

Honour Roll – Townsville Orchid Society Inc.

1947 – 2025

Life Members, Patrons, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers

(Data I have as at 26th January, 2025)

If you see anything that requires correcting, please contact the Townsville Orchid Society.

TOS year beginning with AGM The date of the AGM is shown.	Patron	President	Secretary	Treasurer
Inaugural meeting Willmetts Chambers Townsville 20 th June, 1947	N/A	Chairman: R. P. Kirke † [Robert Patterson (Bob) KIRKE]	P. K. Searle †	P. K. Searle †
First general meeting 2 nd July, 1947 (first elections held)	Dr J. Breinl †	R. P. Kirke †	P. K. Searle †	P. K. Searle †
First Annual General Meeting 27 th August, 1948	Dr J. Breinl † (died 18Sept2013)	R. P. Kirke †	P. K. Searle †	P. K. Searle †
1949 26Aug	R. P. Kirke †	Stan Brock	Georgina Butler †	Georgina Butler †
1950 25Aug	Dr J. Breinl †	R. P. Kirke †	Georgina Butler †	Georgina Butler †
1951 26Oct	Dr J. Breinl †	R. P. Kirke †	A. C. Nielsen	A. C. Nielsen
1952 24Oct	Dr J. Breinl †	R. P. Kirke †	Mrs I J Waddell Mr J. Claes †	Mrs I J Waddell Mr J. Claes †
1953	Dr J. Breinl †	R. P. Kirke †	J Claes †	J Claes †
1954	Dr J. Breinl †	R. P. Kirke †	J Claes †	J Claes †
1955	Mrs Ivy Nott †	A. C. Neilsen	Ron Merritt †	Ron Merritt †
1956		J. Tate	Ron Merritt †	Bill Griffiths †
1957		J. Tate	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1958	R. P. Kirke †	Mr. J.K Tate	Ron Merritt †	Bill Griffiths †
1959		Ron Merritt †	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1960		Ron Merritt †	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1961		Mr. J.K Tate	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1962		Ron Merritt †	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1963		John Tate	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1964	R. P. Kirke †	Ron Merritt †	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
1965		Ron Merritt † S Hinds †	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †
		Was Slim Warner † president??? Pre 1966 sometime??? Was ?? Berge a president??		
1966		Sheddy Hinds †	V. Kirke	Bill Griffiths †

1967	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ian Walters	E (Ted) Boon †	Bill Griffiths †
1968	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ron Merritt †	E (Ted) Boon †	W. Griffiths †
1969	Mrs Ivy Nott †	F. Tooth	E (Ted) Boon †	W. Griffiths †
1970	Mrs Ivy Nott †	M. Watson	E (Ted) Boon †	W. Griffiths †
1971	Mrs Ivy Nott †	M. Watson	M. King	W. Griffiths †
1972	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Neville Ludwig	M. King	W. Griffiths †
1973	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Neville Ludwig	Mrs. M. E. King	W. Griffiths †
1974	Mrs Ivy Nott †	F. Tooth	M. King	W. Griffiths †
1975	Mrs Ivy Nott †	David Greenway †	Mrs. M. E. King	W. Griffiths †
1976	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Neville Ludwig	M. King	W. Griffiths †
1977	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Mike Richards	M. King E (Ted) Boon †	W. Griffiths †
1978	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Neville Ludwig	E (Ted) Boon †	W. Griffiths †
1979	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Mike Richards	E (Ted) Boon †	W. Griffiths †
1980	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Mike Richards	Sandy Goldsworthy	W. Griffiths †
1981	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ray Robinson †	Sandy Goldsworthy	Lister Arrowsmith †
1982	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ray Robinson †	Sandy Goldsworthy	Lister Arrowsmith †
1983	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ray Robinson †	Sandy Goldsworthy	Lister Arrowsmith †
1984 26Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ray Robinson †	Stella Keith	Lister Arrowsmith † Geoff Reid
1985 25Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Ray Robinson †	Stella Keith	Geoff Reid
1986 24Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Wal Nicholson †	Sandy Goldsworthy	Geoff Reid
1987 23Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Geoff Reid
1988 28Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Geoff Reid
1989	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Geoff Reid	Greg Kelly	David Jeffrey
1990	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Geoff Reid	Greg Kelly	David Jeffrey
1991	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Hugh (Joe) Barlow	Ron West †	Barbara Koch
1992	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Geoff Reid	Ron West †	J McCulloch/Greg Kelly
1993	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Geoff Reid	T Howard / Ron West †	Greg Kelly
1994 28Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Minnie Korsman †	Ron West †	Geoff Reid
1995 27Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Jean Nicholson	Wal Nicholson †	Robyn Reid
1996 25Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Jean Nicholson	Wal Nicholson †	Robyn Reid
1997 24Oct	Mrs Ivy Nott †	Jean Nicholson	Wal Nicholson †	Robyn Reid
1998 23Oct	Mick Keith †	Jean Nicholson	Wal Nicholson †	Robyn Reid Doug Kemp †
1999 22Oct	Mick Keith †	Jim McArdle	June Roggero	Greg Kelly
2000 27Oct	Mick Keith †	Doug Kemp †	June Roggero	Greg Kelly Wal Nicholson †
2001 26Oct	Mick Keith †	Doug Kemp †	June Roggero	Wal Nicholson †
2002 25Oct	Mick Keith †	Doug Kemp †	Ron Scott	Wal Nicholson †
2003 24Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Thelma Keith †	Jean Nicholson
2004 22Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Warren Sewell
2005 28Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Warren Sewell
2006 27Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Warren Sewell
2007 24Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Warren Sewell
2008 24Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Rodney Daveson †
2009 23Oct	Mick Keith †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Charles Lee
2010 22Oct	Min Korsman †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Charles Lee
2011 28Oct	Min Korsman †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Charles Lee

