

# TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**October  
2019**

## ***Summer Show!***

***This Saturday 19th October.***

***8.30am to 3.00pm.***

***Setup and judging on the 18th.***

***Plant lists to Andrew or David by***

***6pm 14th October.***

### **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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## ***From the president – October***

As I'm writing this I can hear a few raindrops on the roof which brings hope that it may be the start of some decent tank filling, plant watering, garden saving rain. I just looked at my records and find that it's over 110 days since we had more than 10mm of rain in one day and that was only twelve millimetres.

Our spring show is over for another year and what a show it was. Over four hundred and fifty plants benched by twenty one growers certainly captured the eye the moment you entered the hall. The beautifully grown and flowered soft cane dendrobiums that greeted the public just inside the hall were truly stunning. I admire anyone who can grow and flower them so well as I do struggle to get them to flower to the standard of these experts. For a plant that is supposed to be relatively easy to grow and flower; I'm certainly missing something. Can one of you knowledgeable and experienced growers volunteer to give a talk at one of our next meetings please?

The entries in the novice section were down on numbers again this show but as confirmed by the champion novice plant of Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale' grown by Julie Lack, quality was in abundance. Grand champion was a lovely Masd. Pichincha 'Cape View' grown by Steve and Sonia Pope while Reserve went to a nicely flowered Onc. Tiger Glow 'Weston' by Mal Martin.

The cut flower section showed a good display with over thirty blooms and sprays of orchids benched.

One plant that caught the eye of several judges was a plant of Paph. *sukhakulii* owned by me which was taken to the EDOS show on Friday night where a panel of Judges awarded it an Award of Merit (AM) thus providing great excitement for yours truly. Thanks Andrew for transporting the plant and handling the necessary organising.

Plant sales was up slightly on last year but it is a shame we don't have more flowering plants to last throughout the show as the plant sales bench looked very sad by Monday even though Cec and Di Crees did their best to supply flowering plants of C. intermedia. Thanks to everyone who worked so diligently to make the show the success that it was. Well done.

## ***From the president – October - Cont'd***

But having given the show and members the accolades above, my only negative comment (unfortunately) is that five days is just too long for both members and plants. By the end of the show not only are the plants looking tired but also the members who have worked tirelessly both at the show and in preparation. There's almost as much happening behind the scenes leading up to the show as during and after the event. So again a big thank you to all involved.

It's about now that I mention our next show – The summer or "Sarc." Show as it's been called for years; is only 20 days away as I write this and will no doubt be less when you read this. Gee I'm still getting over the spring show!!!!

The date of the summer show being the 19<sup>th</sup> October from 8.30am to 3.00pm, setup and judging on the 18<sup>th</sup> and plant lists in to the usual people by 6.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. Earlier if you can please.

I just received notice that our application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to assist in the purchase and development of a bar-coding system for our sales areas has been approved. This will be a new phase in the life of plant sales and I'm hoping the transition will be as smooth as our new Eftpos machine which was a godsend compared to the old system. Much more information as it comes to hand.

Our Christmas breakup party will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at the Bourke and Wills Hotel so blank that out in your diary and names in to Glenda as soon as possible please. The cost to the club will be \$55 pp but will be subsidised, so final cost to members will be \$25 per person and should be a wonderful night.

I was made aware of a great motto for a club recently and I quote "Don't complain about it not being done if you didn't volunteer to do it." What a great principle – something we need to reflect on more often.

Until next time – enjoy your orchids.

*John*



## **New Growers Group in October**

*The next New Growers Group will be held on 27th Oct at 2pm*

*At the home of David and Carolyn Woolf*

*607 Greenwattle Street, Toowoomba*

**These meetings are not to be missed!**



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## ***SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS***

- ◇ **Grand Champion** Masd. Pichincha 'Cape View' Pope S & S
- ◇ **Reserve Champion** Onc. Tiger Glow 'Weston' Martin M
- ◇ **Champion Novice** Cym. Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale' Lack J
- ◇ **Champion Specimen** C. intermedia ML201510 Crees C & D
- ◇ **Champion Seedling** C. intermedia RS201701 Crees C & D
- ◇ **Champion Species** Paph. sukhakulii Terry J & C

Congratulations to all exhibitors and volunteers for a successful show!

## **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	\$0.35
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 140mm	\$0.50
Orchid Pot 150mm	\$0.70	Saucer 200mm	\$0.75
Orchid Pot 175mm	\$1.20	Saucer 300mm	\$1.60
Orchid Pot 200mm	\$2.20	Pot Hangers 360mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Small (Pack)	\$3.00	Pot Hangers 500mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Medium (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 45cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Large (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 60cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 100mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 90cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 140mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Pencil- Stabilo 8008	\$3.50
Orchiata Bark 40L	\$27.00	Coco Husk	\$12.00
Perlite Super Coarse (Pack)	\$4.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 6-9mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Sphagnum Moss (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 9-12mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Perlite Super Coarse (100l)	\$30.00
Orchid Mix 12-18mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plantacote Fertiliser Top K 1kg	\$8.00
Rutec Root Booster 1L	\$8.00		
Rutec Growth Booster 1L	\$10.00		

\*Member Prices\* Note: Phone : 46356868

**Members  
Please Note!**

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from TOS  
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NOT FOR  
RESALE!**

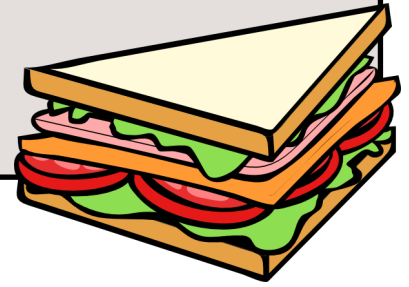
**Members in  
breach of this  
will be refused  
purchases.**





## Supper at the meeting

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



## Thought for the month!

"In spring, at the end of  
the day, you should  
smell like dirt."

Margaret Atwood

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Remember - Next Meeting

25th October 2019