

Toowoomba Orchid Society

Show Schedule

Spring Show 2026

Friday 18th to 20th September

St Pauls Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr. James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba

Show setup will commence at 2pm on THURSDAY 17th

Benching of Orchids for Display from 4pm until 6pm

Judging starts 7.30pm

SHOW CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Champion Novice

Champion Specimen

Champion Seedling

Champion Species

SECTION CHAMPIONS

Champion Australian Native

Champion Cymbidium

Champion Dendrobium Alliance

Champion Cattleya Alliance

Champion Oncidium Alliance

Champion Paphiopedilum Alliance

Champion Phalaenopsis Alliance

Champion Pleurothiad Alliance

Champion Vandaceous Alliance

Champion Any Other Genus

Champion Foliage

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE**Notes:**

- A1 Dendrobium - predominately Purple/Pink/Red
- A2 Dendrobium - predominately White
- A3 Dendrobium - predominately Yellow
- A4 Dendrobium - any other Colour
- A5 Sarcochilus - Any Hybrid
- A6 Sarcochilus - Seedling
- A7 Australian Native Hybrid (Other)
- A8 Australian Hybrid Seedling
- A9 Australian Species Seedling
- A10 Dendrobium kingianum
- A11 Dendrobium speciosum
- A12 Australian Native Dendrobium Species (Other)
- A13 Australian Native Any Other Species (Terrestrial included)
- A14 Sarcochilus - Species
- A15 Australian Native - spare

CYMBIDIUM

Notes: *Standard Type - Majority of blooms > 90mm*
 Intermediate Type - Majority of blooms 61mm - 90mm
 Miniature Type - Majority of blooms < 60mm

- B1 Standard Cymbidium any Colour combination of Colours
- B2 Intermediate Cymbidium - predominately Pink/Red/Brown
- B3 Intermediate Cymbidium - any other colour or combination of colours
- B4 Miniature Cymbidium - predominantly pink/red/brown
- B5 Miniature Cymbidium - predominantly green/yellow/white
- B6 Miniature Cymbidium - any other colour or combination of colours
- B7 Cymbidium Species
- B8 Cymbidium Seedling
- B9 Cymbidium spare

DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- C1 Softcane - predominately White
- C2 Softcane - predominately Purple/Pink/Red
- C3 Softcane - Any other Colour including Yellow
- C4 Hardcane - Purple (Ceretobe/Phalanthé/Spatulata)
- C5 Dendrobium - other type hybrid
- C6 Dendrobium - Seedling
- C7 Dendrobium - Species
- C8 Dendrobium spare

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- D1 Exhibition Type - Large Pink/Purple (Blooms over 100mm)
- D2 Exhibition Type - Large Any Other Colour (Blooms over 100mm)
- D3 Exhibition Type - Lavender/Pink (Blooms <100mm)
- D4 Exhibition Type - Any other Colour (Blooms <100mm)
- D5 Exhibition Miniature Type - Lavendar/Pink (Blooms <70mm)
- D6 Exhibition Miniature Type - Any other Colour (Blooms <70mm)
- D7 Cattleya Alliance - Epidendrum/ Epicat/Encyclia
- D8 Cluster Type Cattleya - 5 or more blooms per stem
- D9 Novelty Cattleya (Inc: spotted/striped/cocktail) Not included above
- D10 Cattleya Alliance Species - Other than C. intermedia
- D11 Cattleya Alliance Seedling
- D12 Cattleya intermedia mauve(normal colour) aquinii
- D13 Cattleya intermedia mauve(normal colour) orlata, no splash/aquinii
- D14 Cattleya intermedia blue(coerulea) aquinii
- D15 Cattleya intermedia red(vinicolour) aquinii
- D16 Cattleya intermedia orlata any other colour, no splash/aquinii
- D17 Cattleya intermedia any other colour
- D18 Cattleya spare

