

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**October
2018**



Guest Speaker

26th October 2018

Michael Coker

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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A Table of Champions Sept 2018

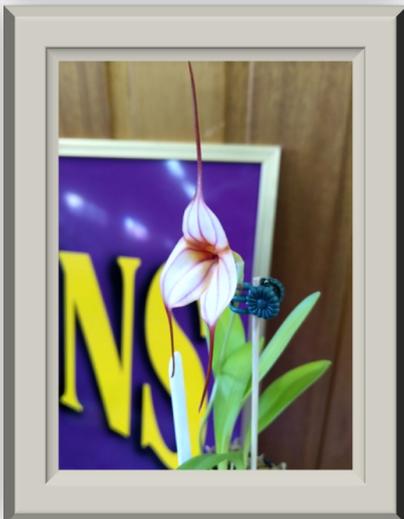
Names of plants and growers in presidents report



Grand Champion



Reserve Champion



Novice Champion



Please return all Summer Show trophies to Peter and Glenda Neylon as soon as possible.

To all Summer Show exhibitors,

If you have any doubts about your orchids name or genus or even wondering if a crossing has now been named, please, don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will check OrchidWiz and RHS for you.

Cheers

Russell (Tan Bark editor)

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Happy Diners: For further information, see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952		
1st Nov 2018	Murphy's Creek Tavern, 3 Thursa St, Murphy's Ck.	11.45am
6th Dec 2018	Blue Mountain Hotel, New England Hwy, Tmba	11.45am
3rd Jan 2019	Club Glenvale (Hockey Club) Boundary Street	11.45am

Next Meetings

Our next monthly meeting will be 26th October 2018. Speaker will be Michael Coker. Michael's talks are something you don't want to miss.

BUS TRIP: *Nambour Species Show (with a couple of private collections) on 3rd November. Cost to members \$20. Names in as soon as possible please.*

Reminder: The TOS Christmas Party is the 1st December at the Hockey Club. Numbers are required and the cost is \$20.

From the President

Greetings fellow orchid enthusiasts. Well we've successfully negotiated another spring show and oh what a beauty. I do believe it was one of the best spring shows this club has staged in a very long time; if ever. We had over 500 exhibits by 29 members which is just wonderful but if numbers of beautiful orchids don't impress you then the quality must. Just fantastic and it was a spectacle not only enjoyed by the public but by the many orchid "tragics" who visited from other clubs. The novice section was a little "light on" but the quality was certainly there with Julie Lack taking out champion novice with a lovely plant of Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'. Grand Champion again went to a plant of C. intermedia 'Valley View' grown by Cec and Di Crees while Reserve was a lovely little Masdevallia Inca Princess x Pichincha by the Popes. Well done. A plant that really caught my eye and drew admiration throughout the show was a beautifully grown and flowered plant by one of our senior growers Eunice Mahony. It was a cross of Den. Fort Nobile x Den. Beautiful Egg which is not necessarily the most recently made hybrid but was just spectacular in taking out Champion Dendrobium as well as Champion Specimen. Well done Eunice. I'd call this plant "presidents pick" and although I did ask the question many times during the show "which plant would you like to take home"; I know if I were to take it home I certainly wouldn't do it justice on the next flowering. Plant sales totalled \$16,693 with over \$15,000 being returned to members. Do yourselves and the club a favour and buy a minimum of one quality orchid with your proceeds. Thanks to everyone who worked so diligently to make the show the success that it was. Thank you. But having given the show and members all the accolades above, my only negative comment is that five days is just too long for both members and our 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. Oh and did I mention the Summer Show on the 20th of October (just for good measure): Plant lists in to me or David Woolf by 7.00pm on Monday 15th October: earlier if possible please. Setup from 3.00pm 19th October and judging that night. Our guest speaker at the next meeting will be Michael Coker who will speak on several topics such as "Growing Species" and also about "Adding Value to your Collection" (a presentation to help people decide what they really want in their collections, rather than just buying whatever is offered to them) which is a topic I hadn't thought about but I'm sure will be very informative and thought provoking. Don't miss it – 26th October. The after show get together was a great success and despite a small dose of "liquid sunshine" over 30 members had a really good time. Thanks to all who participated and to those who worked in preparation, set up and delivery; thank you so much. Did I mention our upcoming bus trip to the Nambour Species Show and several private collections on the way home. Names in as quickly as possible please. Until next time – enjoy your orchids.

John

These four groups of insects can work hand-in-glove to make a living at the expense of your orchids. The last three literally suck sap from your plants for their own needs, and produce sugary exudates that ants then feed on. In turn the ants carry the sapsuckers to the choicest localities, such as young emerging leaves, expanding buds or active root tips, where the orchid's nutrient content is at its greatest. Loss of these nutrients from the plant can seriously affect its ability to grow and flower. Worse still, the insects may inject pathogenic viruses into the plant, thereby spelling its doom.

To deal with such a conspiracy requires a multi-pronged response from the grower. First you need to watch where the ants are running to and fro, so that you can discover where their nest is located. If it's in a pot, the nest is easily destroyed. Simply tip the plant and mix onto the soil outside your green house, remove the plant, spread the mix and spray both mix and plant with a mixture of Pest Oil® and pyrethrum. If the ant nest is beneath a concrete slab or in a brick wall, you'll need to use more guile and lay a bait of ant poison. Mortein Ant Sand® is an effective one that has been introduced recently but other types are also available.

Having dealt with the ringleaders, next get the subordinates. Close examination of all plants is important to locate infestations of scale, aphids and mealy bugs. Remember that they often hide in obscure places, such as down in leaf sheath bases, on buried roots and in other hidden spots. Remove all infested plants individually, and spray them with the above-mentioned mix, or use a soft toothbrush to apply it, mixed with detergent. It's important to use some sort of surface-tension breaker (such as a soluble oil, detergent or methylated spirit) to penetrate the waxy coat of some insects. Don't apply more of these chemicals than necessary, as they may damage the plant's softer tissues.

Remember that it's important to deal with all the culprits, not just the sapsuckers doing the immediate damage.

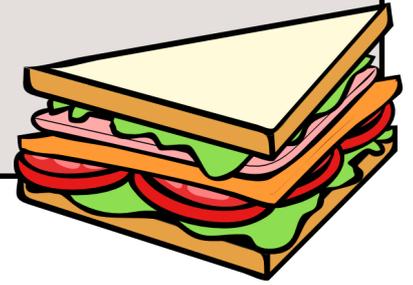
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Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.20
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Squat Pot 175mm	\$0.50	Standard Pot 140mm	\$0.30
Squat Pot 200mm	\$0.60	Standard Pot 180mm	\$0.50
Orchid Pot 70mm	\$0.25	Standard Pot 200mm	\$0.60
Orchid Pot 100mm	\$0.40	Standard Pot 250mm	\$1.20
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Orchiata Bark 40L	\$25.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
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Rutec Growth Booster 1L	\$10.00		

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



Supper at the meeting

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



Thought for the month!

*Gardens are not made by
singing "Oh, how beautiful,"
and sitting in the shade.*

Rudyard Kipling

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