

## TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



### January 2026 Bulletin

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Charles Street, KIRWAN

Annual Membership Fees are due **1<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> January.  
The January General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January,**

where 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 January 2026:

Novice/Species

Peter, Lisa

Open

Marie, Stacey

### Presidents Thoughts January 2026

Hello, fellow TOS members and Orchid enthusiasts.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and enjoyed the New Year. Again, we've started the year with a good downpour, so it might be time to go check your orchids. The last thing you want is some weird and wonderful fungal disease.

Just a quick reminder, this year we are going to trial the 'People's Choice' as part of our judging. The reason for this is to grow our own knowledge of what is a 'good' plant and flower.

If you're interested in doing a little bit of reading, it's all in the AOC (Australian Orchid Council) judging handbook from page 17, which explains how to judge the flowers and plant for Show bench judging.

See [https://www.orchidsaustralia.com.au/AOC/AOCdownloads/AOC\\_judging\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.orchidsaustralia.com.au/AOC/AOCdownloads/AOC_judging_handbook.pdf)

Well, I hope to see you all there at our first meeting of the year on Sunday 25 January. Be early!

Thanks

Troy McGill

## **Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.**

Meeting opened: at 10.30am by President Troy McGill

**Present:** Troy McGill, Leann O'Neill, Samantha McGill, Tony Kapcelovich, Lynette Johnson, Joseph Walker, Noel Grant, Jan Allen, Janelle Stevens.

**Apologies:** Judith Thomson, Ruth Whiting, Robert Rasmussen

### **President report:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were published in the November bulletin.

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

M: Troy McGill

S: Joseph Walker

**Carried**

### **Business arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence In:** 2026 Orchids Advertising – AOS; Apology – October meeting; Rockhampton Orchid Society bulletin; Receipt for payment of Luncheon; TQOC General meeting; Appointment with Ngaire Trigg -TCC representative; Christmas Party payment advice; Invoice for rental of Hall – Garden Club; Query - Xmas party receipt date; NQOS Newsletter; TQOC General meeting - Microsoft teams; Query re available orchids; NQOS Newsletter; Internet options; DMC Electrical Invoice; Response re internet options; Christmas party – apology; Christmas Lunch – acceptance; Sunnyview – Order Confirmation; Sunnyview receipt; Calendar of events x 3; Xmas lunch payment; Trend Micro Security; Calendar of Events – response; New Judges Forms; TTT Newsletter; PROPA Newsletter; Updating details – TCC; Calendar of events – response; C-mobile Account; AOS Corner; Conversation Summary – TCC; Letter from AOC President; Contact – address book; Microsoft Options; Re: Contact – comments x 4; Rentokil Automatic notification; TDOS Newsletter; HROAP Newsletter; Microsoft 365 Correction; Help for plant sale day; CIDOS Newsletter; Fernland; Sunnyview Order Confirmation; Xmas Orchid and Plant Market x 5; Query – membership application; Spring Show FB Boost Post Claim; White's Corner Store Invoice x 2; DMC Receipt; Cleaner for Hall; Responses: Cut off date for Christmas Luncheon x 3; Complete Tag Solutions Invoice; ROSI Newsletter; Orchid Hall Hire dates confirmed; MDOS Newsletter; Christmas wishes; TOS Bulletin; Request for Auditor's report; White's Corner Store – Invoice; Sunnyview Orchids Invoice; Grandfather's Orchid; Good slide x 2; Xmas Orchid and Plant Market – marketing; Microsoft Subscription renewal; AOC response; Fernland – National Nursery survey; Hall Set up; IRA Butler Trophy Competition; Eligible TOS exhibit IRA Butler Trophy; Confirmation of numbers; Honorary Certificates example.

**Correspondence Out:** Member Welcome Pack x 2; Phone call to Council re Grants; Reply to Xmas party query; Reminder – Christmas Luncheon; Query for Alice; Response to enquiry; Response – Grandfather's orchid; Calendar of Events; Cutoff date for Christmas Luncheon; Contact details; Membership list; Various newsletters to Bulletin recipients; Christmas Luncheon numbers; Reminder – Christmas Luncheon cut off; Confirmation of Hall Hire dates; TOS Bulletin; Good slide; Financials for November; Ira Butler Trophy

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Janelle Stevens

**Carried**

**Business arising:** Covered in General business

**Treasurer:** Leann O'Neill

Income for the month was from Christmas lunch payments, air-conditioning and rent while expenses were mainly for the audit, Christmas luncheon prizes and trophies.

Accounts to be paid – Whites.

### **Funds available to TOS as at 22/11/25:**

TOS available funds are healthy. Details are available at monthly meetings.

\$5000 will need to be taken from the investment account and put into the cheque account to cover expenses until we have a show.

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

M: Leann O'Neill

S: Lyn Johnson

**Carried**

### **Vice President Reports:**

**Show Report -** Tony Kapcelovich

**December Plant Sale-** 43 tables available and 39 tables taken.

Need to put out Roster boards for Plant Sale. Not as many positions are required.

**Hall Report –** Tony Kapcelovich

No big maintenance expenses will be incurred until we have had a show.

**Hospitality Report –** Samantha McGill

Plant Sale – need people for kitchen for the Plant Sale



- **Changes to by-laws** – President Troy, as a member of the sub-committee formed to implement changes to our by-laws, presented the final proposals for the Management Committee to consider. Members were given prior notice via email regarding the changes to By-law 9 - Membership Sections and By-law 15 – Tabling of plants at general meetings, and changes were discussed. Apart from some minor structural changes, it was agreed that these proposed by-laws will take effect at our first general meeting in January 2026. It is believed that the changes made would give the smaller grower a greater chance of winning the overall trophies.

