

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



October 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.

Please advise your name and membership number.

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 1pm Saturday 26th October. The Annual General Meeting and the October General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 27th October.

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 October 2024:

Novice/Species

Marie

Open

Peter, Alison

President's Comments

Hello to everyone.

Well, the AGM is fast approaching, I guess I will find out how you thought the committee ran this year. Thank you for your support for my first year as the President of Townsville Orchid Society. I really have to thank Lisa and Jan first, as both have made my life easy. There have been a few hiccups along the way which they have assisted me with and kept me on the straight and narrow. I also have to thank all the other members of the committee, thank you. Wally, for looking after the hall, organising the repair of the roof after the cyclone, the upgraded to the kitchen and then being at the hall for all the general maintenance. There are so many people who do so many things behind the scene to ensure our club runs as smoothly as possible - from the bulletin being produced and released every month, to the organisation of the shows, field days and the other activities to try to raise the membership of the club, thank you all.

Unfortunately, we have had current and former members pass. I send my condolences to their families on behalf the Society. In all cases where possible, we have had members of the committee and the society attend funerals, paying respect, something that is important. We have also assisted members with their plants and greenhouses, including local members and as far as Charters Towers. So, if you have any problems, please don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Currently we are helping Emma and Erik (both past members) who due to medical reason can no longer attend meetings but still follow the Society.

So, you might wonder what we have done this year. We have maintained the three show, all I consider a success. With three different show marshals, Jan, Robyn and Tony. Thank you all for stepping up and organising and running the shows. Thank you to Sam and all the ladies who spent time preparing food for sale and the people who worked in the kitchen. The homemade food makes a big difference, we could see that in the money the kitchen raised. We will have had the field day by the time this bulletin reaches you. Thank you to all the people who have opened their bush houses. I am very excited for the new members who will get to visit both

Alices and Trevor's bush houses. Both are well worth the visit. Hopefully they both will open again next year along with Peter at Sunny View Orchids and maybe, just maybe Lisa might be ready to show the club her bush house, you will be surprised how nice a bush house she has.

What have we done new this year? Members of the committee set up a gazebo at Anderson Park for Eco Fiesta, we then again set up at the Blue Water festival and we had our "Ask the Expert" day. The whole idea of these events is to expose the public to what we can offer at our meetings. Overall, I think they were a success. It is one of the most important aspects of the society to grow our membership, as without new members, the club will slowly die. Unfortunately, this happened to Charters Towers. And we have to innovate - the Eftpos at the show is a fine example. Thanks to Greg who pushed for it, Lisa and Ruth who really have been the driving force in using it. Looking at the banking after the Winter Show, Eftpos has been very successful.

The next thing we as a club need to look at is presentations at our meetings. I have been pushing to have members of the committee give some form of presentation. We have been lucky that Reg and Greg are happy to assist here. Also, thanks to Jeff for his very informative technical reports, which have been a highlight each month. If you feel comfortable talking in front of a crowd please see Jeff, Jan or myself. Again, if there's something you really want to talk about or have questions please come and inform the committee, I'm sure other members have similar questions and we will try and solve the issues.

We are currently looking for nominations for next year's committee. New members offer new prospective and ideas. Without a committee we don't have a club, so if you are interested, please approach Jan or myself or put your hand up at the AGM. We run the committee meetings on a Saturday early afternoon now instead of Friday night as it is safer driving home, lessening the chance of kangaroos damaging their cars.

Finally, please invite your friends to attend our monthly meetings or shows. This is probably the easiest way of growing our club. Remember to show them our Facebook page and website. Share the Facebook page as well, the more people see it, the more chance we have of people taking an interest.

Thank you,

Troy

Nominations for Townsville Orchid Society Annual General Meeting October 2024

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
President	Troy McGill	Jan Allan	Robert Rasmussen
Treasurer			
Secretary	Jan Allan	Noel Grant	Tony Kapcelovich
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>			
(1) Show	Tony Kapcelovich	Troy McGill	Jan Allan
(2) Hall			
(3) Hospitality	Samantha McGill	Jan Allan	Noel Grant
Publicity Officer	Fiona Davison	Carolyn Gibson	Jan Allan
Committee Member 1	Noel Grant	Troy McGill	Lisa McCulloch
Committee Member 2	Lynette Johnson	Troy McGill	Jan Allan
Committee Member 3	Janelle Stevens	Lynette Johnson	Jan Allan
Committee Member 4	Joseph Walker	Troy McGill	Lisa McCulloch
Committee Member			
Committee Member			
<u>Other Officers:</u>			
Patron			
Editor			
Librarian			
Technical Officer			
Programme Director			
Host 1	Host 2	Host 3	Auditor
			Returning Officer
			Scrutineer
			Scrutineer

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 22nd October 2023

Meeting opened at 1.00pm by President Robyn Dundas.

