



# BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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## Newsletter March 2016

### ***Our last meeting.***

Was a "Special meeting" to elect office bearers. We now have a new president, secretary and treasurer. Committee members were elected from the floor. There is still one vacancy for the committee.

**President: Ron Boyd 44721934**

**Vice President: Leanda O'Connor 44725961**

**Secretary: Margaret Turner 0409442704**

**Treasurer: Anne-Marie Collins 0427885186**

**Committee: Rose Boyd; Brian Coulton; Paula Brown; Lin Barnes.**

### **From the President**

Hi fellow members, again I would like to thank you all for your support at the February special meeting. We now have only one vacancy to make up a full committee.

First up this month we are having our first "Home Workshop and coffee day" at my home, Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm to around 3.30pm Coffee, Tea and nibbles supplied. See elsewhere in newsletter for details.

We are looking at getting guest speakers at as many of our club meetings as possible

Other great news is Dorothy has come aboard and agreed to keep '**Grumpys Shed**' open, so if you require any pots, mixes etc., please let Dot know.

Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery has come aboard as sponsors along with Batehaven Garden Centre and Hardware. There will be 2 lucky badge draws of \$25 each at each club night meeting, so remember to wear your name badge and good luck in the draw.

Good Growing and see you all at the next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Benching will be as usual by 7pm. Meeting at 7.30pm

**Bunning BBQs** are now in Ron's hands. Please come along and give the club some support. All moneys raised go towards running our orchid shows and the Christmas party. There are 4 morning shifts from 8am to 12 noon and afternoon from 12 noon to around 4.30pm. We have a great friendly crew so come along and spend a shift helping out. Still need a few more volunteers on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2 needed for 8am to 12 noon shift and 1 for 12 noon shift to 4.30pm shift.

For those club members who may like to help out but not too sure what goes on, I suggest to make up the numbers at the peak times from 10am to around 2 pm, volunteer for a 2-hour shift either 10am to 12 noon or 12 noon to 2pm. This involves mainly slicing the bread rolls or slices of bread, placing them onto a serviette and onto our special carry board and repeating the order to the cook and then taking the order to where the customer is waiting. A very easy task and pleasant experience.

**Club Program** for the year is included in this newsletter. As you can see, it is pretty empty so if you have any suggestions for speakers or activities, please let a committee member know.

### ***At our next meeting....***

***Ron Boyd with assistance from Brian Coulton will speak about "on-growing" orchids from flasks and small pots.***

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### **Workshops**

Ron will run a mini day workshop for about 2.5 hours on Saturday March 12 at his home at 14 Gull Close Catalina from 1pm, coffee, tea and nibbles will be supplied.

This will be aimed at the new and not so new members. There will be a walk through his Cymbidium house and he will speak about how easy it is to set up a small orchid green house to grow Cymbidiums in. It will also include discussion on growing Australian Native Orchids or other orchids species or any other growing questions.

The committee also discussed having an "Orchid Walkabout". This would entail visiting some members' homes to discuss what they have in

their orchid houses. Brian Coulton has volunteered his place as one to visit. Further discussion at general meeting.

We send our best wishes to any member who is ill or undergoing treatment. We hope you are soon feeling much better.

**Coffee Club** will continue 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.

#### **Show Date for 2016.**

These have been confirmed. See the club program for details. A week prior to these dates, an information display will be put on at the Village Centre. It is hoped that we will be able to have posies for sale and an orchid plant to raffle. However, to make this successful, your assistance is required. We need members to help make posies as well as supplying the flowers and foliage required to do this. Posey sales are often the biggest money raiser at the shows. We will also require a covered area to do this in.

A suggestion was also made at committee that the club purchase some cymbidium plants for a few members and these plants be used solely for flowers for posies. This is not an unreasonable suggestion but members need to agree and take and look after the plants for this to be successful.

#### **In your orchid house:**

According to Orchids Australia Magazine Cultural notes for the Sydney area, we should be regularly checking plants for pests and if found, use appropriate control measures. As our weather has been so changeable lately, checking and watering plants is almost a daily requirement. However, it does recommend that if it has been a really hot day to give your plants a drink in the evenings. It also suggests that keeping the floor of the orchid house damp during these days helps the plants keep cooler.

**Also in Australian Orchid Council magazine** is an article by Dr Noel Grundon FAOC about the effectiveness or otherwise of “blossom boosters”. The take home message from this article is that “blossom boosters” are

a waste of money as it is not the N:P:K ratio that causes flowering. However, an appropriate fertilizer program can decrease the time a plant can take to first flowering. There are also a range of other factors affecting this, including the genes inherited from their parent plants, temperature variations, length of daylight hours, temperature range and for some species and hybrids a combination of these factors.

