

# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



## August 2017



**John Terry, Con Harriman and Murray Ferguson enjoying a humorous presentation**

### 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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**TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

Meeting Minutes dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The President opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

Welcomed members

**HOUSEKEEPING** - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – familiarise yourself with it etc. Legal requirements. Also please ensure you've signed the attendance book for fire safety reasons.

**GUEST SPEAKER** - We'll see a presentation given by Fred Clark.

**JUDGES FOR TONIGHT**- C Crees, J Woolf, T Deans.

**NEW MEMBERS** - Paul and Judy Weller and Barbara O'Brien were welcomed.

**VISITORS** - Nil

**APOLOGIES** - Apologies to be logged in attendance book. Please pass round the attendance book to ensure it's signed by everyone.

**SICK LIST** - G Little

**MINUTES** - The minutes of the June meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct was moved by I Anderson and seconded by K Baker. All those in favour – carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Correspondence – Last month's Management Committee minutes available.

Outwards- letters to names on voucher re continued support of same. Letter to hall committee re using our tables- declined.

Correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed, Moved C Harriman

Seconded .Roy Anderson. **All those in favour** – carried

No correspondence required further discussion.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** - Treasurer will give us an insight into our finances.

**Accounts**- Fernland Agencies - \$784.42: Bunnings \$980 (Gaming Fund Monies)

Credit balance in working account of \$5701.08

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

Winter show- 237 people through door- approx. profit \$1100

Seconded by Roy Anderson. All those in favour – carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Winter show – less Cymbidiums, but we made up with lots of other genera. Well done to everyone who had a hand in the success.

2. Bill Thoms is speaking at Coolum hall on 19<sup>th</sup> of August. He is a renowned Bulbophyllum breeder from Florida and would certainly be worth a listen.
  3. Carolyn & Sonia have volunteered to organise the Christmas party this year. – Carolyn advised Blue Mt Hotel has been booked. \$20.00 per head. Fund raising will contribute to lesser payment- tonight Avos for sale, pie drive forms available- due by 18<sup>th</sup> August, mango drive later. Members may nominate a plant at the Spring show to be sold as a donation to the Christmas Party fund raising.
  4. New Growers Group will be at Jim Browns at 2.00pm on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Address is 37 Horrocks Cres. Kearneys Spring.
  5. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 10<sup>th</sup> December.
  6. The Plant Auction. Purpose of auction is to get quality plants into club. Monies raised will buy quality orchid for next auction. Fredclarkeara donated by David Woolf and a Complex Paph donated by J Terry. Successful bidder for both plants was Inge Anderson.
  7. Fertiliser will be available for sale to club members ONLY. David Woolf gave short talk on types available.
- GRANULAR-not for use on root stock or soft canes. Good for gross feeders. Small doses eg 3 grains for 80mm pot. Needs moisture and heat to activate.
- LIQUID – Dilute according to instructions- keep refrigerated between uses.
- ROOTING HORMONE- dilute 1ml/lt. Dose when repotting and again 4 weeks later. A third dose when plants have growth spurt.
8. Grand Champion at last two shows has been a species orchid. We will now have Kev's corner. K Baker will give a 5 minute talk at each meeting on species orchids that have been tabled. Very informative.
  9. Melco storage shed has a leak- we have been allocated another shed in the same row- no. 76. This container is newer although not insulated. Available members are asked to meet at Melco front gate on Sunday morning 10am to help move club stuff to new shed.
  10. There are limited pot supplies now in the hall cupboard- members still contact Heather for larger quantities
  11. D Woolf provided feedback on winter show- good variety of plants tabled. The current system of submitting plant names the Monday before judging night seems to be working well. Now that club has computer with Orchid Wiz installed- members are encouraged to use this to check names and genre of plants. This computer will be available from next meeting. Unfortunately three very expansive plants were stolen from the show. Also the hall was opened by hall members on the Sunday morning and left open- secretary to write letter to hall committee.
  12. Fred Clark presentation- very interesting - some beautiful colours and informative for those interested in making own crosses.

Winners on the bench tonight- D Woolf gave a run down.

Committee meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm. The president thanked everyone for coming and wished all a goodnight. Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm.

A word from the President.

What a joy to see a plant grown by a novice member win reserve champion of our winter show. See it can be done; with a good choice of plant, excellent cultural conditions with a very good eye for detail, you too can have wonderful results. Well done Jan Leeming and congratulations on having your plant awarded an HCC by the judges. The grand champion of show, *Rossioglossum grandee* was by far the best I've seen and the judges we impressed as well, awarding the plant an AM.

Well done to all the winners but unfortunately there can only be so many winners so if you exhibited plants and didn't win a prize, thank you. The display was first-class with almost 400 plants and more genera than seen at most; if not all the shows I've visited. The novice section had some really well grown and presented plants and it was a joy when setting up the show to have to erect extra tables to bench the novice section.

A word of advice that I read just recently is to learn the basics of orchid culture first. Learn the simple things like how to water, repot, fertilise, and provide air movement, humidity and shade under **your** conditions before experimenting with new mixes, fertiliser regimes and all sorts of other techniques. The three most important things in growing orchids is observe, observe and observe and get to know what you're looking at. Wait until you have proven to yourself that you have mastered the simple basics of good orchid culture before you set out to revolutionise the orchid world.

