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President's Report



Champion Novice Paph Unknown

At July's meeting, we had **Mitch Karnaghan** and his talk on making poly tube mounts and rafts. He gave us knowledge on all aspects of making them, which I know at least one member has

turned into his own variation of these tube mounts. ☺ Our speaker for the **August** meeting is **Joycie**, who will show us some of the finer points of floral art. She is New Zealand qualified and owns "Joycie's Florist". We look forward to learning more on this topic.

Our members continue to bring along yummy suppers. Well done. ☺ As **August** 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, at our next meeting. Thank you. ☺

At the July meeting our **Native schedule** was fine tuned and as a result was ratified. This will be with you very soon.

Our **workshop, at Bunnings**, on Saturday, the 6th July, went very well. Our members were very active and we had an enjoyable time. Our show was well publicised.

The Winter Show was on the 19th & 20th July where we had over 125 plants in the judged section or just on display. This is quite good considering the growing season's fluctuations so far this year. The display was on the theme "Moon Landing – 50th Anniversary" and Leanda O'Connor did an excellent job with the design and set up of the display.

We had a dedicated band of workers over the 3 days and we thank them most heartily. Una's raffle ticket selling skills are well known and the posy making ladies, Leanda O'Connor, Megan Quinlivan and A.M. did a fantastic job.

Our potting demonstrators Mitch Karnaghan and Brian Coulton wowed the keen observers with their repotting and mounting of orchids.

Thank you to our two Assistant Show Marshals, Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube, for their tireless efforts to help the show run smoothly and keep our judges on a tight schedule. Thank you to our judges Peter Stubbs and Graham Gray – interesting to hear their professional comments.

A top effort by Ken Covington, who was everywhere, helping with painting the banners, helping to put them up, and pull them down. He put out the show boards and brought them in, as well as many other jobs – thank you Ken ☺ , - have a rest now, til next show.

Well done to Margaret Turner for her admin work, publicity expertise and multi-skills, which made my job much easier. Thank you Margaret. ☺

Thank you all members who walked the floors, answered questions, manned the door, set up or dismantled the show, sold posies, orchids and merchandise, brought in supper, morning or afternoon teas, helped during judging on Thursday evening and made hot drinks. All the above named plus Rebecca, Megan, Robert, Sue, Brian P., Ron & Lin. We all know a show does not put on itself. ☺

Great to have our four (4) sellers, John, Ron, Michael and Barrie – your orchids kept the people coming and they walked out the door in multiple bags.

Thank you to our major sponsors, APIA, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and Bunnings – we greatly appreciate your interest in our club.

Well done to all exhibitors for managing to bench, as we have had quite a difficult growing season this year. Peter & Laurina Vanest benched the Grand Champion exhibit, Masd. Darkstar 'Lunar Light'. John Stubbs benched the Reserve Champion exhibit, Rhy. Gigantean 'Red'. Allan Boon benched the Champion Novice exhibit, Paph. Unknown. Well done to all major award winners. Well done to all major winners – see the list in the newsletter and those who placed 1st or 2nd. Most Successful Exhibitor Open was Robert & Sue Fish and Most Successful Exhibitor Novice was Lin Barnes. Well done to you all. Many of the novices did very well in this show.

Also at the Winter Show, we had representatives from our four charities, Yumaro, Sailability, Muddy Puddles and the Batemans Bay Rural Volunteer Fire Service; each one collected a cheque for \$300, [\$1200 in total]. They were all very happy to receive our donation. Well deserved.

It was lovely to have a visit from Bill and Joy Geist [both Life Members] and to see them in amongst the orchids again. Joy gave her approval of the quality of the posies and Bill even manned the door for a short time. ☺

I look forward to seeing many members at our August meeting - see you there. ☺

Anne-Marie Collins



Grand Champion - Masd. Darkstar 'Lunar Light'



Representatives of the 4 organisations who received the charitable donations at the close of the show.

Other items

1. **URGENT REQUEST** to collect the bases of 1.25L soft drink bottles for posie making for the Spring Show. Margaret is happy to collect either the bases (bottom 20cm) or the whole bottle each month at the general meeting. Your assistance with this is appreciated. We made 64 posies in these bases plus 15 on driftwood.
2. August is an even month, so those members with an even membership number are requested to bring a plate to share at supper. Thanks
3. At the Winter show, Leanda put together a display in preparation for the Show and Conference which EOC are hosting in October. It was judged according to the new protocols from OSNSW. The one area that the display fell down was the lack of orchid flowers. These displays are meant to be a display of orchid flowers to a theme. So we are asking that members think about and offer Leanda the opportunity to access plants for the display at the South and West Regional Show and Conference in October. For further information, please use the links below.

South and West Regional Show

The EOC will be running the Regional Show on 5th & 6th October 2019. It will be held in Moruya at the Basketball Stadium and the theme is "Nature's Way". The

schedules for both the show and the floral art section can be found at <https://eurobodallaorchidclub.webs.com/> or <https://eocregionalshow.webs.com/> and follow the links.

