

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### February 2025 Bulletin

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Charles Street, KIRWAN

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 22<sup>nd</sup> February.  
The February General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

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 February 2025:

Novice/Species

Reg, Tracey

Open

Peter, Alison, Lisa

## Presidents Report February 2025

You wouldn't believe it - just like this time last year, it's been pouring with rain. But we have been lucky, especially compared to our friends up in Ingham. Their hall went under water, I'm guessing a lot of their bush houses would have flooded as well. Our thoughts go to our friends at the Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plants Society. I hope they will be in a position to run a field day this year, and hopefully they will be back on their feet soon enough. Maybe we could support them if and when they have their show this year. Our thoughts also go to other orchid growers in the area.

We cancelled our hall clean due to the weather conditions, though some of us still decided we could make it. The majority of the hall got a good clean and inspection for damage. The ladies in the kitchen did a marvellous job, thank you. The hall has been treated for cockroaches, spiders and inspected for termites, and the fire safety checks including the lights and extinguishers have been completed.

Again this year, we will be looking for our more seasoned growers to give presentations at our meetings. Thanks to our own judging registrar Reg, who has volunteered to give the first presentation of the year, on orchid nomenclature, this month. So, bring a notebook and pen, as we may all learn something together, including how to fill out our plant tags correctly. Hopefully a few of the other judges may offer to share their knowledge as well this year. Thanks Reg.

With all this rain affecting our orchids, I hope everyone has pulled out their leaflet from October 2024 by Jeff Knowles, called Wot Rot. Remember with this heavy rain, it might be advisable to move your orchids into cover or put a cover over your greenhouse, a tarp or something similar to prevent rot, but it's important to try and allow air flow. Jeff listed Searles Root Rot, Agri-fos 600 and Yates Anti-Rot. Importantly, follow the directions. So what's on in February? Our General Meeting is on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm, try and remember to bring a plate of food and a small prize for the raffle table, maybe even bring along a friend.

Thanks, Troy

## **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Meeting opened: at 1.20pm by President Troy McGill

President McGill welcomed all members who were able attend the January Management Committee.

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

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

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

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

M: J. Allen

S: Tony Kapcelovich

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil

**Correspondence In:** November financials; Request for sponsorship of International Conference and Show; TCC Change of Property Management Contact; Bank transfer advice; Ergon Energy; Registration returns lodgment details; December market correspondence; Netbank details – Ergon payment; December market response; Netbank transfers x 4; Page to sign – Lisa; DMC Payment receipt; DMC backdated invoice; Netbank detail – payment; Query about seed pod; Submission lodgment receipt; Brett Moloney nursery flasks; Meta business – facebook scam; Sunnyview Orchids receipt; Submission lodgment payment receipt; Netbank payment – refund OFT; Response to enquiry – Jeff Knowles; Correspondence re Plant Market setup x 2; C-mobile account; Volunteer grants – Phillip Thompson; AOC Inc. minutes, updated form etc; New DMC Invoice with discount; SEO Opportunities; DMC invoice; Flick Pest Proposal; Assoc. Apps – completion of annual return; Netbank payment receipts x 4; Netbank payment receipt Cmobile; Application for membership – Saltzer; **ACTION:** Lease Amanda McInnes; Flick revised proposal – no rodent protection; Plumber to your door quotation; Invoice Plumber to your door; Payment receipt -DMC; AOC – Agenda from BOM; Ergon invoice; Response from Committee regarding Pest Management quotes x 4; RHSV email hacked – ALERT; Tokyo Nursery Flask list for Feb; Condolences re Steve Whiting; Graham Burgess - coffee with Troy; Hall hire enquiry; Orchids to purchase; Booking dates for Church - Rev Ted; Bowen Orchid Society – Spring Show date; Netbank Notification – Ergon payment; Rentokil – proposal for extra sanitary unit; Request for Show flyer; Plant query; Grants update round 9; Ergon energy invoice; Peter Daidic – change of arrangements; Apology – Committee meeting; Invoice from Glenn Reeves.

