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AND FOLIAGE
SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter – July
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President's Report

At **June's** meeting, we had **Peter Stubbs** and his talk, with a slide show, on labels. He pointed out the reasons for having them correctly written out. It was most interesting. ☺ Our speaker for the **July** meeting is **Mitch Karnaghan**, who will be showing us how to make rafts and mounts from poly pipe. His ideas are quite inventive and the orchids do well on them. He may even have some for sale.

Our supper at the June meeting was varied and tasty. Well done even members. ☺ As **July** is an **odd** number – if your membership number is **odd**, it would be lovely if you could bring along a plate of goodies for supper, at our next meeting. Thank you. ☺



At the June meeting our **Native schedule** was discussed and a number of changes were sought by members. This led to a need to look again at it and a few experienced growers were asked to look at the new changes and give their ideas to our Secretary so the Committee could make a more informed decision. At the Committee meeting, with further discussion the final draft was made. This will come to the July meeting for ratification.

After further talks with Krystle, from BUNNINGS, we have organised a **workshop** to be held on Saturday, the 6th July. Our members will be repotting orchids, showing how to care for them and how to make a posy. Why not come along and learn how to make a posy? These workshops give us an opportunity to promote our club in the community. We will be handing out flyers which tell about our club and when our shows are on.

Next year is our **15th Anniversary** and we have a date, plus a place booked - more information will be available at our July meeting. ☺

Plans have also started on our **2019 Christmas party** and if you have an idea on where we could hold it please let Margaret or myself know. ☺ There are even talks of a 'Secret Santa' happening this year.

We had a very successful **BUNNINGS B.B.Q.** in June and it has given us a great financial boost to end the 2018/2019 year off. ☺ If you can help at the future B.B.Q.s, it would be greatly appreciated. It is through these B.B.Q.'s that we will be able to fund our Christmas party and other future events.

Like most clubs, we have a core group of workers but so our club can grow and try new ideas, we need you to come to meetings and put forward your ideas. Then help to see these ideas become reality. Maybe a trip next year to other orchid growers on the South Coast or a group visit to an orchid show. What would you like to do?

We need workers at our shows; just a couple of hours over lunchtime would help so much. Also, so we can have morning and afternoon tea for the workers, we ask for donations of slices and finger food. This can be dropped off from Thursday afternoon till Saturday morning of the show weekend, at the Soldiers Club auditorium. ☺

So come along and join in – **be an active member**. You will be amazed at what you can do and enjoy.

I am looking forward to seeing many members at our July meeting - see you there.

Anne-Marie Collins

Other items

- 1. URGENT REQUEST** to collect the bases of 1.25L soft drink bottles for posie 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.

2. July is an uneven month, so those members with an uneven membership number are requested to bring a plate to share at supper. Thanks

Our Next Meeting –

Our July meeting sees our member Mitch Karnaghan as guest speaker. Mitch has a vast knowledge of orchids.

Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

Monday, 1st July Meeting

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club,

6 Beach Road, Batemans Bay

6:45 pm benching 7:30 pm meeting starts.

Guest speaker Mitch Karnaghan

Topic–

building rafts and mounts from poly pipe for orchids



Guests and new members are always welcome.

See you there, it will be an interesting talk. :)

There may be some items for sale.

We have experienced growers willing to help.

There are interesting raffle prizes. :)

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 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.

Orchids for sale

Remember that any Member can put orchids on the table for sale at the meetings. The sales table will run at the July meeting.

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

In Your Orchid House

Out at Long Beach we had our first frost for the winter this morning. This brings us to the thought that we need to be very careful about watering plants with these very cold night. It is probably better to have dry roots rather than wet ones. It is commonly seen that plants with wet and cold roots are less likely to develop than those that are dry and cold.

Make sure that plants that are "soft" are protected as the cold could do them irreparable damage.

Water and fertilizer requirements are usually reduced during the colder months, however one should check plants regularly to ensure these requirements are met.

Plants remain at risk of pests particularly mealy bug and scale, so continue to check plants regularly and treat accordingly.

Dates for your 2019 Diary

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 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

From the Committee

1. In February 2020, BBOFS will be 15 years old. The has agreed that we should celebrate this milestone. Planning has commenced. If any members know any of the original members, the committee would appreciate being told, as we would like to invite them to the function. Michael Wright has provided us with an original list of members, however we do not know if those members are still living in the Batemans Bay area. Date will be 8th February 2020 at 12md in the Bubble at the Soldiers Club. Stay tuned.
2. Planning is well underway for the Winter show, so make sure you have the dates in your diaries.
3. The Native Show schedule was again discussed at Committee. This is following further suggested changes at the June general meeting. Rather than sending out hard copies again, it has been decided that it would be displayed electronically at the July meeting for further discussion and hopefully ratification.

Benching

Nice collection of plants again this month. Thanks to all who contributed. Thanks to Ken for stepping in and running the benching again during Lin's absence.

