

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**February
2020**

***New Growers
Group
1st
March!***

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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Cec Crees Bernie Breuel

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

New Growers Group

To be held at David and Carolyn Woolf's home, 2pm Sunday 1st March.

Bring a chair, a plate and your worst plant for a replacement.

Please note the BSB number in the January Tan Bark was incorrect. I apologise for any inconvenience. The correct numbers are below.

Last Chance to pay Membership Subscriptions

It is time to pay. If you are not financial you cannot vote at the AGM.

\$25.00 for individuals or couples. If you wish to pay by bank transfer our details are here.

Toowoomba Orchid Society BSB 638-070 Acc. 5686989 Heritage Bank

Please include your name in the description field so we know who has paid.

International Orchid Fair

28-29 February

At the Beenleigh Showground, Beenleigh

Carpooling available



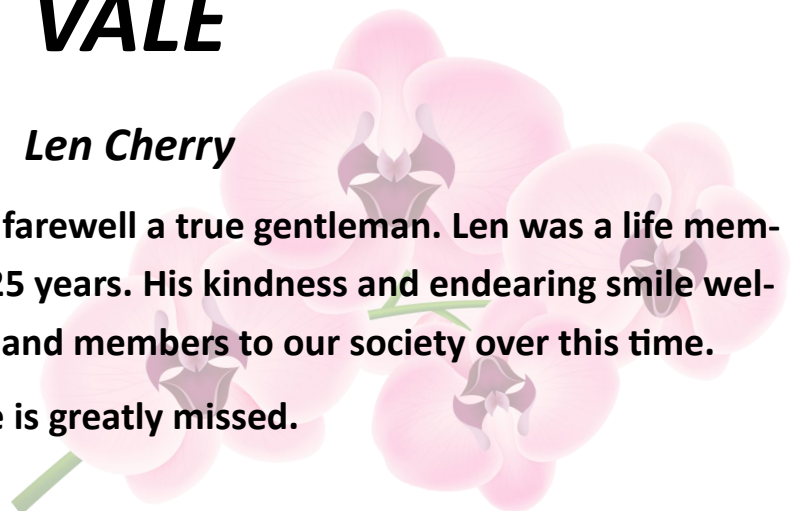


VALE

Len Cherry

It is with great sadness that we farewell a true gentleman. Len was a life member and club stalwart for over 25 years. His kindness and endearing smile welcomed hundreds of visitors and members to our society over this time.

He is greatly missed.



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,.



Minutes of the General Meeting

held 24th January, 2020
at St Paul's Church Hall, Toowoomba

The President, John Terry, opened the meeting at 7.40 pm and welcomed members & visitors.

Attendance & Apologies: As per Attendance Book

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

Judges For Tonight : Val, Trevor, Andrew

New Members ---

Visitors: --

Sick List: --

MINUTES John Terry moved that the minutes of the November meeting were true and correct.
Seconded by Roy Anderson ... Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

A brief report on the correspondence for the month:

INWARD	OUTWARD
Newsletters & Show Flyers	
TRC acquittal of grant	
Bank statements	
Orchids Australia	
Orchid Wiz update	
DC Advisory – change of address	

Last Management Committee minutes available.

Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed.

Seconded John Woolf Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: -

as at 23/01/20

Credit balance in the working account: \$11, 721.55

Income for the month \$175.00

Expenses for the month \$144.00

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Passing of Len Cherry

A minute's silence was observed to honour Len. Both John Terry and John Woolf spoke of Len with great warmth.

2. **New Growers'** to be held at David and Carolyn Woolf's home, 2pm Sunday March 1. Bring a chair and a plate to share and your worst plant for a replacement.
3. **Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** – North 18/4 & 13/6, West 17/5
4. **Nominations for AGM** - Nomination forms available, must be with the secretary 2 weeks before the AGM.
5. **Membership audit** – Forms to the secretary to update our records.
6. **New Member** – John welcomed Carol Weise
7. **AOC-SEQ 2021 involvement** – Looking for someone to co-ordinate our display. Need to submit an expression of interest regarding size of our display.
8. **Presentation** – Val Reid – Novice most points accumulated (98) at meetings & Graduation to Open
9. **Beenleigh Orchid Fair** – Feb 28. Interest in car pooling
10. **Speakers** – Cec spoke about his experience using water well pots & John gave a presentation on Phragms.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm – John thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe trip home.



