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President's Report



These three (3) trestles tables are the orchids Jane brought with her as sale plants.

It was great having Jane Wright at our March meeting. Her 2 talks with slides were brilliant, educational and I was definitely jealous of her trip to South America to see orchids in the wild. Now I know more about those pesky bugs. Plus,

she brought 3 tables of orchids for sale. Boy, did I have fun. ☺

At our third committee meeting for 2021, we mainly worked through the final planning for the Sweet 16th Anniversary Luncheon. We also discussed other places for the July Winter Show, if needed, as the Soldiers Club may be undergoing some more renovations

Floral Art is filling up fast with themes. April's will be on a Mother's Day theme. However, March is a scavenger hunt – sounds like fun, if it doesn't rain. ☺

Our April meeting is the bric-a-brac and plant and orchid auction, where all donated items are sold off to add money to our Christmas party. Thank you very much to those who donate. So go through your cupboards, plants and orchids...one person's junk is another person's treasure.

The Sweet 16th Anniversary Luncheon, went off smashingly.

We had 3 previous presidents and their partners. The 4 presidents even cut the Anniversary cake. Thank you to Garry Callaghan, Robert Fish and Ron Boyd for your help.

Thank you to Una for the ordering, pickup and delivery of our cake, she even got the club a discount. This was much appreciated and the cake looked and tasted scrumptious.

Thank you to Margaret for making a great slideshow of past members, shows and the orchids of that era. Thank you to June Dawes for supplying many pictures. She was one of the original members and a keen photographer for our club.

The table decorations were magnificent. Thank you to Gordon Marion for the donation of the orchids. Well done to Leanda and Judi Hunt for putting together the lovely table arrangements.

The arrangements were our lucky prizes, strangely enough they went one to each

table, even though theoretically, they could have all been won on one table.

I was very thrilled to win mine, as were Rose Boyd, Robert Fish, Yvonne Brereton and Rebecca Baumgartner. I know Rebecca gave hers to her manager [who had let her off early to come to the luncheon], Rose's went to Pat Callaghan and mine went to Diane, our lovely hard working restaurant organiser.

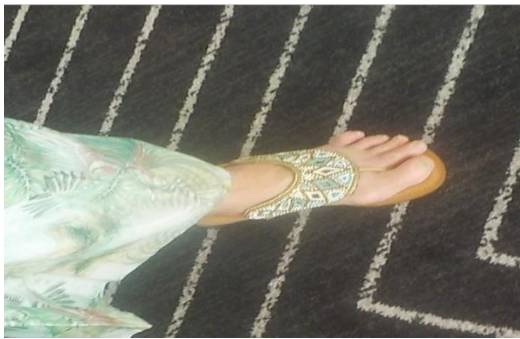
There was much chatting, dining and general merriment, with old memories revisited and new ones made.

Social get together should happen more often, I think, but of course, with acceptable social distancing.

I look forward to our 20th anniversary.

I am looking forward to seeing more members at our April meeting, so come along and enjoy your hobby, socialise and learn.

Anne-Marie Collins



We all know our president dislikes wearing closed in shoes, but she has surpassed herself with today's sandals.



The cake and the presidents who were present cutting it.



Our Next Meeting –

AUCTION - BRIC A BRAC AND PLANTS

Meeting Protocols Reminder

- Please do not come to the meeting if you do not feel well.
- Please maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from each other at all times, keeping to your seat as much as possible.
- You must sign in, both at the club and the meeting,
- Do not congregate to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Please use hand sanitizer as you enter, before you do Popular Vote and before supper.
- Do not engage in any activities that involve physical contact, including hand shaking and hugging or multiple people having contact with equipment.
- Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

Membership Renewals

Memberships are now due and need to be paid by 31st March. These can be paid at the April meetings or it can be paid directly into our Westpac account either by visiting the bank or using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Membership costs are as follows:

Single rate:- \$10.00

Couple/dual rate:- \$15.00

Junior (under 16):- \$5.00

If receiving the newsletter as hard copy please add \$5.00 to above costs.

New members will also pay a joining fee of \$8.00 that covers the cost of the name badge. Bank details are as follows:

Bank Westpac – Bateman's Bay

BSB: **032-681**

Account: **191442**

In Reference, add your surname & that payment is for membership.

Members who do not pay their subs are ineligible to vote at meetings, are unable to show plants at general meeting.

From the Committee

Sweet 16 Luncheon

Our thanks to those members who attended. It was lovely to catch up with June Dawes and Garry and Pat.



June with Robin Baker.



Robert Fish with his posy.

Electronic Banking

Anne-Marie, Leanda and Margaret went to Westpac on Monday to ask about electronic banking options. We asked about getting a card reader for the shows and maybe for the membership months (November to March). However, the costs associated with the Hire/lease of this type of card reader is almost \$50 per month. Westpac only offer one type of machine with costs. The committee felt that the costs associated did not support its use.

Club Members

The BBOFS wishes any Member who may be unwell all the best for a speedy recovery.

In Your Orchid House

What crazy weather we are having again. Here at Long Beach we have had over 160ml of rain for the month so far and it is not finished yet. Be careful if plants are requiring water (mine don't) that you make sure you don't leave them with wet feet overnight as that can lead to fungal or bacterial problems.

