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While the number of entries were down this year, the quality wasn't and the judges took some time to decide on the divisional and the championship winners.

President's Report

Hello members,

We have had a lovely Winter Show with many happy winners. There was a better roll up of Novice exhibitors and we had Open exhibitors from out of town. Our Floral Art Section saw a larger number of both sections and exhibitors. This was fantastic. Many of the public commented on the growing Floral Art section. Overall numbers of exhibits were very good. The auditorium smelt delightful from the orchids, both days. Congratulations to Michelle & Bruce McIntosh for winning Grand Champion in Show. A special congratulation to Liz Cleaver for Reserve

Grand Champion, Frances Southern for Champion Novice and Leanda O'Connor for winning the Floral Art Section. Lovely to see our members do so well.

Anne-Marie presented one of our founding members Matt Janjak with his well-earned Life Membership before the presentations of trophies began. Thank you Matt for all the work you have done for the Club over many years.

Thank you to Brian Perkins for sponsoring the Champion Novice and Margaret Turner For the Most Successful Open Exhibitor and Most Successful Novice Exhibitor. Sponsorship by our members is a great help and very appreciated.

We are having our excursion to Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens, where Dylan will be taking us on a walk to find native orchids. [2pm meet at the café] More details will be spoken about at our August Meeting.

We are changing the place for our coffee club – it was at JJ at the Mariner, from August it will be at the Catalina Cub – 3rd Thursday of the month, at 2pm. We chat about a variety of subjects.

Enjoy our winter coolness, as summer will soon be here. See you at our August meeting.

Cheers Anne-Marie



**Grand Champion Winter Show
Dockrillia Australian Ginger
Michelle and Bruce McIntosh**

From the Committee.

NEEDED: bases of the 1.25L soft drink bottles for posies please. These can be given to Margaret, Leanda or Anne-Marie. These are used for making posies for the shows. This activity, thanks to a small group is a good money maker for us. We need about one hundred of these for each show, so please help us by keeping the bases from the ones you empty. At the Winter Show, 76 posies were made and sold. They walked out the door with the early morning rush.

As the committee meeting was held immediately after the Show finished on Sunday, the main topic of discussions related to how well the show had gone. While there was about 100 plants on the tables, which is down quite a bit on our usual numbers, the Floral Art was the big growth area, with five sections and multiple entries in each section.

Leanda's winning entry was admired by all, but congratulations must go to all the entries, which reflected the diverse talents of all the participants.

As usual the posy's walked out the door. The crew made 76 for the show and there were only four not sold, which were taken to the Glen. Thanks Pam.

A very big thank you to all those that stayed to help clean up after the show. The number of helpers certainly proved the old saying "many hands make light work". I don't think we have been cleared up quite so quickly for many years.

In your Orchid House

The weather has continued to be an issue for us. This time, as we are not getting any rain, we need to be aware of the water need of our plants.

Remember that the native wildlife will also be looking for water and feed, so make sure that your sensitive plants are protected.

Start looking at what plants might be flowering in time for the next show, which is the first weekend in September, and start getting them prepared now. Staking spikes and cleaning up the pots and the plants.

As well as looking for bad pests in our houses, we can also be looking for good bugs like frogs, lady birds, praying mantis, spiders and even small birds. Spraying indiscriminately destroys both the good bugs and bad pests, so care should be always taken.

If you have any plants that have not flowered or have finished flowering that need either potting on or dividing and potting, this would be a good time to start doing that. Most experienced growers say that you can repot 364 days of the year – having Christmas day off.



Champion Novice - Cymbidium Unknown. Frances Southern

Floral Art Group.

The Winter show has demonstrated how much this group has grown as well as the variety of the methods they have learnt to use over the past two years.

There were six sections and a junior section for floral art this show and the displays covered six tables.

