

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



April 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

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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 26th April.
The April General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 28th April.**

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 April 2024:

Novice/Species

Reg, Charlie

Open

Marie, Peter

President's Report

Hello Everyone,

It's been a very busy month for the Orchid Society. We've had the Townsville Orchid Society Autumn Show followed up by a trip to the Ingham Field Day. There was also a TQOC meeting held at the hall during this period. Finally repairs to the guttering at the rear of the hall were completed.

First, I must thank everyone who assisted in the setup on Thursday before the Autumn Show. It's great to see members of the society coming together to quickly set up the hall. There also goes out a thank you to all the members who presented flowering plants. It has been a difficult time recently with the unusual weather. But there still were a large number of flowering plants. Thank you.

Congratulations to the winners of the Show:

Grand Champion - D and E Penningh with Den. Sally Koh Siew Aye

Reserve Champion – C. Truscott with Rlc. Island Charm 'Carmela' x

Rlc. Dr. John Baker 'DJ'

Champion Novice – L Genrich with Encyclia Unknown

There's a lot of effort spent by the club over the four-day period. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with another successful event. There are too many people to individually thank, but special thanks must go to Jan who organised the show and Reg for organising the judges.

The trip to the Ingham Field Day again was very interesting. There were some real nice greenhouses and plants for sale. I must thank Peter for opening up his greenhouse and showing his personal collection. There were many different plants that we normally don't get to see. As usual the hospitality and food were exceptional. Thank you for an outstanding day. The only downside is the cost of the busses has vastly increased.

Thankfully things are going to be a little quiet for the remainder of April, May and June.

Sunday, 28 April - General Meeting 1pm

Sunday, 26 May - General Meeting 1pm

Sunday, 23 June - General Meeting 1pm

Cheers, Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 22 March, 2024.

Meeting opened: at 7.30pm by President Troy McGill

Present: Troy McGill, Samantha McGill, Lisa McCulloch, Greg Kelly, Jan Allen, Wally Brooker and Lyn Johnson.

Apologies: Noel Grant, Robert Rasmussen, Carolyn Gibson and Joe Walker.

The President thanked all those who attended 'box day' and also thanked Greg Kelly for his service.

Minutes:

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

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

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence In: North Queensland Insurance Brokers (NQIB), Fernland, NQIB, G Kelly, Shell Club, Herbert River O&APS, Flaming North, C Mobile, Hon P Thompson, Campbells Groceries, Cash Register Sales, Fernlands, TQOC, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, R Robertson, AOC re conference. Brett Maloney, NQIB, Townsville Bulletin (Ad Invoice), Ergon Energy, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, American Orchid Society Bulletin. Fernlands, NQIB, C Mobile, Flaming North, R Dundas, Complete Tag Solutions, Australia Post.

Correspondence Out: Campbell Proctor, NQIB, Plumber to your Door.

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

M: G Kelly S: L Johnson **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: L Johnson **Carried**

Motion "That the sum of \$1400 be approved for use as floats in the Autumn Show.

M: L McCulloch S L Johnson **Carried**

Business arising: Main Payments included – Fernlands over \$4,100 and Rates \$1,936.

Vice President Reports:

Show Jan Allen

Autumn Show

- Ribbons have been ordered and have been despatched.
- The rosters have been circulated by email. In particular help is required for the Kitchen Roster.
- Flyers will be made available for members who wish to distribute or display them for the show.
- Set up for the show will be on Thursday 4th April at 10am. Assistance will be required for that and also the pencilling at the judging of the show that evening.
- Jan indicated that she was happy with the outcome of the "Ask the Expert Day". Most who attended learnt something.
- The box day had gone well, finishing at about 11am.

Herbert River Field Day

- Jan advised that she had a number of quotes for the bus hire for the day. Same bus as last year (57-seater) would cost an additional \$500. Jan has arranged for the tentative hire of a 24-seat bus and trailer at a similar price to the full-sized bus of last year.
- Numbers of members who have indicated that they wish to go is very low and would not support the hire of any bus. This will be raised at the General Meeting and a decision will be made after numbers are obtained at that meeting.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- It was resolved that Samantha would take over the duties of stocking the club's refrigerator.

