



TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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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 24th October. The Annual General Meeting and the October General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 25th October.

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 October 2026:

Novice/Species

Marie, Stacey

Open

Peter, Lisa

President's Thoughts

Well, it's getting very close to the end of the year. We have been a busy club, there's been a few changes this year. As always, Tony and I have been busy with the hall. We've built stands for the Shows, which will improve the sales area which helps the club. Ray built some excellent brackets to hang larger plants at the Shows to prevent damage to those plants.

There have been changes to how we run our monthly meetings, with all club members now getting involved, educating ourselves on how to judge and appreciate orchids. I think this is a big step to improving our knowledge and the plants we present at meetings and shows.

I have to thank all members who gave a presentation this year, especially Greg Kelly who volunteered to give two.

I have to thank all the members of the committee who give up their time to ensure the society is run smoothly and in the best interests of the members

- Leann and Janelle for their efforts as Treasurer - a thankless position, Jan on her third year as the Secretary, Noel as the Editor of the Bulletin and web page master, that takes considerable time and effort and patience, waiting on Jan and myself to get reports in. Not to mention Sam running the hospitality side of things and Joseph dealing with the media for shows and events, and not to be forgotten - Ruth. If you didn't realise Ruth does a lot of work, running the shop and organising the bar codes for shows is a job which I don't think is acknowledged and appreciated.

This month has been busy with the usual potting demonstrations at Bunnings, (a big thanks to the members who attended), Lyn as usual leads the way giving her advice and often donating free orchids to people who attend. I hope everyone enjoyed the TOS BBQ and actually got to sit down with members and discuss their orchids and other interests. I have to thank Alice and Peter for attending and selling plants, also a big thank you to Alice for donating plants for the lucky door prizes. I also have to thank Geoff and Alison for opening their place so people could see their greenhouse. I think this may be the way of the future. There's no pressure on members to invite people to their greenhouse and we don't have to worry about the ever-increasing cost of busses.

So, what's next? The AGM is coming up soon, where do we stand? Some of the current committee members have put their hands up again, a couple have decided it's time for others to have a go and bring in new ideas. I must admit I've enjoyed the last three years. We've finally got into Anderson Park and are helping the council with their orchids in the Conservatory, something we have been trying to achieve for quite a while. Hopefully, this will help build better relationships with the council and the friends of Anderson Park.

I hope people are thinking about if they have the time to help on the committee.

There's really not much left to do this year - the AGM, followed by the Christmas Lunch and finally the December Christmas Plant Sale, which seems to be getting bigger every year.

But most importantly, we are finding new friends to join the Society, for without new members, the club will struggle. So, if you are a new member, thank you for joining and for all the older members, thank you for your support. Let's hope things keep on improving and we find more orchid enthusiasts.

Thanks, Troy

Reminder: Annual membership fees were due 1st September.

These fees may be paid at our October meeting (please be early to avoid the queue) or online (see payment details on Page 1).

If you remain un-financial, you will be unable to vote at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 25th October!

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN LAELIINAE 75mm to 109 mm A2	1st 2nd	Lc Aussie Sunset x Rlc Avan Powder Puff <i>C intermedia v amethystina x v coerulea</i>	B Fighera G&L Johnson
LAELIINAE Miniature under 75mm A3	1st	C. Brabantiae #1	B Fighera
LAELIINAE Cluster A4	1st 2nd 3rd	Epicat Pixie Charm C Jennifer Margaret x Ctna Why Not	G&L Johnson J. Horn
LAELIINAE Any other Hybrid A5	1st 2nd 3rd	Enc Shinfong Smile	G&L Johnson
DENDROBIUM Spatulata B2	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Coleman's Big Red x <i>Den tangerinum</i> Den Gloucester Sands Den Phyllis Merritt	B Fighera K. Owens K. Owens
DENDROBIUM Soft Cane B4	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Flora Queens Den To My Kids 'Snow White'	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson
DENDROBIUM Any other Hybrid B5	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Baby Hibiki Den Mousmee x Floralia	G&L Johnson B Fighera
VANDA Over 65mm C1	1st	V Kultana Delight x <i>V coerulea</i>	D Blanchard
VANDA 40mm to 65mm C2	1st 2nd 3rd	V Roslyn's Best 'Brighton' V Pearly x <i>V curvifolia</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant

