



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

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President report, April 2016

Time has move on quickly and I have a lot of work to do this year. First I would like to thank Robert Fish and his committee for all the good work they have done over the last few years; last year being the biggest with the South and West Regional Orchid conference on the October long weekend 2015, a very successful show.

Again another very successful Bunning BBQ on Friday the 8th April; nice cool day and quiet busy with the customers. The profit of \$283.44 from this BBQ is going to Snowy Hydro South Care Helicopter service. I would like to thanks all those who helped out on the day and made it so successful.

Our next big Bunnings BBQ will be on Saturday 21 May. We will need volunteers helpers. The setup is around at 8am and pack up 4pm. We will need 4 helpers on morning and 4 helpers on the afternoon shift, including me as I am always doing a double shift and enjoy it. Saturdays are big days so will it be a busy day for all. You can do half shifts from 10am to 12 noon then 12 noon to 2pm to cover the peak times, one person each shift.

Next Club meeting on Monday 2nd May, will be our Annual Club Auction, with all proceeds going toward reducing the cost of our Christmas party. Orchids, books or any other items you think other members will like to buy can be placed on the table to be auctioned off.

I have updated the list of guest speakers for the rest of the year.

June 6th Meeting: Lyn Phelan speaking on Laelia Cattleya family. To be confirmed.

July 4th Meeting: Ron Boyd speaking on growing Exhibition Paphiopedilums including a PowerPoint of Standard Paphiopedilums by Ronald Yates, orchid judge from the SARJP CD: PowerPoint program of 70 slides

August 1st Meeting. Phil Greck giving a talk on how he grows his orchids with cow manure tea additive. Also Phil will speak and with a possible PowerPoint presentation on what judges look for in a winning orchid flowers.

September 5th Meeting. David Gynn of Sequoia Cymbidiums Breeding of Native Cymbidiums and crossing to miniature cymbidiums; how they grow, flower and fertilizer used with amazing results of up to 16 flowers per bulb in a 100mm pot!

October 3rd Meeting: Ron Boyd with an update of Growing Experience with Cymbidiums

On the sick list: Eddie Ruiz of Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery is going through a tough time and we all wish him the best.

Good Growing and see you all at the Monday night May 2nd Club meeting.

Ron Boyd

Our last meeting.

An interesting and informative talk from Tony and Liz about how they manage their orchid collection which numbered 3,169 on January 1st this year then Liz started repotting!!! Tony talked us through pest control, watering and managing placement etc for all these orchids. There is an overview in the minutes.

Ron also said that he had spoken with David Gynn, one of the presenters at the Sapphire Coast workshop, and David has agreed to be a guest speaker for us in September.

Following the general meeting, the sub-committee that was formed at the last general meeting to review the Show Schedule met. The revised show schedule is attached to this newsletter. Item changes are in red type. This will be part of the agenda at the May meeting. It must be finalised then.

Club Program: Please let a committee member know if you have any suggestions for speakers or activities.

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

Dates for your Diaries

May 13 – 15 Orchids Out West

June 25 -26 Mingara Orchid Show & Fair

July 8 – 9 EOC Winter Show

July 16 – 17 Milton/Ulladulla Winter Show

July 21 – 23 BBOFS Winter Show

August 5 – 7 National Orchid Extravaganza Dural

August 19 – 21 St Ives Orchid Fair

August 19 -21 Sapphire Orchid Club Spring Show

August 26 - 28 EOC Spring Show

August 26 – 28 Melbourne Orchid Spectacular

September 8 – 10 BBOFS Spring Show

September 22 - 23 Sapphire Spring Show

September 24 – 25 Milton/Ulladulla Spring Show

October 7 - 9 Southern Orchid Spectacular

October 20 – 22 BBOFS Native Show

October 24 – 25 Sapphire Native Show

If you are interested in all the NSW shows a list can be found on the Orchid Society of NSW at www.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/shows2016

Our next meeting:

Auction Night: Please bring along anything that you think might be of interest to others, not just plants. Also remember your money – you cannot buy items without it. All proceeds from this night go towards subsidising the Christmas party for members.

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.

South and West Region Judging Panel Orchid Appreciation / Judging Classes

A number of our members as well as those from both Milton/Ulladulla and Eurobodalla participated in the second session of The Orchid Society of NSW Orchid appreciation/judging course.

At this session we were introduced to the Masdevallia, Dracula and other Pleurothallids. Ian Chalmers explained how some of the crosses are developed and what each plants picks up from its parent species. Our homework for the month is to choose four (4) different hybrid masdevallias, name the species that has formed the hybrid and identify which of the parents have provided the influence for the plant in its shape, colour and size. An interesting exercise I think.

In your orchid house:

Check your plants for spikes.

