

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



May 2017



**President John Terry presenting NSWOS
and AOC awards to Master Grower
David Woolf**

Meetings:

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

Venue:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall
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TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Meeting minutes dated 28th April 2017

President opened the meeting at 7.25pm and welcomed members

HOUSEKEEPING: - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – familiarise yourself with it etc. Legal requirements. Members were asked to ensure they've signed the attendance book for insurance as well as fire safety reasons.

GUEST SPEAKER: Roy Anderson will speak on how to lodge our plant names for future shows. Followed by a panel discussion on preparing for winter in Toowoomba.

JUDGES FOR TONIGHT – M Martin, K Baker, N Crees

VISITORS: Lorna- friend of Heather.

APOLOGIES: - Apologies to be logged in attendance book. To ensure all members sign in, the attendance book was passed around.

SICK LIST: Murray Ferguson.

MINUTES: Moved D Woolf, seconded I Anderson that the minutes of the March meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary gave us a brief report on the correspondence for the month

Correspondence – Last month Management Committee minutes available.

Con moved that the correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed.

Seconded R Barrett. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: - Assistant Treasurer Roy gave us an insight into our finances.

Accounts for payment:-

Robertson Orchids- redemption of vouchers- \$70.00.

Credit balance in working account of \$9,513.59

Roy Anderson moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment.

Seconded by Jim Brown. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Lauren – a member of Field Naturalists- attended with an offer for members. Their club was donated a hard cover book- very nicely illustrated – also available 96 plates- suitable for framing \$300 for these plates. If any member would like a closer look- please contact Lauren at – Feather Your Nest- 46394944.

Club By-laws introduction given by J Terry.

After describing the by-laws the president commended the bylaws to members. A motion was moved by Russell Anderson, seconded by Bernie Breuel that the club by-laws be accepted by members and become the current TOS by-laws Carried by a large majority- M Bishop objected – stating copy should be available to members for review before voting on same.

H Guppy moved motion, seconded B Vayro that each member receive a copy. Carried.

New classes for the judges to work with. Hopefully this new system will greatly reduce the time taken to judge and be a fairer system for all members. Also we'll revert to popular vote during supper break

D Woolf gave quick run-down of expectations of how to bench plants for meetings. Need to know if plant is species or hybrid. If seedling is to be table- grower to decide if plant is judged as seedling or hybrid/species.

Reworked Club Guidelines for members. Available at the front table.

Members were reminded that the guest speaker for next month would be Bruce Woods speaking on Cattleyas.

Tenders for the old cupboard. The old cupboard has to go. The president called for tenders to be given to the secretary during the break. The winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.

President John then presented a NSWOS and AOC award to David Woolf.

Renowned orchid grower Fred Clark of Sun Valley Orchids USA will be speaking at the Ipswich OS meeting on 7th June.

Members were asked to return Autumn Trophies to R Barnett. Check that the trophies you have aren't spring/autumn and deliver them ASAP.

David Woolf reminded members that only well established plants in good condition will be allowed on the sales table at any shows. Recently potted, weak or diseased plants will be removed.

Plant labels and holders will be available during supper break.

Helpers required for setup for autumn show- from 3pm Friday 12th May- if available please contact B Breuel.

Plants in by 6pm. Will also require scribes and runners for the judging on the Friday night from 7pm and helpers for the show on Saturday 13th May.

Roy Anderson then gave us instructions on filling out our plant sheets for the shows.

David Woolf asked members to provide their plant lists to either himself or John Terry by midnight Monday 8th May. For members without internet access a list can either be dropped off or phoned through by this time.

A Panel discussion followed on preparations necessary for winter- D Woolf, J Terry and M Martin gave great advice.

C Harriman offered \$20 for cupboard- only tender.

Winners on the bench tonight were announced.

The president reminded committee members of the meeting on 26th May at 6pm

The president then thanked members for their participation and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Upcoming shows in other districts

When	What	Where
12, 13, 14 May	Bundaberg Orchid Show	Civic Centre, Bourbong St, Bundaberg
13 May	Aspley Mother's Day Show	Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights
10, 11 June	70th Anniversary Show, Tropical Orchid Council Qld, Townsville Orchid Society	RSL Stadium, 51 Murray Lyons Crescent, Townsville
24, 25 June	North Moreton Orchid Council Show	Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

A word from the President. Look at the calendar – it's May already and the few cool mornings remind us that winter is on the way. The panel discussion on "winter with the orchids" at the April meeting was interesting and informative. I think it's a subject we should raise every year as it can be a make or break time for our plants. Thanks to David and Mal for your able participation.

The new judging system worked a treat, with the judges finished their task much earlier than normal and with over 60 quality plants on display the job is never easy. Thanks to John and Jeannie who worked on getting this going. New sheets to be made, plant cards to laminate and just setting it up; well done.

Our autumn show is just around the corner so get those plants tidied up and ready for display. As a club we need as many plants as we can on the benches so don't leave anything at home. As always we'll need helpers to set up on the Friday from 3pm, scribes and runners for judging that evening and members to man the show on Saturday. So if you can spend a few hours helping out would certainly make it easier for others. We will also need a small working bee to help print, cut and distribute plant name cards on Thursday 11th of May. Let David know if you can help out for a couple of hours please.

