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Our Guest Speaker at the June Meeting

Mr Barry Kable gave an excellent informative talk on many different things at the meeting, some being the care of Phalaenopsis & Catasetum, potting mediums, water quality and not to forget the little tidbit about using aerogard on certain weeds in our orchid pots. Steve and I have put this to the test and so far it has worked on any weeds in our pots, thankfully there weren't too many but it is an excellent and easy way to eradicate them before they get hold and even if they have. I had one pot that I just couldn't get the weeds and ferns out of and they are now all gone. Yes it also seems to work on any ferns that may have decided to make their home in the pots as well. Thanks for that Barry ☺.

Barry also spoke on the use of sphagnum moss and how to use the sphagnum biscuits when deflasking, these are now on my purchase list. I am sure all those present walked away having learnt a lot from our guest speaker, as we do with every guest speaker who makes the time and takes the effort to make sure we walk away having learnt something we didn't know before to enable us all to grow our orchids better. This sharing of knowledge is something that I feel is a blessing to those of us who are just starting out as well as those who have been growing orchids for some time.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to all of our guest speakers, you are all appreciated.



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Toowoomba

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Due February Yearly
Family \$25.00
Single \$25.00

A word from the President

A cool night but a good attendance and some really wonderful flowers were to behold at the June meeting. This followed by an entertaining talk by Barry Kable rounded out a good night.

One thing that I omitted to mention on the night was a plant from the growing competition back in 2012 was tabled in flower. The plant, Cym. Uluru 'Orange Delight' was nicely grown and flowered and more importantly was owned by novice Carol O'Leary. This may not have been the first to flower but it was the first one to be benched at a meeting. So well done Carol. I'll look in the prize cupboard.

The conference is fast approaching so I do hope you're putting that little bit of extra special effort into preparing your plants for this exceptional show.

I was certainly heartened by the roster tabled at the last meeting for jobs at the conference. With enthusiasm portrayed by the number of names on the roster we can't fail.

Until next time. Good growing

John

Conference Notes

- **Plants** – we need all the plants we can get. Every effort will be made to include at least one plant from each exhibitor in the main display. We will also have an “overflow” display for plants that don't fit in the primary display. So please bring all the plants you can.
- Old man's beard will be needed as well as ferns & foliage – mark your pots of these as well please.
- Plant details including pot number, plant names and class to be in to Steve by **8.00pm on 16th July**. If you have crosses that are unnamed you may want to forward these to Murray, Mal, David or John T so we can try to use just the one name on the label – this will need to be done some time in advance of the 16th.
- Murray will print all name cards and each pot will be fitted with a card holder at the venue.
- **Plants to be in as early as possible or by 1.00pm on the Thursday 23rd**. If you can't get them in by this time let someone know so we can arrange a pickup. Plants could be dropped off on Wednesday evening. Make sure you put your **pot number** on every pot to assist in the naming and staging as well as dismantling on Saturday evening.
- Please ensure all pots are clean and flowers are staked correctly. For instance; a Paph standing straight not leaning to the side.
- From 4.00pm on **Wednesday 22nd July** we will be preparing the exhibition and vendor area. Help needed.
- 9.30am on **Thursday 23rd** will see the start of setup proper of the venue. Help needed.
- Next the **Meet & Greet** – starting at 6.00pm. This is your best opportunity you'll ever get to get first pick of quality plants the likes of which aren't seen here. It's no use thinking you'll do it early Friday morning as the goodies will be spoken for. The vendors have travelled great distances to provide us with this service so let's support them.
- **Judging** to start at 7.30pm. Stewards etc required
- **Friday 24th – 8.15am – 12.00 & 12.00 – 4.00pm** First day of our conference. Helpers needed as per roster
- **Friday Night – Dinner 6.30 start – 10.30 finish**
 - Car parking is via ring road west – turn right off Baker Street just past Berghofer centre and look for signs to the Refectory in the Library Building.
 - **DON'T BE LATE**
- **Saturday 25th 8.15 to 11.30 & 11.30 to 3.00pm** Day two and hopefully everything running smoothly.
 - Vendors will start packing up at 3.00pm and we'll all follow shortly after.
 - Dismantle and clean up until 6.00pm
- **Sunday 26th 8.30am final clean up**