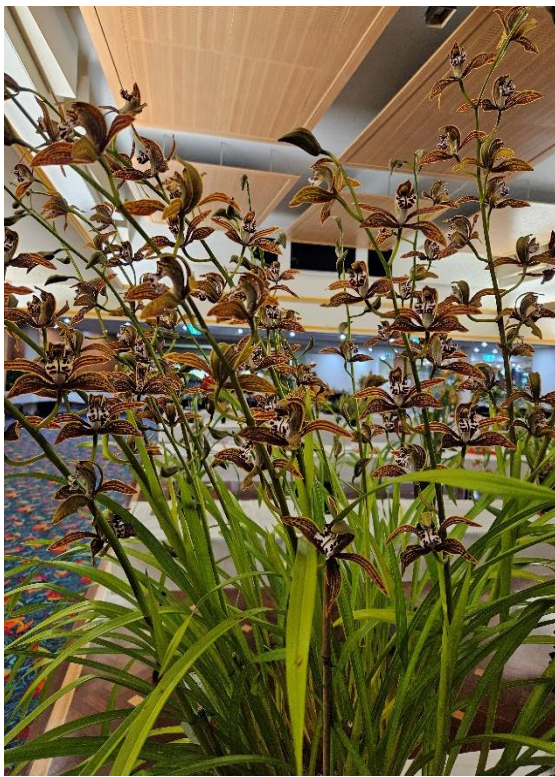


Some of the posy makers hard at work before the show.

This is the winning Floral Art entry.



Leanda O'Connor Section 81 Free Style



Reserve Champion Winter Show
Cymbidium Fire Fly
Liz Cleaver

Diary Dates

2023 Show dates

August

11 12 13 Sapphire Coast Winter

September

1 2 3 BBOFS Spring

9 10 MUOS Spring

16 17 EOC Spring

October

20 21 22 BBOFS Native

27 28 Sapphire Coast Summer

BBOFS Activity Dates

August 12th Walk in Botanic Gardens to see Native orchids with Dylan; **2pm. Meet at the café.**

October 14th Tri club BBQ and walk in cemetery looking for Native orchids at Nelligen **time TBC**

Regional Activities dates

September/October

30 1 South and West Regional Show and Conference Cobargo.

Benching

Open Section

Species: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium > 90mm: Liz Cleaver

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Leanda O'Connor

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum: Ron Boyd

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night - Open



Cymbid Death Wish "Lime Leopard"

Liz Cleaver

Floral Art



Everley Morrissey

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night – Novice –

There were no plants benched in the Novice section.



Sales Table Friday evening more tables added Saturday morning



Some of the posies for sale

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay.

Monday 3rd July 2023

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

PRESENT: Members: 12 Apologies:1
Visitors:2

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 5th 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: Orchids Australia,

- b. Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c. Bank statement
- d. Phone calls from Dorothy and Karen re hanging banners, emails from Steve Morgan and Ron re table hire for show and phone call from Barry McPherson and John Stubbs re tables for show

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Letters to judges
 Moved: Margaret Turner
 Seconded: Brian Perkins
 Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8062.31. Income \$398; Expenditure \$1223.97. No outstanding cheques. Floats re-banked as it is the end of the financial year. IBD \$22,000. Total fiscal amount \$30,236.34.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor
 Seconded: Dylan Morrissey
 Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Dylan Morrissey Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Gordon Marion talking about Cattleya's.
- b. **Winter Show updates:** Banners will be put up tomorrow (Tuesday); the A frames will go

up the Saturday morning of the show. Margaret to follow up regarding sashes. Bags are available – 900 small and 700 medium. Anne-Marie will start putting things up on Face Book from Wednesday. Set up will be from 1pm on Friday. Please bring plants in via the back lift. We need members to come and give the committee a hand across the 2 days. Selling raffle tickets, walking the floor and answering questions from the visitors, working on the sales table, helping to cover for lunch breaks. Posey making at Margaret's from 10am Thursday. Pam will make supper for judges on Friday evening. Brian will be door person until about 1pm both days.

