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President's Report



Cym tracyanum from Tony & Liz

I hope everyone is staying safe and spending time with their family and orchids.

Now is the time to be aware of the slide from Autumn into Winter growing

conditions. Look out for fungi (rot) and small fluffy white bugs. They are sneaky.

We still have no word on our next meeting or possible show dates, when we do, you'll be told through this newsletter.

Our I.B.D. fell due and after investigations around other options and with the low interest rates, it was decided to put into another I.B.D account. The small amount of accrued interest was re invested with the main sum.

I had a lovely phone call from Robyn Baker, I wish her well with her treatments. She is looking forward to coming back to the Bay, back to her home, friends and her orchids.

Don't forget we have a for sale section and a wish list section for orchids in our newsletter.

Thank you to Peter Cordina (APIA), for the donation of the printer (see buy, swap and sell section below).

Keep sending in your pictures of your current orchids in flower, they make me hopeful and jealous.

Remember stay safe and we'll see each other soon.

Best wishes

Anne-Marie Collins



3 of Margaret's Cattleya flowering now.



Taurantha Tennicauda Leanda O'Connor

Other items:-

1. 1.25L bottle bases. An early reminder to members to start saving these bases that are used for posy making for the Winter and Spring Shows. Margaret or Leanda will collect these at each meeting if members wish to bring them in. When we get back to meeting of course.

Our Next Meeting –

There will not be a meeting in June. We were hoping for a Winter show but that is now unlikely. I understand the Milton Ulladulla club is planning to have a virtual show this year. We will probably not get a July meeting either but who knows what will happen as we try to return to some form of normalcy.

From the Committee

1. The Committee have not met during this time,

Club Members

The BBOFS wishes any Member who may be unwell all the best for a speedy recovery. Please stay safe during this lock down period.

In Your Orchid House

I now have my orchid house covered. It has helped the flowers out to stay looking good longer with the rain we have had over the past couple of weeks. Not much but enough to be a nuisance and wet the ground. Of course it also keeps the orchid house a little warmer as the nights get colder and controls the amount of water they get. Keep thinking the frosts can't be too far away with these lovely clear days which give us the cold nights.

As Anne-Marie has said in her report, we do need to keep an eye out for pests. I have found a few snails in the house and they seem to like the new growth on my soft canes. Make sure all dead and devitalised leaf material is removed as this encourages pests.

Our plants usually require less water in winter. Some would even say that they might go a couple of weeks without water, however that does depend on genera and conditions in which you grow them. The important thing is to water in the mornings on a sunny day and not allow water to sit in the axils of the leaves.

Growth usually starts to slow down during May, however we do see more spikes forming particularly in the cymbidiums. If there are spikes, remember to start supporting them to grow straight from early on. Also, if you need to straighten them, do it slowly and in small increments so as not to break the spike.

I said last month that Leanda and I repotted our raffle plants, so have included a photo to show that they have settled into their new pots and are growing nicely. I am looking forward to them having new homes.



Wish List and For Sale for members

If any member is seeking a particular plant, would you like to see it listed then others may be able to assist you obtain one.

This could also be used to place plants that you would like to give away or sell.

Wanted

Anne-Marie is looking for: Stanhopea Alba; Psychopsis; Ming & Foxtail ferns

For Sale



This Canon PIXMA model 2560 has been donated to the club by Peter Cordina from APIA. It is free to a good home. Has cartridges in but unsure how long they will last. Will print anything on A4 including photos. Please contact Ken on the number at top of newsletter if you are interested.

Dates for your 2020 Diary

We have not been told officially if any of the shows listed for June and July have been cancelled, so will leave them here for the time being.

June

26-27 Royale Orchids Open days & Fair

27-28 Mingara Orchid Fair

July

5 MUOS Winter Show **cancelled**

10 - 11 E.O.C. Winter Show Moruya

18 - 19 BBOFS Winter Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

August

7- 9 Orchid Extravaganza Dural

14 -16 SCOC Winter Show Twyford Hall, Merimbula

22 - 23 E.O.C. Spring Show Narooma

September

5 - 6 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

12 - 13 MUOS Spring Show Ulladulla

17 - 18 SCOC Spring Show September Civic Centre Bega

19 - 20 Canberra orchid society annual show Ainslie Football Club

October

9 - 11 Southern Orchid Spectacular Sutherland

17 - 18 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

30 - 31 SCOC Native Show Twyford Hall, Merimbula

Benching

As we did not have a meeting, I asked members to forward me photos of the plants they would have benched. I have received a few so thank you to those members.

From Ron looks very interesting.



Bulbo rothschildianum
May 2020

From Margaret



Coel Fimbriata



Onc unknown



Pastel Pink Crystal Silsockii x self

At the end of the newsletter is a message from Scott Barrie at Barritta Orchids. If you wish to take him up on this offer please say that you are a member of BBOFS.



RSC Village Chief Ammani "Red Dragon"
Ron, this was one of yours I hope I have the name right as the tag is very faded.

From Una.



Mittss Coton (brglades)



Onc Gold Coin Batter

More from Tony & Liz



Den. (Fantasy LandxLady Gem) x Dal's Pride 'Algester'



Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

From Ken who is very pleased to have an orchid in flower. Well done Ken.



Onc Beallara Tahoma Glacier

If you send a photo, it must be as an attachment not just added to the email.

The other way to send them is attached to a text message or via FaceBook Messenger.

Happy to get photos at anytime.

Thank you.

Margaret

As there are a couple of Bulbophyllums in this newsletter I thought I would find out a little more about them.

These sensational orchids are cute and compact with breathtaking blooms. Up to five, narrow, 7-15cm flowers open from spring with multiple spikes from happy plants. The petals have fascinating and intricate detail. These plants can flower within a year in the right conditions. The deep green leaves grow to around 8cm and have a nice sheen. They get the name Bulbophyllum as the leaves are bulbous. The flowers are on narrow stems so they can bob and entice pollinators.

There is huge diversity in the Bulbophyllum family, with over 1 200 species and many more hybrids. Their amazing blooms and ease of growth has made them very popular the world over. They have creeping to pendent rhizomes and develop angular pseudobulbs with handsome foliage. While they appear delicate, and hard to grow they actually make relatively easy house plants as they really aren't too fussy and have similar needs to the common Phalaenopsis Orchids.

Bulbophyllum orchids are lithophytes. In cultivation they can be grown in a pot using an orchid mix, with some additional sphagnum moss to help moisture retention. Or mounted and tied onto bark with some sphagnum moss beneath. Water well, then allow the medium to almost dry out before watering again. This means almost daily in the warmer months and less often in winter. They intermediate orchids and in the wild they grow on the sides of limestone cliffs in the tropics where rainfall is relatively regular and light variable. Filtered to bright,

indirect light is ideal, artificial light also works well. Their ideal temperature range is 15-24C.

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G'day!

The weather is cooling and the *Sarcochilus* spikes are about to show. We have decided that this is the time to release our latest crosses so you can see the spikes emerge! They are available online now, I've just loaded them on to our website. To celebrate this release and as part of our ongoing commitment to give benefits our repeat customers, we are offering a buy 6 get the 7th free

deal. Just add 7 plants from any of the **new crosses (those featured here)** to your cart and our system will apply the deal automatically.

This offer expires on Sunday 24th May 2020 at midnight.

We appreciate your loyalty and look forward to sending you some of our babies.

Cheers

Scott Barrie

Barrita Orchids