Present: As per attendance book.

Apologies: As per attendance book

Welcome to visitors.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting.

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

M: Greg Kelly S: K Owens **Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Auditors report completed and available to view. It has been published in this month's Bulletin. Nothing untoward or out of the ordinary,

M: Lisa McCulloch S: T McGill **Carried**

Honorary Member:

President Robyn advised that at the Committee Meeting on 20/10/23, the committee had voted to appoint Noel Hardwick an honorary member of the Society. Noel was a long-term member of the club who due to health reasons is no longer able to participate in the society.

President's Address (Robyn Dundas)

The president provided her report for the past twelve months. This included issues with air-conditioning, solar panels and repairs to the roof. She spoke further of the upgrades to other equipment including mobile phones and laptops. Robyn spoke of the success of the 75th Birthday Show. The lease renewal is underway and we have managed to obtain a period of ten years lease rather than five. A Community grant for floor repairs has been submitted but not finalised.

Robyn thanked all that had contributed to the success of the club over the past years and indicated she was now going on an extended holiday.

The president declared all club positions vacant.

Returning Officer John Nuss took control of the meeting.

As Scrutineer Robert Rasmussen was not in attendance, June Cairns volunteered to act in his stead.

Nominations in hand are:

Position		Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Confirmed
President		Troy McGill	R. Dundas	R. Rasmussen	Confirmed
Treasurer		Lisa McCulloch	R Dundas	N. Grant	Confirmed
Secretary		Greg Kelly	R. Dundas	L McCulloch	Confirmed
Vice Presidents					
- Show		Jan Allen	T McGill	R. Rasmussen	Confirmed
- Hall		Wally Brooker	R. Dundas	T. McGill	Confirmed
- Hospitality		Samantha McGill	R. Dundas	G Kelly	Confirmed
Committee Member	1	Noel Grant	R Dundas	R Dix	Confirmed
Committee Member	2	Robert Rasmusen	R. Dundas	S. McGill	Confirmed
Committee Member	3	Joseph Walker	J Allen	R Dundas	Confirmed

The returning Officer then confirmed the nominated members in their positions. Nominations were called for the outstanding positions. The below members were confirmed into their position.

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- Hospitality		Samantha McGill	R. Dundas	G Kelly	Confirmed
Publicity Officer		Carolyn Gibson	R Dundas	T Ruxton	Confirmed
Committee Member	1	Noel Grant	R Dundas	R Dix	Confirmed

Committee Member	2	Robert Rasmussen	R. Dundas	S. McGill	Confirmed
Committee Member	3	Joseph Walker	J Allen	R Dundas	Confirmed
Committee Member	4	Lyn Johnson	R Dundas	N Grant	Confirmed
Other Positions					
Patron		Cr Russ Cook	T McGill	R Dundas	Confirmed
Editor		Noel Grant	T Ruxton	S Woods	Confirmed
Librarian		Noel Grant	J Cairns	T Kapcelovich	Confirmed
Technical Officer		Jeff Knowles	T Ruxton	T McGill	Confirmed
Program Director		Vacant			
Host	1	J Rutledge	T McGill	W Brooker	Confirmed
Host	2	J Knowles	M Boyd	T McGill	Confirmed
Host	3	M Boyd	T McGill	L Ryan	Confirmed
Auditor		Peter Dadic	G Kelly	T Ruxton	Confirmed
Returning Officer		John Nuss	T Ruxton	G Kelly	Confirmed
Scrutineer	1	Noel Grant	J Cairns	K Owens	Confirmed
Scrutineer	2	Rob. Rasmussen	G Kelly	J Cairns	Confirmed

President Troy McGill then assumed the chair.

President Troy thanked past president Robyn for her effort in maintaining the standards within the society and for all of her work over the years.

President Troy also wished Robyn a Happy Birthday for the following day.

General Business:

There was no general business at this meeting.

Meeting Closed at 1.50pm

T McGill President

G Kelly Secretary

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

Meeting opened: at 1.25pm by President Troy McGill

President McGill welcomed all members to the September Management Committee Meeting for 2024 and declared a quorum was present. He thanked everyone who was involved with the Spring Show.

Present: Troy McGill, Jan Allen, Lyn Johnson, Carolyn Gibson, Robert Rasmussen, Tony Kapcelovich, Joseph Walker, Noel Grant.

Apologies: Lisa McCulloch, Samantha McGill, Wally Brooker.

