

TAN BARK

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Every fourth Friday of each month at 7.30pm, except September & December.

Venue: St. Paul's Hall
Cnr. James and Phillip St
Toowoomba

Subscriptions:
Due February Yearly
Family \$15.00
Single \$15.00

No September Meeting – next Meeting 28th of October

Secretary's Report

General Meeting Minutes 26th Aug 2011
Held at St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba.

President Paul Noone opened the meeting at 7-30pm and welcomed all.

Welcome visitors: No visitors however 2 prospective new members, Steve and Sonia Pope, were our guests for the night.

Apologies. As per the attendance book.

Judges for the night. R Dix, J Sheath and T Deans.

Minutes. The minutes for the July 2011 meeting, as printed in Tan Bark, were moved by G Bloodworth and seconded by Betty Lander. Carried.

Inwards Correspondence.

Accounts. Revised AON Insurance account, St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, AOC Associated Liability account and Melco Sheds.

Letters and emails. Thank you card from W Williams and J Kucks. Membership application – Margot Koschel – proposed via B Williams, email applications from Steve and Sonia Pope.

Newsletters and bulletins. EDOS, QOS, NOSTI, Townsville OS, Nambour OS, Bribie Island OS.

Show schedules and fliers. QOS. Spring show 9 – 11 Sep, Nambour OS spring show 2 – 3 Sep, Ipswich OS spring show 24 – 25 Sep, NZ garden spectacular tour – 27 Oct – 2 Nov 2011.

Publications. Orchids Aust and Orchid Review.

Outwards correspondence. Nil.

Moved G Deacon that the inwards correspondence be accepted, seconded by I Anderson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Bob Lander presented the financial report. Bob moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded by B Williams. Carried.

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General Business:

1. Happy diners club lunch at the Blue Mountain Hotel Thurs 1st Sep at around 12 noon.
2. President Paul spoke on what a fantastic bus trip was had by all who went to Talbot Lodge Brom Nursery and Frizzo's Nursery. A special thanks to the folks from Laidley who boosted the TOS numbers. D Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the organizers of the trip. The bus trip plant raffle was drawn at the meeting; lucky names to come out of the hat were M Fergusson, K Green and E Mahoney.
3. The August TOSKA went over well at the Noone's home. President Paul was very pleased with the response of the members and is looking to another big TOSKA at Woolf Orchid Culture in Oct. Our thanks go to the Noone's for their hospitality
4. Show Committee chairman Murray Fergusson asked for bodies and plants. As many bodies as possible to help over the Spring show and as many plants as possible so we fill both halls. A detailed breakdown on what is required, when and where will be in the Sep issue of Tan Bark.
5. President Paul again spoke on the success of the winter show and presented some outstanding trophies to the winners.

Presentations: Kev Baker spoke about 2 well known growers, Clarrie and Beryl Wuth. Both have plants named after them and many current growers have these Dens in their collection. Reg Dix gave a demo on what judges look for when pointing up a plant for an award. Gave a very good explanation. H Steele had the pick of the meeting and chose *Sophronis coccinea*, this gave K Baker a chance to refresh our memories of his earlier presentation on the same plant. Must be something about this plant. John Woolf then gave a presentation on the maintenance and propagation of Broms before showing a slide presentation featuring some of the crosses he has made over the years. Many members don't realize what a talent this man is and were amazed at some of the beautiful orchids connected to him. Well done John.

Raffles. Plants tabled. R Dix and J Woolf

Fruit tray J Bloodworth. Plants B Lander and L Newby.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

