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**Meetings:**  
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



Champion Novice at the Autumn Show was won by Trevor Deans with a well flowered plant of Rlc. Brunswick Gem 'Coral' President Paul Noone presented the trophy at the May meeting.

## TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC. . General Meeting Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> May, at St Paul's Church, Phillip St, Toowoomba.

The meeting was declared open at 7.35pm by President Paul Noone, who welcomed all those present.

**Visitors:** Julieann Berghofer

**New Members:** Nil.

**Apologies.** As per the attendance book plus B Polzin, J & C Terry, D Woolf, W Williams, B & K Williams, J Sheath, W & J Naumann, J & J Woolf.

**Sick List:** John Woolf

**Judges for the night:** C. Crees, C Harriman, R. Emmerson.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the April 2012 meeting, as printed in Tan Bark as being true and correct, was moved by B. Klemm and seconded by M. Bishop, All those in favour, carried.

**Inwards Correspondence:**

**Letters & Emails:** Minutes of LVOS general meeting.

**Accounts:** Nil.

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**Newsletters & Bulletins;** NOSTI, Bribe Island O S, QOS, Townsville O S.

**Show Schedules & Flyers;** ANOS publicizing their Australasian Conference and Show in August 2013 at Strathpine & seeking a donation.

Aranbeem Orchids invitation to their open day and sale on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Nambour O S re their 2 day show in October.

Group events brochure regarding a garden tour of New Zealand in Spring (no dates supplied).

**Publications;** Nil.

**TOS Outward Correspondence:**

**Email;** Spring Show brochures sent via email to all Clubs in Northern NSW and Queensland.

**Letters;**

Thank-you letter to Mitre 10 for their donation

Letter of thanks to Lions Club of Toowoomba for the loan of their tent for Gardenfest.

Get well card to John Woolf.

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

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Bob Lander presented the financial report showing a credit balance in the working account of \$4684. Bob moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded by G. Deacon - carried.

Bob, also reminded members of the next Happy Diners to be held at the Federal Hotel on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at 11.30am.

**General Business:**

1. The President spoke of the success of the Autumn Show and Geoff Deacon, on behalf of the show committee, thanked everyone involved for their help. President Paul handed out trophies.
2. The clubs involvement in the Highfields Lions Cultural Exhibition was discussed and rejected by members.
3. Kev Baker discussed the costs of bus hire and the use of car pooling for future excursions.
4. The sign in book has been reinstated and Paul urged everyone to print their name clearly before they sign.
5. Committee has decided that certificates will be awarded to members on the transition from novice class to open and from open to master grower's class.
6. The cent auction to be held next month has been postponed to a warmer time of the year.
7. The next TOSCA will be at the home of Max and Robyn Bishop at 88 Costello Rd. Cabarlah at 2.00pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.
8. A reminder to use the suggestion box in the foyer.
9. The matter of a donation to the ANOS conference and show was referred to Committee for consideration.
10. G Little suggested that the minutes of committee meetings be included in Tanbark for members and removed for the general circulation copy. To be discussed at committee.

**Speakers for the Night.** Reg Dix gave an informative talk on the culture of quality Cattleyas. This was followed by a talk by Kev Baker on Neofinetia (Wind Orchid). Thanks to both speakers.

**COMPETITION RESULTS:**

\$10.00 Judges Choice Species: K. Baker

\$10.00 Judges Choice Hybrid: B & B Klemm

\$7.50 Novice: C. O'Leary

Following the drawing of the raffles, the President thanked everybody for coming on such a miserable night and wished everyone a safe trip home.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Thank You;** At the recent Gardenfest show, Bernie Polzin had a large tub of lemons for sale. The proceeds of which (\$39) he donated to the club. Thanks Bernie.

