

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



June 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 27th June.

The May General Meeting will be held from 1pm Sunday 28th June,

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 June 2026:

Novice/Species

Reg, Stacey

Open

Peter, Lisa

President's Thoughts

So, what's going on in the world of Orchids?

It's been a typical Townsville winter (it got down to 9 degrees for two days, and it's starting to warm up again to a comfortable temperature). Isn't Townsville the place to be for winter? I am expecting a nice mid-20s.

Certain members of the Townsville Orchid Society have been busy recently. We have been at Bunnings Domain doing potting demonstrations and talking about the reasons why joining the association is beneficial, followed by a manned display at the Eco Fiesta.

We have our Winter Show fast approaching as well, so Tony and Sam will be asking for volunteers to help run it. If you are not certain what volunteers do, please come and ask. If you are free on Thursday, the 25th of June, we have the Winter Show Box Day, where we all get in and prepare the boxes for the show.

I'd like to thank Lyn for her presentation at the May meeting on how she grows paphiopedilums and miltonias. It was interesting to see she can get her miltonias to flower so far north.

We only have four months until our next Annual General Meeting. So, here is the point - there will be vacancies on the Committee, including the President and Secretary, as both Jan and I will have completed three years. Under the TOS Constitution we need to step down. So now, it will fall on other club members to nominate for those positions at the October Annual General Meeting. Please consider if you have the time, let's not leave it up to the last minute. If you're unsure what happens at committee meetings, please come and see us, or come along and watch a committee meeting - from 1pm on the Saturday, the day before the monthly General Meeting.

The shop has been re-stocked. We are still looking for new suppliers of pots. If there's something you want that we haven't got in stock, please approach Ruth or myself and we will see what we can do. Just a reminder we don't sell certain items like pesticides; you can get these from our sponsor Project Plants. Show them your

membership card for a discount and advice on using the product, including PPE (personal protection equipment). I have also been informed that Project Plants are looking into selling orchids in the future.

Finally, if you are interested in how the Winter Show is judged, you are welcome to come along and assist on the evening of Thursday 2nd July from 6.30pm as a 'scribbler'. You can walk around with the judges, write down the winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) of each section and get an idea why certain plants were considered better than others. The judging starts around 6:30pm on the Thursday and is usually finished around 9:30pm, all going well.

Box Day	Thursday 25 th June at 10am.
General Meeting	Sunday 27 th June from 1pm
Set Up Winter Show	Thursday 2 July from 9am
Judging	Thursday 2 July from 6.30pm
2026 Winter Show	Friday, Saturday and Sunday 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th July.

Thanks, Troy

Minutes from the Management Committee Meeting held Saturday 23rd May 2026.

Meeting opened: at 1.06pm by President Troy McGill

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

Apologies: Robert Rasmussen.

President report: More phallies have been donated by Ken Booth. They will go on the raffle table tomorrow.

Secretary: Jan Allen

Minutes: A copy of the minutes was posted in the May Bulletin. Committee members also received them by email.

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: Hall rental enquiry; AOS -membership renewal; Enquiry – Autumn show payment process; Run sheets; TDOS April newsletter; AOS President videocall; Eco-Fiesta Stallholder Application; Boxes from Chemist Warehouse; Formsite – re Eco Fiesta application; Ausnorth Plumbing – report; New Version TOS April Bulletin; Member re Points Table; AOC agenda item & nominations request; Claim confirmation details; AOS Corner; HROAPS Inc May Newsletter; Bluewater Garden Fair and Flower Show; Fernland Invoice; C-mobile account; Toowoomba Orchid Show; Customer Statement Fernland; Hall Hire request; May AOS orchid-gram; Green Space Open Day 2025 – logo; Eco-Fiesta Confirmation; Information re Ira Butler Trophies competition; AOC Membership fee; Rentokil automatic notification; Fernland Account; TQOC renewal; CIDOS May newsletter; Townsville Solar Clean and Birdproofing quote; Bluewater – acknowledge receipt of application; Fernland – receipt; Linda Ashcroft – re Council grants; Eco-fiesta Workshop details request; NQIB Claim Confirmation; Apology re Ask an Expert; May TOS bulletin; Invoice from Fernland; ROSI May Bulletin; Claim Confirmation details – NQIB; Hall enquiry; NQ Hygiene – billing information; JJM & Environ Pest Management; Legacy Laurel Club Invitation; AOC Ira Butler competition results; Ergon Invoice Community Information support; AOS password recovery; Guidelines and Directives – Bluewater fair Mail Delivery failure x 3; Facebook Boost Claim – Autumn Show

Correspondence Out: Responses to Bluewater and Eco-fiesta re applications; Response to PPS regards logo; Ask an Expert; Townsville Orchid Society Inc revised April Bulletin; Invoice to Tokelau; Mail forwarded to relevant Committee members.

