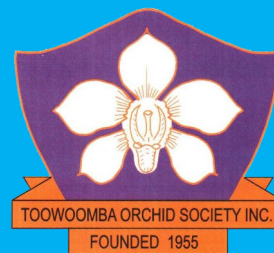


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Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



April 2016



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Meetings:

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

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall

Cnr. James and Phillip St, Toowoomba

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Date Claimers & Information for Members

Happy Diners:

For further information, see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

5th May 2016	Gowrie Road Hotel, 208 Bridge St, Newtown	11.30am
2nd June 2016	Rudd's Pub, 45 Tooth Street, Nobby	11.30am
7th July 2016	Federal Hotel, James Street, Toowoomba	11.30am

Upcoming Shows in other Districts:

Brisbane Orchid Society. 18th/19th April .

Address: Mt Gravatt State School Hall,
1263 Logan Rd, Mt. Gravatt.

Caboolture Orchid Society. 28/29/30 April.

Address: Morayfield Shopping Centre, 171
Morayfield Rd, Morayfield.

Redland Orchid Society. 30 April.

Address: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloom-
field St, Cleveland.

Gympie & District Orchid Society. 1/2/3 May.

Address: The Pavilion, Gympie Showground,
Gympie.

Mt Coot-Tha Orchid Society. Tuesday 3 May.

Address: 22 Fulcher Rd, Red Hill.

Redcliffe District Orchid Society. 4/5/6/7 May.

Address: Redcliffe Municipal Library, Cnr Ox-
ley Ave & Irene St, Redcliffe.

Logan & District Orchid Society. 5/6/7 May.

Address: Centro Mall, Springwood.

Lockyer Valley Orchid Society. 6/7/May.

Address: Gatton Shire Hall, North St, Gatton.

For more shows, follow the link below

[http://www.toowoombaorchidsociety.org.au/
index.php/upcoming-shows](http://www.toowoombaorchidsociety.org.au/index.php/upcoming-shows)

New Growers: 9th April at 2pm

Next new growers group to be held
at

Trevor and Marlene Deans.

Address : 77 Toowoomba Road,
Oakey. Please bring a chair and
plate to share.



Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc. Shows 2016

- ♦ **Autumn Show:** Saturday 7th May, 8.30am—4.00pm. One day show.
- ♦ **Winter Show:** Friday and Saturday 16th/17th July, 8.30am—4.00pm. Two days.
- ♦ **Spring Show:** Friday 23rd September to Tuesday 27th September. 8.00am—4.00pm. Five day show.
- ♦ **Summer Show:** Saturday 22nd October, 8.30am—4.00pm. One day show.

Note: All shows will be held at St Pauls Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr James and Phillips Sts Toowoomba.

Orchids as a Food

Orchids (*Orchidaceae*) define "pretty - but pretty useless" in the plant world. They vie with [Daisies](#) for title as the largest family of plants with more than 800 genera and almost 30,000 species. Of those only *two genera* encompassing a very few species have any use as food - and those only as flavourings for desserts.

General & History

Orchids live in most climates on every continent except Antarctica. The family belongs to the order *Asparagales* (*Asparagus*) which belongs to the class *Liliopsida* (Lilies (monocots)). This may seem odd, but that's the way the DNA crumbles.

Orchids are a pretty odd lot anyway. Those that live in temperate zones are like regular plants with roots and stems and chlorophyll, but aren't much noted for flowers. Others live on bare rocks surviving on air, water and whatever litter blows or washes their way. The majority are tropical and live up in trees anchored by aerial roots and never touch the ground. These roots also gather moisture and such nutrients as may wash down the tree, but they are not parasites. A few have no chlorophyll and depend on fungus to digest food for them.

Varieties

[Salep](#) - [*Orchis mascula* and other species]

Several orchids that grow wild and cultivated in Turkey are prized for their root tubers. These tubers are ground up to produce a starch-like polysaccharide used to make a dessert drink called "salep" - once used as far away as England and Germany before the arrival of coffee and tea.



Today salep is so much in demand in Turkey for the drink and especially to make an ice cream called Dondurma as well as other desserts, its export is illegal. Anything called "salep" found outside Turkey is made artificially. The name is derived from Arabic for "fox testicles", descriptive of the tubers' appearance and tendency to come in pairs. The ancient Romans (and others) considered salep a powerful aphrodisiac through sympathetic magic. Illustration from *Bilder ur Nordens Flora* - public domain.