26/8 /2011 Results

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Australian Native Hybrid	Dend. Jonathans Glory 'Dark Joy'	W & J Naumann
Species Miniature	<i>C. coccinea</i>	K. Baker
Species Other	<i>Restrepia hemsleyana</i>	M & K Ferguson
Hybrid other	Blc. Karen's Surprise	R. Dix
Novice	Den. Gillieston Gem x Dainty Ellen	T. Deans
Cultural Plant	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	G & J Bloodworth
Plant of Interest	Doc. Australian Ginger	K. Baker
Golden Oldie	Den. Zinger	E. Mahony
Foliage	Neo. Evan	H & H Scholl
Judges Choice - 1 st	Blc. Karen's Surprise	R. Dix
Judges Choice - 2 nd	Paph. Rangitaiki River	M de Nooyer
Judges Choice - 3 rd	Cym. Kelly's Winter	G Crampton
Judges Choice - Species - 1 st	<i>Restrepia hemsleyana</i>	M & K Ferguson
Judges Choice - Species - 2 nd	<i>C. coccinea</i>	K. Baker
Judges Choice - Species - 3 rd	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	G & J Bloodworth
Special Class - Australian Dendrobium Native		
Judges Choice - 1 st	Dend. Jonathans Glory	W & J Naumann
Judges Choice - 2 nd	Den. Gillieston Gem x Dainty Ellen	T. Deans
Judges Choice - 3 rd	Den. Jesmond Dazzler	K. Baker
Popular Vote Hybrid	Doc. Australian Ginger	K. Baker
Popular Vote Species	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	G & J Bloodworth
Popular Vote Foliage	Neo. Downs Autumn	J & J Woolf

New & Novice Growers Group

The next new and novice growers group meeting will be held at the Spring Show on the 18th of September at 2.00 pm. What could David have in store for us? Don't miss this one.

Keve Baker will also give a guided tour of the easier to grow plants in our climate – same day but at 3.00 pm – be there.

Social Events

HAPPY DINERS

October – Breakfast at the Toowoomba South Golf Club – 331 Hume Street at 8am on Sunday the 2nd of October. Please phone Betty on 46155938 by the Monday before to make a booking.

AFTER SHOW PARTY

After show party to be held on 24th September at David and Carolyn's place. Time 3pm. Cost per person \$5 – All members welcome.

TOSKA (Toowoomba Orchid Society Knowledge Afternoon)

October TOSKA - Will be at Woolf Orchid Culture at 2pm on the 22nd of October

The Bus Trip by Bob Lander

We all got to Peter's Coaches at Freighter Avenue before 7 am...a bit cold outside but nice in the large comfortable bus - there were 19 of us, unfortunately 4 could not go because of the flu so plenty of room and we all could spread out.

At Plainland we picked up 6 ladies from the Lockyer Valley Orchid Society so now making it a respectable figure of 25 happy travelers. The weather turned out to be just perfect as well.

We had morning tea at Talbot Lodge with Len and Sheryl and we bought broms, some succulents, cacti and some popular colourful spiky plants there, it was good to see that they were getting their plants back in order again after they had about five foot of water through the bottom of their gardens in January. We will soon see them again at the Spring Show. Some of us bought some more nice plants there.

Next stop was at Fizzos where some of us bought quite a few orchids - we had plenty of room for the boxes in the storage holds under the bus.

We stopped for lunch at the North Lakes shopping centre. Murray, the driver, had fun maneuvering the bus around there to find a spot to let us off.

At 2 pm we were all back on board and it was off to Mount Coot-tha to visit an Orchid Show put on for the public by some of the Brisbane clubs.

Entry there was included in the fare thanks to a generous sponsor.

Finally we headed home where we arrived safely by 6pm. All in all it had been a very nice day.

Buy, Swap or Sell

Pots, Pot hangers & Tags – Graham Vettiger Phone: 46353731. Bark, Perlite, Peat etc. and other orchid necessities – Woolf Orchid Culture Phone 4630 1788

This is your forum to advertise any orchid related item you may have to Buy Swap or Sell – see the Editors.

