

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



April 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 25th April.

The March General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 26th April,

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 April 2026:

Novice/Species

Marie, Stacey

Open

Peter, Lisa

President's Thoughts

Hello everyone,

Seems we can't get a trick - it's raining again. Hopefully this isn't going to be hanging around too long.

The first Show for the year is over and I am offering big congratulations to the winners:

GRAND CHAMPION & CHAMPION VANDAE HYBRID Ascda. Kultana Brown Violetta

Owned & grown by - P Slatter

CHAMPION NOVICE - Phal Toccato Owned & grown by – Kirsten Kybus

A big thank you to the vendors - without your support, we couldn't keep the doors open. Most people don't realise Townsville Orchid Society are one of the only clubs in the Southern hemisphere owning our own building. We have costs other clubs don't have. But I would rather this be the case, so a big thank you to previous club members for making our club what it is.

We held a survey at the Autumn Show which identified Facebook as the best way to reach out to the public. But a big thanks to 4 TTT and the Townsville Bulletin, who had us as the Number One "Thing to Do" last weekend.

Finally thank you to everyone who helped at the Show and thank you to the public who attended. Best of luck with all your purchases.

Troy McGill

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

Meeting opened: at 1.00pm by President Troy McGill

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

Apologies: Joseph Walker, Judith Thompson

President report: Judith Thompson called and has had to step down from the committee as she is feeling tired and unwell. I have asked her to put it into writing.

Secretary: Jan Allen

Minutes: A copy of the minutes was posted in the March bulletin.

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: EDOS Inc February 2026 Newsletter; Ergon – Invoice; Member queries; Request to change email address; Australia Post e-invoice; Claim notification – NQIB – requests; TQOC meeting date and agenda; NQOS Cairns – request for Show dates; NQIB – Claim lodged; Member comments; Phillip Thompson – Grants update; Claim confirmation details; Complete Tag statement; Cancellation of CIDOS 2026 Autumn Charity; Bunnings family night and June Garden Corner; Good governance workshop - \$59 pp; Tweed District Orchid Society Feb newsletter; C-mobile account; Kwik copy query; QBE Insurance request for photos etc.; Registrar's choice confusion; Neutrog speaker – query, Confirmation; New email address – Dadic (auditor); Triple T newsletter; HROAP March newsletter; Australia Post – renewed; AOC Orchid Quarterly; Australia Post – parcel x 3; Insurance – information request; Invoice INV-0716 from Australian Show Ribbons; Rentokil confirmation; Northern Steel Fabrication invoice; AOS Corner; PPS Open Day 2026; Reminder – Pest Control; DOS – March Orchidwise; TOS March Bulletin; 2026 CIDOS March Newsletter; Aus. Post – parcel to collect; Estimate for raffle tickets; Triple T survey; Eco-Fiesta 2026 Stallholder Application -Now Open; Copies of emails sent about Orchid Show x 4; National e-deposit; Invoice – Townsville Community Broadcasting; The Fold – publicity; Cleaning Invoice; Copies of emails sent about Orchid Show x 7

Correspondence Out: All correspondence out this month was responses to emails sent and forwarding emails to the relevant Committee members.

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Lyn Johnson

Carried

Business arising: Member query and comment about popular vote – to talk in General Business about it; Grant update – nothing relevant; Registrars choice confusion – talk in General meeting; Eco-fiesta invite and PPS Open Day invite; estimate for raffle tickets.

Treasurer: Leann O'Neill

Major income came from our meeting and air-conditioning.

Major expense this month has been for Hall maintenance.

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

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

Accounts to be paid: Cleaner; 4TTT; reimbursement for Tony, Noel. Invoice for Carolyn for Facebook boost for the show.

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:

Building

- Insurance company have asked for a report on the roof damage, so we have approached Ausnorth Plumbing to provide one. Still waiting. Require photos as well.
- Rail at the front of the building has been fixed as it was loose, and a safety issue.

Hospitality – Samantha

- Rosters need to be put out again this Sunday. Need more assistance in the kitchen.

Show – Tony

- Has a list of vendors – Leann requires their bank details for payment after the Autumn Show. This includes members who are selling from the members' table.
- Barcodes need to be ordered
- Tony to get the grounds mown by the Council before the show.