**Correspondence Out:** Bulletins to those who have requested them; Welcome Pack – new member; Confirmation of table at Plant Market; Dept of Justice re returns; Request to answer plant query; Pre-Christmas orchid and Plant Market info for vendors; New password for Google account; Response to Council re Lease; Postal address for Council re Lease; Pest Control quotes – choice; Response to query re purchase of orchids x 2; Vale Steve Whiting; Information – Steve Whiting's funeral; Autumn Show poster to QOS; Management and General minutes; Poster for Autumn Show – publicity officer; TOS Bulletin; Committee meeting reminder; AOC Affiliated Society update.

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

M: J. Allen

S: J. Walker

**Carried**

**Treasurer:** Leann O'Neill

Treasurer Leann reported that our major expenses this month were for air-conditioning work done through DMC.

**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: R. Rasmussen

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Treasurer Leann reported that the term deposit agreement expired on the 31 December 2024. Until such time as we make a decision as a committee to reinvest, we will continue to receive \$2.44 per week interest. The committee agreed that the investment should be rolled over until otherwise advised.

**Vice President Reports:**

**Hall:** (currently being covered by Tony and Troy)

**Tony reported that:**

- Lots of issues have needed to be dealt with since we last used the Hall in November. Air conditioning, plumbing, electricity, pest control and other issues.
- Pest control booked for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.00am. Jan to open up for them to spray.
- Clean- up will be done the weekend before that – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Do it in teams. Made a list of the jobs to be done and get groups to do it quicker. Tony and Troy organising that. and we will need to move the things back into the back room out of the Hall. Ask for help on Tuesday morning 4<sup>th</sup> February to move things back.
- Need to contact the Council regarding the gates between the buildings. Jan to do this.

- Tony has requested a quote to change lighting to LED.
- A request has been made for repairs to the hall from a handyman. Water damage. Need to repair the hinges on the folding door.
- Quote from plumber
- A cleaning contractor has been contacted. She has agreed to once a month (after each meeting).
- The kitchen dishwasher has been serviced – finished – apparently in excellent condition.
- Exterior lights are possibly causing the circuit breaker to break down.
- Weather strips to be added to the outside doors.
- Cleaners room notice required – DO NOT CLOSE THIS DOOR.

#### Air conditioners.

- An error code for the air conditioner is on a box in the ceiling. Because we have had so many issues Tony, who was an air conditioning technician, had a meeting with the air conditioning people. Controls have been moved to the office making it easier to access the fault number.
- Air conditioners are staying on. It seems that when they were installed, no relay was put in each of the units. Relays now put in. Dodgy gas valve. Should be at the end of the major problems.
- People who installed them have gone out of business.
- Need a good quality brand of coin machines. At the moment DMC are working to find an Australian made one.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January – fire alarm service.
- Invoices to be sent to Tony to check before paying.

#### **Show:** Tony Kapcelovich

- Rosters for the April Show to be distributed tomorrow.
- Field Day for Ingham in April, - 13<sup>th</sup>. Bus needs to be booked.
- Laminate show plan.
- Show ribbons need to be ordered. Send an email to ribbon people to send swatch of colours.
- Spring Show changed to September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Trying to avoid clashing with Rockhampton Show.

#### **Hospitality** – Sam McGill

- Possibly make a Townsville Orchid Society cookbook. Members submit their recipes (if not too secret). Public love the treats available at the Show. Suggestion Show Specials.

#### **General Business:**

**Plant Sale / Market** – A great success. Vendors were very happy with the outcome. Suggest that we could increase the price of tables. Alice has asked if we can do it again. Maybe a week later.

**Ingham Field Day** – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025. Usually hire a bus. Numbers have reduced over the last few years. Need to get a quote for the bus. Should we just set a price for the bus and subsidise the remaining cost?

