



**BATEMANS  
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SOCIETY INC.**

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

Another month has passed with a lot of effort going into our 2019 South Coast Orchid Clubs' Workshop. ☺

We started the month with our meeting, where Kylie Stocks was our speaker on ferns and their propagation. Her slide show, live plants and information were amazing. She had ferns for sale – so unusual and cheap. The follow-up to this was the visit to Viridigris Fern Nursery on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>. We invited members from E.O.C. and M.U.O.S. to join us. We were lucky to be shown the whole set up – from where spores are germinated through to the seedling area and to where the parent plants are planted out in their luxurious gardens. Their deck was the perfect place for a picnic lunch. Of course many ferns went to new homes, even to

someone who was sure they wouldn't be buying as ferns don't flower.

At the March meeting, a motion was put forward that all four proposed charities would receive 25% each of our donation and raffle/auction proceeds from the 2019 Workshop. It was passed.

We received sad news of David Gynn's death and this meant a re-shuffle of our speakers' load. Jeanne and Ray kindly stepped up and covered the gaps.

I was glad to travel with Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube to David Gynn's funeral in Dapto. My condolences to Kristy, Lochlan and Harrison. Many, not just in the Orchid world, will miss your husband/father.

**How did our 2019 South Coast Orchid Clubs' Workshop go?**

There was much planning, re-organising, phone calls and meetings.

We thank Wayne Shoulders from Belle Property Maintenance for his sponsorship and Batemans Bay BUNNINGS for its sponsorship. All were used on the main raffle. Thank you to Jeanne Dunne, Ray Clement, Stephen Monkhouse, Margaret Turner and Batemans Bay Soldiers Club for adding to our raffle. This raised \$239.00

We also had 3 progressive raffles during the weekend. As a book was sold there was three prize draws – vouchers, to be redeemed at our speakers' sales tables. This raised \$120.00

Our raffle proceeds when put with our club's donation of \$500, to be given to the four charities – Muddy Puddles, Sailability, Yumaro and Rural Fire Service.

With the generous help of Jeanne Dunn, we had an auction, which raised \$213.00 - this also added to the charities' money.

The total amount raised was \$1,072.00. They will each get \$268.00. This will be presented to them shortly.

The weekend went well, with many people helping to make it a success. Of special note are: Judee with her expert catering skills, Paula's assistance to Judee. Una and her raffle ticket selling [top job]; Robin covering the ticket selling at the table Saturday and Liz on Sunday. Margaret with her eye for making sure things were completed; Tony's auctioneering skills; Leanda's help in a variety of areas, Megan's help setting up Saturday, Ken and Brian's help with set up, gophing and dismantling the workshop.

Thank you to Margaret, Judee, Leanda, Paula, Sylvia, Megan/Jim, Una and anyone else who brought in food for the mornings and afternoon tea. The table was a feast of yummy food.

We had a lovely meal together Saturday night in the club's Bubble Room, where much orchid networking went on.

Thank you to our speakers, Jeanne Dunn, Daryl Williams [Jeanne's helper with talking, mounting and deflasking], Ray Clement and Stephen Monkhouse. They were entertaining and informative.

There were lively conversations with many different orchid clubs represented – from Bairnsdale Victoria to Raymond Terrace N.S.W. and Canberra, five Presidents plus over sixty-five participants.

As President of this society, I could not be more proud, on how our small club pulled together, and hosted such a friendly event.

**Our next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April will see Jane Wright**, well known judge, talking to us on Catasetums, with a slide show. She will be bringing a variety of orchids for sale, including catasetums.

As April is an even number – if your membership number is even, it would be lovely if you could bring along a plate of goodies for supper. Thank you.

**President's B.B.Q.** – due to my ill health, this event will be put back to May, at a date to be determined.

I am hoping to see many members at our April meeting, be active and learn more, see you there.

Anne-Marie Collins.

### **Other items**

1. **Memberships** are now due. These maybe paid at a meeting or via direct deposit. The Bank details are BSB 032681 A/C 191442. In reference please use surname and indicate that the monies are for membership. You can also go into the Westpac bank and use those numbers to pay for membership. Our constitution states that if memberships have not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March, you are deemed to be no longer a member. However, as our April meeting is the first, they can be paid at that meeting without penalty.
2. A reminder to collect the bases of 1.25L soft drink bottles for possie making for the Winter and Spring Shows. Margaret is happy to collect either the bases (bottom 20cm) or the whole bottle each month at the general meeting.
3. The committee will conduct a review of the show schedules prior to sending them out. They will be presented to the May general meeting for ratification, prior to distribution with the June newsletter.
4. There are some photos from the Interclub workshop at the end of the newsletter.

### **Our Next Meeting –**

Jane Wright will be speaking about Catasetum culture. She will also have some plants for sale.

### **Club Members**

The BBOFS wishes any Member who may be unwell all the best for a speedy recovery.

### **South and West Regional Show**

The EOC will be running the Regional Show on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019. It is to be held in Moruya at the Basketball Stadium and the theme is "Nature's Way". We will receive more information as it draws closer.

