

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



April
2018

Next Meeting

27th April

7.30pm

29th April

New Growers Group

At the home of

Jim Brown

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

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TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Meeting Minutes for meeting of 16th March 2018

The President opened the meeting at 7.25pm and welcomed members.

HOUSEKEEPING; - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – were mentioned. Members urged to ensure they've signed the attendance book.

GUEST SPEAKER: Talk on Fertiliser and the elements involved with plant growth by John Terry.

JUDGES FOR TONIGHT M Martin, W Williams, M Ferguson and A Breuel

NEW MEMBERS.... Kathy Scott, Peter and Betty Martin.

VISITORS: Nil

SICK LIST: Nil

MINUTES: Moved D Woolf, seconded P Neylon that the minutes of the February meeting as printed in Tanbark are correct. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A brief report on the correspondence for the month. NOSTI newsletter. Last month's Management Committee minutes available. Welcome letters to new members. Letter to St Pauls regarding charges for cupboard space. Correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed, Moved J Terry seconded Julie Lack. Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: - Bernie gave us an insight into our finances: Accounts for payment – Pots & supplies - \$467.00, Robertsons Coaches - \$880, Raffle Plants \$315, Annual hall hire \$770, Eskys \$267, Sausage Sizzle costs \$472.04, Fernland post \$341.39 – Total \$3512.43 Credit balance in working account of \$10,525.25 Bernie moved that the financial report be accepted and all accounts tabled be passed for payment. Seconded by D Woolf - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Sausage Sizzles – Good rollup of helpers last Saturday and the Sunday before. Club profit was \$880 & \$994 respectively. Thanks to everyone who lent a hand. Bunnings had a late cancellation and couldn't thank us enough for stepping up and filling the void. The next one on Sunday 29th April at old Bunnings. L Pemberton spoke of the fun she's had at all such events attended and urged members to participate. A roster next meeting.
2. Bus trip – great day was had by all. Next being planned for October.
3. President reminded members that subscriptions now over-due – please see Bernie if you haven't already.
4. New growers group is at David & Carolyn's on 18th March at 2.00pm. All welcome.

5. Changes to club rules. Changes were read to members. Being no discussion, it was moved by Russell Anderson “ that the inclusions be made to the club rules and they then become club rules for 2018”, Seconded Warren Williams. The motion was carried unanimously. Copies available next meeting.

6. Mal Martin presented an award certificate for an HCC to Cec and Dianne Crees. The meeting congratulated them.

7. The members were asked if they are receiving sufficient information regarding management committee decisions. Minutes of previous meetings are available at each meeting but the MC has concerns regarding transparency. The president offered to have a précis of MC minutes displayed on the screen during meetings. A show of hands revealed that members are happy with information as passed on at present. Carried.

8. Reminder of OrchidWiz available to members. Russell told members that he has a copy and should they have a cross they would like investigated they can email the editor.

9. The club has bought 3 Eskys at a very good price to give more flexibility at Sausage Sizzles. They worked a treat last Saturday.

10. We’ve been invited to an Easter family night at Bunnings west at 6pm on 22nd – We are to put on a tabletop display and brochure handouts. Members invited to swell numbers.

11. Bernie Breuel called for a minute silence in respect for the deaths of Zelda, wife of Des Neuendorff, buried today and also Dulcie Lent, Mother in-law of J Terry and mother of Colleen. Thank you all.

12. Club shirts are available and more will be ordered if members require. Please let the secretary or president know.

13. Jim Brown has a list of orchids for sale. See Jim.

A presentation by J Terry regarding the components of fertiliser and their role in the growth cycle of a plant was followed by quite a number of questions.

Supper

Kev’s Corner – in the absence of Kev, David gave a short discourse on several plants of *Paph. charlesworthii* urging members to grow more of this species. Raffles were drawn for Lucky Exhibitor, Fruit Tray and plants. Members agreed they would like more, smaller plants rather than fewer large plants. The late Prof. Steven Hawking who died recently had a famous saying “Look up at the stars not down at your feet.” President John wished all a safe trip home.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

A word from the president.