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

M: Jan Allen

S: Ruth Whiting

Carried

Business arising: To be covered in General Business

Treasurer: Leann O'Neill

Our term deposit matures on 2nd July so two of the signatories need go to the bank to reinvest it. Leann to organise.

Rentokil bill is increasing.

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

Accounts to be paid –Cleaner; Reimbursements to Noel, Tony, Carolyn; Pest Control.

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 – Tony

- Building – Pest inspection done;
- Power point needed to be repaired
- Garden Club enquired about price for the day. Shell Club being charged \$200 so keep it the same. Inform them it will be \$200. Dates checked.

Show – Tony

- Rosters to go out tomorrow. Tony will talk about them tomorrow.

Hospitality – Samantha

- Would like to determine Interest in Christmas lunch. Put out a sheet in July.
- Waiting for a quote from Whites.
- Rosters to be put out tomorrow for Winter Show.

Shop report – Ruth

- Having trouble getting some of the products we usually purchase – daisy clips no longer being made, fertilisers being discontinued. No hydro baskets, vanda pots and orchid pots being made.
- Looking into options to help supply the shop with other products.

Publicity – Joseph

- Invoice for Townsville Bulletin. Changed to Thursday and Saturday. No benefit in having a quarter page. Free articles – through Evan.
- Power 100 now on board.
- Carolyn for Winter Show. Bump Facebook up to \$100.
- Sending out invitations to Councillors and contacting radio stations.

General Business –

- Committee discussed including more Honorary Members – people who are part of the Club but now unable to participate in activities due to illness or age. Although some members have not attended meetings for a long time, they have continued their membership and interest in the Society. Troy will talk to them.
- Motion: That we include Daphne Hinds, Ian and Patricia Walters and Bill Howell as Honorary members.
M: Troy McGill S: Samantha McGill **Carried**
- Bunnings Garden Centre – Friday 5th June – Lyn, Jan, Troy, Janelle, Noel
- Bought WIFI hotspot to use at the hall for internet. Particularly useful during Shows and presentations. Second mobile phone to be cancelled.
- AOC – AGM nominate for positions. What is affecting us up here? Troy mentioned judging. No plant being able to be awarded because of lack of judges.
- Need to contact people to see if they are prepared to open bush houses for our Field Day. Depends on their availability as to whether we will have one this year.
- Alligator Creek. Should we put a little ad in the Alligator times?
- Leann – Janelle has a quote from Townprint for our raffle tickets. Appears cheaper.
Motion: That we purchase tickets from Townprint at the cost of \$1011.
M: Leann O'Neill S: Janelle Stevens **Carried**
- Joseph absent for next meeting. Janelle away for next meeting and Show. Noel away for Show.

New Members - Tricia & Les Brand – Novice – Member number 390

Amelia & Mark Tomarchio – Novice – Member number 391

Meeting Closed: 2.40pm

Troy McGill – President

Jan Allen – Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting held Sunday 24th May 2026

Meeting opened at 1. 00pm by President Troy McGill who welcomed visitors

Present: 54 as per registration book.

Visitors: Dennis Farlow, Les and Irene Keane, Gavyn Williams.

Apologies: Lyn Mutch, Bill Howell, Lynne Ryan, Carolyn Gibson, Bruno Figuera, Robert Rasmussen

President's Report: Last weekend we had our Ask an Expert/BBQ/Catch up. We had about 30 people turn up so we were pleased with that. Free sausages and advice. Some people brought in orchids that needed some care. We may do that again some time this year.

Secretary Report – Jan Allen

Minutes: The minutes from the April 2026 meeting were published in the May Bulletin.

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Noel Grant

Carried

Correspondence: *Inward correspondence* included information about competitions run by the AOC; Eco-fiesta; Invitation from Legacy Laurel Club; invoices from JJM & Environ Pest Management, C-mobile, Fernland, TQOC, AOC, Ergon, Townsville Solar Cleaning and Bird proofing.

