

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

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Name of Account: Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

Commonwealth Bank, Aitkenvale.

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 7.30pm Friday 24th March.
The next General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 26th 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 2023:

Novice/Species

Reg, Peter

Open

Alison, Marie

President's Report.

Hello everyone,

It looks like we have a reprieve from the rain for a while - it was good while it lasted, but made it difficult to keep up with my fertiliser schedules, also trying to Spray fungicide to prevent root rot and fungal infection was very challenging, so I will have to wait and see how my orchids go. Fingers crossed.

Preparations are under way for the Ingham Field Day, which will be held on Sunday the 30th April. If you are interested in going on the bus trip, please notify Jan Allen or email the TOS so we can put you on the list. Costing is \$40 pp for the bus plus \$10 for lunch. The bus will be leaving the Townsville Orchid Society Hall **promptly** at 6.15am, those who live on the northern side of town can be picked up at the Yabulu service station. It is always a great day out and a lot of fun on the bus.

The Autumn Show is sneaking up on us very quickly - the Show dates are Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April. The prize money has been increased this year, which is very rewarding. Hope everyone can bring along their beautiful flowers to make up a great display, and who knows, you may just have a champion orchid in your collection. **I would also like to see more of our Novice members enter plants for judging.** The sales table area is filling up very quickly - if you need a sales table, please let Jan Allen know so she can slot you in. The basic rules are that if you have a sales

table, you must enter at least 5 plants in the Show for Judging. The show rosters are filling up, if you are able to help in any way with the roster, please let us know. At the February meeting, it was a majority vote that we hold a BIGGEST MORNING TEA event for the Cancer Council. The date for the morning tea is Saturday 17th June 2023. The planning is in early stages at the moment, but we will keep you informed as we progress. This is not going to be a committee event but a community event. Janelle Stevens has very kindly offered to take the reins for this event, so I am asking for everyone who would like to participate in the morning tea to give Janelle as much help as you can. Please let me or Janelle know if you can help out. It will be open to anyone, (friends, family, neighbours) to come along; the more the merrier. Help is needed for Box Day, being held on Wednesday 29th March from 9am, at the TOS hall. Please bring along a Stanley knife to cut up the boxes for sales at the Autumn Show. The lecturer this month is Reg Dix, who will be talking about the importance of pH for your orchids. See you at the next meeting on Sunday the 26th March 2023, please don't forget to bring a plate and something for the raffle table. Happy growing and stay safe.
Robyn Dundas

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 24 February 2023

Meeting opened by President Robyn Dundas at 7.30pm.

Present: Robyn Dundas, Greg Kelly, Troy and Samantha McGill, Noel Grant, Robert Rasmussen and June Cairns.

Apologies: Lisa McCulloch and Stacey Fidler.

Minutes:

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

M: G Kelly S. T McGill **Carried**

Business arising:

- President Robyn advised that she placed an order for six flasks with Mallee Phallies. Advised the four Cattleya flasks were withdrawn from sale due to maturity of plants. To re order in the near future when suitable flasks are available.
- President Robyn contacted Councillor Russ Cook re new lease on premises. Referred to another section who advised that a member of their staff would contact club. Council also advised that if successful, Council may be able to assist with grants to assist.
- Amount of \$4,412.07 paid to Council – refund of grant money for 75th Birthday Celebration. Council had sent invoice for this amount.
- Troy to talk about first aid kits and painting in his report.

Inward Correspondence:

Townsville City Council, Cash Register Warehouse, Ipswich Orchid Society, Alice's Orchids, National E deposit (Several) Australia Pacific Orchid Conference, AJs Painting, Rossie Creed, Beaudesert Orchid Society, C Mobile, Fernland, Fernland, Townsville Garden Club, Australia Post, R Dundas, T McGill, Fernlands, My Community Diary, A Roberts, Shana Baluz, Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society, AJ's Painting. Townsville City Council, OQI, Herbert River & Allied Plant Society, Prunivo, Maroochydore Orchid Society, Australia Post, Enviro Tech Horticultural Structures, Fernlands, and T McGill x2.

Outward Correspondence:

Townsville Garden Club x 2, Maroochydore Orchid Society. Townsville Bulletin.