Date Claimers & Information for Members

Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. Conference: 24/25th July

Time is drawing nearer, and the excitement is in the air. This has been about 2 years in the making and here we are just shy of two weeks away. Are we ready? You bet we are. So much work has gone into the preparations and the time for the real fun is almost upon us, it is very exciting to actually see a lot of the vendors that many of our members may never get an opportunity to travel to see and purchase some wonderful new additions for our collections. Plus the thrill to meet so many other enthusiasts, and best of all to showcase our club, orchids and members and to share in this with other clubs from outside and within our local area.

Upcoming Shows in other districts

John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc: 18/19th July 2015
Maroochydore District Orchid Society Inc: 7th/8th August 2015
Australasian Native Orchid Society Inc: 22nd/23rd August 2015
North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc: 22nd/23rd August 2015
Nambour Orchid Society Inc: 28th/29th August 2015
Ballina & District Orchid Society Inc: 29th/30th August 2015
Logan & District Orchid Society Inc: 29th/30th August 2015
Alstonville Orchid Society Inc: 2nd/5th September 2015
Tweed District Orchid Society Inc: 3rd/5th September 2015
Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc: 4th/5th September 2015
Caboolture Orchid Society Inc: 10th/12th September 2015
City of Lismore Orchid Society Inc: 10th/12th September 2015
Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc: 10th/12th September 2015
Lockyer Valley Orchid Society Inc: 10th/11th September 2015
Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Inc: 10th/11th September 2015
Byron District Orchid Society Inc: 12th/13th September 2015
Beaudesert District Orchid Society Inc: 12th/13th September 2015

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

Happy Diners

Date	Venue	Time
6 th August 2015	Highfields Tavern, Cnr OBrien & Highfields Rd, Highfields	11.30am
3 rd September 2015	Newtown Hotel, 64-72 Anzac Ave, Toowoomba.	11.30am
4 th October 2015	Fire & Ice, Southern Hotel, Toowoomba	11.30am

For further information see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

Next Meeting: 28th August 2015.

Raffle How are you all going with the sale of the raffle tickets? All help is greatly appreciated. Plus don't forget the added bonus for selling 2 books of raffle tickets per person to receive your Conference Dinner free. **All raffle tickets to be returned to Carolyn Woolf by Saturday 18th July 2015 Please.**

Buy, Swap or Sell

Black Magic Charcoal

Available from Woolf Orchid Culture

5 Ltr bags \$10.00

10 Ltr Bags \$20.00

50 Ltr Bags \$35.00

Steve & I have some advanced speciosum seedlings for sale for \$15 each, should be some rippers among them. If you are interested please drop us an email at soniapope@outlook.com.au they are similar in size to the one in the photos below. 4 different crosses are available. Sorry no you don't get a free beer with each plant!



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

Gentle reminders regarding Conference

Sponsorship of a class at the Conference: Just a friendly reminder to members who are considering sponsoring a class please contact John Terry. Once again, all help and assistance from our members is greatly appreciated by all.

Don't forget the stall at Wilsonton Shopping Centre from the 16th – 18th July to sell raffle tickets and plants. See you there, from personal experience this is usually a fun time.

NOVICE entries for Conference: This is a special request for our novice growers to please bring all your flowering plants in to display. I know it can be very daunting at times, and you may think your plants are not good enough

but this couldn't be further from the truth. We all start somewhere, and this is a wonderful opportunity to participate in this event and showcase your plants as well. We look forward to seeing many novice plants on display.

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. General Meeting Minutes, 26th June 2015, at St Paul's Church Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba.

The meeting was declared open at 7-40pm by President John Terry who thanked all for coming.

General housekeeping including Toilet location and Evacuation procedures was mentioned.