Minutes:

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

M: J. Allen

S: L. Johnson

Carried

Business arising: Last month we discussed the request from Townsville Pastoral Agricultural & Industrial Association with regards to becoming a sponsor in the Orchid section of the Floriculture at the 2025 Townsville Show. Committee asked for more detail. Jan presented the Committee with a copy of the 2024 Floriculture booklet with details of current prizes and sponsorship. We discussed what would be appropriate and will contact the Townsville Pastoral Agricultural & Industrial Association with our decision.

Motion: Townsville Orchid Society is prepared to sponsor first and second prizes for all of the current categories, other than the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in the Orchids Section of the Townsville Show for 2025 to the value of \$10 first prize and \$5 second prize.

M. Robert Rasmussen

S. J. Walker

Carried

Correspondence In: Request to change email address x 2; Orchidwiz – confirmation; Microsoft terms of use update; C-mobile account; Natalie Lacey – Council lease documents x 2; Fernland account payment; TOS awarded plants; Woolgoola Orchid Show; Triple T; Ask the Expert replies x 7; Barcode requests; C-Mobile Account; Approval for Flaming North Fire Protection; Agenda and reports for this year's AOC AGM and BOM meetings; Orchid Booklet response; Program for 2025; Spring Show Schedule; Orchid Booklet; Name Badges order; Spring Show roster; Peter Lawson artist apology; Payment advice; Commbank – changes for safe custody; Culture notes for Bulletin; Flaming

North Fire Protection; September Bulletin; Helen James Council – re Sprinklers and Gardens; Helene James Council – introduction to Ngaire; Grants update; Detours coaches – more details required; Canva; Sunday presentation; Financial Report – September; Brett Maloney – flasks list; Publicity Officer Role – Tasks.

Correspondence Out: Welcome packs to new members x 2; Nathalie Lacour Council – meeting time for lease; Request for Orchid Booklets; Ask an Expert Day Information; Forwarded barcode orders; Box day reminder; Spring Show rosters; Booklet order; Response re Peter Lawson; Results sheet; Bus hire request – Kinetic; TOS Bulletin; Response to Helene James (Council); Sales poster; Bulletin recipients – various bulletins; Detours coaches – details for quote.

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

M: J. Allen

S: L. Johnson

Carried

Business arising:

Covered in General business

Treasurer's Report:

President Troy presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month on behalf of Lisa. The largest expenses were \$3,781.55 for Fernland for the shop and \$1,662.65 for rates.

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: T. McGill

S: J. Walker

Carried

Business arising:

Vice President Reports:

Show: Tony Kapcelovich

- Cage for cardboard boxes. Please collect and put them in the cage.
- Next Show – needs set times as to when Sales area packs up and Show display is dismantled. Advice was mixed. Rules regarding setting up also need to be clearer.
- Need sign for back carpark – public coming in and parking when it should only be for workers.
- Need a bigger sign about no sales plants in the show area. Extra signs needed. (Jan mentioned confusing wording.)
- Orchids sitting in reserved area overnight. Maybe need a sign that they must be taken by the end of the day or returned to Sales tables.
- At the end of the show left over food was sold for \$5 a box.
- Members need to have their cups of tea outside, under the marquees, to allow for the buying public to be sitting at the tables. This show in particular was very busy, and people were waiting to be seated. The problem with this show was that the volunteers' marquee was blown over.
- Small fridge for cold items. Considered but Tony has looked at the size and doubts if the smallest one would be suitable. Possibly hire a refrigerated cabinet for the shows. Tony to ring around.
- Food being donated is not all being put out when people are cooking for the kitchen. Need some sort of system so that volunteers know what is there. People are not going to want to make food if this continues to happen.
- Oven instructions in drawers.
- Kitchen floor – hard to get it to look clean.
- Dishwasher – some people concerned it was not heating up. Suggest that we should get it serviced as it was working at times but not others.
- Suggestions had been made to Tony about being able to purchase from the shop at the Show. Discussion was had about the shop being for members only and no sales of pots, fertilisers, etc are made to the public due to GST. Only for Club members. The shop is not about making money but providing a service to members.

Hospitality – on behalf of Sam

- Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen. Unfortunately, Sam was unwell on that weekend and was unable to oversee the running of the kitchen.

Building Report Wally Brooker (absent)

Publicity –Carolyn and Joseph

Joseph – everything went well. Couldn't get hold of ABC and 4TTT weren't available
Jade from 4TTT informed us our subscription is expiring. Costs more to get 4TTT out if not a member.
Carolyn - Plant Sale coming up – posting from 5th October on Facebook. Biggest response that we have had on Facebook.

Look for free advertising. Council Facebook pages.

Wednesday advertising may have contributed to the good response. Plant sales poster to be sent to Joseph.

Awards – for Christmas lunch – all sponsors. Carolyn would like a list of people to thank.