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

M: G Kelly

S: S McGill

Carried

Business arising:

- Mother's Day Plant Spectacular to be held in Atherton at the International Club on 14 May 2023 between 8am to 2pm.
- Ingham Field Day to be held 30th April, 2023. No quote for bus at moment but cost per member will be \$40 for the bus and \$10 for Lunch. The cost of the bus for non-members is \$50. List for attendees will be made available at the February General Meeting.
- Committee discussed the offer of a white board from the Garden Club. Resolved that we have no use for a whiteboard nor the room to store it and the offer will be politely declined. Secretary to advise Garden Club of the outcome.
- President discussed the holding of a fund raiser for cancer. Discussion around how much would be raised in the suggested format. Resolved to raise the issue at General Meeting to gauge support.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Lisa could not attend meeting due to illness. President Robyn tabled the report completed by the Treasurer.

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: R Dundas

S: G Kelly

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show Jan Allen

- Vice President Jan indicated that she had been doing the numbers relating to increasing the prize money for future shows. A number of options were tabled and the committee agreed on one of the options.
- Jan spoke about the different options and costings of advertising with the Townsville Bulletin for the show. Ideas were discussed. Jan to get another costing other than what was available.
- Box day on 29th March at 9am.
- All Rosters for the Autumn Show will be passed around at the General Meeting.

Motion: - "That the prize money in all sections of future shows be upgraded to the level agreed to by the committee meeting" M. J Allen S. J Cairns **Carried**

New Prize rates are: -

Grand Champion	\$70	Novice Champion	\$40			
Reserve Champion	\$35	Novice Reserve Champion	\$20			
Sectional and Other Champions	\$20					
Sectional prizes	First	\$10	Second	\$5	Third	\$3

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Vice President Samantha asked if she could book Whites for the 2023 Christmas party. Agreed to.
- Samantha indicated that she would pass the list for the food for the kitchen around at Sundays meeting.

Building Report Troy McGill

- Vice President Troy spoke of the bookings for the use of the hall. Bookings are good.
- Troy indicated that he had completed an audit of the assets in the hall and found some discrepancies against the list that he had been given. List to be amended to reflect actual assets on hand.
- Troy spoke of obtaining quotes to paint the hall – all around the \$12,000 mark.

- Troy spoke of the cost in changing the light of the hall to LED. If the lights were changed to LED, this would lead to a reduction in power use. Troy said that present bulbs are being discontinued as they are seen as not suitable due to environmental purposes. Costs estimated at \$4,400 to complete change over. To be discussed further when hall lease is finalised.
- Troy spoke of the purchase of a defibrillator and a first aid kit for the society. After discussion it was resolved that the preferred option for the defibrillator was a portable one that could be taken outside of the clubhouse if necessary. This is the latest version and all actions are directed by the machine.

Motion:- That the club purchase a portable defibrillator and a first aid kit to the value of \$2,500.”

M T McGill

S. J Allen

Carried

General Business:

- President Robyn advised that she had been contacted by some non-members indicating that they had numbers of orchids stolen from their premises recently. To be raised at the General Meeting.

Around the table

- Greg Kelly indicated that about 14 members paid their dues after receiving a reminder. Some to pay this Sunday at General Meeting.
- Greg further advised that at the General Meeting he would circulate a notice so that members who wish to access newsletters from other clubs can do so. These newsletters would be forwarded by group email as they were received.
- Jan Allen indicated that she had located some glasses during the clean-up that promoted a past event from the club. She thought that she would hand them out to members who were members at that time.
- Robert Rasmussen indicated that he could not access club Gmail account. Needs a code from President at the time. (Authority reverts back to President’s phone when persons try to access the Gmail account.)
- Robert further indicated that in previous minutes an upgrade to the floor in the kitchen was proposed. He thought that the kitchen was classified an ‘industrial kitchen’ and it would be prudent to check with the Council re standards required for the flooring in the kitchen.
- Troy McGill indicated that Lyn Ryan’s daughter had not been in touch re a cleaning contract at the hall. Troy to follow up.
- Troy also found numbers of club badges in the clean up and asked should they be handed to members. Further consideration to be given to this and action approved.
- Noel Grant spoke of the problems with space for the library and asked should he dispose of second copies of books held to make room. Agreed by the Committee The issue of the Sanders books was raised as they are outdated and replaced by Orchidwiz which is far easier to use. To be raised at the General Meeting.

