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AND FOLIAGE
SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter – April
2022**

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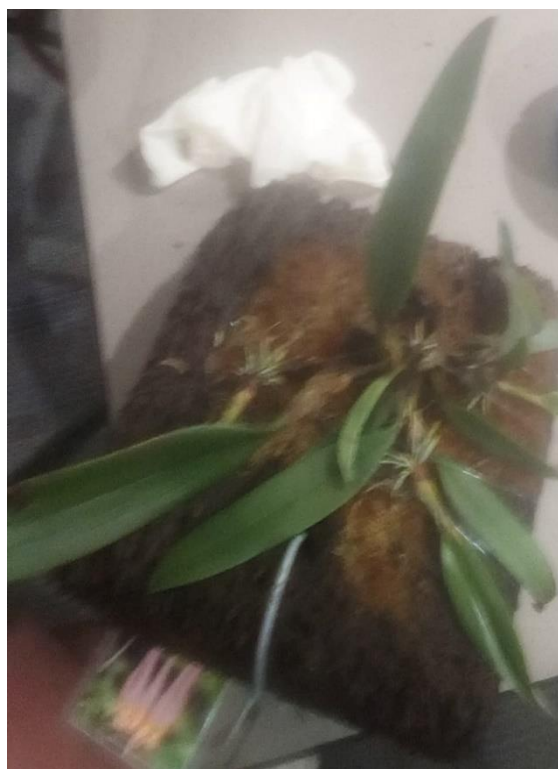
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Finished plant from mounting
demonstration

President's Report

Hello members,

March meeting was very informative, with Liz and Tony giving us lot of ideas and information for how we can present our plants better and what to look for in our name tags. Remember Google is an excellent site to find out about your orchids and which section they go into on the benching tables.

The weather is cooler but the rains keep coming. Check your plants often for mould, bugs and rot.

I am looking forward to the bric-a-brac auction and counting my pennies. It will be entertaining and who knows what will be available.

The year is flying and so far so good, we are progressing with our Winter Show plans. Fingers crossed, it goes ahead.

First Saturday in April, is the Bunnings Easter Brunch and Leanda and I will be there to represent our society. We will have a raffle, posies for sale and plenty of membership forms. It is good to be seen out in the community. We are looking forward to it. If you have time, come down and say hello – sit a while, chat.

Hopefully we will see you at the auction, be healthy and stay safe.

Cheers **Anne-Marie**

Our Next Meeting –

The April meeting is the last of the night meetings for a while and as usual for the April meeting it will be the bric a brac and plant auction. All proceeds from this night go to the club, so come along and bring your bric a brac and some plants – any sort not just orchids – and of course your wallets.

Novices at this meeting we need a suggestion from you as to what you would like Ron to speak about at the next Novice Corner in May.

For those not at the last meeting, Pam, who is a qualified hair dresser with lots of experience has offered to put a haircut voucher on the raffle table each month for

this year. There is two (2) for April as Ron won the March one and donated it back. Thank you Ron.

Meeting Protocols Reminder

- **Turn mobile phones onto silent or off.**
- Please do not come to the meeting if you do not feel well.
- You must sign in, both at the club and the meeting,
- Do not congregate to ensure social distancing is maintained.

From the Committee

The March BBQ at Bunnings was cancelled due to the inclement weather, but thank you to those who had offered to assist. I had replenished the supply of drinks and sauces, but had not purchased anything else which was good.

At time of writing this newsletter, we have not heard anything further about the Easter fair at Bunnings except that it is April 2nd from 9am – 1pm and is being called Easter Brunch. We understand it will be run along similar lines to the Christmas Fair. Hopefully it will be outside, with Bunning providing an item for each organisation to raffle. Leanda and Anne-Marie plan to make some posies to sell as well.

Anne-Marie has received an email from Rod Thomas President of the MUOS club asking for expressions of interest to have a bus trip to Orchids Out West on 27th May. The Show is at Hawkesbury Race Club in Clarendon. This will be discussed further at the April General meeting. If you will not be at the meeting but would like to be considered for this trip, please let Anne-Marie know.