VANDA Any Other Hybrid C4	1st 2nd 3rd	Rhrds Norma ‘Sweet ‘N Vibrant’	N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS 65mm and Over D1	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal King Car Yellow Apple Phal Unknown Phal Unknown	G&L Johnson J. Horn D Blanchard
ONCIDIUM Starry Shape E2	1st 2nd	Banfieldara Gilded Tower ‘Mystic Maze’ Odon. Pacific Paranoia ‘Other Side of Kool’	B Figuera G&L Johnson
TOLUMNIA E3	1st 2nd	Tolu Fay Tesch x Swan’s View Tolu (Capalaba Queen x Capalaba Finesse) x Ky Elle’s Dream ‘Hot Pink’	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson
PAPHIOPEDILUM Multi Floral F1	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Saint Swithins Paph (St Swithins x <i>Rothschildianum</i>) x Pinocchio Paph St Swithins x <i>Paph philippinensis var robelenii</i>	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson G&L Johnson
PAPHIOPEDILUM Single Flora F2	1st	Paph Rose Crown	D Blanchard
ANY OTHER HYBRID G5	1st 2nd 3rd	Zygonisia Cynosure ‘Blue Bird’ Zygo Debbie Demellow ‘Honolulu Bay’	G&L Johnson D Blanchard
<u>NOVICE</u> LAELIINAE E1	1st	<i>B nodosa</i> x C Bhimayothin	S Woods
PHALAENOPSIS E4	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal Art Nouveau Phal Sogo Vivien Phal Mini Mark	K. Kybus K. Kybus A&T Martens
ANY OTHER E8	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Phaius tankervillea</i> x unknown Miltassia Shelob ‘Okika’ Den Adastra	A&T Martens D Beasley S Woods
<u>SPECIES</u>		<u>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</u>	
DENDROBIUM SPATULATA H1	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den speciosum v grandiflorum</i> <i>Phaius australis</i> <i>Den dicuphum</i>	B Figuera P&J Serra N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM PHALAENANTHE H2	1st	<i>Den primulinum</i>	B Figuera
		<u>EXOTIC SPECIES</u>	
LAELIINAE I1	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Enc cordigera</i> <i>Enc cordigera</i> <i>Enc randii</i>	G&L Johnson N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDA I3	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Vanda perplexa</i> <i>Vanda tessellata</i> <i>Vanda garayi</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS I4	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Onc ensatum</i> <i>Tolu urophylla</i> <i>Tolu urophylla</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PAPHIOPEDILUM/ PHRAGMIPEDIUM I6	1st 2nd	<i>Paph delanatii</i> <i>Paph exul</i>	B Figuera G&L Johnson

ANY OTHER 18	1st	<i>Bulb carunculatum</i>	A&J Knowles N&M Grant A&J Knowles
	2nd	<i>Chiloschista lunifera</i>	
	3rd	<i>Bulb amplebracteatum subs carunculatum</i> <i>var aureum</i>	

Points Table after September 2026

Number	Name	Open	Species	Novice	Aggregate
183	Allen J	1			1
280	Barlow H	14			14
356	Beasley D			7	7
221	Blanchard D	25	3		28
337	L Craill & J Dow			3	3
268	Della F&J	5			5
369	Doble L&G		1	10	11
215	Dolan M			5	5
190	B Fighera	62	18		80
226	Gibson C	3			3
213	Grant N&M	128	84		212
143	Horn J	4			4
87	Hughes W	1			1
240	Johnson L&G	169	64		233
223	T&J Kapcelovich	14			14
116	Kelly G&S	82			82
193	Knowles A&J	3	17		20
368	Kybus K		5	35	40
73	Liang E	1			1
367	Ludvigsen L		1		1
375	Martens A&T			4	4
322	McCulloch/Weaver	12	10		22
63	Owens K	28	3		31
131	B&J Richardson	28	12		40
52	T&S Ruxton		4		4
233	Serra P&J	8	19		27
168	Scott R	5			5
358	Skinner K			1	1
378	Slatter P	36	5		41
310	Walker J			4	4
336	Willis B		2		2
121	Woods S			25	25

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 25th October 2025

Meeting opened at 1.10 pm by President Troy McGill.

Present: 61 as per attendance book.

