

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### January 2025 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.

Please advise your name and membership number.

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 1pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January.  
The January General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

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 January 2025:

Novice/Species

Alison, Lisa

Open

Peter, Marie, Tracey

### President's Report January 2025

Well, this year starts with our January General Meeting on Australia Day. I hope this doesn't affect your ability to attend. Happy Australia Day to everyone.

Last year in my opinion was a great year for the Society with many new members joining, thank you and welcome. And we ran a few new events that helped to showcase our club to the public. Hopefully we can achieve this again. As this club belongs to the members and to keep the club being successful, we need to invite people to experience the club and hopefully join the ranks. If you have a friend that might be interested, please invite them to come along to a meeting. Thanks to Jeff Knowles there has been plenty of good information passed along at the meetings.

Just a reminder for meetings for the year, please arrive early, if possible, with a plate of something for afternoon tea and a gift for the raffle table, something someone else would appreciate. Also remember to bring as many flowering orchids as you can per section – Novice, Open and Species – to gain points for the end of the year competition. Lyn and Noel need the competition! Always remember you must have owned the plant for 6 months. If you're a novice please don't panic, there are members who can help you with your plants.

Please check the yearly calendar, we are going to have a hall clean day in February, any help will be appreciated. Please remember if you have any suggestions or concerns, please approach a member of the committee so at the next committee meeting, we can discuss and address any issues, ensuring the society is run harmoniously.

Thanks, Troy

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## **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 26 November 2024.**

Meeting opened: at 10.40am by President Troy McGill

President McGill welcomed all members who were able to attend the November Management Committee Meeting for 2024 at an earlier time. He thanked those who have put their hand up again to be a member of the committee. He thanked Leann for putting her hand up to be Treasurer.

**Present:** Troy McGill, Jan Allen, Leann O'Neill, Robert Rasmussen, Noel Grant, Samantha McGill, Joseph Walker, Lynette Johnson, Tony Kapcelovich.

**Apologies:** Janelle Stevens, Fiona Davison.

**Minutes:** Minutes have been published in the October Bulletin.

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

M: J. Allen

S: L. Johnson

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil

**Correspondence In:** Response -re welcome pack; Response – member; Query – new member; Christmas dinner payment – M Boyd; Floriculture – Townsville Show; Neutrog – Garden Club talks; Christmas Party addition; Name Change – Orchid & Plant Market poster; Species Show – Nambour; Calendar 2025 – President; C- mobile a/c x 2; Fernland – Prep your plants for success; Council – query, receipt of lease documents x 2; Minutes from NQI; Australian Orchid Council Inc – AGM and BOM; December plant sale query; Request re committee meeting time; Responses to committee meeting time – x 4; Request for TOS annual financials in Bulletin; Query – Plant Sale; Payment reminder – Ergon; C-mobile a/c – payment reminder; CBA Notifications x4; Whites Corner Store – requesting numbers; Balance Sheet and Income/Expenditure as requested; Microsoft 365 – activate; Request re plant purchase; Responses re plant sale x 8; Sunnyview invoice; Invitation – Bunnings Christmas Family Night; Microsoft 365 – activation; National e-deposit; Response re Orchid and Plant Market x 2 - email . Response re Orchid and Plant Market x 2 – phone; Microsoft Teams – invitation to join teams; Complete TAG solutions- invoice.

**Correspondence Out:** AGM and Christmas Dinner reminder; Welcome Packs x 3; Townsville Show Admin; Confirmation of booking; Membership and Christmas Party payments; Confirmation of Receipt of documents; Lease documents delivered to Council; Financial Reports for October; Updated Committee on database; Christmas Party Reminder; December Plant Sale reply; Whites Corner Store – numbers; Financials – Audited reports x3; Request Committee decision on plant purchase; Christmas Party payment update; Bank statements for financials; Air conditioning invoice – historical x 5; Decision regarding plant purchase – confirmation; Townsville Orchid Society Inc Bulletin; Information to growers – Plant sale.

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

M: J. Allen

S: R. Rasmussen

**Carried**

**Business arising:**

- On 17/11/24 a proposal to purchase \$500 worth of plants for the November Christmas Party raffle was put to the Committee via email. It was then proposed to increase that to \$1000 as the expense would be well compensated for by the income from the ticketed sales.

**Motion:** That the Society purchased \$1000 worth of plants for the Christmas Party luncheon.

M. R. Rasmussen

S. J. Allen

**Carried**

- Lease documents have been completed and returned to the Property Management section of the Townsville City Council.

