

# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



## April 2017



**President John Terry thanks our  
March guest speaker, Michael Coker**

### Meetings:

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

### Venue:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall  
Cnr. James and Phillip St, Toowoomba

### Annual Subscription:

Due February—Family \$25.00 / Single \$25.00

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## *A word from the President.*

Well what an interesting speaker Michael Coker is. I certainly couldn't fault his 2 great presentations and his passion coupled with a candid attitude during the workshop on Saturday morning. I've received some great feedback from TOS members and from the group of enthusiasts from the bus as well, despite getting home around midnight they thoroughly enjoyed their trip. And nothing but praise for our friendship and hospitality. David has my heartfelt thanks for organising the flying visit. Thanks too must also go to Bernie and his band of helpers who not only catered for our splendid supper but set up the hall as well.

On a selfish personal note I really relished the time spent with Michael on a one to one basis. I think it was after 1am when we finally called it a night but what a wealth of information and his seemingly endless energy reserves in his position on the Orchid Society Council of Victoria where he is responsible for bringing together as many as 30 orchid societies across Victoria and moulding them into a wonderfully cohesive working group.

Our postponed New Growers group meeting was held at the home of Rudy and Rhonda Barnett on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. It was a much more pleasant day weather wise than the original date and we had a better than average turn out and a good day was had by all. Thanks to Rhonda and Rudy for your hospitality. Several members volunteered their homes as venues for future gatherings of the new growers group and I thank you in anticipation.

Judging has been taking too long on meeting nights and judges have been missing out on a good deal of some of the meetings so MC has decided to make some changes to simplify judging and make it fairer for all. A full explanation is published elsewhere in this newsletter.

You'll also see elsewhere in this publication, a price list of the pots and gear the club has for sale. Management committee has decided that the goods will be sold to members (only) at cost price as it's club capital that gains discounts in the first place. Some of the prices are already lower and others will fall as new shipments arrive. I've negotiated with a larger supplier to get our goods in Toowoomba freight free where possible so that will help as well. We are endeavouring to rationalise our stock so perhaps every type of pot may not be on hand however a suitable range will be available.

Until next time.

Enjoy your orchids

*John*

With the show season almost upon us we have included an article on orchid names and the correct method of writing labels.

Examples of correct naming and labelling methods are provided for the photos in this newsletter.



## New Classes For Meeting Night Judging

As you would all be aware, judging the many classes on meeting night takes considerable time. So much so that the members involved can miss a significant part of the meeting. Management committee has decided to simplify the judging in a bid to not only make it easier and quicker but fairer to all members.

**Foliage judging has been dropped** for meetings but keep grooming your foliage for the shows.

**Three classes in three sections** will be judged.

The sections are **Novice grower**, **Open grower** (a member who has graduated novice but not yet attained Master grower status) and **Master grower**. There will be a section to place your plants dependant on your grower status.

**Three classes will be available in each section;** Species (green cards) Hybrids (orange cards) and Seedlings (purple cards).

So if you are a novice grower who has brought along a species and a seedling you will be given a green card and a purple card so these are placed in the novice section of the stage. Judges will judge one plant as best in each section and one overall Judges Choice.

**There will also be a popular vote by members.**

I have been asked what a member should look for in deciding popular vote and I believe it should be the one plant you would rather take home over any other.

If you are unclear about any of this you can ask a management committee member on the night.

We may have some initial teething problems but I'm sure we will ultimately have a better system. Please be tolerant.

## Silent Auction

The new cupboard should be installed prior to next meeting so we will have to “remove” the old one.

The old cupboard will be superfluous to our needs and there will be a silent auction at the next meeting so members should place their bid with the secretary at the April meeting.



*Den. griffithianum*



C. Lana Coryell x  
R/c. Burdekin Bells



*Paph. charlesworthii*



V. Yip Sum Wah



Rlc. Con Harriman 'Perfect  
Splash'



Milt. moreliana

## **TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

Minutes of Meeting dated 24th March 2017

President opened the meeting at 7.00pm He extended a warm welcome to TOS members and friends and also to our friends from below the hill. He informed the group that the intent was to hold a very short official meeting tonight and then we'll get on with more enjoyable matters.

HOUSEKEEPING; - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – Legal requirements. He asked that everyone ensure they've signed the attendance book for fire safety reasons.

GUEST SPEAKER: Michael Coker. President of OSCOV.

JUDGES FOR TONIGHT;- Mal Martin, John Woolf & Warren Williams

VISITORS: . Too numerous to mention. Representing 8 other clubs. Welcome all.

SICK LIST: Peter Neylon well. We wish him a speedy recovery.

