

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



July 2025 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 July.
The July General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 27th July.**

It would be appreciated if members would donate food items for the **afternoon tea**.

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

Quality items appreciated!

Judges for July 2025:

Novice/Species

Reg, Peter

Open

Alison, Marie, Lisa, Stacey

Presidents Report July 2025

Hello everyone,

So, the Winter Show is over for another year. I must thank everyone who brought in flowering plants. It seems that this year the weather is making things difficult to flower orchids - I thought we lived in tropical Townsville not down south. Talking to everyone there seems to have been a lot of plants with buds but not flowers.

I hope people liked the new hanging racks that were made for the show. I think they were a success. Thank you, Tony, for your time and assistance, I think we might need to make a few more. A big thank you to Alices Orchids, Harbourline Orchids, Penninghs Orchids and all the club members who sold plants at the show.

I guess we are all wondering what's next. Our next General Meeting is on Sunday 27th July from 1pm, and we hope to see you all there. We will soon have an "Open Day" for the public to "Ask the Experts". So, if you have any friends struggling with growing orchids, please invite them. We advertised it at the Winter Show and on our Facebook page. It will be held at our Hall on Saturday 2nd August from 1pm to 4pm. All members and friends are invited.

We had a subcommittee meeting on Saturday about changes to how we will organise the judging of plants at the General Meetings (don't panic). We will discuss this with members at the July meeting and it won't take place until next year, if the majority of members are happy with the proposed changes.

The final insurance work for repairs to the Hall should be completed before our next meeting. Again - thank you to Tony, Leann and Jan for all the work to ensure this happens with little disruption to the society.

Currently nobody has volunteered to create a subcommittee for the 80th birthday. I will ask again and if there's no interest, I guess we will look at something else.

Remember, we need to invite new people to join the society, so show your friends our Facebook Page, explain what we are doing and when. We cannot expect the same people to do all the work. Also, this is everyone's club, so if you have any questions or concerns, please approach a member of the committee or just send an email to townsvilleorchidsociety@gmail.com - this way we can address any problems before they become larger issues.

Thank you all,

Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 22nd June 2025.

Meeting opened: at 1.03pm by President Troy McGill

Present: Troy McGill, Jan Allen, Leann O'Neill, Samantha McGill, Tony Kapcelovich, Lynette Johnson, Janelle Stevens, Robert Rasmussen, Joseph Walker

Apologies: Noel Grant

Guest: Jeff Knowles

Secretary: Jan Allen

Minutes: Minutes were sent to Committee members and included in the June Bulletin. Has everyone read the previous minutes? Are there any questions or business from the previous minutes?

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Leann O'Neill

Carried

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence In: Response to email; Barrita orchids nursery – reply; Janelle Stevens – food handling certificate; TDOS Newsletter; Responses re Helen Steel funeral x 3; Fernland – delivery service advice; Expressions of Interest – Tokyo Orchid Show; Orchid Expo update; My Community Directory; TTT Newsletter; Qld Garden Expo 2025; TOS Winter Show posters; Sunday Church Service query; Gooal Sarin – payment billing; C-mobile account; Orchid enquiry; Response from Vicki – photographic artist; National e-deposit survey; Australian Orchid Council – group membership invoice; HROAPS June 2025 newsletter; Ref. Insurance Claim; Vendors for Winter Show. X 8; Label order form; Canva Invoice; Thuringowa Electoral Office – Grants; Posters for Winter Show; Apology – Hugh and Marian, Lisa Mc; Hot Toner sale; Insurance NQIB Invoice 1; Hall Hire query; Insurance NQIB renewal 2; Response – ask an expert x 3; Volunteering Queensland; Ausnorth Plumbing invoices; Orchid Booklet enquiry – order; Apology re book return; Rockhampton OS Newsletter; TOS Bulletin; Follow-up: enquiry; Winter Show Schedule for web site; Roofing Maintenance acceptance; Grants update; CIDOS June Newsletter; MDOS June Newsletter; PC Medico appointment; TREND micro newsletter; Orchid booklets; National e-deposit; Sedgwick – needing confirmation; Financials – Leann; Orchids Australia (April); Merchant Tax Invoice – Commbank; TQOC receipt; RHSV Membership and Insurance Invoice; Orchids – Bulletin of American Orchid Society; Gardener Gazette – RHSV; Show Society invoice.

