



## BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.



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### 2015 NEWSLETTER

**Next Club Meeting 7.30pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015**



#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY

Soldiers Club  
Beach Road, Beach Road, Batemans Bay  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Meeting Opened 8.27pm.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM had been circulated in the September newsletter. President, in the Secretaries absence, asked if there were any changes to the minutes as presented. No comments or questions were forthcoming. President moved the motion that they be accepted as read, seconded by Ann-Maree Collins.

President read his annual report. (see below).

He moved it be accepted, seconded by L. O'Connor. Accepted by show of hands.

Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer

Members had been provided with a copy in the November newsletter.

There were several questions asked from the floor with the answers provided.

The Treasurer then put the motion "that the Treasurers report be accepted"

Seconded by Kate Willis. Accepted by show of hands.

The Treasurer then read out a prepared statement (see below).

The President vacated the chair and the Returning Officer Tony Groube took the chair.

The envelope with nominations for positions was opened by the Returning Officer. There was one nomination from Ron Boyd for either President or a committee member. Nominations for other positions were called for from the floor. Ron spoke about his history with the club and asked members to support him. There were no other nominations forthcoming.

Mitch Karnaghan then put the motion "that as the club cannot field a committee that the members present decide to close the club." This motion provided much discussion as to what might be the best option for the club. Margaret Turner reminded the meeting that there is another option and that is that the nominated president has the opportunity to use the next three (3) months to establish a committee. This produced further discussion. The retiring president Robert Fish put an amendment to the motion to close the club as well as having the nominated president establish a committee. If the latter was to occur, no club business would be able to be conducted including the Christmas function and the BBQs. Rob suggested that the current committee continue in their roles for the next three months so that these functions could be conducted. This required the nominated president to stand down from the nominated and accepted position. Again, there was discussion relating to this option. Ron finally agreed to step aside with Rob asking him to join the committee.

The minutes of the AGM are to be circulated in the December newsletter with nomination forms. There will be a Special Meeting called for the February meeting which will be to decide if the club will close and what will happen to the monies held by the club if a new committee has not nominated and any vacant position filled at this meeting.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Acting President returned to the chair.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT 2015**

Thanks to the hardworking committee, 2014-15 turned out to be a highly successful year for the Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society.

With continued wonderful support from Batemans Bay Soldiers Club we have again put on 2 great Orchid Shows and hosted the biennial Regional Conference and Show, which was delightful with 7 fabulous orchid displays from participating clubs in our region.

Those attending the talks gave excellent feedback on receiving useful information from all speakers. We enjoyed the Saturday night dinner in the bubble at the Soldiers club. This was another nice meal and renewed friendships.

Only 1 year and 11 months until the Albury/Wodonga Regional Show.

Our clubs monthly cuppa/chat day at the Botanical Gardens has continued to be an enjoyable get together in a very pleasant atmosphere.

The fundraising efforts have been greatly enhanced since the opening of the new Bunnings store with successful days at the barbeques on a regular basis. This has involved a lot of work from a few members. We need more members to commit a couple of hours to lighten the load.

My term as President has been very rewarding by meeting so many orchid interested people from other clubs and I hope Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society goes onto to improve locally.

To finish off, this clubs needs to cease all the bickering that has happened from one meeting to another, keep in mind all positions in the club are not paying positions and we are all human and yes, we do make mistakes, sometimes things do not go to plan.

I do wish the new committee all the best because they will need all the help they can get, so if you are not happy different reports from your committee members, please do not jump down their throat, give them a little time to put their reports forward, and if you are still not happy ask, in a civil manner, you can get a lot more with honey than with vinegar.

Thank you  
Robert Fish  
President.

### **The following was read out by the Treasurer.**

There a few things I would like to say before I finish as Treasurer, a role I have held for the past 3 years.

Since joining the club back in March 2012, I have noticed that the environment in which we function has become more toxic. Dorothy made mention of this several meeting ago & I agreed with her particularly as a lot of it has been directed at me over the past 12 months. Yes, I admit that I made some errors with the Treasurers report at the last AGM, but no-one gave me any leeway or acknowledged that I may have been feeling overwhelmed due to the loss of my older brother two weeks before putting that report together. It also felt like I was being blamed for the fact that the club had made almost no profit for the year.

As a result, I have been on the receiving end of questions and or comments relating to the monthly financial statements that at times have almost questioned my honesty and integrity. As a person who, in my working life, has managed budgets in the millions of dollars, I have found this both unpleasant and uncomfortable. I might add that I had not changed the way I did things from the

previous 2 years. I might also add that a copy of the financial report had not been available to the members prior to me commencing as Treasurer.

