

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### November 2024 Bulletin

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Family \$20.00  
Single \$15.00

Details for paying membership fees: BSB: - 064823  
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Name of Account: Townsville Orchid Society Inc.  
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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 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The November General Meeting will be held from Noon Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, followed by our Christmas Lunch. Please be early!**

It would be appreciated if members would donate some items for the **raffle table**.

Quality items appreciated!

Please note a **quantity of orchids have been purchased** for the raffle. Be early for your tickets!

### Judges for November 2024:

**Not Required!**

## President's Report

Greetings, I hope this finds everyone looking forward to the Christmas Lunch. I hope everyone is able to attend and enjoy the great entertainment from our technical officer Jeff again. Start studying your Christmas Carols, the names of different types of orchids and anything else you might think he may come up with in his quiz.

It's been a year where we have tried new things, or reinvented things. But I really must thank the committee and the members of the society for their support this year. A big thank you to John Nuss acting as the returning officer for the AGM again, thank you to Noel and Robert as his assistants. Thank you for your help.

We start the new year with a new Committee and patron, congratulations Warren Sewell, with some members of the Committee moving on, allowing for new members with new ideas - thank you to the members staying on for another year. Thank you for your efforts this year to those who have moved on from the Committee - Lisa, Carolyn and Greg.

We will be out and about trying to gain more members, be it at Bunnings, the Sunday markets or the Bluewater Garden Expo and any other options. Again, I hope to have some 'ask the experts' days, with at least one again being open to the public. We are always open to new ideas on ways to improve things for the members and on how to gain new members.

So, what have we done this year? The biggest change is to the Shows with the introduction of the EFPOS at the selling point. It has been popular with people buying plants, it has also made it easier for the treasurer organising money at the end of the day.

I must thank all the members who opened their greenhouses to the public for the Field Day. Alice's Orchids and Trevor were great additions this year, the members from the Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plant Society raved on how impressive they were. Hopefully next year we will have both Alice and Trevor again with the addition of Sunnyview Orchids if Peter is available. Unfortunately, Robyn will no longer be opening her greenhouse as she has moved onto a smaller block.

We must thank Ralph and Gloria, Doug and Eve for their efforts assisting with the Shows as well - it's a long drive from Innisfail and Sarina to Townsville. Ralph made numerous round trips to ensure we had enough plants for our Spring Show.

Just a reminder - we have the Orchid and Plant market on this December, so it will be your last chance to buy yourself and friends and family a plant or orchid for Christmas.

Let's hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday break and you come back well and ready for another year.

Again, thank you for your support throughout the year, this is your club. We in the committee are well aware of this and strive to make every meeting and event enjoyable.

Stay well over the break

Thank You  
Troy

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### **Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Meeting opened at 1.10pm by President Troy McGill.

**Present:** As per attendance book.

**Proxies:** Joanne Laffin, Rhonda Noble

**Apologies:** Joanne Laffin, Rhonda Noble, Robyn Dundas, Ruth, Hugh and Marian Barlow, Helen Shelley, Malcolm and Mary Triebel. Peter Serra, Raymond Layton.

### **Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting.**

These minutes were re-published in the October 2024 TOS Bulletin.

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

M: R. Dix    S: L. Johnson    **Carried**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Auditors report completed and was made available for members to view. Nothing untoward or out of the ordinary was noted by the auditor.

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

### **Business arising:**

- J. Knowles noted that the rates were much higher than the last financial year and asked why? Treasurer McCulloch explained that three periods were paid this year whereas last year it was two.
- J. Knowles questioned why our electricity bill was much higher this financial year. Treasurer McCulloch explained that there had been trouble with the solar power inverters and periods where the coin box was not working properly, and air-conditioning had remained on. Troy explained that True Solar had been contracted to fix the solar problem and the air conditioners had been fixed.
- R. Dix asked what we charge groups for electricity. President McGill explained that we charge the groups a set fee and they pay for the air-conditioning through the coin box. Reg suggested we should be looking a different system.
- J. Cairns enquired about whether there are groups who don't pay rent. J. Allen explained that there are two not-for-profit community groups that we allow to use the Hall (U3A French class) and Australasian Native Orchid Society Inc fee free. The thinking behind this is that it was suggested in a meeting with a Council representative that it would be beneficial when applying for grants if we were seen to be assisting some community groups.