### **In Your Orchid House**

The weather continues to increase the risk of pest infestation. Please be vigilant. Normally at this time of year, the watering requirements of most orchids would be high, however, unless your orchids are under a hard roof, this is probably not required at the moment. Here at Long Beach, we have had 125mls of rain in the last ten days (11 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March), so have been looking at some plants to put them in a more protected area to lessen the chance of root rot.. However, fertilizing requirements are still high on most orchid genre.

Some genre may be producing spikes and flowers, so keep an eye out for them.

### **Orchids for sale**

Remember that any Member can put orchids on the table for sale at the meetings. There are still a number of Bill Guist's orchids available for sale.

Ron has agreed to run the sales table each month. Having said that, members are also reminded that if we have a guest speaker a sales table will not run. However, Ron will still be available to help Members with any growing questions they may have.

### **Dates for your 2019 Diary**

May 17 – 19 Orchids Out West  
Hawkesbury Race Club Clarendon  
July 13 – 14 Shoalhaven Winter show  
July 13 – 14 MUOS Winter Show  
July 19 - 20 BBOFS Winter show  
August 10 – 11 National Orchid  
Extravaganza Dural  
August 16 – 18 SCOC Winter Show  
Twyford Hall  
August 16 – 18 St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives  
Showground.  
August 24 – 25 EOC Spring Show

August 30– 1 September Shoalhaven  
Spring show  
September 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> BBOFS Spring show  
September 19 – 20 SCOC Spring show  
Bega Valley Commemorative Centre Bega  
October 5 - 6 Eurobodalla Orchid  
Spectacular  
October 11-13 Southern Orchid  
Spectacular, Sutherland  
October 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> BBOFS Native Show  
October 25 – 26 Shoalhaven Native Show  
November 1 – 2 SCOC Native show

### **Benching**

Even less plants this benching than there were the month before. We realise it has been a crazy year, weather wise but if you have something in flower, please bring it in for benching.

### **Open Section**

**Species:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium > 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:**

**Aust Native Orchid:** Liz & Tony

**Laeliinae >70mm:** Ron Boyd

**Laeliinae <70mm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Liz & Tony

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:** Margaret Turner

**Foliage:**

### **Plant of the Night**



**RLC Willett Wong "The Best" Ron Boyd  
Novice Section**

**Species:**

**Cymbidium > 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:**

**Australian Native Orchid:**

**Laeliinae > 70cm:**

**Laeliinae < 70cm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Una Roberts

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night**



**Oncid Alliance Unknown Una Roberts  
BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND  
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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL  
MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB;  
BEACH ROAD, BATEMANS BAY**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**PRESENT:** Members: 22 Apologies: 6  
Visitors: 0

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 4<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**1. 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) Multiple registrations for workshop
- d) Multiple phone calls in relation to the workshop by President
- e) Bank statement
- f) OrchidWhiz update
- g) Letter from Robert & Sue Fish
- h) Response from Peter Cordina re sponsorship
- i) Thank you card from Bill & Joy for help with orchids
- j) Verbal responses in the positive to hang banners from

Cameron's; Surfside Vet & High School

**Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs including another copy of workshop registration form
- c) Responses to email registration for workshop
- d) Email to Soldiers Club regarding early access to club on workshop weekend
- e) Letters to various organisations and individuals requesting to hang banners for shows
- f) Phone call to Visitors Centre setting up dates for hanging banner
- g) Letter to Peter Cordina requesting support from Apia to sponsor shows again this year
- h) Bunnings requesting raffle sponsorship & presenter to draw raffles at shows

Moved: Margaret Turner  
Seconded: Una Roberts  
Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented:-  
December report was accepted at February meeting. Amended January report was presented by Leanda and accepted by Tony Groube. February report opening balance \$27,853.95, income \$2,304.59, expenditure \$884.05.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor  
Seconded: Robin Baker Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor  
Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

- 3. GUEST SPEAKER:** Kylie Stock from Verdigis Fern Nursery. Kylie started her presentation by asking which lineage was longer orchids or ferns. Most of us were unaware that the fern lineage was older than the orchid with both of them being around for many thousands of years.

Kylie told us that ferns can be cultivated in a variety of ways. These included division, growing from spores, layering and micro propagation. Kylie had a number of plants that she handed around as she provided us with information on each of these ways of propagation. With division, the plant needs to have multiple crowns or adventitious roots or multiple plants in the pot or layering (as with tassel ferns) or cuttings or micro propagation of tissue culture from spores or runners. Fern spores, when released from the parent plant fly everywhere, which is why we often find ferns in our orchid and other pots. If wishing to propagate from spores, use a brown paper bag over the plant. Using fresh spore is always best; however, some spores have an extended life if kept in the right conditions. Growing mixture that Kylie uses is 70% peat and 30% washed river sand. This combination allows for good drainage. Spread spore thinly over peat, if spread too thickly will influence only male spore to germinate. If sowing a variety of types, sow the rarest first as this



will reduce contamination. Place identification into seedbed, then spore then close the lid prior to starting on the next variety. If growing spore, need to ensure constant temperature range with 100% humidity, light for twelve (12) hours a day. After germination has occurred, keep a surface film of water in the container. Kylie uses an ultraviolet light. Germination occurs in 6 – 8 weeks however, that depends on freshness and the species.