Apologies. As per the attendance book plus; - John & Jeannie Woolf, David Woolf, Graham Little, Alwine Miller & Bruce Vayro

Judges for Tonight: Warren Williams, Mal Martin, Barry Kable & Russell Anderson

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Barry and Ann Kable

Guest Speaker: Barry Kable to speak on Phalaenopsis and general culture.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 2015 meeting, as printed in June 2015 Tan Bark, are true and correct. Moved by Brian Klemm and seconded by Trevor Deans. Carried.

Correspondence; Secretary Val gave us a report on the correspondence for the month and asked for its acceptance. Seconded by Inge Anderson. Carried.

Copies of management committee minutes were also made available.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Murray presented the financial report showing a credit balance in the working account of \$11,670.25 and several accounts for payment. M Ferguson moved that the financial report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Charlie Dedekind - Carried.

General Business.

1. The president spoke at length with the aid of a Power Point presentation to ensure the members are fully aware of everything concerned with the upcoming conference and show. Many questions asked and explanations given to ensure everyone is comfortable with the procedures and expectations. The members were urged to participate in the meet and greet and the conference dinner. They were also reminded to bring as many plants as possible to the show – this included old man's beard, ferns and foliage.
2. A roster was circulated and was well patronised.
3. Conference Sponsorship – last chance tonight to sponsor a class or section.
4. Members were urged to take and sell as many raffle tickets as possible.
5. Heather spoke of a promotion at the Wilsonton Shopping Centre on the 16th to 18th of July Helpers are required and a roster was also circulated.
6. Kev Reminded members of Happy Diners at the Farmers Arms Hotel, Cabarlah on Sunday 5th July at 12.00pm. Numbers to Kev before the day please.

Barry Kable then gave a comprehensive talk on general culture of many genera and concluded with a discussion on pH and EC of water and fertiliser solutions. He was warmly thanked. Thanks Barry.

Two very nice plants were auctioned by our new auctioneer Heather which was fun and raised some extra funds for the conference. Thanks to the donors and the bidders.

Raffle results: Fruit Tray – Murray Ferguson – Vouchers; Cecelia Wellington & Ann Kable.

Lucky Exhibitors – Michael Zink, Trevor Deans & Elmo Koelmeyer.

The president thanked all members for their attendance and participation and reminded committee members of the meeting on Monday night, 29th May at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.

June 2015 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Species Orchid:	Rstp. sanguinea 'Walter'	Zink M
Hybrid Orchid:	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Winifred Mary'	Martin M
Seedling Orchid:	Zga. Freestyle Meadows x Dynamite 'Helena'	Martin M
Novice Orchid:	Onc. Chian Tzy Chiou-Pin	Anderson R
Plant Of Interest:	Rstp. ophiocephala	Crees C & D
Golden Oldie Orchid:	Paph. Orchilla Chilton	Martin M
Foliage:	Tillandsia 'bergeri'	Dedekind C & E
Cultural Orchid:	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Blackberry'	Dedekind C & E
Judges Choice - Hybrid - 1st:	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Winifred Mary'	Martin M
Judges Choice - Hybrid - 2nd:	Den. Avril's Gold 'Kerry's Delight'	Martin M
Judges Choice - Hybrid - 3rd:	Masd. Inca Prince	Pope S & S
Judges Choice - Species - 1st:	Rstp. sanguinea 'Walter'	Zink M
Judges Choice - Species - 2nd:	Paph. gratrixianum	Martin M
Judges Choice - Species - 3rd:	Tur. tenuicauda	Williams W
Popular Vote - Hybrid:	Masd. Inca Prince	Pope S & S
	Paph. Caroline Hands	Martin M
Popular Vote - Species:	Isa. pulchella	Zink M
Popular Vote - Foliage:	Tillandsia 'bergeri'	Dedekind C & E



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Blackberry'



Den. Avril's Gold 'Kerry's Delight'



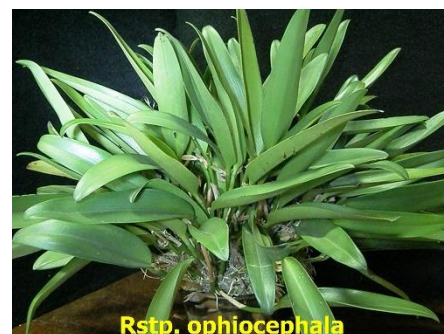
Paph. Orchilla Chilton



Rstp. sanguinea 'Walter'