### **President's Address (Troy McGill)**

The President provided his report. He mentioned the Committee's commitment to making the Orchid Society more visible in the community with members attending Community events such as the Eco-Fiesta and the Bluewater Gardening Fair. We are also planning to collaborate with the local Council on small projects. He thanked everyone for the work they have done this year. He spoke further about the success of the three Orchid Shows and our new initiative this year to have a Plant Sale in December.

The president declared all club positions vacant. Returning Officer John Nuss took control of the meeting. He thanked all officers of the Management Committee and all those who have worked successfully for the Society this year. Nominations in hand are:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Patron			
President	Troy McGill	Jan Allen	Robert Rasmussen
Treasurer			
Secretary	Jan Allen	Noel Grant	Tony Kapcelovich

<b><u>Vice Presidents:</u></b>			
Shows	Tony Kapcelovich	Troy McGill	Jan Allen
Hall			
Hospitality	Samantha McGill	Jan Allen	Noel Grant
Publicity Officer	Fiona Davison	Carolyn Gibson	Jan Allen
Committee Member 1	Noel Grant	Troy McGill	Lisa McCulloch
Committee Member 2	Lynette Johnson	Troy McGill	Jan Allen
Committee Member 3	Janelle Stevens	Lynette Johnson	Jan Allen
Committee Member 4	Joseph Walker	Troy McGill	Lisa McCulloch
Committee Member 5	Robert Rasmussen	Noel Grant	Jan Allen
<b>Other Officers</b>			
Editor			
Librarian			
Technical Officer			
Programme Director			
Host 1			
Host 2			
Host 3			
Auditor			
Host 4			
Returning Officer			
Scrutineer 1			
Scrutineer 2			

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
Patron	<b>Warren Sewell</b>	<b>Troy McGill</b>	<b>Jeff Knowles</b>
President	Troy McGill	Jan Allen	Robert Rasmussen
Treasurer	<b>Leeann O'Neil</b>	<b>Jan Allen</b>	<b>Lisa McCulloch</b>
Secretary	Jan Allen	Noel Grant	Tony Kapcelovich
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<b>Other Officers</b>			
Editor	<b>Noel Grant</b>	<b>Lisa McCulloch</b>	<b>Lynette Johnson</b>
Librarian	<b>Noel Grant</b>	<b>Jan Allen</b>	<b>Terry Ruxton</b>
Technical Officer	<b>Jeff Knowles</b>	<b>Jan Allen</b>	<b>Joseph Walker</b>
Programme Director	<b>To be shared by Jeff Knowles and Troy McGill.</b>		
Host 1	<b>Joseph Walker</b>	<b>Troy McGill</b>	<b>Robert Rasmussen</b>
Host 2	<b>John Rutledge</b>	<b>Troy McGill</b>	<b>Terry Ruxton</b>
Host 3	<b>Luz Lewis</b>	<b>Jan Allen</b>	<b>Noel Grant</b>
Host 4	<b>Kerry Turner</b>	<b>Troy McGill</b>	<b>Lynette Johnson</b>
Auditor	<b>Peter Dadic</b>	<b>Lisa McCulloch</b>	<b>Robert Rasmussen</b>
Returning Officer	<b>John Nuss</b>	<b>Kerry Turner</b>	<b>Lynette Johnson</b>
Scrutineer 1	<b>Noel Grant</b>	<b>Terry Ruxton</b>	<b>Robert Rasmussen</b>
Scrutineer 2	<b>Robert Rasmussen</b>	<b>John Nuss</b>	<b>Lynette Johnson</b>

President Troy McGill then assumed the chair.

**General Business:**

Troy McGill stated that, according to the new rules of the Constitution we need to report the remuneration paid, and other benefits given to management committee members and their families. It is confirmed that no remuneration has been received by any member of the Society. The figure of zero needs to be included in the Auditor's report.

