

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



July 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 10am Saturday 27th July.
The July General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 28th July.**

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 July 2024:

Novice/Species

Reg, Peter

Open

Alison, Marie

President's Report

First and foremost, a big thank you to everyone for making the Winter Show a success. Without the support of the members of the Society, we wouldn't be able to run these events, which ensure that the Society is financially viable. It starts with members helping out at the 'box day', through to volunteers cooking homemade sweets for the kitchen, helping set up the hall on Thursday, the judges and others involved in Thursday night, the vendors selling plants to the public. Not to mention the volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Without you this just wouldn't happen. Thank you.

I must thank BakeAway Bakery at Mt View Plaza, thank you Graham and Kathy, your contributions of Peach Blossoms, Cakes and bread were well received. Also, a thank you to the vendors who supplied plants for the raffles: Alice's Orchids, Robertsons and Penninghs Orchids.

A big congratulations to Eve and Doug Penningh for winning the Grand Champion and Sharon and Joseph Walker for winning the Novice Champion. Also, congratulations to all the other winners and a big thank you to everyone who entered plants.

Heartfelt condolences to Delia, family and friends on the passing of Tommy Hobden, a well-known member of Herbert River Orchid and Plant Society. Tom had been a member of our Society for many years until health issues. My deepest sympathy and condolences to Delia and their family.

Well - in August we have the opportunity to support Herbert River Orchid and Plant Society - on the 16th and 17th August they are celebrating their 50 years Anniversary. So, if you have the time, it may well be worth the trip to Ingham, there are numerous members from Ingham who are members and supporters of the Townsville Orchid Society.

Up and coming Events

Saturday 27th July- Committee Meeting 10am

Sunday 28th July- General Meeting 1pm

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th August- Herbert River 50th Anniversary, Conroy Hall, Ingham

17th August- Bluewater Fair

Thurs 12th September, Set up for the Spring Show

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show

Thank you

Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Friday, 21 June 2024.

Meeting opened: at 7.30pm by President Troy McGill

President McGill welcomed all members to the May Management Committee Meeting for 2024 and declared a quorum was present.

Present: Troy McGill, Samantha McGill, Lisa McCulloch, Jan Allen, Lyn Johnson, Joseph Walker, Robyn Dundas, Wally Brooker.

Apologies: Carolyn Gibson, Noel Grant, Robert Rasmussen.

President McGill acknowledged the passing of one of our members – Keith Day, on Monday 17th June. Minutes silence to be had at the General meeting.

Minutes:

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

M: J. Allen

S: J. Walker

Carried

Business arising:

Correspondence In: C-mobile account; TQOC June Meeting advice; National e-deposit; DMC Electrical & Air Cooling Tax Invoice; NQIB – Insurance; POFPS Annual Field Day invitation; NQIB – Insurance updated FSC; DMC Electrical & Air Cooling Tax Invoice; True North Solar options; Helene James – Council conversation date; Fernland x 3; C-Mobile Account; Natalie Lacey – re eco fiesta; Bunnings organiser re photo of orchid; Orchid photos response; Introduction and conversation – Council re lease; Bulletin invoice – Carolyn; NQIB insurance renewal; Netbank transfer notification; Hall hire query; DMC - Invoice; Short presentation- G. Kelly; Rentokil invoice; Apology – R. Rasmussen; Thank you from Walter & Desna Martin; New email address – Bowen Orchid Society; My Community Directory; e-deposit summary; Response letter from member; RSHV Insurance; Financial reports for June 2024; Charles Lee-change July times; 4TTT invoice; Invoice TQOC.

Correspondence Out: Insurance Renewal; Acceptance of Meeting with Council; Advising death of Keith Day

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

M: J. Allen

S: J. Walker

Carried

Business arising:

1. Organised a date and time for Troy, Joseph and Jan to meet with Council representative at the Hall.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Lisa presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month. The largest expenses were \$1,319.25 for website hosting and domain name registration and \$917.91 for the Townville Bulletin for show advertising.

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 Winter Show.

M: L McCulloch

S J. Allen

Carried

Business arising: Investment of \$25,000 into Business Investment Account - discussed in General Business.

Vice President Reports:

Show Robyn Dundas

- Kitchen rosters looking good. Saturday on general roster looking fairly light.
- Box Day Wednesday 26th at 9.30am. Set up on Thursday 10.00am 4th July.
- Sales tables looking bare.
- Ordered new signs – should be here before the show.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Christmas dinner organised.