- c. Regional Show: after further discussion it was decided that BBOFS would not participate in this show this year. We need members to commit to making plants available to the Society and that has not happened.
- d. Margaret has completed all the necessary paperwork to renew the Native Plant license and will take it up to Ulladulla after the show.
- e. PON certificates for June meeting presented to Leanda for Floral Art and Margaret for Open.
- f. Anne-Marie told the members that the MUOS show went well. They have championships in open, intermediate and novice.
 Supper break 8pm
 Return 8.20pm

4. GUEST SPEAKER: Jane Wright – Orchids and other Adventures in Ecuador.

Jane, along with her husband and another couple went on a conducted tour of Ecuador, which is a country that is smaller than Victoria on the west coast of South America. It has both the Andes Mountain range and the equator running thru' it, so it is very wet and hot. Jane explained the Galapagos Islands is a Province of Ecuador. The Galapagos is a group of small islands off the west coast of Ecuador. Jane highlighted the areas in Ecuador that they visited. This included the capital Guayaquil, where they saw plenty of interesting vegetation and wild life, but no orchids. There were however, some interesting OH&S issues identified which made them very careful, both then and during the rest of their stay. The other areas visited were some of the islands of the Galapagos, the Amazon Basin and an area in the Andes mountain chain. After several days in the Capital, they went over to the Galapagos. They travelled there by boat and between the islands during the night and toured the islands during the daylight hours. They had both wet and dry landings. It was just that the supposedly dry landings were a little less wet than the wet ones. In both cases, they disembarked from the boat into the water. The Galapagos is a chain of peaks from volcanoes, so the islands are lava based and depending on how long they

have been out of the water indicated the amount of soil and thus vegetation were on them. All the islands had diverse vegetation and wildlife.

From the Galapagos, they flew to the Amazon Basin, which was also very wet and humid. Once again the variety of birds and animals seen varied from the other part of Ecuador they had been in. However, they did see some orchids here. Lots of different genre up in the trees. Remember that the South American orchid types include pheurothallis, Cattleya, dendrobium and oncidiums.

Their last stop was in the higher altitude of the Andes. Once again the humidity and constant wetness created OH&S issues when moving around. There were more orchids of different genre to see there, but were visited with extreme care. The bird and plant life was prolific as was to be expected in that environment. A bird that was plentiful was the hummingbird.

Anne-Marie thanked Jane for her interesting presentation, remarking that to embark on a trip like that needed careful consideration and planning.

5. RAFFLES: Margaret x 2; Leanda; Anne-Marie x 2; Everley x 2; Pam x 3; Dylan

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Liz Cleaver

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

Meeting closed 9.21pm

**The next meeting will be on Monday 7th
August**

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner



Our guest speaker was Jane Wright. As usual Jane arrived with plants for sale. She was accompanied on this trip by Bill Ferris the Chair of the Canberra Orchid Society.



Champion Fern (above) and Foliage (below)

Dylan Morrissey



Soldiers Club Beach Road



Major sponsor of our club.

Bunnings of Bateman's Bay

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



WINTER SHOW CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion of the show	Michelle and Bruce McIntosh
Reserve Champion of the show	Liz Cleave
Champion Cymbidium 90 mm and over	Liz Cleaver
Champion Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm	Liz Cleaver
Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm	Liz Cleaver
Champion Cymbidium Seedling	Liz Cleaver
Champion Laeliinae Alliance	Jean Swindley
Champion Australian Native Species / Hybrid	Michelle and Bruce McIntosh
Champion Paphiopedilum	Ron Boyd
Champion Pleurothallis Alliance	Sue Carrol
Champion Orchid, any other Genera	Dylan and Sabrina Morrissey
Champion Oncidiinae Alliance	Michelle and Bruce McIntosh
Champion Australian Native Seedling Orchid,	Michelle and Bruce McIntosh
Champion any other Seedling Orchid	Ron Boyd
Champion Species Orchid	Liz Cleaver
Champion Specimen Orchid of the show	Michelle and Bruce McIntosh
Champion Fern	Dylan and Sabrina Morrissey
Champion Foliage	Dylan and Sabrina Morrissey

Champion Novice

Champion Cymbidium	Frances Southern
Champion Species Orchid	Jan Boyce
Champion Orchid, any other Genera	Jan Boyce

Champion Floral Art

Leanda O'Connor

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR OF THE SHOW OPEN Liz Cleaver

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR OF THE SHOW NOVICE Jan Boyce

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