Building Report Wally Brooker

- Wally advised that the repairs to the air conditioners had been completed and all units were now working satisfactorily.
- DMC had been asked to provide advice on what is required to ensure that the system is maintained and functional.
- The air conditioning units need to receive regular cleaning which surpasses what members can provide.
- Discussion was had over the cost of the work completed.
- Wally advised that Plumber to your Door should complete the repairs of cyclone damage in the next week. It takes time to have the parts made as required.

General Business:

- President Troy advised that the Eco Event will be held in Anderson Park on 2nd June. He would like the club to obtain a table, show some plants and perhaps obtain new members.
- Similarly, the Bluewater Park event is on the 17 August and Troy would like for the club to participate.
- The subscription to the American Orchid Society has expired and Lisa will confirm payment is due and if so, address the payment of the subscription.
- Julie Horn to be moved to Open Section due to the length of time she has been a member.

- Troy advised that he had attended the Mackay Orchid Show and that the club struggled for flowers. This may be an issue at our Autumn Show.
- Troy spoke of the Eftpos training earlier that day and the limited number who attended. Further discussion was held concerning when the surcharges would be applied to the Eftpos machine. As well as the Eftpos being available at meetings, members still had the option of either paying cash or electronic deposits into the club's account.

Motion: That the Townsville Orchid Society would impose a 1.3% surcharge on all transactions made through the Eftpos machine. M L McCulloch S J Allen **Carried.**

Around the table

- Wally advised that the gutters on the hall needed cleaning and he would like assistance to do the task. Jan advised that her husband would help and this is to be arranged.
- Lisa spoke on the problems associated with obtaining the coloured tickets used for club raffles etc. Contact person will not answer phone and she has little information on that person. Resolved that club would purchase some tickets from Officeworks. who have similar tickets but not believed to be as strong, to see if they will perform satisfactorily.
- Jan spoke on the need for the club house to be treated for pests especially spiders and ants. Wally to obtain quotes.
- Jan indicated that the Lease for the hall had not been finalised to date. Secretary to obtain update as to the status of this.

New Member Applications accepted:

Fran and Stephen Gooch (342) Novice, Helen Shelley (343) Novice, Leann, Merle and Barry O'Neill 344 (Novice)

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Troy McGill - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 24 March 2024

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

Present: As per registration book.

Visitors: Col ad Judith Ecuor, Mandy and Susan.

The President spoke and thanked those who attended the Box Day. He also thanked Greg Kelly who has resigned as Secretary for his work over the years in various positions.

New Members:

Fran and Stephen Gooch, Helen Shelley, Leann, Merle and Barry O'Neill

Troy McGill introduced and welcomed visitors to the Society and presented a plant to the new members who were present.

Minutes:

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

Moved: Greg Kelly Seconded K Turner **Carried**

Business out of Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Nil new correspondence relevant to this meeting

Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch

The treasurer provided her report as to the state of the society funds. Spreadsheets are available from the Treasurer if anyone would like to look.

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

Moved Lisa McCulloch Seconded K Turner **Carried**

Vice President Reports:

Show Jan Allen

- Jan has the green labels which are required to accompany show plants. Jan can provide individual tags or blank sheets which can be completed on the computer.
- Jan will circulate the various rosters for the show. The kitchen requires more assistance.

- Jan reminded the members that all sales plants required a barcode in order to be acceptable to be sold. Order barcodes from Ruth Whiting.
- Ribbons for the show have been ordered and mailed.
- If anyone wanted flyers for the show, please see Jan at the break and she will organise this for you.

Herbert River Field Day.

- Jan spoke about the costs for various busses for the Herbert River Field Day. Numbers attending is very low and will not support the hiring of a bus.
- Any person wanting to go to the Field Day should put their name down today and pay the fares at their first opportunity in order to confirm place and allow bus to be booked. (Jan later advised sufficient numbers obtained to support small bus)

Ask the Expert Day.

