



**BATEMANS  
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SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter –  
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**President's Report**



Coel "Unchained Melody" Judee Hunt

Hello members,

The month has flown with improvements in health and many of my orchids are

flowering. They have thrived on neglect and love the "tinny" orchid house.

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the Spring weather and rains.

We had our Committee meeting at the Soldiers Club on Friday to accommodate our Secretary, who is doing "Nana" duties this week. This went well, Many things were discussed and will be brought to our October General meeting.

We made progress on the Sweet 16 Anniversary luncheon and there will be cake. :)

Looking forward to 2021, we discussed shows, potential speakers' topics and winter meetings times.

We have also organised a club trip down to John Stubbs Orchid nursery in October 2020. The details will be in this newsletter. Boy, am I looking forward to this trip. My money is already saved up.

Leanda & I spoke with Andrea (Soldiers Club event organiser), to organise our Floral Art Group meeting dates. They are now booked in, for the rest of the year. So if you like floral art then come along and try. It's not hard.

Our A.G.M. is coming up quickly and if you would like to participate on the committee, we would love to have you.

Thank you to Ken for standing in for me at the September meeting. It is greatly appreciated.

Until next time, enjoy your orchids, love your family and stay healthy.

Cheers Anne-Marie ☺

**Our Next Meeting –**

Once again we are able to meet for October. There are some hardy members who come along to each meeting and we thank you for that and for following the Covid safety guidelines.

Next meeting, we are going back to night time meetings at the Soldiers Club and we thank them for their ongoing support of BBOFS.

So that is:- benching from 6.30, voting at 7pm and meeting at 7.30pm.

Unfortunately, Brian Coulton is unable to be with us, so the committee has suggested that we have a round table discussion relating to problems or issues members have with their plants. If you bring a plant in, please put it in a plastic bag.

### **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**

- Following the agreement at the general meeting, the committee has booked the Bubble in the Soldiers Club for lunch on Sunday 21st March 2021 – 3pm to celebrate sweet 16. All attendees will receive a \$10 voucher for lunch. Every member attending will receive a plant and there will be lucky door prizes.
- The Christmas party will be at the Nelligen Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Time to be confirmed but probably 6.00 for 6.30 brief meeting and 7.00 start for dinner. Deposit of \$15 required to book place and remainder once cost confirmed. Those who wish to participate in a Secret Santa may do so – value between \$5 & \$10.
- The auction at the November meeting & AGM will be bric a brac as well as orchids. The money raised from the bric a brac will go to the club as well as 10% commission from the orchids.

- If any member has a motion to put to the AGM, please let the secretary know 2 weeks prior to the AGM. Nominations for the committee close a week prior to the AGM.
- The picture that has been donated to us that we are raffling will be held over until one of the shows next year.
- Planning is underway for 2021. If you have any suggestions for speakers, please let Anne-Marie know.

### **Planned Activities**

A trip to Brogo to visit John Stubbs Riverview Nursery has been planned for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Be there at 11am. John is happy if we bring our own picnic lunches to have. He will provide tea and coffee. He says he has plenty of plants for sale as he has not been able to get to shows locally or in Melbourne this year.

### **Floral Art Group**

This will recommence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Then will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month 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

### **Special Notice**

The Australian Orchid Council's AGM will be held via Zoom on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Guest speaker is renown photographer and species orchid grower

Gary Yong Gee. Gary's presentation will be focused on **Australian Epiphytic orchids** with an emphasis on those not often seen in cultivation. Contact [aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au](mailto:aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au) for a link to the meeting.

### **In Your Orchid House**

Repotting time has started, although I know some members repot at any time. Look at the pots to see how much room the roots have remembering that most of our plants like to be a bit cramped, so if potting on, don't go up in pot size too much.

Feeding time is also here as the plants come out of their resting time. Most growers now use a 9-month pelletized fertilizer and suggestions differ as to whether or not to use a liquid fertilizer as well. If so, remember it is better to use weekly weakly that to use a full dose. Giving pots a good flush every 2 to 3 waters is also good practice. Watering requirements vary at this time of year depending on the weather, so check what the pots feel like before watering to ensure that you don't over water.



Falcatius Margaret Turner

### **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.

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.

### **Dates for your 2020 Diary**

#### **October**

9 – 11 Southern Orchid Spectacular Sutherland **cancelled**

17 - 18 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay **Cancelled**

20 Visit to Riverview Nursery Brogo John Stubbs Nursery.

30 - 31 SCOC Native Show Twyford Hall, Merimbula **Cancelled**



Cymbid Autumn Emerald Royal Una Roberts



Cymbid Unknown Anne-Marie Collins



### **Benching**

Lots of plants on the bench in both the Open section which was great to see. There was only one plant in the Novice section. Hope to see a few more next time. Thanks to Una for compiling the results.

### **Open Section**

**Species:** Margaret Turner

**Cymbidium > 90mm:** Una Roberts

**Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium < 60mm:** Liz & Tony

**Aust Native Orchid:** Liz & Tony

**Laeliinae >70mm:**

**Laeliinae <70mm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:** Liz & Tony

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:**

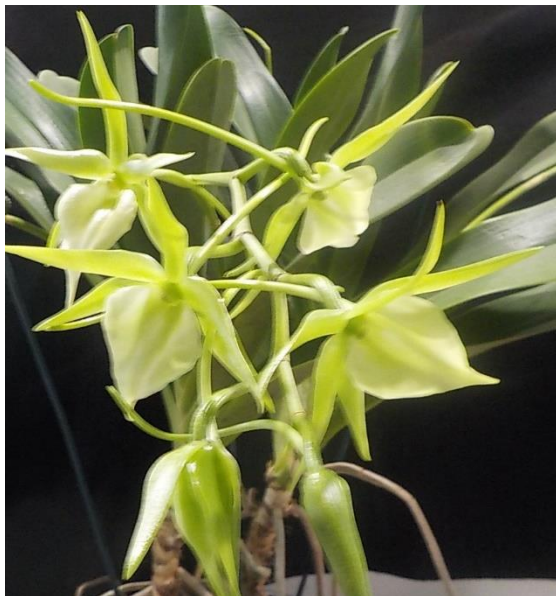
**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:** Liz & Tony