Meeting Closed at 1.40pm

T McGill President

J Allen Secretary

**PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF October 2024**

**Bold Type** indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
<b>OPEN</b>	1st	Ctt Chief Berry	G&S Kelly
CATTLEYA	2nd	Bc Hippodamia 'Hanabu'	G&S Kelly
Any other Hybrid	3rd	Enc Oakland	L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM	1st	Den Hsinying	J&B Richardson
Any other Hybrid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den Little Green Apples	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Den Hai Sing	L&G Johnson
VANDA	1st	V Vilairat	G&S Kelly
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	V Kulwadee Fragrance 'Black #27'	N&M Grant
	3rd	V Cherry Blossom	N&M Grant
ONCIDIUM	1st	Brs Rex 'Sakata'	L&G Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	<i>Onc sphacelatum</i> 'Sunbeam'	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Brs Rex 'Sakata'	J&B Richardson
PHALEANOPSIS	1st	Phal Younghome Golden Leopard	McCulloch/Weaver
Any Other Hybrid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phal Tying Shin Beagle	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Phal Ruey Lih Beauty	McCulloch/Weaver
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1st	Paph St Swithen	L&G Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	Paph Puppentanz	L&G Johnson
	3rd	Paph Gold Dollar	L&G Johnson
TOLUMNIA	1st	Rrm Billy 'Calum'	G&S Kelly
	2nd	Tolu Willowbank Whirl	G&S Kelly
	3rd	Rrm Swan's Statement	G&S Kelly
<b>NOVICE</b>	1st	Phal Mini Mark 'Holm'	Davison&Roberts
Any Other Hybrid	2nd	<i>Rhy coelestis</i> x V Thailand	Davison&Roberts
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phal Ruey Lih Queen	J. Walker
<b>SPECIES</b>	1st	<i>Den bigibbum var alba</i>	N&M Grant
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE			
CATTLEYA	1st	<i>C. schilleriana</i>	L&G Johnson
	2nd	<i>Enc fragrans</i>	McCulloch/Weaver
	3rd	<i>Enc chacaoensis</i>	L&G Johnson
DENDROBIUM	1st	<i>Den spectabile</i> 'Rusty's Pride'	J&B Richardson
	2nd	<i>Den amabile</i>	L. Lewis
	3rd	<i>Den amabile</i>	W. Hughes
VANDA	1st	<i>V. aurantiaca</i>	N&M Grant
	2nd	<i>Smitinandia micrantha</i>	N&M Grant
	3rd	<i>V garayi</i>	N&M Grant
ONCIDIUM	1st	<i>Tolu urophylla</i>	N&M Grant
	2nd	<i>Onc sphacelatum</i>	McCulloch/Weaver
	3rd	<i>Onc sphacelatum</i>	McCulloch/Weaver

BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd	<i>Bulb lobbii</i> 'Star Dust' <i>Bulb klabatense</i>	A&J Knowles A&J Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Paph philippinense</i> <i>Eulophia andamanense</i> <i>Phal parishii</i>	L&G Johnson N&M Grant N&M Grant

## Points Tables after October

2024

Name	Open	Novice	Species	Aggregate
Barlow H&M	56			56
Blanchard D	44			44
Bloom M	4		15	19
Cairns J	41		3	44
Cooper H	11		4	15
Dolan M&M		4	1	5
Davison&Roberts		35	3	38
Dundas R&E	6			6
Fidler S	13		7	20
Fighera B	34		1	35
Grant N&M	84		98	182
Gibson C	8			8
Hilder G&R	4		2	6
Horn J		21		21
Hughes W	18		31	49
Johnson L&G	277		74	351
Kelly G&S	162		4	166
Knowles A&J	10		56	66
Layton R&R	3		7	10
Lewis L			3	3
MacIntyre J	6			6
McCulloch/Weaver	152		41	193
Milne C		24		24
Nicholson J	2			2
Nuss J			5	5
O'Neill,L,B&M		8		8
Owens K	83		26	109
Richardson J	39		24	63

Rasmussen R	4			4
Serra P&J	3		18	21
Sewell C&W	12		3	15
Triebel M&M		12	1	13
Walker J&S		6	7	13
Watt G	30		6	36
Whiting R	98		28	126

### **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 26 October 2024.**

Meeting opened: at 1.32pm by President Troy McGill

President McGill welcomed all members to the October Management Committee Meeting for 2024 and declared a quorum was present. He welcomed Jeff Knowles who had been invited to come along and advise us on the Constitution process.

