



# BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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## Newsletter – June 2019

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### President's Report



At May's meeting, we had our **Bric-a-brac auction**. There was an almost overwhelming selection of donated goods and plants. Tony Groube did an excellent job as our auctioneer. There was fierce bidding and the club came away with over \$200 to put towards our Christmas party. Well done to those who donated and those who were successful in their bidding. As our member numbers were down, we are considering moving the auction to earlier in the year, before the cold weather sets in.

Our meeting in **June** will see Peter Stubbs presenting useful information on correct labelling of our orchids and what each part of the name relates to. Well worth coming along and adding to your knowledge – I will be. ☺

Our supper at the May meeting was yummy and we had many leftovers. Una's cake was delicious. Well done odd members. ☺

As **June** 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. ☺

At the May meeting, our Winter/Spring Shows **schedule** was adjusted and ratified. The updated schedule will come out with the June Newsletter. You will also receive with your June Newsletter the proposed Native Show Schedule – please look through it, as we want to ratify it at the June meeting. The shows are approaching quickly.

After talks with Krystle, from Bunnings, we organised a **workshop** that was held on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> May. Our members did repotting of orchids, care and show preparation plus how to do posie making. Brian kindly brought along keikis to be given to interested public plus succulents – which were well received. We were very happy to receive a voucher for our club as a thank you for the efforts of these members – Brian Coulton, Megan Quinlivan, Ken Covington, Margaret Turner and myself. It also gave us an opportunity

to promote our club to the community. We handed out flyers with how to attend our meetings and our shows. We plan to do more of these workshops – to promote our shows.

Next year is our **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and we have started organizing for our luncheon. More information will be available, as details are confirmed. ☺ Plans have also started on our 2019 Christmas party. ☺

We had a very successful **Bunnings B.B.Q.** in May and are hopeful the one in June will be as good. This should give us a great financial boost to end the 2018/2019 year and allow us to finance future events. ☺ If you can help at the B.B.Q.s, we can give on the job training and even a couple of hours is much appreciated.

Welcome to our **new member**, Barrie McPherson, I hope you enjoy your time with our club.

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

Anne-Marie Collins



### Other items

1. 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.

2. June is an even month, so those members with an even membership number are requested to bring a plate to share at supper. Thanks
3. Could those members who have the perpetual trophies for the Winter & Spring shows please return them to Secretary Margaret at the June meeting? Thank you

### Our Next Meeting –

June meeting will be Peter Stubbs, a well-known local orchid growers and judge speaking about labelling of plants. While this sounds like a dry topic, I am sure Peter will find a way of making it interesting. Labelling is an important part of our process when showing plants and it also helps us identify a species or a hybrid. While he is at the meeting, we could probably tap into his knowledge on other topics as well.

### 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 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.

## From the Committee

1. In February 2020, BBOFS will be 15 years old. The committee has decided 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 don't know if those members are still living in the Batemans Bay area. Stay tuned.
2. Planning is well underway for the Winter show, so make sure you have the dates in your diaries.

## In Your Orchid House

The weather continues to be a challenge. I covered my greenhouse 10 days or so ago, just before our last lot of rain. I also moved my cymbids so that they get more sun in the hope of getting a few more spikes from them this year. I also found in another club's newsletter an interesting tidbit on the use of Epson Salts to help orchids flower. I know that some growers will agree with its use and others will not. Epson Salts is Magnesium Sulphate, which is easily found in supermarkets but is also in most orchid fertilizers. Magnesium is a critical element in orchid flower initiation. However, I am sure that everyone is aware of the need to flush pots to reduce the build-up of residual salts in pots. As winter approaches, many orchids require a dormant or rest period. It is important that during this time any residual salt build-up has been flushed out.

## 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 June meeting.

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

A big thank you to everyone who brought in plants and other items for the Auction last month. As well as those that opened their wallets and purchased these plants and other items. While the monies raised was not as large as previous years, it will still go some way to supporting the Christmas function.

## Dates for your 2019 Diary

July 13 – 14 Shoalhaven Winter show  
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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

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

## Open Section

**Species:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium > 90mm:**

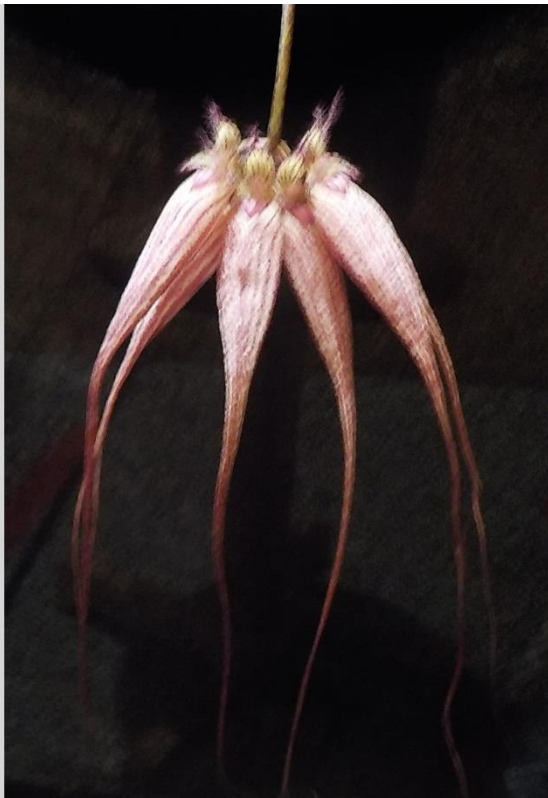
**Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:**