Our Next Meeting –

Our August meeting has Joycie as guest speaker. Joycie will be speaking about floral art.

Club Members

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

Orchids for sale

Remember that any Member can put orchids on the table for sale at the meetings. Native orchids can be sold at club meetings without the license number and all the other things now required when selling natives. The sales table will run at the August meeting.

Ron will be available to help Members with any growing questions they may have.

In Your Orchid House

As I had the opportunity at the Show of speaking to many of our more experienced growers, I asked them what they would be doing in their shade clothed orchid houses at this time. Here are some of their comments.

Checking for spikes on natives. It may well be too early for sarcs but with this crazy growing season, that we have had it is worth looking occasionally.

Continue to check for fungus, scale and grubs especially under leaves of soft canes. For the grubs, sometimes it is best to do that with a torch at night when they are more likely to be active.

General Maintenance of your orchids and there surrounds. Things like weeding, making sure potting mix drains, general condition of your plants. While looking at your plants, check tags to make sure they are legible and rewrite if not.

Don't forget also to check the condition of your shade house including the roof. If you have a hole in the roof, when the cover is removed and the sun shines through, a plant may be burnt.

I asked about repotting and the response from the group was unanimous, if potting on this can be done all year round, however if dividing plants this should only be done between September and December.

I was also reminded that although we talk about the reduced need for water over the winter months with all the wind we have been experiencing, the plants are likely to dry out more quickly so check regularly and water as required.

From the Committee

1. In February 2020, BBOFS will be 15 years old. Date has been confirmed as 8th February 2020 at 12md in the Bubble at the Soldiers Club. Stay tuned.
2. The Winter Show was the almost the only item on the agenda for this month's committee meeting.
3. The Native Show schedule was finalized at the July general meeting and will be included with the September newsletter.

Dates for your 2019 Diary

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 6th - 7th 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 18th - 19th BBOFS Native Show
October 25 – 26 Shoalhaven Native Show
November 1 – 2 SCOC Native show

Benching

While there were not as many plants on the bench this month, the flowers were beautiful and the members had a hard time choosing the plant of the night in the Open section. Some of the members who normally bench in the Novice section were not present.

Open Section

Species: Brian Coultou

Cymbidium > 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Brian Coultou

Laeliinae >70mm: Margaret Turner

Laeliinae <70mm: Brian Coultou

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Brian Coultou

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Tony & Liz

Fern: Margaret Turner

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Pot. Jim Nikou "James" x BLC Izimi Charm Zoom Zoom. Brian Coultou

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm: Lin Barnes

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Lin Barnes

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Lin Barnes

Fern:

Foliage: Ken Covington

Plant of the Night



Cymbid Golden Cascade Lin Barnes

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY Monday 1st July 2019

PRESENT: Members: 20 Apologies: 7
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 3rd June at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded:
Ken Covington Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Magazines: Orchids Australia,
 - b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, OSNSW, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
 - c) Bank statement
 - d) Ribbons & Rosettes completed order
 - e) ANOS information relating to Auction
 - f) Michael Wright request for tables at Winter & Spring shows
 - g) Secretary OSNSW requesting first meeting dates
 - h) OSNSW affiliation fee
 - i) EARFM invoice for affiliation
 - j) RHVS Insurance & affiliation invoice
 - k) OrchidWiz invoice
 - l) Living in the Eurobodalla newsletter
- Out**
- a) BBOFS Newsletters to members
 - b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
 - c) Letters to Soldiers Club, EOC, Shoalhaven, Sapphire & Canberra re change of days & dates for 2020 shows
 - d) Letters and schedules to Judges for Winter Show
 - e) Response to Secretary OSNSW regarding date of first meeting, including request to publicize date of 15th anniversary luncheon - agreed
 - f) Payment for ribbons/rosettes
 - g) OSNSW affiliation fee payment

- h) EARFM affiliation payment
 - i) Orchids Australia affiliation payment
 - j) OrchidWiz payment
- Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded:
Tony Groube Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$29,390.94; Income \$1,255.49; Expenditure \$999.75

Unpresented cheques \$259.24; Closing balance \$29,649.68. Bunnings vouchers to the value of \$225.00. Members are reminded that the charitable donations from the March Workshop are still to be distributed. This will be done at the closing of the Winter Show.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded:
Tony Groube Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

3. Guest Speaker – Mitch Karnaghan

Mitch spoke about the need to find another way of mounting native orchid species, as growers are no longer able to use natural/native timbers to do this because of the changes to the Native Plant Legislation several years ago. Mitch stated that he had been trying out different ways of mounting plants. Most genre of orchids will grow on mounts; just check what their growing habits are.

Mitch demonstrated the making of his mounts using 100 – 200mm plumbing pipe. All requirements for these mounts can be purchased through Bunnings. He buys the pipe in meter lengths and cuts them in half.

