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Newsletter – May 2019

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President's Report



At April's meeting, we had an excellent speaker – Jane Wright, well-known judge from Canberra. Her talk on catasetums was

very informative and her slide show gave us a glimpse into the world of this exotic orchid. She also brought along a great selection of orchids for us to buy – including some catasetums. I spent up and then Jane cut me off for my own good. ☺ There is always next time. ☺

At the April meeting a motion was put forward that all four proposed charities would receive \$300 each, instead of having an unusual amount. As the Workshop wasn't expected to be such a good revenue earner, it seemed right to give a little more to such worthy charities, [Muddy Puddles, Sailability, Yumaro and Rural Fire Service]. The motion was passed.

How did our 2019 South Coast Orchid Clubs' Workshop go? We made a profit of \$611.15 and received many favourable comments from those who attended, on all aspects – food, friendliness, organisation and speakers. Our society did very well. ☺

Our supper at the April meeting was varied and plentiful. It even enticed Peter Stubbs [local judge] to stay longer after fulfilling his judge duties with Jane Wright. Well done even members. ☺

As **May** 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. Thank you. ☺

President's B.B.Q. – due to my ill health, this event will be put back to May or June, at a date to be determined.

Our May meeting does not have a speaker but it will have an auction. It is our **BRIC-A-BRAC Auction** – so dive through those cupboards and multitude of potted plants and donate these unwanted things to your club. This auction raises money for our Christmas Party that we have in December. Remember – your junk or unneeded plant is someone else's treasure. This is an anything auction, not just an orchid auction.

You will receive with your May Newsletter the proposed Winter/Spring Schedule –

please look through it, as we want to ratify it at the May Meeting. The shows are approaching quickly.

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

Anne-Marie Collins



Other items

1. **Memberships** are now overdue. If your membership has not been paid, you are no longer entitled to receive a newsletter or vote at a general meeting.
2. A reminder to collect the bases of 1.25L soft drink bottles for possible 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.
3. The committee has conducted a review of the both show schedules. The Winter / Spring schedule is attached for you all to read. The plan is to ratify it at the May general meeting and then distributed with the June newsletter. The Native Show schedule has also been reviewed and will be distributed for review prior to the June meeting.

Our Next Meeting –

May is the bric a brac sale. Anything that you think might sell is able to be put on the table. Remember what might be a white elephant to you might be gold to another person. Plants of any sort, not just orchids

are also sellable. All money raised will support the Christmas function.

From the Committee

1. In February 2020, BBOFS will be 15 years old. The committee has decided that we should celebrate this milestone. Comments as to how would be much appreciated.
2. The general meeting passed the decision regarding changing the show days to Saturday and Sunday back to the committee. It has been decided that we would run with Saturday & Sunday in 2020 and see how it goes. However, we just need to check with the judges that this will work for them.
3. Sales table at general meeting. If a guest speaker is not bring plants for sale or only a single genre, it was decided that the club could/would run a sales table. If the sales table is to run, that information will be in the newsletter prior to the meeting.

Club Members

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

South and West Regional Show

We have not had any recent information about this show; however, knowing what our planning was like, I would assume that the EOC committee is busy with the schedule and program for these two days. So keep these days free. 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".

In Your Orchid House

This crazy weather continues to challenge we orchid growers. Warm days and cool nights continue to encourage bugs of all sorts – some bad and others not so bad. If you treat these bugs when seen, it is easier to get rid of them before they become a real problem in your orchid house. Sometimes moving an infected plant helps prevent the spread of the bugs.

Are you starting to see spikes on the cymbidiums? Some of the other genre will also be showing spikes or flowering now like the Cattleyas and Oncidiinae.

Remember to try to keep water out of the leaf axils particularly of Paphiopedilums. Most genre are still requiring some fertilization all be it at half strength.

What other genre do you have in spike or flower? Show off your flowers after all we love pretty flowers.

Orchids for sale

Remember that any Member can put orchids on the table for sale at the meetings.

Members with orchids for sale can put them on the auction table in May as well.

Ron will still be available 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

Nice collection of plants this month.

Thanks to all who contributed.

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: Brian Coulton

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm: Brian Coulton

Laeliinae <70mm: Robert & Sue Fish

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Brian Coulton

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Robert & Sue Fish

tied with Liz & Tony

Seedling: Liz & Tony

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Fern: Robert & Sue Fish

Foliage: Robert & Sue Fish

Plant of the Night



RLC Willette Wong The Best Ron Boyd

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm: Lin Barnes

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Rebecca

Baumgartner

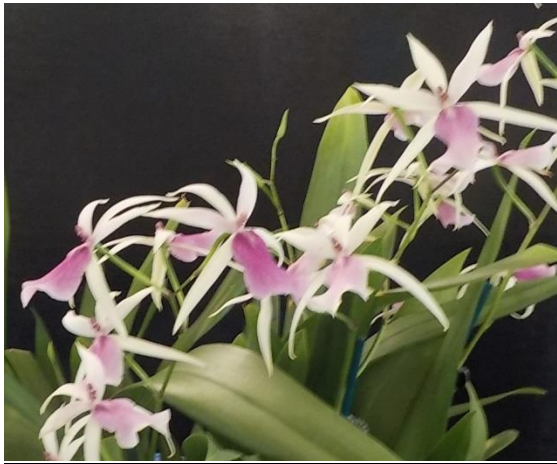
Seedling: Hilary Coulton

Miscellaneous: Hilary Coulton

Fern:

