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President's Report



A Cattleya Unknown, grown by our President.

Hello everyone,

I hope you are staying safe and well, plus had the best Easter you could have.

Maybe even the Easter bunny visited you?

With the colder weather happening, keeping on top of pests and other problems is a constant activity. Watch out for fungus or damp rot, as it has been quite wet.

I am looking forward to seeing the pictures you have taken of your flowering orchids for our virtual benching in our May newsletter. I even managed a Cattleya to bloom. I am most impressed, but it did it, without my help.

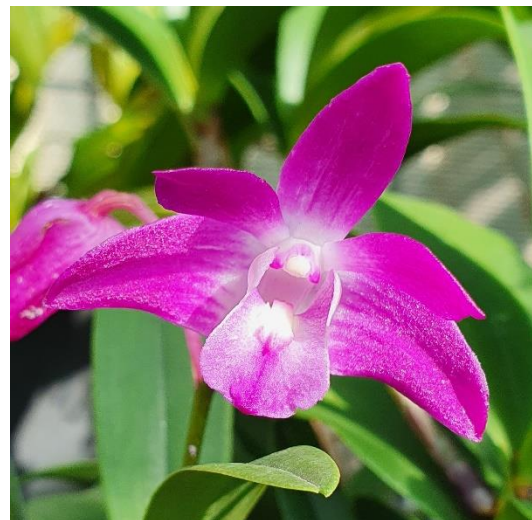
This virus problem has meant cancellation of many activities, but we are hopeful, to be able to allocate time for them, later in this year.

Keep working on your orchids, staying healthy and safe, before long we will be seeing each other again.

Margaret has added a few funnies throughout the newsletter, just to lighten your day. (in purple)

Best wishes

Anne-Marie Collins



Den. Jonathon's Glory "Dark Joy". Margaret. This is our grow experience plant from a couple of years ago.

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.

2. B.B.O.F.S. Floral Art Group met on Monday, 27th March and we had a lovely time. Leanda instructed us on basic techniques to make a table decoration posy. We were all thrilled at our successes. Here are a few of them. Once we are allowed to, we will continue our classes.



Our Next Meeting –

There will not be a meeting in May. June also under review. We are hoping for a Winter show, which may mean a July meeting. Who knows!!!!!!!!!!!!

Membership Renewals

People who have not paid membership by now are no longer members of BBOFS. You are still welcome to pay your membership in the ways stated below. If you have not paid, you are ineligible to vote at meetings, are unable to show plants at general meeting. Membership costs are as follows:

Single rate:- \$10.00

Couple/dual rate:- \$15.00

Junior (under 16):- \$5.00

If receiving newsletter as hard copy please add \$5.00 to above costs.

New members will also pay a joining fee of \$8.00 that covers the cost of the name badge.

Membership can be transferred using the following bank account details:

Bank Westpac – Bateman’s Bay

BSB: **032-681**

Account: **191442**

In Reference, add your surname & that payment is for membership. A third option is to deposit it directly into that account as long as it has your name and membership as the reference.

If you are choosing not to continue with your membership, it would be appreciated if you let us know. Thanks

From the Committee

1. The Committee have not met during this time, but keep in touch via electronic media.
2. The committee has received the amended version of the By-Laws as discussed at the March General meeting. Once they have been approved, they will be distributed to the general membership for ratification at our meeting next time we meet.
3. I received this email from Michael Wright several weeks ago.

Please read this at your next meeting.

As some of our members already know that we lost our home and Orchids (2500) to the Mogo Bushfires of NYE 31 December 2019. We have been looked after by NRMA Insurance and are in long term accommodation at Long Beach.

We are keeping the land at Mogo with the view to rebuilding few years’ time. We have decided to move to Fisherman’s Paradise, 20 mins North of Milton/Ulladulla in near future, and this would be closer for Grainne's work and Milton Hospital.

We are not planning to rebuild our orchids to the quantities we did have, though will have some personal orchids to grow that we manage to save from the fires.

Thank you to all BBOFSI Members for their knowledge, friendship and business over the years.

Best wishes to you all.

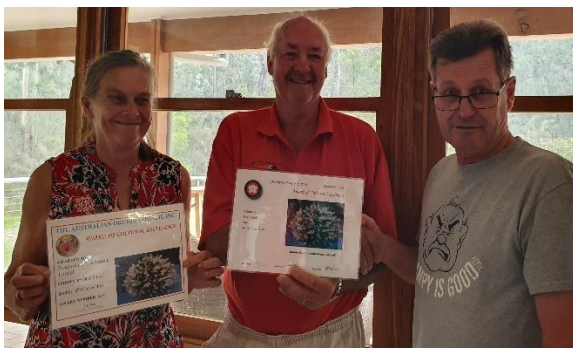
Regards

Michael Wright and Grainne Funder.