He starts by making small holes on each side at top and bottom to be used for hanging. He then drills evenly

spaced larger holes down the length of the pipe, which allows for airflow and drainage. Over one side of the pipe, he places a velvet type weed mat, which is then covered by tree mat with fluffy side up. The whole pipe is then covered by 50% shade cloth. Once the outside of the pot is complete, a pot is placed in one end. The inside is filled with beanbags beans and another pot completes the seal of the pipe.

When fixing plants to the pipe/mount, use bush moss or coconut fibre depending on plants chosen. Mitch uses 30lb fishing line to secure the plants to the mount. When deciding which plants to mount, always check growing habits to ensure the mount is displayed correctly – on its side or upright.

Mitch stated that he had several judges' comment favourably on the mounts. Multiple genre or a single genre can be displayed on the mount providing all plants are correctly labelled. Be careful that these mounts are not over watered.

There are photos elsewhere in the newsletter showing these mounts.

Supper 8.25

Return 8.45.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Joycie of Joycie's Florist.
- b. Winter Show – members are invited to come into the Soldiers Club on Thursday afternoon and help set up as well as placing plants on the benching tables. Margaret will write an article for the local newspapers and distribute information to radio stations and The Beagle. The Shire newsletter includes information about the show. Anne-Marie will advertise on social media platforms. Anne-Marie, with Ken's assistance, will paint the banners and hang them by 8th July. Margaret

has the sashes and rosettes and all the perpetual trophies have been returned. Small trophies are in the trophy shop.

- c. BUNNINGS workshop – July 6th to publicise Winter Show.
- d. 15th Anniversary Luncheon – date 8th Feb. 12 midday in the Bubble at the Soldiers Club. Margaret to write to secretary OSNSW regarding advertising in their bulletins about this activity.
- e. Ratify Native Show schedule. There were a few more minor changes made to this show schedule, which Margaret will correct and then distribute with the September newsletter.
- f. Anne-Marie put forward a suggestion that the club consider having a daytime meeting during the winter months (May to August). This met with a favourable response for the members present. This will be placed on the AGM agenda for further discussion.
- g. Anne-Marie raised the issue of the falling interest rates with the current bank balance. She had spoken with Westpac where we currently have our account and they offered an interest rate of 2% for a fixed term. We currently receive 0.01% on the working account. The amount to be invested in a term deposit was suggested at \$20,000. After some discussion, Brian Coulton put the motion that “Executive Officers invest \$20,000 at best rate available for up to five (5) months.” Seconded by Treasurer Leanda O’Connor. Carried on show of hands.
- h. A member asked about club identified clothing. We will need to find the address of the company in Surf Beach who has the logo. Brian felt that Hilary would be able to assist with that.

5. **RAFFLES:** Sylvia, Brian Coulton x 2; Magda; Matt, Liz; Ken x 2; Leo and Margaret.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Margaret Turner

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

Meeting closed 9.40pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th August

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Championship Awards **Winter Show 2019**

Grand Champion of the show Peter & Laurina Vanest Masd. Darkstar ‘Lunar Light’

Champion Pleurothallis Alliance Peter & Laurina Vanest Masd. Dark Star ‘Lunar Light’

Reserve Champion of the show John Stubbs Rhy. Gigantean ‘Red’

Champion Vandaceous Orchid John Stubbs Rhy. Gigantean ‘Red’

Champion Paphiopedilum John Stubbs Paph. insigne

Champion Species Orchid John Stubbs Rhy. Gigantean ‘Red’

Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show
Open Robert & Sue Fish

Champion Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm
Robert & Sue Fish Cym. Kabuki Legend ‘Thanksgiving’

Champion Phalaenopsis Robert & Sue Fish Phal. Hsingying Sonata ‘Red Arrow’

Champion Foliage Robert & Sue Fish Chain of Pearls

Champion Cymbidium 90 mm and over
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube Cym. Uluru ‘Orange Delight’

Champion Orchid, any other Genera

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube Cym. Death Wish 'Spotted Leopard'

Champion Cymbidium Seedling Liz

Cleaver & Tony Groube Cym. [Rosemary Goode X Pywacket Rose] X Death Wish 'Royale'

Champion Australian Native Species / Hybrid Brian Coulton Den. Bergen

Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm

Brian Coulton Cym. Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls'

Champion Specimen Orchid of the show Brian Coulton Den. Bergen

Champion Laeliinae Alliance Ken Covington Cat. Shinfong 'Orange'

Champion Australian Native Seedling Orchid Hilary Coulton Den. Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks'

Champion any other Seedling Orchid N/Awarded

Champion Oncidiinae Alliance Una Roberts Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollars'

Champion Fern Una Roberts Harefoot Fern

Novice

Champion Novice Allan Boon Paph. Unknown

Champion Orchid, any other Genera Allan Boon Paph. Unknown

Most Successful Novice Exhibitor of the Show Lin Barnes

Champion Cymbidium Lin Barnes Cym. Fatal Beauty 'Rosalie'

Champion Species Orchid Lin Barnes Onc. Sotoanum



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