

# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



*July*  
**2019**

***Next Meeting***  
***Friday 26th July***  
***2019***

## 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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Glenda Neylon



## Minutes of the General Meeting

held 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

at St Paul's Church Hall, Toowoomba

President John Terry opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed members & visitors.

**Judges For Tonight :** Trevor, Cec, Russell

**New Members** ---

**Visitors:** Carol Weise

**Sick List:** Len Cherry - cataracts

**MINUTES:** Val Reid moved that the minutes of the May meeting as printed in Tanbark were correct.

Seconded by Murray Ferguson

Carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A brief report on the correspondence for the month:

Newsletters & Show Flyers – NOSTI, Rockhampton, Beaudesert, Lockyer Valley, Orchids Australia

Orchids Qld membership renewal

Orchid Wiz CD update

AOCC – asking for donation to run conference

Last Management Committee minutes available.

**OUTWARD:** --

Letter to Judges Panel re no longer paying for fuel for judges.

Roy Anderson asked for clarification on the judges' fuel payment. John explained that we allowed \$50/show for fuel, however judges were choosing not to travel together and the fuel was being split between several vehicles and was therefore negligible. Other clubs do not pay judges' fuel costs. Roy asked if this would impact judges' willingness to come to our shows. John said that we will have to wait and see.

Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed.

Seconded Inge Anderson

Carried

### **TREASURERS REPORT: -**

Total Credit Balance as at 25/6/19 \$38, 319.62

Total Monthly Expenditure \$499.99

Total Monthly Income \$1,779.05

Monthly Profit \$1,279.06

Treasurer moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded John Woolf Carried

Questions –

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Bank Account Signatories – Treasurer explained that there had been a problem with

Heritage Bank regarding authorised signatures. Val Reid moved that the signatories for **ALL** bank accounts by John Terry, David Woolf and Christina Neylon. Seconded by Roy Anderson  
Carried

## 2. Winter Show

**Roster** - being handed around

**Trophies** - please bring back the perpetual trophies

**Schedule** - Andrew will email or post members the latest schedule.

**Entries** - to John, David, Peter & Glenda or Andrew by 6pm Monday July 15.

## 3. Bunnings North

**Sausage Sizzle** – Raised \$1000, John thanked everyone who assisted

**Garden Club** - June 4 - Peter and Glenda spoke on behalf of the club and received a \$50 Bunnings gift card as a thank you.

4. **Name badges** – Reminder - make it easier for new members to know and remember who they are speaking with. Also – we will have a lucky draw for members who wear their badges on the night.

5. **New Growers'** will not be held this month. Next month to be held at Cora and Richard Malcuit's home – details will be in Tan Bark

6. **New Member Mentors** – John spoke about plan to have experienced growers mentor new members. Sign up sheet passed around – Name, contact details and genera you are happy to provide counsel on. A number of members took up the role.

7. **AOC – SEQ 2021 Conference** – Letter has been received asking the club to consider donating towards a start-up fund for the conference. This donation would be considered an *investment* should the conference run at a profit, in which case the club would receive a proportional amount of said profit. The meeting felt that the letter was too vague to form the basis of a commitment and asked that the Secretary write asking for more details.

## 8. Presentation of Autumn Show Trophies

9. **Speaker** – Andrew Neylon demonstrated some tip and techniques to ready plants for exhibition.

10. **Tonight's Winners** – announcement of winners from tonight's benching



### A word from the president.

I do hope the cloudy weather we're currently experiencing isn't slowing the progress of buds on your orchids as it seems to be with mine.

With our show only weeks away I'm sure you're staking flower spikes and turning buds as explained by Andrew at our last meeting. Remember it's not always the best flower that catches the judges' attention; it can be the flower that's looking them straight in the eye, the result of careful and thoughtful staking.

Member attendance at our June meeting was quite reasonable for a winters' night but we only had 45 plants benched which was somewhat low. However there were some really lovely plants to be seen. Well done to those who brought along plants for all to enjoy.

