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Every fourth Friday of each month at 7.30pm, except September & December.

Venue: St. Paul's Hall
Cnr. James and Phillip St
Toowoomba

Subscriptions:
Due February Yearly
Family \$25.00
Single \$25.00



Paph. Memoria Jack Feige 'Premier'

Paph. Mem. Jack Feige was named after John Charles (Jack) Feige who passed away in 2009 aged 90. Jack was a keen orchid enthusiast in South-east Queensland. The parents of this hybrid are *Paph. bellatulum* 'Jumbo' x *Paph. Tokyo Black Knight* 'Red Moon'.

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC. General Meeting Minutes

23rd March, at St Paul's Church, Phillip St, Toowoomba.

President Paul Noone opened the meeting at 7.30pm and invited members to cast their popular vote. The meeting then resumed at 7.40pm and Paul welcomed all.

Visitors and New Members: Kay Gunn

Apologies. As per the attendance book plus A & J Miller, H Steele, E & C Dedekind, G Vettiger, J Sheath and G Deacon.

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Sick List: Nil

Judges for the night. R. Emmerson, B. Klemm & S. Pope.

Minutes. The minutes for the February 2012 meeting, as printed in Tan Bark as being true and correct, were moved by R Dix and seconded by D Woolf, All those in favour, carried.

Inwards Correspondence:

Letters & Emails: Resignation letter from R & D Andrews & C & T Armstrong, Catering enquiry re Spring Show, AOF, Neutrog, Easy Orchids regarding advertising in Tanbark, Revised show schedule from R Dix, Life member list for inclusion in club records from J Woolf, Photographic comp reworked rules from M Ferguson.

Accounts: Melco Sheds, Downs Office Equipment, Aranbeem Orchids, Australian Orchid Review. Subs; C & D Crees, R Crees & I Leeming.

Newsletters & Bulletins

QOS, Southport, NOSTI, Nambour, Redcliffe, OSNSW, EDOS, Townsville, Bribie Island.

Show Schedules & Flyers

Southport O.S. notifying a change of venue for Orchids in Paradise.

Melaney Botanical Gardens

Publications

Nil

TOS Outward Correspondence:

Email

Downs Office Equipment. Easy orchids accepting their advertising in Tanbark.

Letters

Welcome letter to N Higgins, Melissa Kite of Carnival of Flower committee.

Acceptance & Endorsement: Moved by J Terry that the Inward correspondence be accepted and Outward correspondence be endorsed. Seconded by C. Woolf. All in favour – carried.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Bob Lander presented the financial report showing a credit balance in the working account of \$1525.42. Bob moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded by R. Dix - carried.

Treasurer Bob Lander also moved that with regards to the Heritage Building Account No. 5686989, that the signature of Carolyn Woolf be removed and the signature of John Terry be inserted with the continuation that two signatures being required to access the account. Seconded B. Polzin - carried

General Business:

1. The President reminded all members of the suggestion box located in the foyer and encouraged members to suggest any changes for the betterment of the club.
2. Annual Subscriptions are now due - \$25
3. A plaque of appreciation was presented by the Lions club to the society in recognition of the manning of the Lions Christmas Lights.
4. Kev Baker spoke on the club organizing a stall at the markets with a view to selling plants. The move was unsupported.
5. Our Autumn show is to be held at Gardenfest from 5th to 7th May. Murray Ferguson informed members that the room is to be setup by 3pm on 4th May with plants being accepted until 6pm. The show will close at 3pm on 7th. A show dinner will be held at the Blue Mountains Hotel at 6pm on the 6th May. All welcome. Admission passes for Gardenfest are available from Heather at a cost of \$4. These to be worn at all times within the precinct.
Speakers at Gardenfest are; – Paul Noone on Saturday, Kev Baker on Sunday and David Woolf on Monday.
6. Happy Diners will be a breakfast at the Toowoomba Golf Club at 8.30am on the 15th April
7. Athol Rosenberg will give a presentation at the next meeting on Award and meeting night Judging.
8. The April TOSCA will be at the home of Kev & Yvonne Baker – 2 Muir St. Toowoomba at 2pm on the 15th.
9. Some club shirts are still available. Cost \$28 – see Heather.

Plant of interest.