**Motion:** The cost of the bus to Ingham will be \$20 per person.

**M:** J. Walker

**S:** T. McGill

**Carried**

**AOF** - request for financial assistance to develop an orchid gami of the Cooktown Orchid (*Dendrobium bigibbum*) for the Chelsea Festival. Jeff Knowles brought along an example and explained that people make their own flower. Do we want to give a donation to the AOF to help them produce this orchid gami? Once the Chelsea Show is over, we would be able to use it at our own shows.

**Motion:** Townsville Orchid Society Inc agrees to donate \$100 to the AOF, towards the production of an Orchid-gami .

**M:** J. Walker

**S:** L. O'Neill

**Carried**

**Presentations:** Need more people to volunteer to do a presentation. Troy will be approaching people to do them.

**Calendar:** to be posted in the Bulletin.

**TQOC** - Outcome of Cairns meeting currently unknown. Neither Troy nor Charles were able to get there. Troy to find out.

**Certificate of Appreciation** -Need to send a 'Certificate of Appreciation' to Bake Away for their donations of cakes and bread to our Shows.

**By-laws** The bylaws which are applied to the allocation of points at the Sunday meeting were discussed and clarified. It was established that point scoring was being conducted in line with the by-law. Suggestions that we should have a popular vote was rejected as this proved unsuccessful when previously attempted.

Troy has done up a list of Novice growers.

Shell Club to use the Hall 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July.

When we agreed to sponsor the orchid section of the Townsville Show, there had been some misunderstanding in the communication. They would like us to sponsor the Champion and Reserve Champion, not the different Classes.

**Motion:** The Townville Orchid Society Inc agrees to donate \$250 towards the Orchid section of the Townsville Show, being for the Champion and Reserve Champion orchid.

M. J. Allen

S. R. Rasmussen

**Carried**

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

Elvira & Philip Dixon	Family	Novice
Subin Wang & John Apps	Family	Novice
Louie & Teri Poloni	Family	Novice
Wayne & Lyn Saltzer	Family	Open

**Meeting Closed:** 3.20pm

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Troy McGill – President

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Jan Allen – Secretary

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## **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 26 January 2025**

Meeting opened at 1.03pm by President Troy who welcomed all attendees.

**Present:** 49 as per registration book

**Visitors:** Sam Clarke, Leonie Ludvigsen, Kren Briggs, David Jackson, Kerry Mollenhagen, Rita Tanben

**Apologies:** L. Ryan, H. Steel, L. Mutch, C. Sewell, L. Craill, S. Wang, J. Thomson.

President McGill welcomed visitors and asked if any of the new members were present.

Wayne and Lyn Saltzer - Open Section

Subin Wang and John Apps - Novice

Louie and Teri Polini - Novice

Elvira and Philip Dixon – Novice

Presentations of welcome packs will be given to those absent, at a later date.

Are there any other new members from last year that have not received their welcome pack?

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting have been published in the November Bulletin.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded K. Turner

**Carried**

**Business out of Minutes:** Contacted by Council regarding the Lease. New person in charge of property.

Waiting for its finalisation.

**Correspondence:** All correspondence was tabled at the Committee meeting. It was mostly correspondence between members of the Committee, communication with vendors wishing to partake in the Plant Market as well as quotes and invoices for work around the Hall.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: T. Ruxton

**Carried**

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

Treasurer Leann presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month. She noted that the income was derived mainly from the Christmas Party and Hire of the Hall. The outward expenses were mainly on maintenance.

Our term deposit of \$25 000 earned \$470.03 over the 6 months. Our Committee has agreed to roll over that money into a new term deposit.

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

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: R. Rasmussen

**Carried**

### **Vice President Reports:**

**Show:** Tony Kapcelovich

- Rosters for the Autumn Show are being passed around. Please consider helping.

- There are posters advertising the Show at the front of the Hall if anyone wants to take some to put around the town.

**Hall:** Tony Kapcelovich and Troy McGill

There has been lots of action with regards to maintenance of the Hall.

