



**BATEMANS BAY  
ORCHID AND  
FOLIAGE SOCIETY  
INC.**

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## Newsletter April 2016

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**Committee: Rose Boyd, Brian Coulton, Paula Brown, Lin Barnes, Dorothy Kauffman.**

### ***Our last meeting.***

A reminder that membership fees are now overdue. If fees are not paid within this month you will not receive a newsletter in May. If you receive your newsletter by "snail mail" it will have a red dote on the front page. If you receive it electronically, you will have a message with the email.

An interesting presentation from Ron and Brian about "on growing" from flasks, just out of flasks and from small pots. While a lot of the information was similar, it is interesting to note that Brian and Ron do some things differently and guess that reflects that all growers do what suits their own environment and what works for them. It was also interesting to note that while they both on grew plants, Ron as the more experienced grower actually bought his plants in the flasks, whereas Brian the less experienced grower, bought his stock just out of the flask.

### **From the President**

Hi members, first up I would like to thank all those who helped out at the March Bunning BBQ, nice cool day and quite busy with the customers, I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as I did. The Bunnings BBQs have, over the years been a major source of funds for our club and I would appreciate more members offering their support to lighten the work load. Free food and drinks are provided.

Next Bunning BBQ is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. BBQ gets fired up around 8am so morning volunteers need to be there by 8am. Many thanks!

The following Bunnings BBQ will be on Saturday 21 May. We will need 4 helpers on morning and 4 helpers on the afternoon shift as well, including me as I am always doing a double shift and enjoy it. Saturdays are big days so will be a busy day for all.

The May Club meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>: This will be our annual auction. Orchids, books or any other items you think other members will like to buy can be placed on the table to be auctioned. Thanks to those members who attended the open day at my home. I hope you picked up a few good ideas on how to build a simple greenhouse, bug proof it and what type of orchids you could grow in it. I enjoyed the day very much and hope my re-potting demonstration helped you out and you could see how simple and easy it can be.

For all those Dockrillia lovers out there, below is a website with lots of photos of their hybrids <http://www.retiredaussies.com/OTB%20Epiphytes/Dockrillia/OTB%20Dockrillia.htm>

Over the weekend 19-20 March I attended the 2016 South & West, March Workshop hosted by the Sapphire Coast Orchid Club, in the beautiful holiday town, Merimbula. I enjoyed the event and picked up quite a bit of modern information on growing orchids. All the new members should try and attend these great events. Next one will be held in Canberra ACT March 2017. Further information will be provided as we get nearer to the event.

Speakers were... David Banks (orchid grower and breeder and editor 'Australian Orchid Review') [www.hillsdistrictorchids.com](http://www.hillsdistrictorchids.com)

Ray Clements of Tinonee Orchids [www.tinoneeorchids.com](http://www.tinoneeorchids.com)

David Gynn of Sequoia Orchids [www.sequoiacymbidiums.com](http://www.sequoiacymbidiums.com)

Good Growing and see you all at the next meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

Ron Boyd

President

Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Soc. Inc.

We send our best wishes to any member who is ill or undergoing treatment. We hope you are soon feeling much better.

**Club Program:** Please let a committee member know if you have any suggestions for speakers or activities.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

April 15 – 16 International Orchid Fair, Castle Hill

May 13 – 15 Orchids Out West

June 25 -26 Mingara Orchid Show & Fair

July 8 – 9 EOC Winter Show

July 16 – 17 Milton/Ulladulla Winter Show

July 21 – 23 BBOFS Winter Show

August 5 – 7 National Orchid Extravaganza Dural

August 19 – 21 St Ives Orchid Fair

August 19 -21 Sapphire Orchid Club Spring Show

August 26 -28 EOC Spring Show

September 8 – 10 BBOFS Spring Show

September 22 - 23 Sapphire Spring Show

September 24 – 25 Milton/Ulladulla Spring Show

October 7 -9 Southern Orchid Spectacular

October 20 – 22 BBOFS Native Show

October 24 – 25 Sapphire Native Show

### ***Our next meeting:***

***Liz & Tony are going to be talking about managing their orchid collection. They want to make this interactive so bring your questions.***

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***Happy Birthdays for April to:  
Michael Brown; Tony Groube;  
John Stubbs***

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**Coffee Club** will continue on the third Thursday of the month from 2 – 4pm at the Garden Café Botanical Gardens. This is a social get together for club members and friends.