The plant of interest chosen this month was *Dendrochilum cobbianum* which was owned by Carole O'Leary. Carole gave us a brief description of her culture methods. Good to see a novice grower producing such great plants. Well done Carole.

Potting demonstration / Cultural talk. Kev Baker & John Woolf gave a most informative talk on Coelogynes with the aid of a complimentary and informative slide show prepared by John. We'll all be looking out for a few extra Coelogynes to add to our collection after that. David Woolf with the assistance of Con Harriman (David didn't want to get his hands dirty) demolished an overgrown Cattleya plant and repotted it. It looks easy in the hands of an expert and they didn't have any little pieces left like I seem to. Thanks to both.

COMPETITION RESULTS:

\$10.00 Judges Choice Species: M & K Ferguson

\$7.50 Foliage: B Polzin

\$10.00 Judges Choice Hybrid: J & C Terry

\$7.50 Novice: C. O'Leary

Following the monthly raffle – Benched plants section won by D & C Woolf and J & C Terry and the general raffles won by M. Bishop, D & C Woolf and M de Nooyer - the President thanked everybody for coming and wished all a safe trip home.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Committee Meeting Minutes March 2012,
 Held at 607 Greenwattle St, Toowoomba

The meeting was opened by President Paul Noone at 7.30pm who welcomed all.

Present: B Lander, D Woolf, M. de Nooyer, J Woolf, J Terry, F Reed, H Guppy, K Baker P Noone.

Apology: G Deacon

Visitors: M. Ferguson

Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the February meeting are true and correct.

Moved J Woolf seconded D Woolf, all in favour, carried.

Correspondence: As per the March General meeting. Moved J Terry seconded by D. Woolf, all in favour, carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Bob Lander reported a credit balance of \$1525.42 in the working account. Accounts payable; Melco Shed \$144 – Moved R Lander seconded J Terry, report accepted and accounts passed for payment.

General Business:

1. G. Deacon to compile position descriptions for the show committee. Management committee PD's to be finalised.
2. Raylene Newby is to take over as points recorder. J. Woolf to train.
3. Kev Baker is to look at the options of organizing a bus trip. Report to next meeting.
4. Margaret de Nooyer has produced a calendar of TOSCA's, New Members Group Meetings and Brom workshops. To be published once finalised.
5. Margaret is also co-ordinating the creation of new cultural notes for the society. Well in hand but a reminder to contributors to have their works in to Margaret as soon as possible.
6. Murray Ferguson sought approval for funds to have trophies engraved and purchase champion ribbons. Approved.
7. J Terry to provide card details on USB sticks for autumn show cards.
8. The meeting also approved the purchase of winter, spring and summer show champion ribbons.
9. David Woolf reminded the committee that all correspondence is to be logged with the secretary.
10. Winter and summer shows are to be only one day shows. Set up & judged on meeting night and the show to run 8.30am to 5pm on the Saturday. Dates to be announced.
11. Murray & Heather reported on Gardenfest. Local clubs are more involved this year. Wrist bands to be available from Heather for \$4. Club will provide a tent for sales area. Gardenfest expenses approved for payment.
12. Murray is still investigating our insurance policy. Broker to provide quote shortly.
13. John Woolf asked if gaming commission funds would be available to club. Paul to investigate.
14. J Woolf and J Terry to plan & coordinate Christmas party.
15. Speakers at next meeting; - D Woolf on Oncidium breeding and A Rosenberg to provide slide show on Award judging.
16. The meeting discussed holding a cent auction to help raise money for the society. June seems to be the only suitable meeting night. J Terry and helpers to organize.
17. J Terry asked for approval to purchase spare toner cartridges for the OKI printer used to print show cards. Approved.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Information for Members

Next Meeting – April 27th

Annual subscriptions are now overdue - \$25 - Please see the Treasurer.

Note New Starting Times

As of last meeting new starting times are as follows; - Plants are to be in by 7.20pm, Popular voting will start at 7.30pm and the meeting will start at 7.40pm. Don't be late or you'll miss out on casting your vote.

It is also envisaged that the business part of the meeting will be completed by 8.10pm and thus leaving us with more of the evening to spend on orchids. Any unfinished business at 8.15pm will be referred to the committee for finalization. If you have business that needs to be dealt with then forward it to the secretary so that the agenda for the night might be prioritized in an effort to complete all important business.

