

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



Guest Speaker

26th October 2018

Michael Coker

Meetings:

Fourth Friday of each month at 7.30pm, except September and December.

Venue:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall
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Steriliser for secatuers



Some of the wonderful benched plants August 2018

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Meeting Minutes dated 24th August 2018

The President opened the meeting at 7.25pm and welcomed members.

HOUSEKEEPING: - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – mentioned. Also members urged to familiarise themselves with the procedure.

GUEST SPEAKER: Steve Waters will tell us all about growing Tolumnias.

JUDGES FOR TONIGHT Mal, Ivan and Val.

NEW MEMBERS - Nil

VISITORS: Steve Waters

SICK LIST: Bernie Breuel is unwell. The meeting wishes him a speedy recovery.

MINUTES: Moved Kev Baker, seconded Jim Brown that the minutes of the July meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. All those in favour – carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A brief report on the correspondence for the month;
Last month's Management Committee minutes available.
Various newsletters. Show Invitations.

Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed, Seconded by Roy Anderson. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: - In the absence of our treasurer, no report was tabled.

GUEST SPEAKER: Steve Waters gave us a wonderful presentation on how he grows Tolumnias. It was well received by members and many questions asked.
The meeting thanked Steve enthusiastically.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. New growers group is at Julie Lack's on Saturday 25th August - tomorrow - at 2.00pm. Address is 232 Fullers Road, Southbrook. Mud maps available. In the event of rain eventuating the meeting will be cancelled. Don't forget a chair and a plate for afternoon tea.
2. Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings North on 28th July raised \$1,184.00 - thanks to everyone involved.
3. Club shirts - were available for fitting tonight.
4. **The Spring Show** - plant lists in to David Woolf or John Terry by 7.00pm Monday 17th September. Members were urged to have the listed as accurate as possible and on time as judging is on Thursday night which reduces lead time of card production by a day. Hall setup will be on Thursday 20th from 2.00pm. Plants in from 4.00pm to 6.00pm and judging from 7.30pm. We need as many helpers as we can get to assist setup. Members were asked if someone would take on the duty of catering organiser in the absence of Bernie.
5. The recent bark order was a huge success - 122 bags of bark were distributed to members. Let the potting begin.



6. Spring Show trophies should be in the hands of Peter and Glenda Neylon as soon as possible please.

7. Members were reminded that charcoal is available from Woolf Orchid Culture.

8. David showed the members a product called Triclenium which contains the ingredient trisodium phosphate which is used to sterilise cutting implements used on orchids. He also showed some very suitable secateurs available for just \$8.00 per pair.

9. Ivan Vescovi is traveling to Garden City Plastics on Friday and will pick up orders members have. Peter and Andrew Neylon are traveling to Fernland Agencies this week and have made a similar offer. Thanks so much. The president reminded members that if they can't find a particular accessory locally, there is usually someone traveling to a show who may be able to buy it on behalf of the member.

10. The president told the meeting that, due to ill health, our treasurer Bernie can no longer continue in that position. He thanked Bernie for his hard work and support and asked if any members were prepared to step up and take on the job.

Guest speaker at the October meeting is to be Michael Coker.

Kev's Corner - Kev spoke on a couple of Coelogynes – mooreana and flaccida that are easily grown and a must have in any collection. Thanks Kev.

Meeting Closed at 9.pm – President wished all a safe trip home and hoped to see many members at the New Growers tomorrow and then at the Spring Show.

Happy Diners: For further information, see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952		
4th October 2018	Meringandan Hotel, Main St, Meringandan	11.45am
1st Nov 2018	Murphy's Creek Tavern, 3 Thursa St, Murphy's Ck.	11.45am
6th Dec 2018	Blue Mountain Hotel, New England Hwy, Tmba	11.45am

To all Spring Show exhibitors,

Attached to this newsletter you will find an article on correct orchid labelling. Please take the time to write your labels clearly, following the guidelines in the article. This will help greatly when benching and judging.

If you have any doubts about your orchids name or genus or even wondering if a crossing has now been named, please, don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will check OrchidWiz and RHS for you.

Cheers

Russell (Tan Bark editor)

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From the President

Greetings once again members. Well the spring show is only a few weeks away so hopefully your plants are being prepared for the great event. I worry each year at this time as almost everyone I speak to talks of reduced numbers, with flowering already over as seems to be the case in my orchid house. But if the number of plants at the last meeting were any indication we should have a great show. We had 85 plants on the bench which for a monthly meeting was really great. Keep them coming. Popular vote was a huge first flowering seedling *Cymbidium* with 9 spikes of flowers. I hope that plant makes it along to the show.

Guest speaker at the last meeting was Steve Waters from Brisbane who gave us the low down on growing *Tolumnias*. I really enjoyed the talk and I certainly learned a great deal, not only about *Tolumnias* but growing orchids in general. A really enjoyable talk.