Jan to type up the revised by-laws. The new by-law document will be placed on the TOS website in January, before the first General Meeting.

Note: plants will be scored as per Townsville Orchid Society By-Laws, 15 – (7). Plants will score points for finishing first - 3 points, second - 2 points and third - 1 point.

- **Cleaning the Hall** – Tony proposed that we employ a cleaner once a month to clean the Hall. We will get her to do a thorough clean initially, then maintenance from there on.
- **Invoices** – To avoid any confusion and double up of work, the Treasurer will be in charge of writing invoice and receipts for Hall Hire. These will be sent to the Secretary who will pass them onto the relevant parties.

**New Members** - Cheryl Jones – Novice – Number 387

**Meeting Closed:** 12.00pm

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Troy McGill – President

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Jan Allen - Secretary

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## **Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025**

Meeting opened at 12pm by President Troy McGill.

**Present:** 91 as per Christmas Luncheon registration.

**Apologies:** Estelle Dal Bella, Lynne Ryan, Joanne Laffin.

**Minutes:** Jan Allen

The minutes from the October 2025 meeting were published in the November Bulletin.

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

Moved: T. McGill

Seconded: A. Martens

**Carried**

**Correspondence:** Inward correspondence consisted mainly of discussion re Christmas Luncheon. Main outward correspondence was reminders to members and replies to queries.

Motion – That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards adopted.

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: J. Stevens

**Carried**

### **Treasurer's Report: Troy McGill**

A comprehensive report of our financial position is available on the noticeboard for perusal.

Income for the month was from Christmas lunch payments, air-conditioning and rent while expenses were mainly for the audit, Christmas luncheon prizes and trophies. Account due- Whites.

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

Moved: T. McGill

Seconded: R. Whiting

**Carried**

### **General Business:**

- **Orchid & Plant Market.** President McGill reminded members that the Orchid and Plant Market would be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. He asked for people to assist in the kitchen on those days (roster going around) and for donations of cakes and slices.
- **Use of Society funds** - Money from sales of donated goods ultimately goes back to the members e.g. we have put \$1000 worth of plants on the raffle table from the club's money; we have significantly subsidised our meal today; and a lot of maintenance work has been done on the Hall this year. We do not believe we should be just sitting on the money – it should be used for the betterment of the Club and its members.
- **Hall Cleaning** – For the last 2 years, Tony and Troy have been cleaning the hall on a Monday. From next year the Club will be getting a cleaner to come in once a month to do a thorough clean. Tony and Troy

will continue to come in on a Monday to do smaller jobs such as replacing toilet paper, sweeping and mopping the floor. It will cost approximately \$250 - \$300 per month.

- **Extra roles for Committee members** – some Committee members have been asked to assist in the roles of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.
- **Presentations:** We need 10 presentation a year. If you think you'd like to do a presentation please see Troy or one of the Committee meetings with your suggestion or if there are any topics you would like covered. We will try to help.
- **Technical Officer – Reg Dix** - People have approached Reg and explained that they are hesitant to stand up and ask questions at the meetings. If you have a query, you can write a question on a piece of paper and Reg will try to address it at a meeting. No names will be mentioned. Reg's phone number (04) 2760 9509 and email address ([regdix509@bigpond.com](mailto:regdix509@bigpond.com)) are provided in case you want to contact him between meetings.
- **Honorary Members** – Honorary membership certificates were presented to –
  - Denise Lincoln and
  - Ron and Gloria Hilder
- **Plant Competition at General Meeting** – Troy explained how our plant competition will be changing next year. Judging will start in January and go through to October with results finalised for November presentations.  
We are still going to have Novice, Hybrid and Species sections set up. The points system will change – points will now only be given for first second and third placed plants. This gives everyone the opportunity to win the awards, not just those with the most plants.  
We will still have Registrar's Choice, with Reg allocating points to plants as though they are going to be awarded, and the one with the highest number of points in each class will be the winner. (same as happens now)  
Finally, People's Choice will be re-introduced (an old system done differently). Troy explained the proposed process. It is hoped that by doing it this way, members will start growing better plants within the Club.

- **Presentation of Awards –Warren Sewell (Patron)**

- **Champion Novice Grower**

- Leann O'Neill

- **Champion Hybrid Grower**

- Lynette and Graham Johnson

- **Champion Species Grower**

- Lynette and Graham Johnson

- **Ivy Nott Trophy – Champion *Dendrobium discolor***

- Lisa McCulloch and Peter Weaver

- **The Ted Boon Trophy – Registrars Choice**

- Alison and Jeff Knowles

- (Their orchid – *Dendrobium farmeri* - received 82 points from the Registrar)

- **Champion Grower 2025**

- Lynette and Graham Johnson

Meeting closed at 12.33 pm

Followed by the Christmas Luncheon and Raffle.

Troy McGill - President

Jan Allen – Secretary

### **Prize Winners for Tabled Plants November 2025**

As our November General Meeting was mainly about our 2025 Christmas Lunch and Awards, no Orchids were exhibited. Congratulations to the Awards recipients, shown above.

Our Points Competition will restart at our January 2026 General Meeting.

Some flowering orchids from my bush house – all photographed on 15 January 2026

Just to put some colour in this Bulletin! Noel Grant

Maybe some will last till the General Meeting!

