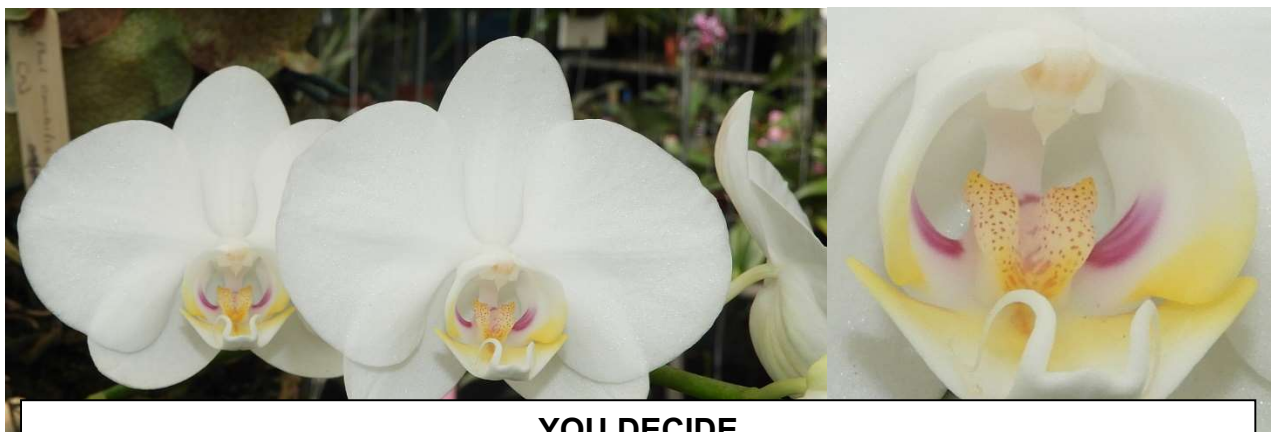




TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

August 2024 Bulletin



YOU DECIDE

I had this lovely white *Phalaenopsis* orchid at the July TOS meeting. But what is its correct classification?

Is it a *Phalaenopsis amabilis*, *Phalaenopsis aphrodite*, or a hybrid between the two?

[Knowles plant and photos]



A member of the 3500+ club

The *Coelogyne cobbiana* has finally bloomed much more fully than when it was at the July meeting. It has about 70 racemes with over 50 flowers per raceme, that is well over three thousand five hundred flowers, and it emits a beautiful perfume

[Knowles plant and photo]



Rhy gigantea 'Secret Squirrel Colour 18'

Remember to have a look for your *Rhy gigantea* 'Secret Squirrel Colour 18' and bring it along to this August general meeting.

[Knowles plant and photo]

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Guest Bulletin Editor: Jeff Knowles

Annual Membership Fees are due 1st September 2024

Family \$20.00 Single \$15.00

Details for paying membership fees:

Direct credit. BSB: - 064823

Account Number: - 0009 0973

Name of Account: Townsville Orchid Society Inc.
Commonwealth Bank, Aitkenvale.

OR

Pay by cash or EFTPOS at the meeting.

Calendar.

August, 2024

24 – TOS Management Meeting (10am)

25 – TOS General Meeting (1pm)

31 – Ask an Expert Day (1pm-4pm)

September, 2024

7 – Oasis Centre Fun Expo, Display

13-15 – TOS Spring Orchid Show

14 – Giru Show

21 – TOS Management Meeting (10am)

22 – TOS General Meeting (1pm)

October, 2024

20 – TOS Field Day (approx. 8:30am to 3:30pm)

26 – TOS Management Meeting

27 – TOS Annual General Meeting (1pm)

27 – TOS General Meeting (follows on from AGM)

November, 2024

23 – TOS Management Meeting

24 – TOS Christmas dinner

December, 2024

6,7 – Plant Sales (9am-4pm)

March 2025

8 to 10 – Asia Pacific Orchid Conference in Tainan, TAIWAN (see advertisement in this Bulletin which includes a call for speakers)

President's Report

Hello to everyone.