Foliage: Lin Barnes

Plant of the Night



Mittassia Estralita "Sweet Seniorita"
Rebecca Baumgartner

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

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

PRESENT: Members: 22 Apologies: 2
Visitors: 3

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 4th March at the
Soldiers' Club Beach Road

Batemans Bay having been
circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins Seconded:
Ron Boyd Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the
General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

In

- 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) Multiple registrations for workshop
- e) Email from Robert & Sue Fish re
hanging banner
- f) acceptance from Dorothy & Karen
to hang banners for shows
- g) Email from Alan Bird re moving in
April – remove from newsletter
mailing list
- h) Advice and invite from the Mingara
Orchid Club for their fair and show
– on both Saturday 29th June and
Sunday 30th June at the Mingara
Recreational Club in Tumbi Umbi
- i) Eurobodalla Shire Council - April to
June newsletter

Out

- a) BBOFS April newsletters
- b) BBOFS April newsletters to other
orchid clubs
- c) Responses to email registration for
the workshop
- d) Response to Robert and Sue Fish
concerning banner
- e) Contact with Council concerning
banner on George Bass drive
- f) phone call to presenters concerning
the workshop and their
accommodation
- g) invoice to Peter Cordina for Apia
sponsorship of our shows

- h) Contact RHV concerning incorrect address on magazine
- i) Letter of thanks & certificate of appreciation to Wayne Shoulders, Bunnings & Soldiers' Club for support of the Interclub Workshop
- j) Get well cards were sent out to - R. Boyd and K. Kauffman;
 Moved: Ken Covington
 Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer: Leanda O'Connor presented the treasurer's report.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Tony Groube Carried

3. INVITED GUEST SPEAKER

Jane Wright was introduced by the president, as our invited guest speaker for the meeting and spoke to the members before General Business was conducted. Jane spoke with authority concerning *Catasetum* orchids – *Catasetinae* hybrids and species.

It was an excellent talk about a species of orchids that most members did not know much about. Jane had some orchids for sale and also played an excellent slideshow of the orchids. Jane also referred the members to an orchid grower - Fred Clarke at Sunset Valley Orchids in the USA, who is a renowned expert on *Catasetinae* orchids. Members were also played a YouTube video of Fred Clarke, at his premises, discussing the orchids and cross pollination methods for them. Several videos by Fred Clarke are available on the internet.

After a question from a member, Jane Wright stated that *Catasetinae*

orchids, in shows, are listed in 'any other class'.

This variety of orchids requires a slow release fertilizer, plenty of nitrogen in the growing phase, as for cymbidiums.

Jane Wright was thanked for her excellent presentation.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. President Anne-Marie reported on the recent site visit to Kylie Stocks – Verdigris Fern Nursery in the foothills of the Clyde mountain range. Although it was an overcast day the rain held off and members had a good day and an enjoyable picnic on the verandah.
- b. Related to the Bateman's Bay Orchid and Foliage Society workshop, appreciation certificates were sent to Andrea at Soldiers Club, Krystle at Bunnings and Wayne Shoulders for their sponsorships. Response emails were received from Andrea by the president and the secretary.
- c. From the raffles held at our March workshop raised \$1,072 that will be evenly donated to the four charities – Muddy Puddles, Rural Fire Service, Sailability and Yumaro.
 A thank you for raffle donations - of plants from Jeanne Dunne and Ray Clement, bottles of wine from Margaret Turner, the Bateman's Bay Soldiers' Club and money vouchers from Bunnings Bateman's Bay and Wayne Shalders. Progressive raffles were held with 3 books sold and \$30, \$20 and \$10 vouchers being awarded. Canberra people as well as Milton / Ulladulla people did very well.
- d. Tony Groube proposed a motion that as well as the \$1,072 received from the raffles, the club donate an additional \$32 to each of the

selected charities to raise the donation in each case to a round \$300. An overall total of \$1,200 to the four charities. This was seconded by Anne-Marie Collins and carried by the members.

- e. The president advised that the president's barbecue, as scheduled, would be delayed this month until May, due to her health matters.
- f. The president will contact Alan Stephens with respect to the upcoming bushwalk.
- g. The society's banner on George Bass Drive can be placed.
- h. Next general meeting: **will be held on Monday 6th May**

5. **RAFFLES:**

Raffle prizes were won by Maria Kacarovski x 2, Liz Cleaver, Brian Coulton, Hilary Coulton, Megan Quinlivan Anne-Marie Collins x 2, Paula Brown, Robyn Baker and Robert Geraghty

6. **LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:**

Lucky door prize was won by - **Lin Barnes**

7. **PLANTS of the NIGHT:**

Open winner – **Ron Boyd** – Laeliinae over 70mm - RLC Willette Wong 'The Best'

Novice winner - **Rebecca Baumgartner** – Oncidiinae Alliance – Mittassia Estalita 'Sweet Senorita'

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th May 2019

At Soldiers' Club; Bateman's Bay

A/Secretary Ken Covington

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 is \$250 and 3rd \$150. Deadline is 30th June. Maximum word is 4000. Send entries to aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au

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