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- F1 Oncidium Hybrid - (Gomesia type - Large skirt)
- F2 Oncidium Hybrid (Tolumnia Parentage)
- F3 Oncidium Alliance Hybrids and Intergeneric
- F4 Oncidium Miniture (Twinkle Types)
- F5 Oncidium Seedling
- F6 Oncidium Species
- F7 Oncidium Spare

PAPHIOPEDILUM ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- G1 Paphiopedilum Classic type - any Colour
- G2 Paphiopedilum Maudiae type
- G3 Paphiopedilum - Primary Hybrid
- G4 Paphiopedilum - Novelty Hybrid
- G5 Paphiopedilum - Multifloral
- G6 Paphiopedilum - Species
- G7 Paphiopedilum - Seedling
- G8 Phragmipedium - any colour
- G9 Phragmipedium - Species

PAPHIOPEDILUM ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- G10 Phragmipedium - Seedling
G11 Paphiopedilum spare
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PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- H1 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - predominately White/Pink > 60mm
H2 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - predominately Any Other Colour >60mm
H3 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - predominately White/Pink <60mm
H4 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - predominately Striped or Spotted <60mm
H5 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Any other colour < 60mm
H6 Phalaenopsis Novelty
H7 Phalaenopsis - Species
H8 Phalaenopsis - Seedling
H9 Phalaenopsis spare
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PLEUROTHALLIDINAE ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- J1 Pleurothallidinae Hybrid - any colour
J2 Pleurothallidinae - Species (Inc: Masdevallia and Dracula)
J3 Pleurothallidinae - Seedling (Inc: Masdevallia and Dracula)
J4 Masdevallia Any Colour
J5 Pleurothallidinae spare
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VANDACEOUS ALLIANCE**Notes:**

- K1 Vandaceous Hybrid
K2 Vandaceous Hybrid <30mm
K3 Vandaceous Hybrid (Intergeneric)
K4 Vandaceous - Species
K5 Vandaceous - Seedling
K6 Vandaceous spare
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ANY OTHER GENUS**Notes:**

- M1 Coelogyne Species
M2 Coelogyne Hybrid
M3 Any Other Genus - Species
M4 Any Other Genus Hybrid
M5 Any Other Genus - Seedling
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ANY OTHER GENUS

Notes:

- M6 Bulbophyllum Hybrid
- M7 Bulbophyllum Species
- M8 Any Other Genus spare

CUT FLOWER

Notes: Not judged as a flower arrangement. Orchids Only

- N1 Single Spray of Orchids
- N2 Single Flower Orchid

FOLIAGE

Notes:

- P1 Best Fern
- P2 Best Foliage
- P3 Best Bromelaid
- P4 Foliage spare

NOVICE GROWER

Notes:

- Q1 Cattleya Alliance - Novice
- Q2 Cymbidium - Novice
- Q3 Dendrobium Alliance - Novice
- Q4 Oncidiinae Alliance - Novice
- Q5 Paphiopedilum Alliance - Novice
- Q6 Phalaenopsis Alliance - Novice
- Q7 Vandaceous Alliance - Novice
- Q8 Zygopetalum Alliance - Novice
- Q9 Any Other Genus - Novice
- Q10 Australian Native Species - Novice
- Q11 Australian Native Hybrid - Novice
- Q12 Species Exotic - Novice
- Q13 Seedling - Novice
- Q14 Novice spare

Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.
Judging Rules For Judges

Show Rules 2026

1. All entries are free and open to all current financial members of The Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. (financial means, as at the last general club meeting prior to the show).
2. The show shall be judged in accordance with AOC Rules unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
3. Plant tags must be securely fixed as close as practicable to the flower.
4. All plants must be tabled by the time specified in the schedule.
5. Show Marshall (in communication with at least one other show committee member) will ask stewards to remove plants that are considered not in show bench condition or considered 'potentially diseased' or infected by insects (This includes any sales plants in club sales area).
6. All plants **MUST** have been owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of (6) six months prior to the commencement of the Show.
7. Staking and tying shall be sufficient to support the inflorescence, but shall be unobtrusive and not detract from the display of the bloom. Ties must be removable.
8. A seedling plant is identified as one which is "flowering for the first time"; which has been raised by seed and not a mericlone or a division of an older plant. It is to be identified by an additional pink label with the word 'Seedling' printed on it.
9. A specimen plant is identified as a single clone carrying many spikes as appropriate to its genera as defined by judges. It is to be 'one plant' and not several of the same clone(s) placed together. The plant will have a large number of flowers and show evidence of good culture over a long period of time.
10. Any inflorescence being judged from which a flower or bud has been removed or is missing (e.g. may be transport damage) on the spike shall be included in judging (at judge's discretion) unless the missing flower or flowers are not presented with the plant.
11. A pollinated, dead or dying flower shall not disqualify that plant from judging but will detract from the quality of the plant.
12. A minimum of 50% of the flower/flowers on a plant or inflorescence must be fully opened before it is eligible to be judged. The exception to that is if they are a sequentially flowering plant.
13. All classes that are in the show schedule will be judged. If there is only one or two in the class and judges consider the plants worthy of a placing then they are to be awarded as appropriate (1st, 2nd, 3rd). If the flower quality is not up to a standard appropriate to the judging panel then judges do not need to give placings or champions.
14. Plants are to be exhibited in one class only, except for Champion's classes, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.
15. The Show Marshall shall answer any question on eligibility, definitions, classification or interpretations requiring a ruling. All decisions the show marshall delivers on are final & non-negotiable.
16. No plant or plants may be removed from the show except for judging purposes or until the completion/end of the show. This can be waived only after permission is given by the show marshall &/or the Show Committee.
17. An Australian Native Orchid is defined as a native orchid species as being found on the Australian mainland or any coastal island under the political control of an Australian State or territory, but does not include natural hybrids.
18. An Australian Native Hybrid, including natural hybrid, is the progeny exclusively of Australian Native Orchid Species or their hybrids, that is to say, no exotic orchid shall be included in their ancestry.
19. In Championship classes only a first place will be awarded.
20. The Grand Champion Orchid of the show shall be selected from the winners of the "Section Champions". Reserve Champion Orchid shall be selected from the remaining winners ("Section Champions") plus the second best orchid chosen from the sectional group or class from which the Grand Champion Orchid was chosen.
21. Classes and/or amendments may be made to the Show Schedule in any section as

required by the show committee or Show Marshall on the night of judging.

22. The judge's decision is FINAL and non-negotiable.

23. Only the Show Marshall, Scribes, Runners and Executive are allowed into the judging area while judging is being undertaken.

24. The use of stands or plinths is not allowed unless the flowering raceme/inflorescence and/or flowering cane hangs below the bottom of the pot. If this occurs, a minimal stand may be used at the discretion of the Show Marshall/Show Committee. This does not apply to plants that are mounted or plants that have exposed root balls (e.g. Vanda's).

25. If a plant entered in the Autumn or Summer show requires a stand, the owner must provide a suitable stand for display. In other shows a hanging stand will be provided.

26. No member is authorised to touch/handle another person's plant. If moving a plant is necessary, only the owner, Show Marshall or Show Committee member may do so.

Judging Panel Leader:

The Club requests all judges, to judge "Novice Section" first, so judges are familiar with winners in each section of novice.

In open competition, when champions of sections are selected, novice winners are to be considered as part of this. For example; - If the winner of the novice Cattleya is considered better than any cattleya in the open section, then that plant will be champion cattleya, will also be considered for Grand champion, Reserve champion.

The Club requests that the judging panels are divided so that each panel of judges complete genera sections (thus a single panel can then judge sectional champions as they go) and the Judging Panel Leader accepts this request from the club.

Please no splitting of sections between panels. This is requested to assist in the shortening of judging time for our shows.

The Committee of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc., will take all reasonable care but will not accept any responsibility for the theft, loss, destruction or damage occasioned to orchids & or other entries or items, either during transport to & from the venue or while on display at the show.

All entries must be on the bench at the show venue by 6:00pm.

For any other information please contact:

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