

# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



## July 2017



### ***Champion Aust. Native, Vandaceous and Foliage Winner***

**Secretary Con Harriman making a  
presentation to Charlie Dedeckind**

#### **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:**

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## **TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

Meeting minutes dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

President John Terry apologises not being able to attend tonight. Secretary Con Harriman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. In the absence of both President and Vice President the secretary called for nominations from the floor for a stand in chair. Con Harriman nominated by Roy Anderson, seconded by Russell Anderson - carried. Members welcomed.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – familiarise yourself with it etc. Legal requirements. Members were asked to ensure they've signed the attendance book for insurance as well as fire safety reasons.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Kev Baker will give us the low down on growing cold tolerant orchids..

**JUDGES FOR TONIGHT:** Andrew Neylon, Cec Crees and Bernie Breuel.

**New Members:** Julie Lack was introduced to the members and received her badge.

**VISITORS:** Nil.

**APOLOGIES:** - Apologies to be logged in attendance book. To ensure all members sign in, the attendance book was passed around.

**SICK LIST:** John Woolf.

**MINUTES:** Moved Inge Anderson , seconded Len Cherry that the minutes of the May meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. All in favour - Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Correspondence – Last month Management Committee minutes available.

Inwards - Letter from Stroke Foundation, email from new show judging coordinator - Gordon Grant, emails and newsletters from various orchid clubs.

Outwards - Letters to Les Lobley and Melco Storage.

Con moved that the correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed.

Seconded Val Reid. Carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** - Treasurer Murray gave a detailed report on the club finances.

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

Seconded by Val Reid. All in favour - Carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Return trophies for Winter Show to Rudy and Rhonda asap. Please return in clean condition.
2. Anyone who has changed any details - address, email or phone etc please notify Con so our records can be updated.
3. Winter Show details - Bernie - entries to be in to David or John by midnight 10<sup>th</sup> July.
4. Leafmore Winter Garden School display - great success - plenty of interest. Manned by Kev, Bernie & Ann and John & Colleen. Thanks to everyone for the effort.

5. Carolyn and Sonia have volunteered to organise the Christmas party this year. Carolyn gave a short update - hoping to hold a pie drive to raise funds to offset some of the cost. Venues to be researched.

6. New Growers Group was a great afternoon. Thanks to Lynn and David for their hospitality and a look around their wonderful property. Heather gave some lovely positive feedback for the afternoon, particularly from Julie Lack's experience.

7. The plant auction to be held this month has been postponed until the July meeting. It will be for a Fred Clarke award donated by David Woolf, so keep saving your money.

8. Native Orchid Society bus trip - phone number for Joan Leisegang available if interested.

9. Discussion regarding letter from Barry Kable re first time people are able to display orchids at the Brisbane Ekka.

**Kev Baker gave a very interesting and informative talk on cold growing genera accompanied by a colourful slide show.**

Supper and raffle draw.

Reminder - Committee meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Thank you everyone for coming. See you at the Winter Show. Goodnight. Meeting Closed at...9.20pm.



Carolyn Woolf collecting one of many trophies won by her and David

P. Olivia



## Upcoming shows in other districts

When	What	Where
7,8,9 July	Caboolture Orchid Show	Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield
15,16 July	John Oxley Orchid Show	Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
15,16 July	Toowoomba Orchid Society	St Pauls Church Hall Cnr. James & Phillip Sts, T'ba.
4,5 August	Maroochydore Orchid Society	Community Hall, Millward Road East Maroochydore

## **Mingara Show and Orchid Fair** by John Terry

I was thrilled to be invited to accompany David Woolf to the Mingara show this year. Not only to see the show, “sample” all the orchid wares on sale but to catch up with friends within the orchid world.

Mingara is situated on the central coast of NSW and was only a 9 hour drive, this being with only a bladder/fuel stop at Muswellbrook. The early arrival enabled us to visit Royale Orchids on Peats Ridge who were staging an “open day” that weekend. Amazingly, a stroll through the Cymbid house showed Kevin’s focus seems to be on the Death Wish/*tracyanum* type of breeding. It was good to see Clive and Agi Halls from Mt. Beenak orchids who were in attendance along with four other “new to me” vendors.

Next morning we had time, although with a very early start, to visit Jodie Cutajar and take a tour around his two orchid houses. You might remember he only had one when he spoke to us in July last year but as we all know these things have a habit of multiplying. Jodie’s second orchid house is a lesson in simplicity and will be the subject of discussion at a future meeting.

Following this adventure we visited Bruce and Colleen Woods who had generously invited us for breakfast. It was really exciting for me to gain access to the inner sanctum of an excellent Cattleya grower. The glasshouse was very impressive and the number of quality orchids it contained was truly amazing. Bruce was in preparation for staging a display at the Mingara show that afternoon so we only spent a couple of hours with him.

