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BAY ORCHID
AND FOLIAGE
SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter – March
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President's Report

I will start this off with my apology for my inability to handle the debate over a question that went on for too long between a Member and myself. I see this as a learning experience from which I will develop strategies and I will move forward.

Our next speaker is Kylie Stocks, from Verdigris Fern Nursery. She will be bringing ferns to sell and we have been invited to visit her nursery on the Wednesday. This will be a walk around followed by a picnic [B.Y.O. everything] There will be more details in this newsletter. (see from the Committee)

Thank you to Tony and Liz for a very informative talk on "difficult" orchids and possible ways to overcome these problems.



Our Workshop is shaping up well and we have nearly enough participants to cover costs. If you have not registered there is still time. The four speakers will be very entertaining and informative. In addition, they are bringing orchids and some flasks. Our February meeting saw some lovely orchids, ferns and foliage benched. Well done to all who brought in their plants.

The *Sarc.* Patricia Abell Marble Bar x Cherie Dawn Pink Pattons Elegance Super Pink grow experience plants were given out at the last meeting and will be available at the March meeting for the last time, so please try to be there to pick them up.

Thank you to all who have helped at the Bunnings B.B.Q.s. We are always looking for other Members to help and we will happily show you what you need to know, so volunteer if you can. :)

If you have ideas of things you would like to see in our newsletter, contact Margaret or myself.

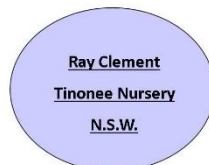
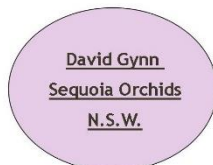
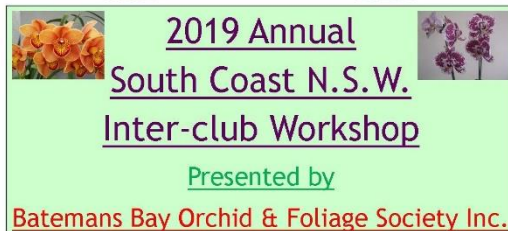
May 2019 be an excellent growing year for you.

Anne-Marie Collins.

Other items

1. Memberships are now due. These maybe paid at a meeting or via direct deposit. The Bank details are BSB 032681 A/C 191442. In reference please use surname and indicate that the monies are for membership. You can also go into the Westpac bank and use those numbers to pay for membership.

2. Registrations for workshop can also be paid using these details. Just put workshop in reference section



Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, 6 Beach Road, Batemans Bay, 2536
Registration form at <https://batemansbayofs.weebly.com/>

Other items (cont)

3. I realize that July is a long way off, however can Members please save the bottom of the 1.25L soft drink bottles for the posie making team. Thank you.

Our Next Meeting –

Kylie Stocks will be speaking about fern propagation. Also, final arrangements will be completed for the Interclub Workshop to be held later in the month.

Club Members

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

Interclub Workshop in March

Last chance to register for this great workshop on 23rd & 24th March 2019. Registration forms are now available on the website and at the meetings. Please

ensure payment is made with the form, but can also be made electronically. If paying electronically, please ensure that a registration form is also completed. This may be sent electronically to the club email (top of newsletter) or given to Secretary and/or Treasurer at monthly meeting.

From the committee:

1. Discussion around shows being Friday & Saturday or Saturday & Sunday. To be decided at March general meeting
2. What do Novices want? Please think about this and let us know. Discussion in minutes of February meeting.
3. Did you think the “How I got started in orchids” was good idea? Let us know yes or no.
4. A Member made the comment at the last meeting regarding spending funds on Members. The Committee came up with the following list: free grow experience plants; ribbons & prize monies at shows; raffle plants; end of year benching prizes of plants; novice encouragement benching plant; most successful gift for both novice & open growers; half price Christmas party (no work for Members); guest speakers & the bus trips.
5. Visit to fern nursery: meet at 10am just past the Caltex service station on Kings Highway to travel together to nursery. Plan to arrive between 10.15 & 10.30. Bring your own everything for picnic lunch (not BBQ), including chairs & table if you want one. Anne-Marie will also invite Members from EOC & MUOS.
6. There will be a vote to decide which of the 4 organisations will receive support this year. See end of newsletter as to what each do.

South and West Regional Show

The EOC will be running the Regional Show on 5th & 6th October 2019. It is to be held in Moruya at the Basketball Stadium and the theme is "Nature's Way". We will receive more information as it draws closer.

In Your Orchid House

The talk from Tony & Liz on Monday night should have reminded Members that we need to be vigilant with pest invasions within our orchid collections. This weather with the hot days, followed by rain and the humidity provides a great environment for pests to increase in number. For those that were not at our last meeting, here are a couple of photos of crown rot in sarcs and root rot in cymbids.