Proxies: Kerry Turner, Lynne Ryan

Apologies: Ruth Whiting, Lynne Ryan, Kerry Turner, Joanne Laffin, Rhonda Noble, Bruno Figuera, Lyn Mutch, Clara Sewell, Lyn Howell, Joan Mitchell, Andrew Young, Noel Grant

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting.

These minutes were re-published in the October 2025 TOS Bulletin.

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

M: J. Allen

S: T. Ruxton

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The Auditor's report, was completed and read out to the members. A copy was made available on the corkboard for members to view. Nothing untoward or out of the ordinary was noted by the auditor.

Motion: That the members accept the Auditor's report as a true and correct record of the financial workings of the Townsville Orchid Society.

M: T. McGill

S: J. Allen

Carried

Business arising: Nil

President's Address (Troy McGill)

President McGill Presented his report. He welcomed everyone to another AGM. This year we welcomed new members onto the committee. Leann our treasurer, Tony our Show VP and Hall Mr Fix-it and Janelle as a Committee member. Troy noted that it is important to get new members with new ideas onto the committee. It also shows these members the work that is involved with running our Club.

He thanked others who have been involved in the running of the association this year including Jeff Knowles, our Technical Officer, who has made his presentations interesting and Reg Dix, our Registrar, and his merry group of judges, who bring along their expert knowledge.

President McGill thanked everyone who has assisted this year, be-it at the shows or around the hall. Without your help, we wouldn't have the success we have.

He noted that there has been plenty of effort improving the hall. Improvements have been made to the doors, ceilings, floor, the announcement system, and the kitchen.

He thanked everyone for supporting him as President and again thanked the members of the committee for the effort they have put in to make it a successful year.

The President declared all club positions vacant. Returning Officer John Nuss took control of the meeting. He thanked all officers of the Management Committee and all those who have worked successfully for the Society this year.

Nominations in hand are:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Patron			
President	Troy McGill	Jan Allen	Leann O'Neill
Treasurer	Leann O'Neil	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Secretary	Jan Allen	Leann O'Neill	Troy McGill
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>			
Shows	Tony Kapcelovich	Noel Grant	Troy McGill
Hall	Tony Kapcelovich	Noel Grant	Troy McGill
Hospitality	Samantha McGill	Jan Allen	Leann O'Neill
Publicity Officer	Joseph Walker	Lynette Johnson	Leann O'Neill
Committee Member 1	Noel Grant	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Committee Member 2	Janelle Stevens	Ruth Whiting	Robyn Dundas
Committee Member 3	Ruth Whiting	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Committee Member 4	Lynette Johnson	Joseph Walker	Leann O'Neill
Committee Member 5	Judith Thomson	Noel Grant	Tony Kapcelovich
<u>Other Officers</u>			
Editor			
Librarian			
Technical Officer			
Programme Director			

Host 1			
Host 2			
Host 3			
Auditor			
Host 4			
Returning Officer			
Scrutineer 1			
Scrutineer 2			

As Scrutineer Noel Grant was unavailable, Kevin Owens agreed to fill in. Returning Officer Nuss then confirmed the nominated members in their positions.

Nominations from the floor were called for the outstanding positions. John reminded members that, according to our Constitution, other members can be elected to the management committee at the meeting. The following members were confirmed in their positions.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Patron	Warren Sewell	Jeff Knowles	Robert Rasmussen
President	Troy McGill	Jan Allen	Leann O'Neill
Treasurer	Leeann O'Neil	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Secretary	Jan Allen	Leann O'Neill	Troy McGill
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>			
Shows	Tony Kapcelovich	Noel Grant	Troy McGill
Hall	Tony Kapcelovich	Noel Grant	Troy McGill
Hospitality	Samantha McGill	Jan Allen	Noel Grant
Publicity Officer	Joseph Walker	Lynette Johnson	Leann O'Neill
Committee Member 1	Noel Grant	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Committee Member 2	Janelle Stevens	Ruth Whiting	Robyn Dundas
Committee Member 3	Ruth Whiting	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Committee Member 4	Lynette Johnson	Joseph Walker	Leann O'Neill
Committee Member 5	Judith Thomson	Noel Grant	Tony Kapcelovich
<u>Other Officers: from the floor</u>			
Committee Member 6	Robert Rasmussen	Janelle Stevens	Terry Ruxton
Editor	Noel Grant	Jan Allen	Robert Rasmussen
Librarian	Noel Grant	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Technical Officer	Reg Dix	Troy McGill	Terry Ruxton
Programme Director	Troy McGill	Tony Kapcelovich	Lynette Johnson
Host 1	Joseph Walker	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Host 2	John Rutledge	Troy McGill	Jan Allen
Host 3	Luz Lewis	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Host 4	Kerry Turner	Troy McGill	Lynette Johnson
Host 5	Tony Kapcelovich	Troy McGill	Jan Allen
Auditor	Peter Dadic	Troy McGill	Jan Allen
Returning Officer	John Nuss	Terry Ruxton	Kathy Skinner
Scrutineer 1	Noel Grant	Terry Ruxton	Ron Scott
Scrutineer 2	Robert Rasmussen	Troy McGill	Terry Ruxton
Scrutineer 3	Kevin Owens	Terry Ruxton	Ron Scott

