



# BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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## Newsletter - May 2017

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**Committee: Rose Boyd, Lin Barnes, Maureen Anderson, Paula Brown, Brian Perkins.**

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### President report

Hi Members,

My how time has flown and Autumn is now upon us, cooler nights and days, which encourages winter flowering orchids to bud up. Keep a good look out for pests that like to wreck your year's work of good growing by eating the emerging flower buds. Ensure the buds are staked upright so as to present the flowers nicely arranged for judges to enjoy.

May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is our Annual Auction: auction off any type of goodies such as orchids, books etc, all money raised will go towards subsidising our Christmas party this year.

Bus trip to 'Orchids Out West' Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May is now fully booked - all 52 seats and I thank members of our and other district clubs for making this bus trip a success. I am looking forward to seeing what is on the sales table as well as display tables full of flowering orchids. Thanks everyone for your support. (Remember the coach has a loo)

This year we will try again to get members of our Club to sponsor each championship at Winter, Spring and the Native show. While a small group of volunteers raise good money each year by doing Bunnings BBQs to help support club events, sponsoring our Show champions would be a nice way for members who are unable to do the Bunnings BBQs, to support the club in other

ways. Most champion prizes are \$25 each to sponsor. I will sponsor the Championship Paphiopedilum for \$25 at Winter & Spring Show and Champion Dockrillia at our Native show.

All Sponsors' Names will be on an individual A4 card, which will go up on the backing board behind the Champions' table at each show, along with a A3 size posters saying Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Major Sponsor of our Shows.

For all you Paphiopedilum lovers, here is another site for you to enjoy looking at, photos of a mixture of Exhibition types, species and primary hybrids, just to whet your appetite to the beautiful orchids in the Paphiopedilum world.

<http://marriottorchids.com/photohome.html>

Good Growing and see you all at the next Club meeting.

Ron

### **Other items**

Item 1: Members can you please save the 1.25Lt plastic soft drink bottles for the posie making.

Item 2: Thanks to all those members who regularly bring in cakes, sandwiches and nibbles for the Monthly meeting; makes the night enjoyable to have something nice to eat with your cuppa. To be trialled ..... Supper is to be brought by members according to their membership number. If it is an even month then even numbered members bring supper. Odd months then odd numbered members bring supper. Starting April meeting [even numbered members are to bring supper]. May is an odd month so members with odd membership numbers are to bring supper please.

### **Our next meeting:**

Our May meeting is an auction night. Anything that is sellable can be placed on the auction table. So bring along those items you think might sell and don't forget your dollars as well. These nights help to put on the shows and the Christmas party.

A reminder that there are still two (2) committee positions vacant. It would be good if these could be filled as soon as possible, preferably by more experienced growers as the committee currently has a majority of Novice members.

### **Our last meeting:**

Ron, Mitch and Norm spoke about the types and use of fertilizers. See minutes for information relating to this.

***Happy Birthday for May:  
I don't have any members listed as having a  
birthday in May but happy mother's day to  
all our mums.***

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**There are still a few memberships outstanding. These are now overdue. If these have not been paid by the end of this month, you will no longer receive the newsletter. Membership remains at \$15 for single member and \$20 per couple.**

#### **Dates for your Diaries for 2017**

May 26 – 28 Orchids Out West  
June 22 – 24 Royale Orchids Open Days and Fair  
June 23 – 25 Mingara Orchid Fair  
July 7 – 8 EOC Winter show Moruya  
July 14 – 16 MUOS Winter Show  
July 20 – 22 BBOFS Winter Show  
August 11 – 13 Orchid Extravaganza Dural  
August 20 - 22 Sapphire Coast Winter Show  
August 18 – 20 St Ives Orchid Fair  
August 25-27 Melbourne Orchid Spectacular  
September 1 – 2 EOC Spring show Narooma  
September 7 – 9 BBOFS Spring Show  
September 15 – 17 MUOS Spring Show  
September 20 – 22 Sapphire Coast Spring Show  
September 29 – 1 October (long weekend) S&W Regional Show & Conference Wodonga  
October 6 – 8 Southern Orchid Spectacular Caringbah  
October 19 – 21 BBOFS Native Show.  
November 2 – 4 Sapphire Coast Native Show

#### **In your Orchid House**

It is that time of the year as our nights get colder to think about putting a cover over it if you have a shade cloth house.  
This is the last of the growing season; however some orchids will still be maturing their growths so remember that they still need food and water.  
In this month's Orchids Australia magazine there is a very good article about Neville Roper. The magazine will be at the meeting if anyone is interested.