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*Don't forget the website:*

[www.batemansbayofs.weebly.com](http://www.batemansbayofs.weebly.com)

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**Thanks to Joy for these photos taken at Garden Café Botanical Gardens at last “Coffee Club”**

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*Happy Birthdays for March to:  
Norm Kemp & Leanda O'Connor*

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### **Benching**

Plants benched this year will have the same points system as last year. Members receive 1 point for plant(s) benched in each category. Membership numbers must be recorded on benching card. Points are also given for voting awards – 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point, plant of the night = 4 points. Top points scorer in each category will receive an orchid plant prize at the Christmas party.

As there was no benching in February, there is no plant of the night.

**DRAFT MINUTES OF  
THE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE  
SOCIETY**

Soldiers Club  
Beach Road, Beach Road, Batemans Bay  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

Meeting Opened 7.50pm.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM had been circulated in the December and January newsletters. Acting Secretary Margaret Turner asked if there were any changes to the minutes as presented. No comments or questions were forthcoming. Acting Secretary moved the motion that they be accepted as read, seconded by Anne-Marie Collins.

The Acting President vacated the chair and the Returning Officer Tony Groube took the chair.

The Returning Officer re-iterated the need for a validly elected committee and read out the role of the committee within an organisation from the Model Constitution. This stated that the committee – manages the organisation, both financially and within the bounds of the constitution. It also represents all members and the members support the committee.

He then opened the nomination forms. There were 2 for president; 2 for secretary; 1 vice president; 1 treasurer; 4 committee members including nominations that had also nominated for executive positions. As there were 2 nominees for president a private ballot was held with Ron Boyd being the successful nominee. This then negated the need for a private ballot for secretary with Margaret Turner being elected unopposed. Anne-Marie Collins was elected as Treasurer unopposed. 2 of the nominees for committee members withdrew their nomination, so the nominations were called from the floor. The committee members are: Rose Boyd, Paula Brown, Lin Barnes and Brian Coulton. There is still one vacancy on the committee.

Committee is now:

President – Ron Boyd  
Secretary – Margaret Turner  
Treasurer – Anne-Marie Collins,  
Committee Members – Rose Boyd,  
Paula Brown, Lin Barnes & Brian Coulton

Meeting closed 8.25pm  
President assumed the chair.

Margaret Turner  
Secretary

### **BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY**

**DRAFT MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2016  
Held at Soldiers Club**

**Beach Road Batemans Bay**

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

1. Present: as per attendance book 25 members & no visitors  
2. Apologies: Maureen & Noel Anderson, Joy Guist  
New member Yvonne Brereton was welcomed by Acting President Robert Fish.

3. Minutes from previous meeting have been circulated:

Moved that they be accepted by Acting Secretary M. Turner seconded by A-M Collins. Carried

Matters arising from the minutes will be included General Business.

**4. Secretary's Report:**

Correspondence in:

November: Statement from BioGro, October bank statement, notice of 2EARFM AGM, thank you letter with cheque for postage from prize winner- Regional Show (read out),

December: Magazines – Australian Orchid Review, Orchids Australia, Gardeners Gazette, Orchid News; bank statement for Nov, new cheque book.

January: new membership application, Information about changes to Australia Post, bank statement for December, January Orchid News, mail for Returning Officer, resignation letter from Peter & Annette Stubbs (read out), request for dates of 2016 shows, Milton Show dates, Sapphire Coast newsletter, Eurobodalla Orchid Club newsletter, Bankstown newsletter.

#### Correspondence Out:

Acknowledgement of resignation letter, response to request for judges stating that the dates would be confirmed on 1<sup>st</sup> February & notification would be sent after that.

The Acting Secretary moved the report be accepted, seconded by Rose Boyd Carried

#### 5. Treasurer's Report: November, December & January reports were circulated

The Treasurer went through these reports. Opening balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 was \$13,456.55 with a closing balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 of \$21,009.45.

A question was asked from the floor regarding the return to the club of monies sent to Orchids NSW for plants awarded during the Regional Show. It was explained that monies were collected along with the paperwork prior to being sent to Orchids NSW.

The Acting Treasurer moved that the reports be accepted, seconded by M. Quinlivan. Carried

#### **General meeting suspended at 7.50pm for Special meeting to be conducted.**

#### **General meeting resumed with President Ron Boyd in the chair at 8.25pm**

#### 6. General Business:

1. There are two (2) Bunnings BBQ dates. The President called for volunteers to assist him on these days. The dates being – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Members nominated themselves. Still looking for some assistance with the afternoon shift – 12md to about 4.30pm for the March date. Morning is from 8am – 12.30pm.