MINUTES: The minutes of the February meeting as printed in Tanbark are true and correct. Moved by Inge Anderson and seconded by Warren Williams. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary to give us a brief report on the correspondence for the month Correspondence - Management Committee minutes are available Correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed, Moved Con Harriman Seconded Mal Martin - carried

TREASURERS REPORT: - Treasurer will give us an insight into our finances. Accounts – total to be paid;- \$2447.11 Credit balance in working account of \$14,387.10 Murray moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded by Roy Anderson– carried

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. President John informed members that our charity for the coming year is the Toowoomba Hospice.
2. Starting next month we will have new classes for the meeting night judges to work with. Hopefully this new system will greatly reduce the time taken to judge and be a fairer system for all members. There will be more about that in the newsletter.
3. He reminded all members that trophies for the Autumn show should be returned to Rhonda Barnett by next meeting. David Woolf then moved that further business be suspended and dealt with by the management committee. Seconded Kev Baker. Carried



Our guest speaker Michael Coker, President of OSCOV and a very talented orchid grower was afforded a very warm welcome and then gave a well put together presentation on slipper orchids. The talk was followed by many questions.

Following a well arranged supper, Michael resumed the floor with another very interesting and well presented talk on the culture of mixed genera.

The president thanked Michael on behalf of all present and reminded TOS members of a workshop tomorrow morning at David & Carolyn's at 9.30.

Thanks also to Bernie, Ann and helpers for tonight's supper.

Committee members were reminded of a meeting Monday night 7.00pm

The president then thanked everyone for attending. A total of 95 attendees. He commented that orchid societies from our area should do this more often. We are only an hour and a half away from each other so let's look to the future.

Meeting Closed at 10.00pm

***Annual Subscriptions are overdue.***

They can be paid to the Treasurer in person using either cash, cheque or Eftpos. Or members can use bank transfer. Bank details are as follows:-

**Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.**

**Acc; 5686989**

**Bsb; 638-070**

Let the treasurer know you have made the payment and use your surname as the reference.

**Reminder Next Happy Diners**

**Is at the Newtown Hotel**

**On the 6th April at 11.30am**

Pots and equipment available from Heather Guppy. 43 Noll St Kearneys Spring- 4635 6868

Squat Pots		Standard Pots	
Size	Price Each	Size	Price Each
80mm	30c	100mm (tall)	25c
100mm	25c	100mm	20c
125mm	35c	120mm (old stock)	15c
140mm	50c	125mm	25c
175mm	50c	140mm	30c
200mm	60c	180mm	50c
270mm	\$1.50	200mm	60c
150mm Port Pot	75c	250mm	\$1.20
175mm Port Pot	\$1.20	Saucers 200mm	70c
140mm Labels	\$3.50 per 50	Coco Husk (Orchidmate)	\$15
100mm Labels	\$3.20 per 50	Bark (Orchiata)	\$28
Pot hangers (360mm)	30c each	Perlite Coarse	\$30
Pot hangers (500mm)	\$2.00	Perlite Super Coarse	\$32
Bamboo Stakes 45cm	80c per 10	Perlite Jumbo	\$41
Bamboo Stakes 60cm	\$1.20 per 10	Plantacote Fertiliser Top K	\$6/kg

**Note:-** Cash only for Heather please.



**Paph. Hsinying Crown x  
Paph. Hsinying Mishima**



***Paph.* Caroline Hands**

**Happy Diners:** For further information, see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

4th May 2017	Federal Hotel, Toowoomba	11.30am
1st June 2017	Rudd's Pub, Nobby	11.30am
6th July 2017	Farmers Arms, Cabarlah	11.30am

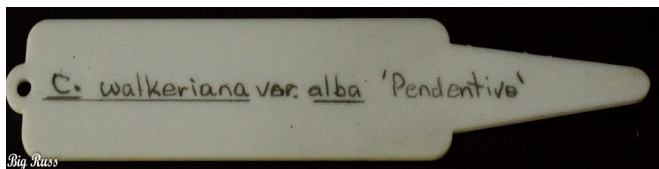
# THE NAMES OF ORCHIDS

The following are a few rules that will assist in writing orchid names.

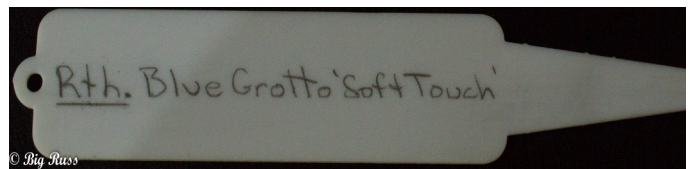
1. Abbreviations: The first letter is a capital – the rest is written in lower case, and always in italics or underlined, e.g. *B/c.* or B/c.
2. All Abbreviations: must be followed by a full stop, e.g. Slc.
3. Species: are written in lower case only and always in italics or underlined, e.g. *C. walkeriana* or C. walkeriana

## LET US NOW LOOK AT HOW TO WRITE THE NAMES OF ORCHIDS

4. Only species orchids have varieties. The abbreviation for variety, var., is written in roman letters but the varietal name alba is written in italics, or underlined – *C. walkeriana* var. *alba* or C. walkeriana var. alba
5. The clonal name (e.g. Pendentive ) given to an orchid has a capital, is not in italics, is not underlined and has single quotes, e.g. *C. walkeriana* var. *alba* 'Pendentive' or C. walkeriana var. alba 'Pendentive'
6. A registered name of an orchid may not have more than three parts e.g. Mary Ann Barnett