President Troy McGill then assumed the chair.

General Business:

Troy McGill stated that, according to the rules of the Office of Fair Trading, we need to disclose remuneration paid, and other benefits given to management committee members and their relatives. It is confirmed that no remuneration has been paid to any committee member or their relatives.

Meeting Closed at 1.40pm

T McGill President

J Allen Secretary

Nominations for Townsville Orchid Society Annual General Meeting October 2026

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President			
Treasurer	Janelle Stevens	Ruth Whiting	Troy McGill
	Janelle Stevens	Tony Kapcelovich	Troy McGill
Secretary			
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>			
(1) Show			
(2) Hall			
(3) Hospitality	Samantha McGill	Janelle Stevens	Jan Allen
Publicity Officer	Joseph Walker	Jan Allen	Tony Kapcelovich
	Joseph Walker	Jan Allen	Eve Penningh
Committee Member 1	Carolyn Gibson	Jan Allen	Noel Grant
Committee Member 2	Noel Grant	Jan Allen	Lynette Johnson
Committee Member 3	Lisa. McCulloch	Jan Allen	Troy McGill
Committee Member 4	Troy McGill	Janelle Stevens	Jan Allen
Committee Member 5	Robert Rasmussen	Noel Grant	Ruth Whiting
Committee Member 6	Ruth Whiting	Jan Allen	Noel Grant
<u>Other Officers:</u> (These officers do not need to attend the Management meetings)			
Patron			
Editor			
Librarian			
Technical Officer			
Programme Director			
Host 1	Host 2	Host 3	
Auditor			
Returning Officer	Scrutineer	Scrutineer	

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 26th September 2026.

Meeting opened: 1.14pm by Vice President Samantha McGill

Present: Noel Grant, Jan Allen, Ruth Whiting, Lynette Johnson, Samantha McGill, Robert Rasmussen, Joseph Walker

Apologies: Troy McGill, Tony Kapcelovich, Janelle Stevens,

Visitor: Carolyn Gibson

President report: Samantha McGill on behalf of Troy McGill

Troy wished to acknowledge the passing of Lynne Ryan and thanked those who managed to attend her funeral. The gesture of donating Show blooms was appreciated. A minute's silence will be held at the General Meeting.

The Spring Show was a very good one, bringing in over \$50 000 to vendors and netting \$9137.50 for the Club. Thank you to all those who made it a success.

Secretary: Jan Allen

Minutes: A copy of the August Management minutes was posted in the September Bulletin.

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Ruth Whiting

Carried

Business arising: Confirmed that the date of the North Shore Bunnings demonstration is Wednesday 7th October at 11.00am – 12.00pm. Joseph, Lyn, Jan and Ruth will be available. More in General Business.