General Business –

- Greg Kelly did a presentation on Vandas which was well received. Troy has asked him if he would like to do his presentation on Cattleya later in the year. He is happy to do presentations but feels that other members (especially Committee members) need to step up and have a go.

- Brian Klepzig from Neutrog will be doing tomorrow's presentation.
- Need members lists to Committee.
- Price of tickets – unacceptably expensive. Need to look at whether we can get the three section tickets at a cheaper price. Look into Kwikcopy and Officeworks.
- Committee considered the possibility of reducing the cost of advertising in the newspaper and increasing the boost on Facebook.
- Need to put up signs on the Sunday before the Show. To be put on the side of the road.
- Covers for the boxes are made and two new screens have been made.
- Eco-fiesta on Sunday 7th June at Anderson Park. Need volunteers and plants to display.
- PPS – Saturday 22nd August – same day as our committee meeting. Can delay Committee meeting to after the PPS day which is 8am – 1pm.
- P.O. Box – can get the invoice via email. Now we know when there is a parcel to collect as well.
- Box Day – Jan to send out a reminder to members.
- Show set up on 9th April from 9.00am.
- Bunnings Night – this Thursday 26th March – 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Need volunteers. Potting demonstrations and plant display. Not sure whether it is inside or outside.
- Ask an Expert Day - do it at the Hall. Saturday 16th May – BBQ, potting demonstrations, and general get together. No presentations. Just members.
- Need to sort out the second mobile phone – cancel and organise a portable wi-fi connection.
- Computers – need to look at making sure the computers talk to each other. We may need to get the technician in to help.
- The registrar's choice is for: - the best hybrid; best species and best specimen. Different to judge's choice which was Novice, Open and Species.
- Jan and Noel did not get a copy of the plants that won the Popular vote. Troy has a record of which ones won.
- Troy attended a Grant Writing Course yesterday. Currently, grants that are sent to us are not relevant to us. Also need to speak to our local Councillor.
- Need to encourage more members to bring their flowering plants along for judging. Many are happy to put their plants on our Facebook page.
- Ruth and Janelle to get together to look at what we need to order for the shop.
- Members who are selling their flowering plants at the General Meeting need to make it obvious who is selling them so that buyers can approach them. Maybe new signs need to be made – there were some.
- Waiting for a quote from Whites for the Christmas party.
- Food saver used for sealing bags of products for the shop seems to have disappeared. Will need to purchase a new one.
- Need to close the shop at 12.55pm to get people sitting for the meeting.
- The Committee discussed a member's suggestion that we need to look at more trophies from the club e.g. look at having one for the Grand Champion of each Show. Different options were suggested. Troy will go to Tag to see what it would cost. If we had a perpetual trophy for the Grand Champions, we would not need to give a small trophy. They already get a ribbon or rosette. Their name would be printed on the perpetual trophy. It was agreed that we should investigate this as an option. More consideration to be made.

New Members - Nil

Meeting Closed: 2.33pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen - Secretary

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

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

Present: 45 as per registration book.

Visitors: Brian Klepzig; Sue Engwicht

Apologies: Donette Beasley, Bruno Figuera, Clara Sewell, Les & Joan Cooper, Joan MacIntyre, Bill Howell, Lynne Ryan.

Secretary Report – Jan Allen

Minutes: The minutes from the February 2026 meeting were published in the March 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 included invitations to public events eg. PPS, Eco-Fiesta and Bunnings. Copies of emails sent to radio stations, Councillors etc, providing information about the Autumn Show and inviting them to the show were forwarded by our Publicity Officer. Invoices were received. Outward correspondence mainly consisted of responses to enquiries and forwarding invoices and insurance matters to our Treasurer and Hall Vice President.

A comprehensive, detailed copy of Correspondence is on the noticeboard.

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

Moved: J. Allen

Seconded: P. Serra

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Leann O'Neill

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 to prevent them from getting damaged.
- Boards for the Autumn Show are down at the front table. Please fill in where you can help.
- Carolyn has made the new box covers for the show so they will be used for this show.
- Box Day 1st April, 10am.
- Show signs will be at the door for people to take. Tony has provided some cable ties. Make sure you collect them after the show.