**Present:** Troy McGill, Jan Allen, Robert Rasmussen, Joseph Walker, Noel Grant, Samantha McGill, Lisa McCulloch (left early for Judges meeting). Jeff Knowles

**Apologies:** Tony Kapcelovich, Lyn Johnson, Carolyn Gibson.

**Minutes:** Minutes have been published in the October Bulletin.

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

M: J. Allen

S: R. Rasmussen

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence In:** OQI AGM- circular to all Queensland Orchid Societies; e-bill from Ergon Energy; Community Development – Council – Ngaire; Mel Driver – re publicity officer; Suggestion for Field Day; Campbell's Survey; Rentakil; Canva; Microsoft 364; C-mobile account; Claim for expenses; Query – purchase of orchid; TAG Solutions;

Membership and Field Day payments; American Express; True North Solar Invoice; Bowen Orchid Society dates;

Field day query; C-mobile; Flaming North Fire protection– defect quote reminder; December Plant Sale query; True Solar North receipt; Detour Coaches – response after call; List of AGM Nominations; Advised – membership fees paid x 4; Species show advice – Buderim; Kinetic Charters – quote & confirmation; RHSV notification – AGM

Detours – reply to quote – bus not required; HROAPS – Calendar of events; Christmas lunch payment – member;

Field day Itinerary request; Lease agreement - Council – to be signed and witnessed; Annual return form – Qld Government; Orchids - American Orchid Society; Membership payment & field day; Itinerary for Sunday – participants; Orchid Book Price increase; Calendar 2025; Expression of thanks – Herbert River; Philip Thompson – grants for security - CCTV etc.; National e-deposit summary; Apology Carolyn Gibson -AGM and Committee; Townsville Show Admin -Floriculture; TAX INVOICE – Kinetic; Microsoft 365; Financial Report – October; Apology Committee meeting Lyn Johnson; Membership application; Apology and Proxy vote – member (for changes to constitution)

**Correspondence Out:** Welcome packs to new members x 6; Reply to prospective member; Community Development and Townsville Orchid Society- Ngaire; Reply re Field Day; Invitation to Field Day – local orchid societies; Details of the special resolution to be held at the 27 October 2024 general meeting; Itinerary to Kinetic; Reminder – Membership fees and field day; Detours – no need for bus; Itinerary to Alice – re changed times; Reminder: Field Day set up; Itinerary for Sunday; Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin.

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

M: J. Allen

S: J. Walker

**Carried**

**Business arising:**

- Bowen Orchid Society dates – no field day but Autumn Show 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- Paid True Solar North but a couple of people have mentioned that the solar is not working. What has been done?
- HROAPS – Calendar of events – need to look at changing dates for our Autumn Show.

- Lease agreement needs to be signed and witnessed by JP. Joseph will do it on Sunday.
- Received an expression of thanks from Herbert River regarding Field Day.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

President Troy presented information relating to the income received and outgoing expenses for the month on behalf of Lisa, who had moved on to a Judges meeting. The largest expenses were \$2,859.12 for 500 coloured raffle ticket books and \$1,450.00 for a replacement solar inverter.

**Funds available to TOS:** TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings: Lisa has reported that the financials have gone to the auditor and accepted as correct. These will be presented at the AGM.

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

M: T. McGill

S: J. Walker

**Carried**

### **Vice President Reports:**

**Show:** absent

**Hospitality** – Sam McGill

- Only 36 people on the list for the Christmas party at present. Jan to send out a note tonight about Christmas party.
- Set up time for Christmas Party – 10am.
- Bake Away has been supplying a lot of bakery items to the Shows and Field Day this year. A certificate of appreciation should be given to them.
- At the end of the Shows, we started selling a box of left over items (cakes, slices etc) for \$5. This has worked out well. Do members have any objection to this. Give them the option to take their own food home.
- We will run the kitchen for the Plant Sales. Tea, coffee, slices.
- Should we approach IGA to become a sponsor? We get items from there and they are near Bake Away.