- Pest inspection organised – to be done on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We need volunteers to move everything into the middle of the Hall in preparation – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.00am. have anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the clean up.
- Plumbing – received a quote for flexible hoses to be changed
- Lights – asked for a quote to change the lights for the Hall and back room.
- Building quote – replace rotten timber, broken louvres and add weather strips to the outside doors.
- Kitchen dishwasher slab has been redone and the dishwasher serviced.
- We continue to have issues with the coin dispenser for the air-conditioning in the main hall. Requested air-conditioning company to source a better-quality coin dispenser (Australian made)
- Issues with air-conditioners not turning off. When installed, a component was left out.
- Issues with the toilet blocking up. Needed a plumber.

Tony and a friend looked at our electricity bill and determined that the income we received from the coin machine satisfactorily covers the cost of electricity and maintenance required on the air-conditioning.

**Hospitality:** Samantha McGill

- Kitchen roster and food donations form will be coming around.

### General Business:

**Hall Clean** – This year we are going to have a Hall clean prior to the hall being sprayed for pests, so Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of February at 9am, can you please bring some cleaning items, a bucket, cloth etc. Sprayed on Monday and Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> we will reorganise the hall at 9 am put items back.

**Calendar** – Clash with Rockhampton so we will be moving the Spring Shows dates to ensure sellers like Alice can attend. Changed to 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Autumn Show** – April is approaching already and again we will ask for volunteers and donations for the kitchen.

**Herbert River Field Day (Ingham)** – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – week after the Show. The club will heavily subsidise the cost of the bus, with a decision made that we will only charge \$20 per person. Please be aware the cost of the lunch will come from the Herbert River Orchid and Plant Association. It was \$12 last year, and we're assuming that this will remain the same but we will have to wait and see. Consider coming along as it is a great day.

**Web Page** – is currently being serviced and will be back online shortly. Some problems are being experienced accessing the Bulletins.

**Bulletin** – We are chasing copies of the Bulletin for January 1985, 1984 and 1983, if you have any older paper copies they would also be appreciated. This also includes any minutes from 1955 onwards to 1985.

### Judges Choice - Reg Dix

**Open Hybrid Section:** V. Alice's Anie G & S Kelly 78 points

**Novice Section:** no exhibits

**Species Section:** *Dendrobium lasianthera* 'Sophis' L & G Johnson 74points.

**Technical Report:** Jeff Knowles

Jeff spoke on how to prepare our plants for the upcoming Show. A leaflet called 'Showtime' was distributed with valuable information on it.

Firstly, he emphasised the need to have clean leaves when exhibiting plants. Clean leaves, but do not use White Oil or artificially shine them as they would be disqualified.

Secondly, TOS requires name tags on exhibited plants– green, so that it doesn't distract from the plant and it stops stewards and members of the public digging into the plant to find the label. Also helps that if they like that plant, members of the public can take a photo of the label and make enquiries about it. Much better if printed on the computer, otherwise, clear neat printing would be appreciated. Number on the back of the label – for scribing.

Thirdly, Jeff discussed the importance of presentation of the plant. You want your plant to look at the judges, look them in the eye and the say 'Judge me.' To get them to face the way you want to, you need to stake them early so that they stand upright and look straight out. It's too late to try to stake it up on the day of the show. Take care using clips that they are not too tight on the plant. Some people use small pieces of wire instead. Make sure, once staked, you put the flower facing the same direction if you move it. Some run wire all around

the plant, bringing the pseudobulbs up and the flowers sitting upright. Question from the floor: Is it legal? Jeff recommended that you read the Show Rules on the Show Schedule – there are different rules for different Clubs. Know the local rules to know what is allowed or not allowed. *(For our Shows, this can be done by checking the Show Schedule on our website.)*

**Presentation:** Troy McGill ‘Orchid Society 2025’

Troy went through information about the Society, reintroducing Committee members and members who hold other key positions. He went through Show dates then explained the process which we follow at the Sunday meeting.

He explained the rules (by-laws) that relate to exhibiting plants at meetings and specific rules (by-laws) for exhibiting plants at the Shows. These can be found on our website. He also went through the rules regarding selling plants at our Shows.

Meeting closed 3.05pm.

