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## **TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. General Meeting Minutes, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015, at St Paul's Church Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba.**

The meeting was declared open at 7-35pm by President John Terry who thanked all for coming.

He welcomed members to the New Year which will prove to be one of great achievements of the club.

General housekeeping including Toilet location and Evacuation procedures was mentioned.

**Apologies.** As per the attendance book plus; - K Elick, G Little, M de Nooyer and the Crees Family.

**Judges for Tonight:** Warren Williams, David Woolf & Rhonda Barnett.

**Visitors:** Maria Zielke was introduced and given a warm welcome by members.

**Sick List:** Cec Crees is recuperating. The meeting wishes him a swift recovery.

**Guest Speaker:** David Woolf will talk on *Zygopetalums* which will also be the plant for the growing competition.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 2014 meeting, as printed in January 2015 Tan Bark, are true and correct. Moved by R Anderson and seconded by I Anderson. Carried.

**Correspondence;** Secretary Val provided the meeting with copies of all correspondence both inwards and out and asked that the correspondence be accepted. Seconded by R Anderson. Carried.

Copies of management committee minutes were also made available.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Sonia Pope presented the financial report showing a credit balance in the working account of \$9345.80 and many accounts for payment. S Pope moved that the financial report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by C Woolf - Carried.

### **General Business.**

1. Car convoy to Aspley Orchid Show at Mt. Coot-tha on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Meet at Range Shopping Centre (outside the fish shop) at 7.15am for a 7.30am start. Purple shirt day if you have one.
2. Car pooling also to go to the Queensland International Orchid Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Details next meeting.
3. Annual subs are now due. See Sonia Please.
4. All positions to be declared vacant. Especially looking for a newsletter editor, Treasurer and data base coordinator as well as management committee positions. Nominations to be with the secretary by 14<sup>th</sup> February.
5. Growing competition. Everyone present was given a plant and urged to grow it up so we can compare plants at a later stage and compare growing schemes.
6. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. The president told the meeting of the poor showing of helpers at the last outing and implored members to get behind this outing. Roster to be available next meeting.
7. Con Harriman spoke on Conference planning. The need for donations of quality gardening goods to help fill a wheelbarrow for a raffle starting next meeting. She also told the meeting of the disappointing rebuttal by Heritage bank regarding sponsorship. This was very disappointing given the club had banked with Heritage for

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Elmo Koelmeyer

**Meetings:**

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 \$25.00  
Single \$25.00

many years. Con also handed out a sheet with kindred club meeting details and asked if members were in the vicinity of clubs at meeting time to drop in and spread the word about our conference.

8. New Growers group will be held at David and Carolyn's at 607 Greenwattle St. On 31<sup>st</sup> January at 2pm. Please bring a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea.
9. The president commented on the advances made on our web page by Roy Anderson and thanked him for the effort. Roy will give a short presentation to members next meeting.

A short discussion regarding the calibration of pH meters followed and members should bring in hand held meters next meeting for a quick calibration check.

David Woolf showed a slide presentation on show displays he has visited and called for discussion on the design of both a major display and a display where members of the public can be photographed.

John Woolf has volunteered to provide design ideas for the latter display and a group consisting of Colleen Terry, Ann Breuel, Carolyn Woolf, Rhonda Barnett, Con Harriman and Janice Reed was formed to work on the design of the major display. Looking forward to seeing those ideas next month.

David Woolf gave a brief rundown on growing the Zygopetalum alliance so we hope to see some well grown plants from the growing comp.

**Plant Auction:** Several donated plants were auctioned by Bruce Vayro in the absence of our resident auctioneer Paul. Members had an enjoyable time, purchased some nice plants and again raised funds for the conference.

**Raffle results:** Fruit Tray – C Woolf, Plants – B & A Breuel and M Bishop. Lucky Exhibitors – K Baker & M Ferguson. A special raffle was also held which consisted of quality hair products. It was won by Geoff Deacon. Thanks Carolyn and thanks to Applebom Hair and Beauty.

The president reminded members that management committee meets on 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

He then thanked all members for coming and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

## **Date Claimers & Information for Members**

### **Growing Competition**

The first of the growing competitions kicked off at the January meeting. Plants were distributed but the name of the plant is a mystery. We'll all be told once the first one flowers. First showing of them will be at the October meeting. Good growing.

**New Growers Group** 15 members had an enjoyable afternoon last Saturday learning or re-learning the basics of orchid growing. Good discussions and a look through someone's orchid house is always enjoyable for me. Thanks David.