A big thank you to Jeff Knowles this week for filling in for our regular editor Noel Grant who is currently off on holidays. So, what's the news for August. First congratulations to the Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plants for their 50th Anniversary. We are planning first and foremost for the Spring Show. The set up as usual will be the Thursday prior, 12 September with the show over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 13, 14, and 15th.

Please if you are able, volunteer to help. The ladies in the Kitchen are always looking for home-made donations to sell. Lisa came up with a good idea for Friday and Saturday, if two or three people would remain behind for half an hour to quickly sweep and mop out the hall and restock the toilets for the next day.

Just for information, on the first of July 2024 the Office of Fair Trade has made amendments to all Non-Profit Associated Associations in regard to Model rule 12A, Grievance Procedure which we are obliged to follow. On advice from the Office of Fair Trade we will amend our Constitution by vote at our AGM to reflect these changes. These changes will be filed with the Office of Fair Trade. The committee believes there are no current or outstanding issues that are being dealt with prior to the 1 July 2024.

Currently we are looking for people to open their Greenhouses for the Field Day, also if you wish to sell plants. Please see Jan. Just a reminder the Field Day set up is the 19th October and the field Day is the 20th. It is important that we get numbers, so we can make a decision on the requirements for the bus.

Just a reminder, if you require sale tags for the show. Please make sure you contact Ruth ASAP. We are also still planning the Open day "Ask the experts" in the hall on Saturday 31 August and the Plant Sale on the 6th and 7th December. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with both events. This is an opportunity to exhibit the Association to possible new members.

AGM, if you wish to be part of the Committee, please make sure you see Jan, ask for a nomination form. If you join the committee, you are able to help with ideas to improve the society, come up with ideas to grow the membership.

Up and coming Events

12th September Set up for the Spring Show

Spring Show 13th, 14th and 15th September

26th Final Committee meeting for 2023/2024

27th October Annual General Meeting

Thank you

Troy

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF July 2024

Bold Type indicates a correction using *Orchidwiz*.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Thongsupran Rlc Burdekin Wonder 'Belinda' Rlc Chief Journey 'First Choice'	MacIntyre Richardson, J Gibson, C
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st 2nd 3rd	Ctt Hsinying Dream 'Violet Queen' C Mari's Beat Rth Momilani Rainbow	McCulloch&Weaver Johnson L&G Owens, K
CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2nd 3rd	C. Elusive Dream 'Rudak' C. Elusive Dream 'Matthew' Ctt Tutankamen 'Pop'	Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Johnson L&G
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st 2nd 3rd	Gct Dash of Brandy Gct Ines Monti Ctt Varut Startrack	Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Johnson L&G
CATTLEYA Any other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Bc Hippodamia Epi. Topaz Sunny Cattleya unknown	Blanchard D Barlow H&M Watt
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Dark Dame x <i>gouldii</i> Den Gloucester Sands Den unknown	Owens, K Owens, K Horn J
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Woon Leng Den Black Pearl Den Dark Desire	Watt Barlow H&M Johnson L&G
DENDROBIUM Any other Hybrid	1st 2nd	Den Hilda Poxon Den Little Atro	Richardson, J Richardson, J
VANDA Any Other Hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	Van Alice's Anie Rhrds Memoria Suranaree Van. Alice's Anie	Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Grant N&M
PHALAENOPSIS Over 60mm	1st	Phal Taiwan's Gem	Barlow H&M
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st 2nd 3rd	Tolu Golden Sunset 'Brownie' Onc. Tsiku Marguerite Mtssa Kawai's Choice	Barlow H&M Richardson, J Johnson L&G
PAPHIOPEDILUM Multi Floral	1st 2nd 3rd	Paph Hilo Emerald x Alma Gevaert x Hsinying Majakun Paph Mayfair <i>Paph concolor x primulinum</i>	Johnson L&G Johnson L&G Johnson L&G
NOVICE ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	Onc. Rosy Sunset 'Rosebud' Phal. unknown Onc. Twinkle 'Pink Wax'	Davison, F Davison, F Davison, F
SPECIES AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den. lichenastrum</i> <i>Den. dichuphum</i> <i>Den. linguiforme</i>	Grant N&M Grant N&M Nuss, J
CATTLEYA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Epi stanfordianum</i> 'Galaxy' <i>Epi stanfordianum</i> <i>C. warneri</i>	McCulloch&Weaver Hughes, W Grant N&M
VANDA	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Rhy gigantea</i> 'White Light <i>Rhy gigantea</i> 'Secret Squirrel Colour 18' <i>Rhy gigantea</i> 'Secret Squirrel Colour 18'	Blanchard D Knowles, J&A Knowles, J&A
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Coelogyne cobbiana</i> <i>Coelogyne cobbiana</i>	Richardson, J Knowles, J&A

