

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



March 2026 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 21st March.

The March General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 22nd March,

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 March 2026:

Novice/Species

Reg, Lisa

Open

Marie, Stacey

President's Thoughts

Hello everyone,

It's that time of the month again and it's still raining. Whoever told us we wouldn't get enough rain to fill the dams? It seems we are getting rain and more rain each year. I wonder how all the Orchid growers along the east coast are going? There's no repotting or preparing plants for shows at my place - I can't even get the ride-on out to mow my yard, let alone getting into the bush house.

I guess we are all wondering what's going on in the club. At this month's General Meeting, on Sunday 22nd March, we have a guest speaker, Bryan from Neutrog, specialists in "biological fertilisers". I am sure we will all listen closely to his talk.

Please get in early and check out the plants for the People's Choice.

On Thursday, the 26th of March we will be at the Bunnings Family Night. We use this as an opportunity to meet people and try and find new members. Volunteers are needed.

On Thursday, the 2nd of April, we have a Box Day at the TOS Hall, so if you are available from 10am and would like to help prepare the boxes for the Autumn Show, your help will be appreciated. (Bring a Stanley Knife).

Starting on Thursday the 9th of April, it's "all hands on deck" for the Autumn Show. If you can help with the Setup, the hall will be open from 9am. As usual, if you help in the morning, you may bring your plants then, but they will have to stay out of the hall (leave them in the back room) until it is ready. If you are not helping, please bring your plants from 1pm - but please, not later than 6.30pm, so Judging will not be disturbed.

The Autumn Show will be on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April.

Just to answer a question re judging and awards at the end of the year: The only change this year from last year is the addition of the People's Choice. The Registrar's Choice hasn't changed. Reg or his representative at each meeting will identify and score the best Novice, Hybrid, Species and Specimen.

Finally, let's hope this year's Autumn Show isn't rain-affected. If you wish to have a table for sale plants at the Show, please see Tony. If you only have a few plants, remember there is a 'club table' that you can sell plants on – maximum 10 per member. Most important, don't forget to order your barcode labels so you can sell plants at the Show. Please don't leave it to the last minute. See Janelle at the Shop.

Thanks, Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 21st February 2026.

Meeting opened: at 1.10pm by President Troy McGill

Present: Troy McGill (phone), Leann O'Neill, Tony Kapcelovich, Joseph Walker, Noel Grant, Jan Allen, Janelle Stevens, Robert Rasmussen. Samantha McGill

Apologies: Ruth Whiting, Lynette Johnson

President report: We had a poor show for the cleanup. We need more members to club events like this. Many hands make light work. A big thanks to Paul Slatter, Kevin Owens, Barry O'Neill and the Committee members who came and helped. Apologies were received from Jeff and Alison Knowles, Lyn Johnson, Andrew Young and Kerry Turner. Janelle will take over the shop until Ruth is back on board.

Secretary: Jan Allen

Minutes: A copy of the minutes was sent via email. They were also published in our February Newsletter.

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Tony Kapcelovich

Carried

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence In: TDOS January 2026 Newsletter; Sheets for monthly meeting; Invoice and payment reply; Flaming North Fire Protection – annual check; Orchid Identification; Boxes and dates for Shows; AOS Corner; Membership query; HROPS Warning; C-mobile; Plumber to your door invoice; Triplet Newsletter; ROSI Autumn Show Flyer; NQOS Feb Newsletter; Townsville Windows and Screens Quote; Membership question; Possible lecture; Glenn Reeves Electrical Invoice; Invitation to display at Townsville Medieval Festival; Bunnings Family night invitation x 3 (discussion); MDOS Newsletter; Rentokil notification; Names for badges; Rates notice; Orchids – AOS Magazine; Plumber to your door invoice reminder x 2; Query about orchid name x 2; Working bee apology; Rockhampton Orchid Society Newsletter; Apology re working bee; Query working bee; HROAPS Newsletter; HROAPS Field Day; Brett Moloney Thai Flask List; Ribbon Order form – info; Query re molasses; Australia Post – notification x2; Northern Steel fabrications invoice; CIDOS Newsletter; Show ribbons updating details; Ausnorth Plumbing Quote; DMC Electrical Quote; Complete Tag Solutions; Ausnorth Plumbing Quote Amendment; Mail delivery failure x 5; Ribbon Samples (via post); TAG Solutions (paper); P.O. Box Invoice (via post)

Correspondence Out: Welcome Pack x 2; Revised by-laws – check; Possible lecture – forwarded and information about March; January minutes – to review; Names for badges; Working bee advice; Show ribbons order; TOS February Bulletin; Membership fee acknowledgement; February financials.