New Member Applications accepted: Nil

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Robyn Dundas - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 26 February 2023

Meeting opened at 1pm by President Robyn who welcomed all attendees.

Present: As per registration book.

Visitors: Peter Mikkelson and Nicole Lenahan

Robyn Dundas introduced and welcomed visitors to the Society.

New Members: Nil this meeting

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

Moved: Greg Kelly Seconded S Wood **Carried**

Business out of Minutes

- President Robyn advised that she had attempted to order the six flasks for the club but some of the flasks had been removed from sale. Will continue to seek suitable flasks and expects to purchase some in the reasonably near future.
- Robyn advised that she had contacted the Council regarding the renewing of the lease and she has been advised that the Council are looking into it. In the reply the Council indicated that they may be able to assist with grants for the major upgrades to the hall. (Painting and new flooring)
- Robyn advised that the committee had agreed to purchase a portable defibrillator and a first aid kit for the club. Cost not to exceed \$2,500.

Correspondence: Nil new correspondence relevant to this meeting. Secretary Greg advised that there is a list on front table for those who wish to receive other clubs' bulletins and they will be sent out as they arrived in the future.

Business arising from Committee Meeting:

- Mother's Day Plant Spectacular on 14 May 2023 at Atherton International Club 8am to 2pm.

Treasurer's Report:

The President advised Treasurer Lisa was not well and could not attend meeting. President Robyn then read the Treasurer's report.

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

Moved R Dundas Seconded J Stevens **Carried**

Vice President Reports

Show Jan Allen

- Vice President Jan handed out forms for the rosters for the Show Duty and Kitchen. Jan advised hours were changed due to the show now finishing at 4pm on Friday and Saturday.
- Sales tables available. Please indicate what size you want and if you desire hanging space. If you want to have a sales table you must have at least five plants in the show display.
- Jan reminded members that there are club sales tables available to those who want to sell plants but could not sustain a table for three days of the show. You are permitted to place up to 10 plants per day on the club sales table.
- Jan reminded Novice Growers to place a red sticker (provided) on their pots to be included for the Novice Growers Champion Ribbons.
- Jan advised that the committee had passed a motion to increase the prize money at future shows. Increased prizes listed below.

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Sectional prizes	First	\$10	Second \$5 Third \$3

- Jan advised that the club was putting on a bus for the Ingham Field Day on 30 April, 2023. List on front table is only an expression of interest as no quote had been obtained at moment. Costs will be either \$35 or \$40 with non-members paying \$10 more. Ingham are providing lunch at an additional cost of \$10 per person. People with special dietary needs should organise own lunch. Final arrangements to be advised at March General Meeting.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Vice President Samantha circulated a list for donation for food for the kitchen for the Autumn Show. She asked all to assist in this area.

General Business:

- President Robyn raised the issue of holding a fund raiser for the Biggest Morning Tea. Robyn indicated that in recent times members have passed from some sort of cancer and others are suffering from various form of cancer. Robyn indicated that this would not be a committee driven event but would rely on members to organise the event. She then asked for a show of hand from the general membership who would support and work for and at the event. Sufficient support was indicated to

proceed. Member Janelle Stevens indicated that a small committee could be formed to manage the event. Janelle generously agreed to chair that committee.

- President Robyn indicated that she had been informed of the theft of orchids and allied plants from dwellings around Townsville. This included at least one member of the society. One couple in their nineties had all their orchids stolen while the husband was in hospital. Please be alert.

Judges Choice:

Open Section V Ann Hayes owned by N&M Grant 78 points

Novice Section: V Kimigayo x V Gordon Dillon owned by J Melvin 65 points

Species Section: *Cl. russellianum* owned by R&E Dundas 79 points.

Technical Advisor Charlie Truscott who spoke on the topic of Thrips.

