bank transfer;

Southern Cross/Autumn Show advertising; Herbert River OS/Field Day; QOS/2013 calendar;

SOLAS/hall hire; B Barford/Whitsunday Bush Dance; Paradise Distributors/Add/orchids; Garden

Settlement-Aged/Attendance Show (13); RSL Care/Attendance Show(13); TripleT

Admin/Confirmation hire hall; K Anderson/ ?Joining Society; Flinders Flyer/advertising paper; QIOF

Orchid Fair; Windemere Nursery/Catalogue; Woolf Nursery/Catalogue; A Siarni/Several

emails/Bulletin; Hall Hire/several emails; J Knowles/emails re Nuleaf; Other Society Bulletins;

Orchids Australia; Australia Orchid Review. **Held Over:** Parks Enquiry; Air-conditioning Quote.

**Outwards:** F&A Nicol/Grant of Honorary Membership; Orchids Aust/show dates; A Siarni /emails/Bulletin; J Knowles/emails; K Henderson/details Society; Triple, SOLAS, Southern Cross, Nuleaf/replies; Office works/bulletin/replies; Hall Hire/emails; J Knowles/emails.

Moved by J Nicholson that Inwards Correspondence be Received and Outwards Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded by A Siarni. Carried.

**Business Arising From Correspondence:** A/cs paid; Orchidwiz to be renewed; HROS – numbers to be finalized March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by C Lee who Moved Receipt of Report and Confirmation of Cheques Paid. Seconded by G Christophers. Carried.

Following an early tea break, Chris Cobb from Cairns, presented a very interesting talk and show on his travels for seven months, covering Cape York, throughout Queensland, and into New South Wales, showing Native Orchids from these areas with live specimens of orchids from North Queensland. W Nicholson thanked Chris, saying his effort was much appreciated by all.

**Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:** Ascda. x *V. tessellata* gained 81 Points for J&S Cairns. **Species:** *Euanthe sanderana* (Syn. *Vanda Sanderiana*) gained 79 Points for N&M Grant. Congratulations to all growers.

**Novice/New Growers Group:** W Sewell reported the group will meet on Sunday at 1pm.

**General Business:**

**Herbert River Orchid Society Field Day:** on 14 April -show of hands of members wishing to attend.

**Flasks:** J Knowles discussed flasks from Easy Orchids arriving, and list from Waters Orchid Nursery.

**Growing Competition:** W Nicholson spoke about a new growing competition for members, of Dendrobiums from Valmadres, which would commence soon.

**Lucky Door and Raffle:** drawn – Congratulations to winners. **Meeting Closed:** 9.36pm.

**JUDGES FOR MARCH & APRIL**

**MARCH**

MASTERS/OPEN- O KROGH, T. BOON  
NOVICE/SPECIES A. HUGHES, D. BENSON

**APRIL**

MASTERS/OPEN A. KNOWLES, W. SEWELL  
NOVICE/SPECIES K. GREENWAY, R. DAVESON

Points: 22 February 2013

Name	Veteran	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Allison - Allan		3			<b>3</b>
Blanchard - Brendon & White - Lynne				1	<b>1</b>
Bloom - Marie		7		7	<b>14</b>
Cairns - June & Stacey		30			<b>30</b>
Christophers- Grant & Siarni - Alis		4		1	<b>5</b>
Grant- Noel & Maureen	55			75	<b>130</b>
Googh - Steven and Fran			12		<b>12</b>
Hardwick- Noel		6			<b>6</b>
Kelly- Greg & Santina	49				<b>49</b>
Knowles- Geoff & Allison	14			7	<b>21</b>
Lee - Charles	20			15	<b>35</b>
Lucke - Peter & Joanne			17		<b>17</b>
MacIntyre - Ross & Joan		21		7	<b>28</b>
Marnock- Fred & Donna		13		3	<b>16</b>
Nicholson - Wal & Jean	186			112	<b>298</b>
Phillips - Tina			14		<b>14</b>
Sewell - Warren & Clara	24			11	<b>35</b>
Steel - Alf	2			9	<b>11</b>

**TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. SHOW SCHEDULE – 2013**

**SHOW AWARDS**

**GRAND CHAMPION ORCHID:** SASH + \$50

**Champion Orchid:** SASH + \$10

**RESERVE CHAMPION ORCHID:** SASH + \$25  
**Orchid:** SASH + \$10

**Novice Champion Orchid:** SASH + \$50 **Section**

**Novice Reserve Champion Orchid:** SASH + \$25 **Best Specimen**

**Class Prizes and Cut Flowers:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$5 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3 3<sup>rd</sup> \$2

**SECTIONS:** Laeliinae Hybrids, Dendrobium Hybrids, Vandae Hybrids, Oncidiinae Hybrids, Phalaenopsis Hybrids, Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Hybrids, Any Other Genera Hybrids, Australiana (covers Sections 8 & 9), Species.