I do hope you were paying attention as Roy gave us a presentation on the correct way of filling out our show plant sheets. A little extra care in filling them out makes it easier for those inputting the data. But again, if you're having trouble give David or myself a call.

Cattleya grower extraordinaire Bruce Woods and his wife Colleen will be visiting next meeting to talk about Cattleya growing and showing, so don't miss that one.

Also Ipswich Orchid Society is hosting Fred Clark from Sunset Valley Orchids USA at their meeting on June 7th so if you'd like to be part of that experience let me know and we'll organise a car convoy.

It is very pleasing to me personally that the club now has a set of By-laws ratified by members. This is something that the club has needed and has been talked about and thrown around that I know of ever since I joined the club. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Until next time

Good growing

John

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.



Rlc. Brunswick Blush 'Coral'



Rlc. Mem. Susan Hawkins

Guest Speaker- May

Our guest speaker for the 26 May 2017 meeting is Bruce Woods who is an exceptional grower of cattleyas. This will be followed by a workshop at David & Carolyn Woolf's on Saturday 27th May at 9.30am. Hoping to see as many as possible there, especially those who have difficulty attending night meetings.

SUPPER

Please bring along a small plate of nibbles for our general meetings.
Your offering is greatly appreciated.



Autumn Show

Setup from 3pm, Friday 12th May. **ALL plants** to be in by 6.30pm.

Judging commences at 7.30pm.

Please lend a hand if at all possible. Assisting the judges is a great experience for novice growers. I have enjoyed all of the judging nights I have attended and am still learning from them. Ed.

Some timely advice for new growers

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Its showtime and we rush to the sales tables to buy, buy and buy...but..what are you really getting yourself in for. Before splashing out on your hard earned cash here are some valuable tips to make sure you don't buy a lemon. Firstly check for previous flowering. If it hasn't flowered for the owner, will it for you. Check for the obvious signs of pests and disease. Look under leaves and on psuedobulbs. Scale and aphids on sales plants are common. If most of the plant has plenty of leafless canes or psuedobulbs and only a single clean growth with a flower this may not be a strong grower. Check stability of the plant in pot. Wobbly plants have either just been busted up and sold which in my opinion is a no no or the roots are stuffed. Strange marks on leaves and flowers should be avoided unless you are experienced enough to know what causes them. Buy what you can grow in your conditions. Don't buy plants loaded with weeds. Its how they spread to collections. If buying cymbidiums in flower look for new growths. If no new growths it generally wont flower next year. Make sure its tagged with a readable name. These are just some of the issues we face buying sales plants. Whilst it is up to show marshals and trading table convenors to vet the plants prior to sale invariably some will slip thru and I've seen some beauties....and finally if the salesperson is pushing a plant down your throat you can bet they are trying to flog their own plant. I vet all prospective buyers to make sure they make a good purchase and can look after it. I want them back next year buying more and bringing friends in. I don't sell for the sake of it.



Phal. Mituo Ambo



Coel. *tomentosa*

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

1st June 2017	Rudd's Pub, Nobby	11.45am
6th July 2017	Farmers Arms, Cabarlah	11.45am
3 August 2017	Gowrie Road Hotel, Newtown	11.45am

April 2017 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	<u>Rlc.</u> Brunswick Blush 'Coral'	Roy Anderson
Novice Species	Nil	
Novice Seedling	Nil	
Judges Choice Novice	<u>Rlc.</u> Brunswick Blush 'Coral'	Roy Anderson
Open Hybrid	<u>Rlc.</u> Mem. Susan Hawkins	Trevor Deans
Open Species	<u>Coel.</u> <i>Massangeana</i> now <u>Coel.</u> <i>tomentosa</i>	Neville & Heather Guppy
Open Seedling	<u>Rlc.</u> Sunstate Colorchart x <u>Rlc.</u> Burdekin Delight	Trevor Deans
Judges Choice Open	<u>Rlc.</u> Mem. Susan Hawkins	Trevor Deans
Master Hybrid	<u>Paph.</u> Caroline Hands 'Ashlyn'	Mal Martin
Master Species	<u>Paph.</u> <i>Charlesworthii</i>	Mal Martin
Master Seedling	<u>Phal.</u> Mituo Ambo	Steve & Sonia Pope
Judges Choice Master	<u>Paph.</u> <i>Charlesworthii</i>	Mal Martin
Judges Choice Overall	<u>Paph.</u> <i>Charlesworthii</i>	Mal Martin
Popular Vote	<u>Rlc.</u> Gerard Scalia	David & Carolyn Woolf

Paph. *Charlesworthii*

Paph. Caroline Hands 'Ashlyn'



***Pots and equipment available from Heather Guppy, 43 Noll Street,
Kearneys Spring - phone 46356868. List on page 4 of TANBARK.***

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!

*"Whether you think you can, or
you think you can't — either way
you're right."*

— Henry Ford

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Next Meeting
26th May 2017**