Hospitality- Samantha McGill

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

General Business:

- We need more people to offer to do presentations. Please speak to Troy if you would like to speak on a particular topic or if you would like us to find someone to talk on a particular topic. It is difficult to know what people want.
- We worked on feedback from the shows and meetings and had hooks made that keep the plants away from the wall with less likelihood of damage to the plants. Thanks to Ray Layton for manufacturing them.
- Vendors – please give Leann your bank details so that we can pay you for your sales. Includes those people who have plants on the TOS tables. Also, please ensure that you have ordered your barcodes.
- If you have changed your address or phone number, please let us know.
- Dates to remember:

Bunnings – Thursday 26th March 5.30 – 7.00pm

Autumn Show

Box Day – 1 April time - 10 am

Set up for show – 9th, - 9 am

Show – 10th, 11th and 12th April

Roster sheets for volunteers and Kitchen Food are being passed around.

Eco-fiesta - at Anderson Park Sunday 7th June from 9am – 3pm

Medieval festival – 16th August

Bluewater Fair – 17th August

PPS Open Day– 22nd August. 8.00am – 2.00pm

Proceedings were suspended until members completed the Popular vote.

Presentation – Brian Klepzig (Neutrog)

Brian introduced himself as the Neutrog Customer Relationship Manager. He enquired as to whether members receive the Newsletter from Neutrog. Those who wanted to, filled in a sheet with their email addresses. He forgot to bring the Pocket Garden Guide – which has Product information – so he will send in the post. Not just orchid stuff.

Brian explained, during his presentation, how Neutrog worked and developed their products. An Australian company based in South Australia, outside of Adelaide.

Leading microbiologists in the country act as advisors to the company. They are an important addition to their Research and Development Team, always looking for new challenges. They are also working with some Orchid Societies, looking at healthy orchids to see what micro biomes they have. They work with garden groups and rare fruit societies as well.

Brian showed a slide of one of their sites where they currently store 35,000 tonnes raw chicken manure which they pelletise 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Why chicken manure? The reason for using chicken manure is because there is plenty of it and has everything in it. It is a complete fertiliser. Contains all the micronutrients – all the trace elements.

Some of their products are:

Whoflungdung - a biologically activated, nutrient rich, weed free, absorbent super mulch

Choc a block – Manure based compost. Consistent product.

Seamungus. In pellet form and liquid form.

Strike back for orchids – pellets and liquid. Includes seaweed. Boosted with a high amount of nitrogen and potassium.

Suggested application rate – if its working for you don't change it.

Suggestion: When trialling something, just change one thing at a time.

All members present were given a sample container of liquid Seamungus and several other products were raffled off.

Technical Officer – Reg Dix

Reg gave a short presentation on the use of Osmocote® Pro-5-6M. He recommended that members apply the product by mixing it into the growing medium. It can be used in combination with water-soluble fertilisers.

Registrar's Choice: Reg Dix

Open: Paph Gary Romagna x Paph Pinnochio B&J Richardson 76 points

Species: Bulb medusae B&J Richardson 75 points

Best Specimen: Bulb medusae B&J Richardson 75 point

The winning **Novice** plant was Spathoglottis Unknown grown by Stephen Woods

Afternoon tea was served

Our **Popular vote** resulted in members choosing:

Hybrid 1: Rlc Hoodyai Delight

Hybrid 2: Dendrobium Enobi Stripe 'Frasers Stunner'

Hybrid 3: Paph XXX#3 Gary Romagna x Pinnochio/Paph Beverley Long (tied)