- Charlie advised that these were a microscopic insect which caused damage in the greenhouse. They damage both leaves and flowers and lay their eggs in the orchid plant.
- Charlie further advised that the pupae of the insect drop into the orchid pot and only emerge when the pupae have developed into full size insects.
- Charlie indicated that the tell-tale signs of thrip were the chewing of the outer edges of the flowers and the adherence of the various parts of the flower to each other.
- He indicated that thrip could be treated by using a suitable insecticide and suggest that a pelletised form of Richgro Bug Killer or Suson Maxi could be sprinkled on the top of the pot to address the newly formed thrip as they emerge.
- Charlie also indicated that members could use a sticky sheet available from Bunnings or Fernlands to establish what pests may be in the greenhouse. These need to be hung at plant level.

Lecture

A comprehensive lecture on the topic of Australian Native Cymbidiums was provided by Bruno Figuera. This included a demonstration on what to do if repotting these plants. This was very warmly received by the membership.

Meeting Closed at 2.25pm

Robyn Dundas - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

DETAILS OF SPECIAL VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. CONSTITUTION TO BE HELD AT THE 26 MARCH 2023 GENERAL MEETING.

A notice of the vote for the amendment to the constitution was published in the February 2023 Bulletin.

For your information: -

Present S.17(4)

(4) At each annual general meeting of the Society, the members of the management committee and officers must retire from office. (i) The president, secretary and treasurer are only eligible, on nomination, for re-election in that position if they have not served in that position for at least the last two financial years of the Society. (ii) All others are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.

Suggestion for New S.17(4)

(4) At each annual general meeting of the Society, the members of the management committee and officers must retire from office. (i) The president, secretary and treasurer are not eligible, for re-election in that position if they have served in that position, continuously for the previous three financial years of the Society. (ii) All others are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.

Grounds for amendment.

Amendment required to clarify the intent of this subsection. Old subsection has been interpreted in a number of different ways. The intent of this subsection when the new constitution was being formulated was to limit the time that the President, Secretary and Treasurer can hold those positions. This amendment clarifies that intent.

The number of years that a member can hold those positions has been raised from two years to three years. Members of the committee are of the opinion that three years maximum duration will enable increased performance in those positions.

G Kelly

Secretary

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

An amendment is being proposed to our constitution in relation to S.17(4) which relates to the terms that the President, Treasurer and Secretary may serve in that position. Wording reads different to intent of section and the amendment will not change the intent of the section but make the intent clearer. The only change will be that the term of two years in a position will be raised to three. To be voted on at the March meeting.



AUTUMN ORCHID SHOW

HOSTED BY

Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

14th, 15th and 16th April

9:00am-4:00pm Friday and Saturday, 9:00am-2:00pm Sunday

THE ORCHID HALL, Charles St, Kirwan, 4817 (opposite Red Rooster)

www.townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au or find us on Facebook

ADMISSION \$3

Accompanied school aged children free

**ORCHID DISPLAYS / PLANT SALES / RAFFLES /
REFRESHMENTS**

Report from Vice President – Show

Thank you so much to the members who attended February's meeting and those who have made contact regarding helping at the upcoming Show. The Autumn Show roster is almost full, with just a few cashier, assistant cashier and cloakroom assistant slots vacant on Saturday and Sunday. With the Kitchen Roster, we still need some people in the earlier times on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you also to those who have indicated that they would like a sales table at the Show. I can see it is going to be a bumper Sales Area. We will be welcoming a new vendor to our Autumn Show, with Kate Johnson from Weird Plant People, joining our Society this month. Kate specialises in foliage plants but does have a few orchids in her garden. Check out her website: <https://weirdplantpeople.com.au/>

We have increased the prize money for the Shows. A class win has increased from \$5 to \$10. All Champions have increased from \$10 to \$20. Have a look at the Schedule on our website to see all the changes. Let's make this a spectacular event!! Bring in your clean, disease-free flowering plants.

More to come at the next meeting,
Jan Allen
Show Vice-President

Are you interested in joining
TOWSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERS
on a bus trip to Ingham for the
**HERBERT RIVER ORCHID & ALLIED PLANT
SOCIETY INC FIELD DAY?**

When? Sunday 30th April 2023.

The bus leaves
at 6:30am
sharp!