Club Members

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

In Your Orchid House

At the March meeting when Tony was speaking about the use of fungicides and fertilizers, Dylan asked if they used eco products at all. Dylan explained that he has used them regularly for a number of years, so Anne-Marie asked him to write about them for the newsletter. Here is his contribution. Thank you Dylan.

Generally, when it comes to spraying your plants, be it fertilising or otherwise, it is important that whatever system and products you choose work for you. If it is too hard, takes too much time, or is too expensive then chances are you just won't do it as often as it should be done.

I like to use an inorganic fertiliser pretty much every time the plants get watered at a dilute rate, about ¼ to ½ the recommended strength. Any soluble inorganic fertiliser will do really, but usually my preference would be for the Peters range, when I can get hold of it.

Outside of this, I mostly use the eco range of products, EcoNeem, EcoOil, EcoSeaweed, EcoAmino and EcoFungicide. They all have their different uses, but the important thing for ease of use is that they can all be mixed and matched and sprayed at the same time, allowing you to tailor what you are spraying to your plants needs at the time, without having to do multiple sprays. For example, if some hot humid weather is forecast, a spray with some EcoSeaweed, EcoAmino and EcoFungicide can help your plants deal with the stress of sudden hot weather, as well as reducing the risk of fungal attacks from the increased humidity.

The products are all certified organic, and if used correctly are much safer to use than other alternatives, although trade off perhaps is they may be less effective or may require more uses to get the same effect.

I have been using them for about 4 or 5 years now, and the ease of use, availability and relative cost for use on my collection

seems to make them worthwhile and I would recommend giving them a try if you haven't.

Dylan Morrissey.

I have been using the Ecofungicide and the EcoSeaweed now for about 18 months without realising that I could mix them. Following on from all this rain we have had, I have sprayed twice in the past two (2) weeks and it was certainly better to be able to mix the substances rather than have to do everything twice. Will need to find some EcoAmino to add to the EcoSeaweed. I had some scale in my orchid house and it had all gone after the first application and certainly didn't see any when doing the second application about 10 days later. However, I did find a few more spikes.

I have picked up the pictures from Bunnings products. They are available in various sizes and of course prices.



Diary Dates

April

4 BBOFS plants & bric a brac auction

July

7 8 9 EOC Winter Show CWA Hall Moruya
15 16 17 BBOFS Winter Show Soldiers Club

August

14 BBOFS Orchid crawl

September

2 3 4 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club

October

21 22 23 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club

November

7 AGM & plant auction

December

5 Christmas party

Benching

Once again there was a variety of plants/flowers benched and one Novice. Some very different flowers as well. Thank you to those who benched.

Open Section

Species: Una Roberts

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm: Liz & Tony

Paphiopedilum: Ron Boyd

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Una Roberts

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Fern:

Foliage: Liz & Tony

Plant of the Night



Stanhopea graveolens Una Roberts

Floral Art

No floral art benched tonight

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Jan Boyce

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Phalaenopsis unknown Jan Boyce

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY

Monday 7th March 2022

PRESENT: Members: 11 Apologies: 2 Visitors: 0

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for coming on such an inclement night

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 7th February at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Ron Boyd Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Magazines: Orchids Australia,
 - b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, OSNSW, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
 - c) Bank statement
 - d) Letter from Jeff & Therese of Bay Trophies & Gifts advising of change of ownership of their business
 - e) Email from Shoalhaven asking if we are planning a bus trip, could their members be considered as passengers and offering to assist where possible
 - f) Flyer for Orchids Out West at Hawkesbury Race Club 27th to 29th May
Out
- a) BBOFS Newsletters
 - b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Pam Mason Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8445.19; income \$132.00; nil expenditure; 3 unpresented cheques to the value of \$110.00. Closing balance \$8,577.19. Bunnings vouchers added to voucher value (see general business). Floats and IBD unchanged.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded:
Megan Quinlivan Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded:
Liz Cleaver Carried