While the talk concentrated on those two issues, other things happen that we can mistake as normal. It is not unusual to see yellow leaves on our plants and these can be part of the normal growth cycle, however if you see yellowing on the younger leaves there may be a problem. This might include not enough light or fertilizer. Burn marks on leaves indicate too much light or on hot days not enough protection. If the leaves are droopy, soft, puckered and pleated, the plants are not getting enough water.



Crown rot in sarc.



Root rot in Cymbid

Orchids for sale

Remember that any Member can put orchids on the table for sale at the meetings. There are still a number of Bill Guist's orchids available for sale.

Ron has agreed to run the sales table each month. He has also agreed to help Members with any growing questions they may have.

Dates for your 2019 Diary

May 17 – 19 Orchids Out West
Hawkesbury Race Club Clarendon
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

Benching

Only a few plants on the benching tables, so thanks to those who brought plants in.

Open Section

Species: Leanda O'Connor

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Brian Coulton

Laeliinae >70mm: Ron & Rose Boyd

Laeliinae <70mm: Liz & Tony

Paphiopedilum: Ron & Rose Boyd

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Brian Coulton

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Leanda O'Connor

Foliage: Leanda O'Connor

Plant of the Night



Paph St Swithin "Rons Good One"

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Rebecca Baumgartner

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Meg Quinlivan

Fern: Ken Covington

Foliage: Hilary Coulton

Plant of the Night



Phalaenopsis
Baumgartner

Unknown

Rebecca

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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

Monday 4th February 2019

PRESENT: Members: 23 Apologies: 1
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 December at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded:
Robert Fish 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.W, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
 - c) Bank statement
 - d) Change of address for Albury Wodonga Orchid Club
 - e) Email from new owners of Ribbon place in Sydney
 - f) Christmas dinner account from Soldiers Club
 - g) Email from Bunnings offering BBQ on 24th March & 9th February
 - h) Resignation letter from committee from Robert & Sue Fish
 - i) Multiple registrations for workshop
 - j) Flask list from Stephen Monkhouse
 - k) Request for Judges form from OSNSW
 - l) Flyer St Ives orchid Fair
 - m) Email from Alan Bird offering BBOFS 5 large cymbids
- Out**
- a) BBOFS Newsletters & program of events for 2019
 - b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs including another copy of workshop registration form
 - c) Response to Bunnings

- d) Responses to email registration for workshop
- e) New Member letter
- f) Email to Westpac of AGM minutes for change of bank signatories
- g) Response to Robert & Sue Fish
- h) Payment for Orchid Australia magazine
- i) Email to Soldiers Club regarding early access to club on workshop weekend
- j) Email out flask list
- k) Dates of shows sent to OSNSW
- l) Email to Alan accepting offer
- m) Multiple phone calls made by President relating to March workshop and speakers for BBOFS 2019 program.

Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: Ron Boyd Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- both the December and January statements were provided. Opening balance 30/11/2018 was \$26,586.85. Income for December was \$1,396.03 and expenditure \$1,304.20. No unrepresented cheques. Closing balance \$26,730.68. There were no comments or questions

Moved: Leanda O'Connor
Seconded: Ken Covington
Carried

The January statement was discussed. Income \$1,561.57; expenditure \$428.30. Unrepresented cheques to the value of \$279.95 (BBQ supplies). Closing balance after cheques cleared \$27,574.00.

The treasurer had recorded the monies received at the BBQ on 28/01/19

and had subtracted the monies spent on stock. Tony Groube questioned this as the amounts indicated was not reflective in the December & January statements. After some discussion between Tony, Anne-Marie and Margaret, Tony put the motion that:

The financial reports as presented be held over until the next meeting. In the meantime, these 3 members will meet with Tony to establish a better way of reporting BBQ expenditure and income.

Seconded Robert Fish carried on show of hands.

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor
Seconded: Ken Covington Carried

3. Guest Speakers:

Tony & Liz spoke about and showed a number of slides relating to “crown rot”. They explained how they had identified it in both sarcs and cymbids and how they had treated those plants. Hopefully, they will be able to save some of them. In the sarcs, the leaves suddenly develop brown spots and then they yellow rapidly. Use these signs as a way of identifying this. The slides indicated how the spots and decolouration started at the top of the leaves and went down into the roots. This problem is likely to develop in the cooler weather when plants remain wet from rain, humidity and lack of airflow. Plants were taken out of pots, bathed in mancozeb, allowed to dry out and then repotted in fresh pot and bark. Be careful not to over water once repotted and ensure good airflow

With the cymbids, the yellowing leaves indicate bulb rot. Take plants out of pot, remove back bulbs and par root ball back until solid roots are found. These are then covered in Sulphur and antirot. They are then allowed to dry out before being repotted.

