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SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter –
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President's Report



Sarc Fitzhart Cinnamon Circles Susan
Surprise From John Stubbs

Hello members,

It was great to see so many at the October meeting and lovely to be there myself. Well done to all who benched. Congratulations to Una on her first Plant of the Night in Open and well done to Ken on his Novice -

Plant of the Night. Both were well deserved and the orchids are stunning specimens.

At our meeting, we had some very good questions on a wide range of topics which were answered, by knowledgeable growers. I hope to put the answers I got to my question, about helping plants in need of a boost, into action, as soon as possible.

We had a lovely time at John Stubb's Orchid Nursery, Brogo, on Tuesday 20th October. I tried hard to restrain myself but still came home with a few new additions to my collection. If you get the chance, I happily recommend John's nursery for its range of orchids, sizes and his excellent tips/hints, to help grow on the purchases.

Thanks also to Allan Boon for adding some of his Paphs at Johns' for us to admire.

Our A.G.M. is coming up and as my health is improving, I have decided to once again put in for President of our fine society. Also that night we will be having our Orchid auction with bric a brac. More information about this will be in this newsletter.

Our plans for the Sweet 16th Anniversary luncheon are progressing. It would be great to know what restrictions will still be around next March. This would make things much easier. I do know there will be cake.

The Presentation and Christmas Party is also being organised and regulations are not helping but we will get there. Secret Santa is happening but only if you want to participate. Please let the Secretary know if you are coming, she has a "little" list.

As the weather is warming up and at times quite windy, make sure you check the moisture content of your plants and water accordingly. Repotting should be in full swing and keep on top of insects, they can be quite destructive. I have noticed the sarcs are blooming and making Orchid houses vibrant with their showy petals.

I hope to see as many as possible at our A.G.M. and I am looking forward to next year's events.

Cheers Anne-Marie ☺



Paph Key Lime x Gaullonianum Allan Boon.

Our Next Meeting –

Our November meeting is the AGM and auction. Normally this would be an orchid only auction. However, as we were unable to have the earlier bic a brac auction it has been decided that this one could include bic a brac. The money raised from the bic a brac will go to the club as well as 10% commission from the orchids.

Meeting Protocols Reminder

- Please do not come to the meeting if you do not feel well.
- Please maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from each other at all times, keeping to your seat as much as possible.
- You must sign in, both at the club and the meeting,
- Do not congregate to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Please use hand sanitizer as you enter, before you do Popular Vote and before supper.
- Do not engage in any activities that involve physical contact, including hand shaking and hugging or multiple people having contact with equipment.
- Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

From the Committee

1. With the easing of some Covid restrictions, we will continue to work on the planned Christmas party at Nelligen Hotel. But we have put a temporary booking in the Bubble at the Soldiers Club in case.
2. Ron suggested we investigate bigger companies like Neutrog as guest speaker. Anne-Marie will follow up. Any other suggests would be warmly welcomed.
3. Anne-Marie will make an invitation for the “Sweet 16” in March for the November committee meeting. Once finalised, it will be sent to past presidents’ and placed in the January newsletter. We will need to know numbers if some Covid restrictions are still in place.
4. It was also decided that the plant members who have attended meetings or provided photos for the newsletter, would be in an 80mm pot. President and Secretary will investigate purchase of plants from John Stubbs and Tinonee’s.

Floral Art Group

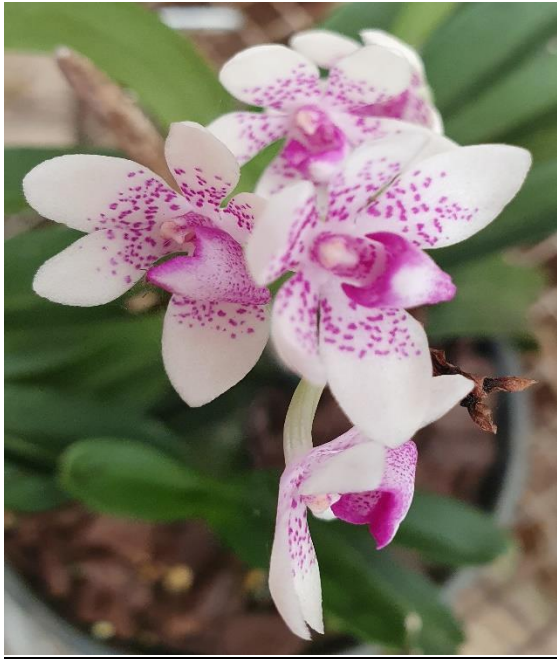
The group met on Monday 28th September. Apparently it was a great session with five members present. Next meetings are Monday 26th October then the 23rd November, from 11am til 2pm. Anyone who attends this must be a member of BBOFS.