2012 26Oct	Phyllis Merritt †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Charles Lee (Assistant treasurer)
2013 25Oct	Phyllis Merritt †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Lynnette White
2014 24Oct	Phyllis Merritt †	Wal Nicholson †	Jean Nicholson	Lynnette White Keith Chambers †
2015 25Oct	Phyllis Merritt †	Wal Nicholson † E (Ted) Boon †	Jean Nicholson	Keith Chambers † Terry Ruxton
2016 23Oct	Phyllis Merritt †	E (Ted) Boon †	Jeff Knowles	Terry Ruxton
2017 22Oct	Phyllis Merritt †	Jean Nicholson	Jeff Knowles	Ron Scott Kathy Ritchie Terry Ruxton
2018 28Oct	Jean Nicholson	Greg Kelly	Maureen Draper	Terry Ruxton
2019 27Oct	Jean Nicholson	Greg Kelly	Jan Allen	Terry Ruxton
2020 25 Oct	Jean Nicholson	Greg Kelly	Jan Allen	Jeff Knowles
2021 28 Oct	Jean Nicholson	Robyn Dundas	Helen Butler	Jeff Knowles
2022 23 Oct	Ron Hilder	Robyn Dundas	Greg Kelly	Lisa McCulloch
2023 22 Oct	Russ Cook	Troy McGill	Greg Kelly Jan Allen	Lisa McCulloch
2024 27 Oct	Warren Sewell	Troy McGill	Jan Allen	Leeann O'Neil

Life Members

Date	Name
?	Mr R. P. (Bob) Kirke †
1973	Mr Bill Griffiths †
1974	Mr Alf Schnepel †
1974	Mrs Alma Davidson †
1974	Mrs Ivy Nott †
1974	Mr Ron Merritt †
1974	Mr Jim Kirke †
1974	Georgina Ridge (nee Butler) †
1974	Mr Bert Weal †
1974 ?	Mr Dick Searle †
1987	Slim Warner †
1989	Ray Robinson †
2004	Mick Keith †
2004	Ted Boon †
2005	Phyllis Merritt †
2005	Lister Arrowsmith †
2005	Jean Nicholson
2005	Wal Nicholson †
2005	Clara Sewell
2005	Warren Sewell
2016	Joan MacIntyre
2018	Jeff Knowles
2018	Robert Rasmussen
2018	Noel Grant
2022	Charlie Truscott
2022	Greg Kelly

Notes:

- Some of the details of the earlier years may be inaccurate in view of the poor condition of records and missing records.

- † = deceased.
- I am still looking for information. Can you help?
- Please send corrections and additions to Secretary
 - Townsville Orchid Society Inc.
 - PO Box 836 Aitkenvale Qld 4814
 - e-mail: townsvilleorchidsociety@gmail.com
- **Please keep old *Townsville Orchid Society Bulletins* and Minutes and press clippings and orchid magazines and photographs.**
- **Please read old copies, especially 1954 to 1985, of the “Australian Orchid Review” to find references to the Townsville Orchid Society. If you find any – please let me know.**

Thanks
Jeff Knowles

Townsville Orchid Society Bulletins Wanted.

Please search your cupboard drawers, that dusty box in the corner, grandma’s neglected out-house and your hard drive for the following **Townsville Orchid Society Bulletins**. I would be most appreciative if copies can be loaned to, given to, scanned and sent to, or just emailed to me.

Thanks to members for filling in many of the gaps. Let me know if you have any suggestions as to where these copies may be hiding.

The TOS Bulletins I am still looking for are.

1985 January

1984 January, February, March, April, May

1983 All except January and September.

Pre 1983 All

Also, if you have copies of any old TOS minutes, or know where they could be, (especially 1955 to 1985), please let me know.

Real paper copies of the Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin from about 1990 to the present are securely held by the Townsville City Council library.

Electronic copies of the Townsville Orchid Society Bulletin from about 1985 until the present are securely stored at the Australian National Library and can be viewed on-line via. *Trove*.

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