## **SECTION 1 – Laeliinae**

### **Hybrids:**

(Classes 1 to 11 consisting of Hybrids of Brassavola, Cattleya, Laelia, Sophronitis, Guarianthe, Rhyncholaelia and any combinations of these Genera only)

**Class 1 -** Classic Type; 125mm & over – White or White with coloured lip

**Class 2 -** Classic Type; 125mm & over – Pink, Mauve or Purple

**Class 3 -** Classic Type; 125mm & over – Any other colour or combination of colours

**Class 4 -** Classic Type; 75mm to less than 125mm – White or White with coloured lip

**Class 5 -** Classic Type; 75mm to less than 125mm – Pink, Mauve or Purple

**Class 6 -** Classic Type; 75mm to less than 125mm – Any other colour or combination of colours

**Class 7 -** Classic Type; less than 75mm – any colour or combination of colours

**Class 8 -** Classic Cluster Types – minimum of 5 open flowers

**Class 9 -** Non-Classic Cluster Types – minimum of 5 open flowers

**Class 10 -** Laeliinae Hybrid showing dominant Broughtonia influence

**Class 11 -** Any other Laeliinae Hybrid not included above

**Class 12 - CHAMPION**

### **LAELIINAE**

#### **HYBRID**

## **SECTION 2 – Dendrobium**

### **Hybrids**

#### **(excluding**

#### **Section 8):**

**Class 13 -** Phalaenanthe Type

**Class 14 -** Ekapol Type (¾ Phalaenanthe

Shape)

**Class 15 -** Intermediate Type (½ Phalaenanthe Shape) – less than 60mm natural spread

**Class 16 -** Intermediate Type (½ Phalaenanthe Shape) – 60mm and over natural spread

**Class 17 -** Spathulata Type – less than 60mm natural spread (includes *Den. carronii* & *canaliculatum* influence).

**Class 18 -** Spathulata Type – 60mm and over (includes *Den. carronii* & *canaliculatum* influence)

**Class 19 -** Any other Dendrobium Hybrid

**Class 20 - CHAMPION**

### **DENDROBIUM**

#### **HYBRID**

## **SECTION 3 – Vandae Hybrid**

### **(excluding**

#### **Sections 4**

#### **and 8):**

**Class 21 -** Exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda – 65mm and over

**Class 22 -** Exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda – under 65mm

**Class 23 -** Non-exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda – 65mm and over

**Class 24 -** Non-exhibition Vanda/Ascocenda – under 65mm

**Class 25 -** Intergeneric hybrid excluding Ascocenda – 65mm and over

**Class 26 -** Intergeneric hybrid excluding Ascocenda – under 65mm

**Class 27 -** Any other Vandae Hybrid

**Class 28 - CHAMPION**

### **VANDEAE**

#### **HYBRID**

## **SECTION 4 – Phalaenopsis**

### **Hybrids**

#### **(excluding**

#### **Section 8):**

(Classes 29 to 35 are flowers 60mm and over)