Vanilla Bean - [*Vanilla planifolia*, *Vanilla pompona*, *Vanilla tahitiensis*]



The dominant vanilla orchid (*planifolia*) is native to Mexico but has been planted in other tropical areas with Madagascar and Indonesia the largest producers. Another species (*tahitiensis*) is grown in French Polynesia, but in comparatively minute quantity.

Vanilla beans are long seed pods containing thousands of seeds, but the seeds are of no importance. The pods are picked green and then killed, usually by heat or sun drying. They are then fermented for 7 to 10 days at high temperature and humidity allowing enzymes to convert substances in the beans into vanillin and something like 200 other flavouring components. The beans are then dried and sorted by quality. Photo © [i0125](#).

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TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

General Meeting Minutes, 25th March 2016.

The meeting was declared open at 7.30pm by President Heather Guppy who welcomed members.

General housekeeping including toilet location and evacuation procedures were mentioned.

Apologies. All in attendance book plus John & Coleen Terry, Murray Ferguson, Jan Leeming, Charlie & Erika Dedekind, Paul Noone, Neville Guppy.

Judges for Tonight: Val Jellyman, Mal Martin, Eunice Mahoney and Fred Reed.

New Member: Mrs Vickie Pratt

Visitors: Nil

Guest Speaker: Mal Martin to give a presentation on how to prepare your plants for the show bench from a judges point of view.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 2016 meeting, as printed in March 2016 Tan Bark, are true and correct. Moved by Heather Rhonda Barnett and seconded by Kev Baker. Carried.

Correspondence: Inward accepted and outward endorsed. Bernie moved that the correspondence be accepted: seconded by Trevor Deans.

Correspondence received requiring further discussion:

Quotes for Diamond Jubilee book.

Bernie Breuel tabled the following two quotes for the printing of the Diamond Jubilee books.

Quote 1. Greenridge Press, 100 books \$589.00 and 200 books \$882.00 (GST inc.).

Quote 2. Cracker Print and Paper, 100 books \$495.00 and 200 books \$770.00 (GST inc.).

John Woolf put forward to purchase 100 books. Moved by Rudy Barnett, seconded by Trevor Deans.

Motion carried.

President Heather Guppy asked for a show of hands to select the successful quote.

Cracker Print and Paper was selected. Moved by Ann Breuel, seconded by Trevor Deans.

Motion carried.

Management Committee Report:

Secretary, Bernie Breuel, gave a summary of what is happening at management level.

Prize money for Novice Class at shows, First—\$10.00, Second—\$5.00 and Third—\$3.00.

All Champion classes \$10.00.

Report on printing of the Diamond Jubilee book and fertiliser labels.

Show Committee Report:

Val Jellyman stood in for Murray Ferguson and reported that there was a lot of work put into a new Show Schedule for the Autumn Show. This will soon be available on the web site with the help of Roy Anderson who is also contributing a lot of hard work.

Autumn Show

Please advise Murray or Roy of your plants to be entered in the Autumn Show by the 21st of April. Please list all plants that will or may be in flower. It is far easier for us to delete those that don't make it than to add extras.

Use the Excel spreadsheet from the web site or give your lists to Murray.

Murray will print all tags which can be picked up from him or collected at the show.

Please consider putting your name on the show roster at the next meeting if you are able to help.

Cheers, Murray.

Name Badge Order

If you require a name badge could you send an email or phone Treasurer Murray Ferguson or Secretary Bernie Breuel. Priced at a very reasonable \$7.00 we would like to place a bulk order for them.

Contact details on the front page.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer, Roy Anderson gave a summary of the bank accounts showing a credit balance in the working account of \$9,546.12. Roy moved that the financial report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Ann Breuel - Carried.

General Business:

- It was passed at the February Management Committee meeting that **DC Accounting** be appointed as our auditors for 2016. Moved by Murray Ferguson, seconded by Bernie Breuel. Carried.
- Congratulations to **Val Jellyman** on her appointment as an **Associate Judge**.
- Show prize money for Novice Growers \$10, \$5, \$3 and \$10 for all Champion classes.
- Fertiliser labels ready. Secretary Bernie said that labels are now printed and the fertiliser is available for sale to members from Heather Guppy.
- New Grower dates. Saturday 9th April, Saturday 4th June Buy Swap and Sell, Saturday 13th August, Sunday 18th September a walk through the Spring Show with all welcome, Saturday 8th October and Saturday 10th December. First New Growers this year at Trevor Deans, 77 Toowoomba Road, Oakey, Saturday 9th April at 2pm.
- Members were asked if the rosettes that Eunice Mahoney has made in advance for the society be used so the funds may be used for something else we may need in the future. Eunice volunteered that she is happy to keep making them for the society at no cost other than the materials required. Agreed by all members.
- The bus trip to Kawana is still being investigated. Hopefully we will have something in this newsletter prior to going to press.
- The **guest speaker** for April will be Stephen Cox who is giving a presentation on the **Tokyo Orchid Show**.



