



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter - April 2017

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President report

Hi Members,

At our 3rd April club meeting I will be giving a basic talk on fertilizer types I use to grow my orchids and how I use them. This is mainly aimed at our new members and new growers to orchids, just showing how simple and easy we can keep it.

What a wonderful talk Jeannie Dunne gave on her Dockrillias! She spoke of her breeding program to improve the shape, size and colours of this easy to grow Australian species. I hope you all managed to buy a few plants from her. I bought 3 flasks and was very impressed with the plants inside; most with leaves around 4 to 5 inches long, or as they call it nowadays 100 mm to 120mm in length. I would expect them to have some flowers in about 2 years or so.

These are the type of guest speakers I hope to bring to our club meetings throughout the year, to give members good information on how to grow different genera from an expert grower. One such guest speaker I have battled to get for a fair few years now is Gerry Walsh, commonly known throughout the Orchid world as 'The Rock Lilly Man'. He is world renown as one of the world's best grower and breeder of our great Aussie icon **Dendrobium speciosum** in particular the big bold 'Golden' variety called **Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum**.

You can check out his site at <http://www.therocklilyman.com>

Gerry will be attending our club meeting in March 2018, bringing some established *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *grandiflorum* and plenty of

seedlings for members to buy; so remember to keep this date free in your diary. More news early next year. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to grow great speciosums from a truly world renown expert.

The issue of our free 'Growing Experience plants' 'Dendrobium Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy' and 'Sarcophilus falcatus' proved a great opportunity for members to try and grow these 2 beautiful plants to flowering. If you have not picked up your plant yet, give me a call on 44721934 and let me know when you will be attending our next club meeting so I can bring the plant in for you.

I have mounted my 'Sarcophilus falcatus' on the piece of cork provided, tied on with 30lb fishing line. This heavy 30lb line is quite thick enough not to cut into the plants roots and stem when it was tied onto the cork. My program after mounting: I gave it a good watering with some 'Plant Starter' (available from Bunnings) a hormone based liquid type fertilizer to give the plant and in particular the roots a good kick start to re-growing and plant to produce new roots. Quite often after a few weeks new roots start to grow. I keep my mount near flat to help keep the moisture around the plant and mist on hot days quite frequently, trying to keep the plant moist. In nature it grows on trees and branches in moist gullies with creeks or rivers running through them, resulting in a mostly moist atmosphere. Branches are quite often laden with plants hanging out over water, with fresh breezes gently blowing on the leaves of the plants.

On a rather sad note I have received a written complaint from a member and several verbal complaints as well. It is about certain members (named in the letter) who were disrespectful and argumentative in front of our guest speaker Jeanne Dunne, as well as new members who had just joined the club and other clubs' members who were visiting. Committee discussed whether to officially call them before the committee to "please explain" their bad behaviour and give a reprimand to them, however, in the end it was decided that I would give an official warning to members badly behaving through my President's report; so you have been officially warned. So please all members, we need this club to be viable and friendly towards all members new and old and make new members welcome to our club; this way the club will have a good future.

If you find, in your mind, a decision made by committee is not to your liking, please approach the President to please explain it or better still to write a letter to the committee stating your reason

for not liking the decision. Hopefully this will make it a friendlier club rather than screaming and being abusive. The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 3.30pm Soldiers club at the Community Room 3. Letters should be in by then.

On the other hand, I and a few members from our club, made the trip up to Canberra Raiders Club in Kippax to attend the workshop run by the Canberra Orchid Soc. It was a very enjoyable weekend and many members came away with a vast knowledge on how to grow different genera of orchids, as well as many plants as one could buy.

After Saturday's speakers were finished, members of all clubs in South Western Regional area gathered to discuss future workshops. Eurobodalla has the right to run March 2018 Workshop, Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Soc. won March 2019 and Wagga Wagga Orchid Soc. 2020 workshop. Dorothy Kauffman and I have been appointed by committee as official purchasing officers; no other items may be unofficially bought by any other committee or club member without the official purchasing officers' approval.

Good Growing and see you all at the next Club meeting .Monday night 3rd April 2017

Ron Boyd

Other items

Item 1: Members can you please save the 1.25Lt plastic cordial bottles for the posie ladies; they need the bottom section to make posies.

Item 2: Thanks to all those members who regularly bring in cakes, sandwiches and nibbles for the Monthly meeting; makes the night enjoyable to have something nice to eat with your cuppa. To be trialled Supper is to be brought by members according to their membership number. If it is an even month then even numbered members bring supper. Odd months then odd numbered members bring supper. Starting April meeting [even numbered members to bring supper].

Item 3: Reminder for members to book for the bus trip to "Orchids Out West" as closing off date is 14 April and we will take members from other clubs then. Other clubs' list has filled very quickly and we now have virtually filled the bus, just a few seats left. Give Ron a ring if you are a Batemans Bay member and wish to go so your name can be added to the list.

Item 4: At April's meeting, a sub-committee will be set up to establish the club display for the Conference in Albury/Wodonga. Interested members are needed so please think about joining.