Show Committee Report

WAYNE REIS (Jnr) PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

Conditions of Entry

1. Competition is open and free to members of Toowoomba Orchid Society and Immediate Family. I.e. Parents or Children.
2. Classes of Competition are:
 - a. Single Orchid Bloom.
 - b. Spike of Orchid Blooms
 - c. Group of Orchid Flowers or Plants in Bloom
 - d. Orchid Plant/s in Bloom in Nature
 - e. Person/s and Orchid/s in Bloom
3. Size of Photographs to A4 (210 – 297mm) or A5 (101.6 x 152.4mm). 10" x 8" or 5" x 7" (for old timers). Gloss or Matte finish is acceptable.
4. All Photographs to be mounted on Black Card to a size no greater than 20mm larger than the Photograph. NO Photograph is to be framed.
5. Maximum number of entries per Competitor to be 4 per Class. No limit on number of Classes a Competitor can enter. Pot number to be on rear of Black Card.
6. All Entries to be lodged with Joan Naumann by 4pm on the 9th September 2011.
7. Photographs (Except the Champions) may be collected at the close of the Show. Champions to be returned by the Society at a later date.
8. There will be an Overall Champion selected from the Class Champions with a Trophy. Prize money of \$100 will be distributed through the Classes.

SPRING SHOW

1. All hands on deck at Melco to get the props out of the Containers at 1pm on the 11th September.
2. Centenary HHS hall will be open from 9am on the 15th to set up show i.e. move in props etc. Plants can come in from 2.30pm & must be in by 5.45pm so that the schedule can be organized.
3. Judging to commence on the 15th from 6.30pm (if Judges available) with the main body of Judges arriving for 7.30pm start. Tea is available for Judges & Members working at show. Stewards & runners needed for both start times.
4. Assistance is required for Door persons, Raffle Ticket sellers, Plant Sales, Kitchen & Craft Stalls.
5. Please bring in all flowering plants (Orchids) & also the non flowering Orchids & Foliage plants i.e. Ferns, Anthuriums, Broms etc.
6. Photographic Competition – Entries to Joan Naumann as soon as possible with final entries to be with her by the 9th September.
7. Brom show at St Pauls set up on the 15th with Judging that night, Roster for manning to be set up.
8. After Show Party at David & Carolyn's at 3pm on the 24th September all welcome. Cost for BBQ is \$5 each.
9. All show rules to be enforced– the rule concerning 5 meetings to apply in 2012 as sufficient time to implement has not been available this year.
10. REMEMBER BRING ALL YOUR PLANTS SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN BE DAZZLED BY THE VARIETY, COLOUR & SHAPE OF ORCHIDS.

Publicity & Promotions

Advertising for the spring show is well underway however a few volunteer helpers are needed for Motel drops etc. If you can help with this contact Heather Guppy.

Help is also needed in the kitchen for the spring show with a roster having been circulated at the meeting. Helpers are always welcome both in the kitchen as well as with some baking. Scones, slices, pikelets, muffins would be greatly appreciated. Reimbursement for ingredients can be made by providing accounts to the treasurer.

Plant of Interest from Last Month

C. coccinea

By David Woolf



The Genus Sophronitis – Recently renamed Cattleya

Sophronitis orchids are found in Brazil, Paraguay and north-eastern Argentina. These orchids are native to damp forests in the mountains and are famous for producing beautifully coloured flowers. The leaf of a Sophronitis orchid gives rise to a terminal inflorescence that can develop up to eight flowers. Sometimes, this inflorescence is subtended by a spathaceous bract. The lip of a Sophronitis flower is trilobed with lateral lobes that encircle parts of the column. The midlobe is the smallest one and features a yellow disc. In many flowers, the lip will present some lamellate calli. Sophronitis orchids produce pseudobulbs along the rhizome that are short and ovoid. It is common for the pseudobulbs to appear in dense clusters. The leaves are fleshy and of a gray green shade.

Watering Sophronitis orchids

The watering recommendations for Sophronitis orchids vary from species to species, but a *Sophronitis coccinea* is for instance used to the moist tropical rainforest, while *Sophronitis brevipedunculata* grow on open areas subjected to a dry season that can last for months. During this dry season, *Sophronitis brevipedunculata* survives almost exclusively on night dew. A majority of the Sophronitis will however require a lot of moisture year round. It is recommended to seek more detailed information about your specific Sophronitis species in order to find out more about its watering requirements.

