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CHRISTMAS DINNER FRIVOLITIES



From the President December 2015

What a successful year it's been for Toowoomba Orchid Society. Three terrific shows, a really wonderful conference and we even staged a display at the Species Society show and won, so all in all a fantastic effort.

Thanks must go to the management team for the work behind the scenes in keeping our club functioning the way to which we have become accustomed. To the workers behind the scenes who provide many services; the newsletter for instance; we take it for granted but I know personally how much effort goes in to make it the terrific publication that it is and keeps us up to date with all the club happenings. The photography at each meeting is another aspect that we appreciate only the end result. The list goes on and on.

The workers behind the scenes certainly make a difference and I sincerely thank them all.

If you feel you can help out with even a small task next year please let someone know or if you would like to do something and don't know what, then talk to a committee member. A little help can make a huge difference.

On that subject, our AGM is held in February each year and new people with new ideas are always welcome on the management committee so think about helping out in that way.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and we'll meet again at the January meeting rejuvenated.

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Fourth Friday of each month at
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December.

Venue: St. Paul's Hall

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Toowoomba

Subscriptions:

Due February Yearly

Family \$25.00

Single \$25.00

Editor Says:

Welcome to 2016 and another year of growing, learning & showing. We seem to have had a rather unusual run of weather this season and hopefully it isn't going to throw our orchids out of whack too much. We survived Christmas and New Year, then we think the silly season is done for another year only to realize that as orchid fanatics the silly season for us is never over. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends.

An enjoyable time was had by all at the Christmas Dinner, food and company was wonderful. It was a lovely night to end the year 2015.

I was unable to assist with the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on the 20th December, I am hoping that the club had another successful day there and that there were plenty of helpers on hand, and a huge thank you to all those who were there to help. Looking forward to hearing the results at the next meeting.

With the upcoming AGM in February we have a few positions to fill and I would like to take this time to encourage members to put their hands up/nominate to give the retiring members a well-deserved break. Steve & I took on the editors' position for 12 months and I would like to say that it has been an enjoyable task, but due to other personal commitments we won't be able to continue on as editors, I have found it to be an enjoyable task and would encourage anyone to give it a go.

I took a close look at some cymbidiums during this past week and have found several plants with what I am hoping are spikes, I go through this every year and sometimes I find that what I was hoping was spikes are actually new shoots, but this just adds to the excitement. As time goes on you find that yep you have some spikes.

I am finding also as I wander round the shade houses and the hot house that we have spikes on plants that haven't flowered for us yet and this is an exciting moment for any grower. We have three larger Vanda's which spend the winter in the hothouse and our warmer months out in the shade house and this year I have had all three flower, just hoping all these weather changes don't effect the flowers too much. We all know that with growing orchids we are subject to the elements and there isn't a great deal we can do about it unless we grow our plants in a totally controlled environment.

I am sitting here typing this and listening to the wind literally howling through our trees, I take a look outside at the trees swaying in this wind and think how cold and bleak it looks today, especially for the middle of January.

Thinking to myself that I will need to finish up here and go and check that the wind hasn't blown any of our babies over. But you know, all in all the changes in the weather just add to the excitement of growing orchids. How boring would it be if all we had to do was water, fertilize and watch them grow. Yes it gets very frustrating at times when the weather doesn't do what we think it should or when we get the dreaded bug infestation (be in minor or major) and the same with trying to work out why a certain plant isn't doing as well as others and the list goes on, but for most of us it just adds to the wonder and joy of being an orchid geek.

Also we need to ask all the members who received a Zygopetalum for the growing comp. to please bring their plant with them to the January meeting. Good luck all.

See you at the next meeting.

Sonia & Steve.

Date Claimers & Information for Members

1. Please bring your growing competition Zygopetalum to the January meeting.
2. AGM in February, there will be a few positions available including the Editors position.
3. New Growers Group will be at David & Carolyn's on 13th February 2016.

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

Happy Diners

Date	Venue	Time
7 th January 2016	Hockey Club, Boundary Road, Toowoomba	11.30am
4 th February 2016	Downs Hotel, Brisbane Street, Drayton	11.30am
3 rd March 2016	Qi'lin Chinese Restaurant, 187 Hume Street, Toowoomba	11.30am

For further information see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY Inc. General Meeting Minutes, 27th November 2015, at St Paul's Church Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba.

The meeting was declared open at 7-40pm by President John Terry who welcomed members.

General housekeeping including Toilet location and Evacuation procedures was mentioned.

Apologies. D & C Woolf, S & S Pope & Elmo and Judy Koelmeyer.

Judges for Tonight: Graham Little, Peter Kajewski & Roy Anderson

New Members: Committee has approved membership for Carol and Peter Kraut.

Visitors: Penny and David from Ipswich

Guest Speaker: Mal Martin to speak on Paph culture.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 2015 meeting, as printed in November 2015 Tan Bark, are true and correct.

Moved by Mal Martin and seconded by Brian Williams. Carried.