Our next meeting:

The April meeting will be a general discussion relating to use of fertilizers and potting mixes. It is planned that the more experienced growers will share what & how they use these products.

Peter Stubbs will also be attending to present Robert and Sue Fish with their Award from the 2016 Native Show.

A reminder that there are still two (2) committee positions vacant. It would be good if these could be filled as soon as possible, preferably by more experienced growers as the committee currently has a majority of Novice members.

Our last meeting:

Jeanne Dunn spoke to us about her passion for growing Dendrobiums. See minutes for information relating to this. However, Jeanne also provided us with a copy of her presentation and if anyone would like one, please give Margaret a USB and she will give you a copy.

Memberships were due on the 1st January. There are still a few people who haven't paid their memberships. Could you do this as soon as possible? Membership remains at \$15 for single member and \$20 per couple.

Dates for your Diaries for 2017

April 14 – 15 Castle Hill Orchid Fair

May 26 – 28 Orchids Out West

June 22 – 24 Royale Orchids Open Days and Fair

June 23 – 25 Mingara Orchid Fair

July 7 – 8 EOC Winter show Moruya

July 14 – 16 MUOS Winter Show

July 20 – 22 BBOFS Winter Show

August 11 – 13 Orchid Extravaganza Dural

August 18 – 20 St Ives Orchid Fair

August 25-27 Melbourne Orchid Spectacular

September 1 – 2 EOC Spring show Narooma

September 7 – 9 BBOFS Spring Show

September 15 – 17 MUOS Spring Show

**Happy Birthday for April:
Michael brown;
& any others who have a birthday for April**

October long weekend S&W Regional Show & Conference Wodonga

October 6 – 8 Southern Orchid Spectacular Caringbah

October 19 – 21 BBOFS Native Show.

Coffee Club continues 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.

Benching

Open Section

Species: Rob & Sue Fish & Liz & Tony

Cymbidium over 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium under 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid: Liz & Tony

Laeliinae over 70mm: Ron & Rose Boyd

Laeliinae under 70mm: Brian Coulton

Paphiopedilum: Ron & Rose Boyd

Vandaceous: Rob & Sue Fish

Pleurothallidinae: Liz & Tony

Oncidiinae Alliance: Brian Coulton

Seedling: Liz & Tony

Miscellaneous: Brian Coulton

Foliage: Ron & Rose Boyd

Fern:

Plant of the Night RLC_Willett Wong "The Best"

Ron & Rose Boyd



Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium over 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium under 60mm: Alan Bird

Australian Native Orchid:

Laeliinae: over 70cm

Laeliinae under 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Min Purtell

Pleurothallidinae: Una Roberts

Oncidiinae Alliance: Una Roberts

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Lin Barnes

Foliage: Lin Barnes

Plant of the Night Phal unknown Min Purtell



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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

BATEMANS BAY

Monday 6th March 2017

PRESENT: Members: 34 Apologies: 1
Visitors: 2

President Ron opened the meeting thanking all for coming and welcoming new members Barry Andrews, Ray & Gayle Huddleston & Helen Watson.

He then invited guest speaker Jeanne Dunn to talk to members.

Jeanne has grown Dendrobiums/Dockrillia for the past 10 – 20 years. These plants are epiphytes and are sometimes called airplants which means

they grow without soil. Jeanne, using a PowerPoint presentation, showed us some of her orchid houses and plants. Some of her tips included: she never uses insecticide sprays in her houses. If she has a bug of some sort, she will take the plant out of the house and spray it outside. She always sprays the roots of plants as she repots & uses a mixture of water, soap and metho. Jeanne also uses a root hormone to start plants off. She fertilizers once every week. She changes the fertilizers around to use a different one at different times. In winter she uses Johnsons which is high in potassium. This can be purchased in Melbourne. Jeanne said that she found by trimming the orchids that she gets more flowers as she will get two (2) shoots where she has trimmed them. Her home will get a range of temperatures but they never have frosts. They do get lots of breeze so the orchid house doors can be let open to make the most of that. In summer temperatures can get to 35 degrees or above. If that happens, she waters twice a day, including the ground and sometimes the roof as well. She will often use a tray of water under the benches in summer to assist with maintaining humidity. Jeanne was asked about the mounts she uses. She stated that she had trialled different types but has found cork to be the best. She is currently trialling the bark from Ironbark tree.

There being no further questions, Ron thanked Jeanne for an interesting talk and presented her with a small gift.

Ron then showed members how to mount the club emblem *Sarcochilus Falcatus* on bark which is being given to each membership number as a gift. Each membership number was then invited to come up and collect a plant and a piece of bark.

Coffee Break 8.45

Return 9.10pm

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 6th February at the Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy with the following changes the general meeting finished about 10pm and the group of members who were discussing changes to the Native Show schedule finished about 11.30pm.

Moved: A.M Collins Seconded: M. Anderson 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.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC.
- c) Invitation to South and West Regional Show in Albury – Wodonga from September 29th to October 1st 2017.