Correspondence Out: Management discussion of show issues correspondence; Funeral of Helen Steel; Invitation to talk at meeting – Vicki Katthagen; Opportunity to attend Grand Prix Orchid Show in Tokyo Dome in the first week of February 2026; Fernland; Hall Hire document; Vendors for Winter Show; Insurance – Sedgwick; Special Member's event – Ask an Expert; Consult – public enquiry; Invitation to Ask the Expert x 2; Orchid booklets; PC Medico; Anyone going to Bundaberg; TOS June Bulletin; Reminder – biggest morning tea raffle; Vicki Katthagen – follow up information; Insurer Ref: 080044159 / Sedgwick Ref: 60283907.

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Tony Kapcelovich

Carried

Business arising: Vicki will talk at our meeting tomorrow; Orchid books ordered;

Treasurer: Leann O'Neill

Our major income came from the hall rental of \$ 2 460. Our major expense this month was for insurance, equating to \$4265.00

Funds available to TOS as at 20/06/25: 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: Leann O'Neill

S Janelle Stevens

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show Report: Tony Kapcelovich

- Box Day – next Wednesday
- Jan and Tony to get together to do cards
- All rosters a bit bare. Jan will send out reminder to members after tomorrow's meeting.

Hospitality Report – Samantha McGill

- Rosters a bit bare.
- New visitor badges. Need whiteboard markers.

Hall Report – Tony Kapcelovich and Troy McGill

- Roof maintenance has been done and we have informed builders. Ausnorth. Also needed to tell Insurance company. Tony to ring Rachel about completing work.
- Council has removed the tree. The stump has also been ground down.
- Rentakil. Apparently send an email every time they come in. Not coming to our email address. Will investigate -possibly in spam.

Publicity Report – Joseph Walker

- Joseph has started sending a lot of letters and invitations out to Councillors, politicians, and radio stations.
- Bulletin costing to come. Same days as before.

General Business –

1. **Ask an Expert Day** – Thanks to the 'experts' who came along and helped new members with their questions. It was a pleasant, informal event where quite a few new members came along and learned how others report/divide their plants.
2. **Public "Ask an Expert" Day** – still on Saturday 2nd August in the Hall but times will be as per last year, 1 – 4pm. Not in the morning, as mentioned last month. We will advertise it at the Winter Show.
3. **Bunnings – Garden corner** – 10 – 11am – Wednesday 2nd July.
4. **Green Space** - need more information. What do they want us to do and are we taking on too much?
5. **Point Scoring System Sub-committee**– only one person – Lisa - has put her hand up to join the sub-committee. Troy, Tony, Jeff, Lyn, Robert and Jan have agreed to join. Decision was made to meet on the Saturday afternoon, after lunch, at the Winter Show.
6. a) There was a suggestion that we implement an **ID card for members** with their number on it, and expiry date. Troy explained that he looked into the cost of purchasing a machine that makes ID cards. It would cost \$1500, just for the machine. Committee members discussed and believed that it would be too expensive and not really necessary. Leann suggested she would look into the idea – maybe a simplified version.
b) The suggestion that the Club provide **afternoon tea for the meetings** was dismissed as it would work out too expensive (and the amount of food required would be unpredictable). Committee members believe it is working fine as it is. Most members provide food.
7. We will organise time to talk to PC Medico about the best way to get our computers syncing with each other. We also need to consider upgrading the webpage to inform members and public of all the things that are happening. We would like to make it easier to see what event are happening.
8. Dates for membership renewal. 1st September.
9. Janelle – Are we able to put dates of all events (in a dropdown list?) on our Facebook page?
10. Raffle prizes – expired date (food products) – need to check before placing on the table.

New Members- Andrew and Lyn Young - Novice - 373
Lorraine Lawton - Novice - 374
Alison and Tom Martens - Novice - 375

Meeting Closed: 2:10pm.

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 22nd June 2025

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

Present: 42 as per registration book

Visitors: Sue Parsons, Trish Ambrose, Gavin Gough, Jacqueline Andersen, Judy Salk.