2. Ron Boyd discussed the problem of getting members to assist at the BBQs as it seems to always fall to the same small group of people. The carrot approach had been tried with the introduction of the Bunnings vouchers which was suspended last year. Ron suggested that the club consider organising a bus trip to Sydney to see an orchid show. Assistance at the BBQs would enable members to have a discount on the bus trip.
3. Ron Boyd then moved a motion that- “the club have a bus trip to Sydney to attend an orchid show”. Much discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of this suggestion. These included: - long day (6am – 7 or 8pm) which meant about 3 hours at the show; lots to see at a show; could miss out on purchasing plants that you want from a vendor as don't get there until late morning; however, you can ring the vendor to order the plants that you want and they will keep for you. Discussion regarding which show followed. St Ives was rejected, and the possibility of “Orchids Out West” was discussed which is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Rob Fish then put forward an alternate suggestion that “instead of hiring a bus members given the opportunity to take their private cars and the club reimburse some of the costs associated with the trip ie for fuel and accommodation. A show of hands of those interested in the bus trip was called for but it was decided that as the suggestion had been put to the members without any prior discussion it was left with the committee to follow up and obtain further information regarding both options. Sylvia Hawkins stated that she felt the members of the Milton/Ulladulla club would be interested in joining in a bus trip. When asked Tony Groube stated last time it had been raised at the Eurobodalla Club, there had not been any interest in doing a trip.
4. Discussion regarding time for new committee to meet – decided on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 3.30pm at the Soldiers Club providing a room is available. Ron to follow up with Andrea regarding this and bookings for general meetings and shows for 2016.
5. Grumpy's shed income for January was \$474.80. There was discussion relating to members using this service and whether or not Eurobodalla should be sharing in the profits as their members also use the service. In the end it was agreed that as a lot of members have dual membership there was not an issue.

- This prompted discussion relating to the Not for Profit status the club has when we get a profit from running this service. It was explained that the information provided to the Office of Fair Trading each year included our assets which are Grumpy's Shed, plants, as well as monies in the bank.

**Coffee Break 9.15pm.**

**Meeting resumed 9.30pm**

Public Officer – Margaret Turner was reappointed in that role as this was not done at the Special meeting.

Show dates for 2016 are:- Winter Show 21<sup>st</sup> July set up and Judging with show being open to the public on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 -6pm & Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10 -3pm. Spring Show dates are to be confirmed. Native Show will be 20<sup>th</sup> October for set up and judging and open Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 10 – 6pm and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 10 -3pm.

A volunteer was requested to keep supper supplied for the meetings. After discussion Leanda O'Connor agreed to do this role. Thank you Leanda.

There was also discussion regarding Benching & counting points etc. Rob Pollock is to be approached to see if he will do this role again. Brian Coulton offered to assist him to better learn about this process.

- Raffle winners were: Alan Bird, Lin Barnes, Laurine Alves, Robyn Baker, Robert Fish, Paula Brown, Margaret Turner & Jim Quinlivan.
- Lucky Badge: There was no lucky badge draw as this was not included in the acting Presidents brief for the last 3 months.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Margaret Turner Secretary

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Beach Road, Batemans Bay



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**Monthly Program of events 2016.**



**1st February Club meeting** "Special meeting"

**7th March Club meeting;** Ron Boyd

**12<sup>th</sup> March Club workshop** Ron Boyd place see newsletter for details

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March Workshop** Sapphire Orchid Club

**4th April Club meeting;** Guest speaker TBC

**2nd May Club Meeting** Club Auction Night (Fund raising event of the year)

**6th June Club Meeting;** Lyn Phelan speaking on Laelia Cattleya family. To be confirmed

**4th July Meeting;** Guest Speaker,

**16<sup>th</sup> July Saturday Orchid Display Village Centre 9am to 3pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> July Winter Show** Thursday Setup 12pm to 5pm, Plants from 2pm to 5pm  
Open to public Friday 10am to 6pm & Saturday 10am to 3pm

**1st August Club Meeting.**

**5<sup>th</sup> September Club Meeting**

**3 September Saturday Orchid Display Village Centre 9am to 3pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> September Spring Show** Thursday setup 12 midday until 5pm. Plants from 2pm to 5pm  
Open to public Friday 10am to 6pm & Saturday 10am to 3pm

**3rd October Club Meeting;** Guest Speaker. Ron Boyd update of Growing Experience with Cymbidiums

**15th October Saturday Orchid Display Village Centre 9am to 3pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> October Native Orchid Show Thursday** Setup 12 noon to 5pm; Plants from 2pm to 5pm. Open to public Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 3pm

**7<sup>th</sup> November Club Meeting Annual General Meeting.** Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay.  
Mini Auction of Orchids only.

**5th December Christmas Party.**