

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**March
2019**

Next Meeting

Friday 22nd

March 2019

Meetings:

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

Venue:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall
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Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 22nd February 2019

The President John Terry opened the meeting at 7.30pm 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 2019 Tanbark. He moved that it be adopted. Seconded V Reid. Carried.

Minutes: The Annual General Meeting February 2018 minutes as printed in March Tan Bark 2018, are true and correct. Moved by R Anderson, seconded by A Breuel. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Christina Neylon gave a summary of the bank accounts- as per auditor's report. Christina moved that auditor's report be accepted Seconded by Val Reid. Carried.

The president declared all positions vacant and handed the chair to Kev Baker.

Election of Executive and Management Committee.

President:

Nominee- J Terry proposed B Breuel, seconded C Crees. Accepted.

The president regained the chair and the meeting proceeded.

Vice President:

Nominee- D Woolf, proposed J Terry, seconded G Neylon. Accepted.

Secretary

Nominee – Julie Lack, proposed J Terry, seconded P Neylon. Accepted.

Treasurer

Nominee - Christina Neylon, proposed J Terry, seconded B Breuel. Accepted

Tanbark Editor

Nominees - R & I Anderson proposed John Woolf, seconded Jeannie Woolf. Accepted.

Show Marshall

Nominee - A Neylon proposed D Woolf, seconded J Terry. Accepted.

Management committee

Nominee- C Crees- proposed G Neylon, seconded J Terry Accepted

Nominee- B Breuel- proposed C Crees seconded G Neylon. Accepted

Nominee –G Neylon-proposed J Terry seconded A Breuel. Accepted

General Business:

The president called for volunteers for the following positions;

Patron- Les Lobley has resigned the position. Patron to be sought.

Assistant secretary – B Breuel.

Assistant treasurer – G Neylon.

Assistant show marshal – D Woolf.

Meeting recorder- Lana Littleton & Leanne Dickermann.

Data base custodian - Roy Anderson.

Librarian - H Guppy.

Auditor - DC Advisory Group.

Host/hostess - Val and Ian Reid, Heather Guppy

Merchandise Officer – H Guppy

Honorary members - Presidents of NOSTI, Lockyer OS, Krystal du Froc.

Show Committee:

Lana Littleton

Peter Neylon

John Woolf

Heather Guppy

The president thanks all members who carried out the jobs in the previous year and thanked those who volunteered for the current term.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.



Executive and Management Committee 2019. L-R Julie Lack, Bernie Breuel, John Terry, Christina Neylon, Glenda Neylon, Russell Anderson, Andrew Neylon, Cec Crees. Absent David Woolf,.

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Minutes of Meeting dated 22nd February 2019

The President opened the meeting at 7.45pm 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 - Con, Roy, Cec and Andrew.

NEW MEMBERS -

VISITORS - The meeting gave a warm welcome to David & Joan Austin and Merlin Wiseman.

MINUTES -Moved Bernie Breuel that the minutes of the January meeting as printed in Tan Bark are correct. seconded Val Reid. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE -

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

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

TREASURERS REPORT - Treasurer Christina reported a credit balance in working account of: \$9,529.17

Total expenses for month: \$299.00.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The president asked for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for John Knowles - father of Di Crees.
2. Qld International Orchid Fairat Beenleigh next weekend. We will be taking a car convoy leaving Cobb & Co Museum in Lindsay St at 7.00am Friday 1st March. A sheet is available.
3. New Growers Group - new format- theme this month is growing slipper orchids so a visit to three slipper growers has been arranged. First up is Murray Ferguson's at 1.00pm on Sunday 3rd March. Lets meet on the footpath at around 12.55pm please. Then on to the greenhouses of Mal Martin and John Terry.
4. Members were reminded that club shirts are available.
5. President presented two awards to Charlie and Erika Dedekindwhich were awarded to their wonderful plant of *Brassavola flagellaris*. The awards were an **Award of Cultural Commendation** and an **Award of Merit**.