Building Report Wally Brooker

- Glenn Reeves – checked the circuits. Removed the air conditioning from the kitchen to another circuit.
- True North Solar – Troy to contact them regarding inverter.
- Cat Club want to start back up in May next year. Having a Cat Show.
- Garden Club – likely to start up at new premises. Waiting for official confirmation.

Publicity – on behalf of Carolyn

Joseph.

- 4TTT can attend on Saturday and Sunday pop-up. Cost \$250
- Tomorrow morning at 8.45am 103.9 Troy will attend 4TT and talk about the Show.
- Next, 4K1G Joseph doing a live interview on Monday.
- ABC will ring Troy at 06.30 on Saturday 29th June for an interview.

Lisa

- Flyers and brochures have gone out.
- Advertising is out on Facebook and organised to boost in the week of the Show.
- Invited Councillors and Parliamentarians. Some are coming. – list will be at the front door.

General Business:

1. Eco-Fiesta – thought it was worthwhile. More volunteers would be preferable.
2. Bunnings – went well. Thanks to Lyn and Noel who gave potting demonstrations. We had a keen audience.
3. Jan now a signatory for Society. We have transferred \$25,000.00 into a new term deposit account for 6 months at an interest rate of 3.75%. Ordered a deposit card – can't use the yellow bags anymore. Deposit card is not linked to any particular people. Will need to use it after the Winter Show.
4. Because we are using EFTPOS, vendors will be paid through their bank accounts rather than after the Show as there will not be enough cash to hand out to all vendors. Prize money will remain as cash. Lisa to gather vendors' bank details.
5. Committee discussed the By-Law 15 regarding the tabling of plants at the General Meeting. Is it necessary to change the wording to ensure only members who attend the meeting may exhibit plants? Committee voted to leave as is and monitor to see if it causes any major discrepancies.
6. Committee discussed By-law 11 Life Members. Committee members asked to consider this for next meeting.
 - Do we need different wording? Do we need set criteria for choosing candidates?
7. Do we want to continue to have a Patron? Agreed that we do. Should we try to get the Mayor or our local Councillor? Do we approach the council and ask that the position becomes a continued position of the Mayor? Otherwise, think of who patron could be.
8. Tickets – not cheap. Need new printed books. Coloured tickets are not easily available. Can't get 10 different colours. 500 books \$2860.00 - \$5.72 a book. Kwikcopy - 5 or 6 colours + white.

Motion: Propose we order the raffle tickets from KwikKopy to the value of \$3 930.95.

Moved: L. McCulloch

Seconded: L. Johnson

9. Bluewater Garden Fair – from 6.30am Saturday 27th August, 2024– volunteers needed. Also need tables, plants for exhibition, possible potting demos.
10. Want to do a workshop which will be open to the public. Maybe Open Day 31st August. Presenters, potting demonstrations, on a Saturday – 3 hours. 1 – 4pm. Need to start organizing, then advertising. Different to ‘Ask the Expert’ as public will be invited to attend.
11. End of year Plant Sale in Hall. Rent out tables. No cash register/bar codes. 9am – 4pm Saturday 7th December 2024. Run a kitchen? – cold drinks (not too complicated). Some growers have approached Troy. Invite Garden Club. Should not be too much work.
12. AGM – need to find new Committee members. Lisa (Treasurer) is going to concentrate on judging so will be standing down.
13. Presentation – Jeff and Greg on Sunday.
14. Committee acknowledges that we have received and read a document from the member regarding Code of Conduct. It included an apology for actions. Many comments not relevant to issue for which warning was given. Committee wishes to move on from this issue.
15. Robyn to stand down after the Show. Too busy so we need someone to step up to organise the September Show.
16. Suggested different time or day for the Committee meeting. Agreed Saturday morning 10.00am. Trial next month. 27th July.
17. Lutheran Day Care – at the Eco-Fiesta we spoke to the manager of the Lutheran Day Care Centre. She is keen to establish an Orchid area at the Day Care and would like advice as to what plants would be most suitable for the space available. Joseph is happy to coordinate with growers who are willing to help. Committee will approach experienced growers.
18. Apology – Joseph – away 19th August – 4th September.
19. Spoke about Field Day on 20th October 2024. Jan to send invitation to growers to open Bush houses. Robyn is definite. Lisa not ready this year.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 23 June 2024

Meeting opened at 1.00pm by President Troy who welcomed all attendees.