Correspondence In: Tag Solutions; Notification of incorrect plant owner; Media notifications; Labels for show; Field Day, Apology; Query – scoring tally; Ergon – invoice; Council Volunteer Form x 3; Ausnorth Plumbing dates; Membership renewals and Christmas party; Hall Hire; MDOS Newsletter; OQI Affiliation Fee; Rentokil advice; Hand Dryers quote: Field Day; Roof maintenance – Ausnorth; TOS Audit; HeartSine Samaritan Public Access, Defibrillators – RECALL; Bulletin cost for Spring Show; Proforma Townsville Bulletin; Solar Cleaning and Bird Proofing booking; Stocktake 2026; Membership payment; Upcoming Card Surcharge – Commonwealth Bank; NetBank third party payment; CMobile invoice; TAG Solutions Completed; True North Solar x3; News Corp Invoice; Membership payment; Volunteering update; TDOS August Newsletter; Rockhampton OS Newsletter; Membership payment; HROAP September News and calendar of events; AOC quarterly newsletter; CommBank receipt – eftpos purchases x 3; AOF AGM and speaker; Newspaper article; Query re orchids; CIDOS Newsletter; Ausnorth Official paperwork; Payments made at Spring show; Scheduled transfer; Ausnorth – document links; Return of signed documents – Ausnorth; TOS September Bulletin; EDOS Inc Newsletter; Help with problem; Ausnorth Contract – commencement of work; Ergon invoice; Next volunteering days; 4TTT Community Subscriber renewal; Spring Show FB Claim; Rentokil – notification; MDOS Newsletter; DD – payment advice

Correspondence Out: Welcome Letters x 5; Checking score tally; Query about roof work schedule; Membership renewals and Xmas party payments x 2; Volunteer Agreement; Confirmation of payment; Invoice to Shell Club; Invoice to Tokelau; News Corp Invoice; Enquiry to Auditor; Spring Show reminder and rosters; Set-up day and rosters; Vale Lynne Ryan; Query re Audit; Photos of winners; Membership renewals and Xmas party payments; Report for meeting; Membership renewals; TOS Bulletin.

M: Jan Allen

S: Lynette Johnson

Carried

Business arising: Defibrillator has been recalled. Thought we had paid the 4TTT subscription – Joseph to check; AUSNORTH – insurance forms signed and returned.

Treasurer: In Janelle's absence -Samantha McGill

Apologies from Janelle for not being at the meeting in person to present the report. Special thanks to Maureen Grant who assisted over the 3 days of the show. Our major income came from Spring Show. The breakdown of the amounts is as follows -

Sales	\$5431.90
Raffle	\$1373.00 (1373 raffle tickets sold)
Door entry	\$ 3016 (1005 visitors)
Kitchen	\$351.23
Less prize money paid	\$1035.00
Nett income for club	\$9137.50

Account balances as of Friday 25th September 2026:

TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings.

Accounts to be passed for payment: Reimbursements – Noel for newsletter; Sam for kitchen items for our show; Janelle – stationery; Tony – bathroom supplies and packing tape; News Corp – Bulletin advertising for show; S Ruzicka – Webpage for 3 years; Ausnorth plumbing – gutter repair and angle flashing; C-mobile; Ausnorth Building and Construction – insurance excess for hall repairs. Payments to vendors from the show have also been paid.

Motion: That the Treasurer's reports be accepted, and accounts be passed for payment

M: Sam Mc Gill

S: Robert Rasmussen

Carried

Business arising: Some business to be brought up in General Business.

Vice President Reports:

Hospitality –Samantha Mc Gill

- Need to encourage more people into the kitchen. Not many people on kitchen roster. Any suggestions?
- Plant Sale – only need 2 in the kitchen at once. Not as many people stop for a cuppa.
- Christmas luncheon \$30 members/\$55 non-members. Payment needs to be made by 16th November. Expression of Interest form will be put out again.

Publicity –Joseph Walker

- We got a good deal with the Bulletin for this Show. We have decided it's not worth putting the ad in on Saturday.
- Channel 7 interviewed Troy and Lisa at the Show. It was shown on the news during the week.

Shop – Ruth Whiting

- Rang Fernland and their truck was full so the new order won't arrive until the 5^h October.
- Not able to get charcoal at the moment.
- Consider opening our shop for the Field Day/BBQ. Limited to members only so it should be possible.

Presentations:

Jeff Knowles has kindly offered to fill in for Troy this month. Sam and Jan are truly grateful.

General Business –

- **Field Day/BBQ/Club Day - was** advertised as a Field Day for Sunday 11th October. Only one family offered to show their bush house. We will try to incorporate it into our Club Day. We've asked Alice and Peter to sell plants on the day so a Saturday would probably be better for them. **Motion:** That we hold our Club Day on Saturday 10th October 10am – 2 pm, instead of a Field Day.