Liz then demonstrated the use of community pots. The size of the pot as well as the plant dictate the number of plants put into each pot. (see photos later in newsletter)

Supper break 8.45pm

Return 9.00pm

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting:**
Speaker Kylie Stocks speaking on fern propagation. Also will be finalizing preparation for Workshop later in the month.
- b. Anne-Marie explained that she would like members to give a short talk about how they started growing orchids. Margaret & Ken have volunteered for tonight. Margaret will start & Ken will finish.

Margaret: lived in Singapore in the mid-late 70's and was a frequent visitor to the orchid houses in the Botanical gardens. The more she saw the more she loved them. On returning from Singapore purchased some cymbids – about a dozen. These travelled with her for the next 20 odd years – losing some and others added. On moving to the Bay in 2011, she was interested to hear that there was a club here. While attending a concert in the Soldiers Club, she met Paula & Michael Brown who invited her along to a meeting. Her brother built her a shade house (6m x 3m), which Robert & Sue Fish helped to

put the roof and the shade cloth on. On moving the orchid collection at that time, there was heaps of room. Rob made the comment that it would not take long to fill it. Margaret now has about 400 orchids in it – lots of small pots and the cymbids have been moved to the eastern side of the house, which enables all the other genera to be in the shade house.

- c. Presentation of benching award plants to Barry Andrews.
- d. Discussion regarding charitable donation for this financial year. Members were asked about organisations who we might consider donating to. The list given were: Muddy Puddles; Rural Fire Service; Yumaro and Sailability. (see end of newsletter for what each of these represent). Members were reminded that BBOFS had donated profits from Bunnings BBQ's to the Moruya Hospital and BB Hospital two years previously. It was suggested that we look at doing that again. Tony made the comment that more funds should go back to Members; however he did not explain what he meant.
- e. Anne-Marie asked if the Novices would be interested in having a get together with a more experienced grower prior to each meeting. There did not appear to be much response from the Novices present. Brian Coulton suggested that new Members could have a mentor (a more experienced grower) for the first twelve months of their membership. Obviously, the

more experienced growers would need to be prepared to do this. The idea to be included in newsletter with a request that novice growers respond.

- f. Anne-Marie told Members that they would have seen in the newsletter that each Committee Member had been allocated a role. The library was the only role not filled. She explained that the Committee felt it should be given to a different member at each meeting. Lin made the comment that apart from herself; very few items had been borrowed over the past 12 months. Una offered to look after the library. Thank you Una.
- g. The Members present were informed that Robert & Sue Fish had resigned from the Committee for family reasons. The Committee had discussed this in relation to numbers and had decided that the current number was sufficient. The Membership were told that if someone had a burning desire to be part of the Committee his or her nomination would be accepted. Una nominated and was accepted.
- h. March Interclub Workshop: accommodation has been booked. Stephen Monkhouse and Jeanne Dunn are bringing flasks. Numbers are growing. Hopefully we will see more BBOFS Members registering soon.
- i. The Growing Experience plant for 2019 is a Sarc from Riverview Nursery (John Stubbs). They are

available for collection after the meeting. One plant per membership number. Please write name on sheet provided.

- j. Getting into Orchids – Ken:** obtained his first cymbids at about 12 years. Kept it for a few years, however due to family and work there was a hiatus of about 55 years apart from an occasional basket of dendrobiums. When he moved to the Bay, the owners of the house he bought left him about 6 or 7 orchids. Since then he has slowly got back into growing them and has expanded his knowledge of them. A work in progress.

5. RAFFLES: Sue F x 2; Robert F; Leanda; Ken; Una x 3; Judee; Margaret; Paula; Liz; Anne-Marie.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Hilary but as she didn't have a name badge on it was redrawn with Anne-Marie being the winner.

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

Meeting closed 9.40pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th March 2019

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay
Secretary Margaret Turner

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I have added these as I was reminded that not all members who know what each of the organisations suggested provided or stood for.

Muddy Puddles: provides children and young people with the skills to have a good life. They provide therapy, development programs and individual supports to promote personal growth, awareness and inclusion.

Rural fire Service: helps protect the rural areas. Not sure how many branches are in & around Batemans Bay. Can't find much about this area on website.

Yumaro: is an NDIS supported organisation that offers employment, training, lifestyle, accommodation, and home and community support for people living with a disability.

Sailability: supported by the NSW government as well as local organisations like the Soldiers and Catalina clubs, Lions and the BB Marina. It provides recreation, therapeutic and competitive activities for people with a physical and/or intellectual disability. With the changes going on around the building of the new BB bridge, they have moved to Nelligen.