Nutrients for Sophronitis orchids

Generally speaking, most *Sophronitis* species will appreciate a 30-10-10 NPK formula fertilizer during the growth period. Feed your growing *Sophronitis* orchids at least once a week. Several small servings of weak fertilizing solution several times per week are better than a few big, strong servings. A 10-30-20 NPK formula fertilizer will usually work fine during the maturation period before the orchid starts to bloom. *Sophronitis* orchids should not be given any nutrients while they are resting.

Sophronitis orchid temperature

The recommended *Sophronitis* orchid temperature varies a lot depending on which species you keep. The popular *Sophronitis brevipedunculata* is one of the few members of this genus that will grow well in warmer temperatures. Its natural home is the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil where it grows in the mountainous interior. In this part of the world, the temperature is usually high during the day and then drops sharply in the evening. Most other *Sophronitis* orchids prefer cool or intermediate temperatures. The only way to know the ideal temperature for your particular *Sophronitis* orchid is to research that specific species. Even *Sophronitis* orchids that grow in the same region can have very different requirements since they grow at different elevations.

Sophronitis orchid light

The recommended light conditions vary from species to species in this heterogeneous genus. *Sophronitis brevipedunculata* is for instance accustomed to much more intense light conditions than *Sophronitis coccinea*. *Sophronitis brevipedunculata* have developed pseudobulbs and leaves that grow flattened and parallel to the underlying substrate, since this protects the sensitive rhizomes and roots of the orchid from too much light and heat under the strong tropical sun. The same growth pattern can be seen in *Sophronitis cernua* and *Sophronitis wittigiana*

Potting medium for a Sophronitis orchid

Sophronitis orchids are epiphytic or lithophytic, which means that they grow attached to trees or stones. They will therefore never do well in ordinary soil. A special high-draining potting medium for orchids is necessary, but what is even better is to grow these orchids on blocks or rafts like they would grow in the wild. Very fibrous peat with crushed charcoal is also known to work well as a potting medium for *Sophronitis* orchids.

Repotting a Sophronitis orchid

Repotting of the *Sophronitis* orchid can be carried out in spring when new growths are forming. If you prefer to mount the orchid, spread the root system over the mount and then spread a thin layer of coconut fibre, sphagnum moss or similar over the roots of the roots of the orchid. An ordinary fishing line can be used to tie everything down.

Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. Judging Rules

1. All entries are free and open to all current financial members of The Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. (financial means, as at the last official club meeting prior to this show). Members wishing to Bench Plants &/or Sell plants must have attended 5 General Meetings &/or tended apologies during the year. The Show Committee has the power to waive this condition in Special circumstances.
2. All plants, Show and Sales, must be in show bench condition, and appear free from pests and diseases. They must be established in their pot or on their mount. The show marshal and two members of the Show Committee have the right to reject any plant/s carrying pests or in their opinion appearing to have disease or not established.
3. PLANTS COMPETING FOR PRIZES AND ALL SALES PLANTS shall be owned by and have been in possession of the owner for at least the preceding SIX MONTHS.
4. Staking and tying for support to enhance the plant will be permitted. The Judging panel has the right to remove any staking and / or tying if necessary to ascertain the strength of the flower spike. Any plant with tying on or above the pedicle or to the ovary, of a flower will be disqualified. On multi-flowered un-branched inflorescences, staking and ties are allowed up to but not above half way along that portion of the inflorescences carrying flowers and buds. On branched inflorescences, the main branch may be staked or tied up to but not above the uppermost branch.
5. A seedling is a complete plant grown from seed, EXHIBITED for the first time (Not a mericlone or division of an adult plant) and is identified by a pink card.