Onc. Chian Tzy Chiou-Pin



Rstp. ophiocephala



Masd. Inca Prince



Zga. Freestyle Meadows x Dynamite



Den. Hilda Poxon 'Winifred Mary'

Conference Plant Labels

Your Pot Number: Enter your pot number for each plant entered (so we know who it belongs to) If you have 2 or more of the same plant you must enter each and every plant on a separate line in the spreadsheet and not entered as 2 x whatever. As every plant will be allocated a unique number.

Include the Class: Enter the Class from the Show Schedule that your plant will be in please Your best estimate will do as this assists in allocating room for your plants

Plant name: Please enter your plants in the format as below.

It is your responsibility to take the time to check and ensure you have the correct genus, spelling and format. Please ensure all species are entered in lowercase as below

Species as: Phal. tetraspis 'Best Orchid'

Hybrid as: Den. Australian Artist 'Something Special'

No need to use italic for species as the database does not recognise it

The cultivar name is to be in single quotes and is always capitalized. e.g. 'Best Orchid'. Do not use double quotes " "

Do not put any awards the plant may have after the name e.g. FCC/AOC

	A	B	C
1	MemNum	MemPlant	ClassID
2	2	Den. Australian Artist 'Something Special'	A3
3	2	Phal. tetraspis	H4
4			
5			
6			
7	↑	↑	↑
8	Your Pot	Enter plants in this format	Include Class
9	number	See instructions above	please
10	here		Best estimate
11			from the
			schedule

If you think a plant might make it to the show then put it on the list. Help us out by making sure you get all possible plants on the list the first time as it is time consuming to add individual plants.

Plant lists are to be emailed to Steve no later than **8pm Thursday 16th July**. No exceptions as we have to process the plants from all the other Societies as well and need time to process the lists and produce the labels. Email to stevepope@outlook.com.au . If you can't print your own labels, please let me know when you send your list in and I will send to Murray for printing.

For those printing their own labels, card will be available at the next meeting.

Those of you who do not have access to a computer are to send in your plant list, please get your list to Murray Ferguson or Kev Baker any way possible before the cut-off time.

The spreadsheet has been attached to the email with this Tan Bark. If you have an email address but get your Tan Bark by snail mail and need the spreadsheet then please email stevepope@outlook.com.au and I will forward it to you.



Past Presidents 1955 - 2005

A snippets taken from the 1980 & 2005 Conference booklets



Mr. R. Ford
1955-1956



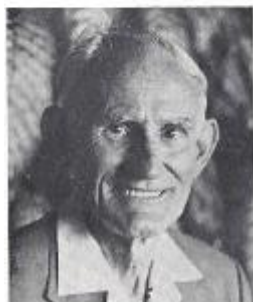
Mr. T. W. McMiken
1957-1958



Mr. J. Woolf
1980 1981 1982
1986 1987 1988 1989



Mr. N. Douglas
1983 1984 1999 2000



Mr. R. T. Donovan
1959-1962, 1967-1972



Mr. P. Basey
1963-1966, 1973-1975



Mr. G. Bloodworth
1985
1992 1993 1996 1997



Mrs. Abene Miller
1990 1991
1994 1995



Mrs. H. Scholl
1998



Mr. N. J. Douglas
1976-1978



Mr. J. Woolf
1979-1980



Mr. M. Martin
2001



Mr. B. O'Halloran
2002 2003 2004



Mr. L. Cherry
2005

Also please don't forget to bring
in your ferns and other foliage
type plants to table at the
meetings as well as orchids.

Knowledge
speaks, but
wisdom listens.



VENUE

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**24th & 25th
July 2015**

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<http://www.woolforchidculture.com>

Flasks and Plants

Our new 2015 listings contain many new Mericlones & seedlings in Aussie Dendrobiums, Aussie Sarcochilus, Catasetums, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Oncidium Alliance, Phalaenopsis, Promenaeas, Species and Zygopetalums.

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