Happy Diners 2020

Mar 5th Westbrook Tavern

April 2nd Federal Hotel

May 7th Rudd's Pub, Nobby

June 4th Southern Hotel

July 2nd Farmers Arms, Cabarlah

Aug 6th Downs Hotel, Drayton

Sep 3rd Meringandan Hotel

Oct 1st Newtown Hotel

Nov 5th Pioneer Arms, Goombungee

Dec 3rd Withcott Hotel

Jan 7th 2021 Highfields Tavern

Presidents Report for 2019 – 2020 by *John Terry*

Another successful year in the life of our club. The AGM in February filled all positions and it was a great relief for me with Julie stepping up as secretary. I had been filling that position for the year 2018 as well as president and I can't thank Julie enough. She's a working mum and is also heavily involved with several other clubs but can fit TOS matters into her busy schedule.

We also saw Andrew step in as Show Marshall and he was certainly treated to a steep learning curve but with the help of the show committee and many other volunteers we saw our four shows proceed very smoothly.

The management team was a well balanced, diverse group with a good gender and age mix which I believe performed wonderfully and I thank them all for their contribution throughout the year.

Vice President David – has been a huge help to me and the management group again this year providing a wealth of experience. He can always find some plants from someone at the right price for the new growers group or raffle plants. He has been the ingredient procurer for our sausage sizzles – except the last one – then we found out what he goes through each time. He obviously enjoys it much more than I do.

Our treasurer Christina has had somewhat of a trying year being flat out with work, moving house and changing over to the new "Zero" accounting software and for a "non orchid person" has done remarkably well in trying to understand the obscure things an orchid club does. Thanks Christina.

To the Management Group: I thank you personally and I'm sure I speak on behalf of the club when I say a sincere Thank You.

The March meeting was special to me in that it was not only about the last time we had serious rain in 2019 but I had the privilege on behalf of the club to hand over a cheque for \$2000 to Marj Carrol, the president of the Toowoomba branch of Riding for the Disabled which was our charity for 2018.

Marj was quite emotional – not just from driving to the meeting in a wild rain storm but for the help our small contribution will make to the lives of some of their disabled riders.

Our guest speaker for the April meeting was Brendan Larkin who spoke on the hybridisation of Australian Dendrobiums. Brendan also had plants for members to purchase. Another interesting guest speaker, so thanks David for organising our guest speakers again this year.

May saw our autumn show held the day before Mothers Day and was a lovely spectacle as always and was enjoyed by all who visited. Flowering plants were very popular on the sales table and once again a Masdevallia won grand champion but we had a Zygopetalum as reserve champion which was quite unique.

Well done to Andrew and his new show committee of Peter, John, Heather and Lana. A great show and credit to you and all the volunteers who give freely of their time and have an enjoyable experience at our shows.

Our May guest speaker was Craig Scott-Harden and his dad Graham. I was privileged to spend the afternoon with them and realised at that moment what an absolute wealth of knowledge is out there in some of these ultra enthusiasts. Craig gave a great talk on *Bulbophyllums*.

Our winter show in July had almost 200 plants to greet the patrons and was a beautifully diverse show with a *Cattleya* taking out the top gong. *Cymbidiums* were once a mainstay of our winter and spring shows with cymbidium stands being erected to display them at their best. The numbers are dwindling as there are fewer growers and it seems climate change is taking its toll as well. Thirteen *Cymbidium* plants greeted the judges at the winter show this year compared to 38 last year. Not only were Cymbids down but patron numbers were down as well with Sunday afternoon very poor.

But having said that it was a lovely show with some magnificent blooms and plant sales figures were up on last year meaning more dollars in members' pockets. Well done to all concerned.

We certainly turned it on for our spring show with close to 500 plants on the show bench. Absolute magnificence greeted the patrons and I had so many comments from visiting orchid enthusiasts that it was the best show in Queensland this year. Well done to all our exhibitors.

Cymbidium numbers were down again on previous years and intermediated and miniatures dominated as they appear to be more heat tolerant.

Australian *Dendrobium* numbers were down as well with not one flowering *speciosum* in the hall.

But the show was a beauty. Lots of patrons through the door, plant sales looking very much depleted by day four – something we all need to address. We had plenty of workers each day with offers from other members if we were short. Thank you all.