Cec Crees will be our guest speaker for next meeting and his talk on breeding and growing *Cattleya intermedia* isn't one to be missed. Everyone should have at least a few *C. intermedia* in their collection as our conditions in Toowoomba seem to suit them rather well and they are a joy when in flower. If Cec doesn't have some plants for sale at the meeting I'm sure he'll have plenty at the spring show.

We missed our new grower's group meeting for June but our July NGG will be at the home of Cora and Richard Malcuit, 13 Water Street Helidon at 2.00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome so come along and have a great afternoon but don't forget a chair and a plate of something to share for afternoon tea.

As mentioned earlier, the winter show is upon us so if you can spare a few hours either during the show or to help set up or even as a scribe or runner during judging be certain to let Andrew or his show committee know. Last meeting we handed out the autumn show trophies to those in attendance on the night and I always find it gratifying to see a good spread of winners across our membership. Well done all.

One trophy I did miss was the trophy for best foliage which should have been presented to Glenda (and Peter) but alas I missed that trophy. Apologies Glenda and Peter.

As we're now officially in the second half of the year it's probably time to start thinking about our Christmas party and what format suits us. This was discussed briefly at the last management committee meeting and decided to throw the question out there to you the members. So if you have an idea of how you think the club should celebrate our end of year we'd love to hear from you. Please talk to Glenda or myself with your thoughts and we'll see what can be done.

Have a great winter show.

**John**



**President John receiving a trophy from Julie and presenting trophies to some of the Autumn Show Winners.**

**Clockwise from top left with John Terry:**

**Julie Lack, Murray Ferguson, Max Bishop and Trevor Deans**

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Novice Hybrid	Phrag. Green Hornet	V & I Reid
Novice Species	Bulb. <i>tigridum</i>	V & I Reid
Novice Seedling	No Entries	
<b>Judges Choice Novice</b>	Bulb. <i>tigridum</i>	V & I Reid
Open Hybrid	C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'	R Anderson
Open Species	Coel. <i>Assamica</i> 'Kingston	B & A Breuel
Open Seedling	Cym. Zenera x Cym. Kingwin	B & A Breuel
<b>Judges Choice Open</b>	C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'	R Anderson
Master Hybrid	Paph. Saint Nicol 'Jem'	J & C Terry
Master Species	Paph. <i>venustum</i>	J & C Terry
Master Seedling	Paph. Green Luna	J & C Terry
<b>Judges Choice Master</b>	Paph. Green Luna	J & C Terry
<b>Judges Choice Overall</b>	Paph. Green Luna	J & C Terry
<b>Popular Vote</b>	Paph. Paph. Saint Nicol 'Jem'	J & C Terry

**Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm** – The President thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe trip home.

**Next meeting** to be held 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 7.30 pm

## **Bulbophyllum *tigridum* (the Tiger Striped Bulbo) by Val Reid**

Flowering season is Autumn

Bulb. *tigridum* is native to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Its growing habitat is a warm to cool, mainly growing on vertical rocks which have regular watering and there is light shade. The flowers come from the base of a small ovoid-conical, deeply ridged and grooved, dull deep green pseudobulb. Each bulb carries a single leaf that are about 4-6cm. There are normally 3 – 8 flowered umbels that are held above the leaf.



I purchased my plant in July 2017, and it was originally growing in a pot with bark. I have taken it out and attached it to a piece of bark, the roots are covered with a small amount of bark covered by spag moss. It grows on the wet wall in high humidity and is watered every 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Fertilised with all the other orchids using power feed and Seasol alternatively.

## **A Word From the President**

Winter has arrived and as I sit and write this, the westerly wind is picking up as I hope is the temperature but the forecast for today isn't great.