**Conference Display Design Group** I'm pleased to inform you that the group who volunteered last meeting to get together and work out a design for our display at the conference has had a successful meeting last Saturday and finalised a design. Well done.

**Club visit to Aspley OS show at Mt. Coot-tha** Again a car convoy is planned for February 14<sup>th</sup> leaving the fish shop at the Range Shopping centre at 7.30 sharp. Contact Murray with any questions – 46353629. Purple shirt day (if you have one).

**Club visit to Queensland International Orchid Fair** Based on expressions of interest the club will hold a car convoy to visit the QIOF at Beenleigh Showgrounds on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. More info at next meeting. Purple shirt day (if you have one)

<b>We have club Shirts and Polo Shirts for purchase if you need one, see Colleen. \$28.00 each</b>
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The supper table looked a little sparse again last meeting. Don't forget; try to bring a plate to share.

### **Happy Diners**

Date	Venue	Time
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Blue Mountains Hotel	11.30am
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Settlers Inn	11.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015	Bull and Barley Hotel. Cambooya	11.30am

For further information see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

**Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings** – A Sausage Sizzle will be held by the club at Bunnings on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We'll need as many helpers as we can get for this event and to that end a roster will be circulated next meeting.

**New Raffle** It's proposed that a new raffle commence as soon as possible consisting of a wheelbarrow full of gardening equipment. If you have new, useful gardening or orchid related goods you could donate see a committee member ASAP. Thanks.

### **Buy, Swap or Sell**

**Remember** –If you have plants spare and would like to sell them, you can bring them along to meetings and sell them. No commission is charged

Pots and accessories are available from Elmo and Judy. 9 Donaghy Crt. Highfields. Phone 46155148.

Squat Pots		Standard Pots	
Size	Price Each	Size	Price Each
100mm	20c	100mm	24c
125mm	33c	125mm	25c
140mm	43c	140mm	32c
175mm	51c	150mm	40c
200mm	60c	180mm	51c
270mm	\$1.60	200mm	60c
150mm Port Pot	75c	250mm	\$1.20
175mm Port Pot	\$1.10	Plastic Clips small	\$3.00 per 50
300 x 120mm Port Pots	\$4.50	Plastic Clips medium	\$4.00 per 50
140mm Labels	\$3.50 per 50	Saucers 200mm	75c
100mm Labels	\$3.20 per 50	Saucers 250mm	90c
Pot hangers (4 legs)	35c each	Bamboo Stakes 45cm	\$3.50 per 50

**Don't Forget – AGM in February** With the next meeting being our AGM, I suppose you've all decided which positions you'll apply for. At this stage we'll need an Editor (I did mention that before), a Treasurer and a database coordinator. Our society also needs some new executive members – not that the ones there now haven't done a good job. They have, but when you have a change of the upper echelon you get new ideas and somehow you find a new vigour is injected into our society. Although we ask this of you every year we still get the same response, **everyone looking at the floor**. Give it a try – just for the year and see how interesting and rewarding it can be.

## 23/1/2015 Results

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Species - Other	Phal. <i>tetraspis</i>	S & S Pope
Exotic Hybrid	Rlc. Con Harriman 'Splash'	C Harriman
Seedling	Zga. Zest x Zba. Kiwi	J & C Terry
Novice	Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara 'alba'	R Anderson
Plant of Interest	Den. Gwen Slade	M & R Bishop
Golden Oldie	Brs. Rex 'Highlander'	C & E Dedekind
Foliage	Vriesea?	A & N Rosenberg
Cultural Plant	Neof. <i>falcata</i>	K & Y Baker
Judges Choice Hybrid - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rlc. Con Harriman 'Splash'	C Harriman
Judges Choice Hybrid - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Gwen Slade	M & R Bishop
Judges Choice Hybrid - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph. Lady Isabel 'Murray'	M & K Ferguson
Judges Choice Species - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Phal. <i>tetraspis</i>	S & S Pope
Judges Choice Species - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Neof. <i>falcata</i>	K & Y Baker
Judges Choice Species - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph. cornu-curvi 'alba' Ching Hua	M & K Ferguson
Popular Vote Hybrid	C. Con Harriman 'Splash'	C Harriman
Popular Vote Species	Paph. <i>rothschildianum</i>	M & K Ferguson
Popular Vote Foliage	Vriesea?	A & N Rosenberg



Rlc. Con Harriman 'Splash'



Zga. Zest x Zba. Kiwi



Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara 'alba'



Den. Gwen Slade



Brs. Rex 'Highlander'



Vriesea Unknown



Paph. Lady Isabel 'Murray'



Neof. *falcata*



Paph. *rothschildianum*

## **Presidents Report 2015**

What another great year 2014 was and I'm proud to have been part of it. Four orchid shows and a bromeliad show again last year and as usual we had some wonderful displays. Gardenfest was home to our Autumn show and we had some ordinary weather to contend with once again. While not a financial success we did display some very special plants for the public to admire.