Present: 45 as per registration book

Visitors: Wayne & Robyn Ah-Wong; Denise & Roy Voogt.

Apologies: Kerry Turner; Ron Scott; Robert Rassmussen; Noel Grant; Joseph Walker; Carolyn Gibson, Tony Kapcelovich; Clara Sewell; Lynne Ryan; Terry & Sarah Ruxton; Charles Lee.

President McGill spoke briefly about the passing of member Keith Day. Called for 1 minute silence.

Minutes:

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: R. Dix

Carried

Business out of Minutes: Nil

Correspondence In: All correspondence tabled at Committee meeting. List available from Jan if required. Mainly invoices, insurance, air-conditioning and electrical quotes. Proserpine Annual Field Day flyer – same day as our General Meeting. Troy, Joseph and Jan to attend meeting with Council 25 June re finalising Lease agreement.

Correspondence out: Tabled at Committee meeting.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: R. Layton

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch

Treasurer Lisa presented her report as to the state of the society fund, detailing the income received and outgoing expenses for the month. Largest expenses this month was for website hosting and domain name

registration and to the Townville Bulletin for show advertising. Spreadsheets are available from the Treasurer if anyone would like to look at them.

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

Moved: Lisa McCulloch

Seconded:

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show: Robyn Dundas

- Handing around rosters. Some spaces require filling.
- Box Day Wednesday 26th June at 9.30am.
- Set up time for show Thursday 4th July from 10.00am.

Hospitality: Samantha McGill

- A few spots unfilled on the Kitchen roster. Please let kitchen volunteers know what you have made.

Hall: Wally Brooker

- Electrical load in the hall has been inspected and adjusted. Kitchen air conditioner has been moved to different circuit.

Publicity Officer: for Carolyn Gibson and Joseph Walker

- Organised interviews with 4TTT and ABC. 4TTT is going to be broadcasting out front on Saturday and Sunday. Cost \$250

General Business:

- Eco Fiesta - 2 June Anderson Park was a success with lots of people stopping and interacting. Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted. Thank you, Jeff and Lisa, for your potting demonstrations.
- Bunnings 5th June – Thank you to Lyn and Noel for their potting demonstrations, and flowering plants. Lyn also donated some of her own orchids as prizes. Jan and Troy were also there to help. We had a very interested audience.
- Winter Show - Ruth training people to use EFPOS with the Cash Register on Wednesday after Box Day. Set up Thurs 4th @10am.
- We have transferred \$25,000.00 into a new term deposit account for 6 months at an interest rate of 3.75%.
- Bluewater Garden Fair – from 6.30am Saturday 27th August, 2024– volunteers needed to man the stall (our gazebo). Need volunteers to supply flowering plants for display and to give potting demonstrations.
- Open Day Workshop at the Hall – suggested date: Saturday 31 August 1- 4pm. We want to do a workshop which will be open to the public. It will be an opportunity to sell the Society to the public. The layout and plan will come out in the future. We need to start organizing, then advertising. Committee will be approaching people to help with presentations, potting demonstrations etc. Different to 'Ask the Expert' as public will be invited to attend.
- Pre-Christmas Plant Sale. After requests from some growers, we have decided to have a Plant Sale Day. 9am – 4pm. More details to come.
- St Paul's Lutheran Day Care and Kindergarten wish to create an area with orchids for the children. Could anyone be willing to help and give advice?
- Warren Luscombe – from Home Hill is chasing Cattleya flowers for his mother's funeral on 1st July. If you can help please see Troy.
- Helen Shelley has a tree full of cumquats if anyone would like to come and pick some, please talk to Helen.

Judges Choice: Reg Dix

Open Section: Rth Dal's Emperor 'Lyn' Greg & Santina Kelly 88 points

- Described as a good plant – almost perfect. Would have gained 3 more points if it didn't have a dead stalk in there. Beautiful presentation.

Novice Section: No novice plants exhibited.

Species Section: *Bulb. stockeri* Jeff & Alison Knowles 77 points

- Good display of flowers. Well grown, with flowers looking outwards. Disadvantage - flowers of *Bulbophyllum* are short lived.