Think outside the box – (food for thought) cost for members a deterrent to older members? Can we manage it. (Pointed out that we are subsidising Christmas dinner and bus trips).

General Business:

- General meetings - As a common courtesy, we should be shutting the shop when the meeting starts.
- **Spring Show** – Show was great – able to cover the cancellation of several grower/sellers. There were a few hurdles at the start with Alice, Thomas and Trevor pulling out of the Show. A big thanks to Ralph, Gloria Robertson and Doug Penningh for covering for the loss with extra plants. Thanks to all other local vendors who continued to bring in more plants throughout the weekend. Our tables would have looked very bare if they hadn't. We had bumper sales.

Any points of relevance from the Spring Show?

- Send out a flyer to vendors at the end of the year giving out dates of Shows and set up procedures.
- Maybe look at by-laws for shows and tighten them up. More information on set-ups and pack-up rules.
- What can we do to encourage more Novices to show plants?

Field Day – Sunday 20th October. Set-up 9.00 Saturday. Jan is working out an itinerary so needs to know who is participating. Have confirmed with Trevor, Alice and Robyn. Need to know if Noel or Jeff or both are participating. Greg Kelly unavailable. Need to get poster out quickly. Proserpine has theirs the same day.

AGM – We have been asking people to join the committee, unfortunately so far with limited success. Troy has nomination forms printed, so please talk to members and ask if they are interested. We need to look for a new Treasurer, Publicity Officer and Hall VP. We have asked a couple of members but unfortunately, they cannot commit. We also need to confirm that John Nuss is available as Returning Officer as are Robert and Noel as Scrutineers.

Amendments/Additions to the Constitution – We need to inform members of the changes to the Constitution; we are adding the Model Rules from the Office of Fair Trading in reference to a Grievance Procedure.

Secretary Jan needs to send an email message to all members that the AGM will be held on the 27th of October at 1 pm and they are all invited and requested to attend, including a copy of the new draft Constitution with the addition of the Grievance Procedure. Troy has a draft copy. This will be done as part of the October General meeting.

Membership Fees due – Barcode available for membership. Membership must be paid to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

Christmas Lunch – November meeting – 24th November. Meals cost around \$65 per person, after subsidising it will cost you as a member \$25 and \$45 non-members. All payments are to be finalised by the end of the October meeting.

Plant Sale – is fast approaching, and we have had some requests for table space. So far, the Hilders, Stephen Hinds, Ruxtons, Do we invite people/groups who are not members of the Orchid Society? If so, are we insured? Need to do soon.

Hosts - As a group, do we tell new members what they get out of being a member? Hosts need to welcome new people (visitors) and explain the benefits of being in the Society.

80th Birthday – are we prepared to do a special event like our 75th? Think about it. Is it setting a precedent for maybe the 85th birthday etc? Will need a sub-committee to help. Would need to apply for a grant. Pointed out that it will be different Committee by then.

Meeting – 1pm set up for Saturday 26th October Management Committee meeting.

Coming Up

October 2024

Set Up Field Day Saturday 19th October 9.00am

Field Day 20th – commencing 8am. Leave for gardens by 8.30am.

AGM Set Up/ Committee meeting Saturday 26th October, 1.00pm.

AGM and October General Meeting Sunday 27th October, 1pm

November 2024

Committee meeting November 23rd at 1.00pm.

Christmas Lunch – November 24th at 12pm.

December 2024

Plant Sales Day - December 6 -7 December 9am – 4pm

New Members: We welcome new members:

Judith Thomson- growing 5 years, 10 plants – accepted as Novice 352

Kim Hutton - growing 3 years, 8 plants - accepted as Novice 353

Victoria Nelson – growing 30 years, 100+ plants – accepted as Open 354.

Denise Peterson – growing 2 years, 50 plants - accepted as Novice 355

Donette Beasley - growing 2 years – 4 plants – accepted as Novice 356

Annette Sutton – growing – accepted as Novice.

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen – Secretary

Important Notice regarding the free orchid plant distributed to members at the September general meeting.

1. The name (C. Yuan Dung Python 'Passion Fruit') given out is incorrect. The correct name is **Rlc**. Yuan Dung Python 'Passion Fruit'.
2. Both my plant and Alison's showed damage consistent with a significant mite infestation. Hopefully all members have placed their new plant in quarantine and sprayed it.

Jeff Knowles
Technical Officer
Townsville Orchid Society

DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO BE HELD AT THE TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY 27 OCTOBER 2024 GENERAL MEETING

As of 1st July, 2024, the Office of Fair Trading requires incorporated associations to

- disclose remuneration paid and any benefits given to committee members, senior staff and their relatives at their Annual General Meeting.
- follow the grievance procedure in the model rules (outlined by the Office of Fair Trading) to resolve disputes or include a complaint grievance procedure in their own rules.

