

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



February 2024 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.

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 23rd February. The February General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 25th 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 2024:

Novice/Species

Charlie, Marie

Open

Peter, Alison

President's Report

Hello Everyone,

Let's try again for the first General Meeting of the year- thanks, Cyclone Kirrily! I hope everyone's greenhouses or bush houses survived. Unfortunately, our Hall took some minor damage that the Committee is currently looking at getting repaired through the club's insurance policy.

The Management Committee, after much debate, decided that Townsville Orchid Society will not be able to support the TQOC with their Orchid Fairs in 2024 and 2025 or the Orchid Conference in 2026. This decision was made due to lack of support from members within the Club volunteering to support a sub-committee run by the TQOC. The Committee has decided that it would be more beneficial to the members of the Townsville Orchid Society to run extra events such as "Ask the Experts". We are also trying to increase the membership of our club. So, if you have any ideas on how to grow the club, please approach a Committee member.

The first presentation of the year at our February General Meeting will be given by Reg Dix on judging orchids. Hopefully, this may encourage some members to look at becoming an Australian Orchid Council qualified judge in the future. If you think this is relevant to you, please speak with Reg.

Important dates coming soon:

Sunday 25 February, 1pm – our monthly General Meeting.

Saturday 16 March, 10am – 12pm - “Ask the Experts”. This will be held at Jan Allen’s residence. More information will be given at the February Meeting.

Sunday 24 March, 1pm – March General Meeting.

Wednesday 27 March, from 9:30am - Box Day at the TOS Hall – remodelling and repairing boxes for sales items at the Autumn Show. Please bring your box cutter.

Thursday 4th April, 10am - Set up for the Autumn Show. Many hands make light work!

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 April, Townsville Orchid Society 2024 Autumn Show.

Cheers, Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 2nd February 2024.
This is the January 2024 Management Committee Meeting

Meeting opened: at 6pm by President Troy McGill

Present: Troy McGill, Samantha McGill, Lisa McCulloch, Greg Kelly, Jan Allen, Wally Brooker, Noel Grant, Robert Rassmussen, Lyn Johnson, Joe Walker and Carolyn Gibson.

Apologies:

Minutes:

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

M: G Kelly S. J Walker **Carried**

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence: In

Townsville Garden Club x 2, Morley’s Funerals, Support Mobile x 3. Donna Brown, Ergon Energy, Jo Melvin, Whites Corner Store, Accounts Ita Butler Trophy, Sunnyview Orchids, Community Directory, National Deposit Summary, Microsoft Single use code. Google Security, Flaming North RHSV, Zoom, Melissa Thomas TCC, Maroochydore OS, Flaming North, Bob McHarry, Brett Maloney, Ann Noble

Correspondence Out.

Melissa Thomas TCC and Ann Noble.

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

M: G Kelly S: J Walker **Carried**

Business arising: Nil.

Treasurer’s Report

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 McCulloch S: R Rassmussen **Carried**

Business arising:

Joseph Walker queried what the interest rate was on the Investment Account and was that the best option available. Lisa advised that she did not know the present rate but would make enquiries to establish if better

options are available. She further advised that if the club placed funds into term deposits, the club would not be able to break those deposits so care would need to be taken.

Vice President Reports:

Show Jan Allen

- Jan advised that the Autumn Show is to be held from the 5 – 7 April, 2024.
- Set up for show will be at 10am on 4th April, 2024.
- Box Day on 27th March at 9.30am.
- Ask the Expert Day on 16 March 2024 at Jan's House from 10am – 12noon.
- Members to be reminded over the need to order barcodes for Show sales plants in a timely manner.
- A comment was made that advertising associated with the club should include the club's actual address.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Sam advised that she had booked Whites as caterers for this year's Christmas Party.

Building Report Wally Brooker

- Wally advised that there had been problems with the air conditioners in December. Three of the units in the main hall were now working and a new card had been ordered for the fourth one.

General Business:

- President Troy requested that all members document what they do in their positions, in order that, should they be away, other members can fulfil their duties.

TQOC Issues

- Troy spoke at length regarding the situation with the TQOC and the desire of the TQOC to have two Orchid Fairs in Townsville to support the Ayr Club which has nominated to hold the next TQOC conference.
- The Townsville Orchid Society had previously withdrawn from nominating for the next conference when there was no support forthcoming from the other clubs that were supposed to form a group to hold the conference.
- Amongst other issues for the Townsville Orchid Society would be the impost on the club as it already runs three shows per year.
- As requested by the TQOC, Troy had asked the general membership if anyone wished to volunteer to work on a committee with no members indicating support for that action.

Motion: "That the Townsville Orchid Society inform the Tropical Queensland Orchid Council that the Townsville Orchid Society is unable to support the Tropical Queensland Orchid conference and Orchid Fairs due to lack of support from members and other commitments,"

M T McGill

S R Rasmussen

Carried

Membership

- Troy spoke on the need to identify how the club could get and retain new members.
- The discussion included handing out flyers, more/separate lectures targeted at new members; A buddy system where new members were allocated a senior grower to contact with issues and for advice. Also advertising on Facebook and inviting the public to workshops/ask the expert day. Attendance at Garden Fairs and also workshops at Bunnings when they are held. It was resolved that "Ask the expert" days related to plants for shows and not suitable for general public.
- Could an explanation be given as how to place photos on the club's Facebook page. You can post directly into other sites not through the comment section. Carolyn to check on this.
- To be further discussed next meeting.

Around the table

- Wally asked how to change the information on the front of the hall which is outdated regarding show dates.
- There is a need to place the correct address on the front of the hall as the present one is incorrect and shows a Bamford Lane Address.
- Lyn asked that the club's address be included in advertising.
- Jan advised that she had not heard anything regarding the grants that had been applied for and it had been some time.
- Greg raised the issue of the Eftpos Machine. Lisa indicated that her only issues was the need for both persons working the till to check the correct amount was entered.

The President then closed the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

Troy McGill - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

Please Note: Due to lack of power at the Townsville Orchid Society Hall following Cyclone Kirrily, the January General Meeting was cancelled, so, in this Bulletin, there are no January General Meeting minutes, Tabled Plants winners list, Points Table or Judges Choice photographs.

Hopefully, these will all return in next month's Bulletin.

This will blow you away!

Many of you, in late January, while checking the Bureau of Meteorology's "Cyclone Tracking Map" at <http://www.bom.gov.au/cyclone> will have seen Cyclone Kirrily 05U approaching the Australian east coast, heading for Townsville. You may also have spotted another cyclone in the Indian Ocean heading away from the Australian west coast. This Indian Ocean cyclone was named Cyclone Anggrek 04U.

'Anggrek' is the Indonesian word for 'Orchid' and is the origin of the name for the well-known orchid genus Angraecum (a latinised version of 'Anggrek') which is largely confined to Africa and Madagascar.

This genus was established in 1804 by Colonel Jean-Baptiste Bory de St. Vincent after being discovered by Louis-Marie Aubert Du Petit-Thouars in the late 1790s.

I can find no reference to either gentleman having visited Indonesia!

Next time you visit Indonesia or Malaysia, keep an eye out for signs saying "Taman Anggrek" – this means 'Orchid Nursery'.

Noel Grant January 2024.

References: Wikipedia



And, to cheer you up, here is a photo of the flowers of *Angraecum eburneum*, probably one of the most popular *Angraecum* species. Sadly, this plant does not belong to me.

Noel Grant, February 2024