



TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

March 2025 Bulletin

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Annual Membership Fees are due **1st 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 22nd March.
The March General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 23rd March.**

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 March 2025:

Novice/Species

Peter, Lisa

Open

Alison, Marie, Tracey

Presidents Report March 2025

Hello everyone, first I must thank the members who turned up to wish Helen Shelly a farewell. Our condolences were expressed to her family, her passing was unexpected.

Well, it's that time of the year, for the Autumn Show. We will be looking for assistance as usual, starting with the Box Day (where we modify boxes for use at the Show) on Wednesday 26 March, Tony will confirm the timings at the March meeting. With the set up for the Show on the 3rd of April and the Show over the 4th, 5th and 6th, all help will be appreciated.

After the Autumn Show, we will try to slip in an "Ask the Experts Day", which we may hold at the hall and open to the public - again trying to expose the public to our Society and gain new members. If you have any family or friends who are interested in growing orchids and plants, please invite them along.

Hopefully, you will notice the new upgraded lights in the toilets, hallway and kitchen. Our intentions are to add new lights to the whole building. We have had a company come and look at upgrading the sound system in the hall as well, hopefully making it easier for the members to hear presentations. We are also looking at options on cleaning or upgrading the floor and possibly repainting the hall on the inside. The insurance company has sent out inspectors to look at the rain damage in the ceiling as well. We are trying to stay on top of maintenance of the hall.

I must thank Reg Dix for his presentation, "What is in a Name". and Jeff on his tech talk on Show Time, both very important to us especially with our first show fast approaching. I hope the heavy rain isn't adversely affecting anybody's orchids. Just remember Jeff's advice with Mancozeb.

Again, a reminder that the Herbert River Orchids and Allied Plants field day has been cancelled. Let's hope our friends in Ingham and surrounding areas are doing well and everything gets back to normal as soon as possible. This also applies to fellow growers in South East Queensland. I have been following Jen and Kurt at "Red Fox Nursery" at Caboolture, they seem to have got lucky and received no major damage from Alfred. Both Alice at "Alices Orchids" and Peter at "Sunny View Orchids" here in Townsville both look they haven't had any major issues either.

Well, I hope to see you all at the March meeting on Sunday the 23rd: I will wear gum boots if necessary. Please remember if possible, bring a plate of food to share and a prize for the raffle table.

Thanks, Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 22nd February 2025.

Meeting opened: at 1.20pm by President Troy McGill

Present: Troy McGill, Jan Allen, Leann O'Neill, Tony Kapcelovich, Samantha McGill, Joseph Walker, Lynette Johnson, Janelle Stevens, Noel Grant,

Apologies: Robert Rasmussen.

Minutes: Minutes have been published in the February Bulletin.

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

M: J. Allen

S: T. Kapcelovich

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence In: Financials; Australian Orchid Council; TQOC calendar; Commbank -Eftpos terminal; Help with Orchids; Change of email address; Comment- posters for Autumn Show; Query – free plant; AOF and Chelsea Flower Show; Expo 2025 – Sunshine Coast; Flaming North – invoice; Fernland order; TS8 Yard and Home Maintenance -quote; Feb AOS corner; DMC Electrical – quote for coin box; Flaming North quote; Flaming North statement; C-mobile account; Subscription – Canva; Sponsorship for Floriculture at Townsville Show; Confirmation of work done- Tony; Approval for work to be done; Request Show dates – AOC; Flaming North – invoice; Plumber to the door; JJM Pest Management safety information; Insurance Claim; AOS shipment advice; DMC query; JJM & Environ Pest Management – invoice; June meeting query; Canva receipt; Flaming North waiting for approval; Receipt JJM & Environ Pest Management; Rockhampton Show Flyer; Orchid Society Show Info - Bulletin Advertisement and invites to Mayor, Councillors and Members of Parliament; Fencing around quote; ; Post Office invoice; Fernland invoice; Rates notice; New Quote Approved -Flaming North; Glenn Reeves quote additional lights; Ergon; Flaming North invoice; National e-deposit; Invoice – Plumber to the Door; Spanish Eyes – query; Kinetic – Bill for 20/10/24 Financials; Finalised Council Lease – mail box; Apology – Robert Rasmussen.