**Treasurer:** Leann O'Neill

Treasurer Leann reported that our major expenses this month were Peter Dadic (Auditor) for \$2,145.00 and Glenn Reeves \$468.60 for electrical work. Major income came from the Hall rental and from Shop sales.

**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. O'Neill

S: N. Grant

**Carried**

**Vice President Reports:**

**Show & Hall:** Tony Kapcelovich

- Re -air conditioning costs. Tony has looked over the invoices from DCM. He has contacted them.

- Tony is going to work out the cost of running the air-conditioners. He will check with a friend who will analyse our electricity bills to work it out.
- Met with Ted (Church) and he is going to contact Tony if problems with the air conditioners occur. Tony downloaded the manual and coin box is working well. Tony will keep on top of it.
- Circuit breakers are tripping out every day or two. Glenn Reeves has been in to check it.
- Contact council. The ground outside is flooded and muddy. Possible leak in the corner.
- Council – two steel gates – poles have fallen over. Contact them to ask them to repair them.
- A rubber mat and concrete slab will be installed under the dishwasher after our final meeting.
- Dishwasher has been working.
- Needs a list of who does what. e.g. air-conditioners, plumbing, electricity etc. Wally should have a list.
- Mop room stinks. Suggest the door is kept open as there is no air circulation. Make up sign for door.
- Alginox Usage sheet – needs revision. Send to Jeff to revise. Some in the book that we sell – make sure we don't conflict with that.
- Graffiti has been repainted by the council. We have a tin of paint in the storeroom. Jeff informed us that he had contacted Council, and it was attended to quickly. Send thank you to the council.

#### **Hospitality – Sam McGill**

- Samantha bought flannel-backed tablecloths which we will be able to reuse.
- Booked Christmas Lunch for 24/11/25 with White's. Very happy with the service.

#### **Publicity – Joseph**

- Putting Plant market in What's On in the Townsville Bulletin. Joseph to put it in for two weeks.
- Details have been sent to all media outlets etc.
- Do a plug for donations for the kitchen for Plant Sale.
- Try to have a talk on the ABC.

#### **Building Report**

- Dishwasher – Tony and Troy will sort out the dishwasher once the Christmas Lunch is over.

#### **General Business:**

- **Lease** – Jan confirmed that the lease agreement was taken to Council Property Management Office and handed to Natalie Lacour.
- **Web Page** - has the problem been resolved? Currently, no-one else has mentioned having a problem. Look at whether we need to update our webpage.
- **Christmas Lunch** – some issues with people paying through the cash register. Some issues with people paying through the cash register. Need a back-up system - maybe keep a book with the people's name if they have paid for something (e.g. membership, field day etc) through the register. We have been writing on the receipt -preferably on the front.
- **Trophies and awards** – Trophies have been collected. Jan organize Bunning vouchers and certificates.
- **Running Raffle** –Mary and Malcolm have offered to help.
- **Cleaning the Hall** – revisit organizing cleaner.
- **Plant Sale / Market** – Troy and Jan to coordinate with each other. 13 sellers have been in contact. When will the Hall be available on Thursday to set up? Is the Karate group using the Hall? Troy to find out. Will send out an email to members requesting assistance on the floor, donations of food to sell and volunteers to help in the kitchen. Email to vendors re set up time for them. Pack up Saturday at 4 pm.

**New Members:** We welcome new members:

Kirsten Kybus & Tony Brinkley      Family

Novice

**Meeting Closed:** 11.50am

## **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 27<sup>nd</sup> November, 2024**

Meeting opened at 12.00pm by President Troy who welcomed all attendees. President Troy explained the procedures for the day.

**Present:** As per Christmas Luncheon registration. **Visitors:** Nil **Apologies:** Nil

**New Members:** President Troy mentioned new members Kirsten Kybus & Tony Brinkley who we hope to welcome at the January meeting.

Before the minutes were accepted, Secretary Jan informed members that, as recommended by one of our members, she had revised the wording about the addition to our Constitution to include the moving and acceptance of the motion, and number of votes for and against the motion. Jan read the new wording to the General meeting, as stated below.

### **Special Resolution:**

Jan Allen reminded members that details of the changes/additions to be made to the Townsville Orchid Society Inc Constitution were published in the October Bulletin and were also sent to each member, via email. Members were informed at the last General Meeting that we would make changes to our Constitution through a special resolution at the October General Meeting.

