

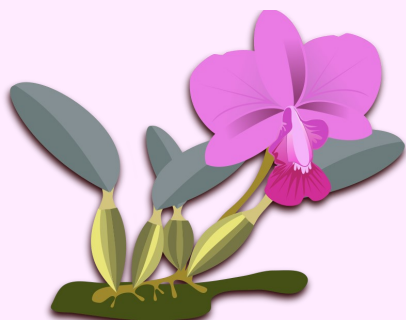
# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**Jan/Feb**  
**2018**

***Welcome***  
***To a brand new year of***  
***orchid growing from***  
***your editorial team.***



***Russell, Inge and Krystal***

## **Meetings:**

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

## **Venue:**

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Cnr. James and Phillip St, Toowoomba

## **Annual Subscription:**

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## **TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

Minutes of meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm, Welcomed members

And wished All a Happy New year.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** - Toilets, Evacuation Procedures – were mentioned

**GUEST SPEAKER:** David will give a presentation that he gave at the Perth conference last year.

**JUDGES FOR TONIGHT** P Neylon, I Vescovi and W Williams

**NEW MEMBERS** Vicki Layton and Margaret Hart.

**VISITORS:** Steve Keen, Leanne Dieckmann- new members signed up tonight.

**APOLOGIES:** - Apologies as logged in attendance book.

**SICK LIST:** The meeting wished John Woolf a speedy recovery.

**MINUTES:** Moved B Breuel, seconded D Woolf that the minutes of the November meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. All those in favour – carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A brief report on the correspondence for the month

Correspondence – Last month's Management Committee minutes available.

Inwards- Thank you letter and receipt from Hospice. QOS autumn show notice. Beaudesert orchid show notice. Thank you letter from Pittsworth craft and Fine Food Spectacular. .Annual return of association form- to be completed by new committee.

Correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed, Moved C Harriman. Seconded J Brown. All those in favour – carried

**TREASURERS REPORT:** - Treasurer Murray gave us an insight into our finances.

### **Accounts-**

Payments- Toowoomba Hospice- \$2000.00- donation from Spring show.

Credit balance in working account of \$10,352.44

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

All those in favour – carried

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 10<sup>th</sup> December & 16<sup>th</sup> December – The president thanked everyone who took part. We had fun and raised in excess of \$2,000 for the club. Thank you to all who participated. Also don't forget our next sausage sizzle on the 4<sup>th</sup> March again at "old Bunnings".
2. We have been invited back to the Bunnings Garden Club on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The topic this time will be growing Australian native orchids.
3. Bus trip to the Queensland International Orchid Fair at Beenleigh. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Cost of \$20 per person. Names in asap please. L Cherry suggested inviting other clubs (not necessarily orchid clubs) to join bus trip. Good idea but probably too late now.

Discussion followed as there were not enough people for large bus and too many for small bus. Volunteer drivers were sought- to car pool- D Woolf will take his van to bring home the goodies.

4. Membership subscriptions now due – please see the Treasurer. Several people paid on night. Direct debit into bank account for those who were unable to pay.
5. AGM next month. Please consider a position. Treasurer, Secretary MC and SC all need fresh ideas. Nominate if you feel you can contribute. Treasurer and secretary will not be accepting nominations.
6. March meeting date is 16<sup>th</sup> March not the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday which would be the 23<sup>rd</sup> - similar problem for November. We were not even consulted regarding these date changes – just informed so I've booked 5 years in advance from 2019.
7. Orchids in the foothills – AOC Conference in July.
8. Pittsworth Craft & Fine Food Spectacular:- Kev & Yvonne, Bernie & Ann went along and represented our club. Thank you letter received. Well done & thank you.
9. Members endorsed suggestion that charity for this year be Riding for the Disabled.
10. Discussion regarding possibility of combined show with Lockyer and Ipswich clubs - would replace our summer show. Vendors would be invited. No member plant sales. All present supported idea. Volunteers will be sought shortly to participate on steering committee. First show to be held in 2019.
11. Discussion regarding direction of new growers group. Suggestion to drop TOSCA (little interest now)- and have a new grower's group every month. One month afternoon at member's green house- alternate month at D Woolf's place. All members supported idea with suggestion to change name as any member may participate in having afternoon at their green house. Members interested in having green house visit include BB. J Brown, T Dean, RB, C Harriman.
12. Suggestions for guest speakers- Barry Kable, bulbos, insecticides/ pesticides.
13. C Woolf will commence fund raising for Christmas Party in March.
14. Discussion regarding continuation of plant auction- ongoing support from members. Our resident auctioneer- B Vayro encouraged spirited bidding for three plants donated by J Terry, K Baker and D Woolf.