Other correspondence included replies to emails and forwarding invoices and quotes to Treasurer and Show/Hall Vice President. Bulletins from other clubs were forwarded to Bulletin recipients.

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Robert Rasmussen

Carried

Business arising: Quote from Townsville Windows and Screens; Invitation to Medieval Festival; Bunnings Family night; HROAPS Field Day; Ribbon order form info; DMC Electrical Quote (all matters to be covered in General Business).

Treasurer: Leann O'Neill

Major income came from Hall Rental this month. \$5000 was transferred from our Investment Account to cover expenses until our Autumn Show.

Major expenses this month has been from Council Rates as well as Hall maintenance expenses.

Funds available to TOS as at 20/02/26:

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

Accounts to be paid: TAG Solutions; Northern Steel, Australia Post;

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/Building/Hospitality

- Quotes have been obtained for some work that needs to be done – not immediately
Replacing 3 sets of louvres. \$1,541.70.
Ausnorth Plumbing - repair problem with the roof before insurance. \$1577.95
Ray to make hanging hooks, as per example at one of our meetings.
- Getting an extra frame similar to others, for displaying hanging plants on the Species section of the show - \$506.00. We were finding that there was not enough hanging space. Trying to prevent plants from getting damaged.
- There have been suggestions to change the layout of the Shows. Committee discussed and believe it works the way it is.
- Need to contact insurance company regarding damage done by the leak in the roof.
- Enquired about replacing the air-conditioning system. \$29 000 - \$30 000. Don't consider it necessary. Continue to get them fixed when required. Some major problems have been attended to. All agreed.
- Key register is done. Cleaning lady (Evelyn) to get a key. Only need to keep a register of keys that unlock the Hall. Others are miscellaneous.
- A4 holders have been put around the Hall. Use for normal meetings – Open Hybrid, Novice and Species posters above the sections. During the Show, different posters and reminders will go in them.

Hospitality – Samantha

- Do we need to increase the price for Christmas Dinner? To be discussed in General Business.

Publicity – Joseph

- Waiting for Troy to talk to his friend at the Bulletin.
- 'What's on Townsville' is free
- There is a Community Notice Board at the Willows, which is free.
- Liaising with media outlets – still trying to get hold of Power 100.
- Do we want to get 4TTT out again for this show? \$250. Is the cost worth it? Maybe we could get them on Friday so that would give us exposure on the first day.
Motion: That we pay for 4TTT to come to our Show on the Friday.

M: Troy McGill

S: Joseph Walker

Carried

General Business –

- We have been invited to be part of the Medieval Festival on 16th August. This is the day before the Bluewater Fair. Members agreed that we will do both. The trailer will be packed so we will just take it to Bluewater on the Sunday morning.
- Bunnings has invited us to be involved in their Easter Family night on Thursday 26th March from 5.30 – 7.30pm. We have been involved in some of these in the past and consider it worthwhile. It has been agreed to accept the invitation and would like to see more general members helping out.
- Bunnings have also invited us to host a day in the Garden Centre. It used to be on the first Wednesday of the month but they are changing it to either Thursday or Friday, preferably Friday. We can choose a date. Jan will get back to them suggesting Friday, June 5th.
- Volunteering – talk to members about helping out. There is a Volunteer expo/Open day 23rd/24th May at Aitkenvale PCYC. Janelle to find more information.
- HROAPS Field Day Ingham- clashes with our Autumn Show. Troy mentioned that, before we set our dates, he had spoken to members of the HROAPS several times and each time he was told that there was doubt that the Field Day would go ahead as growers were still recovering from the damage that was done last year. Also, the weekend before that is Easter so we couldn't do that. Unfortunately, we will not be organising a bus there this year
- We will do a stocktake of the shop on Monday afternoon 1.00pm – Leann has a copy of the previous stocktake. Janelle noted that there are some items we are running short of.
- Committee members who have the membership list are reminded that it is confidential and should only be used for Orchid Society business. Electronic copy to everyone.
- We have a large post office box which costs over \$200. Jan and Leann agreed that, even though we do not need that much space, it would be more trouble than it is worth to change it – we would have to change our box number (enquired) if we got a smaller one.
- Need to order raffle & door tickets. (Jan)
- Newest Show Schedule on website. Could put into bulletin as well.
- Autumn Show Dates to remember

Box Day - Wednesday 1st April at 10.00am

Set-up 9th April, 9.00am.