**Coffee Club** continues 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.

#### **Benching**

##### **Open Section**

**Species:** Rob & Sue Fish & Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium over 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium under 60mm:**

**Australian Native Orchid:** Liz & Tony

**Laeliinae over 70mm:** Brian Coulton

**Laeliinae under 70mm:** Brian Coulton

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:** Rob & Sue Fish

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Liz & Tony

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:** Liz & Tony

**Foliage:** Robert & Sue Fish

**Fern:**

**Plant of the Night** Phal Hsinying Sakura  
Robert & Sue Fish



##### **Novice Section**

**Species:**

**Cymbidium over 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:**

**Cymbidium under 60mm:** Alan Bird

**Australian Native Orchid:**

**Laeliinae: over 70cm**

**Laeliinae under 70cm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Alan Bird

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night** Miltonia Ruffles "Scent of a Woman" Alan Bird



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

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

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

**PRESENT:** Members: 23 Apologies: 5  
Visitors: 2

President Ron opened the meeting thanking all for coming

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 6th March at the Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: M. Turner Seconded: Una Roberts  
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.
- c) Letter from Peter Stubbs re Native Show schedule
- d) Bank statement
- e) Email letter from member re poor behaviour at last meeting
- f) Letter from Australian Business Register regarding ABN (see general business)

**Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) Letter to Peter Stubbs re Native Show schedule from president
- c) Welcome letters to new members
- d) Name badge order

Moved: M Turner Seconded: A.M Collins Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Anne-Marie presented her report. Copies were available for members. Opening balance was \$17,403.40. Income for the month was \$1,581.55. Expenditure was \$1,943.58. There was one unrepresented cheque to the value of \$14.85. All income had been deposited. Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March was \$17,026.52.

Moved: A.M. Collins Seconded Tony Groube  
Carried

Tony congratulated Anne-Marie on a clear and concise treasurer's report.

Anne-Marie requested that outstanding accounts be paid. Seconded Robert Fish Carried

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Next General Meeting** Mixed Auction night on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- b. ABN discussion relating to letter received from Australian Business Register regarding out of date contact information as to names for our club on the register. Dorothy registered the club for an ABN but is now unsure who was the second name used. The Secretary asked the question as to whether or not we need to maintain the ABN. According to the rules relating to ABN we do not need to have one as our income does not exceed \$75,000 per annum. Our auditor, when questioned, stated that she did not think we required one. There was a general discussion as to why we should or should not maintain it. After some time a motion was put by Jim Purtell "that BBOFS keep the ABN" This was seconded by Min Purtell. On a show of hands it was carried with 11 members in favour and 5 against. With that in place, the Secretary and the Treasurer will need to write to the Australian Business Register providing current contact details

for the club. Letter is to be signed by the Treasurer.

- c. Anne-Marie has put together an Inventory register including assets. Copies are available & anyone who has or knows of anything else please contact her.
- d. Peter Stubbs was then asked to present the certificate from the Award that Sue & Robert Fish received at the Native Show. This was completed. See attached photo.
- e. Peter then requested of the Chair to say a few words. He said that he understood there had been some discussion in the meetings about having two (2) judging panels at shows other than the Native Show. He explained that if the three (3) judges at the other shows believed that the plant should be awarded, the judges would contact either him or Ian Chalmers and it would be up to them to get the plant or flower to the other judges. This meant that the plant might have to travel or a flower spike maybe removed and that taken to the other judges. This process negated the need for the club to have the extra panels and the associated costs.
- f. Ron then spoke about fertilizers. He stated there are three (3) main types: pellets; slow release & powder. It doesn't matter which one is used as long as they have NPK combination. They are N = nitrogen; P = phosphorus; K = potassium. These three will provide a reasonable feed to plants all year around. Ron suggested staying away from fertilizers marked for orchids as they maybe more expensive, however you should check and see. Most orchids are not big feeders therefore the adage "feed weekly weakly" is appropriate however, some orchids require more feeding than others. Mitch and Norm suggested that plants don't need to be fed over winter so fertilize from August/September (spring) until March (autumn). Slow release fertilizers may vary in how often they need to be applied. They vary from three (3) months to two (2) years. Always check what the producers recommend and follow the instructions on the packaging. Garden lime and magnesium (Epsom salts) can be used twice a year but plants should be watered straight afterwards. These help the microbes in the potting mix. Ron also