Points Tables after July 2024

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Barlow H&M	48			48
Blanchard D	33		5	38
Bloom M	4		15	19
Cairns J	41		3	44
Cooper H	10		4	14
Davison F		9	2	11
Dundas R&E	6			6
Fidler S	13		7	20
Fighera B	20			20
Grant N&M	76		68	144
Gibson C	8			8
Hilder G&R	4		2	6
Horn J	16			16
Hughes W	18		27	45
Johnson L&G	183		48	231
Kelly G&S	113		4	117
Knowles A&J	10		37	47
MacIntyre J	6			6
McCulloch/Weaver	115		15	130
Nicholson J	2			2
Nuss J			3	
Owens K	76		16	92
Richardson J	32		23	55
Serra P&J			15	15
Sewell C&W	4			4
Triebel M&M		12		12
Walker J&S			7	7
Watt G	27		6	33
Whiting R	98		28	126

Judges for August 2024:

Novice/Species
Reg

Open
Marie, Peter

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 21 July 2024.

Meeting opened: at 10.10am 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, Wally Brooker, Carolyn Gibson, Noel Grant, Robert Rasmussen.

Apologies: Robyn Dundas

President McGill acknowledged the passing of one of our past members, Tom Hobden. Tom and Delia had been members from 1978 until 2019, when Tom became ill. Tom was well known and respected within the Townsville Orchid community.

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: See General business.

Correspondence In: Glenn Reeves invoice; Ergon; ANOS Hall Usage; Response re orchids; Introduction and Conversation TCC – date; Response re HotToner; Invoice for signs – Lucky Tess; DMC Electrical and Airconditioning invoice; New time for meeting; DMC Electrical and Airconditioning invoice; TQOS Invoice; J Knowles – Hot Toner EOYS; Hot Toner – Cash Sale; Query – Show roster; Letter of Complaint – Jan Allen; Responses -request for Special Management Meeting; J Knowles – response re ink cartridge;

Show rosters information responses x 4; Townsville Garden Club; Fernland; C-Mobile A/c; 4TTT Radio School

Information; Officeworks – Confirmation of order; Invited Councillors and MPs to Winter Show;

Response – change of password; Post Office - package; Oasis Fun Expo invitation; POFPS Annual Field Day; Fixing TOS computers for judging nights; New meeting date – Council; Officeworks – order ready;

Change of email address; Invitation to Herbert River Orchid & Foliage Show; Request for documents;

Office of Fair Trading – new rules; Flaming North Invoice; Conversation summary and related– Council;

Response to email; AOC Conference Registration; Ergon; Brett Moloney flask list; National e-deposit;

Townsville City Council reply; Potts Lawyers re Show Cause letter; Member – view on Patron.

Correspondence Out: New time for meeting; Query – Hot toner; Request for Special Management Meeting; Show roster;

Death of Tom Hobden; Show cause letter to member; Sales reports; Response – request for documents; TOS Bulletin;

Correction to Special Committee Meeting minutes; Confirmation to AOS.

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

M: J.Allen

S: J. Walker

Carried

Business arising:

Covered in General business

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Lisa presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month.

The largest expenses were \$4,681.00 for annual insurances and \$1,653.54 for Ergon Energy.

Funds available to TOS:

Cheque Account: \$13,156.42

Investment Account: \$26,340.04

Total Available: \$39,496.46

Term Deposit Account: \$25,000.00

Treasurer Lisa reported on the Winter Show. We had approximately 797 people attend, with Saturday having a much higher attendance rate. The kitchen had a huge day on Saturday. We have run out of the orchid books so we will need to order more.