### **Building Report**

- Tony has organised for someone to look at the dishwasher and give it a service. The wood at the base of the dishwasher is rotting so Tony has organised for it to be removed and a concrete base added.
- Troy will get in touch with True North regarding the solar inverter.
- Should we look at getting hand blowers for the bathrooms? Look into again. Hand towels are getting expensive. Is it a better hygiene option or not? Robyn and Jan applied for a Council grant but that was not eligible. Will look into other avenues.

### **Publicity** –Joseph

- It was suggested that our Plant Sale poster should be changed to Orchid and Plant Market instead. Jan will look into changing the poster. Will consult with Carolyn.
- Carolyn will advertise on Facebook (boost)
- Discussed benefits of membership of 4TTT. Will organise with 4TTT to advertise Orchid and Plant Market.

### **General Business:**

- Current financial membership list needs to be on display at the meeting. Members must be financial to vote on the Special Resolution and at the AGM.
- General Meeting tomorrow will commence with voting on adding the Grievance Model Rules to the Constitution. Must be voted in by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of people in attendance who are eligible to vote. Will need to ask if everyone is happy to raise hands or do we need a private vote. Scrutineers needed. Form 8 to Fair Trade. Once vote has taken place the meeting is postponed for the AGM.
- Remember to add the 'Remunerations' declaration at the AGM.
- Suggestions for Patron – no nominations – from the floor. Warren Sewell was suggested. Troy to approach Warren.
- Reminder that the Ted Boon trophy should be awarded to the plant (and consequent grower) that received the highest points for the year, from the Judge's Choice. Need to consider what happens if there is a tie.

- Ivy Nott trophy. Awarded to the winner of *Dendrobium discolor* Section at Spring Show. Jan to look at previous minutes to see what the decision was (trophy donated by TQOC).
- Agreed to present certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for each category – Open, Novice, Species. \$20 voucher – winners. Presented by Patron and President.
- Need to do – Send out letters and Orchid and Plant Market poster (new one) to other Clubs, Nurseries and Garden Clubs.
- Can Orchid and Plant Market be advertised in What’s Happening in the Townsville Bulletin – Joseph to investigate?
- Check with 4TTT that they are using the recorded ad – made many years ago.
- Jan to send out a reminder for Christmas Party participants.
- Confirmed that we will be renewing our subscription for OrchidWiz.

**New Members:** We welcome new members:

Kathy and Craig Skinner – Novice – No 358

Mary Agapiou – Novice – No 359

Norma Anderson – Novice - No 360

Mel Driver – Novice – No 361

**Meeting** – 1pm set up for Saturday 23rd November Management Committee meeting.

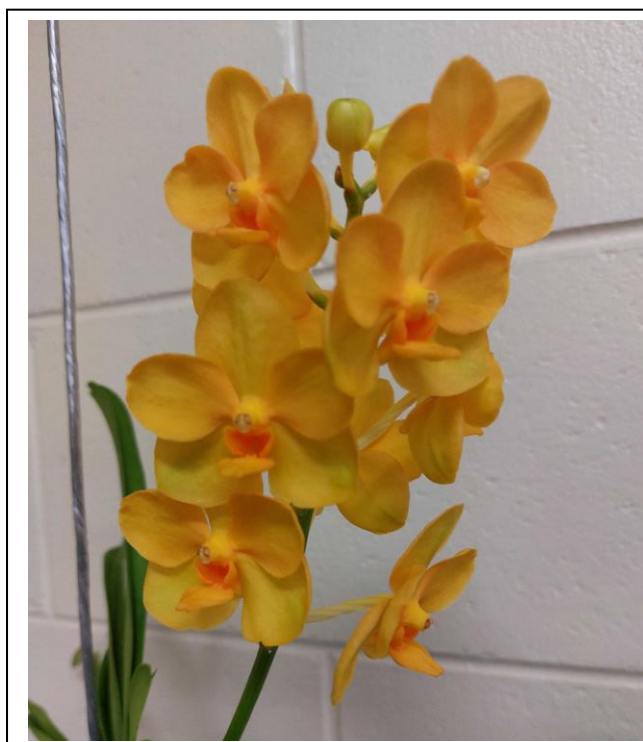
**Meeting Closed:** 2.40pm

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Troy McGill – President

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Jan Allen – Secretary



**Judges Choice  
October 2024**


Open Section:


Vanda Vilairat

Owner: G&S Kelly

76 Points



	<p><b>Judges Choice October 2024</b></p> <p><u>Novice Section:</u></p> <p>Phal Mini Mark “Holm”</p> <p>Owner: Davison&amp;Roberts</p> <p>71 Points</p>
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	<p><b>Judges Choice October 2024</b></p> <p><u>Species Section:</u></p> <p><i>Dendrobium spectabile</i></p> <p>Owner: J &amp; B Richardson</p> <p>79 Points</p>
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**Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 27<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024**

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

**Present:** As per registration book.

**Visitor:** As per registration book

**Apologies:** As per registration book.

**New Members:** President Troy welcomed new members Kathy and Craig Skinner, Mary Agapiou, Norma Anderson, and Mel Driver. Those who were in attendance received their welcome gift.

**Special Resolution:**

Jan Allen reminded members that details of the changes/additions to be made to the Townsville Orchid Society Inc Constitution were published in the October Bulletin and were also sent to each member, via email. Members were informed at the last General Meeting that we would make changes to our Constitution through a special resolution at the October General Meeting.

**GROUNDS FOR CHANGES/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.

President Troy McGill put the amendments to a vote and scrutineers confirmed that the vote was carried. The General Meeting was then suspended and recommenced after the AGM.

#### **Minutes: Jan Allen**

The minutes from the September 2024 meeting were published in the October Bulletin.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: L. Johnson

**Carried**

Business out of Minutes: Nil

**Correspondence:** Nil new correspondence relevant to this meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Leeann O'Neill**

The new treasurer provided a comprehensive report as to the state of the society funds. Spreadsheets are available from the Treasurer if anyone would like to look. The largest expenses were \$2,859.12 for 500 coloured raffle ticket books and \$1,450.00 for a replacement solar inverter.

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

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: L. McCulloch

**Carried**

#### **Vice President Reports:**

##### **Shows - Tony Kapcelovich.**

- Tony has enquired about hiring a cake fridge for the kitchen for our Shows. No-one seems to hire them. A tradesman Tony knows is going to make some more enquiries and will let Tony know.
- Dishwasher – Tony managed to get in contact with the service agent for it. Altogether it should cost us \$180 plus GST. The timber under the dishwasher is pretty rotten, so Troy and Tony will lift it up and put down a concrete slab under it.

##### **Hospitality- Samantha McGill**

- Welcomed new Committee members. Thanks also to all the members who have helped out in the kitchen at the Shows and the meetings. Much appreciated.
- We are moving away from Styrofoam cups so we will need members to help with the washing and wiping up at the meetings.
- At the end of the Shows, we have been putting left over food into food containers and selling them for \$5. This has been to maximise the profit for the kitchen. It has worked well. If anyone has donated food and prefers to take their unused food home, this is not a problem. Samantha asked anyone who disagrees with this procedure to talk to her.

Christmas lunch – date 24th November. Members \$25 and non-member \$45.

- Anyone with dietary requirements, please inform Samantha as she can organise it with the caterers. The list is at the back of the Hall. Please get your name down and pay.
- Recommend that members arrive at 11.30am for a 12.00pm meeting. Lunch at 1.00pm (*this has since been amended to 12.30pm – or once the meeting is finished*). BYO alcoholic drinks. There will be free soft drinks.
- Set up from 9.00am for Christmas decorations.
- Members are asked to contribute to the raffle table to make it an exciting Christmas raffle.

Plant Sale – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

- The kitchen will open both days– any members to help or contribute to kitchen. Keeping it basic: tea, coffee, scones, biscuits, etc Not making sandwiches.
- Set up will be the day before.

#### **General Business:**

- Jan – thanked everyone who came along to the Field Day or helping make lunches. Although there were only 22 people using the bus, it was a most enjoyable day. We had 5 greenhouses on display – thanks to Trevor Jochheim, Alice's Nursery, Jeff Knowles, Noel Grant and Robyn Dundas. We received a letter from the Herbert River Orchid and Allied Plants Inc thanking us for hosting the Field Day and commenting on what an enjoyable day it is.
- The Council lease documents have arrived and need to be signed in front of a JP. It is definitely for 10 years, and we do not pay for the lease of the land – just for the utilities.
- Reg brought up a problem he was having with the TOS Website. Whenever he tries to access it, his Antivirus comes up with a message that states that there is suspicious activity on the Website. He has

been unable to access the website since March. He recommended that the Committee look into upgrading our website to stop this problem.