Outward correspondence consisted of responses to Bluewater, Eco-fiesta and PPS re events; Ask an Expert; revised April Bulletin; Invoice to Tokelau and mail forwarded to Committee members.

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

Moved: Jan Allen

Seconded: Joseph Walker

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: Leann O'Neill

Seconded: Kerry Turner

Carried

Vice President Reports:

Shows and Building- Tony Kapcelovich.

- Ruth brought in her scaffolding and cleaned the fans.
- Insurance still ongoing. Need a report on damages. Someone to come in and inspect the damages.
- Show rosters to be put out shortly. Tony talked about the problems we had getting people to do the roster. Show success is important. Show proceeds go towards maintaining the Hall, subsidising our Christmas dinner and other events.
- Some confusion in the kitchen but Sam will do up a more comprehensive price list.
- Cloakroom is easy to help.

Hospitality- Samantha McGill

- Rosters going around for the Winter Show.

Publicity: Joseph

- Facebook more popular
- Changing to advertising twice during the week – smaller ads.
- Free advertising through the radio station.
- 4TTT again for the Friday only.
- Have a poster – advertising at Bunnings and

General Business:

- **Shop** - difficulty getting orchid pots from Fernland. Trying Hydroponics NQ and Alice to see if they have suppliers with those products. Some fertilisers aren't being produced anymore.
- Show coming up. Please request barcodes if you are selling at the Show. Club table – also need barcodes.
- Bunnings on 5th June at 11.00am. 3 or 4 volunteers already but anyone welcomed.
- Honorary membership - passed at the Committee meeting – allows them to get the bulletin.

Troy invited members and visitors to vote for the People's Choice. Only three categories to choose from: Novice, Australian Natives and Vandas.

Presentation – Lynette Johnson

Paphiopedilums and Miltonia

Lynette presented information about the way she cares for her Paphiopedilums (otherwise known as Slipper orchids). She spoke about the growing conditions, light requirements, fertilising and potting mixture for her plants.

She explained that they require shady conditions. They do not like to dry out but also don't want to be soggy. Lyn fertilises every time she waters her orchids. Re-potting should be done every two years.

Miltonias like the same conditions as the Slipper orchids so Lyn keeps them in the same orchid house.

Judges Choice: Reg Dix

Open Section: C. Dal's Ambition G. & S. Kelly 78 points.

Species Section: *Paph spicerianum* L & G Johnson 75 points

Specimen: *Paph spicerianum* L & G Johnson 75 points

Afternoon tea was served

When members returned to their seats, Troy announced the winners of the People's Choice.

People's Choice: (Popular Vote)

Hybrid 1 (Vandas) –	Vanda Blue Star 'Royal Blue'	N & M Grant
Species -	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	Evon Liang
Novice -	<i>Oncidium lanceanum</i>	K Kybus & T Brinkley

Raffle

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm

T McGill - President

Jan Allen – Secretary

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

Bold Type indicates a correction using Orchidwiz.