Show – 10th, 11th, 12th. April.

Roster sheets will be done for tomorrow.

- First Ask an Expert (for members) – Saturday 16th May 10.00 – 2.00pm – will include a BBQ.
- Sashes have been ordered.
- Christmas Dinner - It was explained that some members preferred not to increase the price to members. Janelle presented a quote she got as an alternative to Whites – Coast to Coast Golden Roast. Cheaper for similar food – cooked on site. Samantha will get an official quote from Whites then we will compare.
- Insurance will be coming up soon.
- Shop - We will do a stocktake of the shop on Monday afternoon 1.00pm – Leann has a copy of the previous stocktake. Janelle noted that there are some items we are running short of. Other people need to learn how to make the labels for the shop. Only Jeff Knowles and Ruth Whiting know how to do them.
- A suggestion from one of our newer members on Facebook was to put up photos of the plants at the meetings with a little bit of information about them. Carolyn is concerned about the extra work that will be involved in doing this. Leann and Troy are happy to help do that if they are given access to the admin of our Facebook page. Apparently, some clubs do this but others don't. We currently put winning plants into the bulletin and Jan sometimes write up comments in the minutes (not always).
- Shell Club – rate going up to \$200 a day instead of \$150 a day. Need to inform them.
- Troy requests that the Shop shuts at 12.50pm to allow for everyone to be seated for the meeting by 1.00pm.
- Noel has Banrot which he is happy to sell to members if they want it. Troy will mention at the meeting.

New Members - Nil

Meeting Closed: 2.32pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 22nd February, 2026

Meeting opened at 1. 02pm by President Troy McGill who welcomed visitors

Present: 42 as per registration book.

Visitors: Cheryl Kybus, Desley DiBella and Amelia Tomarchio

Apologies: Ruth Whiting, Robert Rasmussen, Bill Howell, Mary Triebel, Judith Thomson, Clara Sewell, Alison Knowles, Ron Scott, Luz Lewis, Ruth Whiting, Lynette Johnson.

President Report: Troy expressed his disappointment at the small number of members who came to the clean-up. He thanked Committee members as well as Paul Slatter, Kevin Owens and Barry O'Neill for their assistance. We received apologies from Jeff and Alison Knowles, Lyn Johnson, Kerry Turner and Andrew Young.

Secretary Report – Jan Allen

Minutes: The minutes from the January 2026 meeting were published in the February Bulletin.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: K. Turner

Carried

Correspondence: Inward correspondence consisted mainly of invoices and quotes from businesses, other Club newsletters and queries from members.

Outward correspondence mainly consisted of replies to emails, forwarding invoices and quotes to Treasurer and Show/Hall Vice President and forwarding other Club bulletins to Bulletin recipients. A more comprehensive copy of correspondence is on the noticeboard.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: S. Woods

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Troy McGill

On behalf of the treasurer, President McGill reported on current balances in our Cheque, Investment and Term Deposit Accounts. He reported that our major income came from hall rental. Major expense has been the rates

followed by Hall maintenance. \$5000 was transferred from the Investment Account to the Cheque Account to cover ongoing expenses. A comprehensive report is available for perusal on the noticeboard.

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

Moved: T. McGill

Seconded: L. O'Neill

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Shows - Tony Kapcelovich.

- Extra frame to hold hanging plants has been commissioned and should be ready for the Autumn Show. It will give more room for the species plants to prevent them from getting damaged.
- Boards for the Autumn Show are down at the front table. Please fill in where you can help.

Hospitality- Samantha McGill

- Boards for food donations and kitchen help at the front.

General Business:

People's Choice: Troy McGill

People's Choice was scrapped a couple of years ago, but we would like to try it again, using a different format. It is also an opportunity to get out of our seats and walk around and admire the plants.

Troy explained that we will stop the meeting once we have done the official business to give everyone time to look at the flowers that members have brought in. Plants have been numbered and members will choose the Novice, Open Hybrid and Species plant they believe is the best. Votes will be tallied at the tea break.

Raffle table – Troy reminded members that proceeds from the raffle go towards subsidising the end of the year dinner. Each member is asked to bring in something that is in good condition. It doesn't have to be expensive, but please make sure it is not broken, expired or used. Christmas lunch cost the Club \$60 per person so we subsidised more than half of that. Bring something that you think someone else would appreciate.