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

### **Plant of the Night**



Ang Vertchii Liz & Tony

### **Novice Section**

**Species:**

**Cymbidium > 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:**

**Aust. Native Orchid:** Nola & Ian Ezzy

**Laeliinae > 70cm:**

**Laeliinae < 70cm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:**

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

### **Plant of the Night**



Den Kingianum Nola & Ian Ezzy

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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**PRESENT:** Members: 13 Apologies: 7

Visitors: 0

Vice President Ken opened the meeting at 1.40pm thanking all for coming

**MINUTES:** accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded:  
Tony Groube 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 statements
- d) Term deposit renewal information
- e) Grants from AOF for new or struggling clubs
- f) Wyong Spring show is on
- g) Southern Orchid spectacular has been cancelled until October 2021

**Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Meg Quinlivan Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented:- for past 2 months. Opening balance \$8895.75. Income \$104.13; expenditure \$594.45. IBD reinvested on 2/8/2020 for 6 months. Closing balance \$8405.43.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Ken Covington Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Ken Covington Carried

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Next General Meeting;** 5<sup>th</sup> October Margaret will approach Brian Coulton to see if he could be the presenter for this meeting. Margaret to confirm with Soldiers Club that room is booked and will confirm that the meeting will go ahead in the newsletter.
- b. Ted Beehag's passing. The membership present were informed of Ted's passing. He has been a longtime judge at our shows.
- c. Sweet 16 celebrations – 2021. After some discussion it was decided to

hold the "Sweet 16" in 2021. It was accepted that it would be a sit down lunch on a Sunday in the middle of March. Currently, the Bubble can only sit 30, however, in this changing environment with Covid-19, what will happen between now and then we will have to wait and see. It was agreed that the planning needs to commence almost immediately. The committee will meet this month to start that process. Once a date has been agreed at the committee, Margaret will book the Bubble.

- d. Presentations for benching outcomes/awards at Christmas party. There was a general discussion regarding the number of meeting that we have had and the impact of Covid-19 on attendance. As a result, it was agreed that every member who has attended a meeting or provided photos for the newsletter would receive one (1) plant at the Christmas party.
- e. Auction at AGM – It was agreed that bric a brac would be included in the auction at the November meeting and AGM. The club would receive the monies from any bric a brac sold and a 10% commission on all orchids sold.
- f. Soft drinks – several members offered to purchase some at 50 cents per can. Margaret to organise and any left to go to charity.
- g. Christmas party leave booked at Nelligen Pub at the moment. No secret santa.
- h. Life memberships were discussed and agreed upon. To be presented at Christmas party.

Afternoon tea at 2.20

Returned 2.40

- 4. **Speakers:** Tony and Liz spoke to a couple of handouts that they had sourced. These are attached to the

minutes. Tony also discussed watering, fertilizing and air flow around plants. He also suggested, particularly to the novice growers that instead of buying multiple plants, they purchase good quality plants of a similar or same genre and learn what they need to grow well in the conditions that you have before spreading your wings to other genre. They use 9 month pelletised fertiliser which is applied in Spring. This gives the plants a rest over the slower growing period of winter. He also said there is a lot of information on the web, so let Google and Facebook be your friend and learn from other sources as well. With Facebook, always be careful of the information provided and check before following to the letter.

With watering, get to know what your pots feel like after they have been watered and as they dry out. This decreases the risk of over watering them. They certainly need less water over the winter months. He also spoke about positioning of plants and to avoid direct sun, particularly the afternoon sun. They also do better with a good air flow around them, so don't crowd your pots too much and try to keep like genre together.

One of the handouts that Tony talked to is titled "Alternative Chemical Treatments for your Plants". This was put together by David Brooks for one of the workshops that EOC conducted several years ago and give options to harmful chemicals for treating pests.

The other relates to the use of Molasses, which is good for soil microbes and helps get rid of bugs. Leanda stated that she has used it for years and finds it very good.

Tony also suggested the following website: St Augustine Orchid Society – [staugorchidsociety.org](http://staugorchidsociety.org) While this is an American – Florida site, it has relevant information as they grow similar genre to us.

**5. RAFFLES:** Ken, Leanda, Una x 2, Margaret, Meg and Jan.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube.

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

**Meeting closed 3.48pm**

**The next meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**  
Secretary Margaret Turner



Den. Louise's Rainbow "Amanda" x Victorian Flare "Solid Violet Lip. Leanda O'Connor



Terristerials Leanda O'Connor

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Some jokes from a member Judee.

- 1) We all talk to our plants – so now whilst in isolation – as I put an old dead orchid into the green bin, it said to me – “what is the matter with you – I did not die of covid!”
- 2) I was admiring an orchid flower and the next day it was wilted and dying. I said - so sorry, I did not mean to give you the virus.
- 3) Every day, I was looking and touching my orchids, then one yelled at me, “leave me alone!” I thought that my orchids loved my attention, so now my cacti will be pampered more.
- 4) There was a spider in my orchid house, so I started to talk to him. Interesting! He is a web designer – he goes from branch to branch but now and then treads water.
- 5) As I walked into the shade house, I heard Miss Madame Butterfly advise – “mate stop”. The cymbids are rioting in protest against you. They heard you say that you intended to tie them to stakes.