Open Section

Species: Leanda O'Connor

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Liz & Tony

Laeliinae >70mm: Ron Boyd

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum: Margaret Turner

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Margaret Turner

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Tony & Liz

Fern: Margaret Turner

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Zygo Arthur Elle "Essendon"

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm: Una Roberts

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Ken Covington

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Dockrilla Chordiformis Liquiformis var
Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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

PRESENT: Members: 15 Apologies: 7
Visitors: 2

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 6th May at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Megan Quinlivan Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Magazines: Orchids Australia,
- Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.W, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS

- c) Bank statement
- d) Offer BBQ from Bunnings for 10th June
- e) Aussie Shade Houses information
- f) RHS Vic affiliated club membership & insurance form
- g) Flyer for Sutherland Shire OS winter show
- h) Member list from 2005 – 2008 from Michael Wright
- i) Membership application from Barrie McPherson & expressing interest in having tables at shows.
- j) Response from John Stubbs – will come to Winter & Spring shows.

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters & show schedules
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Response to Bunnings
- d) Letter to Soldiers club with meeting & show dates for 2020.
- e) New member letter to Barrie McPherson
- f) Letters to possible vendors for shows – Michael & Grainne; John Stubbs, Barrie McPherson
- g) Ribbon/sash order for winter & spring shows

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Robert Fish Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Income \$1228.05; Expenses \$1048.95; Unpresented cheques \$199.24. Current balance \$29390.94. Floats remain unchanged, however \$15 was spent on raffle prizes for tonight but we added \$100 from the workshop held at Bunnings.. Members were also reminded that \$1200 has been earmarked for charitable donations to be made at the Winter Show.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Ron Boyd Carried

.Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

Anne-Marie invited Guest speaker – Peter Stubbs to take the floor – His topic - What our tags are telling us!

Peter started his talk by reminding us that our hobby consisted of many and varied orchids species and hybrids found in nature and in cultivation. He then pointed out that:

- Species Orchids occur in nature in various habitats around the world.
- Natural Hybrids - hybrids occurring naturally in nature
- Artificial hybrids - man made cultivars by using 2 or more species orchids.
- Mericlones – laboratory raised plants using tissue culture from quality clones

Peter talked us through how we might identify what is a species or a hybrid by how the plant name on the tag has been written, although it can still be confusing at times.

He suggested the following ways that might help us.

- <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>
- Use OrchidWhiz
- Ask a friend.

After some discussion relating to using these tools, it was acknowledged that a grower had to have some idea of what the orchid might be before any, except the third mentioned above, would be useful.

Supper break 8.02pm

Return 8.25pm

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Next General Meeting; Mitch Karnaghan – making and using tube planters
- b. Winter Show – Anne-Marie went through preparation so far for the Winter show: general set up as usual

assistance apart from the committee would be helpful, publicity Margaret – flyers, papers & radios & AM social media, banners Ken to help AM,

- c. The trophies have been returned to Margaret, sashes & small trophies have been ordered.
- d. BUNNINGS workshop – May successful \$100 voucher, & another planned for July 6th to publicise Winter Show.
- e. 15th Anniversary Luncheon – cake decided upon, gift/keep sake being planned, Michael Wright provided Margaret with a Foundation members list Thank you Michael. Ron has brought in the original sign on book. Thanks Ron. Liz also has some of the original newsletters that she will give to Margaret post meeting.
- f. BUNNINGS B.B.Q. - June long weekend - organised
- g. Bric-A-Brac auction - results. \$203.00 – thoughts on having it in March or April when it is warmer weather, more members at meeting. For further discussion.
- h. Christmas function – AM & Margaret are getting prices
- i. The Native Show schedule was presented for discussion and ratification. However, there were a number of other changes suggested. Margaret to make those changes to the schedule and redistribute to the members involved for comment. Adjusted schedule to be discussed further at the committee meeting, then will need to come back to the July meeting for ratification.
- j. Plant of the Night certificates were given out for May.
- k. Anne-Marie will check with Mitch to see if he is bringing plants for sale. If not, a sales table will run at the July meeting.

5. RAFFLES: Brian Perkins X 3; Robert Fish; Ken Covington X 2; Leanda O'Connor X 2; Liz Cleaver; Sue Fish; Meg Quinlivan; Margaret Turner.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Anne-Marie Collins

Plant of the Night winners were announced. Thanks for standing in again Ken. Results in the Newsletter.

Meeting closed 9.16pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st July at Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

The Australian Orchid Foundation (AOF)

The AOF has been established for many years. It provides grants to “worthy recipients” including young people who are growing orchids in Australia. They support some regional botanical gardens, including workshop on how to grow orchids. They also run awareness campaigns on a myriad of orchid problems. They also run a seed bank with interesting seeds available at nominal prices, providing the seeds have been donated by a generous grower. AOF also run an annual essay competition with three (3) generous prizes.

This years’ topic is ***“How do my orchids survive while I’m away from home?”***

First prize is \$350, 2nd \$250 and 3rd \$150.

Deadline is 30th June.

Maximum word is 4000. Send entries to aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au



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