5. Cont'd. Congratulations to Charlie and Erika. Thanks to Val Reid for instigating the assembly of a judging which saved the transporting of the plant to Brisbane and the possible damage that may have incurred. A great result all round.
6. Our charity for the year is the Parkinsons Support Group. Certainly a worthy group that I believe do a wonderful job of helping people with this horrible disease. The members were told of a luncheon held by the group on Thursday 2nd May-it's their only fundraiser for the year apart from donations, so perhaps we could support them. Brochure here tonight.
7. Our patron, Les Lobleby has resigned. He has been the patron for over 25 years and a tireless supporter of orchid growing, judging and all things orchids.. He isn't in the best of health and that coupled with aging makes travel difficult. The meeting heartily thanked Les in absentia.
8. Shadehouses for new members-brochures and prices of Growrite Shadehouses are available-see John.
9. The club has an external storage device and feel that we should have a better record of our history. Members were urged to Christina if they have any relevant information.
10. Russell extended an invitation that if members have an interest in a particular subject pertinent to orchids they should contact him and he will endeavour to find a suitable article for inclusion in Tan Bark.
11. Receipts for subs can be collected from Christina.
12. Merlin Wiseman has a paddle mixer for sale- contact him if interested.

Kev's Corner - Kev spoke of the lovely plant of Ddc. *Uncatum* from the Philippines growing beautifully in a half coconut shell. Well done Lyn.

Winners on the bench were introduced by Andrew. Congratulations to the winners and Thanks Andrew.

The president then gave a short presentation on Hydrophobicity which was well received.

Fruit tray raffle was won by John Terry, first time in ten years! Sorry, couldn't help myself.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm - the president wished all a safe trip home and reminded members for Beenleigh to meet at Cobb & Co at 7.00am next Friday and at 283 Ramsay St at 1.00pm next Sunday.

A word from the President,

It's now autumn and still hot and dry but the nights have been a little cooler so we'll be thankful for that and that we haven't worn out the mower this summer.

Last meeting we successfully negotiated another AGM with some of the group re-nominating but we now have a new secretary in Julie Lack and our show marshall for this year is Andrew Neylon. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome them both to the management group and also to thank those who have returned for another year. The show committee also has a different make up this year and I have great expectations for the group.

On the 1st of March a group of members travelled to Beenleigh to attend the Queensland International Orchid Fair which was well supported again this year by orchid desperates looking to convert their hard earned into potential winners or at least something special. The vendors were many and varied and it was certainly an eye-opener to the newer growers.

There were some bargains to be had as well so I believe a good day was had by all.

Sunday 3rd March saw over 20 members, as part of the New Growers Group, assemble at the home of Murray Ferguson and file into his greenhouse to observe and involve in a comprehensive discussion on how to grow Paphs Murray's way. The group spent about 40 minutes there and asked quite a number of interesting questions.

We then moved on to view the greenhouse of Mal Martin and again see some different means of successfully growing slipper orchids. There were some differing processes involved but the principles were similar.

From there it was on to the Terry's for another look around the Paph house and some well earned afternoon tea accompanied by a good discussion on orchids and related matters.

Some of the newer growers decided from observing the many ways and means of growing this intriguing genus that it may be easier not to grow slippers but I did explain (out of earshot of Colleen hopefully) to some that there are some growers who can grow this genus very well and certain species and associated hybrids that don't require such complex cultural methods.

All up I believe it gave the newer growers a really good insight into the means some growers in this area will go to to grow these plants. So next time they see a well grown Slipper on the bench they can admire it for what it is.

Thanks to the growers who opened up their growing areas to us and the great advice given. I believe it wasn't only a "knowledge" afternoon but a fine social gathering as well. I know I enjoyed it immensely.

Lastly, I don't think I thanked you, the members for the wonderful support you've given to me throughout the last 12 months. Together; all of us have had a very successful year, some great shows and really good times together in our shared interest – orchids. This is your club and I do hope we continue to extract the greatest pleasure from this wonderful hobby.

Thanks.