**Aust Native Orchid:**

**Laeliinae >70mm:** Ron Boyd  
**Laeliinae <70mm:**  
**Paphiopedilum:** Liz & Tony  
**Vandaceous:**  
**Pleurothallidinae:** Liz & Tony  
**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Tony & Liz  
**Seedling:**  
**Miscellaneous:** Tony & Liz  
**Fern:**  
**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night**



Bulba Elizabeth Ann "Buckleberry" Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

**Novice Section**

**Species:**  
**Cymbidium > 90mm:**  
**Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:**  
**Cymbidium < 60mm:**  
**Australian Native Orchid:** Rebecca Baumgartner  
**Laeliinae > 70cm:** Rebecca Baumgartner  
**Laeliinae < 70cm:**  
**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**  
**Pleurothallidinae:**  
**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Una Roberts  
**Seedling:**  
**Miscellaneous:**  
**Fern:**  
**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night**

Tie between these two plants both owned and benched by Una Roberts. Well done Una.



Onc. "Sweet Sugar" Million dollar



Mitts Cotron (Brglades) Onc Gold Coin Battler.

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

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**PRESENT:** Members: 14 Apologies: 5  
Visitors: 0

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m., thanking all for coming

**MINUTES:** accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Ken Covington      Seconded:  
Sylvia Hawkins              Carried

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

**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) Bank statement, cheque book & deposit book
- d) Email from Bunnings offering BBQ on 10<sup>th</sup> June (Monday of Queen's birthday weekend)
- e) Judges lists for 2019 shows
- f) Response from AOC re change of days
- g) Information about 2019 Australian Orchid Foundation Essay Prize;
- h) Response & thanks from Anne Hole re workshop refund;
- i) tourism website information;
- j) condensed information from NSW Government regarding

licenses for selling native orchids (plants) to the public.

**Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters & winter/spring show schedule
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Response to Bunnings
- d) Request to AOC re change of days for judges
- e) Letter to Soldiers club with 2020 meetings and show dates
- f) Forms returned to ESC tourism site with information & dates for 2019 shows
- g) letters with refunds to Dorothy Kauffman & A & C Hole for workshop;
- h) Post box renewal & information update;
- i) tourism website request to have information regarding shows included.

Moved: Margaret Turner  
Seconded: Una Roberts      Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Income \$667.03 expenditure \$434.78  
Unpresented cheques \$239.24;  
Balance after unpresented cheques cleared \$28,972.60

Moved: Leanda O'Connor      Seconded:  
Una Roberts                      Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor      Seconded:  
Una Roberts                      Carried

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Peter Stubbs talking on labelling.

- b. Charities cheques will be presented at Winter Show – great backdrop for photos.
- c. Ratify Winter/Spring Show schedule – members present were invited to make comment on the proposed changes to this schedule. Tony asked if we could add to Definitions on the back page the “Fern includes Allied plants” and Ron asking about the lists of plants that fit under each section, the schedule was passed – moved by Anne-Marie Collins and seconded by Tony Groube. It was explained to the members that we have taken the plant lists out of the schedule as we have OrchidWhiz and the lists will be available in hard copy at the shows.
- d. Bunnings on the weekend went well made \$916.00 minus costs with donations of \$22. Another on 10<sup>th</sup> June – help needed
- e. 15th Anniversary at the club Feb 2020 – It is proposed to offer members a free lunch at the Soldiers Club – Anne-Marie asked if some of the Foundation members could be found and invited. Margaret to follow up with minutes that she has from Sylvia. Liz Cleaver also stated that she has most of the newsletters going back to the start of the Society.
- f. Members were invited to indicate by show of hands if they would prefer Christmas lunch or dinner. Dinner seemed to be the preferred option. Margaret and Anne-Marie to follow up with

some venue choices. Costing will influence choice of venue.

- g. After speaking with the Soldiers Club, members and the judging panel, the committee has decided to try the 2020 Shows on Sat/Sunday
- h. Floral Art Exhibition & E.O.C. Orchid Spectacular October long weekend 2019. Our speaker in August is Joycie, on floral art and she is the judge.
- i. Our shows’ information is on the Eurobodalla Shire Council Tourism site, with correct dates and contact information details.
- j. Members were informed of the fire in Robin Baker’s home. At present, Brian Coulton is looking after her orchids as she is living in Sydney with her family. However, she is looking for rental accommodation in Batemans Bay so that she can come back down here.

Supper break 7.55

Return 8.15pm

Auction conducted with Tony as auctioneer. Thanks Tony.

**5. RAFFLES:** Leanda, Brian P x 3, Ken, Michael x 2, Matt, Margaret, Sylvia.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Meg Quinlivan.

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

**Meeting closed 9.20pm**

**The next meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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 year's topic is ***“How do my orchids survive while I'm away from home?”***

First prize is \$350, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150.

Deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Maximum word is 4000. Send entries to [aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au](mailto:aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au)

Some photos of the auction tables. Thanks everyone for contributing to the auction



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