Correspondence; Secretary Bernie gave us a quick report on the correspondence for the month which was tabled for member's perusal. Bernie moved that the correspondence be accepted: seconded by Inge Anderson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Murray presented the financial report showing a credit balance in the working account of \$24949.41 and several accounts for payment. M Ferguson moved that the financial report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Mal Martin - Carried.

General Business.

1. The president reminded the meeting of the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle On the 20th December and urged members to subscribe to the roster.
2. The society staged a display at the Orchid Species Show at Mt. Coot-tha recently and won best display. Well done to all who provided plants and also to Murray, Kev and Mal for the transport and setup of the display. Thanks.
3. New Growers Group to be held at Rhonda and Rudy Barnett's home at 556 Greenwattle St at 2.00pm on Sunday 13th December. All welcome. Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.
4. The meeting was treated to a bit of gossip that Elmo and Judy are getting married on 28th November. We wish them all the very best. Congratulations.
5. The new sound system we used again was loaned to the club for a trial by David Newlands and from all accounts was far superior to the current system. Thanks again David.
6. Heather Guppy will take over pot and accessory sales next month.

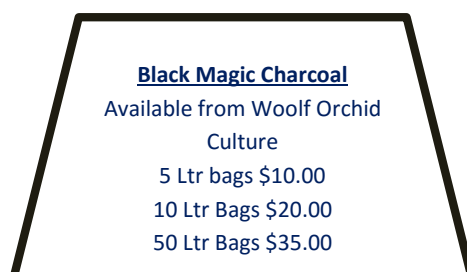
Mal Martin then led a most informative discussion on the culture of Paphiopedilums which included un-potting some very healthy plants from a compot and potting up into suitably sized containers. Thanks very much Mal.

The president thanked all members for their attendance and participation and reminded them of the Christmas party next Friday night and the committee members of the meeting on Monday night, 29th November at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next Meeting: 22nd January 2016 @ 7.30p.m.

Buy, Swap or Sell



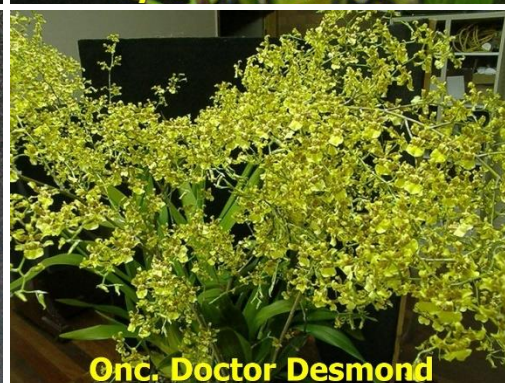
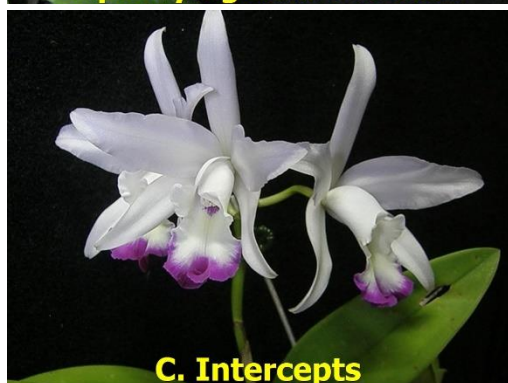
Remember –If you have plants spare and would like to sell them, you can bring them along to meetings and sell them. No commission is charged

Pots and accessories are available from Heather Guppy. 43 Noll Street, Kearney Springs. Phone 46356868.

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

November Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Species - Orchid:	Pleuro. Strictes	Baker K & Y
Hybrid Orchid:	Paph. St Nicol 'Jem'	Terry J & C
Seedling Orchid:	Paph. Hsinying Ruby Web	Terry J & C
Novice Orchid:	C. Intercepts	Breuel B & A
Plant Of Interest:	Onc. Doctor Desmond	Bishop M & R
Foliage:	Begonia	Breuel B & A
Judges Choice - Hybrid: 1st	P. Taisuco 'Date YSL' x P. Dragon Tree Gold 'Prolong'	Klemm B & B
Judges Choice - Hybrid: 2nd	Dtps. Tying Shin Phoenix	Klemm B & B
Judges Choice - Hybrid: 3rd	Onc. Doctor Desmond	Bishop M & R
Judges Choice - Species: 1st	Pleuro. Strictes	Baker K & Y
Judges Choice - Species: 2nd	Lycaste aromatica	Baker K & Y
Judges Choice - Species: 3rd	Sedirea japonica	Baker K & Y
Popular Vote - Hybrid:	Phal. Unknown	Williams B & K
Popular Vote - Foliage:	Begonia	Breuel B & A



Thought for the day

"Failure is absolute when you deny yourself the opportunity to succeed."

Don't forget to bring something for
January meeting supper.
Thanks

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 Sarcocylus, Catasetums, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Oncidium Alliance, Phalaenopsis, Promenaeas, Species and Zygotetalums.

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