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Winter Care

Well as we know Winter is upon us, (yes stating the obvious) and hopefully we have all given special attention to our babies preparing them for the next couple of months of cold frosty weather. Below you will find a list of 'Have we done yet's' to maybe help to remind us of some of the jobs that might need doing to provide protection for our orchids during this time.

HAVE YOU DONE (Please note this is a general guide only and not specific to all orchids or limited to.)

1. Put the water proof cover on the shadehouse (extra protection from excessive water)
2. Removed the extra layer of shade cloth (providing more light through winter)
3. Got the fan circulating air (helps with those cold misty/foggy mornings)
4. Changed to morning watering (plants not wet during the night and freezing)
5. Turned your heaters on in hothouses.
6. Reduced your watering and fertilizing, and for some ceased watering all together.
7. Keeping your eyes out for those dreaded fungal or bacterial problems that can present themselves more in winter.

Another thing on our list is LOOKING FOR FLOWER SPIKES, there is nothing more exciting than taking the usual wander around the shadehouse and finding that pleasant surprise.....'Oh look, another orchid with a flower spike' especially if it is one you haven't flowered yet.

For the novice growers who aren't sure what to do with their particular orchid during winter, please don't hesitate to contact another member of the club for advice. If in doubt don't be scared to ask, as there really are no silly questions.

Each season brings us all something new and different flowering in our shade/hot houses, we are so lucky here to be able to grow such a diverse range of orchids, and winter is no exception.

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Toowoomba

Subscriptions:
Due February Yearly
Family \$25.00
Single \$25.00

A word from the President

Last month I mentioned the quality of orchids displayed at our Autumn Show but with the lousy weather on the night of our last meeting and the poor attendance, I could only walk along the plants tabled and marvel at the quality and diversity on display. Colleen (who has not been afflicted by the orchid bug) commented on the way home as to the beautiful display from the smaller number of members. It's a real credit to our growers' ability and the climate that allows us to grow such a wonderfully diverse group of plants. If you can't find an orchid you love that grows in Toowoomba then you're being too hard to please.

I'm hoping we can duplicate the effect in our conference display.

The latest day meeting was poorly attended with only nine members including the hosts but we had a good afternoon and another excellent exchange of ideas. Thanks to the attendees and to Carolyn and David for their hospitality.

The get together for the trial run of assembling the conference display props was well attended and very productive with the display coming together nicely. Thanks very much to everyone who gave their time and effort to bring us one great step closer to a great display at a great conference. I'm starting to allow some excitement to creep in. Well done everyone.

Until next time. Good growing

John

Important Messages Regarding Conference

With the conference drawing closer we really do need numbers for the **Meet & Greet** and also for the **Dinner**. Please contact Colleen to let her know if you are intending to attend either of these events or both. Payment is not necessary at the time of booking. Please do this at your earliest convenience as the caterers need numbers very soon.

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.

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.

Helpers needed at Wilsonton Shopping Centre from the 16th – 18th July to sell raffle tickets and plants. See Heather at the next meeting to put your name on the Roster.

Growing Competition

How are your *Zygopetalum* plants going? You remember don't you? The ones for the growing competition. Hopefully we have all succeeded in keeping them alive thus far. I know I am looking forward to seeing how everyone is fairing with this little venture. Always good to see how others grow them and pick the brains of those who grow them well. So keep up the good work and give those little fella's lots of TLC which I am sure everyone is.

Autumn Show Trophy Presentation



Grand Champion S & S Pope

Reserve Champion M Martin



Champion Novice B & A Breuel

Champion Paphiopedilum M&K Ferguson



Champion Zygopetalum J & C Terry

Champion Oncidium D & C Woolf



Champion Laeliinae Alliance T Deans

Malcolm Martin Achievs Master Grower Status

Date Claimers & Information for Members

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

Yes our conference is approaching fast, exciting times ahead.

Upcoming Shows in other districts

North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc: 27/28th June

Caboolture Orchid Society Inc: 3/5th July 2015

The Aust. Paph. Society Inc: 7th July 2015

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

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

Happy Diners

Date	Venue	Time
5 th July 2015	Farmers Arms Hotel, Cabarlah. (This is on Sunday)	11.30am
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

For further information see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

Next Meeting: 26th June 2015.

Plant Auction

Also don't forget our monthly plant auction at the next meeting 26th June, if you have a plant you would like to donate, it will be greatly appreciated, if not don't forget to enjoy the frivolities and bid on your pick of orchids. We seem to have a lot of fun and laughter during these activities, so come along you never know you may walk away with your next treasured orchid.

Raffle How are you all going with the sale of the raffle tickets? If you haven't taken any books yet, see Carolyn Woolf. 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.

Buy, Swap or Sell

Plant Sale Notice

Joan Naumann is having a plant sale on the 13th June at 2 pm. Address is 13 Falconer Court.

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

**Don't forget to bring something for the
supper table on meeting night.
Thank you.**

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. General Meeting Minutes, 22nd May 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.

General housekeeping including Toilet location and Evacuation procedures was mentioned.