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– President Jan Allen – Secretary Troy McGill

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**PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025**

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

Section			TOS No.
<b>OPEN</b>	1st	Bc Hippodamia ‘Hanabu’	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	2nd	Rlc Hsinying Aloha ‘C.H. Super’	W&C Sewell
75mm to 109 mm	3rd	Bc Little Mermaid	B Fighera
CATTLEYA	1st	C Mem Robert Strait x C Angel Flair	G&S Kelly
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	Gct Remar’s Red Mint	G&S Kelly
	3rd	C Rosella’s Royal Flair	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	1st	Ctt Orlades Early Harvest ‘Magic’	L&G Johnson
Cluster	2nd	Bc Maikai	K. Owens
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Dark Dame x <i>gouldii</i> x Dandy	K. Owens
Spatulata	2nd	Dame x Samurai	K. Owens
	3rd	Den Gloucester Sands	L&G Johnson
		Den Magenta’s Chocolate Curls	
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Excelsa	B Fighera
Phalaenathe	2nd	Den Caesar Red ‘Captain Junior’	McCulloch&Weaver
	3rd	Den Dark Desire	McCulloch&Weaver
VANDA	1st	V Fuchs Spotted Cat	G&S Kelly
40mm to 65mm	2nd	V Roslyn’s Best ‘Brighton’	N&M Grant
	3rd	V Fuchs Delight ‘Black’	D Blanchard
VANDA	1st	V Alices Anie	G&S Kelly
Under 40mm	2nd	V Alices Anie	N&M Grant
	3rd	Van Pine Rivers ‘Chao Praya Fuchsia’	N&M Grant
VANDA	1st	Van Blue Star ‘Royal Blue’	N&M Grant
Any Other Hybrid			
ONCIDIUM	1st	Milt Shelob ‘Okika’	McCulloch&Weaver
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Mltss Charles M Finch	McCulloch&Weaver
	3rd	Milt Shelob ‘Tolten’	L&G Johnson
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph Miss Faith Hanbury	L&G Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph Armeni White	L&G Johnson
SPATHOGLOTTIS	1st	Spath Mellow	L&G Johnson
	2nd	Spath Hybrid Loretta	L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER ORCHID	1st	Habenaria Galah	J&B Richardson
Under 75mm	2nd	Ctsm Susan Fuchs Burgundy Chips x	D Blanchard
		Karen Armstrong	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Psychopsis Mendenhall ‘Hildos’	J&B Richardson

<b><u>NOVICE</u></b>		NO ENTRIES THIS MONTH	
<b><u>SPECIES</u></b> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd	<i>Den bigibbum var superbum</i> <i>Geodorum densiflorum</i>	McCulloch&Weaver L&G Johnson
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd	<i>Encyclia ceratistes</i> <i>Epi ciliare</i>	N&M Grant McCulloch&Weaver
DENDROBIUM	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Den lasianthera</i> 'Sophis' <i>Den lancifolium</i>	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson
VANDA	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3rd	<i>V. vietnamica</i> <i>V. curvifolia</i> <i>V. falcata</i> 'Magenta Princess x Maleficent'	N&M Grant D Blanchard N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Phal pulcherrima var champornense</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima var champornense</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima var champornense</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd	<i>Bulb grandiflorum</i> 'Green' <i>Bulb dearei</i>	McCulloch&Weaver A&J Knowles

## Points Tables after January 2025

Number	Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
221	Blanchard D	7		3	10
190	Fighera B	8			8
213	Grant N&M	17		21	38
240	Johnson L&G	25		10	35
116	Kelly G&S	23			23
193	Knowles A&J			3	3
322	McCulloch/Weaver	13		7	20
63	Owens K	14			14
131	Richardson J&B	8			8
233	Serra P&J			4	4
172	Sewell C&W	3			3
220	Watt G	2			2





**Judges Choice January 2025**

**Open Section:**

Vandachostylis. Alices Anie

Owner: G&S Kelly

78 points



**Judges Choice January 2025**

**Species Section:**

*Dendrobium lasianthera*  
"Sophis"

Owner: L&G Johnson