Apologies: Carolyn Gibson, Mary & Malcolm Triebel, Sam McGill, Denise Lincoln, Andrew & Lyn Young, Alison & Tom Martens, Lex & Joan Cooper, Lorraine Lawton, Robyn Dundas, Jan Richardson, Noel Grant.

President Troy welcomed visitors and asked if any of the new members were present. New members who were present came up to get their 'welcome' plant. Booklets will be available at the next meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting were published in the June Bulletin.

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Kerry Turner

Carried

Business out of Minutes: Nil.

Correspondence: All correspondence was tabled at the Committee meeting. A detailed copy is available on the computer if anyone needs to see what actions were taken with correspondence.

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Joseph Walker

Carried

Business out of the Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Leann O'Neill

Treasurer Leann gave a breakdown of our main income and expenses. A detailed copy of the finances is pinned to the noticeboard for anyone to scrutinise.

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

Moved: Leann O'Neill

Seconded: Joseph Walker

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Show: Tony Kapcelovich

- **Box Day** (preparing boxes for the Show) – Saturday 2nd July, need to change the time from 9.00am to 1.00pm as we will be at Bunnings in the morning.
- Rosters boards for the kitchen, door and eftpos etc are up the back. There are a lot of gaps in them so members are encouraged to put their names down to help make the Show a success.
- Orchid signs that we normally put around town to advertise the Show will be put at the front door. Please take one and attach it to your fence or somewhere around town where main traffic is around. We can't put them on main roads, roundabouts etc. Need to be put out on Monday 7th then once the Show is finished, please take them down and return them.

Hall: Tony

- Gate and pit still need to be attended to by the Council. Tony will get onto them again. It probably won't be done before the Winter Show.

Hospitality: Samantha McGill (absent)

- Kitchen roster and food donations – please fill in.

Media – Joseph Walker

- Finalising emails to a few more Councillors and Members of Parliament.
- Advertised pretty well

General Business:

1. **Name tags** – still a lot on the table up the back. Please check for yours. Jan will be doing more recent members before the next meeting.
2. **Ask the Expert** - Novice Day at Jan's place – a successful day - quite a few people turned up. We appreciate those who helped on the day and the members who turned up to learn from the 'experts' and thank you for the food that was provided.
3. **Ask the Expert – Open Day Saturday 2nd August, 1 – 4 pm.** If you have plants at home that have an issue, bring them in and someone will help you with it.
4. **Bar codes** – get your request in for your barcodes asap as Ruth is going away. Troy has learnt to do them but will be very slow.
5. **Vendors** – an invitation went out to vendors with a reminder of the by-laws related to the Show. The letter explained times when the hall will be opened and times we close.
6. **Bunnings** – Garden centre 2nd July 10 – 11am. Townsville Orchid Society has a spot doing potting demonstrations and discussing orchid growing.

7. **Bluewater Fair** - Saturday 16th August 2025. Booked in. Orchid display and general information. Just waiting for more information from them.
8. **Shirts** - still available in many sizes.
9. **Sub-committee – 80th Birthday and Plant Points** – meeting will be held on the Saturday afternoon of the Winter Show.
10. **Vicki Katthagen – Artistic Photographer.** Spoke about her macro photography of orchids and showed the members examples of her works. Vicki made a request for flowers that have fallen off plants that she can use for her photography. Jan will organise collection of these.
11. **Floriculture – Show dates a week before our Winter Show** – encouraged to put flowers in. Jan will scan the booklet and send it out to members.
12. **Reg Dix – Judges’ Choice**
Open Hybrid Section: *Paph praestans x parishii* Lyn Johnson 77 points.
Novice Section: No exhibits
Species Section: *Liparis viridiflora* J. & A. Knowles 74 points
13. **Using Trisodium phosphate – Reg Dix**
 Reg wished to discuss the use of Trisodium phosphate, which is used to sterilise our secateurs etc. He explained that he keeps his diluted Trisodium phosphate container in a solid plastic box, to protect the liquid from the sunshine as it will deteriorate when exposed to the sunlight. Reg puts whole secateur into the bucket so that the handles are also sterilised to prevent transference of viruses to other plants. He tops it up to ensure that it remains a saturated solution.
14. **Treating fungus on orchids. – Reg Dix**
 Vandas – why do they lose their leaves? Temperature drops below 4* or it has Thai rust – a fungus. Fungi can be airborne. How do you treat a plant that has fungus – or prevent yours from being infected?
 a. Treat it. Cut off all affected leaves.
 b. Treat with a systemic fungicide
 c. Spray with Mancozeb.
 d. Before bringing to the Show, spray with Envy to avoid transference from other plants. Don’t spray on the flowers.
 e. Keep the Mancozeb up to date.
 f. Black strap molasses – prevents ants and provides sugar to plants.
 g. Mancozeb + sulphur available (Mancozeb Plus) which will also prevent spider mite.
15. Reg congratulated the Committee for the quality of the speaker system that has been repaired.
16. **Jeff Knowles – Presentation.**
 Jeff presented a picture show and commentary of the orchid displays at the Taiwan International Orchid Show. He explained how the thousands of orchids were benched and judged.