The Management Committee has read and discussed the model rules proposed by the Office of Fair Trading and has agreed that we would not be creating our own complaint grievance procedure. We will however adopt the recommended model rules and include them in our Constitution so that all members are aware of them. We asked Jeff Knowles, who played an important part in submitting the last version of our Constitution, to advise us as to where we should include these new rules.

DETAILS OF SPECIAL VOTE TO ADD RULES TO THE TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. CONSTITUTION TO BE HELD AT THE 27 OCTOBER 2024 GENERAL MEETING.

A notice of the vote for the additions to the Constitution has been mentioned in the August and September Bulletins and was announced at the September 2024 General meeting.

As stated in our Constitution, **S. 38 Alteration to Rules**, these changes need to be made by a special resolution carried at a general meeting. Below are the details of the inclusions.

Addition to S.1(1)

aggrieved party -

see rule 11A(3)

dispute resolution centre -

means a dispute resolution centre established under the *Dispute Resolution Centres Act 1990*.

Addition to S.11

11A Grievance procedure

- (1) This rule sets out a grievance procedure for dealing with a dispute under the rules between parties as mentioned in section 47A(1) of the Act.
- (2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the grievance procedure cannot be used by a person whose membership has been terminated if the rules provide for an appeal process against the termination.
- (3) A member (the aggrieved party) initiates the grievance procedure in relation to the dispute by giving a notice in writing of the dispute to—
 - (a) the other party; and
 - (b) if the other party is not the management committee—the management committee.
- (4) If 2 or more members initiate a grievance procedure in relation to the same subject matter, the management committee may deal with the disputes in a single process and the members must choose 1 of the members (also the aggrieved party) to represent the members in the grievance procedure.
- (5) Subject to rule 11B, the parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to resolve the dispute.
- (6) If the parties to the dispute cannot resolve the dispute within 14 days after the aggrieved party initiates the grievance procedure, the aggrieved party may, within a further 21 days, ask the society's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation.
- (7) Subject to rule 11B, if the aggrieved party asks the society's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation under subrule (6), the management committee must refer the dispute within 14 days after the request.
- (8) If the aggrieved party does not ask the society's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation under subrule (6), the grievance procedure in relation to the dispute ends.

11B Grievance procedure not continued in particular circumstances

- 1) This rule applies if—
 - a) a member initiates a grievance procedure in relation to a dispute and the society or society's management committee is the other party to the dispute; or
 - b) the aggrieved party asks the society's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation under rule 11A (6).
- 2) The management committee does not have to act under rule 11A(5) or (7) if—
 - a) the aggrieved party has, within 21 days before initiating the grievance procedure, behaved in a way that would give the management committee grounds for taking disciplinary action under the rules against the aggrieved party in relation to the matter the subject of the grievance procedure: or
 - b) before the grievance procedure was initiated, a process had started to take action under the rules against the aggrieved party or terminate the aggrieved party's membership, as provided for under the rules, and the dispute relates to that process or to a matter relevant to that process; or
 - c) the dispute relates to an obligation under the Liquor Act 1992 or any other State law to prevent the entry of the aggrieved party to, or to remove the aggrieved party from, premises used by the society, or to refuse to serve liquor to the aggrieved party at the premises; or
 - d) the dispute could reasonably be considered frivolous, vexatious, misconceived, or lacking in substance, or relates to a matter that has already been the subject of the grievance procedure.

11C Appointment of mediator

- 1) If a dispute under rule 11A is referred to mediation—
 - a) the parties to the dispute must choose a mediator to conduct the mediation; or
 - b) if the parties are unable to agree on the appointment of a mediator within 14 days after the dispute is referred to mediation, the mediator must be—
 - i) for a dispute between a member and another member—a person appointed by the management committee; or
 - ii) for a dispute between a member and the management committee or the society—an accredited mediator or a mediator appointed by the director of a dispute resolution centre.
- 2) An accredited mediator may refuse to be the mediator, or the director of a dispute resolution centre may refuse to appoint a mediator, to mediate the dispute.
- 3) If subrule (2) applies, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

11D Conduct of mediation

- (1) If a mediator is appointed under rule 11C, the mediator must start the mediation as soon as possible after the appointment and try to finish the mediation within 28 days after the appointment.
- (2) Subrule (1) does not apply if the mediator is a mediator appointed by the director of a dispute resolution centre.
- (3) The mediator—
 - a) must give each party to the dispute an opportunity to be heard on the matter the subject of the dispute; and

