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Newsletter – August 2021

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President's Report



Hello Members,
Well this hasn't been the best month.
The cancellation of our Winter Show and
the hoped for second possible date, were
most disappointing, especially as I actually
had orchids to put in.

Fingers crossed for our Spring Show.

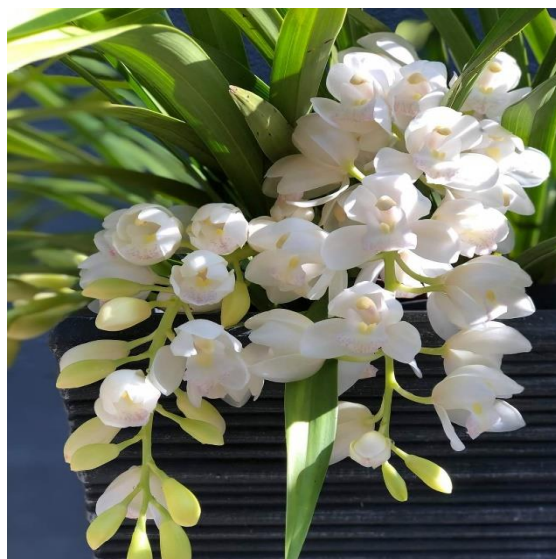
We had a lovely meeting, even without
benching, with a superb talk done by Tony
Groube. It was on preparation of your
orchids for the show bench. All this great
practical knowledge I hope to use in the
Spring Show. ☺

At the June floral art group get together, we
worked on posies and the L shape table
arrangement. It was particularly pleasing
for me to be able to manipulate the ribbon
and produce fancy looking posies. ☺

I am looking forward to our August speaker,
Robyn Noel and all her stunning orchids –
Taiwan Spectacular.

Stay well, be careful and enjoy your
orchids.

Cheers Anne-Marie



Sara Jean at a friend's place – I gave her
this plant last year after I divided mine now
she has flowered hers and mine has not.

Our Next Meeting –

**AUGUST IS ALSO A DAYTIME
MEETING set up from 12md,
benching from 12.30pm, voting 1pm
and meeting from 1.30pm. We have
been requested to finish and be gone
by 4pm.**

The speaker is Robyn Noel from Canberra.
Her topic is the non World Orchid
Spectacular held in Taiwan in 2020. She
has slides to show, where I know I'll be
jealous. A.M. ☺

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

It was a very quiet committee meeting this month. We are all disappointed about having to cancel both attempts to hold the Winter show. Hopefully we will have more luck with the Spring show.

There have been a lot of show cancellations all around the coast which has been very unfortunate but necessary to keep us all virus free.

We have been offered a Bunning BBQ on the 19th September, however due to EOC having to reschedule their Spring show, that would have clashed with the revised date. We are currently waiting to hear about another date.

A member of the public has given us a cymbid as it was getting too big for her area. A photo is following the committee report. As you can see it is a big plant in a smallish pot, but has lots of spikes on it. It needs to be divided, then we are thinking that we could use it for a lucky door prize. While it hasn't a name, looking at the flower, it could have some tracyanum in it.

As you are aware the July meeting was held under Covid restrictions, if these are not lifted prior to the date of our meeting, the August meeting will be held under the same conditions, which are:

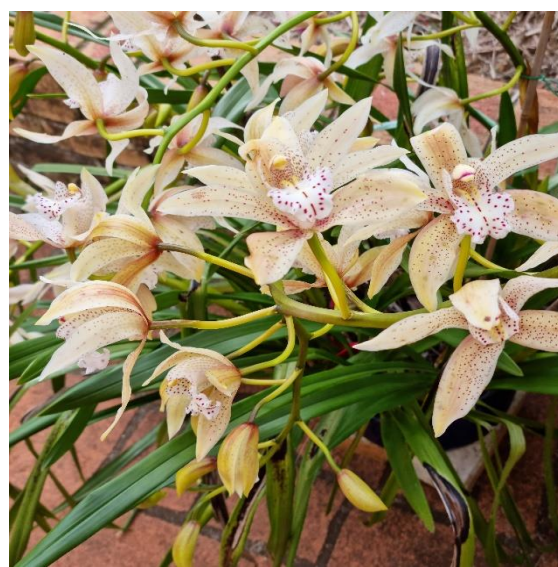
- Committee member will sign you in & sell raffle tickets – correct money please – tickets 0.50 cents each;
- Once in the meeting room, please be seated and remain seated throughout the meeting.
- If you choose to have a break, you will need to go around to the restaurant to get a drink as we are unable to provide

one, to prevent the breaking of the 1.5 metre rule.