David Woolf then gave a very interesting talk on future hybridising of mid-sized Cattleyas. The talk was well received with quite a few questions. Thanks David.

## **Supper**

Kev's Corner – K Baker gave an informative talk on species plants tabled- including a very interesting specimen tabled by Roy Anderson.

Winners on the bench tonight? P Neylon shared judges thoughts on plants tabled.

Draw Raffles – Lucky Exhibitor. & Fruit Tray and plants- congratulations to those winners.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

### A word from the president.

Well it's been almost two months since I sat down here and scratched my head looking for inspiration. But inspiration is easy to come by if you walk into the orchid house or better still into a TOS meeting.

The January meeting saw yet again, the display tables overflowing with magnificent plants. I'm glad I don't have to decide what are winners and losers. I guess that's one benefit from sitting at the front table. In fact I've never had to make those decisions. Just lucky?

We again had over 65 plants on the benches and with that number it's good to see the judging finished quite quickly so our re-shuffle of the meeting judging system seems to be effective.

Don't forget that our March meeting is on the third Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) as the fourth Friday has already been booked despite TOS being a firm customer for many years.

While we're on things not to forget; we have another sausage sizzle at the old Bunnings on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. We'll have a roster for helpers to nominate at our next meeting.

As far as sausage sizzles go we have staged 2 very successful ones since our last meeting which were a lot of fun and netted over \$2000 for the club.

Our next meeting is our AGM when all positions are declared vacant so if you feel you can help in some form please nominate. I'm told the Secretary and the Treasurer aren't re-nominating so we're desperate to fill those positions as well as management committee. So give it some thought please.

The nominations should be with the secretary 14 days prior to the AGM so get cracking.

Until next time

Good growing

*John*

## January 2018 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	Gct. Swill of Brandy	R & R Barnett
Novice Species	Ddc. <i>cobbianum</i>	J Brown
Novice Seedling	No Entries	
<b>Judges Choice Novice</b>	<b>Ddc. <i>cobbianum</i></b>	<b>J Brown</b>
Open Hybrid	Gom. Alosuka 'Claire'	B & A Breuel
Open Species	Neobenthamia <i>gracilis</i>	R Anderson
Open Seedling	No Entries	
<b>Judges Choice Open</b>	<b>Gom. Alosuka 'Claire'</b>	<b>B &amp; A Breuel</b>
Master Hybrid	Phrag. Grande	J & C Terry
Master Species	Neo. <i>falcata</i>	K Baker
Master Seedling	Phrag. Waunakee Sunset x Rosalie Dixler	J & C Terry
<b>Judges Choice Master</b>	<b>Neo. <i>falcata</i></b>	<b>K Baker</b>
<b>Popular Vote</b>	C. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	D & C Woolf

## Presidents Report 2018

2017 has proven yet again to be another successful year for Toowoomba Orchid Society.

We have staged four fabulous shows which seem to go from strength to strength.

Starting with our autumn show which saw, as usual a wonderful range of genera but I believe the standout category was the Cattleya group with almost ninety plants entered. It was a sight to behold drawing comments from members and the public alike.

Then our winter show came along in July and again what a beauty. We had 400 plants exhibited and what a spectacle with more genera than I've seen at other shows I've visited. The grand champion was a Rossioglossum grande which was definitely the best seen by the judges. Then the great effort for the reserve champion to go to a novice grower and the plant was also awarded an HCC/AOC by the judges on the night. Well done Jan Leeming.

This was backed up by a very strong showing in the novice classes which I have stated before that the strength of a club is indicated by the quality on the novice bench and the enthusiasm of the growers.

The Carnival of Flowers heralded our spring show and again superlatives fail. The Cymbidium and Softcane benches were a bit tight but I think it all added to the effect. Grand champion and champion novice both went to two plants of the species Cattleya intermedia. This clearly shows that looking back to the species and growing some select line bred seedlings can produce a wonderful result.

Our Cymbidium section, for which Toowoomba is renowned, was a little light on but it was really pleasing to see some real quality in the seedling classes. We certainly need to be growing more seedlings as they are most certainly tomorrow's champions and if we're not moving forward then we stagnate and perish.

The summer show or Sarc show as it has been called lived up to tradition with the number of Sarcochilus exhibited right up there again and while the quality was high, we were spoiled by the excellence seen back in 2015 but it's an incentive to strive for. So you Sarc growers get going. But the numbers in the other genera was excellent and another wonderful show.