There are certain members who question everything the committee does. In my understanding of the constitution, the committee has functioned within its operating parameters, particularly in the last 8 months. To me, it appears that these members either don't know what is in the constitution or choose to ignore it.

This toxic environment has made it very unpleasant for new members, who often attend one meeting and then never return. This has happened on a number of occasions this year. It is also possibly the reason that about half of the members never attend a meeting.

I am not sure whether that environment has anything to do with why very few members offer to assist the committee with fund raising activities – particularly the Bunning BBQs but also at the Shows, including making possies or even bringing goods in for the monthly raffles or for the Christmas raffles. Hence having to buy goods last year. There are a couple of members who do assist at the shows but it is not with the setting up or the pulling down which is where the majority of the work is.

If this club is to continue and grow, you, the members need to look at the way business is conducted and be more supportive of the committee which will allow it to function properly within the bounds of the constitution.

You need to support each other & when you disagree with a decision, have your say, but listen to the explanation and don't continue to grumble about it after it has been sorted out and stop the back biting that goes on.

Despite all this, I have learned a lot about growing orchids during this time, which has increased the number & type of orchids that are in my green house. I look forward to a better environment in which to continue to increase my knowledge of orchids.

For that I thank you & wish you all the best for the future. I hope you take heed of what I have said and work at improving the atmosphere within the club.

Margaret Turner  
Treasurer

## **BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY**

General Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Held at Soldiers Club

Beach Road Batemans Bay

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Present: as per attendance book

Apologies: Brian Coulton; Peter & Annette Stubbs; Bill & Joy Guist; Lin Barnes.

New members were welcomed by President Robert Fish.

Minutes from previous meeting have been circulated: moved that they be accepted in the Secretary absence by Rob Fish seconded by Leanda O'Connor.

There were no matters arising from the minutes that won't be covered by General Business.

The President discussed agenda for the night as the AGM also needs to be conducted. After discussion, it was decided that the first part of the general meeting would be conducted as the current Treasurer and Secretary were not seeking re-election, the reports for October and the financial for September need to be presented and approved prior to the AGM. This was accepted.

Secretaries Report: read out by President Rob Fish in the Secretaries absence.

Correspondence in: various emails from committee; letter from Orchid Society Canberra with their cheque from their sales and the conference with the deduction of the lucky door prize; 1 envelope for the Returning Officer; OSNSW newsletter; invitation to President and partner to OSNSW

Christmas party; Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society newsletter; Sapphire Coast Orchid Society newsletter; Australian Orchid Review and Orchid Australia magazine.

Correspondence Out: various emails to committee; Christmas function invitations to The Soldiers Club, Batehaven Hardware and Gardens and Bunnings; Certificates of Appreciation to our Sponsors; mail to OSNSW regarding Awarded plants from Regional Show and Conference; trophy to Travis Milton for Grand Champion for the Regional Show; and welcome letters to new members Noel & Maureen Anderson and Catherine MacGregor.  
Rob moved the report be accepted seconded by Kate Willis.

Treasurers' Report: September and October reports were circulated along with the reconciliation from the Regional Show and Conference.

The Treasurer went through the September report. Opening balance was \$13,456.98 with a closing balance of \$15,378.66. The October report was discussed. The opening balance was \$15,378.66 and a closing balance of \$13,465.55. The Treasurer moved that the reports be accepted, seconded by Sue Fish. The reconciliation for the Regional Show and Conference was presented and explained by the treasurer.

#### General Business:

The club has accepted the offer to do four (4) BBQ's at Bunnings in the next two months. Dates are 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December. The President asked for volunteers for these days. Members offered assistance.

Plant of the Night certificates were given to Maureen Miller for novice in September; Brian Perkins for novice in October & Rob & Sue Fish for open in October.

A certificate of appreciation was given to Dorothy to her and Keith for running Grumpy's shed for the year. There were also two glasses left over from the regional Show and these were also given to them. Dorothy then announced that Grumpys' shed has some large and mini bark on special.

Coffee Break 8.05pm to be resumed post AGM.

Meeting resumed 9.30pm

There were 3 vouchers that were given by sponsors and has they had not been used during the year for the Shows, they were auctioned by the acting president. There were 2 frequent diners cards from Hogs Breath Café and a voucher for Cameron's Hardware. The successful bidders were Maureen Anderson, Leanda O'Connor and Sue Fish.

Raffle winners were: N. Haslow x 2; L. Cleaver; D. Kauffman; M. Karnaghan; AM. Collins; K. Willis; M. Miller; M. Turner; B. Perkins.