- There will NOT be any benching.

The Soldiers Club will have new caterers in the restaurant during August. They are Vue 180. There will be a new menu and a new team preparing it. The new company have been operating in club hospitality for many years in and around Wollongong and the ACT.

The BBOFS would like to thank the current team for their assistance and service over many years and wish them all the best for any new venture.



As you can see, a big plant in a smallish pot.

Club Members

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

In Your Orchid House

During last meeting, Tony spoke about constant monitoring your plants for pests and managing whatever you see when you see it. They use a metho spray and if the attacked is more consistent, then use a granular systemic insecticide like "Bug Killer" by Richgro. Brian Coulton introduced the club members to this a couple of years ago. I found it online at GardensOnline website. Robert Fish stated that they use a liquid called Spectrum, which is also a systemic insecticide. Whatever method you use; you need to be regularly checking your plants for pests.

While some plants are dormant during the winter months, a number of others are setting spikes and maturing their growths in preparation for the spring growth, so they need their regular water and food.

Hopefully with all these lock downs which have restricted travel, we will have a wonderful flower display for the Spring show.

Diary Dates note the changes in red

August

13 – 15 Sapphire Coast Winter Show
Twyford Hall Merimbula **Cancelled**

September

**4th & 5th Spring Show Soldiers Club
Batemans Bay**

11 & 12 MUOS Spring Show Civic Centre
Ulladulla

**18 & 19 EOC Spring Show Leisure Centre
Narooma**

26 Orchid crawl *rescheduled*

October

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

*10 BBQ picnic & social day Nelligen &
wander around cemetery to find orchids*

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

29 & 30 Sapphire Coast Spring Show
Twyford Hall Merimbula

*31 visit to Paula & Mike Brown's
Sarcochilus display*

November

1st AGM & Orchid auction

December

6th Christmas Party venue TBC

Benching

Due to the Covid restrictions, benching was not permitted. Once in the meeting room, members had to sit down and stay seated throughout the duration of the meeting. Thank you to those members present for abiding by the regulations.

In lieu of plants of the day, Anne-Marie visited John Stubbs and these are a couple of his plants the he would have benched if we had had a Winter show.



Den Avrils Gold – John Stubbs



Paph Sukhakulii species paph.



Rhyncostylus giganteus (spots) – John Stubbs



Sorry no name for this one.

Judi Hunt took the floral art class last month and there are a few photos from there as well. Enjoy.



Wrapping a bunch of flowers



Yes this is a waffle cone. Amazing.



Making an L-shaped display.

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

Monday 4th July 2021

PRESENT: Members: 11
Apologies: 4 Visitors: 0

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 1.31pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 7th June

at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Ken Covington
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.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS; Illawarra OS;
- c) Bank statement
- d) Cancellation notices for: - Mingara, Illawarra, EOC & Shoalhaven shows.
- e) Evidence of Cover for Public Liability Insurance from RHSV
- f) Account for affiliation Fee for Orchid Society of NSW
- g) Verbal offer for BBQ at Bunnings for 19th September
- h) Verbal offer from Bunnings to continue to support raffles for shows
- i) Offer of a Cymbid from a member of the public. Margaret & Ken will organise collection

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Email to Lesley Bromley regarding change to venue for all three shows including date change for Spring Show.

Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: Robert Fish Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Treasurers' absence Anne-Marie presented: - Opening balance \$9888.53. Income \$151.00; expenditure \$790.50. Two unrepresented cheques to the value of \$422.72. Fiscal

amount once cheques cleared including IBD \$29,260.44

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins
Seconded: Ron Boyd Carried

Anne-Marie requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins Seconded: Robert Fish
Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Next General Meeting; Robyn Noel

b. Winter Show – unsure at this point in time if show will go ahead, however many hands make light work for the general setup on Friday afternoon. The banners are complete – thanks Ken. Trophies have been ordered and all perpetual trophies are with Margaret. Rosettes and sashes have arrived etc. Show information are up on website.

c. New dates for Orchid Crawl – 26th September same places – Ron, Brian, Margaret

d. Dates for EOC Spring Show 18th & 19th September in Narooma.

e. Margaret explained that the contractors who run the dining room in Soldiers Club had chosen not to renew their contract and a new contractor has been appointed. This handover will occur sometime in August. If any member has a voucher, it needs to be used prior to that time.

f. Anne-Marie, on Megan's behalf, asked if the membership would consider funding a wheelchair accessible taxi for life members who reside in a residential care facility who wish to visit the show on one day. After some discussion, Robert Fish put the following motion: -

“BBOFS will provide life members Bill and Joy, with the funds to have a wheelchair accessible taxi bring them to and take them home from the Winter show on one day of the show” This was seconded by Tony Groube and everyone present agreed, so the motion was carried in the affirmative.