We have Michael Coker from Victoria booked for the October meeting so that's a visit you don't want to miss. We have also prevailed on Michael once again to hold a workshop on the Saturday morning following the show. If last year was any indication it should be a great experience. Michael will also be bringing along a "suitcase" full of plants for sale so I'll distribute the list as soon as I receive it.

Management committee puts in a fair bit of effort to "persuade" these speakers to come along and impart their vast knowledge upon us in the hope that we will all be better orchid growers. However if there's an aspect that you think we're missing, no matter how basic, please let us know because I'm sure we have someone either within the club with the knowhow to fulfil this wish or we will find a suitable speaker.

It was with regret that I received the resignation from Bernie Breuel as treasurer this week. Bernie has not only been our treasurer and unfaltering show committee member but certainly my "go to" when I need a hand and that seems more regularly lately. This decision by Bernie was not taken lightly but ill health has forced the issue. We wish him well in his recovery process and look forward to his presence once again. Thanks Bernie.

On a lighter note, we have a new treasurer. Christina Neylon has generously volunteered to take on the position of treasurer with Glenda Neylon taking on the position of Christina's assistant. On behalf of the society I'd like to thank them both for this wonderful offer and look forward to working with them and urge members to provide every assistance where you can.

New growers who ventured out Southbrook way were treated to some country hospitality by Julie and Lindsay Lack. Thank you both. The weather was threatening but those of us who made the effort had a most enjoyable afternoon. Thanks.

At the last meeting I mentioned that we were in need of someone to organise the catering at the spring show in Bernie's absence; well my lovely wife Colleen has once again stepped up to mark. Thanks Colleen.

Details of the spring show are published elsewhere in Tanbark but I beg members to be prompt in getting their plant lists in to either David or myself prior to the closing time of 7pm on Monday 17th September please. This would be a great help as once more we will be missing the great help usually provided by Bernie.

Until then, anytime is a good time to be growing orchids. ***John***

August 2018 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	<u>Den.</u> Hilda Poxon	P Kajewski
Novice Species	<u>Coel.</u> <i>mooreana</i>	V & I Reid
Novice Seedling	<u>Nil</u>	
Judges Choice Novice	<u>Den.</u> Hilda Poxon	P Kajewski
Open Hybrid	<u>Paph.</u> Leeannum 'Stewart'	T Deans
Open Species	<u>Coel.</u> <i>flaccida</i>	H & N Guppy
Open Seedling	<u>Rth.</u> Dal's Emperor x <u>Rth.</u> Mem. Isaac Wilson	T Deans
Judges Choice Open	<u>Coel.</u> <i>flaccida</i>	H & N Guppy
Master Hybrid	<u>Gtd.</u> Kulnura Calypso	D & C Woolf
Master Species	<u>Paph.</u> <i>sukhakulii</i>	J & C Terry
Master Seedling	<u>Cym.</u> Elegant Dream x <u>Cym.</u> Flaming Vulcan	P & G Neylon
Judges Choice Master	<u>Cym.</u> Elegant Dream x <u>Cym.</u> Flaming Vulcan	P & G Neylon
Judges Choice Overall		
Popular Vote	<u>Cym.</u> Elegant Dream x <u>Cym.</u> Flaming Vulcan	P & G Neylon

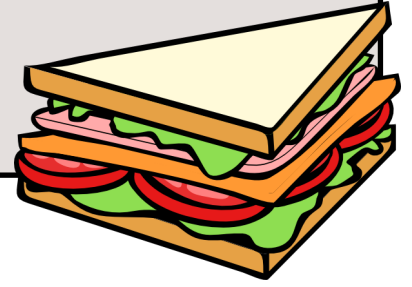
***Member Prices* Note: Cash only for Heather and Neville please. Phone : 46356868**

Squat Pot 100mm	\$0.20	Standard Pot 100mm (Tall)	\$0.25
Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.20
Squat Pot 140mm	\$0.35	Standard Pot 125mm	\$0.25
Squat Pot 175mm	\$0.50	Standard Pot 140mm	\$0.30
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 200mm	\$0.70
Orchid Pot 150mm	\$0.70	Saucer 300mm	\$1.55
Orchid Pot 175mm	\$1.20	Pot Hangers 360mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Orchid Pot 200mm	\$2.20	Pot Hangers 500mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Small (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 45cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Medium (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 60cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Large (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 90cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 100mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Pencil- Stabilo 8008	\$3.50
Labels 140mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Coco Husk	\$12.00
Orchiata Bark 40L	\$25.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
Perlite Super Coarse (Pack)	\$8.00	Sphagnum Moss (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 6-9mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Perlite Super Coarse (100l)	\$36.00
Orchid Mix 9-12mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plantacote Fertiliser Top K 1kg	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 12-18mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plant Stand-Short	\$20.00
Rutec Root Booster 1L	\$8.00	Plant Stand-Long	\$22.00
Rutec Growth Booster 1L	\$10.00		



Supper at the meeting

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



Thought for the month!

What is a weed?

*A plant whose virtues have
never been discovered.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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