It is time to think about covering the orchid house to protect it from the colder winter nights.

Don't forget the website:

www.batemansbayofs.weebly.com and the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bbofs/?fref=ts>

Benching

Good displays of plants were offered in the Open section.

Open Section

Species: Tony & Liz

Cymbidium under 60cm: Liz & Tony

Australian native Orchid: Tony & Liz

Vandaceous:

Paphiopedilum: Matt Janjak

Oncidiinae Alliance: Liz & Tony

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Foliage: Liz & Tony

Plant of the Night

Open – Rob & Sue Fish Onc Psycopsis Kiameriana

Novice no orchids benched

Happy Birthday for May:

I don't have any names but happy birthday to anyone who has a birthday in May



Rob & Sue Fish Onc Psycopsis Kiameriana

Free to anyone who would like it:- Leanda has an electric oil filled column heater. It has 9 columns and has a thermostat to control temperature.

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD

SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD

BATEMANS BAY

Monday 4th April 2016

PRESENT: Members: 23 Apologies: 3
Visitors: 1

President Ron opened the meeting thanking all for coming

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 1st March at the Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: R. Fish
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) For information: flyers – St Ives Orchid Fair; Mingara Orchid Fair & Show; Tour Singapore with Jerry Coleby-Williams, Orchid Appreciation/Orchid classes
- b) Magazines: Gardening Magazine from Royal Horticultural Society Vic
- c) Newsletters from OSNSW, Shoalhaven; EOC.
- d) February bank statement, deposit book
- e) Letter from Soldiers Club – approved request for donation by waiving hire costs for rooms for 2017 to the value of \$8,460. They also forewarned us that there would be refurbishment of some areas in the club during 2017. Dates and areas not finalized as yet. We will be notified when finalized.
- f) Margaret received a phone call from Elizabeth Richardson resigning as member. Elizabeth offered to continue to sponsor the newsletter, which was declined.

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: R. Baker Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Anne-Marie presented financial report. Opening balance was \$21,426.28. Income mainly from club raffle, BBQ and Grumpy's Shed totalled \$1,198.93. Expenditure including BBQ equipment & food \$422.14, restock Grumpy's Shed \$5,046.30, post box renewal \$121.00, camera & SD card \$178.99, plants \$225.00, printer ink \$87.12 totalled \$6080.55 which left a balance of \$16,544.66. There were no unrepresented cheques. Profit from BBQ on 11/3 was \$301.30.

Moved: Anne-Marie

Collins Seconded: D. Kauffman.

Carried

Request that unpaid bills be paid. Moved

Anne-Marie Collins Seconded L.

O'Connor Carried.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. **Next General Meeting** is the auction night. Please come with money and items to put on the raffle table. This auction is not just orchids, so anything that you think might sell, please bring along.

b. **Potting demonstration:** The club has been invited to put on a potting demonstration at Bunning Family night for Mother's Day on Thursday 5th May between 6pm & 8pm. Ron has accepted this offer and asked for assistance on the night. Members Brian Coulton, Brian Perkins, Anne-Marie Collins, Tony Groube & Liz Cleaver offered assistance. Thank you.

c. **Grumpy's shed** A robust discussion followed the information that the \$4000 approved at the last meeting had been exceeded. However, after some time a motion was put that "the members note that the previous motion in March meeting was not sufficient to cover purchases and this meeting approves the overall expenditure for stock for Grumpy's Shed." Moved by Tony Groube and seconded by Anne-Marie Collins. An amendment was suggested by Rob Fish but after some more discussion the following was suggested which covered what Rob had been suggesting. "In future all requests for purchases for Grumpy's Shed would have a 25% tolerance to allow for transport and other associated costs." Moved Rob Fish. Seconded: Tony Groube. Carried. Following on from this discussion, Dorothy asked that the motion passed some time ago that allowed her to

spend up to \$1200 without prior permission be rescinded. Moved by Dorothy Kauffman. Seconded by Ron Boyd carried. Brian Perkins asked if the club had established an asset register which includes the content of Grumpy's Shed. It was explained that Keith and Dorothy keep an up to date list of the items in the Shed. A copy of this spreadsheet is provided to president, secretary and treasurer each month. Brian Coulton is establishing a spreadsheet for other club property.

d. **Bunning BBQs**, next one April 8th. Members have volunteered for this. The following one is May 21st. Members are asked to think about providing assistance on this day and to let Ron know at the May meeting or before if possible.

e. **Orchid Crawl** will be Saturday May 7th starting at 10am at Ron Boyd's 14 Gull Place Catalina, followed at 11am at Brian Coulton's at 23 Yarrabee Drive Catalina and finishing at 12noon at Liz & Tony's at 5 Garabarang St Batemans Bay. A BBQ lunch will be provided by Tony & Liz. These members were thanked for offering their homes/orchid homes for discussion and knowledge for other members.