There was not a break due to Covid restrictions.

4. Guest Speaker: Tony Groube – Preparing plants for a show;

Tony brought in a cymbidium in spike to use to demonstrate to members what he was talking about. He stated that once plants had spikes they needed to be under cover so as to protect the emerging flowers from the weather. Stake the spike from an early time so that they grow upright. Liz puts a peg on the top of the stake so that you are aware of where the stake is and you don't cause yourself an injury.

Strip the husks from the old bulbs and from the flower spike. There was some discussion as to whether to do this while still green or to wait till they dry off. It can be done either way. The idea of removing them when green is to reduce the risk of pest infestation. If you see pests on the orchid, spray with metho or eco-oil depending on the severity of the infestation. Always check for pests, particularly scale in the base of the leaves. If persistent, use either Rich Grow Bug Killer (granular) or Spectrum (liquid) several times a year. These will reduce the need to use other insecticides.

Leading into a show, check that your pot and plant are clean. If the pot is cracked or dirty, putting the pot into another same sized clean pot is an easy way of managing this. If needed, clean each leaf with

a mixture of eco-oil and water, checking the leaves as you clean them. Damaged leaves can either be removed or the damaged part cut off, depending on where the leaf sits on the plant and what it would look like after its removal or cutting. While the judges are looking at flowers, a dirty, cracked pot and damaged leaves can take away from the overall effect of a plant with lovely flowers.

When staking, place the clip below the lowest flower. With seedlings or species, be careful that you don't place the clip on the ovary. The flowers need to be facing the judges. If you need to help the spike and flowers do this, you can gently move the spike to the desired position. However only do this when the plant is warm and don't push past some resistance.

If you are unsure which category your plant fits in, ask Mr. Google. He will tell you the origins of the plant, where it has come from and where it grows best.

When placing benching card in fork, face it towards the judge, so that the plant name is easily identified. Once you have put your plant on the bench, move away – the plant is now out of your control and in the control of the Show Marshall. Please don't touch other people's plants without asking if you may do so.

The photo below is the Cymbid Tony brought in to demonstrate his talk. Notice the blue peg on top of the stake and Liz has not used the commercially purchased clamps to support the spike.

The following two photos demonstrate the dried leaves/husks that should be removed and the husks on the flower spike.



5. RAFFLES: Tony; Anne-Marie; Jan; Ken; Margaret x 2; Leo.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Tony Groube

As this meeting was held under Covid restrictions, no benching took place.

Meeting closed 3.06pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd August

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Please note: This is an AFTERNOON meeting

Soldiers Club Beach Road



Major sponsor of our club.

Bunnings of Bateman's Bay

Sponsoring our Club through its BBQ's and other activities.

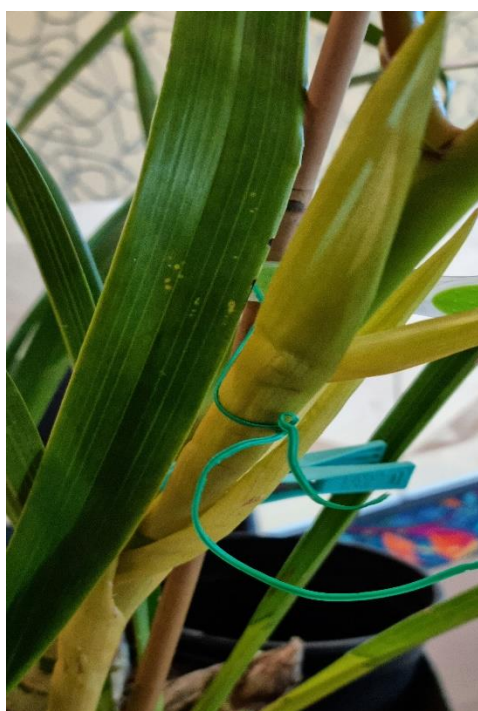
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WANTED

Anne-Marie is looking for any or all of the following:

- Herbs
- Spare vegetable seedlings
- Young fruit trees or fruit vines.

Free or cheap please.

She would like to plant them on her Yarragee Road property that was burnt out in the 2019/2020 Summer Bush Fires.

Please contact Anne-Marie if you are able to assist. Her contact details are at the top of the newsletter

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