Reg spoke of how presentation of flowers is important. If wanting to adjust flowers so that they are looking out, do it late in the afternoon.

Technical Report: Jeff Knowles.

Jeff invited orchid grower Doug Benson to speak about species that were displayed on the tables.

Presentation – Greg Kelly – Mini-Cattleyas

Greg has taken a great interest in Mini-Catts (Cattleya in Miniature) over time. He commenced his presentation by showing members some of the Mini-Catts that were on display in the Hall.

Greg shared a PowerPoint presentation of some of his charming Mini-Catts. As he spoke, Greg explained that sometimes, when you know your plant is a winning plant, you need to persevere. His winning plant would not flower for many years.

Shin Shiang Diamond – not a winner but beautiful colour. Greg showed crosses that have 'Angel Flare' as a parent. A common factor with these crosses is the lip goes in. They throw colourful crosses but not always great shape.

Rosella Orchids <https://www.rosellaorchids.com.au/> has bred all the hybrids that Greg presented.

At the end of the presentation, Greg compared two flowers from the same plant and posed the question – Why are they very different colours? Suggestions were given - time of the year when it flowers, different position in the bush house. Greg explained that conditions in his orchid house had remained the same and that the plant flowered at the same time both years.

Another suggestion was that possibly, first flowering, maybe because the flower plant was not as mature. It will be interesting to see what next year's flowering brings.

Jeff Knowles - A hobbyist's guide to growing Phalaenopsis Orchids

Phalaenopsis orchids are the most popular potted flower in the world.

Jeff started with a brief history of the Phalaenopsis orchid. There are 80 species around the world – mainly in Asia – with just 1 in Australia.

How is a Phalaenopsis different to other orchids?

1. No pseudobulbs. Storage of nutrients in the leaves and roots.
2. Therefore, needs to be fed and watered throughout the year.

The leaves

- Have wide leaves. Live in low light environments
- Need maximum light level of 1500 footcandles. Jeff uses a light meter. Can get an app on the phone.

Roots

- Thick with a spongy layer which absorbs moisture. Highly absorbent.
- Wet them fully down – use a wet/moist routine. Saturate.
- Do not like to be continually saturated. Allow medium to dry to moist stage before watering. Wait until they get to a moist stage – not a dry stage.
- Water, depending on the media you use in the mix.
- Use inorganic water soluble fertilisers (use a variety) at about 100ppm nitrogen (N).
 - Examples Flowfeed GF9 (14:5:23 + Trace elements – available at shop
 - Peters Excel Cal Mag Finisher (12:6:20 + Ca +Mg + TE) – available at shop
- Use Organic soluble fertiliser as a tonic (designed as a booster/stimulant, not the main fertiliser)
 - Seaweed Master Liquid Seaweed
 - Seasol plus
- Growth formula as a tonic
 - Agricrop Growth Formula
 - Auxinone Root Hormone Stimulant Blend (make sure there is a B1 vitamin in it)
- Others to use:
 - Epsom salts
 - Calcium nitrate
 - Iron chelates for sphagnum moss extra iron (Fe)
 - Slow release fertiliser (not compounded solid fertiliser)
 - Plantacote Top K (10:4:16 +TE) affected by temperature.
 - Plantacote Top N
 - Can use molasses. Should keep the ants away.

Repotting

- On mounts or in pots
- Repot once a year
- Medium
 - Sphagnum moss
 - Bark mixes
 - Perlite (does not hold water)

Flowering

- **Initiating Flowering**
 - Phalaenopsis orchids must be put under 18/25C for at least 1 month for flower induction.
 - Should I reduce the nitrogen supply at flowering time?
“Never a good practice to reduce N fertilisation during the reproduction stage”
Chang 2021
- **Protecting your Phalaenopsis**
 - Provide a supportive environment
 - Fungus - use a fungicide (preventative and curative)
 - Bacterial rot – use a bactericide. (why your leaves go squishy)
 - Mites – use a miticide.
 - Insects, including scale - use an insecticide
 - Critter protection – mice, rats.
 - **Showing off Phalaenopsis**
 - Healthy clean plants,
 - Stake flower (inflorescence) early. Do put stakes in early.
 - Dress your flowers