f. **Guest speakers:** The list of guest speakers is growing. The list has been updated on the website and the speaker for the following month will be in the newsletter. Any suggestions still welcomed.

g. **Charitable donation:** Margaret explained that she has spoken with the presidents of the Ladies Ancillary of both Batemans Bay and Moruya hospitals. Both would welcome a donation. Batemans Bay doesn't hold monies for specific purposes but work towards purchasing something that has been requested. Currently working

towards purchasing a \$15,000.00 machine that helps clean (debrides) wounds and Moruya will be happy to hold onto donated monies if requested for a particular purpose eg. Oncology. Others looked at included Blackdog which seem to be mainly focused in Sydney; Beyond Blue which did not seem to have a local connection and Westpac helicopter which serves four regional areas – Hunter, New England (NW region), Central Coast and Mid-North Coast. Southcare is the helicopter service that supports this region. Margaret stated she had not followed up on Southcare. Margaret stated that the committee had recommended that the club donate to the local hospitals but had left it to the membership to decide on the amount. After some discussion relating to amount a motion was put “that BBOFS donate \$250.00 to both Batemans Bay hospital and to Oncology unit at Moruya Hospital.” Moved by Tony Groube and seconded by Rob Fish. It was then suggested by Rob Fish “that the total profit from the next BBQ on 8th April be donated to Southcare helicopters”. This was supported unanimously.

h. Computer purchase: Margaret had investigated options. There were three (3) that would suit the club’s needs. There are Acer Aspire 15.6 notebook with 4GB RAM & 1TB hard drive, an ASUS 15” also with 4GB RAM & 1TB hard drive both at \$598.00 and a Hewlett Packard 15” with 8GB RAM and a 1TB hard drive for \$689.00. After some discussion it was decided that we would purchase the Acer Aspire and would also add a wireless keyboard and mouse and a bag to the value of \$700.00. The purchase of Orchid Wiz was also approved by members after being moved by Tony Groube and seconded by Robert Fish.

i. Matt then stated that while all this was good for the club, we are about growing and showing orchids and as such should ensure that members know how to grow and name their orchids and should also know what to look for when purchasing orchids. Ron explained that a couple of the guest speakers will assist with that. It was also suggested that we ask Brian Phelan to be a guest speaker at some point.

9 pm Coffee Break

9.15 pm Return

After the coffee break, Ron invited Tony & Liz to speak about “managing their orchid collection”

Tony started off by telling us that on January 1st 2016, he & Liz had 3169 orchid plants & then Liz started repotting on January 2nd so now he is not too sure how many they have. He also mentioned that they are trying to “downsize” which raised a laugh as they have been trying, unsuccessfully, to do that for some time. They have plants on east side of their home so plants get morning and midday sun only but not early morning sun as canopy and hedge protect them from this. They try to keep the same genera together as this helps with maintenance like watering, fertilizing and repotting and identifying spikes when starting to flower. They hand water all pots using the M-GAMP system. This helps them look at each plant individually which assists with monitoring health of the orchids and means that things can be dealt with then and there. Most plants are undercover which assists with water control. As the plants are crowded together, pests are not easy to see so regular pest protection is a must. They also stressed the need to look at your plants by torchlight at night. Tony also said that he sprays “surface spray” *over the top* of spikes and flowering plants but never *at them*. When repotting, sterilize tools between each plant. They use 100% liquid sugar soap to soak tools in which is changed

as needed. Ray Clement suggests a 50/50 mix. When repotting, they try to match bark size to pot size – mostly medium (12-18) Orchiata bark (just started using this and hope to reduce root rot) and large bark for Sarcs. Each time an orchid is repotted it is dusted with a 50/50 mixture of blood and bone and dolomite. All pots get this mixture in spring. Repotting is also a good time to check all plants for mealy bug and give them a spray with metho and follow up with eco oil for good measure. This can also be done if spotted when watering or checking plants. Dip divisions in potassium permanganate (or spray depending on the weather) and dust after any “pruning” with sulphur during maintenance attention or spike removal. They also stated that disease control starts with the purchase of plants. Choose recognized vendors and inspect plants well. To avoid losing plants replot into your own mix as soon as possible. With name tags for plants, use an ordinary HB pencil to write with and add date of purchase or when repotted.

4. RAFFLES: Matt, Liz x 2, Maria x 2, Leanda, Rob F, Megan, Sue F, Paula, Margaret x 2, Anne-Marie, Rose.

5. LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: No: Jim & Megan Quinlivan were the winners of both prizes.

6. Plants of the Night winners were announced. Results are in the Newsletter.

Meeting closed 10.10pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd May

Secretary Margaret Turner



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