I'll get off my soapbox now before I fall and break the other wrist.

The working bee did a wonderful job in shifting all our goods from our leaky old Melco container to a new one with a good clean out of unused junk along the way. Thanks to the workers.

I get a bit twitchy when I pass the potting bench at the moment as the lengthening days and warmer temperatures (at least this week) are triggering the swelling of new growths and new roots so in another month it's back to potting the earlier starters.

Don't forget the new growers group on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Until then – good growing

*John*

***August Meeting Plant Auction!***

***Empty the coin jars and be prepared to bid for some very nice Maudiae type***

***Paphiopedilum seedlings courtesy of Murray Ferguson***



### **Cut Flower Class**

Most of the members will be aware of the new class for cut flowers or spikes. If you have a plant that you are embarrassed to show in public eg. bitten, droopy or just looking neglected but has a great spike or even an individual flower then this class is for you. And me. If there is only one good flower on the spike then remove it and enter it in this class. The more the better as everyone who has seen the displays of these has commented on the wonderful show they give. Please enter any flowers you would like to show.



## Upcoming shows in other districts 2017

| When          | What                         | Where   |
|---------------|------------------------------|---|
| 26, 27 August | ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group Inc.   | Strathpine Community Centre,<br>119 Gympie Rd, Strathpine |
| 26, 27 August | North Brisbane Orchid Show   | Auditorium, Botanic Gardens,<br>Mt Coot-tha               |
| 26, 27 August | Logan & District Orchid Show | Springwood Road State School,<br>Springwood               |
| 2 September   | Redlands Orchid Show         | Donald Simpson Centre<br>172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland |
|               |                              |   |

**The club now has a supply of Rutec Growth Formula.  
The product is said to encourage root growth.  
The price to members only will be \$7 for 1 Litre  
Please order from Heather on 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        | \$5.00 per 100 | 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**  
**and**  
**Neville**  
**please.**  
**Phone :**  
**46356868**



Coel. cristata



Den. Australian Freckles

## August Presentation

We will have a panel discussion on mounting plants

## Spring Show 15 - 19 Sep.

I hope everyone is watching their plants closely to see what surprises are coming through. I have many spikes on the way and some that are already out and likely to be finished by show time. Some of the slower flowerers have been moved into brighter light to encourage them while the faster openers have been relocated to my bath tub in an effort to slow them down. I actually have no idea if these moves have any effect but in these silly seasons I will try anything.

Happy growing and please let me know if you have any tricks to speed up or slow down flowering as I am sure many of our growers will be interested. Ed.

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

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|------------------|--|---------|
| 7 September 2017 | Meringandan Hotel, Meringandan         | 11.45am |
| 5 October 2017   | Fiveways Hotel, Mort St, Nth Toowoomba | 11.45am |
| 2 November 2017  | Wilsonton Hotel, 40 Richmond Drive     | 11.45am |

## July 2017 Meeting Results

| Class                        | Plant Name   | Owner                            |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Novice Hybrid                | <u>Onc.</u> Twinkle                                      | Carol O'Leary                    |
| Novice Species               | <u>Din.</u> polybulbon                                   | Carol O'Leary                    |
| Novice Seedling              | Nil benched  |                                  |
| <b>Judges Choice Novice</b>  | <b><u>Onc.</u> Twinkle</b>                               | <b>Carol O'Leary</b>             |
| Open Hybrid                  | <u>Ctt.</u> Dal's Lee                                    | Trevor Deans                     |
| Open Species                 | <u>Med.</u> decoratum                                    | Neville & Heather Guppy          |
| Open Seedling                | <u>Rth.</u> Burdekin Champagne x <u>C.</u> Horace        | Trevor Deans                     |
| <b>Judges Choice Open</b>    | <b><u>Rth.</u> Burdekin Champagne x <u>C.</u> Horace</b> | <b>Trevor Deans</b>              |
| Master Hybrid                | <u>Rth.</u> Rosella's Horace                             | Cec & Di Crees                   |
| Master Species               | <u>C.</u> intermedia f. aquinii                          | Cec & Di Crees                   |
| Master Seedling              | <u>Paph.</u> fairrieantum                                | David & Carolyn Woolf            |
| <b>Judges Choice Master</b>  | <b><u>Paph.</u> fairrieantum</b>                         | <b>David &amp; Carolyn Woolf</b> |
|                              |  |                                  |
| <b>Judges Choice Overall</b> | <b>Not Judged</b>  |                                  |
| <b>Popular Vote</b>          | <b><u>Rlc.</u> Chyong Guu Linnet 'Smile'</b>             | <b>Trevor Deans</b>              |

*Some of the benched plants from the July meeting*

**Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnet 'Smile'**

**Paph. Fairrieantum 'Ganesh Villa'**



*Pots and equipment available from  
Heather & Neville Guppy - phone  
46356868. List on page 6 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!

You can't buy happiness, but you  
can buy plants!

And that's pretty much the same  
thing.

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Remember -  
Next Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2017