### **South and West Region Judging Panel Orchid Appreciation / Judging Classes**

A number of our members as well as those from both Milton/Ulladulla and Eurobodalla participated in the introductory session of The Orchid Society of NSW Orchid appreciation/judging course.

The course is aimed at orchid growers of all levels of experience who want to learn more about the various genera and what makes an awardable quality orchid or quality display through the eyes of judges.

The course is also recommended for Show Marshals who want to learn and understand show schedules and in which classes their plants should be exhibited.

It is intended that course will be run every second month on one weekend. It is anticipated that the course will run for approximately 2 years.

Participants will gain experience by completing assignments set during the course to reinforce their understanding of the topics.

The cost for the course will be a one off fee of \$50.00 to cover handouts and hire of the venue.

Peter Stubbs is the contact for this course and can be contacted on ph 02 44728717 or mobile 0412741619 or email stubbspj@iprimus.com.au Peter has suggested that you need to start with the April session to get the most out of the course.

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***Don't forget the website:  
[www.batemansbayofs.weebly.com](http://www.batemansbayofs.weebly.com)***

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### ***Bunnings Mother's Day function***

Bunnings have asked the club to assist at their Mothers' day function by providing a potting demonstration. This is a good opportunity to publicize our club. Anyone willing to assist at this function please speak with Ron. It is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm to 8pm.

### ***In your orchid house:***

Tom Kelly says now is the time to repot your sarcs.

Remember to check your plants at night for pests, as some of them can only be seen then.

Water regularly.

Watch your cymbids for spikes.

### **Benching**

A good display of plants were offered, mainly in the Open section. Alan Bird's Oncidiinae Alliance was the sole Novice entrant.

### **Open Section**

**Species:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium under 60cm:** Liz & Tony

**Vandaceous:** Brian Coulton

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Liz & Tony

**Miscellaneous:** Liz & Tony

**Foliage:** Liz & Tony

**Plant of the Night –**

**Open** was Liz & Tony's Oncidiinae Alliance

**Novice** was Alan Birds' Oncidiinae Alliance



**Alan Bird's Miltonia Taki "Early Bloomer"**



**Liz & Tony's Miltonia "Unknown"**

## **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> March 2016**

**PRESENT:** Members: 26. Apologies: 0.  
Visitors: 0

President Ron opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for coming.

### **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the last **General Meeting** held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Soldiers Club Beach Road; Batemans Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner      Seconded:  
Anne-Marie Collins              Carried

The minutes of the **Special Meeting** also held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Soldiers Club, Beach Road, Batemans Bay, having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner.      Seconded :  
Kate Willis      Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING:** included in the General Business.

### **1. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Placed on the table: Castle Hill International Orchid Fair flyers, Down Under Native Orchids flyer.

- a) Magazines: Orchids Australia.
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, OSNSW, Shoalhaven, EOC.
- c) Booking request for Show judges
- d) Letter OSNSW advising that they will be no longer sending the bulletin out by snail mail but will be sent electronically and secondly that a new society has been formed – Paphiopedilium Society of NSW. Contact secretary Gary Hart at gazj(at)bigpond.com
- e) Email from member advising that he will be having some major surgery later in the year

f) Bill for post box

**Out**

- a) Letter re when judges needed
- b) Letter to Soldiers club for next years' dates for meeting etc
- c) BBOFS Newsletters

Moved: Margaret Turner

Seconded: Maureen Anderson

Carried

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Anne-Marie Collins presented treasurer's report of monthly income and expenditure.