M: Samantha McGill

S: Joseph Walker

Carried

- **BBQ** is assembled and gas bottle purchased.
- **TOS Purchasing Account:** A suggestion was put to the Committee about the possible use of a Business Card (Petty Cash) account that Janelle has discussed with the bank, as we are wanting to avoid members making considerable payments out of their own pockets. It could be set up to a maximum of \$1000 and topped up from the cheque account when required. Carolyn discussed the advantages of using a Business Card – the payment is made directly from the account. Security – limited amount on the card – still need to show receipts. In June 2028 the bank is stopping cheques. Currently members are using their own accounts (eg Carolyn for Facebook, Joseph for Bulletin ads) to pay, then need to be reimbursed. Carolyn spoke of the downfalls of using her own credit card to pay for Facebook account. **Motion:** The Treasurer organises setting up a Business Card with the Commonwealth Bank which will be used as a Townsville Orchid Society Inc Purchasing Account.

M: Samantha Mc Gill

S: Joseph Walker

Carried

- We need to work out how to recoup bank charges for using an EFTPOS machine. We are no longer allowed to add a surcharge on the purchase of goods.
- **Council Conservatory Orchid Collection-** Thursday 1st October –8.00am – 11.00am next session.
- Kirsten has taken over the **TOS Facebook page**. Remember to inform Kirsten of events such as Bunnings events, PPS etc.
- Need to organise a float for the cleaner.
- **Plant Sale** – Set up 3rd December, Sale 4th and 5th December from 9am – 4pm
- **AGM** – all members need to think about their positions for next year. Do you wish to step into another position, do you wish to remain on the committee? Do you know anyone who would be a good member that we can approach. Have you filled out the paperwork? Remember Jan and I have to step down from our positions as per the Constitution. Ch 17 Para 4 sub para (1).
- **Plaques** have been organised – Autumn Grand Champion; Winter Grand Champion; Spring Grand Champion; Trophies for Club Member of the Year; and Champion Phalaenopsis.
- Club Person of the Year – need to nominate 5 people/pairs and take to the general members. Names were suggested, then whittled down to 5 candidates.
- Proposed dates for the 2027 Shows (tentative);
Autumn Show – 2nd, 3rd, 4th April
Winter Show – 9th, 10th, 11th July
Spring Show – 3rd, 4th, 5th September.

New Members –

- Heather & Darren Poole – family - novice 401
- Judith & Peter Tosi – family – novice 402
- Aerin Roberts & Bronwyn Langworthy – family – novice 403
- Stephen Fasoli – single – novice 404

Meeting Closed: 3.07pm

Samantha McGill – Vice President
Hospitality

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 27th September 2026

Meeting opened at 1.15pm by Vice-President Samantha McGill who welcomed visitors and asked if our new members, Stephen Fasoli, Aerin Roberts & Bronwyn Longworthy, Judith & Peter Tosi and Heather & Darren Poole, were present. They were invited to receive a welcome gift.

Present: 61 members as per registration book.

Visitors: Dawn Robertson, Janice Rhodes and Maxine.

Apologies: Troy McGill, Lyn Craill, Greg Kelly, Jan Richardson, Janelle Stevens, Alison Knowles.

A minute of silence in memory of Lynne Ryan. Lynne has been a long-term member of the orchid society. She always contributed to the kitchen and shows. Most people would remember the tarts she used to bring to the meetings. Thanks to everyone who donated their orchid flowers from the show. We were able to make them into 3 floral displays. Her family was grateful and distributed these among Lyn's carers and family members.

President Report:

We had a successful show. It was one of our best. On behalf of the Committee Troy would like to thank everyone who contributed their time to set up the hall and work done in various roles over the weekend to make it a success. Thanks to those who contributed with donations of food for the kitchen. The volume of plants brought in by members was outstanding. They were all of a high quality and looked fantastic in the display. The Spring Show produced some of our highest sales. A special thanks goes to Maureen Grant whose help was really appreciated by the committee – especially our new Treasurer, Janelle.

Secretary Reports– Jan Allen

Minutes: The minutes from the August 2026 meeting were published in the September Bulletin which everyone received. Are there any questions or corrections?