Cost? Members - \$40 bus + \$10 for lunch

Please give Jan a call on 0408783777 if you are interested. So far we have 22 interested members. If we can get 40 people along, the bus cost will be reduced to \$35.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN	1st	Rlc Thongsupran 'Siam'	B Fighera
CATTLEYA	2nd	Rlc Mem. Anna Balmores 'Convex'	L&G Johnson
110mm and over	3rd	Rlc Siam Red	R Whiting
CATTLEYA	1st	Rlc Coconut Ice 'DJ'	G&S Kelly
75mm to 109 mm	2nd	Rlc Calico Charm 'Fancy'	R&E Dundas
CATTLEYA	1st	C Elusive Dream 'Red Lip'	G&S Kelly
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	C Cherry Bee 'Anthea'	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Ctna Why Not Walk	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	1st	C Caudabec Candy	G&S Kelly
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Bc Theresa Ricci	R&E Dundas
	3rd	C Jungle Gem 'Kelsey'	G&S Kelly

DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Juleen High Den Toro Lassie x Den canaliculatum Den Angela	K Owens K Owens L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Unknown Den Airy Crimson Den Caesar Red	L&G Johnson R&E Dundas R&E Dundas
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kriengkrai V Rothschildiana 'Pink' Aranda Noorah Alsagoff "R&R"	J Cairns N&M Grant J Nicholson
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Dr Kents Presidential Petal (Tubtim Velvet x Fuchs Gold) V Udomchai 'The King' V Boonyarit Little Flame	R&E Dundas G&S Kelly J Cairns
VANDA Under 40mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V Ann Hayes Prra Bangkok Sunset Van Viboon Velvet 'Korat'	N&M Grant G&S Kelly J Cairns
PHALAENOPSIS Under 60mm	1st	Phal Tying Shin Beagle	L&G Johnson
ONCIDIUM Starry Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Brat Toowoomba Sunrise Milt Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy' Oda Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'	L&G Johnson M Boyd D Blanchfield
PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Ecidthise Paph Coos Paph Gold Dollar	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Ctsm Pileabrosium Green (pileatum x tenebrosium) Cyc cooperi x Cyc Sevenfold Ctsm KL's True Love	R&E Dundas R Whiting R&E Dundas
<u>NOVICE</u> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd	Rlc Redland Adventure (C Island Charm x Rlc Blumen Insel)	J Melvin
VANDA	1st	V Kimigayo x V Gordon Dillon	J Melvin
<u>SPECIES</u> CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Gur bowringiana</i> <i>Gur bowringiana</i> <i>C bicolor var braziliense</i>	K Owens N&M Grant N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM	1st	<i>Den lasianthera</i>	R&E Dundas
VANDA	1st 2nd	<i>Aerides odorata var suavissima</i> <i>V vietnamica</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Phal pulcherrima</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima var champornense</i> <i>Phal cornu-cervi var red</i>	R&E Dundas N&M Grant N&M Grant
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb mastersianum</i> <i>Bulb phylum schizianum</i> <i>Trgl philippinensis var brachiata</i>	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles A&J Knowles
ANY OTHER 1	1st 2nd	<i>Clo russelliana</i> <i>Peristeria elata</i>	R&E Dundas A&J Knowles
ANY OTHER 2	1st 2nd	<i>Den bigibbum var compactum 'Timberlea'</i> <i>Brs verrucosa</i>	W&C Sewell R Whiting

Points for Tabled Plants after February 2023

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Blackman K		4		4
Blanchard D	9		2	11
Boyd M	30			30
Cairns J	13		3	16
Dundas R&E	61		9	70
Fighera B	20		4	24
Grant N&M	26		46	72
Hilder G&R	4			4
Horn J		4		4
Hughes W	13			13
Johnson L&G	53		19	72
Kay K			2	2
Kelly G&S	67			67
Knowles A&J			23	23
McCulloch L		7		7
Melvin J		8		8
Nicholson J	3			3
Owens K	41		8	49
Sewell C&W	2		4	6
Stevens J	4		1	5
Watt G	11			11
Whiting R	46		16	72



Judges Choice February 2023

Open:

Vanda Ann Hayes

Exhibited by N & M Grant

78 points



**Judges Choice February
2023**

Species:
Clowesia russelliana

Exhibited by Robyn Dundas

65 points

Judges Choice February 2023

Novice: Vanda Kimigayo x V Gordon Dillon

Exhibited by J. Melvin

65 Points

We regret that a photograph of this plant is not available as the plant was removed early.