Club Members

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

Help Wanted

Dear Friends, our daughter Catrin whom some of you know, is getting married in late February and would like to have succulents for the centre pieces for the reception tables. I am making an appeal for anyone in the club that has bits they could donate or we can buy, please contact Megan Quinlivan via the club it would be much appreciated. Thanks Meg



Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle Coconut Ice (mericlone) John Stubbs

In Your Orchid House

Spring has well and truly sprung now. These changing weather conditions not only stress we humans but also our plants.

Spring is a time of strong growth for all of our plants, therefore we need to be more aware of their needs in relation to water and fertilizer as well as pest control.

Small pots and newly potted plants will probably require a bit more attention particularly water requirements. Mounted plants may also require daily or second daily watering depending on your conditions.

One of the questions asked at the round table related to stressed plants. There were a number of suggestions made, so see the minutes for responses. This weather may stress your plants more than you think – 30 one day and 20 the next.

I am sure repotting is well underway. When looking at plants to determine whether to just pot on or to divide and repot, remember to look at roots and check foliage for caterpillars, mites and aphids as they tend to hide in the base of the plants which makes them difficult to see at times.

If using eco-oil, don't use on a really hot day as it may burn leaves and as some plants breathe through their leaves, check that your plant isn't one of those.

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.

Leanda would like some plants of clumping bamboo please.

Anne-Marie is looking for: Stanhopea Alba; Psychopsis; Ming & Foxtail ferns which will be used for floral art.

Margaret has a couple of hundred 50 and 60mm square and round pots to get rid of. Happy to give them away or for a small donation - all of them or in smaller groups. Please contact Margaret on the number at the top of the newsletter if interested in some or all of them.

Benching

Lots of plants on the bench in both the sections again. Thank you to all those members who continue to attend the meetings in these difficult times. The display of flowers was great. What a pity we didn't have a Native Show to show them off. Next year we hope.

Open Section

Species: Una Roberts

Cymbidium > 90mm: Una Roberts

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm: Una Roberts

Cymbidium < 60mm: Una Roberts

Aust Native Orchid: Margaret Turner

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm: Una Roberts

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Margaret Turner

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern:

Foliage: Una Roberts

Plant of the Night



Coelogyne Unchained Melody (hybrid) Una Roberts

Novice Section

Species: Bec Baumgartner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: Ken Covington

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid: Ken Covington

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Bec Baumgartner

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

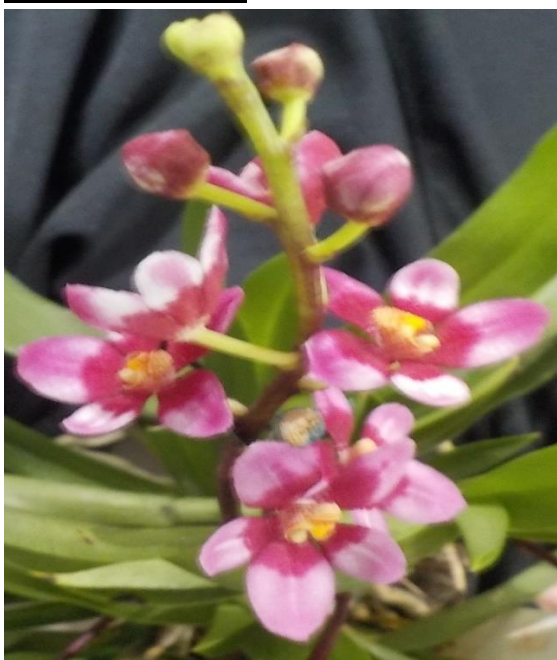
Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Ken Covington

Fern: Bec Baumgartner

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Sarc Magic Ken Covington

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY

Monday 5th October 2020

PRESENT: Members:14 Apologies: 7
Visitors: 1

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

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 7th September at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded:
Una Roberts 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.W, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c) Bank statement

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Membership form

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Una
Roberts Carried

2. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8405.72; income \$104.69; expenditure \$29.07. there is one unrepresented cheques. Floats, vouchers and term deposit remain unchanged.