Mingara Orchid Society is a part of the Mingara Sport and Recreation Club. A large sports club catering for all manner of sporting activities. The orchid club is heavily supported by the sports club which provides a venue both for meetings and shows, advertising and financial support and sponsorship. The orchid club has in excess of 100 members and regularly has over 120 plants at meetings.

Like all shows in that area, plants are exhibited as part of displays and not benched which may make it more difficult for judges but creates a good overall effect.

The Mingara show this year featured displays from Berowra Orchid Society, Gosford Orchid Society, Mingara O.S. and Central Coast ANOS. The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW was to display also but withdrew due to lack of blooms. There were also 4 private displays put together by groups of private growers.

The champion display came from one of these groups that comprised a number of growers which included two of TOS guest speakers in Bruce Woods and Jodie Cutajar. This display also contained the Grand Champion orchid of the show; C. Lakehaven Pearl ‘Colleen’ which was a beautiful mid-sized Cattleya with 8 flowers on 3 heads. Spectacular! The display also included Champion seedling, Champion specimen and champion species to name just a few.

I was fortunate to spend some time with Vice President and Show Marshall Ian Nelson who gave me the lowdown on their method of cataloguing and printing name and prize cards for the 380 orchids on display. I didn't get a first-hand look at the software in action but it would appear to be similar to our system. Though I feel our system and the way we administer it to be somewhat better.

Next door was the sales area and by midday Sunday had seen over two thousand people through the door for the day and a half which apparently was down on their usual numbers but quite an achievement. Most of the 23 vendors seemed quite happy with the result.

The only criticism I have is that the loading dock area was too restrictive which slowed the process of setting up and dismantling sales areas and exhibits. One way to help that problem would be to allow vendors to exit an hour prior to exhibitors. Maybe next time. We were "let out" early and were on the road by 1.35pm and "landed" safely back in Toowoomba by 10.20pm. A great adventure.

*John Terry*



Mingara Show Champion Display



Mingara Orchid Society Display



Grand Champion - C. Lakehaven  
Pearl 'Colleen'



Mingara Sales Area

## Berowra Orchid Society Display at Mingara



### Deflasking by John Woolf

Just a few notes for beginners tempted by Orchid flasks.

When purchasing a flask (s) of Orchids, always check for the following

- A.** The plants are healthy, and at least half the height of the flask.
- B.** The media is fresh, and the plants have not been in so long they have run out of nutrient.
- C.** There is no contamination, Mould, Fungi etc..
- D.** When you get home, place flask (s) in an area facing East or North away from direct Sunlight however still in good light. Do not attempt to replate into new flasks this will usually lead to disaster.

**E.** Inspect the flask (s) daily for any contamination.

**F.** If contamination occurs, deflask immediately. Clean off any Mould/Fungi wash in tepid water, Compost into Sphagnum and spray with Envy or similar.

**G.** Place in a warm protected area, cover with glass or clear plastic.

An upturned 2 litre Coke bottle trimmed to fit a 100mm pot is great.

**H.** Check plants for infection and treat accordingly if infected.

After a week or two spray with half strength fertiliser, leaving the plastic top off for a while over a few days then it can be left off.

**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		<b>Note:</b>  <b>Cash only for Heather and Neville please.</b>  <b>Phone : 46356868</b>
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	



Paph. gratrixianum



Ddc. saccolabium

## July Presentation

We will have a presentation as given by Fred Clark at Ipswich on Cattleyas.

## Winter Show

Please have your plant list in to David Woolf - [woolfman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:woolfman@bigpond.net.au) or John Terry - [jht.orchids@gmail.com](mailto:jht.orchids@gmail.com) **no later than midnight 10th July.**

If you don't have internet please drop a hard copy to David at 607 Greenwattle Street, Toowoomba or phone 0428 779276.

**Set up hall** from 3.00pm Friday 14th July. Plants in from 4.00pm until 6.00pm 14th July.

Judging commences 7.30pm - **helpers needed.**

**Show Time - Saturday 15th 8.30am to 4.00pm, Sunday 16th 8.30 to 3.00pm.**

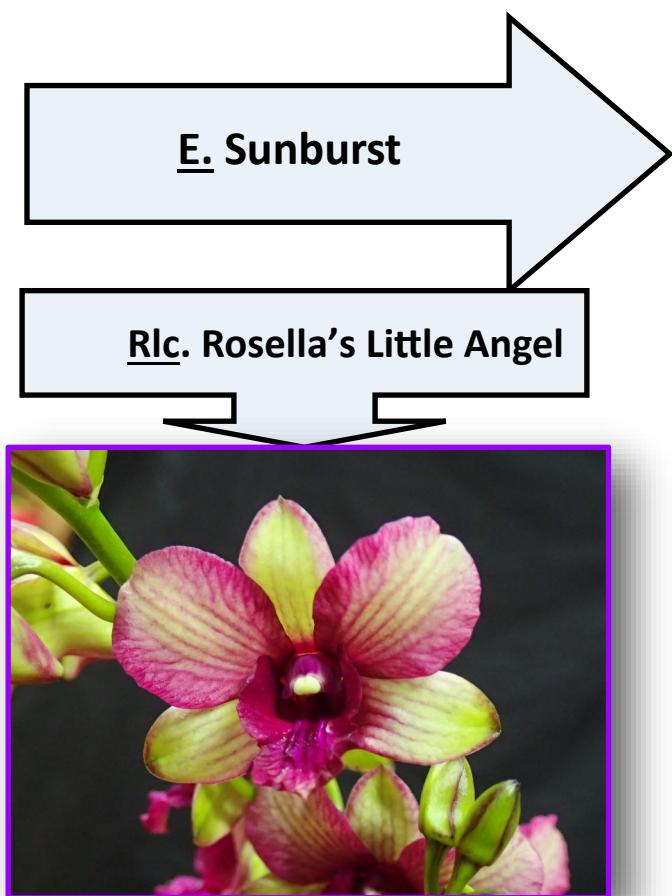
**Happy Diners:** For further information, see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