Prior to General Business Anne-Marie presented the Plant of the Night certificates to Ron & Leanda from February meeting and speakers' gift to Dylan for his talk in February.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** plant and bic a brac auction
- b. Bay Trophies & Gifts handover has been completed and secretary has met the new owner.
- c. Bunnings Vouchers: Suze – Bunning Community Activity Organiser had contacted Margaret and said that there were some vouchers for her to pick up. Value of vouchers is \$150.00. We think they were allocated for the raffle prizes at the shows we didn't have in 2021. Will be added to value of raffle vouchers in financial report at March meeting. BBOFS has also been invited to be part of the Easter Fair and a Garden Club that Suze is planning on starting.
- d. Committee jobs: Una – benching and library. Ken has offered to assist with benching when he is at the meeting. Pam – raffle; Meg – supper/afternoon tea; Ron – bi-monthly novice corner. After some discussion it was decided that this would run from 7.10 – 7.25. First one was held tonight and "mounting" was discussed. Novice

members need to think about a topic for May.

- e. Pam has donated a haircut voucher to the raffle table and will do this for each month for the rest of the year. Thank you Pam.
- f. Anne-Marie thanked Ron who has provided Joy with photos of orchids for her to use when making cards. If any other member would also like to do that please contact Megan.
- g. Tony complemented Anne-Marie on how well she had defused the incident that occurred at the last meeting.

Supper break 7.48

Return 8.10

4. **Guest Speakers:** Tony & Liz: Tony started by speaking about the registration of plant names and being able to find them on either OrchidWhiz or Google and the need to be able to show the providence of plants. If possible, keeping the tag with plant name and the name of the grower or nursery where it came from. Each grower needs to get to know what the names of their plants are so that they can be cared for and labelled appropriately. If looking at either OrchidWhiz or Google for plant names, make sure that your tags have the plant name spelt correctly. Remember that species don't have capitals.

Throughout the year, one should be aware of what might be coming into spike and therefore checking those plants to see if spikes are appearing. This monitoring allows you, the grower, to monitor the progress of the plant and the spike/s. It also enables you to stake the spike/flower as required. Remember that the stake should not be above the lowest flower when benching. Depending on the spike, it may need to be higher when transporting the plant, but be prepared to remove/cut down the stake before benching. When preparing your plant for benching, look at the whole plant

and the pot. Clean the pot or place in one of similar size that is clean. Liz cleans leaves with a solution of milk and water. Makes the leaves look fresh and shiny. Trim damaged leaves and remove husks as needed.

When checking plants, they take with them a collection of items they may need. Bug Killer which is available online only, metho, secateurs and gloves as required. If needed, the bugs are given a spray of metho and a small amount of Bug Killer is placed in the pot away from the root ball. It is a systemic bug killer and lasts about two (2) months. This is not available in Bunnings but can easily be found on the net.



This generated a discussion about the use of chemicals as opposed to the use of the eco products. Eco products are all Dylan uses and one of the advantages is that they can be mixed together and plants sprayed. Anne-Marie asked Dylan to write about this for the next newsletter which he agreed to do. Questions were asked about the management of root rot and the product pictured was recommended. This is available in Bunnings. Ants were also discussed and ant rid was suggested or just repotting after cleaning the root ball.

Anne-Marie thanked Tony & Liz and presented them with the speaker's gift.

5. RAFFLES: Dylan; Margaret x 2; Anne-Marie; Jan; Pam; Meg; Ron.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Una Roberts

Plant of the Night winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.

Anne-Marie thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone safe travels home.

Meeting closed 9.18pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th April 2022

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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The photos on the next page are of some of the other plants benched at the meeting. Enjoy



Tony & Liz Schoenorchis fragrans



Liz & Tony EPC Rene Marques "Flame Thrower"



Liz & Tony Zga Denpasar "red Rocket"
x Gram Mortex The Cloun



Ron Boyd Paph Sukhakulii

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