Moved: Leanda O’Connor Seconded: Una
Roberts Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded:
 Una Roberts Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a Next General Meeting; November 2nd AGM, orchid & bric a brac auction. Margaret to send out notice and committee nomination forms.

b. Christmas party update: As the Nelligen Hotel can only sit groups of 10, it was agreed that Margaret would explore other options for the Christmas party.

c. Sweet 16 planning: cake has been sourced. There remains an issue with numbers in groups because of the restrictions, however planning should go ahead.

d. Raffle of donated painting: to be held over until one of the shows next year (2021).

e. Plan for 2021: outline discussed as per the committee minutes. Daytime meetings in winter were agreed to. Margaret has written to the Soldiers Club with dates for 2021, but because of Covid restrictions, had not received confirmation of bookings as yet. Margaret contacts Andrea before each meeting to confirm meeting time and place at present. If a member has any suggestions regarding speakers, please let Anne-Marie know. It was suggested that we look at having more local speakers, given the current travel situation.

f. Visit to John Stubbs nursery – names to Margaret: some members added their name to the list.

g. Floral Art Group: met on Monday last. There were 5 members present and there were some good pieces made with lots of fun and laughter.

i. Bunnings BBQ: BBOFS had been offered a BBQ on 18th October. Margaret has

spoken to Nigel – Bunnings Activity Officer and there are still a number of guidelines that apply to the BBQs. The first and main one is that there still needs to be 5 people per shift – that means 10 per BBQ. They will run from 9 to 3pm. This still means that at least some of the morning team need to be there by 8am to set up and get the BBQ under way. We can use our own aprons. Bunnings have face shields/masks that members use. They will supply the disinfectant and sanitizer. Teams are now able to use cash if preferred. Because of the number of staff required, two tents will be used and they will be placed under/near the verandah outside the nursery area of Bunnings. All this was discussed freely and the result was that the members agreed that it might be better to leave running one for another month. Margaret to contact Nigel with the outcome.

Supper 8.05
Return 8.30pm

4. General Discussion:

Anne-Marie started the discussion by asking about a tonic for distressed plants. Suggestions included Molasses at strength discussed by Tony & Liz last month (on handout). This is available at Harrison's or the Garden Centre in Moruya or at Rural Supplies in Bungendore. Add Seasol to this mix or use on its own as it is also a tonic for plants.

Plant starter was also suggested, particularly for plants just repotted and for the first 3 or 4 weeks post repotting. Use at the recommended strength on the bottle. Make sure that you flush pots between applications.

The magamp fertilizer was also discussed. These are available on eBay. One experienced grower stated that he uses one of these but replaces the middle of the magamp with Wayne Turnbull's slow release fertilizer in the middle. So magamp fertilizer top and bottom with the other fertilizer in the middle. Probably worthwhile

putting shade cloth over the exit end so that particles don't get caught in the water when going onto the plants.

Another member asked about a Zygo flower that had curled. It was stated that this is usually due to mites, but temperature changes and increase or decreases in humidity can also affect them. Check plants carefully and if mites are present, use condies crystals. Don't use eco-oil as this can smother the plant as they breathe thru' their leaves. If not mites, have you moved the plant or are the other changes just environmental, which are difficult to control in the current environment. This led to a question relating to a sarc losing its leaves. It was suggested that mites were most likely the problem again, so spay the plant with Confidore. This lead to a discussion as to whether or not it is still available. Bunnings do have it in concentrate form.

Another member asked about dividing soft cane dens. It was suggested that the roots be cut off, then placed on a bed of sand or spag moss, which needs to be kept damp but not wet. Molasses can be used in the initial watering.

Anne-Marie thanked the more experienced growers for their input into the discussion which had been very helpful and worthwhile having.

5. **RAFFLES:** Ken, Meg, Leo, Leanda, Judee, Una x 3 and Bec.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Una Roberts

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

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd November At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

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