Correspondence Out: Welcome Packs x 4; Poster for TQOC; Advice to AOF re donation; DMC Invoices to review; Fernland message; Clean-up postponed; New poster for TQOC; Called Insurance Company; Clean up advice

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

M: J. Allen

S: L. Johnson

Carried

Treasurer: Leann O'Neill

Treasurer Leann reported that our major income came from the donation of \$20,319.18 from another orchid club which has since folded. Our next major income source was for Hall Rental. Major expense this month was Ergon Electricity for \$553.37 and \$505 for Pest Control.

Funds available to TOS as at 21/02/25: 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: J. Allen

Carried

Business arising: Treasurer Leann reported that it has been difficult to get two of the signatories together – at the bank – to roll over the term deposit. Cannot happen automatically. We have to have two of us turn up in person and sign the agreement.

President McGill explained that we received over \$20,000 from the Townsville District Orchid and Allied Plants Association who have folded due to decreasing membership. Some of their members have remained members of our Society.

Vice President Reports:

Publicity Report – Joseph Walker

- Thursdays paper. Community news. Joseph has been putting it in on a Monday and it is printed on a Thursday.
- Sent invitations to TCC Councillors.
- Live FM – promote from their website.
- ABC – rung but haven't had a chance to talk to them.
- 4TTT – organising for them to come out for the Show.

Hospitality: Sam McGill

- Remind people we require donations of food etc.

- Reminded that Sam would like to start a Cookbook.

Hall: (currently being covered by Tony Kapcelovich and Troy McGill)

Tony reported that:

- We have received the Invoice from Glenn Reeves for lighting in storeroom, kitchen and office.
- Rentokil done – ready to pay.
- Plumber to the door done.
- Council to clean pit.
- Tree to be lopped – Council took photos
- Gate logged with Council. – still dragging on the ground.
- Coin machine installed – need a sign “\$2 only – and 5 coins for 1 hour”.
- Kids walking on our roof and jamming our downpipes. Quote for new fencing and barbed wire. Committee agrees;
- Tony: Propose that we accept the quote for the fencing and barbed wire. Ask to ring Tony to organise time.
- Tony to talk to a man about cleaning up the floor and polishing it – to see if it is viable.
- Phoned Kirwan police to look to check that people are not on the roof.
- Every year in October we should get someone to check the roof – before wet season.
- Tables – too many and taking up space. 147 tables. We only use about 50 at the most. Consider selling off 50 of them.
- Consider putting the trophy cupboard into the main Hall and move the fire hydrant around the corner.
- Orchid conference cabinet. Does anyone value it? Should we relocate it into the back room?
- Insurance – water coming out of the gutter. Pipe in the ground is blocked.
- Holes in the roof from the work that was done since
- Assessor – ridge capping – not done properly. Kitchen ceiling out and replaced and painting. Need proper ridge capping.
- Ceiling needs repainting. Doors not covered. Quote to replace the doors.
- Bottle has been rammed into the downpipe. Kids are climbing up the air conditioning fences and the tree.
- Waiting for the Insurance company to process our claim.
- Audiovisual people to look at our system.

Show: Tony Kapcelovich

- Rosters for the April Show to be distributed tomorrow.
- Show ribbons need to be ordered.
- Spring Show changing from September 19th – 21st to the week prior – September 12th -14th Trying to avoid clashing with Rockhampton Show.

