

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



February
2019

AGM

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY

22nd February 2019

*Remember. You must be
financial and in attendance
to vote.*

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

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TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Minutes of Meeting dated 25th January 2019

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

HOUSEKEEPING - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure were once again mentioned – members were urged to familiarise themselves with the procedure.

JUDGES FOR TONIGHT - Val Reid, Bernie Breuel, Roger Nicholson, Andrew Neylon

NEW MEMBERS - John and Gail Karl.

VISITORS - The meeting gave a warm welcome to Ray Clement and Merlin Wiseman.

MINUTES - Moved Ian Reid, seconded Charlie Dedekind that the minutes of the November meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE -

A brief report on the correspondence for the month was given by the secretary.

Various newsletters. Two letters from Bunnings re sausage sizzles.

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

TREASURERS REPORT - Treasurer gave an insight into our finances.

Credit balance in working account of: \$11,144.22

Total income for month: \$1730.05

Total expenses for the month including pots \$114.10, pots and perlite \$548.07, Hall hire \$808.50, Plants purchased \$400.00, Guest Speaker \$300, FDebit card purchases - Total \$3,018.29.

Christina moved that the financial treport be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded by Ian Reid. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The president asked for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Ray Vayro.
2. The meeting was told of a good response from members with opinions on 4 shows per year, increased prize money & direction of New Growers Group.
3. Members were reminded that club shirts are now available.
4. AGM next month. Members must be financial to vote. Nomination forms available and members were told of the need for a secretary as well as some new faces and ideas on the management committee.

5. The sausage sizzle at Bunnings West on 5th January was a great success - we made over \$1,100.00 and had some fun. Sincere thanks to all who helped.
6. Joan Naumann is selling her entire collection of orchids and bromeliads. Ph 46362639, Mob 0427362639. See heather for these numbers as well.
7. New Growers group - this Sunday 2.00pm - 607 Greenwattle Street. New growers were urged to bring their worst along.
8. Happy Diners is on the 7th February at the Newtown Hotel.
9. Lynn Newlands has a box of crucifix orchids to give away. Thanks Lynn.

Ray Clement then gave a most informative and interesting presentation of orchids that he considers his favourites. They must be relatively easy to grow, have special properties that appeal to the grower, like colour, perfume and ease of flowering and not just "the favour of the month" that others find attractive. The meeting warmly thanked Ray for coming such a long way to speak to us.

Andrew Neylon then gave us a rundown of the winners on the bench tonight. Thanks Kev.

The president closed the meeting at 9.35pm and reminded members and friends of the New Growers on Sunday.

Some Planned Activities from the President

Afternoon Folks,

Just to let you know of two planned activities on the "weekend" of the 1st to 3rd March.

Queensland International Orchid Fair is on at Beenleigh on the 1st and 2nd of March.

The club will be using a car convoy to ferry members to and from the event.

We will depart the Cobb & Co Museum in Lindsay street (parking 'round the back) at 7.00am on Friday 1st March.

Please let me know of your intended attendance no later than the meeting on the 22nd February.

Also indicate if you are happy to take your car.

The cost will be \$10 paid to the driver by passengers.

The second item is the New Growers Group which will be taking on a different format this month.

It will consist of visits to 3 greenhouses with the focus this time on growing Slipper Orchids.

If you don't grow Paphs; I'm sure it will still be most informative as it's always interesting to see how others do it.

First stop will be at the home of Murray and Kath Ferguson at 1.00pm – note the earlier start!

Second stop will be at Mal & Kerry Martins at 2.00pm with the final stop here at 3.00pm for a greenhouse look and afternoon tea.

See you all at the AGM.

Try to stay cool

John

A word from the President,

When is it ever going to rain? The garden is crying out for it. The orchids would love some too and the tanks are looking decidedly slim. Apparently this has been our hottest, driest January on record.

I also read somewhere the other day that 2017 was the hottest year worldwide since mankind ventured outside the Rift Valley and that's a very long time.

Beating the heat in the orchid house is a constant task with the methods almost as varied as the genera grown. A simple damping down a couple of times a day, a cool drink of water at dusk, misters, coolers, foggers – the list is endless. Although a “cool” drink isn't exactly that as the mains water temperature here is 24.5° as it leaves the tap. I have been giving the Cymbidiums a water at 2.30am (on a timer) to cool them down but given the air temperature is well below that at that hour, I feel it's having the reverse effect.