spoke about the Organic life pellets which also help this process. (see information attached in newsletter). Norm & Mitch also stated that pots should be flushed at least once a month – what Norm does is flush once then half an hour later repeats the process. There was also a general discussion relating to bark and other potting mixes.

**Supper Break 8.40pm**

**Return 8.55pm**

- g. There will be 4 stops on the bus trip to Orchids out West not three as originally stated. (See information at end of minutes)
- h. At the Committee meeting, it was decided that Ron and Dorothy would be the club's purchasing officers. Requests for purchases would be through the committee for major items only. Secretary asked if this included the purchase of items like printer ink and name badges and was told that it would not. Dorothy also asked about a motion that was put some time ago which Ron has been unable to locate in the minutes that she could spend up to \$1200.00 to restock Grumpy's shed without coming to a general meeting. A motion was then put by Tony Groube that "the motion to enable Dorothy to purchase items up to the value of \$1200.00 for Grumpy's shed be reaffirmed". Seconded by Brian Perkins. Carried. Dorothy then requested to spend up to \$3000.00 to purchase bark. Seconded by Brian Coulton Carried.
- i. The South and West Regional conference is the October long weekend and we have received information relating to the displays. It was suggested that a subcommittee be established to plan the display. Some names were put forward. Secretary to follow-up.
- j. Ron thanked those members who assisted at the recent BBQ. The next one is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Members volunteered to assist.
- k. Certificates for March benching were handed out.
- l. The auditor for next year was affirmed as Belinda Shalders. Thanks Belinda.
- m. Anne-Marie stated that she had been asked by Belinda if the BBOFS would be prepared to see 100 raffle tickets @ \$5.00 each for the Seaside Fair which is held in



November. The major prize list would be provided and the club would receive vouchers from the Batehaven Nursery as thanks. After some discussion it was agreed as we would be able to sell them at the shows. A vote was called for and all members present agreed.

- n. Jim Purtell then raised the issue of the tax department and Grumpy's shed and the issue of not doing a BASS statement or acknowledging the income the club receives from Grumpy's Shed. This discussion has been had previously and it went around in a circle again. The total income and assets are included in the A12 statement submitted to the Department of Fair Trading after the AGM each year. No decision was again agreed upon.

**4. RAFFLES:** Una; Maria; Dorothy x 2; Lin; Anne-Marie; Mitch; Robin; Min; Rose.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Dorothy Kauffman

**Plants of the Night and class winners** were announced. Results are in the Newsletter.

**Meeting closed 9.55pm**

**The next meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner

**Pickup and drop off times for**

**Bus trip to Orchids out West**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

I would like to request passengers to arrive 5 minutes early at pick up points so all can enjoy maximum time at the Show looking at and buying orchids, your support will be appreciated. Ron.

**Departure at 6.30am** - Moruya CWA (off Queen St.) rear car-park

**Departure time: 6:50am** Batemans Bay Bowling Club Car park facing Princess Highway

**Departure time: 7:35am** Ulladulla big pick-up bus stop opposite the Marlin Hotel.

**Departure time: 8:15am** Bewong main bus and coach stop

**Arrival time: 8:30am Departure time: 9:00am**  
Nowra South McDonalds; (02) 4422 1099

**Arrival at Destination 11:45am;** Hawkesbury Racecourse, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon  
**Estimated Departure time: 2:30pm**

**Arrival time: 5:15pm Departure time 5:45pm**  
Nowra South McDonalds

**Arrival time: 6:00pm** Bewong main bus and coach stop

**Arrival time: 6:50pm** Ulladulla big pick-up bus stop opposite the Marlin Hotel.

**Arrival time: 7:35pm** Car park at Bowling Club Batemans Bay,

**Arrival time: 8:00pm** Moruya CWA (off Queen St.) rear car-park

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club  
Beach Road, Batemans Bay

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