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

M: L McCulloch S: N. Grant

Carried

Business arising:

Vice President Reports:

Show

- Ruth and Robyn still available for field day. Need more bush houses.

Hospitality Samantha McGill

- Christmas party quote – quote for 85 people \$61.40 per person. Agreed \$25 for members and \$45 for non-members. Cut off date at October meeting – payment by October meeting. Cash register code available or Internet banking. Need to start a list of people attending.
- Down on donations for the Winter Show. Fridge unplugged on Saturday and had to throw a lot of food out. Bakery from down the road donated cakes and peach blossoms. Send an official thank you letter to them for their donation. Spoke about sponsoring a trophy for the Club. Going back to what was happening previously – biscuits with cup of tea and sandwiches for lunch. Short on donations.
- Invited guests should not have to pay for the dinner.

Building Report Wally Brooker

- Cooktop in kitchen not working properly - thermostat - suggest that we replace both the cooktop and stove at the same time. Choose something indestructible. Wally and Samantha to look into it.

Motion: We approve the purchase of a new cooktop and oven for the kitchen to the value of around \$3000.

M: J. Walker

S: L. McCulloch

Carried

- One air-conditioner tripped on Sunday for the church group.
- Council truck here to check leakage of sprinkler

Publicity –Carolyn

- Advertising is out on Facebook and organised to boost in the week of the Show.
- Posting on Facebook a week before our General meeting helps with membership.
- Facebook has advised that they have changed how posts can be accessed.
- Can we add a query post – pinned to the top?

Joseph.

- Outside radio broadcast went well.
- 3 interviews before the Show. Went well.
- A lot done.

General Business:

1. Special Management meeting held 8th July to discuss letter of complaint. ‘Show cause’ letter sent to member.
2. Response to ‘Show cause’ letter received from Potts Lawyers on behalf of member.

Motion: Management Committee to send a letter of response to the member, and their lawyer, acknowledging receipt of the letter which includes an unreserved apology to TOS members and their undertaking to ensure such conduct of behaviour is never repeated in the future. In light of this assurance the Committee has agreed to cease termination procedures and issue the member a second and final warning letter.

M: L. McCulloch

S: J. Walker

Carried

3. Fees for next year need to be set.

Motion: That we retain membership fees of \$15 single and \$20 family.

M: T. McGill

S: L. McCulloch

Carried

4. Discussion on Show. EFTPOS went well. It was impossible to pay vendors on the day as EFTPOS and cash had to be reconciled. Limited as to how much we could pay out the transactions from the Bank. EFTPOS did add to the work of the Treasurer. Joseph asked if we need to make it a paid position or have an assistant Treasurer. Lisa agreed it would be helpful to have an Assistant Treasurer.
5. Need a replacement for Robyn as Show Vice-President. Jan to print out the rosters for tomorrow. Robyn/Jan to help anyone who takes it on.
6. Troy organised an IT person to come to the Hall to see if we could get two computers (Secretary and Treasurer) talking to the printer. This will help on the Thursday night of judging at the Shows. Troy, Jeff and Jan attended.
7. Reminder to go out to the vendors about the date of our Spring Show.
8. Bluewater – 17th August 6.30am set-up and 9.00am start. Need a roster for that. And plants. Potting demonstrations.
9. ANOS – Townsville branch of The Australian Native Orchid Society Inc are concerned that they might not be able to donate ‘The Orcadian’ as ‘payment’ for use of our Hall for meetings, as the ANOS is planning to cease issuing a printed form of the journal.
10. **Motion:** TOS Committee agrees to waive fees for use of the Hall for meetings of the Townsville Branch of The Australian Native Orchid Society.
M: N. Grant
S: J. Allen
Carried
11. Oasis Fun Expo discussed – send an expression of interest.
12. Council. –
 - Lease has been approved for 10 years. Pay rates and maintain building.
 - Asked about the lease around the Hall. Helene would be looking into it.
 - Need to provide event schedule to Council for remainder of 2024 so that they can turn off sprinklers.
 - Talked about partnership with Council – possibly beautifying green spaces, visiting
 - Helene to inform us of grants available.
 - Willing to collaborate on footpath improvements from the back of the Hall to the front.
 - Council rep Helene, asked about availability of the Hall if they have queries for Council facilities and they have none available.
13. Jan asked that we pass a motion regarding the use of the Hall for U3A French Classes. Community group wishing to use the Hall for one and a half hours a week on a Thursday. The group is aware that they will not be able to use it when Shows are being held.
Motion: U3A French class can use the Hall for their weekly meeting free of charge.
M: J. Allen
S: L. McCulloch
Carried
14. Joseph to liaise with Lutheran Day Care as to when members of the Club can come out to make suggestions, take photos and bring back to experienced members of the TOS. Consider part of our community engagement.
15. Bluewater Garden Fair – from 6.30am Saturday 17th August 2024– volunteers needed. Also need tables, plants for exhibition, possible potting demos.

