

# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



## March 2018

*Next Meeting*

**16th March**

*This month  
(and November)  
are on the 3rd Friday  
7.30pm*

### 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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# **Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.**

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

The President John Terry opened the meeting at 7.25pm and welcomed all members present.

General housekeeping including toilet location and evacuation procedures was mentioned.

Apologies. All in attendance book.

The president referred members to the president's report published in the February 2018 Tanbark. He moved that it be adopted. Seconded B Breuel.

Minutes: The Annual General Meeting February 2017 minutes as printed in March Tan Bark 2017, are true and correct. Moved by D Woolf, seconded by A Breuel. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer M Ferguson gave a summary of the bank accounts- as per auditor's report. M Ferguson moved that auditor's report be accepted Seconded by M Martin.

The president declared all positions vacant and handed the chair to the vice president David Woolf.

### **Election of Executive and management committee.**

#### **President:**

Nominee- J Terry proposed B Vayro, seconded C Harriman. Accepted.

The president regained the chair and the meeting proceeded.

#### **Vice President:**

Nominee- D Woolf, proposed C Woolf, seconded C Harriman. Accepted.

#### **Secretary**

Being no nominations and nothing from the floor, J Terry agreed to take the position – Nominated D Woolf, seconded B Breuel. Accepted.

#### **Treasurer**

Nominee Bernie Breuel proposed J Woolf, seconded J Brown. Accepted

#### **Tanbark Editor**

Nominees- R & I Anderson proposed B Vayro, seconded D Woolf. Accepted.

#### **Show Marshall**

Nominee D Woolf proposed C Harriman, seconded C Woolf. Accepted.

#### **Management committee**

Nominee- C Crees- proposed H Guppy, seconded D Woolf Accepted

Nominee- B Breuel- proposed D Barnett seconded A Breuel. Accepted

Nominee –J Brown-proposed B Breuel seconded A Breuel. Accepted

Nominee –L Pemberton- proposed J Terry seconded B Breuel. Accepted

### **General Business:**

The president called for volunteers for the following positions;

Patron- Les Lobley. Accepted.

Assistant secretary – Con Harriman.

Assistant treasurer - Roy Anderson.

Assistant show marshal - Bernie Breuel.

Meeting recorder- Carolyn Woolf and Jeannie Woolf.

Data base custodian-Roy Anderson.

Librarian - H Guppy.

Auditor - DC Advisory Group.

Host/hostess- Glenda Neylon and Ann Breuel.

Honorary members-Presidents of NOSTI, Lockyer OS, Krystal Du Frocq.

### **Show Committee:**

Julie Lack

Jim Brown

Bernie Breuel

Peter Neylon

The president thanked all members who volunteered.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

### **TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**

Meeting Agenda dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

The President opened the meeting at 7.46pm. Welcomed members.

Thanked previous MC committee and all who made last year run smoothly and welcomed the new management group.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure mentioned - . Legal requirements. Also please ensure you've signed the attendance book for fire safety reasons.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** If time permits we'll have a good look at plants on the bench tonight.

**JUDGES FOR TONIGHT** W Williams, I Anderson, V Reid.

**NEW MEMBERS**.... Leanne Dieckmann, Steve Keen, Lana Littleton and Kathy Scott – approved by management – all given a warm welcome by members.

**VISITORS:** Peter and Betty Martin.

**APOLOGIES:** - Apologies to be logged in attendance book.

**SICK LIST:** Alwine Miller is now residing at Salem.

**MINUTES** Moved I Anderson, seconded by Peter Neylon that the minutes of the January meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct?

All those in favour – carried

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A brief report on the correspondence for the month- various orchid club newsletters, Orchids Australia magazine, letters/ emails to new members.

Correspondence – Last month's Management Committee minutes available.

Correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed,

Moved C Harriman, Seconded M Martin.

All those in favour – carried

Any correspondence needing further discussion? Nil

## **TREASURERS REPORT:** - Treasurer Murray gave us an insight into our finances.

**Accounts** for payment – DC Accounting - \$750 & \$220. Clint Mallet Web Design - \$239. Signs N Lines - \$385. Australia Post - \$127.