### A Summary of the management committee meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> June

1. New draft cultural notes thanks to Margaret. Committee to proof read and comments by next meeting.
2. J Woolf and J Terry to plan & coordinate Christmas party. Quotes in. Further discussion next meeting.
3. The need for First Aid kits was discussed. David & Geoff to investigate costings.
4. Committee minutes in Tanbark to be taken to next meeting.
5. Certificates for transition from each grower group to be produced by next meeting. J. Terry.
6. David Woolf to follow up on purchase of head microphone. Funds approved.
7. Admission of new member Julieann Berghofer. Moved R Lander, seconded F Reed. Carried unanimously.
8. Meeting decided not to provide financial support to ANOS conference & show in 2013.
9. Committee approved the purchase of badges for executive plus show marshal. Bob to order.
10. Cost of vendor sites has been referred to show committee for further consideration.
11. The show committee has been authorized to spend \$400 for Rosette Ribbons. Moved R Lander seconded H Guppy. Carried. Will provide rosettes for at least 2 years.
12. Kev Baker and helpers to investigate and produce potting mix for sale at Autumn & Spring shows.
13. A 'bus' trip to Mingara show in June next year was discussed. Provide details to general meeting and gauge support later in year.

**Annual subscriptions are now overdue.**

**If you haven't paid by now this will be the last Tanbark you'll receive.**

### *Date Claimers & Information for Members*

**Next Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012**

#### *TOSCA – Toowoomba Orchid Society Cultural Afternoon*

The next TOSCA will be at 2pm on 11<sup>th</sup> of August at the home of Graham and Shirley Vettiger. 373 West St. Toowoomba. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

#### *New and Novice Growers Group*

The next New & Novice Growers Group will be at the home of Bob and Betty Lander 33 Diosma Dr. Highfields on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm – Bring something to share for afternoon tea please.

#### *TOS Shows*

**Winter Show** - 28<sup>th</sup> July from 8am to 5pm - St. Pauls Church Hall, Crnr James and Phillips St.

**Spring Show** - 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September – **Orchids** at Centenary Heights State School Hall, Ramsay St. & **Bromeliads** at St. Pauls Church Hall, Crnr James and Phillips St.

**Summer Show** - 27<sup>th</sup> October 8am to 5pm at St. Pauls Church Hall.

#### *Guest speaker /Presentation*

**Next Meeting** - Our speakers for the June meeting will be John Woolf speaking on the direction of Oncidium Alliance breeding and Kev Baker will speak on Laelias

### *Happy Diners Club Lunch* - by **Bob Lander**;

Thirteen regulars turned up again for our Happy Diners lunch, this time at the Federal Hotel. We all had a great lunch, good sized servings, well presented, very tasty and at a very reasonable price. As usual good company with lots to talk about and a nice way to spend a few hours amongst dedicated orchid growers.

The next lunch will be on Thursday 5th of July, 2012 at the Farmers Arms Hotel, New England Highway, Cabarlah at the usual time of 11.30am

*Thanks Bob – Ed.*

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

### Happy Diners Calendar

Date	Venue	Time
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	Farmers Arms Hotel, New England highway, Cabarlah	11.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. 2012	West Lake Chinese Restaurant, Anzac Ave. (opposite Clifford Gardens)	11.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012	The Bull & Barley Hotel, 61 Eton Street, Cambooya	11.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2012	The Stock Exchange Hotel, Anzac Avenue, Toowoomba	11.30am
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. 2012	The Meringandan Hotel, Main Street, Meringandan	11.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2012	The Wilsonton Hotel, 40 Richmond Drive, Wilsonton	11.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2013	The Hockey Club, 564 Boundary Street, Glenvale	11.30am

### June TOSCA

The June TOSKA was held at the home of Max and Robyn Bishop at Cabarlah. 16 members enjoyed the exploration of the orchid houses with their bumper crop of blooms and buds. I'm sure we all learned something from the time spent gazing and asking questions. This was followed by afternoon tea and further discussions on spike straightening among other things. Sharing knowledge is a very important aspect of these wonderful events. Thanks Robyn and Max for your hospitality.



### *Diary*

**19<sup>th</sup> AOC Orchid Conference and Show** 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Perth, Western Australia.

**ANOS – Native Orchid Show** – 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August. Lions Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Rd. Lawnton

**Gold Coast & District OS** – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Albert Waterways Community Centre, Crnr Hooker & Sunshine Bvds. Broadbeach.

**John Oxley District OS** – 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Auditorium, Botanical Gardens, Mt. Coot-Tha Brisbane.

**Logan & District OS** – 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August. Logan Central Community Centre. Logan

**Queensland Orchid Society** – 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Auditorium, Botanical Gardens, Mt. Coot-Tha Brisbane.