16. Open Day 'Ask the Expert' – in Hall - demonstrations, presentations, etc. Ask at General meeting, if people would like to do a presentation or potting demonstrations. Suggested date Saturday 31st August, – 3 hours. 1 – 4pm. Need to start organizing, then advertising. Different to our other 'Ask the Expert' events as public will be invited to attend.
17. End of year Plant Sale in Hall. Rent out tables. No cash register/bar codes. 9am – 4pm Friday 6th December, Saturday 7th December 2024. Run a kitchen? – cold drinks (not too complicated). Some growers have approached Troy. Invite Garden Club to give demonstrations or have stall (no sales). Should not be too much work. Joseph/Carolyn to send out information to radio stations by adding 'Ask the Expert' and 'Orchid and Plant Sale'.
18. We need to add clean up on the roster for the Shows– 4.00 – 4.30 on Friday and Saturday afternoons.
19. Request that members take care of other member's plants when packing up. Plants are being knocked about during the process of putting tables away.
20. Dates for Shows next year. Recommendations: Autumn Show – 11th April; Winter – 11th to 13th July; Spring - 19th to 21st September.
21. Carolyn September advertising in Townsville Bulletin – same prices as last show. Happy to change back to Monday.
Motion: Approve for advertising in the Townsville Bulletin for the Spring Show on Monday and Saturday, at the nominated cost. Approve \$50 for boosting the Facebook account for the Show and the other 2 events.
M: C. Gibson S: J. Walker **Carried**
22. Carolyn to set up Microsoft teams for the Committee – after Christmas for next year. Carolyn happy to show members how to use it.
23. True North Solar. Like for like inverter.
Motion: Propose to give the go-ahead with replacing the inverters as quoted by True North.
M: J. Walker S: T. McGill **Carried**
24. Next Management meeting Saturday 24th August - 9.30am setting up for a 10.00am meeting.
25. Joseph away for that meeting. Noel not here all of August. Jeff has volunteered to publish the Bulletin.
26. We welcome new members:
Babara Baldock – Novice No. 348
Fiona Davison – Novice No. 349

Meeting Closed at 12.45pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 28 July 2024

Meeting opened at 1.05pm by President Troy who welcomed all attendees.

Present: 56 as per registration book

Visitors: Ash, Stuart, Phoenix and Blaze Compaan, Joan Mitchell, Kayla Roberts, Rita Tomba, Peter Peeters, Mary Agapiou.

Apologies: Ruth Whiting, Terry & Sarah Ruxton, Robyn Dundas, Clara Sewell, Lyn Howell.

President McGill spoke briefly about the passing of past member Tom Hobden. Tom and Delia had been members from 1978 until 2019, when Tom became ill. Tom was well known and respected within the Townsville Orchid community. Called for 1 minute silence.

President McGill welcomed new members - Babara Baldock and Fiona Davison and Kayla Roberts who were presented with a plant and book.

Minutes:

Reg Dix notified that amendment needed to be made Judges' Choice Open score. Should be 82 – not 88 points as written in the minutes.