Autumn Show – coming up on the 10th 11th and 12th of April.

Box Day – 1st April at 10.00am. Please come along and help. If you have a box cutter (stanley knife) bring it along. We do have some here as well. We cut up all the boxes that we have been collecting and making them an appropriate size for the Show for buyers to take their plants away in.

Set up Day – Thursday 9th April - 9.00am start to set the Hall up. There will be people here until 9.00pm. doing the judging. If you'd like to help in the evening there are jobs such as pencilling for the judges and placing certificates on winning plants. Judging starts at 6.30pm.

Bunnings – We have been invited to have a stall at the Easter Family Night at Bunnings Domain on 26th March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. We will set up at about 5.00pm and any help will be appreciated.

We have also been asked to host the Garden Centre. We did a couple at Domain last year where we gave potting demonstrations and talked about growing orchids. Dates will be coming out for that.

Shop – We need to get more stock. Ruth has been away so Janelle is going to look after the shop until Ruth is back.

Noel has some Banrot that he has put into 50gram bottles that he will sell. Must be very careful when using it though.

Herbert River Orchids and Allied Plants Society – In Ingham. A small club. Some of their members come to our Club. It's a good day so recommend that you give it a try.

Our Autumn Show is going to clash with their Field Day this year so unfortunately, we won't be hiring a bus to go up there. When we set the date for the Autumn Show we tried not to clash with anyone and there was a possibility that their Field Day was not going to go ahead. The week before is Easter and the week after that date is the Rockhampton Orchid Show so we would not have Alice, who is one of our major growers. In the end, we needed to consider that this is one of our major fundraising events.

Members were asked to get up and get a piece of paper and pencil and choose an orchid from the Novice, Open Hybrid and Species sections that you think should win, and write their number on the sheet.

Presentation: Greg Kelly Growing Vandas

Greg gave a comprehensive talk on Vandas, introducing the different varieties—strap-leaved and terete-leaved types. Examples of the two were on display with the strap-leaved vanda having broad flat leaves and the terete leaved type having cylindrical leaves.

Most come from the South-East Asia region.

He explained that if Vandas are not potted in some kind of pot, they dry out much quicker and need to be watered more often. Greg usually waters his vandas five days a week, no less than three. He feeds them molasses (sugars) and iron chelates.

He talked about keikis growing on the plant and when you should cut a keiki off to reproduce the plant. He also showed how he wires his plants to encourage them to grow away from the leaves. Overall, it was a very informative talk and members went away understanding a lot more than when they started.

Judges Choice: Reg Dix**Open Section:** Habenaria Galah

J&B Richardson

78 points.

Novice Section: Onc Lava Burst

S. Woods

76 points

Species Section: *V. sanderiana* var *alba* N & M Grant

76 points

Technical Officer

Reg showed a method of making a pot with a support for a plant. He found it on You-tube.

He spoke about treating plants for Thai rust. – remove contaminated leaf, treat with a systemic fungicide then cover it with mancozeb with sulphur all over the leaf. Can use easy spreader with it. Need to be vigilant.

Afternoon tea was served.**Raffle**

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

T McGill - President

Jan Allen – Secretary

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**Bold Type** indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
OPEN			
LAELIINAE 110mm and over A1	1st 2nd 3rd	Rlc Chief Journey 'First Class' C. Unknown	McCulloch/Weaver P Slatter
LAELIINAE 75mm to 109 mm A2	1st 2nd 3rd	C. Caudebec Candy Ctna Capri x Lc Orchid Affair Ctt Deception Drop	G&S Kelly B. Fighera B&J Richardson
LAELIINAE Miniature under 75mm A3	1st 2nd 3rd	Rth Princess Takamado Slc Tiny Titan' C Cherry Bee	G&S Kelly T&J Kapcelovich G&S Kelly
LAELIINAE Cluster A4	1st 2nd 3rd	Ett Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire' Bct Sun Mei Gold GCT Why Not Walk	G&S Kelly B&J Richardson G&S Kelly
DENDROBIUM Any other Hybrid B5	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den (macrophyllum x finisterrae) x shiraishi</i> <i>Den X superbiens</i> Den Excelsa x <i>shiraishi</i>	B. Fighera McCulloch/Weaver B&J Richardson
VANDA Over 65mm C1	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kapiolea 'Blue Moon' Van South East Pearl 'Marissa's Magic' V Rothschildiana 'Pink'	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDA Under 40mm C3	1st 2nd 3rd	V Bangkuntian Gold Van Blue Fairy V Yip Sum Wah x V Bangyikhan Gold	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
VANDA Any Other Hybrid C4	1st 2nd 3rd	V Twinkle V Unknown V Twinkle	N&M Grant F&J Della N&M Grant
ONCIDIUM Any Other Hybrid E4	1st 2nd 3rd	Milt Christine Carpenter Rumsfelt Milt Christine Carpenter Rumsfelt Brs Rex	K. Owens K. Owens F&J Della
ANY OTHER HYBRID G5	1st 2nd 3rd	Habenaria Galah Fdk After Dark 'Bakers Cherry Madness' Phal Ox Blood 'Tea'	B&J Richardson P Slatter B. Fighera
NOVICE ONCIDIUM E5	1st 2nd 3rd	Lsz Lava Burst Onc Sharry Baby	S Woods S Woods