General Business:

- **TQOC** – Waiting for emails to see what is going on. Troy has sent an email to ask what is happening – waiting on Dennis.
- **Presentations:** Need more people to help with presentations. So far, we have presentations in place until April. **Feb** – Reg; **March** – Tony; **Apr**- Noel
- **Hall Clean** – Thank you to the crazies who attended the hall clean regardless of the cyclone. Hall, tables and kitchen got a good clean.
- **Field Day** - the Field Day in Ingham has been cancelled. A lot of greenhouses etc have gone under water. Their Show is also still up in the air
- **Shows** - Are we happy with the show format and the categories we are asking the judges to score? Schedule needs to be prepared. We need to order the ribbons for this year's 3 Shows.

Carried

Treasurer Leann presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month. She reported that our major income came from the donation of \$20,319.18 from another orchid club which has

since folded. Our next major income source was for Hall Rental. Major expenses this month were for Ergon Electricity (\$553.37) and \$505 for Pest Control.

We will be rolling over our Term deposit as soon as two of us can get together to physically get to the bank.

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

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: R. Scott

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show: Tony Kapcelovich

- Rosters for the Autumn Show are on the front table. Please consider putting your name down to help.
- 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

Once again, there has been lots of action with regards to maintenance of the Hall.

- Flexible hoses have been replaced
- Fire Protection to replace the exit signs. Only 4 fire exit signs in the building.
- Insurance: Barbed wire fencing around the top of the cage to prevent juveniles from climbing onto our roof. Requested police to keep an eye out for people on the roof.
- Townsville City Council to fix the gates at the side of the building. No longer upright and hard to close.
- Tables - counted 147 tables. More than we need. Thought is to keep 100 and sell the rest.

Hospitality: Samantha McGill

- Kitchen roster and food donations form is at the front table.

Publicity: Joseph Walker

- Information has been sent out to the news media.
- We will be putting in an advertisement to the Townsville Bulletin – quarter page on Monday and eighth page on Saturday.
- Community notice in Townsville Bulletin has commenced – in Thursday's edition.
- Facebook page – advertising on there so please share with friends.

General Business:

Herbert River Field Day (Ingham) – due to the floods, the Field Day has been cancelled. Many of the growers have had water damage on their properties and are unable to accommodate visitors. If anyone has paid for the bus, they will be refunded.

Receipt of money from the Townsville District Orchid and Allied Plants Association We have been the recipients of over \$20,000 from the Orchid and Allied Plant Association which is a plant club that has closed down. We have received a pile of books – we have put some in the library and others are on the tables for people to take. We need to make a decision about what to spend it on. Lighting is one of the options as well as getting the Hall repainted and the stereo system upgraded. Some of their members have remained members of our Society.

Judges Choice - Reg Dix

Open Hybrid Section: Rth Dal's Elite G & S Kelly 72 points

Novice Section: no exhibits

Species Section: *Bulb roxburghii* L & G Johnson 76 points

Not many flowering plants on display due to the rain.

Discussion was had about one plant - *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *superbum* 'alba'. It was noted that this particular plant, although called 'alba' was not white but purple. Was it misnamed? Possibly, but it was explained that alba is not normally a dominant gene so when crossed, only 20% of them will come out white.

Technical Report: Jeff Knowles

Last month we were given a free plant called Spanish Eyes. Jeff has made extensive enquiries to find out if it was a seedling or a mericlone.

When all our plants are flowering in about 5 years' time, if they are seedlings, they could be a variety of colours. If it is a mericlone, all the plants should look the same. Jeff has established that it is a mericlone and it's registered with RHS under the name of Rlc Spanish Eyes 'Yellow'.

Other information:

- Osmocote bag of 'Orchid Mix' holds moisture for a long time – will turn into mud when watered. Good for orchids that grow in the ground. They have a photo of a Phalaenopsis on the bag which is deceptive as Phallies do not grow in soil.