- b) must comply with natural justice; and
 - c) must not act as an adjudicator or arbitrator; and
 - d) during the mediation—may see the parties with or without their representatives, together or separately.
- 4) The parties to the dispute must act reasonably and genuinely in the mediation and help the mediator to start and finish the mediation within the period mentioned in subrule (1).
 - 5) The costs of the mediation, if any, are to be shared equally between the parties unless otherwise agreed.
 - 6) If the mediator cannot resolve the dispute, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

11E Representation for grievance procedure

- (1) A party to a dispute may appoint any qualified person to act on behalf of the party in the grievance procedure.
- (2) For subrule (1), a person is qualified to act on behalf of a party if the person—
 - (a) has sufficient knowledge of the matter the subject of the dispute to be able to represent the party effectively; and
 - (b) is authorised to negotiate an agreement for the party.
- (3) If a party appoints a person under subrule (1) to act on the party’s behalf, the party must give written notice of the appointment to each of the following entities—
 - (a) the other party to the dispute.
 - (b) the management committee.
 - (c) if a mediator has been appointed before the party appoints the person—the mediator.

11F Electronic communication for grievance procedure

Any meeting or mediation session required under the grievance procedure may be conducted by electronic means if the parties to the dispute and, for a mediation, the mediator agree.

Addition to S.29

(g) report the remuneration paid, and other benefits given, even if the amount to report is zero. This applies to benefits and remuneration given to management committee members, senior staff and their relatives.

GROUNDINGS FOR ADDITIONS.

To comply with new requirements by the Office of Fair Trading for incorporated associations as of 1st July, 2024. Model rules for the grievance procedure, as recommended by the Office of Fair Trading, will be adopted and added to our current Constitution.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF September 2024

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN	1st	Rlc Hsinying Aloha ‘C.H. Super’	W&C Sewell
CATTLEYA	2nd	Ctna Why Not ‘Roundabout’	L&G Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	3rd	Rlc Amazing Thailand ‘Rainbow’	L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den, To My Kids ‘Snow White’	L&G Johnson
Soft Cane	2nd	Den Oriental Smile ‘Butterfly’	McCulloch&Weaver
	3rd	Den Angel Moon ‘Perfection’	D Blanchard
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Phal Gentleman	R Rasmussen
Over 60mm	2nd	Phal Clair’s Surprise	D Blanchard
	3rd	Phal Tiger Tom	D Blanchard
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	Dtps Lioulin Orange	L&G Johnson
Under 60mm	2nd	Phal unknown	R&R Layton
	3rd	Phal unknown	D Blanchard
ONCIDIUM	1st	Onc unknown	McCulloch&Weaver
Any Other	2nd	Onc unknown	McCulloch&Weaver
	3rd	Howeara Lava Burst	L&G Johnson
TOLUMNIA	1st	Tol Willowbank Way x Rrm Victor Creek	McCulloch&Weaver
	2nd	Tol Swan’s Verdict x Tolu Sniffen	McCulloch&Weaver
	3rd	Tol Willowbank Way x Rrm Victor Creek	McCulloch&Weaver

PAPHIOPEDILUM Any Other Hybrid	1st	Paph St Swithin x <i>Paph phillipinensis</i> <i>var robellinii</i>	L&G Johnson
	2nd	Paph Vanguard	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Paph Yi-Ying Shy Little Girl	L&G Johnson
<u>NOVICE</u> ANY OTHER	1st	Paph St Swithin	M&M Dolan
	2nd	<i>Den convolutum x pacificum</i>	Davison & Roberts
	3rd	Phal unknown	Davison & Roberts
<u>SPECIES</u> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st	<i>Den lichenastrum v prenticei</i>	N&M Grant
	2nd	<i>Den discolor</i>	K Owens
	3rd	<i>Den discolor</i>	McCulloch&Weaver
CATTLEYA	1st	<i>Gur skinneri v alba</i>	R&R Layton
	2nd	<i>C intermedia var Maria Fasciera</i>	N&M Grant
	3rd	<i>Gur skinneri v semi alba</i>	N&M Grant
DENDROBIUM	1st	<i>Den lindleyi</i>	W Hughes
	2nd	<i>Den lindleyi</i>	W&C Sewell
	3rd	<i>Den nobile</i>	McCulloch&Weaver
PHALAENOPSIS	1st	<i>Phal stuartiana var nobilus</i>	McCulloch&Weaver
	2nd	<i>Phal schilleriana</i>	R&R Layton
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	<i>Paph phillipinense fma alba</i>	L&G Johnson
	2nd	<i>Paph venustum</i>	L&G Johnson
	3rd	<i>Paph lowii</i>	L&G Johnson
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st	<i>Bulb grandiflorum 'green'</i>	McCulloch&Weaver
	2nd	<i>Bulb levatii</i>	J&A Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st	<i>Oeoniella polystachys</i>	L&G Johnson
	2nd	<i>Robiquettia succisa</i>	N&M Grant
	3rd	<i>Chiloschista extincitoriformis</i>	Davison & Roberts

Reminder: Annual membership fees were due 1st September.