Committee seeks your indulgence in these changes in an effort to streamline the meetings.

Photographic Competition – Spring Show

Yes it's on again this year – the Wayne Reis Jr. Memorial photographic competition to be held as part of our Spring show. Trophy and \$100 prize money is up for grabs so start snapping. More details to follow.

New & Novice Growers Group - March

14 members attended the new and novice grower's group meeting held on 11th of March at the home of Trevor and Marlene Deans. After inspecting the bush houses and growing areas the group settled down and had an impromptu discussion on a number of subjects. This was followed by a deflasking demo of a flask of Cattleyas by David Woolf. Following the demonstration the members present were given a plant to be potted up at home and brought along to the next novice group meeting. Thanks David.

A lovely Cattleya plant that was donated by Reg Dix was raffled and was won by Fred Reed. The auction raised \$70 for the club. Thanks Reg.

A good time was had by all. Thanks also for the Dean's hospitality.

By the way if you were lucky enough to receive a plant from the flask, the cross was; Vkt. Sip of Brandy 'Triumph' HCC/AOC x C. Lana Coryell 'Alex L' AM/AOC which has now been named as **Vkt. Anzac Brandy** so write your label accordingly.



Date Claimers

TOSCA

The next TOSCA (Toowoomba Orchid Society Cultural Afternoon) will be held at the home of Kev and Yvonne Baker 2 Muir Street Toowoomba at 2.00pm on Sunday 15th April. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Bromeliad Workshop

Talbot Lodge Bromeliads is presenting a workshop at the home of Bernie Polzin on Sunday the 29th of April 11am to 3pm at 24 Avondale St. Toowoomba Phone 0409750963. Bring your own lunch, hat and a chair. Coffee and tea will be provided.

New and Novice Growers Group

The next New & Novice Growers Group will be at the home of Con Harriman on Saturday the 12th May at 2.00pm - 'Belgarion' 420 Goombungee - Mt Darry Rd

TOS Shows

Winter Show - 28th July from 8am to 5pm at St. Pauls Church Hall - Cnr James and Phillips St.

Spring Show - 21st to 26th of September - Bromeliads at St. Pauls. Orchids at Centenary Heights State School - Ramsay St. Centenary Heights.

Summer Show - 27th of October 8am to 5pm at St. Pauls Church Hall.

Happy Diners Club Lunch - by Bob Lander;

Next Happy Diner - We decided that due to Easter next month we would have another breakfast but this time on the third Sunday morning of the month, once again at the **South Toowoomba Bowls Club, 339 Hume Street on Sunday 15th April at 8.30 am**. Come along and enjoy the happy group discussions over a very nice breakfast indeed. *Thanks Bob* - Ed.

For the full calendar of Happy Diners gatherings see the table below.

Happy Diners Calendar

Date	Venue	Time
15 th April 2012	South Toowoomba Bowls Club - Breakfast	8.30am
3 rd May 2012	Preston Peak Winery, 31 Preston Peak Lane, Preston	11.30am
7 th June 2012	Federal Hotel, 111 Jame4 Street, Toowoomba	11.30am
5 th July 2012	Farmers Arms Hotel, New England highway, Cabarlah	11.30am
2 nd Aug. 2012	West Lake Chinese Restaurant, Anzac Ave. (opposite Clifford Gardens)	11.30am
6 th Sept. 2012	The Bull & Barley Hotel, 61 Eton Street, Cambooya	11.30am
4 th Oct. 2012	The Stock Exchange Hotel, Anzac Avenue, Toowoomba	11.30am
1 st Nov. 2012	The Meringandan Hotel, Main Street, Meringandan	11.30am
6 th Dec. 2012	The Wilsonton Hotel, 40 Richmond Drive, Wilsonton	11.30am
3 rd Jan. 2013	The Hockey Club, 564 Boundary Street, Glenvale	11.30am

Guest speaker /Presentation

Next Meeting

Senior Judge Athol Rosenberg will give us an insight into award judging and also explain the requirements for meeting night judging.

David Woolf will then give a presentation on Oncidium breeding. **Don't miss these!!**

Gardenfest Autumn Show.

