

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



January
2020

***Welcome to a
new year of
orchids and
friendship!***

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 January—Family \$25.00 / Single \$25.00

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Nominations for Management and other positions

Please consider a nomination for a position in 2020.

At this stage the positions of President, Treasurer, and Tan Bark Editor will be vacant.

A nomination form is included in this newsletter

Membership Subscriptions

It is time to pay. If you are not financial you are unable to vote at the AGM.

\$25.00 for individuals or couples. If you wish to pay by bank transfer our details are here.

Toowoomba Orchid Society

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Please include your name in the description field so we know who has paid.

Membership Audit

A membership audit form is included with this newsletter. Please complete this form and return to the secretary ASAP. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Diners 2020

Feb 6th Royal Hotel

Mar 5th Westbrook Tavern

April 2nd Federal Hotel

May 7th Rudd's Pub, Nobby

June 4th Southern Hotel

July 2nd Farmers Arms, Cabarlah

Aug 6th Downs Hotel, Drayton

Sep 3rd Meringandan Hotel

Oct 1st Newtown Hotel

Nov 5th Pioneer Arms, Goombungee

Dec 3rd Withcott Hotel

Jan 7th 2021 Highfields Tavern

From the president – January 2020

Well we made it into the New Year – Ya-hoo. The orchids don't seem to have noticed though, what with these continuing hot, dry conditions we've been experiencing. According to the Bureau, the average maximum December temperature for Toowoomba is just less than 28 degrees (not this year) with an average of 7.8 rainy days (we haven't seen them either). What happened to the week of lovely rain we used to experience when I was a kid? About the only time my father actually smiled was when some vehicle was bogged around the property or he was shaking debris off fences along the river. Maybe it's a product of growing up but we just don't seem to see those conditions anymore.

I read with some consternation the other day that 50 percent of all the orchids in the world are at risk of extinction and the rest are listed as endangered. This is a really sad situation we've allowed to happen: yes it is us; who else can we blame?

But for all we perceive that ails us we are certainly by far more fortunate than the many thousands of people involved with these terrible bushfires. My heart goes out to everyone who has been affected even in some small way; though I suspect even a slight brush with these monsters of nature would leave a deep scar. How terrible to lose lives, property, as well as flora and fauna.

On a brighter note I've just had notification of two Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings North. One on the 18th April and the other on the 13th June so put those date in your diary.

With the AGM approaching it's time to think about what you can do for your club. We'll need a President, Treasurer and Tanbark Editor that I know of, as well as some fresh faces and new ideas in the Management group. There are also lots of other jobs that will need people to perform and some helpers as well. The show committee is another important group that needs some ideas people as well as members who can perform the tasks. Please find Nomination Forms included in this publication and have them in to the Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM please.

Remember this is your club and it doesn't run itself. If you have a question regarding a position please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the management committee.

Don't forget it's time to pay our dues once more. The price is \$25 and you can find the bank details elsewhere in the newsletter should you choose to pay by bank transfer.

There is also a sheet called Membership Audit: It's an attempt to sure up our membership details. So fill it in and get it back to the secretary as soon as possible please.

The scanner equipment has arrived and a few of us have had a demo. It looks like it'll make things a good deal easier in the sales area so please participate in any training offered.

As I write this I'm looking out the window to what is supposed to be a rainy day but as yet it hasn't happened.

Enjoy your orchids.

John

From the Tan Bark Team

As per my announcement last year, I am standing down as Tan Bark editor effective from the AGM in February. While I have enjoyed bringing the news to you and receiving some wonderful comments on the publication the time has come to say goodbye.

I am making errors and not getting the same satisfaction I had at the beginning of my term.

There have been only a few negative comments on my publications, mainly for a lack of articles or photos. It may be time for anyone who made these comments to step forward and keep the newsletter moving forward.

It is not difficult. I am a two finger typist and not particularly tech savvy. Articles on orchids are readily available on the web and most are free to publish with the acknowledgement of the original author and publisher. The club camera is simple to use and takes great photos.

Please consider nominating for this position and all equipment will be at the AGM to take home and continue improving, what I consider anyway, a valuable asset to our society.

Russell, Inge and Krystal

Happy Diners in February 2020

***The next Happy Diners will be held at 11.45am on the
6th February***

At the Royal Hotel, 189 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba

Enquiries to Kevin Baker



Thank You

Inge and I would like to thank the members for the lovely flowers on the passing of her mother.

Special thanks to Glenda and Peter for the personal delivery.

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Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.25
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Squat Pot 175mm	\$0.65	Standard Pot 140mm	\$0.35
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 140mm	\$0.50
Orchid Pot 150mm	\$0.70	Saucer 200mm	\$0.75
Orchid Pot 175mm	\$1.20	Saucer 300mm	\$1.60
Orchid Pot 200mm	\$2.20	Pot Hangers 360mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Small (Pack)	\$3.00	Pot Hangers 500mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Medium (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 45cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Large (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 60cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 100mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 90cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 140mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Pencil- Stabilo 8008	\$3.50
Orchiata Bark 40L	\$27.00	Coco Husk	\$12.00
Perlite Super Coarse (Pack)	\$4.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 6-9mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Sphagnum Moss (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 9-12mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Perlite Super Coarse (100l)	\$30.00
Orchid Mix 12-18mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plantacote Fertiliser Top K 1kg	\$8.00
Rutec Root Booster 1L	\$8.00		
Rutec Growth Booster 1L	\$10.00		

Member Prices Note: Phone : 46356868

**Members
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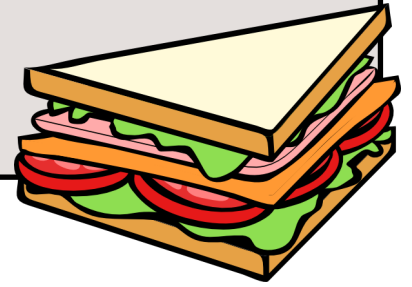
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breach of this
will be refused
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Supper at the meeting

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



Thought for the month!

The old orchid hunter lay back on his pillow, his body limp... 'You'll curse the insects,' he said at least, 'and you'll curse the natives... The sun will burn you by day and the cold will shrivel you by night. You'll be racked by fever and tormented by a hundred discomforts, but you'll go on. For when a man falls in love with orchids, he'll do anything to possess the one he wants. It's like chasing a green-eyed woman or taking cocaine... it's a sort of madness. *Susan Orlean*

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24th January 2020