We started the month with \$21,009.45, income for the month was \$1272.80, expenditure was \$855.97, ending the month with a balance of \$21,426.28 (see item H in general business)

Moved: Anne- Marie Collins.

Seconded: Brian Coulton

Carried

There are several bills to be paid – approval sought to pay same

Moved: Anne- Marie Collins.

Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins

Carried

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Next General Meeting: No decisions were made regarding the next general meeting.
- b. Membership Committee – nominations were called for to fill the vacancy on the committee of management. Dorothy Kauffman was nominated by Brian Coulton. The nomination was accepted by Dorothy and then seconded by Sylvia Hawkins. There were no further nominations. The membership accepted this nomination.
- c. Restock Grumpy's Shed – Grumpy's is in need of pots, perlite and bark. Total cost will be about \$4,000. After some discussion regarding pots and bark and where this would be purchased from this purchase was

agreed. Any increase above this figure would be discussed at the next committee prior to the purchase being approved.

Moved Dorothy Kauffmann; seconded Sylvia Hawkins. Carried.

- d. Gift Vouchers – as stated in the newsletter, there are now two lucky badge draw gift vouchers available each meeting – one from Batehaven Nursery & Hardware and the other from Mogo Orchid & Fern Nursery. The club thanks both these sponsors.
- e. President reminded members of the workshop to be held at his place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm.
- f. Ron asked who had the stock of BBQ aprons. Secretary has same and will take some to presidents' place prior to Friday's BBQ. More assistance is required for this day. Members nominated themselves from the floor. Another day is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Assistance offered by members.
- g. It was discussed at the committee meeting that a Facebook page be setup. Anne Marie has offered to do this. After some discussion, Anne-Marie moved that a Facebook page be set up. Seconded by Brian Coulton. Carried. Margaret and Anne-Marie will also put the newsletter together and with Diane Hay's assistance manage the web page.
- h. BBQ drinks stock. With the changeover of president, BBQ stock also moved. It was found with this move that there were a number of soft drink cans out of date. These have been discarded and the supply restocked, which was part of the reason for the expenditure for the BBQ last month. New eskies and BBQ tools also needed to be purchased.
- i. Also at the committee meeting, an "orchid crawl" was suggested. There was some discussion relating to which members would host this event, the

order of those visits and when it would occur. It was settled that it would be mid-late May and visit Ron Boyd's (1<sup>st</sup>), Brian Coulton (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Tony Groube's & Liz Cleaver's last where there would be refreshments. Date to be finalized at April meeting.

- j. At the AGM in November, the members were informed that the current auditor would no longer be able to audit the clubs' accounts due to ill-health. The members were asked if they knew of anyone who would be able to do this for the club. No names were forthcoming. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Treasurer and the Secretary would try to source an auditor.
- k. Plants for Raffle table: Ron had purchased some plants for this month. A number of members had also brought raffle items in. Thank you to those members. A discussion was held as to where some plants and the costs could be purchased. In the end it was agreed by a show of hands that 50mm pots would be purchased from Stebbing's for \$4.50 each – enough to do the general meeting for the year. More will need to be purchased for the Christmas party benching results.
- l. Show Marshall: Rob Pollack is unsure of his work commitments for this year, so was reluctant to agree to take on this role again. Mitch Karnaghan has also been approached but is also unsure of his availability for the year. After some further discussion, Ron put himself forward as an option to fill this role with Mitch's assistance. Brian Coulton offered to be an assistant in a learning capacity. Benching was also discussed. Tony with Brian's assistance will do the benching results at club meetings. Secretary Margaret will record points score electronically. These suggestions were accepted by show of hands.