**Please return all Autumn Show trophies
to the next meeting.**

Friday April 22nd

SELL BUY SWAP



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 .

The meeting broke for supper before the nights judging results and raffle winners were announced.

Guest Speaker: Mal Martin gave a talk on presentation of plants for the show bench from a judges perspective.

Heather gave a vote of thanks to Mal for his informative talk.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Reminder - Our New Event

A **buy, sell & swap** will be held on 3rd June in conjunction with the New Growers meeting.
More details to follow soon.



Bus Trip

Day trip to Nambour Orchid Society

Diamond Festival of Orchids

at Lake Kawana Community Centre.

Cost will be \$40 per person. This does not include meals or refreshments. Bus will leave at 6am and return at 6pm, Saturday 11th

March Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Australian Native Hybrid:	Den. Avril's Gold 'Copperpot'	Mal Martin
Hybrid Orchid:	Paph. Paph. Neeri-Gold 'Scottie'	Mal Martin
Seedling Orchid:	Rlc. Dal's Passion x Rlc. Redland Peace	Trevor Deans
Novice Orchid:	Masd. menatoi	Rhonda and Rudy Barnett
Plant Of Interest:	Epi. peperomia	Heather & Neville Guppy
Golden Oldie Orchid:		
Foliage:	Begonia Rex	Bernie & Ann Breuel
Cultural Orchid:	Milt. Bluntii x Regnelli	Kev & Yvonne Baker
Judges Choice - Hybrid - 1st:	Paph. Neeri-Gold 'Scottie'	Mal Martin
Judges Choice - Hybrid - 2nd:	Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Koddo'	Joan Naumann
Judges Choice - Hybrid - 3rd:	Milt. Bluntii x Regnelli	Kev & Yvonne Baker
Judges Choice - Species - 1st:	Den. moniliforme	Mal Martin
Judges Choice - Species - 2nd:	Phrag. pearcei	Mal Martin
Judges Choice - Species - 3rd:	Masd. menatoi	Rhonda and Rudy Barnett
Popular Vote - Hybrid:	Z. mackayi (specie?)	Bernie & Ann Breuel
Popular Vote - Species:	Masd. menatoi	Rhonda and Rudy Barnett
Popular Vote - Foliage:	Begonia Rex	Bernie & Ann Breuel

Please note that all plant names are checked on Orchidwiz for current Genus and correct name. Ed.

Please contact me if you require confirmation of names.



Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Koddo'



Phrag. pearcei



Paph. Neeri-Gold 'Scottie'



Begonia Rex



Rlc. Dal's Passion x Rlc. Redland

Pots and accessories are available from Heather Guppy at 43 Noll Street, Kearneys Spring.

Phone 4635 6868.

New price list coming. Watch this space!



Memberships

are now OVERDUE. If you have forgotten, contact Murray Ferguson as the Autumn Show is coming up in May.

If you are **not financial** you are **not eligible** to show or sell plants

Thought for the month!

*Yesterday is but
today's memory, and
tomorrow is today's
dream. Khalil Gibran*

*Don't forget to please
bring something for the
April meeting supper.*

Thanks!

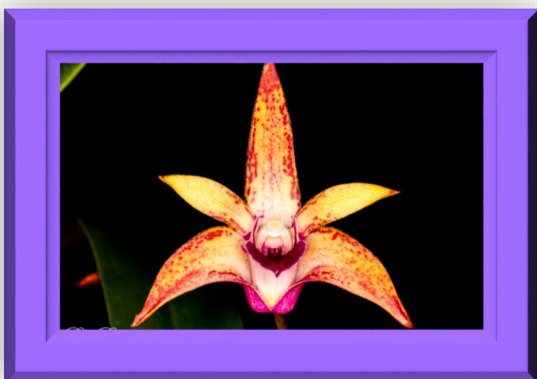
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April**