The spring show saw the arrival of our new EFTPOS machine and it is certainly a dream to use compared with the old one. The plant sales team are happy again.

The summer show was once more a lovely little show with 60 *Sarcochilus* on the bench in a total of just less than 200. The highlight for me was that the grand champion went to the Australian native, *Phaius australis*, beautifully grown & flowered by Charlie and Erika. We don't see many of them on the front table, so well done.

Patrons were once again impressed with the show – we even had a bus from KABI which livened things up for a while. Thank you to all who made these shows the success that they were. The exhibitors and the helpers alike as it wouldn't be the great show that TOS stages without you. Thanks to our database administrator Roy who does a great job with the touchy software he's working with.

Thanks to Heather and her team for making up mixes, transporting goods and selling not only at shows but to members throughout the year.

You may have heard that the club is moving towards bar coding for our sales areas but it's closer than you think with the equipment having been delivered. So be expecting some training sessions early in the year. Based on experience from other clubs, it's been a great step forward in plant sales, trade table sales and craft sales so I believe we should be looking forward to it. Thanks to Mal for writing our application to the Gaming Commission and to Andrew for making contacts & getting prices.

I'd also like to thank all members who help to make our meetings run a little smoother. There are so many who help out with this, that to name some and potentially miss someone would be a tragedy. So heartfelt thanks to you all.

Not forgetting the successful Bunnings sausage sizzles which certainly firmed up the club finances and thanks so much to all the workers who toiled in sometimes adverse conditions and had fun doing it. Thanks.

The club lost two of our active life members this year; our former Patron Les Lobley who has been a wonderful supporter of our club and orchids in general for ever (almost) and Len Cherry a fantastic member and great supporter and friend. We will miss them.

Thanks to Russell, Inge and Krystal for producing a newsletter for us each month which isn't an easy task when you're waiting on others to provide details of matters to be published. The Tanbark team have been fulfilling this responsibility wonderfully for four years. Thanks so much.

Particular thanks to my wife Colleen who has once again been my stabiliser, my proof reader, my sanity checker (no easy task) and a great listener. She and her sister and sister in-law did a great job running the kitchen (with help from Holly) during the spring show and keeping us and the patrons well fed.

I feel our club is soundly moving forward and I'm proud to be part of it. As you know we're looking for a new president in 2020 and I wish him/her all the support and fulfilment that I have received.

So in closing, I'd like to thank all of you who have supported me in this journey, having shown friendship and tolerance and helped make our wonderful hobby (obsession) even more enjoyable. Thank you.

Judging Results January 2020

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Novice Hybrid	C. Unknown	C & R Malcuit
Novice Species	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	C & R Malcuit
Novice Seedling	No entry	
Judges Choice Novice	C. Unknown	C & R Malcuit
Open Hybrid	Phrag. Green Hornet	V & I Reid
Open Species	<i>V. falcata</i>	V & I Reid
Open Seedling	Phrag. Mont Fallu	V & I Reid
Judges Choice Open	Phrag. Mont Fallu	V & I Reid
Master Hybrid	V. Bangsai Delight "Gold n Spots"	C & E Dedekind
Master Species	<i>B. nodosa</i>	D & C Woolf
Master Seedling	Paph. Vanguard	J & C Terry
Judges Choice Master	V. Bangsai Delight "Gold n Spots"	C & E Dedekind
Judges Choice Overall	V. Bangsai Delight "Gold n Spots"	C & E Dedekind
Popular Vote -	V. Bang sai Delight "Gold n Spots"	C & E Dedekind

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

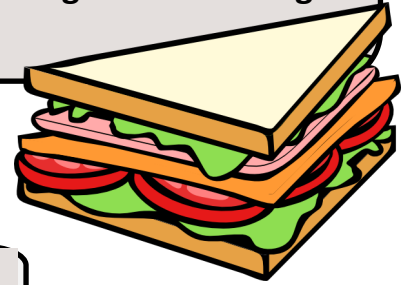
**Members
Please Note!**

**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!

For other people, love is like some rare orchid that can only grow in one place under a certain set of conditions. For me it's like bindweed. It grows with no encouragement at all, under any conditions, and just strangles everything else.

-- Scarlett Thomas

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Remember - Next Meeting
28th February 2020