Those fortunate to attend our May meeting were treated to a floral delight with 74 plants benched of excellent quality across all classes. Well done and thanks to all who brought along plants to share their beauty. Our guest judges Craig Scott-Harden and his dad Graham were impressed by the exhibits and commented favourably on our diverse range of genera.

The talk by our guest speaker; again Craig Scott-Harden was on *Bulbophyllums* and once again highlighted what a diverse and extensive genus this really is. Wonderful photography was just one feature of the talk along with his vast knowledge on the subject was incredible.

I was fortunate to spend several hours with Craig and Graham and I think we were each surprised at the similarity of the climate they grow in (Richmond NSW) to our Toowoomba conditions. Bulbo's may not be for everyone and quite a large proportion grow in the steamy tropics but some grow at higher altitudes and cooler temperatures and are certainly worth a spot in the orchid house.

Our autumn show was again a lovely spectacle and was certainly appreciated by the visiting public. Congratulations to the winners and as we can't all be winners, thanks to everyone who exhibited plants and made the show the wonderful exhibition that it was.

Thanks too to Andrew and his somewhat depleted show committee for the organising and running of the event and thanks also to all the members who gave their time freely to make the show a success.

Don't forget we have our winter show on the 20th and 21st July.

The Happy Diners for May in the form of "Lunch with the Parko Bunch" was, I'm told a great success and a good time was had by all attendees.

Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 8th June turned out somewhat inclement but we all had a good time despite being cold and damp. We earned \$1000 for the club and I'd like to thank all who participated.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the prices of some items offered to members from our trade table has increased. I've amended these prices and they will be published in this edition of Tanbark.

Our last New Growers Group, while not well attended was very interesting and informative and I'm sure everyone enjoyed the informal format. Don't forget to wear your name badge to meetings as this will ensure that newer members will know who they are speaking with and thus feel more comfortable which I believe to be vitally important as we can't overstate the importance of new members.

We are currently looking at improving the way we welcome new members and the new members pack we provide to give these members as much information as possible. A mentor list is being compiled so if you feel you could help out in this respect please let me know.

I won't be in attendance at our June meeting as I'm having a pacemaker installed the day prior to the meeting. The procedure apparently is quite simple but recuperation is lengthy. Until next time; enjoy our great hobby (obsession). John





*Some of the beautiful benched plants from the June meeting*



*Andrew Neylon showing how to prepare our plants for showing at their best*

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

1 August 2019	Royal Hotel, 189 Ruthven St, Toowoomba	11.45am
5 Sept 2019	Meringandan Hotel, 30 Main St, Meringandan	11.45am
3 October 2019	Toowoomba City Golf Club	11.45 am

## New Growers Group in July

*The next New Growers Group will be held on Saturday 27 July  
at 2pm*

*At the home of Cora and Richard Malcuit  
13 Water Street, Helidon*

### GROWING SUPPLIES Members only prices

Squat Pot 100mm	\$0.20	Standard Pot 100mm (Tall)	\$0.25
Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.25
Squat Pot 140mm	\$0.40	Standard Pot 125mm	\$0.25
Squat Pot 175mm	\$0.65	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)	\$30.00
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		

\*Member Prices\* Note: Phone : 46356868

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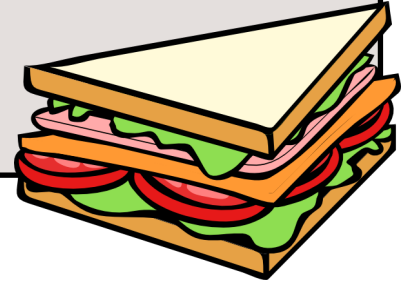
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will be refused  
purchases.**





## Supper at the meeting

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



## Thought for the month!

In Greek mythology, **Orchis** was the son of a nymph and a satyr. During a celebratory feast for **Bachus**, **Orchis** committed the sacrilege of attempting to rape a priestess, resulting in his being torn apart by wild beasts, then metamorphosing into a slender and modest plant.

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Remember - Next Meeting  
26th July 2019