We had a good roll up at our January meeting and some really lovely orchids benched. Thanks to everyone who brought along plants to display. I really loved the little *Bulbo. hirundis* which ultimately won the popular vote. That must be the smallest plant to win popular vote in ages but a worthy winner and well grown by a novice grower. Good on you Val.

I'm sure everyone present enjoyed the great talk given by Ray Clement on some of his favourite orchids and the reasons behind that fondness. Another excellent speaker.

We also had a good rollup at the New Growers Group on the Sunday where some members brought along plants not doing too well and were given some ideas on how they could do better and in some cases given a plant to try out the new ideas. Giving away plants has been a strategy of management again this year as it not only encourages the newer members but there's every chance that we'll see them on the show bench in the future.

Don't forget that next meeting will be the AGM and we could use some new ideas on the management committee so if you feel you could contribute something please let me know. We'll also be looking for members to join the show committee to help in organising and running our shows so please consider that as well.

The Queensland International Orchid Spectacular is on again on the 1st & 2nd March and this year we'll be taking a car convoy so if you would like to go please get your name in by close of next meeting. We talked again about a bus but due to low patronage we decided against it.

Enjoy your orchids.

John

TOS Presidents Report 2018

2018 has been another special year in the history of Toowoomba Orchid Society in that we've again had 4 shows, 2 bus trips, 10 meetings – nothing out of the ordinary there; but we've had 5 sausage sizzles and I'd like to truly thank everyone associated with them and for their financial success. And we had a lot of fun along the way.

Let's now return to the 4 shows. It's probably not prudent to talk at length about the shows individually as we all know that TOS does stage wonderful orchid shows.

The autumn show saw one of the best early shows we've staged in years. This show never returns a monetary profit and this year was no exception.

The winter show would normally be held over the third weekend in July but unfortunately that was the same weekend as the AOC Conference in Windsor and most judges in Queensland had nominated to judge down south. This caused the show to be moved to the second weekend to afford us some judges. The show once again was really great with quantity and quality across a wide range of genera but sadly too few members of the public through the door to witness the spectacle. As it turned out the show was scheduled the same weekend as the Nambour Garden Spectacular so all the dedicated gardeners in town had headed north for the weekend.

The next show on the calendar was the spring show and wow what a beauty.

This one had it all – 500 plants in the hall – what a sight. And as anticipated the show was a financial success thanks to over 2,500 people through the door.

The last show of the year, several weeks after the spring show saw some very nice flowers including Indian Dendrobiums and Sarcs but like the smaller shows saw a very limited patronage.

As mentioned earlier we had 2 bus trips this year. The first was to the Queensland International Orchid Fair at Beenleigh – then lunch at the Victoria Point Tavern, a visit to Fame Orchids and then a visit to the home and orchid houses of Ken and Sharon Haase where we all (well most of us) came away with a bargain or two. A really great day and an eye opener to some of the newer members.

The second trip was to the Nambour Species Show, with a very nice lunch at the Nambour RSL and then a visit to Doug and Kath Wanka on the way home.

I believe members had a great time on both trips but it always amazes me that we only seem to be able to half fill the buses given the wonderful value and immense camaraderie of the days.

Five sausage sizzles was amazing; we had sufficient members to help out in that no one had to do more than a reasonable turn at the barbecue. We had a lot of fun and we learned to put the onions on beneath the sausage to prevent absolute carnage from people slipping and falling as the result of wayward onions leaping off the sausages. But alas, after having learned these new skills it seems that it's all been in vain as nobody has slipped and fallen and we can now revert to the old method of loading the sausages on top.

The year started out with a relatively "new" show committee with show Marshall David in the chair, Julie as committee secretary and Bernie, Peter and Jim filling out the group.

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But running shows takes more than just a good show committee – it also takes a significant input from members. From just having plants to exhibit to start with, to helping setup and pull down the show, retrieving props from storage, to giving up time to help run the show, to man the various sales and entry points like the front desk, plant sales, craft stall, trade table, help desk and kitchen catering group, from feeding workers and judges on setup night to providing food and drink to the public and workers as well. One job I’ve missed and that’s the database administrator and since I’ve been paying more attention to the goings on of this side of things, I realise what a terrible piece of software it is. Nothing seems to be stable, so one section that proves troublesome this show may be ok next one but with further problems elsewhere. Seriously, Roy is frequently working in his spare time behind the scenes to write a whole new system for our database administration. Thank you Roy and thanks to all those I’ve just mentioned.

