

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**May
2019**

***Next Meeting
Friday 25th May
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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2019 Autumn Show Report

Firstly I would like to congratulate all the winners and exhibitors that made the show possible. A big thanks to the members that gave up their time to help. This was my first show as show marshal and we were thrown a few curveballs (boulders actually) but we will learn from this and make things better next time. Firstly I would like to ask all members to delete ALL copies of old schedules from their computer as it makes everyone's job difficult when using a schedule that is not current. Secondly, could members take care in writing their labels and PLEASE utilise the club copies of OrchidWiz to ensure correct labels. As stated at the last meeting, most cattleyas have had names changed and to check the names. This wasn't done for the show as 90% of cattleya names were still wrong. I would like the members to make an effort for the next show - if this means you bring a list of your plants to the next few meetings and we help you get the correct names for them, especially those plants that are from multiple parents. There will be a new schedule emailed or posted to all financial members within the next month or so for use for the remainder of the shows this year.

Hopefully there will be a list of the winners and maybe some photos in the newsletter for all that couldn't make it to the show to see.

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to all that helped and exhibited at the Autumn show.

Thanks
Andrew

Non Financial Members

Last chance to pay your subscriptions

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Minutes of the General Meeting

held 26th April, 2019

at St Paul's Church Hall, Toowoomba

members & visitors.

David Woolf opened the meeting at 7.25 pm and welcomed

Attendance & Apologies: As per Attendance Book

HOUSEKEEPING: - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – members were urged to familiarise themselves with the procedure. Please turn your phones to silent and if you have any comments on the meeting please share them with us and not just annoy the people around you.

Judges For Tonight : Andrew, Warren, Bruce, Brendan

New Members Merlin Wisseman

Visitors: Bendan Larkin (guest speaker)

Sick List: ---

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

Seconded by Connie All those in favour – carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

A brief report on the correspondence for the month; Show schedule/notices - Ipswich

Newsletters - Australian Orchid Foundation; NOSTI;

Orchids Australia magazine

Quote for scanners etc from ABA Scales and Cash Registers

Membership – Merlin Wissemann

Last Management Committee minutes available.

OUTWARD: --

Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed.

Seconded Roy Anderson All those in favour – carried

TREASURERS REPORT: - Treasurer will give us an insight into our finances.

Credit balance in cheque account of: \$ 7,591.83

Total Income for the month: \$ 2,083.30

Total expenses for the month: \$ 794.14

Monthly profit \$1,289.16

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

Seconded by Val Reid All those in favour – carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. David presented Merlin Wissemann with his name badge, new member pack to come next month

2. Bunnings West Sausage Sizzle – 6th April was quite successful making a profit of \$668.35 Next one Bunnings North 8th June

Minutes Cont'd

3. Name badges – 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.
4. Lunch with the Parkinson's Bunch 2nd May – booked out, we have two tables attending.
5. Congratulations to Erika and Charlie as their plant of *B. flagellaris* 'Lieka' won best species in Queensland for 2018.
6. Show Update
Email this week with show schedule including updated rules
Entries in to David or Andrew by 7 pm Monday 6th
Blc. Is no longer used, check in Orchidwiz
Pot & bark sales – only orders placed with Heather prior to the show will receive club pricing, otherwise same prices as the general public
Autumn trophies need to be returned urgently
7. Guest speaker - Brendan Larkin.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm – The President wished everyone a safe trip home.

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

6 June 2019	Toowoomba Sports Club, Ruthven St, Toowoomba	11.45am
4 July 2019	Farmers Arms Tavern, New England Hwy, Cabarlah	11.45am
1 August 2019	Royal Hotel, 189 Ruthven St, Toowoomba	11.45am

MAXILLARIAS: PLEASE DON'T DISTURB by Brian Milligan

The genus *Maxillaria* comprises at least 700 species that are distributed throughout the Americas between Florida and northern Argentina. Most species carry only one leaf per pseudo-bulb,

although some carry up to four. Each stem carries a single flower but some species compensate for this by producing several flowering stems from each pseudo-bulb. Most species require a heated glasshouse but a few may be successfully grown in a shade-house fitted with a solid roof.

By far the most common of the cool-growing species is *Maxillaria porphyrostele*, which produces its yellow flowers on rather short stems in October (if grown without heat). The column of the flower is purple (*porphyrostele* means purple column). In common with many other maxillarias, this species resents being divided. Its divisions may take a year or more to settle down before they flower again.

Another species that grows and flowers well for me without heat is *M. cucullata*, which has orange/yellow flowers in spring. According to the books, *M. densa* should do the same but it has refused to flower ever since I moved it out of my glasshouse five years ago. *M. tenuifolia* also grows well for me outdoors but no longer flowers as prolifically as it did when grown with heat. It produces its brick-red flowers, smelling of desiccated coconut, in December when grown in the glasshouse. Regrettably, there is no longer room for it there.

Another fairly common maxillaria species is the miniature *Maxillaria sophronitis*, which grows well for me under either cool or intermediate conditions. The species epithet indicates that the flowers have the same colour as those of *Sophronitis coccinea*, that is, bright red. Unfortunately, *M. sophronitis* produces its flowers reluctantly. My plant in the shade house produced five flowers in September, while that in the glasshouse provided only two! Occasionally one sees spectacular specimen plants in flower but that is the exception, not the rule!

Other maxillaria species that grow and flower regularly for me in the glasshouse, and that I recommend, are *M. cogniauxiana*, *M. grandiflora*, *M. juergensii*, *M. luteo-alba*, *M. meleagris*, *M. picta* and *M. variabilis*. The large, white flowers of *M. grandiflora* are especially attractive, while those of *M. juergensii* and *M. cogniauxiana* are small and dark in colour – their small plants and flowers are curious, rather than showy. In all cases, I find that re-potting or division sets back their growth, so I carry out these operations as infrequently as possible.

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April 2019 Meeting Results Unavailable

Apologies

No presidents report this month

due to illness

Autumn show report unavailable

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!**

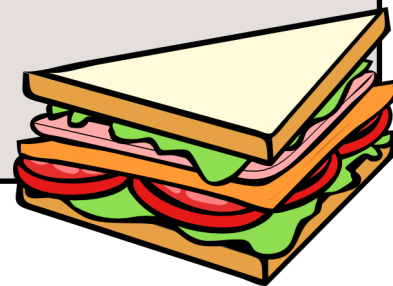
**Items
purchased
from TOS
are
NOT FOR
RESALE!**

**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!

The old orchid hunter lay back on his pillow, his body limp... 'You'll curse the insects,' he said at least, 'and you'll curse the natives... The sun will burn you by day and the cold will shrivel you by night. You'll be racked by fever and tormented by a hundred discomforts, but you'll go on. For when a man falls in love with orchids, he'll do anything to possess the one he wants. It's like chasing a green-eyed woman or taking cocaine... it's a sort of madness. Susan Orlean

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