Section			TOS No.
<u>OPEN</u>			
LAELIINAE 110mm and over A1	1st 2nd 3rd	Blc California Girl 'Orchid Library' Rlc Burdekin Jewel x Rlc Glenlee Fancy Rlc NSA Acqua Splash 'Topaz Velvet'	P Slatter B&J Richardson T Kapcelovich
LAELIINAE 75mm to 109 mm A2	1st 2nd 3rd	C Dal's Ambition C Dendi's Perfection 'Carmen' C Elusive Dream 'Rose'	G&S Kelly G&S Kelly G&S Kelly
LAELIINAE Miniature under 75mm A3	1st 2nd 3rd	Gct Swig of Brandy 'Good Drop' Ctna Jamaica Red 'Chung Hwa'	G&S Kelly N&M Grant
LAELIINAE Cluster A4	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Epi stamfordianum</i> 'Galaxy' Ttna Dark Prince	G&L Johnson ?
DENDROBIUM Phalaenanth B1	1st 2nd	Den Cancy Cone x Den Alice Stripe Den D'Bush Classic x (D'Bush Classic x Gemwood)	H Barlow K Owens
DENDROBIUM Spatulata B2	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Toro Lassie x <i>Den canaliculatum</i> Den Fraser's Mosaic Spiral x Fraser's Red Dragon Den Fraser's Red Dragon x Den Ray's <i>canaliculatum</i>	K Owens K Owens K Owens
DENDROBIUM Intermediate B3	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den bigibbum</i> hybrid Den Mangosteen 'MC' Den Salaya 'Fancy Red'	G&L Johnson H Barlow P Slatter
DENDROBIUM Any other Hybrid B5	1st 2nd 3rd	Den Little Green Apples Den Roongkamol Vejvarut Den unknown	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson J Allen
VANDA Over 65mm C1	1st 2nd 3rd	V Kultana Brown x Kultana Orange V Kasems Delight x Kultana Gold V Unknown	N&M Grant N&M Grant B&J Richardson
VANDA 40mm to 65mm C2	1st 2nd 3rd	V Fuchsia Von Krone V Vilairat V Prapin 'White/Blue Lip'	N&M Grant H Barlow N&M Grant
VANDA Under 40mm C3	1st 2nd 3rd	V Blue Star 'Royal Blue' V Peggy Foo V Peggy Foo	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant
PHALAENOPSIS Any Other Hybrid D4	1st 2nd 3rd	Phal KV Beauty Phal Tying Shin Beagle Phal Unknown	H Barlow G&L Johnson E Liang
ANY OTHER HYBRID	1st 2nd	Cygd Taiwan Gold 'Orchid' Paph XXX #3 Gary Romagna x Paph Pinnochio	G&L Johnson B&J Richardson

	3rd	<i>Paph concolor x primulinum</i>	G&L Johnson
ANY OTHER HYBRID F4	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Bulb. ornatissimum x primulinum</i> Ctsm Davie Ranchies	G&L Johnson H Barlow
<u>NOVICE</u>			
ANY OTHER E8	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Oncidium lanceanum</i> <i>Bulb. lasiochilum</i> C Chocolate Drop 'Clifton Yellow'	K Kybus G&L Doble L Ludvigsen
<u>SPECIES</u>		<u>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</u>	
DENDROBIUM PHALAENANTHE H2	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den bigibbum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i> <i>Den bigibbum</i>	P Serra P Serra K Owens
		<u>EXOTIC SPECIES</u>	
LAELIINAE I1	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Encyclia thienii</i> <i>Guarianthe guatemalensis</i> <i>Prosthecea cochleata</i>	G&L Johnson L McCulloch B&J Richardson
DENDROBIUM I2	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Den antennatum</i> <i>Den bracteosum</i>	G&L Johnson B&J Richardson
PAPHIOPEDILUM/ PHRAGMIPEDIUM I6	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Paph spicerianum</i> <i>Paph primulinum var purpurescens</i> <i>Paph spicerianum</i>	G&L Johnson G&L Johnson B&J Richardson
ANY OTHER I8	1st 2nd 3rd	<i>Gastrochilus obliquus</i> <i>Barkeria dorothea</i> <i>Barkeria whartonianum</i>	N&M Grant N&M Grant N&M Grant

Points Tables after May 2026

Number	Name	Open	Species	Novice	Aggregate
183	Allen J	1			1
280	Barlow H	12			12
221	Blanchard D	8			8
337	L Craill & J Dow			3	3
268	Della F&J	5			5
369	Doble L&G			7	7
190	B Fighera	19	2		21
226	Gibson C	3			3
213	Grant N&M	77	51		128
143	Horn J	2			2
240	Johnson L&G	60	36		96
223	T&J Kapcelovich	4			3
116	Kelly G&S	47			38

368	Kybus K		2	12	14
73	Liang E	1			1
367	Ludvigsen L		1		1
193	Knowles A&J	3	4		7
322	McCulloch/Weaver	9	5		14
63	Owens K	22	3		25
131	B&J Richardson	28	12		40
233	Serra P&J	8	6		14
168	Scott R	5			5
378	Slatter P	16			12
121	Woods S			10	10



Judges Choice May 2026

Hybrid Section:

C Dal's Ambition 'Tara'

Owner: G&S Kelly

78 Points



Judges Choice May 2026

Species Section:

Paph spicerianum

Owner: L&G Johnson

75 Points

Judges Choice May 2026

Best Specimen:

Paph spicerianum

Owner: L&G Johnson

75 Points

