

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



May
2018

Next Meeting

25th May

7.30pm



Aerides magnifica

Big Russ

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 27th April 2018

The President opened the meeting at 7.25pm and welcomed members.

HOUSEKEEPING: - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure mentioned as well as urging members to ensure they've signed the attendance book.

GUEST SPEAKER: Discussion on OrchidWiz

JUDGES FOR TONIGHT Mal, Ivan & Roy

NEW MEMBERS - nil

VISITORS: nil

SICK LIST: Joan Naumann is recovering from a fall. The meeting wished her a speedy recovery. Eunice Mahony is also unwell. We hope she's on the mend.

MINUTES: David Woolf moved that the minutes of the March meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. Seconded Jim Brown. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A brief report on the correspondence for the month was given consisting of last month's Management Committee minutes, various newsletters, copy of Orchids Australia. The Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed, Seconded Peter Neylon. Carried

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

Credit balance in working account of: \$7845.42

Total Income for the month: \$2049.41

Total expenses for the month: \$1830.08.

Accounts for Payment:-

PLS Printer Services - \$385.00

Woolf OrchidCulture - \$55.00

Fernland Agencies - \$57.65

Bernie moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded Lynne Pemberton. Carried.

The president commented on the quality of the report tabled and urged members to inspect it.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 29th April. Again at old Bunnings – that's this Sunday. Roster circulated. Another on 28th July at Bunnings North. Mark it on your calendar.

2. Autumn Show – 12th May – Setup 11th May - for anyone who doesn't have access there are show schedules at front desk. Seedling labels & sales tags available as well. Plant labels will be perforated, so fold and tear and put them in the wire label holders. Wire label holders are not disposable. This is 1900 the club has purchased so far. Where have they gone? Plants in by 6.00pm. Helpers needed from 3.30pm. Plant names in to David or me by 7.30pm Monday 7th May. David reminded members that plants need to be in good condition, free of pests and disease and generally clean and tidy. Plant labels will be in the form of a perforated sheet so firstly fold along the lines and tear off. Hall setup will help members set their plants in the correct position and are urged to do so. David also called for volunteers to be scribes and runners and informed members that anyone else, other than workers will be asked to vacate the hall at commencement of judging. Roster for judging night helpers circulated.

3. Membership subscriptions now over- due – please see the Treasurer if you haven't already. This will be the last newsletter for un-financial members.

4. New growers group is at Jim Brown's on 6th May at 2.00pm. Don't forget a chair and a plate for afternoon tea. Address 37 Horrocks St. Kearneys Spring.

5. The president then gave an explanation as to how the trade table will operate at shows. Members funds are used to acquire the goods at discounted prices and those prices are passed on to members. Only members. The public will pay members price plus 25% hence all goods sold at shows are marked up prices. Members wishing to purchase items at a show should either pre order or do business when the trade table isn't busy otherwise they will be charged at the higher prices. Pre-packaged bark etc. is marked at \$10 and thus will be available to members at \$8; likewise small packs of labels or clips are marked \$4 and are sold to members at \$3. The new members' price list will be included in Tanbark.

6. A Cymbidium grower moved from Victoria to Bundaberg and brought his plants with him and now can't flower them. If anyone is interested in getting hold of some or all his plants, I have his contact details. peter.annpress@bigpond.com Rick Emmerson also has some Cymbids for sale at very reasonable prices. Contact him at rick@pacificbeachorchids.com.au.

7. The members were asked if anyone has knowledge as to the whereabouts of the second pull-up banner? Last seen at the 2017 spring show?

8. Members were informed that plant sales monies will be paid by bank transfer in the future so it will be necessary to provide bank details to the secretary. This will be necessary for the winter show.

9. Club Shirts – members have indicated a need for more club shirts for use at Sausage Sizzles, bus trips and shows. The cost to members will be around \$30. A list of names and sizes has been started. If you need one please contact me. We will report back to next meeting with details.

An OrchidWiz demonstration followed where members were shown how to use this software. Kev Baker gave a short appraisal of some of the species on the bench with particular attention to the culture of *Stenoglottis longifolia*

President John wished all a safe trip home.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Attached is a picture of the pipe framework necessary to construct an igloo orchid house. It would measure 12m long x 4m wide x 2.6m high.