3 August 2017	Gowrie Road Hotel, Newtown	11.45am
7 September 2017	Meringandan Hotel, Meringandan	11.45am
5 October 2017	Fiveways Hotel, Mort St, Nth Toowoomba	11.45am

## June 2017 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	<u>E.</u> Sunburst	David & Lyn Newlands
Novice Species	<u>Paph.</u> gratrixianum	Val & I Reid
Novice Seedling	Nil benched	
<b>Judges Choice Novice</b>	<b><u>Paph.</u> gratrixianum</b>	<b>Val &amp; I Reid</b>
Open Hybrid	<u>Blc.</u> Dream Trader 'Burbank'	Trevor Deans
Open Species	<u>L.</u> anceps	Neville & Heather Guppy
Open Seedling	<u>Rlc.</u> Rosella's Little Angel	Trevor Deans
<b>Judges Choice Open</b>	<b><u>Rlc.</u> Rosella's Little Angel</b>	<b>Trevor Deans</b>
Master Hybrid	<u>Zds.</u> Mem. Matthew Neuendorff'	David & Carolyn Woolf
Master Species	<u>Paph.</u> fairrieanum	David & Carolyn Woolf
Master Seedling	<u>Fdk.</u> Midnight Sky	David & Carolyn Woolf
<b>Judges Choice Master</b>	<b><u>Zds.</u> Mem. Matthew Neuendorff'</b>	<b>David &amp; Carolyn Woolf</b>
<b>Judges Choice Overall</b>	<b><u>Rlc.</u> Rosella's Little Angel</b>	<b>Trevor Deans</b>
<b>Popular Vote</b>	<b><u>Rlc.</u> Rosella's Little Angel</b>	<b>Trevor Deans</b>

*Some of the benched plants from the June meeting*



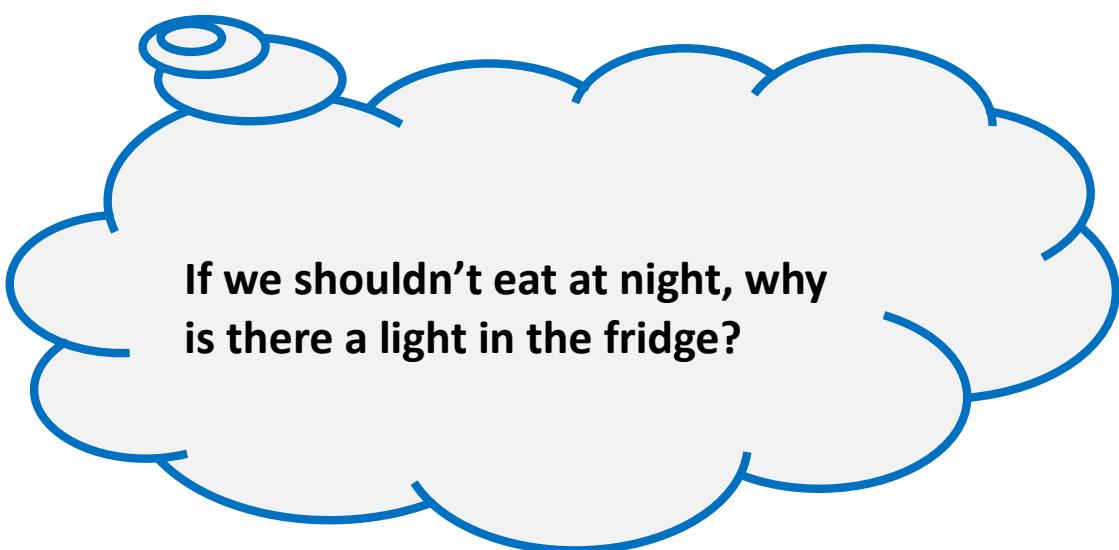
*Pots and equipment available from Heather & Neville Guppy - phone  
46356868. List on page 6 of TANBARK.*

## **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!**



**If we shouldn't eat at night, why  
is there a light in the fridge?**

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**Remember -**

**Next Meeting**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**