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

Moved: J. Allen Seconded T. Kapcelovich **Carried**

Business out of Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

Business Arising: All correspondence tabled at Committee meeting. List available from Jan if required. Meeting notes from meeting with council representative – 10 year lease approved. Looking at greater community engagement and partnership with Council. Advice on grant funding and financial support.

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

Moved: J. Allen Seconded: N. Grant **Carried**

Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch

Treasurer Lisa presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month. The largest expenses were \$4,681.00 for annual insurances and \$1,653.54 for Ergon Energy.

Winter Show had approximately 797 people attend, with Saturday having a much higher attendance rate. The kitchen had a huge day on Saturday.

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

Moved: L. McCulloch

Seconded: B. Hughes

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show: Jan in Robyn Dundas' absence.

- Jan talked about the Spring Show, Bluewater Garden Fair and Field Day in October.
- Rosters for Spring Show, Bluewater Garden Show and Expression of Interest sheet for Field Day.

Hospitality: Samantha McGill

- Committee has commissioned Samantha and Wally to look into the replacement of the oven and cooktop in the kitchen.
- White's is confirmed for the Christmas Lunch during November meeting. Officially about \$65 per person but subsidising it considerably - members \$25 and non-members (other family or friends of members) \$45. Numbers will be needed by the October meeting. Payment can be made at the Cash Register or online.
- Samantha spoke about the donations given to TOS by the bakery down the road from the Hall. Their generosity was very much appreciated considering our home-made donations were down this Show. They are also interested in sponsoring a trophy.
- Biscuits with tea/coffee will be offered to workers throughout the Show. Items such as scones, muffins, cakes etc will be kept for purchasing customers. Sandwiches are available for lunchtime shifts.

Hall: Wally Brooker

- Solar converter at the back of the Hall to be replaced.

Publicity Officer: Carolyn Gibson and Joseph Walker

- Getting ready for next Show.
- If you see the Facebook post – Share with your friends.

General Business:

- **Fees** – Annual fees will remain \$15 Single and \$20 Family
- **Christmas Dinner** - Troy mentioned the advantages of 'family' membership over 'single' membership if you have a partner. Non-member partners will be expected to pay extra for their Christmas meal. If you have dietary requirements, please inform Sam after you have paid, and White's will be informed. All payments are to be finalised by the end of the October meeting.
- **Winter Show** - was a success, thank you to everyone who assisted, entered plants, sold plants and supplied food to the kitchen. Just a reminder, if you work at the show you are entitled to free sandwiches, biscuits and tea and coffee from the kitchen. Other food donations need to be bought as they are for fund raising. The EFTPOS was a success and will improve with more experience, including vendor payments. We learnt that American Express takes three days for payments to come through.
- **Show VP** – need a new Show Vice- President. Please help – others will give advice. Not a lot to do as much is already organised.
- **Bluewater Garden Festival** – Saturday 17th August, will be run similar to the ECO Fiesta. We are chasing people to volunteer to man the stand and talk to the public, as well as flowering plants to attract people's attention. We will be setting up a Gazebo and tables.
- **Public Open Day – 'Ask the Expert' for the public** – Saturday 31 August from 1 to 4 pm. We are asking for people to give presentations to the public, potting demonstrations and answer general questions. It will be held in the Hall.
- **Oasis Centre**- Have invited us to attend their next event, Saturday 7th September. It will be like the Bluewater event. Again, we will ask for assistance. It's about trying to grow our Society by making people aware of us and connecting with the community. Just waiting on confirmation from Jan.
- **Spring Show**- in September, invitations/reminders will be sent to vendors, again we will start advertising through local radio, flyers and Facebook.
- **Plant Sale** – 6th and 7th December from 9 – 4pm, Friday and Saturday. We will liaise with vendors, including club members and the Garden Club. We will rent out tables at a cost to be decided. Vendors will run their own registers. We will operate the kitchen, donations of food and people to man the kitchen during this period will be requested.
- **Council Lease** - it has been confirmed that our 10-year lease has been renewed. Council representative invited us to collaborate/partner with Council in beautifying garden beds and trees in the city. This fits in with us trying to connect with community.
- Ruth has requested that if you are selling plants at the Spring Show, please request barcodes and they will be ready at the next meeting.
- **Show dates for 2024** – Show dates have been decided and will be finalised next meeting.