Would need to be picked up from Erika and Charlie Dedekind at Westbrook.

The asking price is \$400

If you are interested and want more details contact them on 4637 2045 or

email aededekind@iinet.net.au



A word from the President

As I write this I'm wondering when I should put the covers on a few of the orchid houses. The weather is still mild (I'm not complaining), with no sign of the real chill usually experienced at this time. I'm hoping the mild weather won't adversely affect the flowers for our upcoming Autumn Show.

Based on the benching at the last meeting, the show should be excellent. Fourteen members exhibited 94 plants. Some magnificent plants were tabled. Well done to those members.

The Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on the 29th April was another success with good support from members and the public raising \$940.39 for the club. A sincere thanks to all those who helped with the organisation and who helped out on the day. Part of the money raised has already been spent with the purchase of 10 more tables to help make staging our shows easier.

On the subject of shows, I've heard that some members find it daunting trying to decide which class to fit their plants into when nominating the plants for the shows. For novice growers it's fairly straightforward; just select the "family" your plant comes from eg- Cattleya, Oncidium etc.

For the rest of us with some experience, we know which section a plant should be entered and from there it's just a matter of finding the class you believe is best fit. Should you have trouble deciding, either put a question mark against the class or a phone call may help clear up the doubt. Either way, don't stress about it.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, the new Treasurers software will enable plant sales money to be paid via bank transfer. This will prove far easier than writing dozens of cheques and is certainly just as secure. This will most likely start at the winter show so prior to then you'll need to fill out a form containing your bank details and give it to either the treasurer or the secretary. That is if you want to get paid.

Twenty members enjoyed the hospitality of Jim and Sandra Brown at their home for our new growers' get-together. It was a most enjoyable and informative afternoon with David covering many and varied topics as well as so many questions. It was also good to look at some well grown plant in Jim's orchid house. Not a large structure but we've seen some very nice flowers produced from within. Thanks to everyone who participated as well as our hosts and David.

Until next time.

Enjoy your orchids

John

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

7th June 2018	Qi'Lin Chinese Restaurant, 29/187 Hume Street	11.45am
5th July 2018	Farmers Arms, New England Hwy, Cabarlah	11.45am
2nd August 2018	Withcott Hotel, Warrego Hwy, Withcott	11.45am

Basic Orchid Photography

Firstly, to capture a beautiful orchid photo, you do not need an expensive camera. Many of my photos are taken with my very ordinary mobile phone.

Taking the perfect picture does require a bit of skill and practice on your part, but it can be done. I'll give you a few basic tips and tricks for getting the perfect picture of your orchids with the digital point and shoot camera or phone camera that you probably already have.

Tip 1:

The first tip is to keep the camera as still as possible. In order to get the sharpest photograph possible, you will need to keep the camera still in order to get the best result. To do this without a tripod you can rest your elbows or camera on a table, box or stack of books etc.



Elbows on the table. Piece of black cloth for backdrop. Tap on screen to focus on the flower.

The result. Every blemish visible. This picture is straight from the phone with no adjustments. Not too bad.



Tip 2:

Background. You are trying to capture the beauty of your orchid not a distracting background. Many photographers like to use a plain background such as a cloth, curtain, sheet, or tablecloth in order to focus attention on the orchid itself. Generally, dark coloured orchids look best against a white or light-coloured background and lighter coloured orchids look great against a black background. If you do decide to use a plain background, be sure to place it at least 50cm behind you orchid so that the auto-focus on your camera doesn't focus on tiny details in the background such as wrinkles or dust. I even use a sheet of plain coloured paper for smaller flowers.

Tip 3:

Perfect lighting. Lighting is an important element in any photograph and can distinguish a good photograph from a great one. I find that natural light is always best as flashes, tungsten and other light sources greatly distort the true colours. You can easily bounce sunlight off of a large white wall or sheet onto your orchid for a nice, naturally lit look. I take a lot of pictures on my shaded patio. Always try to use diffused or reflected sunlight whenever possible, because it will allow you to turn the flash off and get a more natural-looking picture without any of the odd shadows that a flash can sometimes create.