Species: Bulb medusae

Novice: Spathoglottis Unknown

Raffle

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

T McGill - President

Jan Allen – Secretary

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

| Section | | | TOS No. |
|--|-------------------|---|---|
| <u>OPEN</u> | | | |
| LAELIINAE 110mm and over A1 | 1st 2nd 3rd | RSC Hsinying Joy 'Chief Wilson' LC Haadyai Delight BLC Keowee 'Vi Galaxy' | P Slatter P Slatter G&L Johnson |
| LAELIINAE Miniature under 75mm A3 | 1st 2nd 3rd | C California Cherry C Lulu X C Lavender Ice Rlc Hsinying Sunbeam | R Scott R Scott J Horn |
| LAELIINAE Cluster A4 | 1st 2nd 3rd | C Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' Bct Yuan Nam Mini C Chocolate Drop | N&M Grant N&M Grant D Blanchard |
| DENDROBIUM Phalaenanthe B1 | 1st 2nd 3rd | Den Pop Eye Den Enobi Stripe Den Seree x Tri-Angel | G&L Johnson K Owens J Horn |
| DENDROBIUM Any other Hybrid B5 | 1st 2nd 3rd | Den T.C. Yellow Den Red Bull Den Alice's Rainbow | G&L Johnson G&L Johnson K Owens |
| VANDA Over 65mm C1 | 1st 2nd 3rd | V Golamco's Blue Magic V Lady in Pink V Paramate Star x V Bitz's Heartthrob | N&M Grant D Blanchard N&M Grant |
| VANDA Any Other Hybrid C4 | 1st 2nd 3rd | V Green Light Van. Luke Thai x <i>Aer maculosum</i> | N&M Grant N&M Grant |
| PHALAENOPSIS Under 35mm D3 | 1st 2nd 3rd | Phal Tying Shin Beagle Phal Tetrata Phal Yen Orion | G&L Johnson K Kybus N&M Grant |
| PAPHIOPEDILUM Multi Floral F1 | 1st 2nd 3rd | Paph XXX#3 Gary Romagna x Pinnocchio Paph Beverly Long Paph Miss Faith Hanbury | B&J Richardson B&J Richardson G&L Johnson |
| ANY OTHER HYBRID G5 | 1st 2nd 3rd | Brassia Rising Star Tolu Snifter Habenaria Arbor Vitae | C Gibson G&S Kelly B&J Richardson |
| <u>NOVICE</u> E8 | 1st 2nd | Spathoglottis Unknown Dendrobium Unknown | S Woods S Woods |
| <u>SPECIES</u> | | <u>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</u> | |
| PHALAENOPSIS H4 | 1st 2nd 3rd | <i>Phal pulcherrima</i> var <i>champornense</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima</i> <i>Phal pulcherrima</i> | N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant |
| ANY OTHER H5 | 1st 2nd 3rd | <i>Den antennatum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i> var <i>superbum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i> var <i>superbum</i> | G&L Johnson G&L Johnson P Serra |
| | | <u>EXOTIC SPECIES</u> | |
| VANDA I3 | 1st 2nd 3rd | <i>V falcata</i> 'Magenta Princess' x 'Maleficent' <i>V falcata</i> <i>V sanderiana</i> | N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant |
| BULBOPHYLLUM I7 | 1st 2nd 3rd | <i>Bulb medusae</i> <i>Bulb flavello-verniss</i> <i>Bulb grandiflorum</i> | B&J Richardson G&L Johnson G&L Johnson |

Points Tables after March 2026

| Number | Name | Open | Species | Novice | Aggregate |
|--------|------------------|------|---------|--------|-----------|
| 221 | Blanchard D | 21 | | | 21 |
| 337 | L Craill & J Dow | | | 3 | 3 |
| 268 | Della F&J | 14 | | | 14 |
| 190 | B Fighera | 10 | | | 10 |
| 226 | Gibson C | 4 | | | 4 |
| 213 | Grant N&M | 79 | 58 | | 137 |
| 143 | Horn J | 4 | | | 8 |
| 240 | Johnson L&G | 82 | 29 | | 111 |
| 223 | T&J Kapcelovich | 4 | | | 4 |
| 116 | Kelly G&S | 32 | | | 32 |
| 368 | Kybus K | 18 | 3 | | 21 |
| 193 | Knowles A&J | 7 | 7 | | 14 |
| 322 | McCulloch/Weaver | 8 | | | 8 |
| 241 | McGill T&S | 1 | | | 1 |
| 63 | Owens K | 36 | 3 | | 39 |
| 131 | B&J Richardson | 35 | 5 | | 40 |
| 233 | Serra P&J | 5 | 2 | | 7 |
| 168 | Scott R | 16 | | | 16 |
| 378 | Slatter P | 20 | | | 20 |
| 121 | Woods S | | | 14 | 14 |