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TAN BARK

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Happy New Year

Welcome to another year in the wonderful world of orchids. A year of enjoyment, anticipation and sometimes a little disappointment. A year of learning and sharing and an exciting year to celebrate the club's 60th Anniversary.

John

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. General Meeting Minutes, 28th November 2014, at St Paul's Church Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba.

The meeting was declared open at 6.40 pm by President John Terry who thanked all for coming.

Tonight being our Christmas celebration the meeting will be kept to a minimum. General housekeeping including Toilet location and Evacuation procedures was mentioned.

Apologies. As per the attendance book plus; - G. Deacon, M de Nooyer, A Rosenberg & P Noone.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 2014 meeting, as printed in September Tan Bark, are true and correct. Moved by I Anderson and seconded by E Koelmeyer. 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 M Ferguson. Carried.

Copies of minutes of Management and Conference Committee meeting were available to members.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Sonia Pope presented the financial report showing a credit balance in the working account of \$10,885.43 and many accounts for payment. S Pope moved that the financial report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by D Woolf - Carried.

General Business.

1. The president mentioned that a bush house was for sale and details were available from the front desk.
2. The January meeting will consist of a workshop to discuss ideas for a display at the conference by TOS. The president urged members to bring along ideas on the night.
3. The perpetual trophy for most successful exhibitor of Hybrids at meeting nights was this year won by M & K Ferguson. The trophy was presented. Congratulations Murray.
4. The meeting thanked Carolyn Woolf for once again organising the Christmas party.
5. Certificates of achievement were presented to Charlie and Erika Dedekind and John and Colleen Terry for graduation to Master Grower status.

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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

6. David Woolf moved that any further business be dealt with by management committee, seconded by R Anderson and the President closed the official side of the meeting.

Plant Auction: Plants donated by Fraser Coast Dendrobiums and several members were auctioned by Bruce Vayro in the absence of our resident auctioneer Paul. Members had an enjoyable time, purchased some very nice plants and again raided over \$160 for the conference.

Raffle results: Results of Raffles drawn 28th November. **Orchid Raffle** – 1st - \$500 worth of Orchids – Violy Geist, Rockville. 2nd - \$300 worth of orchids – North Shore O. S. C/- Mrs L Bromley, Forrestville. 3rd - \$200 worth of orchids – Steve Engle, Brymaroo. **Voucher Raffle – \$500 Bunnings Voucher** – Frank Anderson, Kingaroy. **\$500 Coles/Meyer Voucher** - K. Pope, Gympie.

Management Committee meeting will be on Monday night 2nd December at David and Carolyn's.

The President then wished all members and families a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Date Claimers & Information for Members

Growing Competition

The first of the growing competitions will kick off at the January meeting. Plants will be distributed to any members wishing to participate and will be free of charge. Take the plant home and grow it as well as you can then we'll bring them back later in the year and compare notes. This is open to everyone.

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 7th March.

Conference Raffles – Results of Raffles drawn 28th November. Orchid Raffle – 1st - \$500 worth of Orchids – Violy Geist, Rockville. 2nd - \$300 worth of orchids – North Shore O. S. C/- Mrs L Bromley, Forrestville. 3rd - \$200 worth of orchids – Steve Engle, Brymaroo. Voucher Raffle – \$500 Bunnings Voucher – Frank Anderson, Kingaroy. \$500 Coles/Meyer voucher K. Pope, Gympie. Congratulations to all winners and to all who participated – thanks for your support.

We have club Shirts and Polo Shirts for purchase if you need one, see Colleen. \$28.00 each

Display Design Ideas **Don't forget – we're looking for design ideas for the Club Display at the Conference in July so come along to the next meeting armed with ideas and let's have a useful discussion.**

Happy Diners

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

For further information see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

Passing of Members It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of long time member John Middleton. John was in a care facility in Oakey at the time of his death. Jessie Gilliland, wife of Rolly also passed away in December. We extend our sincere condolences to Rolly and Family.