These fees may be paid at our October meeting (please be early to avoid the queue) or online -see payment details on Page 1.

If you remain un-financial, you will be unable to vote at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 27th October!

Points Tables after September 2024

Number	Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
280	Barlow H&M	56			56
221	Blanchard D	44			44
118	Bloom M	4		15	19
68	Cairns J	41		3	44
316	Cooper H	11		4	15
215	Dolan M&M		3		3
349	Davison&Roberts		28	2	30
102	Dundas R&E	6			6
273	Fidler S	13		7	20

190	Fighera B	34		1	35
213	Grant N&M	76		73	149
226	Gibson C	8			8
99	Hilder G&R	4		2	6
143	Horn J		21		21
87	Hughes W	18		29	47
240	Johnson L&G	247		63	310
116	Kelly G&S	138		4	142
193	Knowles A&J	10		48	58
320	Layton R&R	3		7	10
167	MacIntyre J	6			6
322	McCulloch/Weaver	144		33	177
304	Milne C		24		24
147	Nicholson J	2			2
148	Nuss J			5	5
344	O'Neill, L,B&M		8		12
63	Owens K	83		26	109
131	Richardson J	32		16	48
128	Rasmussen R	4			4
233	Serra P&J	3		18	21
172	Sewell C&W	12		3	15
224	Triebel M&M		12	1	13
310	Walker J&S			7	7
220	Watt G	30		6	36
100	Whiting R	98		28	126

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 22 September 2024

Meeting opened at 1.03pm by President Troy who welcomed all attendees.

Present: 56 as per registration book

Visitors: Jenny Treloar, Kathy Skinner, Megan Mikkelsen, Mel Driver

Apologies: R. Dundas, C. Sewell, J. Mitchell, J. Laffin, B. Woodhouse, J. Thomson, J. MacIntyre
President McGill welcomed new members - Judith Thomson, Kim Hutton, Victoria Nelson, Denise Peterson, Donette Beasley, Annette Sutton.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting have been published in the September Bulletin.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded L. O'Neil

Carried

Business out of Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: All correspondence was tabled at the Committee meeting. It was mostly correspondence between members of the Committee, regarding Show organisation as well as invoices.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: L. O'Neil

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Lisa McCulloch

Treasurer Lisa presented detailed information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month. The largest expenses were \$3,781.55 for Fernland for the shop and \$1,662.65 for rates.

Funds available to TOS: TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings

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

Moved: L. McCulloch

Seconded: K. Turner

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show: Tony Kapcelovich

- Thanked everyone for their assistance at Box Day and the Spring Show.
- Reminded people to bring in boxes and put them in the caged area out the back.

Hospitality: Samantha McGill

- Thanks to everyone who provided food and helped in the kitchen.

Publicity Officer: – Carolyn Gibson and Joseph Walker

- Next event – the Sales Day – will be boosted on Facebook.
- Carolyn asked for someone to step up into her position.

General Business:

Matters arising from the last meeting and current matters

- Fees due before AGM.

Spring Show –

Show was great – able to cover the cancellation of several growers. There were a few hurdles at the start with Alice, Thomas and Trevor pulling out of the show. A big thanks to Ralph, Gloria Robertson and Doug Penningh for covering for us by transporting extra plants to cover some of the shortfall. Other local growers also helped out in that respect. Thanks to everyone who assisted over the weekend.

Plant Sale – Friday 6th and 7th December. – \$50 for 2 days - 3 tables. We have had some requests for selling space.

Field Day – Sunday 20th October, set-up 19th October.

AGM – Sunday 27th October. Must be financial to vote. Club Fees will remain the same as this year.

- Troy has nomination forms. We still need a new treasurer.

Constitution - We need to inform members of the changes to the Constitution. We are adding the Model Rules from the Office of Fair Trading in reference to Grievance Procedures. These model rules need to be followed even if they are not in our Constitution, as we do not intend to create our own Grievance Procedure. Jeff spoke about the need to put the rules into our Constitution so that future members are aware of them. Members will be sent a copy of the changes to the Constitution. We will be voting on the inclusion of these rules prior to the AGM. Jeff explained the technicalities of the Grievance Procedure and how this vote would work.

Christmas Lunch – November meeting – please pay by end of October.