#### **GROUNDWORK FOR CHANGES/ADDITIONS.**

To comply with new requirements by the Office of Fair Trading for incorporated associations as of 1st July 2024. Model rules for the grievance procedure, as recommended by the Office of Fair Trading, will be adopted and added to our current Constitution.

President Troy McGill put the amendments to a vote.

**MOTION:** That changes to the Constitution, as published in the October Bulletin, be accepted.

Moved: T. Mc Gill                      Seconded: J. Knowles

Scrutineers counted the vote, being 44 for and 0 against.

**Motion carried.**

The General Meeting was then suspended and recommenced after the AGM.

#### **Minutes: Jan Allen**

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: L. Johnson

**Carried**

Business out of Minutes: Nil

#### **Correspondence: Jan Allen**

Business from the correspondence -

- The Committee agreed to spending \$1000 on plants for the Christmas Party luncheon raffle.
- Lease documents have been completed and returned to the Property Management section of the Townsville City Council.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Leann O'Neill**

Treasurer Leann gave a breakdown of our financial situation reporting that our major expenses this month were for 1) our Auditors report - \$2,145.00 and 2) electrical work - Glenn Reeves \$468.60. Major income came from the Hall rental and from Shop sales.

A detailed copy of the financial report is available for perusal.

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

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: L. McCulloch

**Carried**

#### **General Business:**

- A reminder was given regarding the Sales Day 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December. There are currently 13 vendors. Some assistance will be required. Jan will send out an email outlining what is required.

**Presentations of Trophies** Troy invited Club Patron Warren Sewell to the floor for the presentation of trophies and certificates.

#### **Ivy Knott Memorial Trophy**

Peter & Joanne Serra

Champion *Dendrobium discolor* at Spring Show.

### **Points Competition Winners**

Novice Section

Fiona Davison & Kayla Roberts

(To be presented later)

Open Section

Lynette & Graham Johnson

Species Sections

Noel & Maureen Grant

Combined

Lynette & Graham Johnson

### **Judges Choice Winners**

Novice Section

Fiona Davison & Kayla Roberts

(To be presented later)

Leann, Barry & Merle O'Neill

Mila Dolan

Open Section

Greg & Santina Kelly

Species Section

Jeff & Alison Knowles

### **Ted Boon Trophy**

Greg & Santina Kelly

Most points gained in Judges Choice Competitions

Meeting closed at 12.30pm

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T McGill - President

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Jan Allen – Secretary

## **Townsville Orchid Society - Calendar 2025**

### **January**

25<sup>th</sup> Jan Committee Meeting 1pm

26<sup>th</sup> Jan General Meeting 1 pm

### **February**

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Hall Spring Clean 10am

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Committee Meeting 1pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb General Meeting 1pm

### **March**

22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Committee Meeting 1pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar General Meeting 1pm

26<sup>th</sup> Mar Box Day 10am

### **April**

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr Autumn Show Set Up 10am

4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup>,6<sup>th</sup> Autumn Show 9 – 4pm

13<sup>th</sup> Apr Ingham Field Day

26<sup>th</sup> Apr Committee Meeting 1pm

27<sup>th</sup> Apr General Meeting 1pm

### **May**

24<sup>th</sup> May Committee Meeting 1pm

25<sup>th</sup> May General Meeting 1pm

### **June**

28<sup>th</sup> Jun Committee Meeting 1pm

29<sup>th</sup> Jun General Meeting 1pm

### **July**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jul Box Day 10am

10<sup>th</sup> Winter Show Set up 10am

11<sup>th</sup>,12<sup>th</sup>,13<sup>th</sup> Winter Show 9 – 4pm

26<sup>th</sup> Jul Committee Meeting 1pm

27<sup>th</sup> Jul General Meeting 1pm

### **August**

23<sup>rd</sup> Aug Committee Meeting 1pm

24<sup>th</sup> Aug General Meeting 1pm

### **September**

10<sup>th</sup> Sep Box Day 10am

18<sup>th</sup> Sep Spring Show Set Up 10am

19<sup>th</sup>,20<sup>th</sup>,21<sup>st</sup> TOS Spring Show

27<sup>th</sup> Sep Committee Meeting 1pm

28<sup>th</sup> Sep General Meeting 1pm

### **October**

18<sup>th</sup> Oct Field Day set up

19<sup>th</sup> Oct Field Day

25<sup>th</sup> Oct Committee Meeting 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> Oct TOS Annual General Meeting

### **November**

22<sup>nd</sup> Set Up Christmas Lunch 10am

22<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting 1:30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Lunch

### **December**

5<sup>th</sup>,6<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale 9 -2pm?