**Judges Choice: Reg Dix**

Very good display on the species table. Excellent species on the table which Reg believes deserves an award, but the plant is not in show condition. Unfortunately, there are too many dead flowers on the plant. Very well grown, very well flowered. Reg recommended that Noel contact him when the plant is at its peak. He believes it really deserves an award.

**Open Section:** V. Vilairat, G. Kelly, 76 points.

Very nice flower. Colour is spectacular

**Novice Section:** Phal Mini Mark 'Holm', F. Davison & K Roberts. 71 points

**Species Section:** *Den spectabile*, J & B Richardson, 79 points.

**Technical Officer – Jeff Knowles**

Jeff handed out a sheet about a fungus called phytophthora. Some other names for it can be root rot, crown rot and black spot. Phytophthora is a fungus that enjoys water, so if your plants remain wet, and they stay wet, then in the hot weather, this fungus absolutely enjoys those conditions.

Jeff talked about the illustrations on the handout and explained what he would do if his plant was at that state.

The best suggestion is: Protect your plants so that they don't get to that stage. Plants like to be wet – then dry.

Air movement is also important. Bark media and coco chips hold water so don't water them as often.

Jeff stressed the importance of being very careful when using fungicides.

Meeting closed at 2.50pm

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T McGill - President

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Jan Allen – Secretary

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**Townsville Orchid Society Inc Annual Audit**

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Statement  
and the Balance Sheet  
for the 2023/ 2024 Financial Year  
are shown below.

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
\$		\$
	<u>Income</u>	
10636.10	Sales	6268.40
<u>9718.35</u>	Less Cost of Goods Sold	<u>8657.99</u>
917.75		(2389.59)
(1347.00)	Bus Trips (Net)	(541.00)
963.50	Field Days (Net)	(273.33)
17790.00	Hall Rental	17234.20
255.71	Interest	443.72
2200.00	Members Subscriptions	2020.00
1382.89	Meetings (Net)	1346.40
11686.76	Show Takings (Net)	18374.26
<u>705.00</u>	Sundry Income	<u>20.77</u>
34554.61		36235.43
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
2035.00	Audit Fees	2145.00
6643.00	Depreciation	3111.00
867.50	Donations & Affiliations	1375.32
2895.99	Electricity	5214.74
19918.30	Hall Cleaning & Maintenance	13012.77
4835.00	Insurance	4681.00
2313.61	Printing, Postage, Stationery & Telephone	1924.71
1786.36	Rates	5335.39
3373.19	Small Equipment	0.00
<u>1839.30</u>	Sundry Expenses	<u>2898.87</u>
46507.25		39698.80
(11952.64)	Net Profit (Loss)	(3463.37)



TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
\$		\$
	<u>Members Funds</u>	
454743.06	Opening Balance	442790.42
<u>(11952.64)</u>	Profit (Loss) for year	<u>(3463.37)</u>
442790.42		439327.05
	<u>Represented by:</u>	
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
3571.37	Cash at Bank	3335.28
54217.57	CSB - Cash Management Trust	26361.29
0.00	Term Deposit CBA	25000.00
<u>5625.50</u>	Stock	<u>5235.50</u>
63414.44		59929.07
	<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
368633.04	T.O.S Hall - at Cost	368633.04
123426.99	Plant & Equipment - at Cost	126559.99
<u>(111864.05)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(114975.05)</u>
380195.98		380217.98
443610.42	Total Assets	440147.05
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
300.00	Hall Deposit - Church of Living God	300.00
300.00	Hall Deposit - Tokelau Townsville	300.00
<u>220.00</u>	Hall Deposit - Weight Watchers	<u>220.00</u>
820.00		820.00
442790.42	Net Assets over Liabilities	439327.05

Townsville 16 October 2024

 (Auditor)  
D P Dadic - IPA