Supper break 8.30pm

Return 8.45pm

#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. Next General Meeting:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April when Jane Wright will be speaking about Catasatum culture and she will have plants for sale.
- b.** Robert Fish request breakdown of workshop expenses. It was explained to the meeting that a reconciliation would be provided after the event as per the show reconciliation. Michael Wright then asked what the breakeven figure was and if it had been reached why BBOFS members were not offered a place at discounted rate or as Sue Fish added free.
- c.** Tony then acknowledged the items listed in the newsletter that the club provides for its members. He suggested that we could provide a free Christmas lunch. He will write to the committee regarding what EOC provide.
- d.** The president made comment that there was a very minimal offering at supper tonight. She discussed the option of purchasing supper rather than members providing it. For further discussion. Members were also reminded that morning and afternoon teas food was needed for the workshop.
- e.** Show dates for 2020: much discussion relating to changing these days to Saturday and Sunday rather than Friday and Saturday. Anne-Marie put the motion that “in 2020, BBOFS hold the three shows on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday and Saturday.” Seconded by Sue Fish. However further discussion followed and Tony added an amendment “that the committee discuss the option of holding the shows over three (3) days rather than two (2).” Seconded by Ron. Anne-Marie then withdrew her motion. One thing was very clear following this discussion is that we will need more members to assist during the shows if this was accepted.
- f.** Charitable donations: At the last meeting, four (4) organisations were put forward as options for BBOFS for this year. Anne-Marie stated that after some discussion, the committee recommends that the club uses the monies from the raffle & auction at the workshop, add \$500.00 to it and then divide it evenly between the four (4) organisations. This was

accepted. She also stated that nowhere in the model constitution or ours or our By-Laws is it stated that we are expected to make a charitable donation each year.

- g. Members were reminded of the fernery visit on Wednesday. Meeting time is 10am just past the Caltex service station on the Kings Highway. A picnic will follow that BYO everything.
- h. Bill & Joy are looking for a cymbids One Tree Hill Doris. Ron stated he has one.
- i. Workshop: Anne-Marie has been online to look at some items including a banner, door signs, carry bags, I love (a heart here) orchids. The bags and I love orchids will be made available for sale at the workshop and the shows if any left. The meeting agreed to reimburse Anne-Marie for the associated costs of these items. There will be a standalone raffle as well as raffles for vouchers from the vendors. BBOFS committee will decide how to break up the raffle moneys. Anne-Marie has asked Wayne Shaulders for sponsorship, which he offered \$30.00. A decision to be made at committee if this will be put towards items for the standalone raffle. Committee will make final plans.
- j. Robert Fish asked if a decision had been made regarding show marshall. It was explained that this was a work in progress.

k. Anne-Marie said farewell to Maureen and Noel as this was their last meeting prior to moving up the coast. It was also made comment that Alan Bird had moved south. We wish these members all the best following their moves.

- 5. **RAFFLES:** Maria x 2; Brian; Robin; Paula; Liz; Margaret; Robert; Michael & Meg.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Robert & Sue

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

**Meeting closed 9.55pm**

**The next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner

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our shows.**

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**Participants listening to Ray Clement**



**Deflasking Zygos with Stephen & some participants**





**Tinonee's sale table – Ray Clement & Rod Thomas**



**3 speakers panel discussion**



**Mounted docks from Jeannie, then part of auction**



**Multidraw raffle prizes**



**Jeannie Dunn's sales table**



**Stephan Monkhouse & partner Hannah James**

**These are the organisations we will be assisting.**

**Muddy Puddles**: provides children and young people with the skills to have a good life. They provide therapy, development programs and individual supports to promote personal growth, awareness and inclusion.

**Rural fire Service**: helps protect the rural areas. Not sure how many branches are in & around Batemans Bay. Can't find much about this area on website.

**Yumaro**: is an NDIS supported organisation that offers employment, training, lifestyle, accommodation, and home and community support for people living with a disability.

**Sailability**: supported by the NSW government as well as local organisations like the Soldiers and Catalina clubs, Lions and the BB Marina. It provides recreation, therapeutic and competitive activities for people with a physical and/or intellectual disability. With the changes going on around the building of the new BB bridge, they have moved to Nelligen.

**Winners of the Multidraw Raffle were:** Tony Tritchler – wine; Ken Covington – voucher; Sylvia Hawkins – voucher; Michelle McIntosh – vouchers x 2; Gayle Huddleston – wine and voucher; Sandra Corbett – wine; Margaret Hayes – plants x 2; Louise Gannon – plant; Steve Dunstan – plant; Jane Wright – plant; Krysia Szkiela – wine.

**Successful bidders at the auction were:** Carole \$25; Keith \$26; Jeanne S \$26; Ken \$25; Anne-Marie \$40, \$16, \$35, John \$20.

Congratulations to all these winners, as well as the winners of the speakers vouchers (progressive raffles), we hope you all enjoy your plants.