The TOS Autumn show is to be held in conjunction with Gardenfest again this year.

The local garden clubs and societies have put their considerable support behind the event, with spectacular plants, not to mention local knowledge.

Setup is on Friday 4th May with props being collected from the Melco storage shed at 9.00am and then taken and erected. Plants can be delivered after 3.00pm until 6.00pm. No plants accepted after 6.00pm.

Judging to commence at 7.00pm.

Gates open 8.30am to 4.30pm Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th – 9.00am to 3.00pm on Monday 7th.

3 senior growers from our own society will be speaking on orchids. They are: - Paul Noone on Saturday from 1.30 – 2.00pm, Kev Baker will speak at 11.30am on Sunday and David Woolf will speak at 10 to 10.30am on Monday.

Come along and support our members.

There is still some space on the roster to man the display or sales area – so spare a few hours for our society – see Heather.

Don't forget to see Len Cherry at the next meeting to get your Show and Sales labels.

Anyone not familiar with the placement of show labels on their plants should talk to a senior grower or committee member prior to show time.

Diary

19th AOC Orchid Conference and Show 11th – 16th September 2012. Perth, Western Australia.

Gladstone Orchid and Foliage Society

Golden Jubilee Show. 6th - 8th April (Easter) – Bill Robertson Toyota, Hansen Road Gladstone.

Bribie Island Orchid Society

Silver Jubilee Show 6th – 7th April (Easter)

Student Centre - Bribie Island State High School.

Bundaberg Orchid Society - 11th – 13th May – Bundaberg Civic Centre – Burbong St. Bundaberg

Brisbane Orchid Society – 14th & 15th April – Mt. Gravatt State School Hall. 1263 Logan Rd. Mt. Gravatt.

Gold Coast District Orchid Society – 10th – 12th May – Pines Shopping Centre. Elanora.

Lockyer Valley Orchid Society – 4th & 5th May – Lutheran Hall Gatton.

Pumicestone and District Orchid & Foliage Society – 12th & 13th May – Ninghi Community Centre, Bribie Island Road, Ninghi.

Aspley Orchid Society – 12th & 13th May – Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd. Wavell Heights

Orchid Wiz Express As there haven't been any tenders forthcoming the copy of OrchidWiz will be auctioned as an open auction at our next meeting. Don't miss it.

Buy, Swap or Sell

Pots, Pot hangers & Tags – Graham Vettiger Phone: 46353731.

Graham also has some Coffee Mugs and Glasses with the society logo. Mugs \$6, Glasses \$5.00, Bark, Perlite, Peat etc. and all other orchid necessities including plants – Woolf Orchid Culture Phone 4630 1788

Want to buy or sell some orchid or orchid related item – this is your forum.

Contact the editor.

Comedy Corner

Oh – the Irish

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday & the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life.

After Mass, the priest caught up with him & said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat & I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine & I knew he came to church every Sunday.

I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass & figured he would leave it in the back of church. So, I was going to leave after Communion & steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat.

What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

With a tear in his eye the priest gave Murphy a big smile & said;"After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in hell, eh?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery I remembered where I left me hat"

24/2/2012 Results

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Australian Native	Den. Pearl Vera	P. Noone
Species Miniature	<i>Aerangis mystacidii</i>	D & C Woolf
Species Other	<i>Paph. tonsum</i>	M & K Ferguson
Exotic Hybrid	Mps. Red Knight 'The King'	J & C Terry
Seedling	C. Jungle Gem x sib	D & C Woolf
Novice	Dcd. <i>cobbianum</i>	C. O'Leary
Cultural Plant	Onc. Sarcatum	G & J Bloodworth
Plant of Interest	Sarconopsis Lavinia 'Alex'	D & C Woolf
Golden Oldie	C. Scarlet Imp 'Amy'	P Noone
Foliage	Neo. Megan	B. Polzin
Judges Choice - 1 st	Mps. Red Knight 'The King'	J & C Terry
Judges Choice - 2 nd	Paph. St. Swithin 'Jayde'	M & K Ferguson
Judges Choice - 3 rd	C. Rosella's Royal Flare	R. Dix
Judges Choice - Species - 1 st	<i>Paph. tonsum</i>	M & K Ferguson
Judges Choice – Species - 2 nd	Dcd. <i>cobbianum</i>	C. O'Leary
Judges Choice – Species - 3 rd	<i>Paph. purpuratum</i> 'Kath'	D & C Woolf
Popular Vote Hybrid	Onc. Sweetheart x Milt. Estrellita	H. Scholl
Popular Vote Species	Onc. <i>varicosum</i> 'Baldin'	D & C Woolf
Popular Vote Foliage	Neo. Dream Baby	B Polzin