**Class 29 -** Classic Type – White or White with coloured lip

**Class 30 -** Classic Type – Pink

**Class 31 -** Classic type – Any other colour without markings

**Class 32 -** Classic Type – Any colour with dominant stripes or spotting

**Class 33 -** Classic Type – Any other colour or combination of colours not included above

**Class 34 -** Non-classic Type – Any colour with dominant stripes or spotting, excluding Class 36

**Class 35 -** Non-classic Type – Any colour without dominant markings, excluding Class 36

**Class 36 -** Miniature – Any Type less than 60mm

**Class 37 -** Any other Phalaenopsis Hybrid not included above.

**Class 38 - CHAMPION**

### **PHALAEOPSIS HYBRID**

## **SECTION 5 – Oncidiinae**

### **Hybrids:**

**Class 39 -** Oncidiinae – “Dancing Lady” or “Varicosum” Types

**Class 40 -** Oncidiinae – Less than 40mm wide (includes Equitant Types)

**Class 41 -** Oncidiinae – 40mm to 60mm wide

**Class 42 -** Oncidiinae – Over 60mm to 100mm wide

**Class 43 -** Oncidiinae – Over 100mm wide

**Class 44 - CHAMPION**

### **ONCIDIINAE**

## **SECTION 6 – Paphiopedilum**

### **and**

### **Phragmipedium**

### **Hybrids:**

**Class 45 -** Paphiopedilum Exhibition, Standard or Classic types

**Class 46 -** Paphiopedilum Maudiae Type

**Class 47 -** Paphiopedilum Multiflora (e.g. Saint Swithin + types) – 1-2 open flowers excluding Class 49

**Class 48 -** Paphiopedilum Hybrid - single flower - excluding Classes 45 – 46 - 47

**Class 49 -** Any other Paphiopedilum Hybrid Multiflora - not included in Class 47

**Class 50 -** Phragmipedium Hybrid

**Class 51 - CHAMPION**

### **PAPHIOPEDILUM/PHRAGMI**

### **PEDIUM**

#### **HYBRID**

## **SECTION 7 - Any Other Genera**

### **Hybrids:**

**Class 52 -** Spathoglottis Hybrid

**Class 53 -** Any Other Genus Hybrid – under 50mm

**Class 54 -** Any Other Genus Hybrid – 50mm to 75mm

**Class 55 -** Any Other Genus Hybrid – over 75mm

**Class 56 -** Bulbophyllum

**Class 57 - CHAMPION**

### **ANY OTHER GENERA**

### **HYBRIDS**

## **SECTION 8 – Australian:**

(All species in the registered parentage **must** occur naturally in Australia or Territories under the political control of Australia. In this context when the species *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* is listed in parentage it is considered to be the species from Timor and **not** native to Australia)

### **Hybrids:**

**Class 58** - Dendrobiums - any colour or

markings

**Class 59** - Any other Genus – any colour or

markings

**SECTION 9 – Australiana**

**Species:**

**Class 60:** Dendrobiums – any colour or markings

**Class 61:** Any other Genus – any colour or markings

**Class 62: CHAMPION AUSTRALIANA**

**SECTION 10 – Exotic Species:**

(All species **must not** occur naturally in Australia or Territories under the political control of Australia. Should a species occur naturally in both Australia and another country, it is to be included in Section 9)

**Class 63** - Laeliinae

**Class 64** - Dendrobium – not included in

Section 8 & 9

**Class 65** - Dendrochilum

**Class 66** -Vandae not included in Section 3

**Class 67** - Rhynchostylis

**Class 68** - Oncidiinae

**Class 69** - Phalaenopsis

**Class 70** - Paphiopedilum

**Class 71** - Phragmipedium

**Class 72** - Bulbophyllum

**Class 73** - Any other Species Orchid not

listed above

**Class 74 -CHAMPION EXOTIC SPECIES**

**SECTION 11 – Best Specimen**

**Orchid:**

To be selected from all Section 1 to 10

**SECTION 12 – Cut Flowers -**

**Any Genus:**

Not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion Orchid

Please add your name to the roster. If you are unable to attend as shown below <b>PLEASE</b> Advise Secretary Thank you		TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC SHOW DUTY ROSTER: <b>AUTUMN SHOW</b> 5 – 6 – 7 APRIL 2013				Please see the kitchen staff to order sandwiches which are available each shift. Tea & Coffee also available through your shift.	
DATE & TIME	DOOR 1	RAFFLE 1	SHOW SECURITY & ENQUIRIES 2	CASHIER 1	ASSISTANT CASHIER 1	SALES SECURITY & ENQUIRIES 2	
Friday 5 April 9am – 12 noon	Brendon Blanchard	Denise Lincoln	Stacey Cairns	Neita Coulson	Caroline Swart	Tina Phillips	
			Kerry Willey			Alice Zierke	
Friday 5 April 12 noon – 3pm	Lyn Mutch		Alison Knowles			Warren Sewell	
						Jeff Knowles	
Friday 5 April 3pm – 5pm	Col Kingston	Wal Carlill	Barbara Robinson	Greg Kelly	Ray Nicholls		
			Ray Robinson				
Saturday 6 April 9am – 12 noon	Brendon Blanchard	Denise Lincoln	Peter Lucke	Marie Bloom	Lynne White	Tina Phillips	
			Ann Roberts			Alice Zierke	
Saturday 6 April 12 noon – 3pm	Margaret Lock	Kerry Willey	Alison Knowles	Marie Bloom	Keith Chambers	Jeff Knowles	
			Steve Fay			Stacey Cairns	
Saturday 6 April 3pm – 5pm	Col Kingston		Noel Hardwick	Marie Bloom	Robert Rasmussen	Noel Grant	
						Ann Roberts	
Sunday 7 April 9am – 11.30am	Ron Scott	Denise Lincoln	Carl Osborne	Greg Kelly	Marie Bloom	Ann Roberts	
Sunday 7 April 11.30pm – 2pm	Jim Steven	Lyn Mutch	Bruno Figuera	Marie Bloom		Tina Phillips	
			Kerry Willey			Ann Roberts	