Judges Choice- Reg Dix

Open Section: : Onc. Unknown L. McCulloch 77points

First class presentation of the Oncidium

Novice Section - Paph Saint Swithen M. Dolan 74 points

Well grown plant – two flowers.

Species - *Dendrobium lindleyi* B. Hughes. 74points.

Reg's mantra:

Presentation of the plant is the most important thing.

At home. Position. Position, Position.

When judging Presentation, Presentation, Presentation.

Reg brought a plant to show how he got the plant to be upright and in line. Label at back of plant and front of wire at the front of the plant. Today is the equinox. Today is the day to change from your high potassium to the high nitrogen until the end of November then return to high potassium.

Flowers follow the sun. Put the plant facing north-east facing away from the pot.

Phaleanthe dens. Oct to end December – time to repot because of new growth. New growth facing along the line.

Technical Report – Jeff Knowles

- Gave a handout to members which followed up on information sought about Neem Oil at the August meeting.

- Jeff suggested other means of 'natural', and cheap pest control e.g. using water discarded from the first wash in your washing machine. Also safe.
- Oil and dishwashing liquid can be used. Recipe on our webpage in the Growing Orchids section. *Ref. Control of Hard Scale in Orchids.* Works on hard scale, soft scale and mites. 4 parts oil 1 part dishwashing liquid. Shake it up.
- Handout includes other types of oils that can be purchased from the supermarkets. Natural mixes which can be used safely. Read labels – might suggest mixing with another product.
- Will kill mites. Need to smother them all. Get into the roots etc. Better to do regularly = possibly every month. Preventative. Once you have mites then you need to use stronger substances. Think about the life cycle of mites. Now is the time to get them in the medium before they increase. Do for 3 to 4 months.
- Not a poison. Smothering not poisoning. Won't build up resistance to them.
- Size of a mite. See through a microscope. If you rub your finger under the leaf, a red streak will come on your leaf. Will move from plant to plant.
- Don't spray in the middle of the day.

When using chemicals, Consider **Safety**. MSDS – 'material safety data sheets' contain information about those chemicals through an MSDS or SDS. Some information on sheet might be completely irrelevant to us eg shipping

- Make sure the chemicals are safe to use. Synthetic pyrethrum is still available.
- Causes cancer? – Warnings should be on there.

Spring has sprung. Not too hot and not too cold.

- **Cattleyas** – new roots are starting to be thrown out. Time to repot. Try not to break off those root once you repot – then they will take off. If the roots are near the edge of the pot – time to repot.
- **Dendrobium** - throwing roots, start to water more and up the fertiliser. Phalaenathe dendrobium are ready to grow at this stage – once they start to grow give lots of water and food to help them grow. If they are dry and hot, you might end up with mites.
- Time to spray for mites - drench them so that the mites are not in the medium. Need a miticide not an insecticide.
- Wettable sulphur – safe. Mangazeb Plus has fungicide and miticide. Not systemic. Small collection – would be ok for small nurseries.

There are some very high powered miticides that we don't usually use.

- Good to alternate miticides because they could build up resistance.
- Neem oil – is it a miticide? Good to rotate with other things.
- Mix fertilisers and insecticides together but know what you are using.
- Identify the problem then spray for the problem.

Presentation – 'Preparing for Next Year' - Troy McGill

Troy's presentation touched on what we should be doing now, in preparation for next year. He emphasised that Spring is an important time of the year, due to the transition plants go through from their dormant winter phase.

He spoke on repotting. How do you know when they need repotting? Main points were:

Orchid Condition - size, crowded so needs a bigger pot, roots healthy firm green and silvery.

Condition of the media - is it compacted, decomposed? Repot. How often? Different growers spoke about how often they repot – every year, every two years, but others repot when they think it is required.

Need to increase your watering routine from Winter.

Troy spoke about fertilising plants. This became a debateable topic as to the type of fertiliser to use (should slow-release fertilisers be used?) and whether it is better to water before fertilising or not. It appears many growers fertilise as they water. Thus, the saying – weakly weekly - something many of the growers advise. Over-fertilising not only wastes money but can also burn the roots.

Warm weather can usher in pests, and with pests come diseases. Look for scale, spider mites, mealy bugs, dendrobium beetles. Prevention is better than cure so regularly check your plants, quarantine new plants and any plant affected by disease, maintain cleanliness and air flow.

Meeting closed 3.05pm.



Judges Choice
September 2024

Open Section

Oncidium
Unknown

Lisa McCulloch

77 points

Judges Choice **Open Section** **Right:**

September 2024 **Novice Section**

Paph St Swithen **Mila Dolan** **74 points**



Left:

Judges Choice

September 2024

Species Section

Dendrobium lindleyi

W. Hughes **74 points**