- A booklet that we got from the other Orchid Club. Good point made in the book about how good growers grow their plants. Can borrow from our library.
- Suggested: Have a plan – for the year – preventative or maintenance plan. Can modify eg if we have too much rain. Sometime have to put it on hold for a while.
- Advice about watering: Is fertilising necessary? Plants are best watered at the start of the day. Lots of different opinions – what works for you. But don't change for the sake of it. Try new things slowly.
- Troy brought in the actual Dove orchid *Peristeria elata*. Look into the flower and you will see a little dove inside the flower. Progressive flower. Grows in soil. Originates from Central America.
- Trace elements are things like iron, can purchase containers of 'trace elements' from Bunnings. e.g. Iron chelates, magnesium sulphate. Copper etc.
- Most fertilisers we buy today have trace elements in them. Not a lot of people use them separately
- Organics – give a boost – eg. Seasol, Powerfeed, one from the shop.

Presentation: What's in a name? - Reg Dix

- Nomenclature – accepted rules set out by Royal Botanic Gardens (Kew) RHS
- Staking of plants – bound by judging standards of the AOC.
- Make staking as unobtrusive as possible.
- Safety reasons – bend over wire stakes to prevent injury.
- Showed how to write the name tags. Can write abbreviation of the genus e.g. Rlc. or Den.
- Snow mould can develop in bark products. Make sure you treat the bark before use it with your plants. Soaks his bark in 60ml Alginox. Soaks for 48 hours.
- Reg uses clear pots to be able to detect problems in his pots.

Meeting closed 3.05pm.

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen – Secretary

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN	1st	Rlc Chief Journey 'First Class'	322
CATTLEYA	2nd	<i>L. anceps</i> x Lc Lustre	322
110mm and over	3rd	Blc Cecile Simmons	322
CATTLEYA	1st	Rth Dal's Elite	116
75mm to 109 mm	2nd	C. Brabantiae '#1'	116
	3rd	Bc Theresa Ricci	116
CATTLEYA	1st	Pcv Golden Peacock	213
Any other Hybrid	2nd	Lc Susan Holcombe 'Red and Yellow'	322
	3rd	Rlc Dal's Strike	322
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den. Alices Salvino	63
Any other Hybrid	2nd	Den Little Green Apples	240
	3rd	Den Aridang Green	240
VANDA	1st	V. Rothschildiana 'Pink'	213
Over 65 mm	2nd	V. Kultana Principal	221
	3rd	V. Kapiolea 'Blue Moon'	213
VANDA	1st	V. Chao Praya Emerald x Van. Gold	213
Any Other Hybrid		Friendships	
	2nd	V. Green Light	213
	3rd	V. Green Light	213

ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st	Unknown Trichocentrum hybrid	240
	2nd	Zim Liz 'Full Moon'	116
	3rd	Onsca Taka	322
ANY OTHER ORCHID	1st	Spath. Mellow	240
	2nd	Ctsm Jamie Lawson	322
<u>NOVICE</u>		NO ENTRIES THIS MONTH	
<u>SPECIES</u> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st	<i>Den. bigibbum var superbum</i>	240
CATTLEYA	1st	<i>Epidendrum imantophyllum</i>	213
	2nd	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>	240
	3rd	<i>Cat. percivaliana</i>	63
VANDA	1st	<i>V. tessellata</i>	322
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	<i>Phal pulcherima var. champornense</i>	213
	2nd	<i>Phal pulcherima var. champornense</i>	213
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st	<i>Bulb. roxburghii</i>	240
ANY OTHER	1st	<i>Trichoglottis atropurpureum</i>	193
	2nd	<i>Epi. Cochleatum</i>	63
	3rd	<i>Encyclia ceratistes</i>	240

Points Tables after February 2025

Number	Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
221	Blanchard D	11		3	14
190	Fighera B	8			8
213	Grant N&M	40		33	73
240	Johnson L&G	42		23	65
116	Kelly G&S	37			37
193	Knowles A&J	1		11	12
322	McCulloch/Weaver	35		9	44
63	Owens K	20		5	25
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 February 2025

Open Section

Rth Dal's Elite

Owner: G&S Kelly

72 Points



Judges Choice February 2025

Species Section

Bulbophyllum roxburghii

Owner Lynn Johnson

76 Points