Not knowing when our next meeting will be I have included it in this newsletter. I responded wishing Michael & Grainne all the best for the future and saying we hope we will see them when they return to Mogo.

Awards

At the South and West Regional Show in Moruya last year, Robert & Sue Fishs' plant *Den x delicatum* "Lorelai" ACC/AOC was also awarded the Culture of the Year by the AOC/NSW 2019. Congratulations to you both. We understand why it doesn't come to shows as it takes up a full box trailer to transport it and of course the moving of it from where it sits at home to the trailer, then into the show facility and back again is no mean feat.



Robert & Sue Fish with Peter Stubbs being presented with their certificates following being awarded Culture of the Year.

AOCC CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2021 LOGAN QLD

For the Love of Orchids AOCC2021 1-5 September Logan Metro Sports and Event Centre, Crestmead (located just south of Brisbane). All activities, including the Conference & Presentation Dinner will occur at the Centre. Obtain your registration form and further information at AOCC2021.org

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 have purposely left this almost blank, as I am sure that all our orchids are getting a bit more care and attention than they normally do as we are not running around doing all the other things we are involved in. Leanda and I repotted and fed the raffle plants that we received from Barritta Orchids. They all had good roots, but are now enjoying being in larger pots.

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 to buy:

Leanda is looking for *Leptotes Bicolour* [cattleya]
Anne-Marie would like any *Psychopsis*

For Sale

Liz has

1. Hard cane *Dendrobium* (Fantasy Land x Lady Gem) x Dal's Pride ' Algester '3 flower spikes (red).
2. *Cymbidium* Butterfly kisses 'Viridian'in flower, Novelty peloric.
3. *Cymbidium* Florida Cracker.....Andy Easton cross...mericlone, intermediate yellow, small plant, one spike.

Plus anyone interested in:- pots of Ginger Lily (*Hedychium gardnerianum*) spectacular yellow, fragrant flowers, and/or attractive, vein-leaved canna with brilliant orange/red

flowers both large aggressive growers need a lot of room. FREE to good home.
Ring Liz Cleaver 44712052

Ron Boyd Mob; 0421366823

Ex Tinonee Orchid Nursery, Compressed Orchidmate Coconut Husk Chips 12 to 18mm size chunks: \$12 with \$2 going to the Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society. They are compressed bales weight 4.5kg. Triple washed. Low salt. Suitable for all orchids. Just wet, drain & use. Makes about 40+ litres of nuggets

I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

Every few days, try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

Dates for your 2020 Diary

June

26-27 Royale Orchids Open days & Fair

27-28 Mingara Orchid Fair

July

4 - 5 MUOS Winter Show

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

I used to spin toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I am cracking a safe.

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 Liz and Tony:



Arangis luteo-alba var rhodosticta



Cymbidium Summer Perfume. (intermediate)



Oncidium Aka Bay 'Raspberry Chocolate'



Lc Netrasiri Waxy.



Encyclia cochleata "Andrew Young" x cochleata "Tinone"



Zygo. Arthur Elle 'Essenden' X Prom.
(stapeloides x 'Dinah')



Masd. Rein Touch 'Bertie'

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.



Another photo from the Floral Art Group.
Well done to you all.

From Brian Coulton

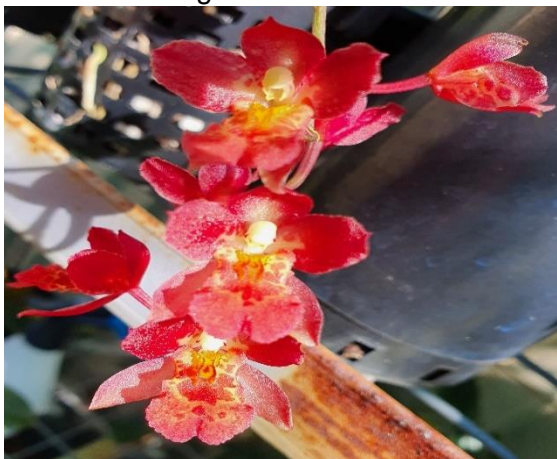


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Blc Walanae Leopard x C. Spots

More from Margaret



Howeara Lave Burst Puanani



Onc excavating (aurosom)

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious that she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... We laughed a lot.

From Una.



Rhycantleanthe Shinfong orange



Zygo unknown



Oncid. unknown



Miltonia unknown

I have received other photos, but they were embedded in the emails and I cannot pick them up from there.

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

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee, it cleans the toilet.

Final Comment:

Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under.

Take care everyone, hopefully these restrictions will start to ease shortly.

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Bunnings of Bateman's Bay

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

Found this yesterday when out
working in the shade house.

Coel. Mooreana "Bronkhurst"



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