Credit balance in working account of \$11,165.44

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

Seconded by D Woolf

All those in favour – carried

Anything to be discussed? Nil

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on the Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March again at "old" Bunnings. A blank roster here for the 4<sup>th</sup> March. We always need helpers so please get your name on it." The really good news is we've 'snagged' another one on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Again at old Bunnings – so put that date in your diary.
2. We need Eskys ASAP please. Either drop them off to David or let John know & he'll pick them up.
3. Bus trip to the Queensland International Orchid Fair at Beenleigh. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Cost of \$20 per person. Pickup at Cobb & Co at 6.15am, return 5.30pm. Also pickup at Withcott and Plainlands. Travel to Beenleigh show, lunch at Victoria Point Hotel, visit Fame Orchids and Ken Hasse.
4. Membership subscriptions now due – please see the Treasurer if you haven't already.
5. March meeting date is 16<sup>th</sup> March not the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday which would be the 23<sup>rd</sup> - similar problem for November.
6. New growers group is at David & Carolyn's on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm. Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea please.
7. Reminder of Orchids in the Foothills – 2018 AOC Conference at Windsor on 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
8. For those who didn't see Michael & Julian Coker on ABC Gardening show there is a link available.
9. J Terry was asked to speak at Lockyer garden club. Well received by a very enthusiastic and involved group of people

10. We've been given permission to store our tables in the hall. Heavy tables will go under stage. Our tables will now be stored in side area. D Woolf will purchase stencil and paint to mark tables.
11. M Martin presented award certificate to David Woolf (AM). Cec Crees (HCC) & Jan Leeming (HCC) also have awards to be presented. Congratulations to all.
12. Guest speakers 2018. D Woolf has confirmed visits from Michael Croker (workshop), Brendan Larkin (natives), Ray Clements (full day workshop in September) and agronomist from Norco (chemicals in household gardens).
13. Reminder of OrchidWiz available to members.
14. Function of library explained to new members. See H Guppy if you would like to borrow a book/ magazine etc.
15. New members present were presented with their name badges.
16. Kev Baker spoke about some of the species plants tabled.
17. J Terry and D Woolf also presented Q & A on plants tabled.
18. J Terry shared story about his dog and poison- thankfully Fritz is ok. Timely reminder to all - any poisons- KEEP OUT OF REACH- children and pets.

Meeting Closed at...9.10 pm

### **A word from the president.**

Good to get the AGM out of the way and most positions filled once more. I'm not overly excited about filling the president and secretary's roles but we need a secretary to function and the law states that we cannot remain a club for more than a month without one, so rather than see the club fold; here goes. I may need some assistance throughout the year but we'll see.

Thanks to all who now fill positions within the management group. New faces means new ideas and I'm really looking forward to working with you all.

Don't forget the March meeting is on the third Friday this month which is the 16th of March. The new growers group is on the Sunday the 18th march at David and Carolyn's, 607 Greenwattle Street at 2.00pm. Bring something to share for afternoon tea. Come along for a fun afternoon. It's not only for new growers.

The bus trip on the 2nd March was a beaut. We boarded our Robinsons Coach at Too-woomba at 6.15 (the only downside) and were alighting at the Orchid Fair at Beenleigh just after 8am after a couple of pick-ups on the way. The new venue at Beenleigh was much more comfortable but it still accommodated an awful lot of orchid "desperates". There was a great range to choose from and some bought more than others but we had a load to fit in the bus when we left at 10.45.

The meal at the Victoria Point Tavern hit the spot and then off to Fame Orchids just in case we had a few dollars left. Another bus loading exercise and off to Sunnybank Hills for our last port of call.

We were welcomed by Ken and Sharon Haase and after we were split into two groups, some went to look at the orchids and the other group was treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea. After refreshments, we gained access to the sales shade house and spent what little money we had left.

Some more quality orchids at very realistic prices changed hands and another bus packing challenge took place. So with our wallets much lighter and the bus quite a deal heavier, we headed for home. A great day was had by all. Early to bed for some I'm sure and I'm hopeful we can try to do it all again later in the year.

After just one day to recuperate and repot the new brood of orchids, Sunday dawns and it's Sausage sizzle day.

Thanks to everyone who worked at Bunnings today. We Made \$820. It was nice to see a couple of new faces but unfortunately it was mostly the same old crew who gave up part or all of their Sunday to raise some funds for the club. Once again, we all benefit from this effort put in by a few.

We don't need dozens of people but just an hour can mean that someone gets a meaningful break.