The days are shortening noticeably so obviously winter is on the way. But before then we have our Autumn show so it's time to start looking at plants and staking flower spikes where necessary. It's too late to try to make them comply the week before the show. We had another good display of flowers on the bench at the March meeting but the novice bench was sparse. We can fill tables at shows but not at meetings? Come on new growers, don't be shy; bring your orchids in flower along. They may not win on the night but it's a nice experience having someone admire a plant that you've grown. Good advice can also be forthcoming so bring them along.

As I said at the meeting, we had a good response from members at the last sausage sizzle which was very pleasing. It can be a great time to get to know other members and can also be fun while raising funds for the club. We've raised \$1875 in the last 2 outings. Well done. Management committee has begun planning another bus trip for later in the year – probably October when the days are lengthening so watch out for that one. The new growers group at Carolyn and David's on Sunday was a great success with 28 members in attendance and a good time was had by all. A continuation from Friday night regarding fertiliser and general growing was very interesting and prompted lots of questions. This was followed by a demo of how to break up large overgrown plants. There were very few bits left when the dust settled and members took home pieces of a couple of very worthwhile plants. We hope to see some of these on the show bench in the future. We then inspected some very nicely grown and flowered plants in the orchid houses. Then afternoon tea. Thanks very much to Carolyn and David for their hospitality and to David for yet another interesting and informative afternoon.

The Easter evening at Bunnings on the 22nd wasn't quite what I expected but we had a great display and enough members to man it. Thanks to those who took the time out from their busy lives for the club. It's always good to get our obsession out in the public's eye. It was a drizzly night and only rained in earnest when it was time to load the plants in the car. We'll need trophies for the Autumn show so if you have one, please bring it along to the next meeting.

Until next time - Good growing

John

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

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| 5th April 2018 | Federal Hotel, James St. Tmba | 11.45am |
| 3rd May 2018 | Bull & Barley Inn, 61 Eton St, Cambooya | 11.45am |
| 7th June 2018 | Qi'Lin Chinese Restaurant, 29/187 Hume Street | 11.45am |

Gur. bowringiana

A couple of photos of bowringiana in flower growing in garden. If anyone would like to have a look they are welcome, phone first. Cec



Some of our intrepid volunteers sharing the love (of orchids) at Bunnings last week.

L-R: Peter Neylon, Bernie Breuel, John Terry and David Woolf.



February 2018 Meeting Results

| Class | Plant Name | Owner |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Novice Hybrid | <u>C.</u> Caudebec | P Kajewski |
| Novice Species | No Entries | |
| Novice Seedling | No Entries | |
| Judges Choice Novice | <u>C.</u> Caudebec | P Kajewski |
| Open Hybrid | <u>C.</u> Caudebec x <u>C.</u> Roy Finley | B & A Breuel |
| Open Species | <u>Dcd.</u> macranthum | A Neylon |
| Open Seedling | No Entries | |
| Judges Choice Open | <u>Dcd.</u> macranthum | A Neylon |
| Master Hybrid | <u>Paph.</u> Hsinying Limemoth x Hsinying Citron | J & C Terry |
| Master Species | <u>Paph.</u> charlesworthii | J & C Terry |
| Master Seedling | <u>Rth.</u> Free Horizon x <u>Rth.</u> Dal's Nugget | J & C Terry |
| Judges Choice Master | <u>Paph.</u> charlesworthii | J & C Terry |
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| Popular Vote | <u>Z.</u> Artur Elle 'Essendon' | A Neylon |

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THE LOST LABEL by Brian Milligan

There's nothing more sorrowful than an orchid without a label, except perhaps a lost puppy without a collar! The plant is usually relegated to a spot in the furthest corner of the shade-house, where it suffers from a lack of air movement and regular watering, which in turn predisposes it to attack by scale and red spider mites.

The grower's hope is that, when the orchid next flowers, it may be identified. This may be possible if it's a division of one of his or her other plants, or if it's a species orchid or a commonly grown hybrid. Otherwise, the orchid stands little chance of identification, and its usual fate is to join other orchids destined for the sales bench at one of our shows - most members of the public are not interested in an orchid's name, apart from the genus (*Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium* etc.).