Add name if sales table required. A refundable booking fee of \$5 must be paid to Treasurer before meeting prior to show: TOS Inc.; W&J Nicholson; R Nicholls; G&S Kelly; A&S Zierke; K&V Otto; P Valmadre; S Hinds; R&B Robinson; P Korsman; T&D Hobden

## HERE WE GROW AGAIN

By Jeff Knowles

Yes, our 2013 growing competition has begun. In fact we have two new growing competition plants.

Firstly there is *Den. Virtual Magic* x *Den. Suan* 'Big White' purchased from the Cairns Orchid Centre. The parents of *Den. Virtual Magic* are *Den. Autumn Show* x *Den. Polar Queen* and it was registered in 2003 by A. Watkinson with the annotation that the originator of this cross was Kev McFarlane. Unfortunately I cannot find any reference to *Den. Suan*. When your plant is measured, its height will be used.

The *Phalaenopsis* seedling, which came from Steve Fay, is *Phal. Da-chien Spider Beauty* x sib. (*Phal. Da-chien Spider Beauty* = *Phal.*

*Chih Shang's Stripes* x *Phal. Ho's French Fantasia*, registered by Ming-Rong Tsay in 2000).

Interestingly also, there are at least 12 hybrids registered with *Phal. Da-chien Spider Beauty* as a parent. The clones of *Phal. Da-chien Spider Beauty* that Steve used in this sibling crossing can best be described as having exhibition type flowers with a white background overlaid with distinctive, patterned crimson striping. In measuring your plant the total leaf span will be used.

The distribution of these two growing competition plants to TOS members and visitors who intend becoming TOS members who did not receive theirs last month, will continue at the March meetings (no cost involved). For those of you who have received them, I hope you have potted them into your favourite medium and they have settled in well. Bring them to the meetings for measurement and you could be the lucky grower to win a prize. Happy Growing.



Compot of *Den. Virtual Magic* x *Den. Suan* 'Big White'

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## **Bark! Bark!**

By Jeff Knowles

Many old and wise growers will tell you that it really does not matter what medium you grow your orchids in as long as you then match it to your conditions, such as your watering routine. They will then proceed to try every new mixture that is talked about over a cup of tea and scone at many an orchid society meeting as they try to produce those grand champions and FCCs, all the time insisting that in reality their mix is great, but I might just give this new one a try.

A little while ago I gave out free samples of New Zealand bark to some "experienced" growers of the Townsville Orchid Society to try and then comment on, as a medium for orchids in Townsville. Here are a few assessments.

1. Found to be successful with *Bulbophyllums*.
2. Used in a mix with quinkan gravel and pink rock for *Cattleyas* and there was no difference in the growth of the plants when compared to other barks or coconut husks. I have not tried it on *Dendrobiums* or *Vandas* yet.
3. Substituted for SA bark in a bark, rock and perlite mix for *Cattleyas* out of community pots and found that the growths were comparable. This NZ bark was much drier out of the bag.

This bark is available from Orchidaceous Supplies at Tinana (Maryborough). Their website states, "Kiwi Orchid Bark is a high quality *Pinus radiata* bark, obtained from the renewable pine plantations of New Zealand. It is very clean, hard and long lasting, of uniform size and is dust and contaminant free." It is available in four sizes (3mm to 8mm, 8mm to 20mm, 20mm to 25mm and 25mm to 50mm) at \$32.00 per 50L bag, or \$27.00 per bag in a pallet quantity of 40 bags. Freight costs have to be added.

So if you want to try it, and especially if you are travelling through Maryborough, then contact Grahame. He will be only too happy to help you. Happy Growing.