Wonderful rain on the roof as I write this so hope your plants are getting some lovely rain water and your tanks are being filled. Good growing

*John*

## February 2018 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	<u>Phal.</u> unknown	J Brown
Novice Species		
Novice Seedling	No Entries	
<b>Judges Choice Novice</b>	<b><u>Phal.</u> unknown</b>	<b>J Brown</b>
Open Hybrid	<u>Paph.</u> Neeri Glow 'Grubbs'	R & S Anderson
Open Species	<u>Paph.</u> pulchra	R & S Anderson
Open Seedling	No Entries	
<b>Judges Choice Open</b>	<b><u>Paph.</u> Neeri Glow 'Grubbs'</b>	<b>R &amp; S Anderson</b>
Master Hybrid	<u>Phrag.</u> Bel Royal '4N'	J & C Terry
Master Species	<u>Paph.</u> charlesworthii	J & C Terry
Master Seedling	<u>Hab.</u> rhodocheila	J & C Terry
<b>Judges Choice Master</b>	<b><u>Phrag.</u> Bel Royal '4N'</b>	<b>J &amp; C Terry</b>
<b>Popular Vote</b>	<b><u>Phrag.</u> Calurum</b>	<b>J &amp; C Terry</b>





**Phal. pulchra**



**Paph. Neeri Glow 'Grubbs'**



**Hab. rhodocheila**



**John and David discussing some of the  
benched plants**



**Paph. charlesworthii**



**Phal. unknown**

### **WHAT SIZE POT SHOULD I USE? by Brian Milligan**

It probably depends to some extent on the genus you plan to repot but in general one should use a pot large enough to accommodate one or two year's extra growth but no more. I fully agree with Alfred Smollet, who in 1927 wrote in *The Orchid Review* "I am a great believer in small pots. A common error with beginners is using pots unreasonably large. All beginners in Orchid growing are optimists, and the large pot is the outward and visible sign of this optimism". One of the main problems in using overly large pots is that the potting mix tends to remain wet for too long after watering, especially in winter.

The choice of pot size is largely a matter of common sense. When the orchid is knocked from its pot, cursory examination will show that, in most cases, the majority of its roots run around the circumference of the pot in preference to filling the pot completely. And if you examine their condition you will generally find that those growing around the perimeter are in a much healthier state than those in the centre of the mix. Dome® pots are designed with a dome in their bottom to eliminate the area most prone to root decay. An alternative is to place a small, inverted pot in the base of a larger one before repotting. Cymbidiums roots of a healthy plant generally fill the entire pot and remain in good condition for a couple of years. But thereafter, as the bark begins to decay, the roots in the centre of the pot are usually the first to deteriorate.

It's also important when repotting to ensure that the drainage holes in the pot are unblocked. Plastic pots made using old dies (moulds) sometimes have the drainage holes partly or fully blocked with plastic. It's important to open the drainage holes fully, using a lino knife or similar sharp implement. Sometimes I enlarge the holes at the same time to provide extra drainage. Some growers use an electric drill or hot soldering iron to make extra drainage holes in their cymbidium pots and swear that it results in faster growth.

Pots are produced in a variety of shapes and heights, some with far more drainage holes than others. Best of all, in my opinion, are Port Pots®, which have an extensive network of drainage holes in their bottom. In general, shallow pots seem to suit Australian native dendrobiums best. Net pots, designed to provide excellent drainage, certainly do that but they dry out quickly and therefore need to be watered twice as often as pots with fewer drainage holes. Oncidium seedlings do well for me in them but the roots tend to grow in and out through the mesh holes. This leads to problems at repotting time - either one cuts off the offending roots or one simply puts the whole pot into a larger one and tops up with new mix; each procedure has its disadvantages.

The above discussion refers to plastic pots, by far the most common in general use. But the older pots made of baked clay (terra cotta) are useful in certain cases. Because they are porous, water evaporates from their exterior, producing a cooling effect, which can be beneficial in hot weather. However, this is a disadvantage in winter, when it's better to keep the roots warm. Some growers prefer clay pots or saucers for temperamental orchids, such as *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii* and *Sarcochilus ceciliae*, which need a reliable supply of water but hate 'wet feet'. But in general I believe that black plastic pots are better, especially in winter when they help to warm the roots whenever the sun shines on them.