The management group deserves mention at this point. Firstly I’d like to thank our vice president David whom I bounce ideas off constantly. He’s our show marshal, the person who procures the ingredients for our sausage sizzles and generally sets up the tables and eskys, someone who seems to be able to coerce guest speakers into lining up to come and speak to us – and what a great line-up we’ve had this year. He also runs the New Growers Group very successfully with meetings at his home and every other month at new growers’ bush houses. It has been a wonderful learning forum and I don’t believe that anyone who has attended a new growers’ session has walked away without learning something.

Our treasurer Bernie took on a new accounting software package at the beginning of the year and was doing an excellent job but unfortunately he had several health problems and found by July he was unable to continue. Thanks for your diligent work Bernie.

The call went out at the August meeting that we urgently needed a treasurer and at the close of the meeting my prayers were answered when I was approached by Christina Neylon who volunteered to take on the job and Glenda offered to become assistant treasurer. I couldn’t have been happier.

I actually slept well that Friday night for the first time in quite a while.

Anyone who has had anything to do with club treasury will know that the spring show is about as hectic as it gets but it was handled wonderfully by Christina and Glenda. Thank you both so much.

Lynne Pemberton also succumbed to illness and found it difficult to attend management committee meetings – resigning just recently while Jim Brown and wife Sandra have sold their home and intend joining the grey nomad procession around Australia. We thank Lynne, Jim and Bernie sincerely for their contribution to the management of our club. Thank you.

Our newsletter has been as regular as clockwork and interesting and informative thanks to Russell and his team. We genuinely thank you for this wonderful service to our club.

And our pots, bark and other growing accessories have been well handled by Heather again this year. Thanks so much Heather.

Thanks Glenda for organising the fruit tray raffle and milk each monthly meeting.

It really is a mistake to name names as you’re bound to miss someone. If I have done so, I truly apologise.

To all the people who make the meetings run smoothly, selling raffle tickets, to signing in plants, organising judging, counting votes, preparing supper. Setting up the hall and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you all.

As a club I believe we need to rethink our purpose and ideals and come out the other end with clear ideas of where we're going and what we want or expect as members of this club. We shouldn't try to compare it with other clubs, how they do things and what they do.

This is our club and while it's running along quite nicely, I'm sure we could provide better for our members.

There will be positions on the show committee and management committee for people with good ideas who are willing to put up their hand to start them off and then put in the effort and see them through.

With a good income stream from our sausage sizzles, I believe that this year more so than previously we've been able to return more to members than ever before. This comes in the form of heavily sponsored bus trips including entry, morning tea and sponsored lunches, more give away plants; pots, bark and accessories at cost price to members including a huge order of bark of 130 bags back in spring that went directly to members at cost, guest speakers that don't come cheap but are ultimately worth every cent; only 10% charged on sales plants as 15% seems the custom with most other clubs; a fully sponsored After Show Party and a heavily sponsored Christmas Party with some great hampers as raffle prizes. So I reckon we've all been pretty well looked after.

It really isn't easy trying to please everyone so if you feel we're missing something please tell me.

Lastly, my sincerest thanks to Colleen, for putting up with me when things aren't exactly running smoothly. For the advice & calming words she provides when necessary. She really is my "fix it" girl.

As I said at the Christmas party, if Humpty Dumpty had known Colleen he'd be back on the wall again.

To all members and friends, thank you for the honour of being your President for yet another year. It has at times been hectic and frustrating but certainly fulfilling as well. Thanks.