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## Tabled Plants 22 February 2013

### Section: Veterans

Type: Phragmipedium

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phrag. Calurum 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag. Green Hornet 147 W & J Nicholson

Type: Paphiopedilum

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Shireen 147 W & J Nicholson

Type: Vandaceous various small

- 1<sup>st</sup> Asvts. Prapin 'Somsit' 116 G & S Kelly

Type:

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Pps.labukensis* x *Ren. philippinensis*  
147 W & J Nicholson

Type: Vandaceous semi-terete

- 1<sup>st</sup> V. Elina Tayawardene 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mkra. Madame Panni 147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> V. JVB x *Asctm. miniatum* 213 N & M Grant

Type: Vandaceous medium

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ascda. Nicholas Keith x *V. tessellata* 'Ernie'  
147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. Kampirananda x Ascda Seechong  
'Sweet Fragrance' 147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> V. unknown 'Spot' x *V. insignis* 147 W & J  
Nicholson

Type: Vanda large

- 1<sup>st</sup> V. Kapiolea 'Blue Moon' 213 N & M Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. Charlie Clark x Ascda. 147 W & J  
Nicholson  
Fuchs Gold x V. Kasems Delight x Ascda.  
Sunkist

Type: Ascocenda

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ascda. Fuchs Precious Jewel 'Rezza'  
116 G & S Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ascda. Suksamran Sunlight 116 G & S  
Kelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ascda. John De Biase 'Kanikar'  
116 G & S Kelly

Type: Vascostylis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vasco. Janice Allison 116 G & S Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vasco. Precious 'Glorious' 116 G & S  
Kelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> V. (Kretcant x *coerulea*) x 147 W & J  
Nicholson  
*Rhy. coelestis* 'Pink'

Type: Cattleya family

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blc. Karen's Sunrise 'Waianae' 116 G & S  
Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> *B. nodosa* x *C. Bhimayothin* 213 N & M  
Grant  
3<sup>rd</sup> *L. dayana* x *C. walkeriana* 'Cases' 213 N &  
M Grant

Type: Cattleya family cluster

- 1<sup>st</sup> *C. Vaupes* Sunrise x *C. leopoldii* 'The Red'  
172 W & C Sewell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pot. Karina Millett x Blc. Ann Kimi 116 G &  
S Kelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lc. Shelly Warne 116 G & S Kelly

Type:

- 1<sup>st</sup> unknown 116 G & S Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> unknown 116 G & S Kelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' Pot. Free  
Spirit 'Lea' 147 W & J Nicholson

Type:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'  
147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Onc. Sharry Baby 'Reds Fantasy'  
147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bak. Everglades Hunter 'Swamp Buggy'  
147 W & J Nicholson

Type:

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Spath. parsonii* x *plicata* 'alba' 147 W & J  
Nicholson

Type: Dendrobium

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den. Fire Coral 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Liberty White 147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Little Diamond x 147 W & J Nicholson  
*Den. bigibbum* var *compactum* 'Stead'

Type: Dendrobium

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den. Weradej 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Alices Stripes x Den. Burana Stripe  
147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Burana Stripe 147 W & J Nicholson

### Section: Open

Type: Cattleya family

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lc. Canhamiana 'coerulea' 68 J & S  
Cairns  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hwra. Lava Burst 68 J & S Cairns

Type: Various

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ascda. Super Cooper 68 J & S Cairns  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Burana Sunshine 167 R & J MacIntyre  
3<sup>rd</sup> Den. unknown 118 M. Bloom



## Section: Species

Type: Australian Natives

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den.bigibbum var compactum* 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Den.bigibbum var compactum* 147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Den.bigibbum var compactum* 147 W & J Nicholson

Type: Spathoglottis etc

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Spath. plicata 'alba'* 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Spath. plicata 'alba'* 147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Per. elata* 147 W & J Nicholson

Type:

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Phal. heiroglyphica* 147 W & J Nicholson  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph. chamberlainianum* 147 W & J Nicholson  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Phal. cornu cervi var red* 213 N & M Grant

Type:Vandaceous

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Eua sanderiana* 213 N & M Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Rhy. coelestis var pink* 213 N & M Grant

Type: Doritis

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Dor. pulcherrima var buyssoniana x var chumpornensis* 213 N & M Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Dor. pulcherrima var chumpornensis 'Supaporn'* 213 N & M Grant  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Dor. pulcherrima var chumpornensis 'Brighton' x var buyssoniana* 213 N & M Grant

## Section: Novice

Type:

- 1<sup>st</sup> C. Mary Ann Barnett 'Exquisita' 71 P & J Lucke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Otr. Bangkok Ruby 'Burana'96 T Phillips  
3<sup>rd</sup> C.Fitz Eugene Dixon '1' 71 P & J Lucke

## EDITOR'S NOTES

A very warm welcome to our **new members** -Johanna Tracy, Donna Garbutt, Wendy van den Dolder and Dorothy Murphy.