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Alison Martens

Carried

Correspondence: *Inward correspondence* – Just one offer, from Jeff and Alison Knowles, to open their bush house for the Field Day; Recall of our Defibrillator; Notification about changes to credit card surcharge; HROAP calendar of events. Invoices, Newsletters etc

Outward correspondence – Query to Auditors re requirements; Invoices to Shell Club and Tokelau for use of hall; reminders about show and notification of death of Lynne Ryan,

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Kerry Turner

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Samantha McGill and Jan Allen

Account balances were given and a more comprehensive report is posted on the noticeboard

Major income came from the Spring Show.

Major expenses this month have been related to the Show – advertising, kitchen items, bathroom supplies and stationery.

Accounts paid were to C-mobile, S Ruzicka (webpage for 3 years); Ausnorth Plumbing, News Corp, Ausnorth Building and Construction and reimbursements to members. All show vendors have received their money.

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Kerry Turner

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Shows and Building- Tony is away

Hospitality- Samantha McGill

- Christmas Luncheon board on front table
- Thanks to those who helped in the kitchen at the Show.

Shop – Ruth Whiting

- Fernland order will not arrive until 5th October.
- No charcoal available.

General Business:

We have a few things coming up in our calendar of events.

- We have a Members' Day on Saturday 10th October from 10am – 2pm. We will be having a free sausage sizzle. The TOS shop will be open. Alice and Peter will be selling orchids. It's a chance for a casual meet and greet for members to get to know each other outside of our general meeting. Jeff Knowles has kindly offered to open his bush house for members to go to in their cars. We will work out a time for people to go there.
- Bunnings North Shore has invited us to attend on Wednesday 7th October 11am – 12pm, to give a potting demonstration and answer questions for the public.

- We have our Christmas Luncheon on Sunday 22nd November. \$30 for members, \$55 non-members. We will need to confirm numbers so final payments need to be made by 16th November. We ask that everyone bring a contribution to the raffle table.
- We have our Plant Sale on 4th and 5th December from 9am – 4pm. This seems to be getting bigger and better every year, with plenty of vendors attending. If you are wanting a table to sell plants, please speak to Tony. We will set up on 3rd December at 9am, so if you are available to help, any hands are welcome.
- Don't forget that fees are due. Our AGM is in the October meeting, and we need all of our members to be financial to vote. \$20 for family, \$15 singles – may see Ruth at the shop.
- If you have already paid, your membership card is in an envelope at the front desk.
- It is time to think about whether you would like to be part of the Committee. We are always open to new members. If you have any questions or are unsure what each position entails, please feel free to come and have a chat to us.
- We are introducing something new this year – Club member of the Year. The Committee has nominated 5 members that we believe have contributed significantly to the running of the club and subsequent events. Those final candidates were:
Carolyn Gibson, Mary & Malcolm Triebel, Reg Dix, Greg Kelly and Kevin Owens.
- After an explanation of why each person was nominated, members were given a voting card and asked to circle their choice. These voting cards will be tallied and Club Person of the Year will be announced at the presentations on 22nd November.

Members and visitors were invited to vote for the People's Choice. Five categories to choose from Hybrid 1 – Cattleya Hybrid 2 – Oncidium; Hybrid 3 - Phalaenopsis: Species and Novice.

Presentation – Jeff Knowles -

Firstly, Jeff spoke about his 'special' Bulbophyllum – *Bulbophyllum fletcherianum*. He described its appearance and smell.

The main focus of Jeff's presentation was how to use the Kew website to help identify plants. He walked members through the website 'Plants of the World Online' which is maintained by KEW.

Judges Choice:

Hybrid Section: Paph St Swithin – L & G Johnson	– 76 points.
Species Section — <i>Paph delenatii</i> – B. Fighera	-79 points
Specimen Epicat Pixie Charm – L & G Johnson	- 75 points
Novice Section – Phal Art Nouveau – Kirsten Kybus	- 75 points

People's Choice (Popular Vote)

Hybrid 1 (Cattleyas): Epicattleya Pixie Charm – L & G Johnson

Hybrid 2 (Oncidium): Banfieldara (Bnfd.) Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' – Bruno Fighera

Hybrid 3 (Phalaenopsis): Unknown owner (I think it ended up being Debbie Blanchard)

Species: *Paph delenatii* – Bruno Fighera

Novice: Phal Mini Maik 'Holm' - Alison & Tom Martens/ Phal Art Nouveau – Kirsten Kybus

Raffle

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

Samantha McGill – Vice President Hospitality

Jan Allen – Secretary