John Terry

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

7 March 2019	Leyburn Royal Hotel, MacIntyre St, Leyburn (55 minute drive from Toowoomba CBD)	11.45am
4 April 2019	Federal Hotel, James St, Toowoomba	11.45am
2 May 2019	Bull & Barley Inn, 61 Eton St, Cambooya (25 minute drive from Toowoomba CBD)	11.45am



Queensland International Orchid Fair

Friday & Saturday

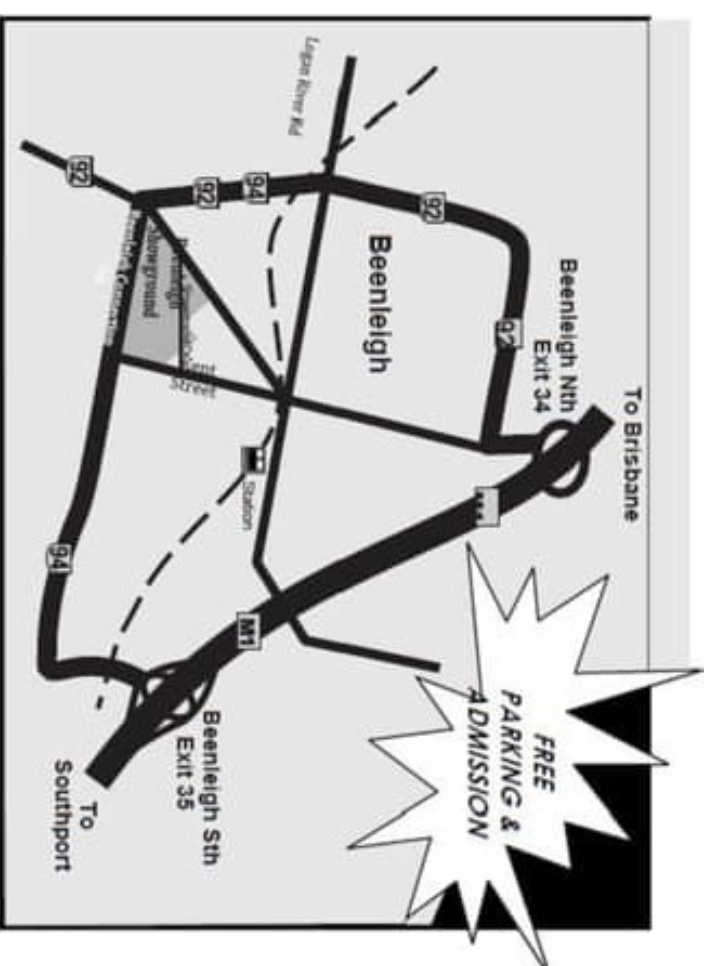
1st & 2nd March 2019

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Free Admission

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| Dark Star Orchids | Rollin Farms Orchids |
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| Fame Orchids | Sakdissi & Daughter |
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| Nicky Zucker Orchids | Windermere Nursery |
| Orchid Mania | Woolf Orchidculture |

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January 2019 Meeting Results

Class	Plant Name	Owner
Novice Hybrid	<u>V.</u> Lou Sneery	V & I Reid
Novice Species	<u>Bulb.</u> <i>hirundis</i>	V & I Reid
Novice Seedling		
Judges Choice Novice	<u>V.</u> Lou Sneery	V & I Reid
Open Hybrid	<u>Phal.</u> unknown	P Kajewski
Open Species	<u>Sngl.</u> <i>woodii</i>	A & C Neylon
Open Seedling		
Judges Choice Open	<u>Sngl.</u> <i>woodii</i>	A & C Neylon
Master Hybrid	<u>Phrag.</u> Living Fire	J & C Terry
Master Species	<u>Phal.</u> <i>Cornu-cervi</i>	M & K Ferguson
Master Seedling	<u>Bulb.</u> Jersey	D & C Woolf
Judges Choice Master	<u>Phrag.</u> Living Fire	J & C Terry
Judges Choice Overall	<u>Phrag.</u> Living Fire	J & C Terry
Popular Vote	<u>Bulb.</u> <i>hirundis</i>	V & I Reid

GROWING SUPPLIES Members only prices

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	\$27.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
Perlite Super Coarse (Pack)	\$4.00	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		

**Members
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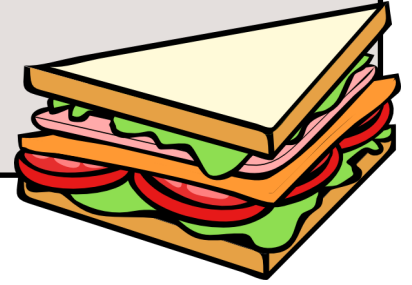
**Items
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from TOS
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NOT FOR
RESALE!**

**Members in
breach of this
will be refused
purchases.**



Supper at the meeting

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



Thought for the month!

Orchids were not made by an ideal engineer; they are jury-rigged from a limited set of available components.

Stephen Jay Gould

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