Judges Choice: Reg Dix

Open Section:	Rhrds Mem Suranaree	Greg & Santina Kelly	78 points
	○ Two of the same cross exhibited – first prize given for its shape. Second plant is a better plant but the dorsal petal has a twist and a couple of marks on it.		
Novice Section:	Onc. Rosy Sunset	Fiona Davison	74 points
Species Section:	<i>Den denisflorum</i>	Bill Hughes	75 points

Reg gave examples of how some plants could have been better presented (Show condition).

- Remove weeds from pots.
- Discoloured leaves should be removed and damaged leaves cut on an angle.
- Dying flowers on raceme – cut it off – detracts from other racemes.

Quite a lot of discolor out at the moment – very early - concerned that when the Show comes around there won't be many available.

Technical Report: Jeff Knowles.

Dressing flowers for the Show –types of plants eg. Bublophyllum which flower all the way around.

- rotate plant towards the sun to get flowers all the way around, instead of just one side.
- as they grow from the inside, flower spikes can get caught up inside the leaves, which can cause the spikes to grow crooked or stop growing. Need to manually go around and carefully pull the spike out and let them fall. Once they fall the sheer weight of them pulls them done, separates the flowers and presents better.

Jeff presented his *Phaelanopsis amabilis*, growing on a piece of bark with a bird's nest fern.

- doesn't get any special treatment – thus not in Show condition
- usually presents itself quite well without staking.
- Phaelanopsis do not have to be difficult to grow. This one hangs up in an annex with his bulbophyllum and gets watered several times a week.
- Plenty of drainage and air movement.
- Question: Is it *amabilis* or *aphrodite* or is it a cross? Bought as *amabilis* from a flask from Taiwan.

Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Secret Squirrel Colour 18' – growing competition plant from 2019. Three on display.

Jeff handed out a leaflet about maintaining clean healthy leaves. He discussed

- using a general purpose fungicide such as Mancozeb or Mancozeb plus (includes sulphur which is also a miticide).
- Cover leaves – spray for coverage – spores get killed by mancozeb. Rotate – use different fungicides – use every couple of months.
- Alginox (Woolworths, pool shops), Path -X(designed for agriculture use), or Algaecide (Bunnings, pool shops) have antimicrobial properties against bacteria, fungi and viruses.

Presentation: Luz Lewis & Troy Mc Gill

De-flasking - Thanks to Luz and Troy who demonstrated how plants from a flask are potted into small pots, using sphagnum moss. Members gathered around to watch.

Meeting closed 2.50pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Champion orchids for the July meeting as represented by the judge's choice.

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2025 Asia Pacific Orchid Conference and
Taiwan International Orchid Show



Call For Speakers and Poster Presentations

The conference will be held in Tainan on March 8-10, 2025. This conference focuses on sharing the information about 'Industrial Net-Zero Emissions', 'Quality Certification', 'Industrial Upgrading' and 'Market Trends and Current Situation Analysis' for the orchid industry and we aim to promote the key talent development for the young professionals and explore the orchids applications for the publics in daily life. We sincerely call for submissions on the following topics.

Topics:

- Cultivation
- Breeding & Systematics
- Conservation
- Ecology
- Genetics & Development
- Habitat
- Horticultural Healing
- Industry
- Industrial Net-Zero Emissions
- Quality Certification
- Industrial Upgrading
- Market Trends and Current Situation Analysis
- Orchids Applications in Daily Life
- Others

Deadline for submission

September 15, 2024



Website



Facebook

Please check our website and Facebook page for updates on when the registration system will be ready for abstract submissions.

Please scan the following QR code for submission guidelines to help you prepare your abstract in advance.



Submission
Guidelines

Townsville Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show 2024



Friday 13th and Saturday
14th Sep 9 am - 4 pm
Sunday 15th Sep 9 am 2 pm

- Orchid Displays
- Raffles
- Orchid & plant sales
- Refreshments

Admission: \$3
School aged children are
free

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