- Jan commented about the 'Ask the Expert' day and said that it was a success in that new members had received potting demonstrations and Lyn Johnson has explained what she used on her orchids and why. Some had attended for the social gathering.
- Jan said that no person had brought plants to be shown how to stake them for the show and that the day had not strictly followed what was intended but still a good exercise.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Samantha asked for members to support the club at the show by the provision of food that could be used in the kitchen and also volunteer to work in the kitchen.

Hall: Wally Brooker

- Wally advised that the air-conditioning had been repaired and should all be working correctly.
- Wally advised that the repairs to the hall from the cyclone should be completed in the coming week.

General Business:

- Greg Kelly advised anyone who wanted to join the Bulletin Email List to speak to him.
- Greg Kelly asked who owned Rth Chunfong Smile at the last meeting.
- President Troy advised that the Eco Fest is on the 2/6/24 at Anderson Park and he would like the club to have a display, but no sales with a view of obtaining membership.
- The next Tropical Queensland Orchid Council (TQOC) is on the 30/3/24 and he will report the outcomes at a later date.
- President Troy is seeking additional members to work in the kitchen at meetings as this would enable all members to participate in some of the lectures.

Judges Choice:

Open Section: Den. Magentas Chocolate Curls L&G Johnson 74 points.

Novice Section Nil plants in this Section.

Species Section: *Paph primulinum* L&G Johnson 73 points.

Technical Advisor

Technical Advisor, Jeff Knowles provided a presentation primarily targeting the hobby growers and gave some options for treatment of pests and fungus for the hobby grower. The information provided indicated that members should address issues at the first opportunity rather than waiting for a far bigger outbreak. Jeff indicated a number of times that all sprays had some risk and all people should comply with the safety recommendations given.

Lecture

Charles Lee provided a lecture relating to the Cooktown Orchid *Den. bigibbum*. This was based on a previous lecture compiled by Ray Nicholls.

Meeting Closed at 2.45pm

Troy McGill - President

Greg Kelly – Secretary

Farewell to Walter and Desna Martin, who are leaving us to greener pastures in Brisbane, to be closer to family. Desna and Walter have been active members of the Townsville Orchid Society Inc since 2005. Best wishes for the future.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF March 2024

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 75mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Hsinying Aloha Rlc Young-Min Queen (Rlc King of Taiwan x C. Aloha Case) Rlc Mem. Srivilas Gold	R. Whiting C. Gibson B. Figuera
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Rth Princess Takamado C. Mem. Robert Strait x C Angel Flare Pot. Orglades Tradition	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly K. Owens
CATTLEYA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Bc Binosa Kirk Ctt Susan Holcolm x C Deception Drop	D. Blanchard L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM Phalaenathe	1st 2nd 3rd	Den. Alice's Stewart Zierk Den Lady Charm x Sultan White Den Jade Junior	K. Owens H&M Barlow L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Magenta's Chocolate Curls Den Gloucester Sands x <i>cochlioides</i> Den Carron Deb	L&G Johnson C. Gibson K. Owens
DENDROBIUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Caesar Red Den Regina Beauty Den <i>X superbiens</i>	J. Horn G. Watt G. Watt
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	V. Majik Fancy V. Kulwadee Fragrance 'Black Spot' V. Chantra	McCulloch/Weaver R. Whiting H&M Barlow
VANDA 40mm to 65mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Prra Kerri Meiklejohn Van. Seng V. Fiftieth State Beauty 'Rich Red'	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
ONCIDIUM Full Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Onc. Golden Bell Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence' Onc. Golden Bell	McCulloch/Weaver H. Cooper McCulloch/Weaver
ONCIDIUM Starry Shaped	1st 2nd 3rd	Brat. Toowoomba Sunrise <i>Brs. brachiata</i> x <i>Onc. altissimum</i> Bcd Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson H&M Barlow
PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph. Transdoll Paph. Hilo Emerald x Alma Gavaert x Hsinying Majakun	R. Whiting L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER ORCHID Over 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Ctsm Black Jade Ctsm Portage Stars x Chuck Taylor Ctsm Black Jade	R. Whiting R. Whiting L&G Johnson
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Cym Golden Elf Phal. Unknown	? H&M Barlow
NOVICE	1st 2nd 3rd	NO ENTRIES !!	
SPECIES AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den bigibbum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i>	P&J Serra G. Watt G. Watt
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb. mastersianum</i> 'yellow' <i>Bulb cominsii</i>	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson

ANY OTHER	1st	<i>Paph. primulinum v purpurescens</i>	L&G Johnson R. Whiting R. Whiting
	2nd	<i>Bulb laxiflorum</i>	
	3rd	<i>Pinalia spicata</i>	

Points Tables after March 2024

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Barlow H&M	11			11
Blanchard D	13			21
Cooper H	5			5
Dundas R&E	6			6
Fidler S	4		6	10
Fighera B	3			3
Grant N&M	29		37	66
Gibson C	6			6
Hilder G&R	4		2	6
Horn J	12			12
Hughes W	4		21	25
Johnson L&G	62		12	74
Kelly G&S	60			104
Knowles A&J	5		8	13
McCulloch/Weaver	43		7	50
Nicholson J	2			2
Owens K	37		8	45
Serra P&J			4	4
Sewell C&W	4			4
Triebel M&M		4		4
Watt G	9		5	14
Whiting R	63		15	78

Sun Orchids

A member enquired about so-called 'Sun Orchids' and I was able to direct them to the website of Burleigh Park Orchids, a local orchid nursery. An article by Ian Walters can be found at <http://www.speciesorchids.com/SunOrchids.html>. Alternatively, you can enter <https://www.speciesorchids.com/interest.html> with the article 'Sun Orchids in the Wild' halfway down the green stripe. Note: a link can be found on our website <http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au/> on the 'Links' page.

Noel Grant April 2024

Show Report – Jan Allen

'Ask an Expert' Day – It was great to see some of our new members venturing out to our 'Ask an Expert' Day. Thanks to Greg and Noel for their potting demonstrations and Lynette for sharing her method of fertilising and pest control.



Autumn Show

With the Autumn Orchid Show under our belt, I would like to thank all those who helped make it a success. For those who volunteered throughout the weekend – thank you. There's much work that also goes on behind the scenes.

Thanks to Carolyn and Joseph who organised publicity for the Show. This involved developing brochures/posters to give to businesses, organising the advertising in the Townsville Bulletin, Facebook, 'What's on Townsville' and 4TTT, talking on the ABC, and organising with the photographer to include an editorial in the Townsville Bulletin. In the meantime, Troy visited businesses around town, supplying them with laminated posters and small flyers.

Thanks to our members who got together on Box Day (usually a week or two before the Show). They helped cut hundreds of boxes in half, turning them into smaller boxes that customers use at the Show to carry home their purchased plants.

Many thanks go to our judges, pencilers and data inputters, who gave up their Thursday evening to get the Show judged and certificates printed.

We are also grateful to the judges from Bowen and Innisfail who travelled to Townsville to support our local judges.

Even though our display was a little light on, there was plenty of colour and high-quality flowering plants. Thank you to all those growers who were able to supply flowers for judging. I know I'm still trying to work out how to get my plants to flower at the right time and I heard many stories of flowers coming on too early, or coming into bloom just as the Show finished.



Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc. Field Day

A small group of Townsville Orchid Society members made the trip, by bus, to the HR Field Day. A good day was had by all, with lots of plants being purchased and some of our lucky members coming home with boxes of orchids won in the raffles and cent sale. Our trailer was a bit small so plants had to be stored on and under the back seats. Thanks to Tony, our bus driver, for his safe driving and patience throughout the trip.





Judges Choice

March 2024

Open Section

Den. Magenta's Chocolate Curls

L&G Johnson

74 points



Judges Choice

March 2024

Species Section

Paph primulinum

L&G Johnson

73 points

**Note: There were no
Novice Section
entries this month.**