- m. At the committee meeting there had been a discussion regarding the making and selling of posies at the Village Centre and the Shows. Discussion had centred around the purchase of spikes for flowers for these. It had also been suggested that the club purchase some plants that members "look after" which would just be used for flowers. This sparked an extensive discussion relating to the pros and cons of each suggestion. However, it is not just the spikes that are required, it is also greenery, members to make them and a place to make them. Rob & Sue indicated that they did not want the club to continue to use their garage and they were thanked for having provided that venue for the last 3 years. In the end, Leanda agreed to speak with members to seek assistance with making them, Dorothy offered Grumpy's Shed as a venue and Ron agreed to seek the availability of spikes to purchase.
- n. Bus Trip - in discussion with members outside the meetings, Ron had agreed that a bus trip to Sydney was probably a prohibitive cost. However, other options were discussed. These included going to Canberra to their Orchid show and to visit the Herbarium. Ron has also been informed that the local Sea Hawks football club has a 19 seat bus which is available for hire by donating \$100 to that club and returning it with a full tank of fuel. Currently we are unaware if there maybe restrictions on its use. Another option was in conjunction with Eurobodalla and Milton/Ulladulla look at hiring a 40 seat bus and go up to Cronulla on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The bus would need to have all seats occupied before it would be cost effective. For further discussion.

- o. At the committee, Ron had requested that the champion prize for each class of cymbidium be reinstated for the Winter and Spring shows. These classes had remained on the show schedule but there was only one champion from across all the size ranges. After some discussion, Tony Groube suggested that a small subcommittee be formed to review the show schedule in its entirety. This was seconded by Rob Fish and carried by show of hands. The subcommittee will be Tony Groube, Liz Cleaver, Rob Fish, Sylvia Hawkins, Ron Boyd and Margaret Turner as minute taker. Date to be decided at next meeting.
- p. Charitable donations: Rob Fish put forward the suggestion that the club donate a \$1000 to both the Batemans Bay Hospital and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Brian Perkins put forward the comment that if we donated to BB hospital a similar amount should go to Moruya Hospital. An option to make a donation of \$500 each to two organisations had been discussed at committee as well. Secretary is following up on the following suggestions: - Soldier on; Black Dog Institute; BB Hospital; Oncology Unit at Moruya Hospital; Sailability and in some way help with the homeless of Batemans Bay. The membership were requested to let the Secretary know of any other suggestions. This is to be placed in the newsletter separately from the minutes. No other suggestions were forth coming from the floor at this time.
- q. Club computer the purchase of a computer had been discussed at some length last year and it was again proposed by Brian Coulton and seconded by Dorothy Kauffman. It was felt that the club needed to have a copy of "Orchid Wiz" and to

purchase a copy of "Orchids Plus" when it becomes available. These software programs would total about \$400 annually. Tony said the EOC had just purchased a new laptop for about \$500. The Secretary will investigate some options and bring them back to the next meeting.

**Coffee Break 9pm  
Returned 9.15pm**

After the coffee break, Ron spoke about how he "on grows" his orchids from flasks and small pots to larger pots. He spoke about the growing conditions, watering and potting mix used. He showed the membership some plants that he had "on grown" that varied from a few months to several years. Brian Coulton then spoke about his experience with "on growing". Brian stated that he did not buy orchids in flasks but purchased them already removed from the flasks with the agar removed and ready for putting into pots. Brian brought in a tray that he had purchased and potted in November. A number of questions were asked regarding water, fertilizer and placement of trays with the pots. Apparently, if one goes onto eBay and types in "orchid flasks" one gets a variety of options but if unsure it is best to discuss with members who do this ie. Ron and Brian.

4. **RAFFLES:** Maria Kacarovski x 2; Leanda O'Connor; Robin Baker; Jim Quinlivan x 2; Rose Boyd; Lin Barnes x 2; Dorothy Kauffman x2; Margaret Turner; Alan Bird.

**LUCKY BAGDE DRAW PRIZES:**

**No:** 21- Batehaven Garden & Hardware – Margaret Turner:

49. Mogo Orchid & Fern Nursery - Maureen & Noel Anderson

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

**Meeting closed 10.10pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner



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