Apologies. As per the attendance book plus; - Val Jellyman, John & Jeannie Woolf, Karen Eslick & Andrew Richards

Judges for Tonight: Mal Martin, David Woolf, Kev Baker, Eunice Mahony & Graham Little.

New Members: Fred Robertson of Goondiwindi has been approved by MC and although absent was welcomed by members.

Visitors: Nil

Guest Speaker: John Terry to speak on Cymbidiums

Minutes: The minutes of the April 2015 meeting, as printed in May 2015 Tan Bark, are true and correct. Moved by Len Cherry and seconded by Geoff Deacon. Carried.

Correspondence; In the absence of Secretary Val, the president informed the meeting of correspondence and asked for its acceptance. Moved M Zink and seconded by E Koelmeyer. 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 \$5377.22 and several accounts for payment. M Ferguson moved that the financial report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by C Woolf - Carried.

Murray also thanked Geoff Deacon for a generous donation to sponsor the Cymbidium section at the conference and also mentioned a donation by Graham Little last month for a similar purpose.

General Business.

1. The president commended everyone who had an input into the Autumn show which was a beautiful display. Well done everyone.
2. Mal Martin has graduated from open to Master grower and was presented with a certificate and a hearty congratulation.
3. The meeting was reminded of the upcoming day meeting at David and Carolyn's at 607 Greenwattle St at 2.00pm on Saturday 30th May. All welcome to this informal gathering.
4. Members are urged to take out raffle tickets for the current raffle as the sale of two books of tickets allows free entry to the conference dinner for that member.
5. Autumn Show trophies were presented.
6. Conference advertising – we got a good airing on WIN TV at our Autumn Show and have been promised a follow up closer to the event.
7. Conference Sponsorship – after a question some time ago regarding a prospectus, copies were made available to members who are thinking of sponsoring a class or section at the conference. Sponsor a class for \$15.00.
8. Colleen again mentioned the Meet and Greet and the Conference Dinner noting cost of Meet and Greet to members is \$20 and the cost of the dinner is \$30. She urged everyone who is able to attend and help make it a real social celebration of our birthday to please let her know. Numbers are required as soon as possible to enable catering planning to continue.
9. Heather spoke of a promotion at the Wilsonton Shopping Centre on the 16th to 18th of July Helpers will be required and a roster will be available next meeting.

John Terry then gave a comprehensive talk on the culture of Cymbidiums and was given a warm round of applause in appreciation.

Raffle results: Fruit Tray – Elmo Koelmeyer, Plants – Trevor Deans & Brian Klemm

Lucky Exhibitors – Murray Ferguson and Brian Klemm

The president thanked all members for their attendance and participation and reminded committee members of the meeting on Monday night, 25th May at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

May 2015 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Species Orchid:	Rossio grande	Woolf D & C
Hybrid Orchid:	Paph. Leeaunum	Breuel B & A
Seedling Orchid:	Paph. Hsinying Limemoth x Citron	Terry J & C
Novice Orchid:	Paph. Leeaunum	Breuel B & A
Plant Of Interest:	Pptm. Red Antlers	Bishop M & R
Golden Oldie Orchid:	Paph. Leeanaum	Breuel B & A
Foliage:	Unknown	Breuel B & A
Cultural Orchid:	Liparis condulobulbon	Terry J & C
Judges Choice - Hybrid:1st	Paph. Sylvan Glade 'Margaret'	Ferguson M & K
Judges Choice - Hybrid:2nd	Vuyl Cambria 'Blackwidow'	Woolf D & C
Judges Choice - Hybrid:3rd	Zed. Golden Handshake 'ANZAC'	Woolf D & C
Judges Choice - Species:1st	Rossio grande	Woolf D & C
Judges Choice - Species:2nd	Paph. insigne	Zink M
Judges Choice - Species:3rd	Rst.apterniferia var gigantia	Ferguson M & K
Popular Vote - Hybrid:	Paph. Hsinying Rubyweb x Laserlight	Terry J & C
Popular Vote - Species:	Rossio grande	Woolf D & C
Popular Vote - Foliage:	Unknown	Breuel B & A



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.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

First Club Awards

A snippet taken from the 1980 Conference booklet



The Society had to wait until September 1974 to have an orchid awarded by the Queensland Orchid Society. This fine specimen of *Coelogyne cristata* var. "Allison", was awarded a Cultural Award and was grown by Alex Allison.

The next award was in June 1980 to Pete and Cam Basey for the Award of Distinction granted to their orchid *Dendrobium* (taurus x Amber Glow) "Royal Purple" for its distinctive purple-violet colour.

This was followed in August 1980 when Bill Brown received an award of a Highly Commended Certificate for his plant *Dendrobium* Kur-Ring-Gai "Ann Brown". The points score was 79.3, only .7 points short of the high Award of Merit.

The latest award was to Cym. Tina Marquand "Jennifer" which was a Highly Commended Certificate awarded by the N.S.W. Orchid Society.

This orchid originated from a seedling purchased by Nev Douglas and flowered about 5 years ago. Bert Swartz liked the flower and took a piece back to Sydney and this season's flowering gained the award.

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

Know that everything is
in perfect order
whether you
understand it or not.



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24th & 25th
July 2015

Check out our NEW Website

<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.

Write, email or download your copy now

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