Cymbids should be starting to show spikes by now. Some will even be showing nice flowers. However, if you are just starting to see spikes, and you may need to help them stand upright for their best display, do this carefully as you don't want to break.

I am sure there are other orchids in spike as well. Keep an eye on the spikes that they don't get eaten by snails, slugs or other pests that the rain brings out.

Maintaining temperatures that plants like is difficult in this weather. Most orchids like at least 9 degrees' difference between day & night time temperatures especially when they are setting spikes.

Diary Dates

July

3 & 4 MUOS Winter Show Civic Centre Ulladulla

9 & 10 EOC Winter Show CWA Hall Moruya

17 & 18 BBOFS Winter Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

August

13 – 15 Sapphire Coast Winter Show
Twyford Hall Merimbula

21 & 22 EOC Spring Show Leisure Centre
Narooma

September

4 & 5 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club
Batemans Bay

11 & 12 MUOS Spring Show Civic Centre
Ulladulla

October

2 & 3 South & West Regional Show Wagga
Wagga (TBC)

23 & 24 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club
Batemans Bay (new dates)

29 & 30 Sapphire Coast Spring Show
Twyford Hall Merimbula

November

1st AGM & Orchid auction

December

6th Christmas Party venue TBC

EOC is planning on running the usual
March workshop at some stage during the
year, so keep your eyes open for more
information here. (see minutes)

Benching

There was a reasonable display of plants
in the Open section, however the plant of
the night for novice looked very lonely on
the bench.

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm: Liz & Tony

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Una Roberts

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Fern:

Foliage: Una Roberts

Plant of the Night



Oncid Miltonia Unknown Una Roberts

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm: Bec & Leo

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Bec & Leo

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Jan Boyce

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Vanda Sansai Blu Bec & Leo Baumgartner

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY

Monday 1st March 2021

PRESENT: Members: 16 Apologies: 2
Visitors: 3

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 1st February at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Ken Covington Seconded: Robin Baker
Carried: ✓

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Magazines: Orchids Australia,
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.W., Shoalhaven, EOC, Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c) Bank statement
- d) Information relating to AOC cancelled conference for 2021
- e) Letter from Ron regarding Una's presentation
- f) Information about St. Ives fair
- g) confirmation of IBD re: investment
- h) Post Office account for Batehaven P.O. box
- i) New cheque book
- j) Contact from members for Sweet 16 luncheon

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters

- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Response to Lesley Bromley regarding dates & panels for shows.

Moved: Ken Covington Seconded: Rob Fish
Carried: ✓

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Anne-Marie Collins presented, (in the absence of Leanda O'Connor):-

Anne-Marie apologised that she had sent the mid-February financial report to Ken (for printing out), instead of the end of February financial report, so it can be provided by email, if required. Anne-Marie did provide the end of February financial report on screen via her laptop for all to see. Anne-Marie also provided copies of the revised December 2020 financial report.

Total fiscal amount is \$30,362.00. including IBD of \$20,299.13.

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins
Seconded: Robin Baker Carried: ✓

Anne-Marie Collins requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Anne-Marie Seconded: Jan Boyce
Carried: ✓

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Next General Meeting: Monday 5th April (this is also Easter Monday)

b. Numbers for Sweet 16: We now have 23 people for our Sweet Sixteen luncheon on Sunday 21st March 2021.

c. President Anne-Marie has generously donated to the BBOFS, for members to use - A

Complete Guide to Orchids of Australia (3rd Edition) by David Jones. This is a very large and informative book worth \$220.

d. Other Business:

Tony Groube advised that the Orchid Australia Magazine (in the back) offers one free membership per month on application. Latest winner is our Liz Cleaver.

Rob Fish asked why we did not more extensively publish the financial success and amount of our Bunnings barbecue (in our newsletter) and that we certainly do need more volunteer workers from amongst our members. Tony Groube advised that it was really not in the best interests of the society to widely publicise our financial status and situation. Rob Fish also stated that we need BBOFS membership forms at the Bunnings barbecue table - none have been available for the more recent barbecues.

Rob Fish asked why the BBOFS website had not been updated since 2018. President Anne-Marie said that it was her task to do this but due to her health circumstance, it had not been done recently but believed that it was more recently done in 2019 not in 2018. She will attend to it before the next meeting.

6. **GUEST SPEAKER:** We were lucky to have Jane Wright (a highly qualified entomologist and avid orchid grower from Canberra) come to us for an excellent and informative two-part talk. Initially a slide show from her trips to South America, showing a variety of Ecuadorian and Peruvian native orchids.

Secondly an informative talk on pests and diseases and recommended treatments.

7. **RAFFLES:** Liz Cleaver, Matt Janjak, Una Roberts, Anne-Marie Collins, Liz Cleaver, Rebecca Baumgartner, Una Roberts, Kylie Smith, Ron Boyd

8. **LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Brian Perkins

Plant of the Night winners were announced. Results will be in the next Newsletter.

Meeting closed at 21.44 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th April (Easter Monday)

at Soldiers' Club – Bateman's Bay

Acting Secretary: Ken Covington
Monday 1st February 2021



Rose Boyd & Pat Callaghan with posy.

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Anne-Marie & Leanda in front of more
floral art.



Anne-Marie and Dianne from the
Soldiers Club.



Set up in the bubble.



Pat and Garry Callaghan.

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