Tip 4:

Use your camera's macro setting. This allows you to capture a very detailed close-up shot. This setting is sometimes indicated by a Flower or Microscope symbol. You may want to go through your camera's manual and find out how to best use the macro setting for your particular camera, including how far away to take the picture for the best results.

The great thing about digital photography is that you can take as many pictures as you want and are only limited to your cameras memory space. Experiment with different angles and lighting and remember to have fun! You may end up with stunning photographs you are proud to show off to your family and friends.

Happy snapping
Russell

April 2018 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	<u>Brat.</u> Dennis Kleinback 'Crowhurst'	J Brown
Novice Species	<u>L. anceps</u> 'Tyla'	P Kajewski
Novice Seedling	<u>Rth.</u> Young-Min Gold	J Brown
Judges Choice Novice	<u>Brat.</u> Dennis Kleinback 'Crowhurst'	J Brown
Open Hybrid	<u>C.</u> Caudebec x <u>C.</u> Roy Finley	H Guppy
Open Species	<u>L. anceps</u> 'Chamberlains'	A Neylon
Open Seedling	No Entries	
Judges Choice Open	<u>L. anceps</u> 'Chamberlains'	A Neylon
Master Hybrid	<u>Rlc.</u> Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'	D & C Woolf
Master Species	<u>Aer.</u> Quinquilulnera f. farmeri	S & S Pope
Master Seedling	<u>Gom.</u> Dusk	D & C Woolf
Judges Choice Master	<u>Aer.</u> Quinquilulnera f. farmeri	S & S Pope
Judges Choice Overall	<u>Aer.</u> Quinquilulnera f. farmeri	S & S Pope
Popular Vote Tie	<u>L. anceps</u> 'Chamberlains'	A Neylon
Popular Vote Tie	<u>Bulb.</u> rothschildianum	A Neylon

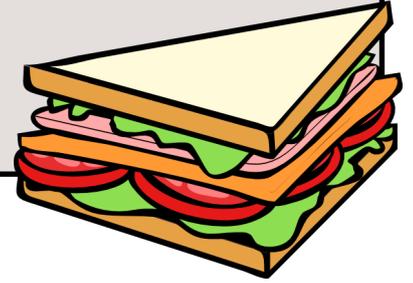
***Member Prices* Note: Cash only for Heather and Neville please. Phone : 46356868**

Squat Pot 100mm	\$0.20	Standard Pot 100mm (Tall)	\$0.25
Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.20
Squat Pot 140mm	\$0.35	Standard Pot 125mm	\$0.25
Squat Pot 175mm	\$0.50	Standard Pot 140mm	\$0.30
Squat Pot 200mm	\$0.60	Standard Pot 180mm	\$0.50
Orchid Pot 70mm	\$0.25	Standard Pot 200mm	\$0.60
Orchid Pot 100mm	\$0.40	Standard Pot 250mm	\$1.20
Orchid Pot 125mm	\$0.55	Saucer 200mm	\$0.70
Orchid Pot 150mm	\$0.70	Saucer 300mm	\$1.55
Orchid Pot 175mm	\$1.20	Pot Hangers 360mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Orchid Pot 200mm	\$2.20	Pot Hangers 500mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Small (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 45cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Medium (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 60cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Large (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 90cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 100mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Pencil- Stabilo 8008	\$3.50
Labels 140mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Coco Husk	\$16.00
Orchiata Bark 40L	\$25.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
Perlite Super Coarse (Pack)	\$8.00	Sphagnum Moss (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 6-9mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Charcoal Fine (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 9-12mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Charcoal Medium 20L	\$20.00
Orchid Mix 12-18mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plantacote Fertiliser Top K 1kg	\$8.00
Rutec Root Booster 1L	\$8.00	Plant Stand-Short	\$20.00
Rutec Growth Booster 1L	\$10.00	Plant Stand-Long	\$22.00



Supper at the meeting

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



Thought for the month!

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms." — Zen Shin

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