It never ceases to amaze me where the plants come from for our shows. Members chorus the "won't have much for the show" theme but on the day they turn up in spades. Well done to all exhibitors. You make the shows the success that they are and to the members who come along, even if you don't have plants on the bench and help out constantly, well done.

The show committee has done a remarkable job this year with little experience and a steep learning curve the shows went off flawlessly. Thank you so much. Thanks also to our database co-ordinator Roy who has ensured smooth sailing with regards to show judging etc.

To the executive and management committee, my sincerest thanks for your support and diligence throughout the year. I believe we've achieved what we set out to in so much as I consider we have a stronger club with a really good base of experience and a good number of new members.

On the subject of new members; David Woolf has been holding the New Growers meetings every other month this last year and they have been delightfully successful.

## Presidents Report 2018 Cont'd

Attendance numbers at the last meeting had swelled to 24 which is encouraging for the future of the club.

I get a great sense of satisfaction presenting members with achievement awards for graduating from novice to open section and open to master grower.

David, with his many contacts, has also done a great job organising guest speakers. We have been spoiled again as over the last 12 months having seen four speakers from outside the club. Michael Coker, Bruce Wood, Tony Beck and Barry Kable; all quality presenters who have visited and imparted their knowledge to all who listened. I can tell you that TOS is the envy of a great number of clubs with regard to attracting guest speakers. Thanks David.

We had a well organised Christmas party this year and it's lovely as a President to not have to be overseeing events like that. It was efficiently handled by Caroline and Sonia and the fund raising efforts meant that all attendees not only had a lovely meal and good company on the night but took home an orchid plant as well. Thanks Ladies.

To our Tanbark editors who have done a great job keeping us informed for another year.

To all the members who, through their tireless efforts, help make the running of the club meetings easier and smooth out any potential bumps. There are so many people involved in just staging a monthly meeting which is the very basis of our club's activities and to them a big thank you

To my wife Colleen, for putting up with me when things aren't exactly running smoothly. For the advice & calming words when necessary. For being the sounding board when ideas aren't forthcoming and for being my rock. Thank you.

To all members and friends, to all the orchid fanatics and to those not quite captivated, I thank you all for a wonderful year

*John Terry*

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

<b>1st March 2018</b>	<b>Highfields Tavern, Highfields</b>	<b>11.45am</b>
<b>5th April 2018</b>	<b>Federal Hotel, James St. Tmba</b>	<b>11.45am</b>
<b>3rd May 2018</b>	<b>Bull &amp; Barley Inn, 61 Eton St, Cambooya</b>	<b>11.45am</b>



### 2017 Charity donation to Toowoomba Hospice

TOS management committee was invited to a tour of the Toowoomba hospice. Shown are those who could make it with Mark Munro (manager) after handing over the cheque. Certainly a humbling experience. Pic and text supplied by John Terry.

**Note: Cash only for Heather and Neville please.**

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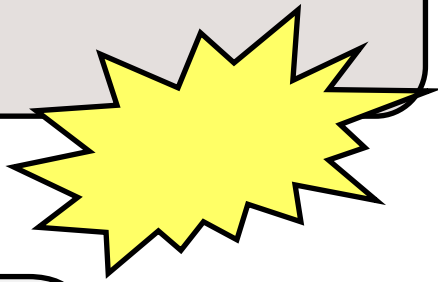
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Size	Price Each	Size	Price Each
80mm	30c	100mm (tall)	25c
100mm	20c	100mm	20c
125mm	35c	120mm (old stock)	15c
140mm	50c	125mm	25c
175mm	50c	140mm	30c
200mm	60c	180mm	50c
270mm	\$1.50	200mm	60c
100mm Orchid Pot	40c	250mm	\$1.20
125mm Orchid Pot	55c	Saucers 200mm	70c
150mm Orchid Pot	75c	Saucer 300mm	\$1.55
175mm Orchid Pot	\$1.20	Plant Clips Small	11c
200mm Orchid Pot	\$2.20	Plant Clips Medium	12c
140mm Labels	\$3.50 per 50	Plant Clips Large	30c
100mm Labels	\$3.20 per 50	Bark (Orchiata)	\$26
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





## 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!

*"Many collectors died in the process of searching for new species, and despite persistent reports that the men died from drowning, gunshot and knife wounds, snakebite, trampling by cattle, or blows in the head with blunt instruments, it is generally accepted that in each case the primary cause of death was orchid fever."*

— [Eric Hansen, Orchid Fever: A Horticultural Tale of Love, Lust, and Lunacy](#)

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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018