Afternoon tea was taken.

The continuous raffle was held.

Meeting closed 3.45pm.

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen – Secretary

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN CATTLEYA 110mm and over	1st	Thw Burdekin Passion ‘Miya’	B Fighera
	2nd	C Splendid Bird	D. Blanchard
	3rd	Rlc Amazing Thailand	G&L Johnson
CATTLEYA 75mm to 109 mm	1st	Rth Dal’s Success ‘Michelle’	B Fighera
	2nd	Rby Golden Tang	G&L Johnson
	3rd	Rlc Dal’s Horizon x (Rth. Spirit of Beau x Ctt Aussie Sunset)	B Fighera

CATTLEYA Miniature under 75mm	1st 2 nd 3rd	Rth Southern Aurora Rlc Village Chief (?) x Village Chief Pearl C Hawaiian Splash 'Lea'	G&S Kelly D. Blanchard G&L Johnson
CATTLEYA Cluster	1st	Ett Hsiang Hu 'Gold Coast' Name not found	D. Blanchard
DENDROBIUM Spatulata	1st 2nd	Den Gloucester Charm 'Gordon' Den Alice's Rainbow	G&L Johnson K. Owens
DENDROBIUM Intermediate	1st	Den Alice's Black Pearl	K. Owens
DENDROBIUM Phalaenathe	1st 2nd	Den Yaya Victoria Den Burbank Queen x Chao Praya Candy	J Horn G&L Johnson
VANDA Over 65 mm	1st 2nd	Van. Pine Rivers Pink V. Unknown	D. Blanchard D. Blanchard
PHALAENOPSIS Over 60mm	1st 2nd	Phal Allurg Popeye Name not found Paph unknown	J Stevens J Stevens
TOLUMNIA	1st	Tolu Capalaba Queen x Capalaba Sun	G&S Kelly
ONCIDIUM Starry Shaped	1st 2nd	Milt Aztec 'Everglades Green' Mtssa Shelob "Tolten"	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson
ONCIDIUM Any Other	1st	Onc Jairak Fragrance 'Bordeaux'	J Horn
PAPHIOPEDILUM Any other hybrid	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Paph praestans x parishii</i> <i>Paph kolopakingii var topperii x kolopakingii</i>	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson
SPATHOGLOTTIS	1st 2nd	Spath. unknown Spath. unknown	K. Owens K. Owens
ANY OTHER ORCHID Under 75mm	1st 2nd 3 rd	Clo. Raymond Lemia Name not found x <i>Ctism piliatum</i> Zns Cynosure 'Blue Bird' Paph Mayfair	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson D. Blanchard
<u>NOVICE</u>		NO ENTRIES THIS MONTH	
<u>SPECIES</u> AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	1st	<i>Den bigibbum var bigibbum</i> 'Pink'	P Serra
BULBOPHYLLUM	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb treschii</i> <i>Bulb rufinum</i> <i>Bulb plumatum</i>	A&J Knowles G&L Johnson A&J Knowles
ANY OTHER	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Liparis viridiflora</i> <i>Paph spicerianum</i> <i>Paph callosum</i>	A&J Knowles G&L Johnson G&L Johnson