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings – A Sausage Sizzle will be held by the club at Bunnings on 22nd March. We'll need as many helpers as we can get for this event.

Potting Working Bee

A dozen members spent a hot but enjoyable time potting plants which hopefully will see their way back to the show benches in a very short time. Thanks again to David and Carolyn for their hospitality and to the donors of potting media and pots. A good day was had by all.

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 good 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 If you feel you can assist in some aspect of club operations, please nominate for a position. At this stage we'll need an Editor (did I mention that before?), and a Treasurer – not sure of other positions but management committee members are always welcome.

Murray Ferguson accepting the trophy for most Judges choice plants for 2014



Charlie & Erika Dedekind graduating to Master Grower status



John & Colleen Terry graduating to Master Grower 2014



Members Meeting Points for 2014

You would have seen earlier that Murray was presented with a trophy for most Judges Choice Hybrid plants for the year and I thought I'd include a table of aggregate points for members for 2014. One point is earned for every plant brought along (up to 10 points per meeting) and points are also allocated for wins in each section so bring along all the plants you can to not only earn points but for the enjoyment of fellow members.

Member's Name	Total Points	Member's Name	Total Points	Member's Name	Total Points
J & C Terry	216	B Polzin	25	B & A Breuel	5
M & K Ferguson	190	G Little	18	J & J Woolf	5
D & C Woolf	189	A & N Rosenberg	18	E Koelmeyer & J	4
R & S Janetzki	128	M Martin	16	Curran	
S & S Pope	125	R & B Emerson	14	C Harriman	3
K & Y Baker	117	C O'Leary	14	K & D Eslick	2
R & I Anderson	68	M & D Howell	12	G & J Bloodworth	2
M Zink	60	R Anderson	12	M & R Bishop	2
B & B Klemm	55	T Deans	11	E & K Mahony	2
C & E Dedekind	51	L & J Cherry	10	F Reed	1
W Williams	36	V Jellyman	10	W & J Naumann	1
H & N Guppy	28	B & B Lander	9	M Bradshaw & N	1
B & K Williams	28	A Pope	8	Barker	
A Miller	27	C & M Brackin	8	R & M Burrell	1

That's 41 memberships that brought along plants on meeting night. Well done everyone and let's see if we can do better in 2015.

A while back, Murray Ferguson reported to a meeting on a new mix he's currently trialling. He's given me a copy so I thought I'd share it with you.

Potting Mix for Seedlings

Some time ago it was suggested that I should use Coconut Pith (Peat) for potting up seedlings. So with a bit of trial & error I arrived at the following mix which is loose enough but not cloggy. The mix is 5 parts coco pith, 5 part fine charcoal & 1 part fine perlite - fine polystyrene could be substituted. A word of warning though the mix must be replaced at 6 months to get the best results.

I have used it for seedlings straight out of flask & also those that have been languishing in various other mixes. Growth can only be described as very good. Paphiopedilum seedlings of say 4cm after 6 months, going from 50mm square pots to 70mm square pots with growth of 6 -8 cm & within another 2 months in 70mm pots being about 12cm in height. Root structure has been great with many new roots driving to the bottom of the pot. Losses have also been very minimal with a max of about 2 - 4% losses.

I have also used this mix with great success on Phalaenopsis & Masdevallias. The former going from 8cm leaf span to 15 – 20cm in 6 months. Is it a mix worth trialling on any Genera when deflasking &/or to get those seedlings moving. *Murray Ferguson*

Thanks Murray. Just a word of caution – Murray grows all his plants under cover in a controlled environment so this mix may not suit growers with open conditions – just try a few plants in the initial experiment. Ed.

Next Meeting is 23rd of January

Don't forget to bring your ideas along for the Conference display



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Recreation Centre
See website for details or contact
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24th & 25th
July 2015

Check out our NEW Website

<http://www.woolforchidculture.com>

Flasks and Plants

Our new 2014 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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