The label tells us that this orchid is a Cattleya species called walkeriana and that it is a white variety and is a special clone called 'Pendentive'



The label tells us that this orchid is a member of the Rhyncattleanthe genus and is a hybrid registered as Blue Grotto and that it is a clone with a special name of Soft Touch

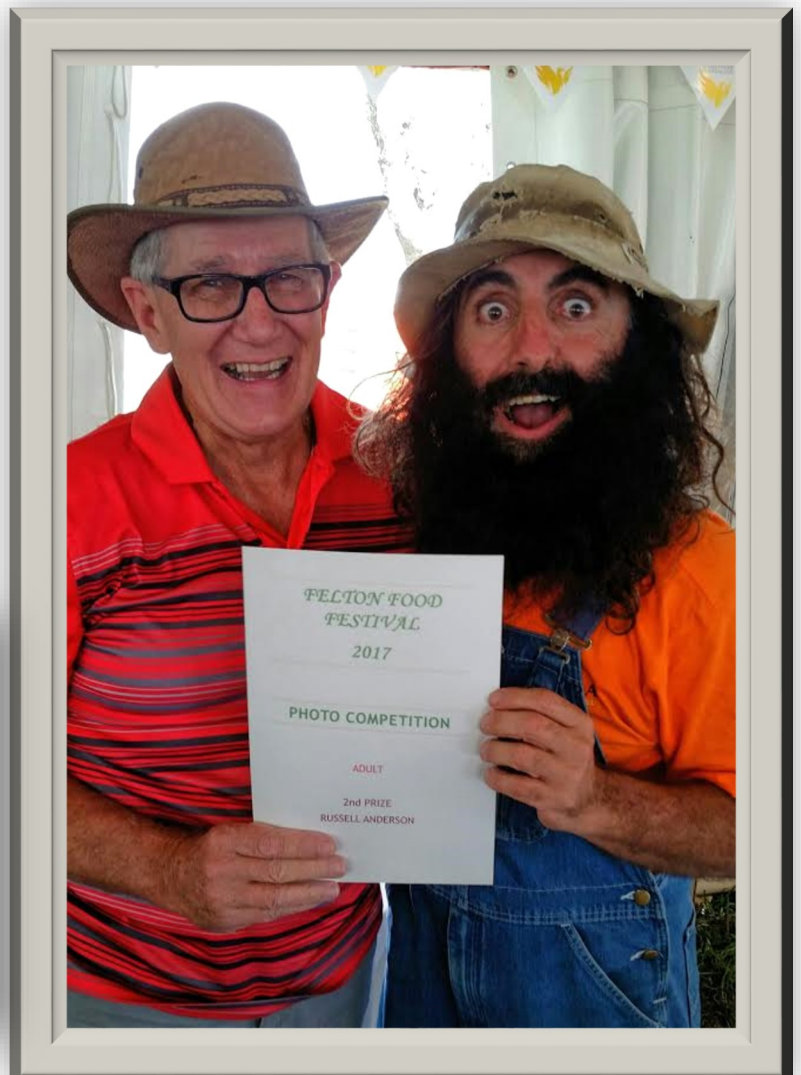


## *March 2017 Meeting Results*

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Species Orchid:	Den. griffithianum	T Deans
Hybrid Orchid:	V. Yip Sum Wah	C & E Dedekind
Seedling Orchid:	Paph. fairrieanum	David & Carolyn Woolf
Novice Orchid:	Milt. moreliana	D & L Newlands
Cultural Plant:	Milt. moreliana	D & L Newlands
Foliage:	Cynotis Somaliensis	C & E Dedekind
Judges Choice Hybrid - 1st:	V. Yip Sum Wah	C & E Dedekind
Judges Choice Hybrid - 2nd:	Paph. Caroline Sands	Mal Martin
Judges Choice Hybrid- 3rd:	Phrag. Green Hornet	J & C Terry
Judges Choice Species - 1st:	Milt. moreliana	D & L Newlands
Judges Choice Species - 2nd:	Den. griffithianum	T Deans
Judges Choice Species - 3rd:	Paph. charlesworthii	J & C Terry
Popular Vote - Hybrid	Paph. Caroline Sands	Mal Martin
Popular Vote - Species	Den. griffithianum	T Deans
Popular Vote - Foliage	Unknown	B & A Breuel

***Our very own co-editor, Russell, had the privilege of receiving a photographic award from none other than the gardening guru himself, Costa Georgiadis.***

***Russell's entry "Beehaving", shown below, in the Felton Food Festival photo competition was awarded second place from sixty seven entries.***



## Supper at the meeting

Please bring along a small plate of nibbles for our general meetings.

Your offering is greatly appreciated.

## Thought for the month!

“None of the seven is really good, for the excellent reason that Australian children never are.”

— Ethel Turner, Seven Little Australians

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Remember -  
Next Meeting  
28th April 2017