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

<b>5th April 2018</b>	<b>Federal Hotel, James St. Tmba</b>	<b>11.45am</b>
<b>3rd May 2018</b>	<b>Bull &amp; Barley Inn, 61 Eton St, Cambooya</b>	<b>11.45am</b>
<b>7th June 2018</b>	<b>Qi'Lin Chinese Restaurant, 29/187 Hume Street</b>	<b>11.45am</b>



## ***New Growers Group***

***2.00pm, Saturday, 18th March  
2018***

***@ David & Carolyn Woolf's  
607 Greenwattle St, Toowoomba***

**Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.**

### **Growing Supplies**

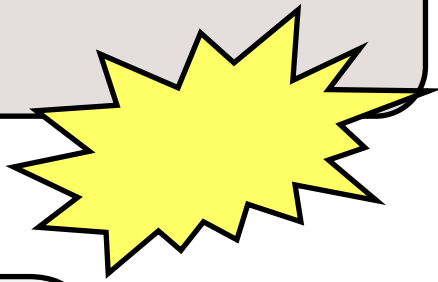
**Note: Cash only for Heather and Neville please. Phone : 46356868**

<b>Squat Pots</b>		<b>Standard Pots</b>	
<b>Size</b>	<b>Price Each</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Price Each</b>
80mm	30c	100mm (tall)	25c
100mm	20c	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
100mm Orchid Pot	40c	250mm	\$1.20
125mm Orchid Pot	55c	Saucers 200mm	70c
150mm Orchid Pot	75c	Saucer 300mm	\$1.55
175mm Orchid Pot	\$1.20	Plant Clips Small	11c
200mm Orchid Pot	\$2.20	Plant Clips Medium	12c
140mm Labels	\$3.50 per 50	Plant Clips Large	30c
100mm Labels	\$3.20 per 50	Bark (Orchiata)	\$26
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

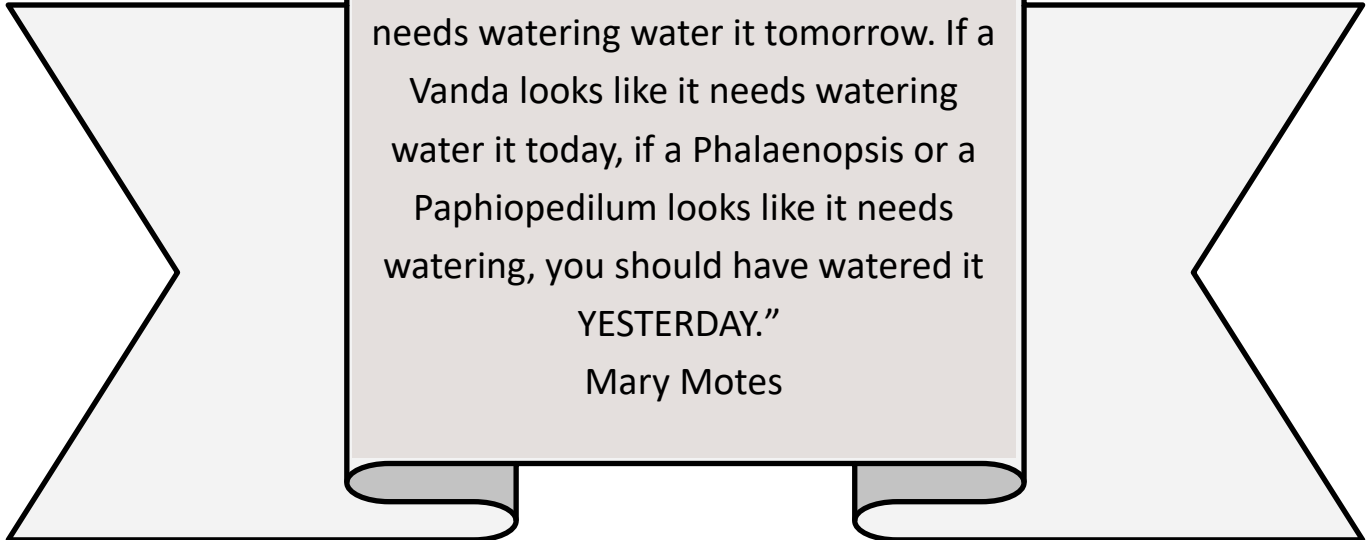


## Supper at the meeting

Please bring along a small plate of nibbles for our general meetings.  
Your offering is greatly appreciated.



## Thought for the month!



“Remember: If a Cattleya looks like it needs watering water it tomorrow. If a Vanda looks like it needs watering water it today, if a Phalaenopsis or a Paphiopedilum looks like it needs watering, you should have watered it YESTERDAY.”  
Mary Motes

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