### Conferences:

48th T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference & Show hosted by the North Qld (Cairns) Orchid Society Inc. on 3 - 5 May 2013  
Registration closes 31. March 2013 List of accommodation places in Cairns available from Jean Nicholson [walandjean@bigpond.com](mailto:walandjean@bigpond.com)  
7th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show hosted by Kabi Group Inc. 22 - 25 August 2013 [www.ourshopfront.com/kabi](http://www.ourshopfront.com/kabi)  
Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. Annual Spring Orchid & Bromelaid Show 20 - 25 September 2013 (Carnival of Flowers Time)  
Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular 8 - 9 June 2013 at The Pavilion, Gympie Showgrounds - \$5 - includes free parking [johnandkayegreen@southernphone.com.au](mailto:johnandkayegreen@southernphone.com.au)

**Birthdays:**My apology for the lateness of **January:** Tom Hobden, Marie-France Mack, Jan Swan, Ross MacIntyre, Delia Hobden and for **February:** Charles Lee, Tina Phillips, John Rutledge, Maureen Coleman, Warren Sewell, Norma Palin.  
**March Birthdays:** Don McDonald, Jenny Siganto.

## **Latest Growth Fertiliser.**

**By Jeff Knowles**

Selecting a suitable growing fertiliser for our orchids can at times prove frustrating if we worry about the uselessness of urea as a nitrogen source. Well one growing fertiliser that derives its nitrogen from sources other than urea is *Peters Professional Winter Grow Special* and the good news is that it is now available to TOS members at the club shop.

This water soluble fertiliser also contains the trace elements iron, manganese, boron, copper, zinc and molybdenum, although along with most other fertilisers it lacks calcium and magnesium so good growers will need to also fertilise with a magnesium source, the simplest being epsom salts (magnesium sulphate, available at your supermarket when you do your grocery shopping), and a calcium source, such as calcium nitrate, which is available at the TOS members' shop. [Note that soluble calcium nitrate needs to be applied separately and not mixed with other fertilisers.]

For more information on *Peters Professional Winter Grow Special* fertilizer view the whole bag or MSDS at the next meeting.

For members who are applying fertiliser at the 100ppm Nitrogen rate, you need to mix *Peters Professional Winter Grow Special* fertiliser at a rate of only 0.5g/L.

Happy growing!

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## In Noel's Bush House 12



**Guarianthe bowringiana var coerulea**

*Guarianthe bowringiana* (O'Brien) Dressler & W.E. Higgins 2003

(Previously *Cattleya bowringiana*)

This strong and easily grown orchid is recommended for any beginner grower, as it is tolerant of variations in heat, sun and humidity. In fact, it must have bright conditions for the best growth. It has stems about 60cm tall with two or more thick leaves, and a distinctive swollen bulb at the base of the pseudobulb, which makes it identifiable "at a glance". If grown well, it can have up to 40 flowers per spike, which all open at the same time. As encouragement for the new grower, even small plants will bloom with one or two flowers. It needs a short rest after flowering (less water, no fertiliser).

In nature, the plant is found in Guatemala and Belize on rocky cliffs above rapid streams, which charge the air with moisture. It was introduced by Veitch and Sons in 1884 and named in 1885 after J. C. Bowring, a keen amateur grower who lived near Windsor, England. For more than 100 years it was known as *Cattleya bowringiana*, but in 2003 the genus Guarianthe was created to separate those *Cattleya* species growing in Central America from those in South America (principally in Brazil). Other *Cattleya* species affected by the name change include *C. skinneri*, *C. aurantiaca*, *C. deckeri* and *C. patinii*.

*Guarianthe bowringiana* is such an easy-going easy-growing orchid that I have been guilty in the past of neglecting its care, comfortable with the thought that it would cheerfully flower without my attention. I was jolted out of that frame of mind when it recently outgrew its pot and I found I had not re-potted it for 7 years! It is flowering now, earlier than its usual time when it shows its beauty at the TOS Autumn show.

The photo is of the blue variety, *Guarianthe bowringiana* var. *coerulea*, the successful parent of many blue orchids.

Noel Grant February 2013

'OrchidWiz' computer program.

'The Cattleyas and their relatives Vol. 1 Withner, Carl L. 1988

The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopaedia

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

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