Lucky Badge: Paula Brown

The orchid auction was then conducted.

There being no further business meeting closed at 10.45pm.

**Please note that the next meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm 2016 of the Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Inc will be an EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING to Elect OFFICE BEARERS for the Club for 2016.**

To vote at this meeting you will have to be a financial member, as all memberships will cease on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 please arrive a little early to pay your membership. If a committee is not elected and the club folds, you will be reimbursed your membership money on the night.

Membership Fees for 2016 remain the same:

Single Rate \$15-00

Family Rate \$20-00

A new member is also asked to pay a joining fee of \$8-00 which covers the cost of your name badge.

Nomination Form for the Election of Office Bearers for Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. is below. This application form must be delivered to the Secretary 7 days prior to the Extra Ordinary Meeting at which the election is to take place.

Please post your Election Form to;

Returning Officer, Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Inc

Post Office Box 3334

Batehaven 2536.

Date of **EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm**

Please tick or circle the Position you are nominating for:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee (5 positions)

Nominated Person:

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the person nominated above accept the nomination

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The President Report of the AGM 2 November 2015

By Ronald Boyd

Well, where does one start, as the AGM approached there were a lot of stories and rumours about the present committee not re-standing, all leaving on mass and the club being closed down for good.

That's the Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Soc. closing down because lack of support from members.

Well members I was not going to allow that to happen to a wonderful club we had built up over the last 10 years, so I put in my application for the position as President, I had spoken to a few members asking them to come aboard and help rebuild the club, but, on the night they got cold feet and as I was elected to the position of President, there was no support from the floor, so we discussed the alternative of closing down the club **for good**, a motion was moved by a member "To closed down the Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Soc." Another member added an amendment to the motion; "that we delay the motion to close down the club until we continue the AGM at the February 2 meeting 2016.

So members that is where we now stand, it is your club and it needs your support, a lot of rubbish about committee positions has been printed in the clubs newsletters over the last few months. This was rubbish to put you off joining the committee.

Committee positions are an enjoyable position and help in the running of the club, most of the time at shows you are asked to help in the smooth running process in helping judges by working as a runner or just helping out, this often allows you to see how and hear why certain orchids are winners, great help in your orchid showing career to be able to pick up great ideas on what type of quality orchids the judges expect to see.

The President position is a bit more responsible in steering the club in a positive direction, arranging guest speakers, orchid shows, club night meetings etc.

Secretary position is perhaps the most demanding as he / she has to do all the committees and Presidents work in arranging booking, minutes etc.

Treasurers position is quiet easy position as long as you can count and add up, use a computer to print out statements each month and enjoy working with a group of members who would love to see the club continue to run.

So please join in helping the club run by taken a position on the committee.

## **Now what my ideas were for the operation of the club in 2016**

I would like to bring our club back to what we had a few years ago, **quality guest speakers** to help the new and not so new club members learn how to grow orchid from the experts, to have the home visits **with mini workshops and a cup of coffee day**, again to help the newer members see how we grow our orchids and type of greenhouse / shade house we grow our orchids in.

**Bring back the Bus trips** up to the Sydney's big orchid clubs shows where you can see many wonderful different types of orchids on display and vendors selling plants etc., like we use to have.

Improve the club night's meeting where it is a friendly place to come too, improve the '**plant of the night**' competition and at the end of the year reward the members who have shown their plants and won points by giving out plants for each division top point are recorded, at the Christmas Party held in December.

In all have a friendly club willing to **help novice growers learn how grow their orchids to perfection** and perhaps one day Grand-Champion of the show, yes it can be done and I have helped many novice members do so.

So what does this mean for the average members, more quality guest speakers so you can pick up some of the great ways of growing your favourite orchid, chance to buy new modern orchids?

On my agenda at the first club meeting in February 2016 was a proposal to all members to think about and perhaps move, a good way of getting more to help with the Bunning BBQ days **A free trip to the Sydney shows, well we will give members who do a shift at Bunnings BBQ a \$10 discount off the bus trip for every time they do a shift at Bunnings BBQ days, so 4 shifts of a few hours and earn a free trip each year!**

We need helpers to do the BBQ as it brings in good money for the club and I think this is a way to reward the helpers

So vote for me as President and I will put my heart and soul into rebuilding this club to a great friendly club were new members can learn from experts.

Thanking you

Ronald Boyd

**President for an half an hour or so and stood down to keep the clubs hopes alive at AGM February 2016.**

If elected as President in February 2016 I will remain a president for as long as the club members require me to be a President.

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Beach Road, Batemans Bay

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