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- a) Booking request for Show judges
- b) Information re bus trip to EOC, Milton/Ulladulla, Sapphire Coast, Shoalhaven OC
- c) BBOFS Newsletters
Moved: M. Turner Seconded: U. Stubbs Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Anne-Marie presented:- Income for the month was \$1795.05; expenditure was \$1147.75.

Closing balance is \$17194.29.

Moved: A.M Collins Seconded: T. Groube Carried

Anne-Marie requested agreement to pay outstanding accounts. Seconded M. Purtell Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting:** General discussion about potting mixes and fertilizers lead by Ron but all members are encouraged to participate.
- b. Maureen Anderson has agreed to be the clubs welfare officer. If you know of a club member who is unwell please contact Maureen. See newsletter for details.
- c. The growing experience plants are available again at this meeting. One plant per membership number. You need to come to a meeting to collect the plant.
- d. Bus Trip to Orchids Out West. Plan is coming together. There will be three (3) pickup & drop off points. See information in newsletter. If BBOFS members wish to attend, please confirm that intention with Ron prior to 14th April.
- e. Judging panels for shows. There had been a discussion at the committee to have the 2 panels at shows other than the Native Show. The discussion was around which of the other shows the two panels should

- be at. It was suggested that we leave the discussion which would give members a chance to think about it and decide at the next meeting. The Secretary stated that she had already written to Lesley giving dates, place & times for our shows and requested two (2) panels for the Native Show. Rob Fish then put forward the motion "that the panels remain as they currently are that is one (1) panel at both Winter & Spring Shows and two (2) panels for the Native Show" Seconded by Michael Grelck. Passed on show of hands. To be reviewed for next years' shows.
- f. The small subcommittee worked on suggested changes to the Native Show schedule after the last meeting. The main change is a second grand champion for a non sarc. This needs to come back to the membership for final approval and will then be distributed to members. Following on from this decision, a second trophy will need to be purchased. Ron has sourced some options for trophies and after some discussion it was agreed that the second trophy would be similar to the one currently held in the Soldiers Club (as they had donated it) and would be a similar cost around \$200.00. The winner would receive a smaller trophy. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to Peter Stubbs who has provided Ron with suggested changes to the schedule. President will write and send through the secretary.
 - g. Ron has written to the Orchids Australia magazine to provide them with our show dates to be published in the magazine.
 - h. Rob Fish asked the President why he had not mentioned the Native Show champions in his annual report. Ron stated this was an oversight and apologized.
 - i. Tony Groube asked if a subcommittee was planned to be set up to plan and organize our display at the South & West Regional Show. This needs to be done and the committee will discuss further at the next meeting. Theme for Show is "***Orchids on the Murray***"
 - j. Benching certificates for February were handed out to the winners.
 - k. President suggested that a digital recorder be purchased to record meetings which would enable discussions to be followed up or checked up on. He would be the one to have this device. There was a wide ranging discussion as to whether or not this should be purchased. After some time, Ron called for a show of hands – for 10; against 14. This will not be purchased.
 - l. Dot spoke to the ongoing discussion regarding a purchasing officer to assist with ordering for Grumpy's shed. As no-one has come forward offering to do this, she has made other enquiries and has an appointment with a member of staff at Winter Wood Depot in Moruya which is a wholesale company. There may or may not be some advantage for the club in this. Dot to take outcomes to the committee for further discussion.
- 4. RAFFLES:** Min Purtell x 3, Maureen Anderson, Megan Quinlivan, Una Roberts, Leanda O'Connor, Anne-Marie Collins, Kate Willis.
- LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** new member Ray Huddleston
- Plant of the Night** winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.
- Meeting closed 10.20pm**
- The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd April 2017 At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**
- Secretary Margaret Turner
- Pickup and drop off times for
Bus trip to Orchids out West Friday 26th
May**
- I would like to request passengers to arrive 5 minutes early at pick up points so all can enjoy maximum time at the Show looking at and buying orchids, your support will be appreciated. Ron.
- Departure at 6.30am** - Moruya CWA (off Queen St.) rear car-park

Departure time: 6:50am Batemans Bay Bowling Club Car park facing Princess Highway

Departure time: 7:35am Ulladulla big pick-up bus stop opposite the Marlin Hotel.

Departure time: 8:15am Bewong main bus and coach stop

Arrival time: 8:30am **Departure time: 9:00am**
Nowra South McDonalds; (02) 4422 1099

Arrival at Destination 11:45am; Hawkesbury Racecourse, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon

Estimated Departure time: 2:30pm

Arrival time: 5:15pm **Departure time 5:45pm**
Nowra South McDonalds

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Arrival time: 6:50pm Ulladulla big pick-up bus stop opposite the Marlin Hotel.

Arrival time: 7:35pm Car park at Bowling Club Batemans Bay,

Arrival time: 8:00pm Moruya CWA (off Queen St.) rear car-park



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