An unnamed orchid is of limited value to any member interested in displaying his or her orchids on the show bench at orchid meetings or shows. OSCOV judging rules state that un-named orchids should not receive a first prize in their class, and in practice (unless they are of high quality), they are unlikely to receive a second or third place. An unnamed orchid can therefore, in principle, never win Best in Section. New growers are still advised to bench their unnamed orchids, because they may be quality plants that the judges are able to identify. But if the judges continue to ignore your illegitimate orchid, then you may as well dispose of it to make room for another of known lineage.

Orchid hybrids are said to be the only members of the plant kingdom for which a complete family tree is known, and orchid devotees are therefore determined to preserve that record, which is maintained by a committee of the Royal Horticultural Society. The judging rule that unnamed orchids should never be given a first prize is designed to discourage their cultivation. For the same reason unknown orchids should never be used for breeding purposes, and names for all worthwhile progeny bred from known parents should be registered.

So, take great care not to lose an orchid's label when re-potting, and always label every division you make. I find that labels are easily lost during wild weather. Some of my pots are inevitably toppled over during windstorms, and I have learned by experience, having up-righted the pot, to look for the label, which may have fallen beneath the wire mesh bench.

Of course, there are some events that can't be foreseen, like the occasion when an orchid grower sent his noisy granddaughter outside to play. Eventually she returned, gleefully telling Grandpa what she had found - a handful of carefully gathered orchid labels!

Showtime is another occasion when plant labels are sometimes lost through no fault of the grower. Naive show patrons have been known to remove the labels from prize-winning orchids, so that they can show them to the sales staff in the hope of finding an identical orchid in the sales area! Sadly, few illegally removed labels find their way back to their original homes. For this reason, some growers put two identical labels in their pots, the second one pressed down out of sight beneath the compost as a smart insurance policy.

PLANT LABELS ARE IMPORTANT!

New Growers Group

2.00pm, Sunday,

29th April 2018

@ Jim Brown's

37 Horrocks Crt, Kearneys Spring

Please bring a chair and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

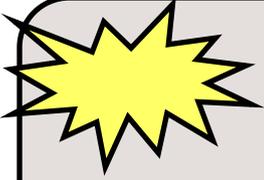
Attention all crafty people

There will be a craft stall at the Autumn Show so start creating to sell your wares at the show.

Growing Supplies

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

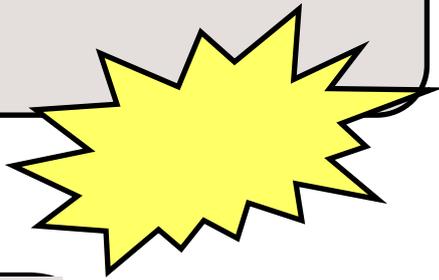
| Squat Pots | | Standard Pots | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Size | Price Each | Size | Price Each |
| 80mm | 30c | 100mm (tall) | 25c |
| 100mm | 20c | 100mm | 20c |
| 125mm | 35c | 120mm (old stock) | 15c |
| 140mm | 50c | 125mm | 25c |
| 175mm | 50c | 140mm | 30c |
| 200mm | 60c | 180mm | 50c |
| 270mm | \$1.50 | 200mm | 60c |
| 100mm Orchid Pot | 40c | 250mm | \$1.20 |
| 125mm Orchid Pot | 55c | Saucers 200mm | 70c |
| 150mm Orchid Pot | 75c | Saucer 300mm | \$1.55 |
| 175mm Orchid Pot | \$1.20 | Plant Clips Small | 11c |
| 200mm Orchid Pot | \$2.20 | Plant Clips Medium | 12c |
| 140mm Labels | \$3.50 per 50 | Plant Clips Large | 30c |
| 100mm Labels | \$3.20 per 50 | Bark (Orchiata) | \$26 |
| Pot hangers (360mm) | 30c each | Perlite Coarse | N/A |
| Pot hangers (500mm) | \$2.00 | Perlite Super Coarse | \$35 |
| Bamboo Stakes 45cm | 80c per 10 | Perlite Jumbo | \$41 |
| Bamboo Stakes 60cm | \$1.20 per 10 | Plantacote Fertiliser Top K | \$6/kg |



Supper at the meeting

Please bring along a small plate of nibbles for our general meetings.
Your offering is greatly appreciated.

Thought for the month!



*“Always be friendly, always
be kind,
Like the most beautiful
flower that you can find.”*

— [Debasish Mridha](#)

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