John

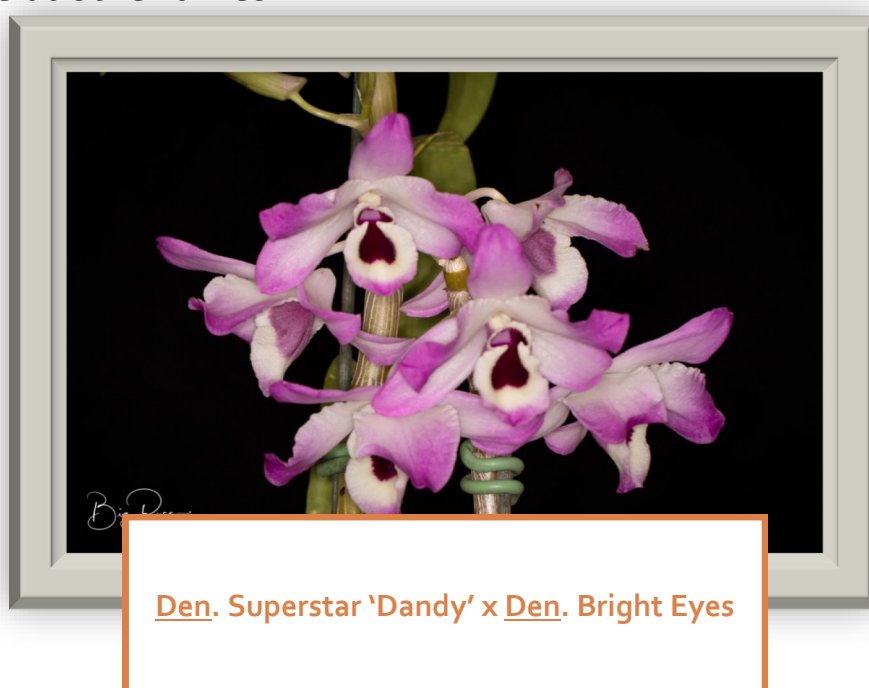
CULTURAL NOTES : HOW TO GROW SOFT-CANE DENDROBIUMS

Whereas many dendrobiums are tropical orchids and require a heated glasshouse for satisfactory cultivation in Victoria, soft-cane dendrobiums can be grown and flowered here outdoors or in a shade house, provided that they receive adequate light, especially during winter. Nearly all soft-cane dendrobiums have the species *Dendrobium nobile* in their ancestry. This species (and also other species used for hybridising) grow in the foothills of the Himalayan mountains, where quite cool temperatures are often encountered during winter. The flowers are produced in spring in a range of colours ranging from white through yellow and pink to purple, often with a contrasting central colour. Well-grown plants carry 10-20 flowers, each measuring 75 mm (3 in) across.

POTTING. Soft-cane dendrobiums grow and flower best in relatively small plastic pots, seldom needing pots larger than 100-125 mm in diameter. Because flowering plants can grow quite tall, these pots topple easily unless a bottom layer of large river pebbles is used when repotting. Pine bark (5-10 mm) is the most commonly used potting medium. There is no need to repot just because some roots begin to roam free but it will become necessary when the plant grows over the edge of the pot so far that it becomes unstable.

LIGHT AND AIR. Soft-cane dendrobiums require more light than many other orchids. During the main growing season (November to April) the plants need 30-50% shade but for the remainder of the year they may be exposed to full sunshine. Like most orchids, soft-cane dendrobiums enjoy a light and airy situation and do best when suspended from the roof of a shade house. Best flowering results from maximum exposure to light during autumn and winter, when the current season's canes mature and those pseudobulbs produced in the previous year shed their leaves. Some hybrids produce flowers on the most recently produced canes, whereas others flower only on canes that matured in the previous year.

WATERING AND FERTILISING. Regular and frequent watering is necessary during the period when the new growths are developing (November to April) but thereafter the frequency of watering must be reduced, especially during winter. Regular watering in winter will result in the production of offset plants (keikis) instead of flowers from the leaf nodes. Similarly, the application of high-nitrogen liquid fertilisers during the growth period will promote the formation of keikis. Use a high-potassium liquid fertiliser such as Campbell's A® (at half the manufacturer's recommended strength) every week or two between November and April. For maximum flower production it is important not to fertilise at other times.



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

4 April 2019	Federal Hotel, James St, Toowoomba	11.45am
2 May 2019	Bull & Barley Inn, 61 Eton St, Cambooya	11.45am

February 2019 Meeting Results Unavailable



SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

6TH APRIL 2019

BUNNINGS WEST

Please come along to help and have some fun!

GROWING SUPPLIES Members only prices

Squat Pot 100mm	\$0.20	Standard Pot 100mm (Tall)	\$0.25
Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.20
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		

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

**Members
Please Note!**

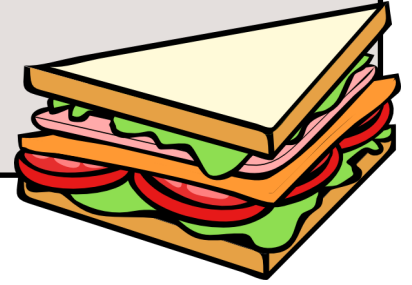
**Items
purchased
from TOS
are
NOT FOR
RESALE!**

**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!

*"Scatter as a prayer
escaping my lips...*

*as orchids
blooming in clouds."*

— Sanober Khan, [A Thousand Flamingos](#)

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