Winter show was not as big as the year before but still had over 270 plants on display. It was a credit to all members who exhibited. Cymbidiums, love them or not they make a great display. Members of this club and all my orchid friends know I believe a successful orchid club is judged by the quality of its novice section and the Winter show of 2014 had the best novice section I have seen anywhere.

Carnival of Flowers heralded our Spring show and what a beauty it was with almost 500 blooming orchids of top quality. Certainly the best show in that hall in the last five years. The theme was nursery rhymes and we even had a mural complete with pretty maids all in a row (and orchids) which was a hit with the young and not so young. The strength in several sections was outstanding making judging extremely difficult for our visiting judges. The Bromeliad group staged their show during the same period and was deemed a success.

Then came what is usually known as our Summer or "Sarc" show and while Sarcs were very light on the year before, 2014 certainly lived up to its name. We had more Sarcophilus and better quality than seen by judges in the last 10 years. Other genera were also well represented both in numbers and quality. A recruiting drive was mounted during the latter part of 2014 and has resulted in 19 new members. This is a wonderful result and a huge welcome to those members now joining with us in the hobby of growing these beaut plants.

Thanks to Murray and his show committee for the smooth running of all our shows.

Thanks to the management committee who have put in some hard yards planning and organising behind the scenes.

Again it's been great to witness the number of members' transition from Novice to Open class growers. This is obviously testament to the New and Novice Growers Group.

While the club's executive officers and management committee are quite obvious to all, I can assure you that as far as TOS is concerned, I have received significant support from many members for all sorts of jobs, who just front up both at meetings and shows. Thank you all for this assistance and support.

At the October 2014 meeting the members voted to move the spring show to St. Paul's hall as it was felt that the location is more central. I'm sure the change won't pose too many problems for the show committee.

The Bromeliad group has chosen to form a club of their own and meetings kicked off this month. Toowoomba Orchid Society wishes them well at this time.

This year we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and we're planning on doing it in style. So make sure you're part of the planning and the implementation of this historic event. Get involved and I assure it will be very rewarding. You may remember this as the last line from my previous report but it is worth repeating; great to see that several members of our society have received quality awards at AOC level.

**We do grow orchids well in Toowoomba.**

To all members and friends and those no longer with us, I thank you for a wonderful year.

*John Terry*



## Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014,

John Terry chaired the meeting which opened at 7.25pm.

**Apologies** were as per the book plus K. Eslick, G. Bapty, R & I Anderson, M. de Nooyer and the Crees family.

The President welcomed all and referred members to the president's report printed in January Tan Bark.

Moved A Miller, Seconded B Williams, that the report be adopted. Carried.

**Previous Minutes** of the 2013 AGM, as also printed in Tanbark is a correct record of the meeting. Moved B Klemm, Seconded S Pope. Carried

**Treasures Report.** Treasurer Sonia Pope presented a summarized version of the 2013 auditor's report and asked for its acceptance. Moved S Pope, seconded by C Woolf. Carried.

All positions were declared vacant and David Woolf presided over the election of a new committee for 2014.

#### Elections to the Committee of Management

<b>President</b>	John Terry	Nom. C Terry	Sec. S Pope	Carried.
<b>Vice President</b>	David Woolf	Nom. J Terry	Sec. S Pope	Carried
<b>Secretary</b>	Val Jellyman	Nom. J Terry	Sec. C Terry	Carried.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sonia Pope	Nom. Steve Pope	Sec. J Woolf	Carried.
<b>Tan Bark Editor</b>	John & Colleen Terry	Nom. Steve Pope	Sec. Sonia Pope	Carried.
<b>Committee</b>	Carolyn Woolf	Nom. D Woolf	Sec. J Terry	Carried.
	Robert Janetzki	Nom. S Janetzki	Sec. J Terry	Carried.
	Murray Ferguson	Nom. J Terry	Sec. S Pope	Carried.
	Elmo Koelmeyer	Nom. D Woolf	Sec. M Ferguson	Carried.