Meeting closed 2.40pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN	1st	C. Melody Fair	H Cooper
CATTLEYA	2nd	Blc Burdekin Dream	R Whiting
110mm and over	3rd	Rlc Nadia Song	McCulloch/Weaver
CATTLEYA	1st	Rlc Robert Scalia ‘Burdekin Ruby’	McCulloch/Weaver
75mm to 109 mm			
CATTLEYA	1st	C Dal’s Emperor ‘Lyn’	G&S Kelly
Miniature under 75mm	2nd	Gct Remar’s Red Mini	G&S Kelly
	3rd	C. Rosella’s Royal Flare	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	1st	Ett Volcano Trick	L&G Johnson
Cluster	2nd	Rth Alyssa Valmadre ‘Clifton’	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Ett Volcano Trick	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	1st	Rlc Naomi’s Delight	G&S Kelly
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	<i>Epi stamfordianum</i> (should be in Species)	L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Aridang Blue	L&G Johnson
Phalaenanthe	2nd	Den Sonia Hiasakul	D Blanchard
	3rd	Den Lucky Charm x Sultan White	McCulloch/Weaver
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Gloucester Charm ‘Gordon’	L&G Johnson
Spatulata	2nd	Den Juleen High	K. Owens
	3rd	Den Spider Magic x <i>Den lasianthera</i>	H&M Barlow
VANDA	1st	V Kulwadee Fragrance	J Cairns
Over 65 mm	2nd	V Super Cooper ‘Ellen Schneekloth’	J Cairns
	3rd	V. South East Pearl ‘Chao Praya’	J Cairns
VANDA	1st	V Boonyarit ‘Little Flame’	J Cairns
40mm to 65mm	2nd	Van Alice’s Anie	J Cairns
	3rd	Prpa Bangkok Sunset	J Cairns
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal Baldan’s Kaleidoscope	H&M Barlow
Over 60mm	2nd	Phal Yellow Bird x Snow Leopard	H&M Barlow
	3rd	Phal Shan Feng Jing Red Peach	H&M Barlow
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal Allura Ruby Diamond	McCulloch/Weaver
Under 60mm			

ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Wilsonara Ouroavore 'Brazil' Milt Aztec Onc Twinkle "Pink Fantasy"	H&M Barlow L&G Johnson D Blanchard
TOLUMNIA	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu John Thelander x Rrm David Butcher Tolu Capalaba Primrose x Far Beach Tolu Capalaba Queen x Rrm Swan's Statement	G&S Kelly McCulloch/Weaver G&S Kelly
PAPHIOPEDILUM Multi Floral	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Coos Paph Mary Franz Smith <i>Paph praestans x Paph primulinum</i>	L&G Johnson L&G Johnson S Fidler
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st	Paphinia Majestic	A&J Knowles
<u>NOVICE</u>		NO ENTRIES THIS MONTH	
<u>SPECIES</u> PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st 2nd	<i>Paph spicerianum</i> <i>Paph spicerianum</i>	L&G Johnson R Whiting
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb longbractatum</i> <i>Bulb lasiochilum</i> <i>Bulb stockeri</i>	R Whiting L&G Johnson A&J Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Dendrochilum glumaceum</i> <i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i> <i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	J. Richardson J. Richardson J. Richardson



Judges Choice July 2024

Open Section:

Rth Dal's Emperor 'Lyn'

Greg & Santina Kelly

88 points

Points Table after June 2024

Number	Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
280	Barlow H&M	32			32
221	Blanchard D	21			21
118	Bloom M	4		13	17
68	Cairns J	30		3	33
316	Cooper H	10		4	14
102	Dundas R&E	6			6
273	Fidler S	8		7	15
190	Fighera B	20			20
213	Grant N&M	55		46	101
226	Gibson C	6			6
99	Hilder G&R	4		2	6
143	Horn J	12			12
87	Hughes W	9		21	30
240	Johnson L&G	113		36	149
116	Kelly G&S	91		4	95
193	Knowles A&J	9		13	22
167	MacIntyre J	1			1
322	McCulloch/Weaver	81		8	89
147	Nicholson J	2			2
63	Owens K	50		9	59
131	Richardson J			9	9
233	Serra P&J			15	15
172	Sewell C&W	4			4
224	Triebel M&M		12		12
220	Watt G	11		5	16
100	Whiting R	82		25	107

Novice Section:

NO ENTRIES THIS MONTH



Judges Choice July 2024

Species Section:

Bulbophyllum stockeri

Jeff & Alison Knowles

77 points