Points Tables after June 2025

Number	Name	Open	Species	Novice	Aggregate
280	Barlow H	19			19
221	Blanchard D	61	3		64
316	Cooper H	2			2
190	Figuera B	19			19
226	Gibson C	5			5
213	Grant N&M	97	66		163
143	Horn J	14			14
87	Hughes W	3			3
240	Johnson L&G	174	68		242
116	Kelly G&S	102			102
193	Knowles A&J	9	43		52
322	McCulloch/Weaver	51	18		69
241	McGill T	3			3
148	Nuss J		3		3
344	O'Neill LB&H			9	9
63	Owens K	51	12		63
131	Richardson J&B	15	7		22
52	Ruxton T&S	4	4		8
168	Scott R	9			9
233	Serra P&J		10		10
172	Sewell C&W	3			3
258	Stevens J	7			7
220	Watt G	8	5		13
104	Woodhouse/Richards	4			4

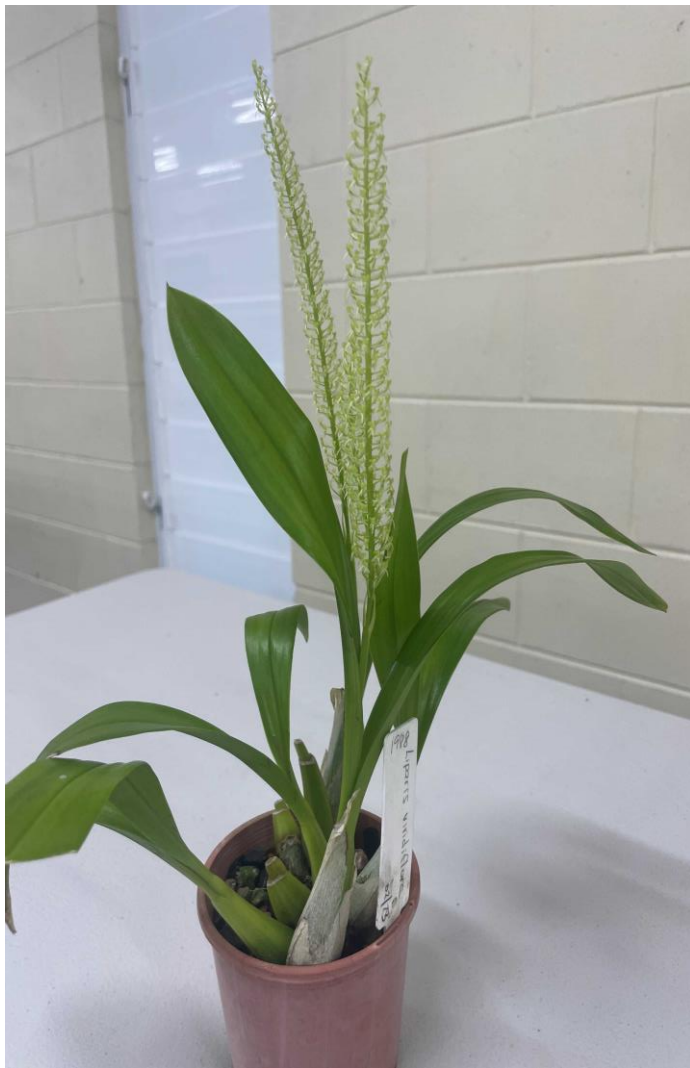
Annual Points Competition Changes

Points are awarded each month for those orchids judged as first, second or third in each class. A recent meeting of the Management Committee has decided to make small changes so members with large orchid collections do not have an unfair advantage.

Currently, a membership is awarded one point per plant displayed, to a maximum of 10 points per section (Novice, Open or Species), then 3 points for first place in its class, 2 points for second or 1 point for third. A champion orchid in each section may be selected (Judges Choice) but no extra points are given for these plants. It has been suggested that the following changes be made:

- 1 No points be awarded per plant displayed.
- 2 Current points for first, second and third places in each class be retained.
- 3 Champion plants in each section (Judges Choice) will be awarded 3 points for first, 2 points for second and 1 point for third.

The changes will be discussed at the August General meeting.



Judges Choice
June 2025

Species Section

Liparis viridiflora

Owner: A & J Knowles

74 Points

No entries were made in the
Novice Section at this meeting.

We look forward to a better
result next month!

Judges Choice
June 2025

Open Section

Paphiopedilum praestans
x parishii

Owner: L & G Johnson

77 Points