#### Volunteers were called for to fill the following appointments

<b>Patron</b>	Les Lobley	Accepted
<b>Asst Secretary</b>	Robert Janetzki	Accepted
<b>Show Marshall</b>	TBA	
<b>Asst Show Marshall</b>	Steve Pope	Accepted
<b>Show Marshall (Broms)</b>	Bernie Polzin	Accepted
<b>Show Secretary</b>	Carolyn Woolf	Accepted
<b>Meeting Recorder</b>	John Woolf	Accepted
<b>Database Custodian</b>	Steve Pope	Accepted
<b>Librarian</b>	Colleen Terry	Accepted
<b>Auditor</b>	Noel Klan	Accepted
<b>Host/ Hostesses</b>	B Lander (team leader)	Accepted

#### Honorary Members

Tim & Margaret Lostroh (St Paul's)

Presidents of NOSTI, LVOS, QOS.

Mayor of Toowoomba (P. Antonio)

Moved by C Harriman, Seconded M Ferguson that President J Terry, Vice President David Woolf, Secretary Val Jellyman and Treasurer Sonia Pope are to be signatories to the Heritage cheque accounts.

The president thanked all members who gave of their time to enable the Society to have another successful year, particularly those who served on the committee. The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

## A last Hurrah.

I probably should preface this article with “In a far off time and in a far off land” but unfortunately it isn’t a fairy tale. It really happened. In reality, I had a “discussion” after one of our shows regarding the ability of members to use the correct procedures when writing labels and the understanding thereof. I have run a series of articles in this publication in the past (borrowed from the excellent Bundaberg O. S. Newsletter) which explained it all nicely. I was so incensed by the aforementioned discussion that I sat down and penned the small article below. I fully intended airing it in the following month’s newsletter but common sense prevailed (as she usually does) and I shelved it. I have now toned the original prose down somewhat but feel it still has to be said and since this is the last newsletter I intend editing, I thought it only fitting.

Let me say that this is definitely not a slight on judges or their ability as I have a great deal of respect for the group knowing the many unpaid and unthanked hours they put in and without judging we have no benchmarks to move forward by.

*A judge of long standing and considerable experience commented (no insisted) recently that most members of our society did not know the correct nomenclature regarding orchid naming etc.*

*My comment was that I thought that probably 50% of members understood the requirements of writing orchid names and made every effort to stay abreast of the changes and the other 50% didn’t care as they just wanted to grow their orchids well and not worry about the trivia associated with botanists and the likes.*

*The response I received was shattering. This character was of the opinion that only a judge would know the “correct” way of expressing an orchid name.*

*That really got up my nose. It says a lot for the intelligence of those of us who are truly interested in all aspects of orchids and their culture.*

*If we, (the plebs) are to follow these types of “learned” gods (note the small g) in all things orchids, where would we be? Totally lost – do they not have a handbook to follow? And I still overheard a comment recently that a particular Masdevallia had its “legs crossed”. Apparently a fault in the eyes of some. However on picking up the latest orchid magazine to hit the mail box, I noticed that Clive Halls (who probably has done more with this genera than anyone else in this country) dared to exhibit a plant at the St. Ives show recently with crossed legs and was awarded an FCC for his troubles. Well done Clive. What’s the difference?*

*I’m told that genetics should be taken into consideration. Did this learned gent consult OrchidWiz at the recent show? You can guess!!*

*I’m not writing this piece in an effort to participate in the national sport of judge bashing but I do hold true a small quote from a rather famous person from a global bestseller and I quote “Let he who has not sinned cast the first stone”*

***How dare anyone in this rapidly changing world consider themselves an unchallengeable authority on any subject? Let alone orchid taxonomy.***

## Thanks

Thanks for humouring me by reading this and all the other Tanbarks that we’ve put together. It has been great fun. Mostly.

I had been growing for about a year when I took on the position of Editor, really knowing nothing about orchids. But it’s been a fairly steep learning curve and very rewarding. Thanks to my wife Colleen who has assembled them after I’ve done the writing. I hope the new Editor has an equally fulfilling experience in producing Tan Bark as I have.

**Just a bit of history** – the first newsletter produced by the Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. was in 1959 and was the work of Russ Benson, a life member who has sadly passed away recently.

It was called “Tan Bark” after one of the major components of the preferred orchid mix of the day. It was an ingredient produced as a by product of the tanning industry which was a substantial trade in the Toowoomba Region at that time.

Apparently there was always a queue when the gates were thrown open and the product was available for the taking by bucket, bag, trailer or truck load. And much underhanded (in good spirits) bribery taking place to ensure a good position in the line up. Hope this publication can provide enjoyment for at least another 56 years.

Thank You. *John*

**Next Meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2015**  
**Don't forget this is our AGM**



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In the Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This form, duly signed, must be in the hands of the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM

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