<u>SPECIES</u> ANY OTHER H5	1st 2nd	<u>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</u> <i>Den johannis</i> <i>Den bigibbum var superbum</i> <u>EXOTIC SPECIES</u>	P Serra P Serra
LAELIINAE I1	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Guar bowringiana var coerulea</i> <i>Guar bowringiana</i> <i>Laelia tenebrosa var rubra</i>	A&J Knowles F&J Della N&M Grant
VANDA I3	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>V sanderiana var alba</i> <i>V falcata 'pink'</i> <i>V falcata 'Magenta Princess' x 'Maleficent'</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS I4	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Phal pulcherrima var champornense</i> <i>Phal bellina 'Fire Shape'</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima</i>	N&M Grant K Kybus N&M Grant
ANY OTHER I8	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Trichoglottis philippinensis</i> <i>Epi cochleatum</i> <i>Prosthecia chacaoensis</i>	N&M Grant K. Owens N&M Grant

Points Tables after February 2026

Number	Name	Open	Species	Novice	Aggregate
221	Blanchard D	5			5
337	L Crail & J Dow			3	3
268	Della F&J	14			14
190	B Fighera	10			10
213	Grant N&M	35	34		69
240	Johnson L&G	19	3		22
223	T&J Kapcelovich	4			4
116	Kelly G&S	32			32
368	Kybus K	12	3		15
193	Knowles A&J	7	7		14
322	McCulloch/Weaver	8			8
241	McGill T&S	1			1
63	Owens K	14	3		17
131	B&J Richardson	13	1		14
233	Serra P&J	3			3
378	Slatter P	6			6
121	Woods S	7			7



Judges Choice February 2026

Novice Section:

Onc. Lava Burst

Owner: Stephen Woods

76 Points

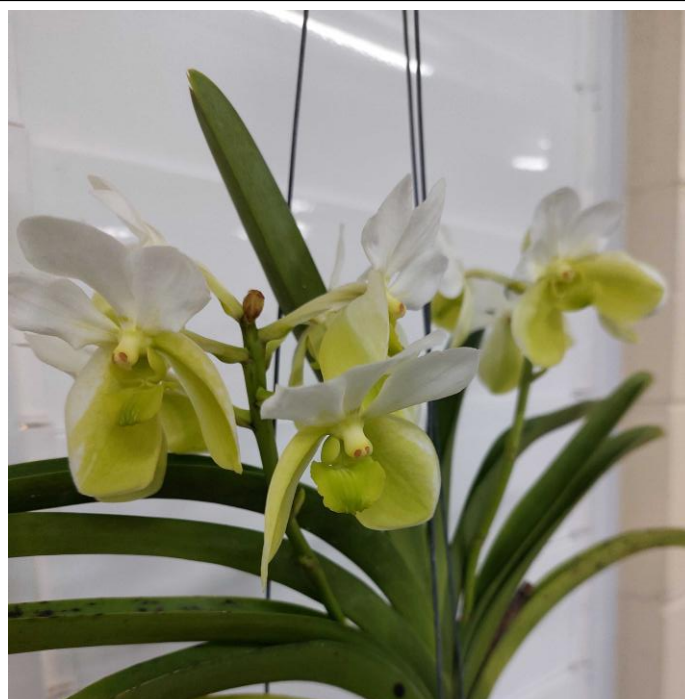
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