Note - Correction – last month, the plant of C. Caudebec x C. Lulu (C. Caudebec Candy) was reported as being owned by T. Newby. This should have read B & B Lander. Apologies.

Due to a camera malfunction there are no photos of the winning plants this month. Sorry.

The following is an article given to me that was written by John Mata. John Mata would have been the most consistent winner of Champions at Winter and Spring shows across the southern states for 3 decades. Unfortunately for the orchid world, John is no longer with us but his wisdom and passion lives on in this article. Enjoy.

CYMBIDIUMS by John Mata

Growing Cymbidiums has taught me patience and never to be upset. I strive always to achieve the very best, but if one misses out, there is always next year.

There are always new ideas to try in order to improve my culture and achieve even better flowerings for next year's competitions and ensure the show season is an exciting one.

A year never goes by without some experiments in culture. This way I improve myself and learn a little of Nature's growth secrets along the way.

The first essential to produce a champion is to find a plant which has the flowers with the potential to make it one. The plants with top championship potential do emerge at shows and may already have achieved an award. I eye the show benches and when I see a potential I want, I check to see if it has been mericlone. If so I buy ten or twelve plants.

At least half to three quarters of them will mirror the original plant; with luck one may be better. Buying one mericlone is like none.

My greatest concern and constant effort with each of my show bench clones is to produce, year after year, a faultless spike with faultless flowers. I regard this as a blooming where the flowers are nicely spaced on and around the spike and without deformed sepals, petals, and lip. Unfortunately I have found that with every show bench plant a flower defect will appear in some years. With clones where this happens often I have tried variations in culture to try and avoid it, but eventually have had to concede that such faults arise from the plant's genes.

Nowadays I experience such problems to a lesser degree due to flowering several plants of the same clone every year. In this way I have a good chance of selecting one with a faultless raceme for the show.

It takes me five or six years to build up a plant to its maximum potential. I may have to flower it well for three seasons in order to achieve the best colour and presentation.

For shows I flower these mature plants with one spike per pseudobulb. The maximum flower size and number of flowers is achieved in this way, also, very importantly, the petals and sepals on such a plant will not furl as much. Understanding how photosynthesis works has helped me improve my culture, and has given me the confidence to work in harmony with my orchids. Photosynthesis uses energy from light to create growth and I place my plants to achieve the best possible light absorption consistently throughout the year.

The energy my plants receive must be used effectively by their growth cells, which in turn depend on watering, fertilising, day and night temperatures and air movement.

I do not believe that foliar feeding works with Cymbidiums. I use a combination of organic and inorganic fertilisers, for the latter I depend on Campbell's Blue and Campbell's Yellow and for the organic, Nitrosol and Dynamic Lifter. As days start to get longer and warmer in September I commence using Campbell's Yellow and Blue in a half and half blend and continue every 2 weeks until Christmas. I then use this mix every week until the end of February when I revert to feeding fortnightly until the middle or late May.

Dynamic Lifter is mixed equally with fine growing mix to prevent caking and the plants are topped up three or four times a year. Any good open compost responds well to this programme.

My compost consists three buckets of pine bark, preferably less than 12mm in size; three buckets of peanut shells, one bucket of rice hulls, one bucket of German peat moss and a half bucket of coarse river sand. I add to this a handful of dolomite. This mixture may vary by taking away or adding more peat moss.

Because there are some slow and some vigorous growers I culture my plants as individuals, varying watering and fertilising to suit each one. They are as much individuals as brothers and sisters in a family. As a hobby grower I can afford the time to study the singular uniqueness of each plant in this way.

Finally, I call to mind some words I read in an article some time ago: 'To win a major show, whatever the clone, it still depends upon excellent culture, preparation and flowering skills and lastly a big bit of luck.'

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