6. All Australian native species presented for sale at the show must have **the owners propagation number** attached to the plant; plants presented for sale **without** a propagation number will be refused permission to be sold.
The Show Marshal has the right to reject any plants that do not adhere to satisfactory standards
7. An Australian Native Orchid is defined in the Australian Orchid Council standards.
8. Natural hybrids **are not species** and will not be judged in species classes.
9. A specimen plant is identified as a single clone carrying many spikes (judges' discretion to the No. of spikes appropriate) of flowers, except where noted in the schedule.
10. Mounted plants must be well established on its mount, Plants growing on mounts must be firmly attached by its own root system and growth to be well established.
11. The Grand Champion Orchid of the show shall be selected from the winners of the Champion Classes. The Reserve Champion Orchid shall be selected from the remaining winners of the Champion Classes plus the second best orchid chosen from all orchids benched in the classes from which the Grand Champion Orchid was chosen.
12. Any Novice (Blue/Grey Card) or Junior (Yellow Card) plant may also be judged in the Championship for that Genera.
13. In Championship classes only a first place will be awarded.
14. The Judges decision is final.
15. A Steward's duty is to record placings correctly and aid the judging panel as requested. They must not interfere with the Judges while they are judging. They will place a coloured sticker on the plant name tag representing 1st. 2nd. or 3rd and take the results to typists.
16. When there are only three plants in a class - First only will be awarded. When there are only four plants in a class - First and Second will be awarded. When there are five or more plants in a class - First, Second and Third will be awarded. Unless in the Judges discretion an award is warranted.
17. In all classes, orchids judged first will be given a card and/or ribbon and/or trophy. Those judged second and third will be given an award card.
18. Plants are to be exhibited in one class only, except for Champion s of classes, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.
19. A Novice member is who is noted as such by the Society prior to the commencement of this show. Novice plants are identified by a blue card or blue grey card
20. A junior member is a member under the age of 18 years. (unless working full time)
21. In the case of an entry winning a trophy and the owner wishing to remove the plant from the show, the flower/s must be cut off and suitably displayed before the plant can be removed from the show. This can only occur with the permission of a quorum of (3) Committee members.
22. **Plants must be identified by clearly marking your exhibitors Number (Pot No.) on your show plant name tag (green).**
All plants must carry a second (green color) tag with plant name clearly printed, and your pot number, these tags to be attached by a glide- on clip to plant label.
23. Plants exhibited in all classes must be in the setting up area by the time nominated by the committee for this show. The Show Marshall shall be able to waive this rule under Special circumstances.
24. Entries and sales plants are accepted on the basis that the Society will take all reasonable care of exhibits but will not be responsible for any theft, loss, damage or destruction of such exhibit or sales plants and the exhibitor will have no claim whatsoever against the society.
25. Classes and/or amendments may be added or deleted to the Show Schedule in any section as required by the show committee
26. Members wishing to sell plants at Shows must:
 - a. Enter plants for competition
 - b. Must work a shift on duty at the Show
 - c. Take a space on the plant sales tables no larger than the size of 6 eight inch Cymbidiums, spare sales plants to be placed on the stage where Members can bring them forward and Customers can still see them.

BROMELIAD SHOW Conditions of Entry

1. Plants, both Show and Sales, must be labelled, free of disease or infestation, established in the pot or on the mounting and in show bench condition. Bare rooted offsets are allowed. For sale plants; Plants grown in a Fire ant treatment area must be accompanied by ARMP documentation.
2. All water must be emptied from the plant and the pots dried off before the plants are placed on the show bench.
3. Plants must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been in his/her custody for the previous 3 months.
4. A limit of five (5) plants per person per class shall apply.
5. The eligibility of plants in any class will be determined by the Chief Bromeliad Competition Steward, whose decision is final.
6. The Judges decision is final.
7. Entries will be received from 12am (Noon) and up to no later than 7pm on the day of set - up (Thursday).
8. The competition classes of this show are open to current financial Members of the Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.
9. Members of the Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. and the invited Commercial Nursery are allowed to sell Plants at this Show. A 10% commission will be charged on Member's Sales. To sell plants Members must have attended at least 5 meetings during the past 12 months or tendered apologies.



Just some of the willing worker who helped make the Winter Show a success.



New New New***Check out our NEW Website***<http://www.woolforchidculture.com>***Flasks And Plants***

**Our new 2011 listings contain many new Mericlones & seedlings in Aussie
Dendrobiums,
Aussie Sarcochilus, Catasetums, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Oncidium Alliance,
Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilums, Promenaeas, Species and Zygopetalums.**

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Next Meeting 28th October