**TAPS – (The Aust. Paphiopedilum Society)** Mini show & cent auction. 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm TLC Hall, Crnr. Grey & Peel St. South Brisbane.

### *Reminder*

Members wishing to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Orchid Conference and Show in Perth in September are reminded that Registrations will cost considerably more after 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Also accommodation in Perth may be difficult to secure at this time. Be quick or you will miss out.

## *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

**Bush House for Sale;** - Peters Glen Shade house - 2.4 meters x 4.4 meters complete with shade cloth and benching. Make an offer – Russ Benson – Phone 46383547.

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

**Contact the editor.**

There's *a new orchid magazine*, Australian Cymbidium Scene now available that's worth a look. Not on the newsstands yet but available by contacting the editor/publisher Geoff Bailey at [geoffrey.bailey@bigpond.com.au](mailto:geoffrey.bailey@bigpond.com.au) More information as it comes to hand.

## Care For Your Orchids June - July

Cattleya Alliance	Only water if it is going to be a fine warm day and about every 3 weeks	If plants have new growths you can fertilize every 3 weeks if not, none needed	Check plants and housing regularly for chewing insects, slugs, snails, mealy bugs and scales. Treat if necessary.  Check for rots and fungus and spray if necessary  Most of all this is mice season so keep out the baits	Try to keep buds dry as fungus is hard to control at this time of year
Cymbidium	Water as needed to keep moist. Best on warm fine days.	Keep up the fertiliser They are producing spikes as well as new growths. Keep them growing.		Watch for aphids on the buds. Provide shelter for open flowers.
Dendrobium (Aust Native)	Only water if it is going to be a fine warm day and about every 2 - 3 weeks	If plants have new growths you can fertilize every 2 weeks if not, none needed		This is a bad time for Aphids on your buds so keep an eye out for them
Oncidium	Only water if it is going to be a fine warm day and about every 5 weeks	As plants are now in flower or are dormant for winter no fertiliser is needed		Try to keep buds dry as fungus is hard to control at this time of year
Paphiopedilum	Only water if it is going to be a fine warm day and about every 2 - 3 weeks.	This is the time of year for Paphs to rest so very little is needed		Keep water from lodging in leaf axis. Buds may rot.
General Comments	Regular fertilising while plants are in active growth should help achieve strong, healthy plants. Air circulating around pots and plants can help minimise fungus and rots.			

## Feature Members – Alwine and Jim Miller

Alwine and Jim Miller bought their first orchid – Cym. Balkis 'Luath' from Woolworths about 40 years ago. They then bought some books on growing orchids and added a few more orchids as they went.

Sometime later they went to see an Orchid Show and ultimately joined Toowoomba Orchid Society.

That was over 35 years ago. They used to get catalogues from Adelaide Orchids and also from Mc Beans and then chose the plants they thought would be the best and added them to the Cymbidium collection.

They bought Cym. Citation 'Canary' from Mc Beans which won Grand Champion at the TOS Spring show in 1986 and also gained an HCC that year.

They then purchased Cym. Jubilation 'Geronimo' from Bob Hodgins which scored a Grand Champion at the 1990 TOS Spring show.

Alwine and Jim first saw a Lycaste on a society bus trip and fell in love with it. After a lot of searching they eventually contacted Fred Alcorn and after much pleading and coaxing they got hold of some seedlings. After doing their own crossings they found the plants difficult to grow from flask and lost a large number.

Growing Lycastes from seed was a difficult proposition as no one was performing this task with much success. After many years this is gradually improving. Alwine tells me that they lost at least 10 years of potential breeding because of this problem.

From a collection consisting almost entirely of Cymbidiums the Miller collection today is almost all Lycastes and Odontocidium alliance. Alwine confesses the Cymbids got too big and heavy to move and break up.

Over the years the growing conditions haven't changed much with the plants still needing light, air, water and fertiliser but the major changes have been in potting media. The quality of orchids has also greatly improved thanks to hybridists (the Millers included).

Alwine tells that years ago, the TOS Spring show consisted mainly of Cymbidiums with probably just a table or two of other exotics. How things have changed.

Alwine and Jim have 6 Lycaste hybrids registered in their name and have had great success with the progeny of these hybrids. They were fortunate to have been blessed with the friendship and knowledge of the late Fred Alcorn who was one of the foremost Lycaste growers and breeders of the last century.

