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AND FOLIAGE
SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter – August
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Sue Carroll Pluerothallis palliolata which is Grand Champion of our Winter Show. It was also awarded a NSW Orchid Society Cultural Excellence Award – congratulations Sue.

There are photos of other champions in the newsletter and the list is at the end.

President's Report

Hello members,

This has been a sad time, the loss of Tony Groube, weighs on my mind. A very good friend, excellent orchid grower and a much respected member of our club. I miss you Tony and the Winter Show was different without you.

We did manage to have our Winter Show, as did our other South Coast clubs. All went well, all had a void, no Tony. He was a part of all of them.

Congratulations to the winners at our show and especially to Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube - "Most Successful Open Exhibitor".

This year saw the return of the Floral Art Section, where our floral art group were able to showcase their talents.

Well done to everyone who exhibited or helped at our show. Much appreciated.

Our Grand Champion, owned by Sue Carroll, has been awarded the N.S.W. Orchid Society Cultural Excellence Award – highest award a grower can receive. Congratulations Sue [It was worth coming.] Our July speaker, Jane Wright, lead us through a mini judging course, where at the end, we knew more about why judges pick the ones they do. We even did some judging ourselves, with reasons for our choices. Thank you Jane.

Our August speaker is Kylie Stocks from Verdigris Fern Nursery – she is talking on companion plants... ferns. I'm saving already, as she will be bringing some to sell.

Hope to see you at our daytime meeting, healthy and ready for more club fun.

Anne-Marie



VALE TONY GROUBE

I first met Tony at a Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society show. He was friendly and wearing a red vest with his name badge on. The first question was—Did I own an orchid? I did and I explained, I had received one from my staff, when my mother passed on—7 years ago. He was impressed. Next question was—Did it flower? No, not lately, it didn't—was my reply. He responded with—it's either position, as in light or are you sure it's still alive? I knew then we would get on. He always had a wicked sense of humour. Tony was helpful, with most novices, ready to answer questions, generous with his time and plants.

Tony with Liz made an epic orchid duo, with pollinating and deflasking their own cymbidiums—which are “deathwish” inspired.

Tony and Liz deservedly won many trophies, for champion orchids, including “Most Successful Open Exhibitor” at our club. They were successful in a wide range of genre, but getting “Best Foliage” amused him.

As our Assistant Show Marshal, with Liz, he hovered, stepping in when needed. He truly knew his orchids, their care and what should be on the bench. He often did potting demonstrations at our shows, with particular friendliness to young interested watchers.

He was a keen participant in club activities and loved a good sausage sanger.

From our club he received the Meritorious Service Award and “Life Membership” for all his hard work over his years.

We were all so glad to see him at the June meeting this year.

The Bay club has lost an awesome member, but his legacy will continue in all

who remember him.

Anne-Marie Collins, President B.B.O.F.S.



Meeting Protocols Reminder

- **Turn mobile phones off or onto silent**
- Please do not come to the meetings if you are feeling unwell especially now with both the Flu and Covid about
- You must sign in, both with the Soldiers Club and BBOFS
- Please try to ensure social distancing is maintained for the safety of everyone.



Reserve Champion of Winter show Jean Swindley – Gomesa recurve x Same

From the Committee.

A big thank you to Ken for doing the banners. I am sure you will all agree that they looked really good.

The committee met following the Show on Sunday afternoon and we were all very tired and a bit brain dead. However, we all agreed that the show had been a great

success. There were over 400 people through the door, including Fiona Phillips, the Federal member for Gilmore. Fiona won 2nd prize in the raffle which was a cymbidium. On being told this, she has donated the plant to the Cancer Centre at the Moruya Hospital. Thank you Fiona. Anne-Marie thanked everyone for their assistance and support over the weekend. She also congratulated the winners. The judges were pleased with the quality of the flowers on the benches, even though there was not as many as we usually see. Hopefully we will see some more at the Spring Show. The club sales table and the three (3) vendors all had a successful couple of days.



Champion Novice – Ken Covington Cymbidium “It Started with a Kiss” tracy X “outer space”

In your Orchid House

The dry spell has continued, so make sure you check what water your plants need on a regular basis. As August approaches, you should see a bit more movement in the genre that have been having a rest over the past couple of months. Hopefully the weather will start to warm up as well which will encourage this.

We still need to be careful with pests, so keep your eyes peeled when in your orchid houses.

Diary Dates

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



Busy making posies – Leanda, Pam, Anne-Marie and Megan with Evelyn’s assistance.



A few of the multiple posies made for sale.

Benching

Once again, there were limited plants on the bench and no novices present. Anne-Marie benched in the Floral Art Section.