They registered a hybrid in his memory; Lyc. Karina x Lyc. Koolena was made and registered by the Millers as Memoria Fred Alcorn.

Grand champion show ribbons are no strangers to them having won 8 Grand Champions at Spring shows and 7 Grand Champions at other shows. Quality awards have also been plentiful with plants shown by Alwine and Jim picking up no less than 7 Horticultural Certificates of Commendation (HCC).

Alwine started her society service on the management committee of TOS back in 1987 serving two years in the learning role before taking on the treasurer's portfolio in 1989, 1992 and 1993.



She was also President in 1990, 1991, 1994 & 1995 with Jim serving as Secretary in 1994. This dedication to the society earned Alwine a life membership.

They had their Premier Growers certificate presented in 2001. Well Done.

Her advice to new and novice growers is to talk to the older members; "It's marvelous what tips and advice you can pick up." "There's a lot of experience out there."

One look in their orchid house certainly reinforces this advice.

*Thanks Alwine and Jim.*

## WAYNE REIS (JR) PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - SPRING SHOW 2012

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Competition is open and free to members of Toowoomba Orchid Society only.
2. Classes of Competition are: - a. Individual Orchid Bloom or part thereof
  - b. Spike of Orchid Blooms
  - c. Group of Orchid Flowers or Plants in Bloom
  - d. Orchid Plant/s in Bloom in Nature
  - e. Person/s and Orchid/s in Bloom
3. Size of Photographs to 7" x 5". Gloss or Matte finish is acceptable.
4. All Photographs to be mounted on Black Card this will be available only from the club (No other Card is to be used). NO Framed Photograph's.
5. Maximum number of entries per Competitor to be 4 per Class. No limit on number of Classes a Competitor can enter. Pot number to be on the Front (bottom Right) of the Card.
6. All Entries to be lodged with Murray Ferguson no later than the August Meeting night 2012.
7. Photographs (Except the Champions) may be collected at the close of the Show. Champions to be returned by the Society at a later date.
8. There will be an Overall Champion selected from the Class Champions with a Trophy. Prize money of \$100 will be distributed through the Classes.
9. Judges Decision is FINAL.

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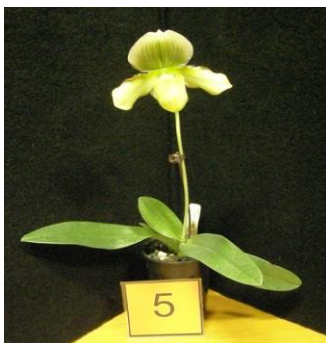
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## 25/5/2012 Results

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Australian Native Hybrid	Den. Hilda Poxon	K & Y Baker
Species Miniature	<i>C. coccinea</i> 'Perky'	K & Y Baker
Species Other	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	B & B Klemm
Exotic Hybrid	<i>Paph. Steve Waters</i> 'Hugo'	B & B Klemm
Novice	<i>Zygo. Titanic</i> 'June'	C. O'Leary
Plant of Interest	<i>Bulb. corrallinum</i>	C. Crees
Golden Oldie	<i>Bc. Mount Hood</i> 'Polar Bear'	B & B Klemm
Judges Choice - 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Paph. Steve Waters</i> 'Hugo'	B & B Klemm
Judges Choice - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Phal. Meidarland Goldsmith</i> 'Red Apple'	R. Emerson
Judges Choice - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Zygo. Titanic</i> 'June'	C. O'Leary
Judges Choice - Species - 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>C. coccinea</i> 'Perky'	K & Y Baker
Judges Choice - Species - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	B & B Klemm
Judges Choice - Species - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Ddc. cobbianum</i>	S & S Pope
Popular Vote Hybrid	Den. Hilda Poxon	K & Y Baker
Popular Vote Species	<i>C. coccinea</i> 'Perky'	K & Y Baker



Den. Hilda Poxon

*C. coccinea* 'Perky'*Paph. villosum**Paph. Steve Waters* 'Hugo'*Zygo. Titanic* 'June'*Bulb. corrallinum**Bc. Mount Hood* 'Polar Bear'*Phal. Meidarland Goldsmith* 'Red Apple'*Ddc. cobbianum*