Open Section

Species: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Ron Boyd
Laeliinae >70mm:
Laeliinae <70mm:
Paphiopedilum:
Vandaceous:
Pleurothallidinae:
Oncidiinae Alliance: Margaret Turner
Seedling:
Miscellaneous: Margaret Turner
Fern:
Foliage:
Plant of the Night - Open



Zygo Kwie Choice Beethoven x Hwuse Aussie Quer "Christmas Beauty" Margaret Turner

Floral Art



Anne-Marie Collins



Winter Show Floral Art Champion – Leanda O'Connor

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

Monday 4th July 2022

PRESENT: Members: 7 Apologies: 4
 Visitors: 1

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 2.00pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 6th June 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:
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.W, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c) Bank statement
- d) Judges for Spring and Native Shows
- e) Information regarding Tony's funeral
- f) Public Liability Certificate

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Information regarding Tony funeral to club members
- d) Copy of Public Liability Certificate to Bunnings, Soldiers Club, ESC

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Pam Mason
 Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8,498.69; income \$306.00; expenditure \$245.00; one unrepresented

cheque \$200.00. Fiscal balance including floats and IBD \$28,700.09

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Megan Quinlivan Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Ken Covington Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Kylie Stocks – tassel ferns
- b. Show planning – posy making Margaret's place Thursday 10am
- c. Cancellation of BBQ due to weather conditions
- d. Tony's funeral Wednesday at 11am at Broulee. Anne-Marie will be speaking on behalf of BBOFS & Leanda will do a floral tribute.
- e. Banners hung up in various areas around the Bay. They look great thanks Ken
- f. Other publicity for shows – Beagle and Radio – both 2EARFM and the ABC
- g. EOC show Friday & Saturday – this weekend at Moruya CWA Hall.
- h. MUOS show went well – good attendance but reduced number of plants benched.
- i. Bishops/Harrisons BBOFS members are now able to receive a discount and items are freight free from Nowra to Moruya. Anne-Marie still waiting for a price list.
- j. Alternate way of benching voting. Shoalhaven use a marker system - marbles in a jar of the plant you are voting for with a different colour for Open & Novice and for Plant of the Meeting. As so few members present, will be for further discussion. Leanda to see if she can source some suitable coloured marbles or similar.

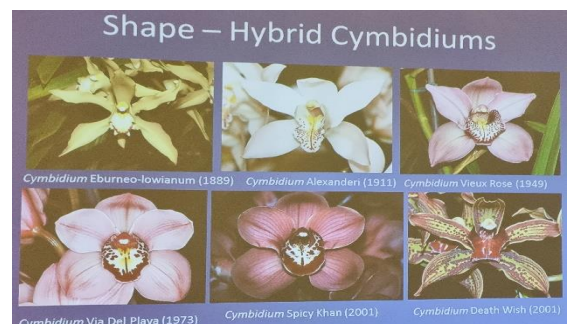
Afternoon tea 2.21

Return 2.35

4. Guest Speaker Jane Wright

Anne-Marie introduced Jane and explained that Kylie had been unable to attend and Jane agreed to talk today. Jane's topic is "What Judges look for when judging plants"

Jane explained that there are two different types of judging benched plants. Award Judging which is comparing the presented plant/flower to what an ideal would be like and Show bench judging which is comparing the plants/flowers within that section. She went on to explain that plants on a show bench should be clean, pest free, stable – looking at habitat and staking if required and if there is any damage or missing flowers. She reminded us that we can indicate if a plant/flower has been damaged in transit and this is easier identified. Need to strike a balance between flower quality ie. Shape, colour etc and excellence of culture (60% flower quality & 40% culture). Whereas Award judging is about recognizing superior orchids in comparison to others of their kind. It is expected that hybrids will be better than the parents. The two key factors are Genetics ie the potential of the plant and Culture which is the realization of the potential. The criteria for judging are: shape and colour which are both determined by the genetics, as is the substance and texture of the plant. Floriferousness and habit and arrangement and flower size are all determined by both genetics and culture.



Slide showing how hybridizing cymbidiums have changed their shape over the years.

Jane then went on to show some slides of what we should be looking for when looking at the shape and colour of our own plants. She encouraged us to comment on the photos of the plants on the slides and which one would be the best in that group. Those of us that were there, didn't do too badly at judging those plants.

So what we look for in Shape is symmetry and proportion. Some of the most commonly seen faults are a lack of symmetry, furling and reflexing of petals, a labellum that rolls under and some malformed segments.



The colour should be attractive and appealing and the clarity is vibrant. Some of the faults seen are smudging, burring or bleeding, colour breaks and an inconsistent colour.

Anne-Marie thanked Jane for an interesting and informative presentation.

5. RAFFLES: Anne-Marie, Ken x 2, Margaret, Leanda, Megan x 2

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Megan

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

Meeting closed 3.40pm

**The next meeting will be on Monday
1st August**

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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CHAMPIONSHIPS WINTER SHOW 2022

Grand Champion

Sue Carroll

Reserve Champion

Jean Swindley

Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show

Open Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Champion Cymbidium 90 mm and over
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Champion Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm
Garry Evans

Champion Cymbidium Seedling
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Champion Laeliinae Alliance
Leanda O'Connor

Champion Australian Native Species /
Hybrid Jean Swindley

Champion Paphiopedilum
Ron Boyd

Champion Pleurothallis Alliance
Sue Carroll

Champion Oncidiinae Alliance
Jean Swindley

Champion any other Seedling Orchid
Ron Boyd

Champion Species Orchid
Sue Carroll

Champion Specimen Orchid of the show
Sue Carroll

Champion Fern
Margaret Turner

Champion Foliage
Robert & Sue Fish

Champion Novice
Ken Covington

Most Successful **Novice** Exhibitor of the Show
Ken Covington

Champion Cymbidium
Ken Covington

Champion Orchid, any other Genera
Ken Covington

Champion Floral Art
Leanda O'Connor



Liz and Margaret busy selling raffle tickets



These 2 photos are some of the plants on the club's sales table. Thank you to all those who donated plants.

