



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.



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APRIL 2014 Newsletter

Next Club Meeting 7.30pm Monday 7th April 2014

guest speaker for this Month is Bonnie Pallister who will give a demonstration on floral table arrangements

From the President

We are very happy to welcome Lyn and Ian Barnes as new members to our orchid club and hope they enjoy all our club events and plenty of friendship.

Our auction is coming up at our May meeting, so please start getting ready any donations of orchids and other items for this fund raising event to support our club and to help subsidise our Christmas Dinner.

We look forward to another update on general orchid care from Mitch at our next meeting

A big thank you to Eurobodalla Orchid Club for hosting the recent workshop which was very enjoyable. This was an interesting time with a variety of guest speakers at Moruya.

Please continue your support of ‘Grumpy’s Shed’ if you require any pots, potting mixture or other supplies for your orchid care.

A reminder to let Keith or Dot know if you wish to place any wanted or for sale items in the newsletter. It does not need to be only orchids.

Thank you to everyone for a good roll up at our recent meetings and I look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

Looking forward to our next “birthday bash – coffee break” at Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. for all who are able to attend.

Welcome to the Club,
New Members
Lyn & Ian Barnes

Notes from our Secretary Ron Boyd

Thanks to all the members who bought in their "Experience in Growing Cymbidium" plant Cymbidium Australian Ginger 'Bronzy' X Pywacket 'Cornflakes'

Just to add to some of the answers asked, I fertilize my Cymbidiums about every 2 to 3 weeks with Epsom Salts, (**Magnesium sulfate** (or magnesium sulphate) is an inorganic salt (chemical compound) containing magnesium, sulphur and oxygen, with the formula MgSO)

Mixed ½ to 1 level small teaspoon to about 5 lt. of water and sprinkle over the tops of the Cymbidium plants leaves, works quickly greening up the leaves, making a stronger healthy plant. (Available cheap from Harrison Rural supplies Moruya.)

Scott's Special Slow release fertilizer (From Grumpys shed)

I fertilize October long weekend, New Year's Day and St Patrick's Day (17th March) each year, I use about ¾ of a spoonful per 8 inch pot!

I usually lime over the top of the potting mix with about 1 spoonful per 8 inch pot, each October long weekend only & water in, this keeps the potting mix sweet and Ph. up.

Some members asked the question, could they add a water soluble fertilizer as an extra boost; I do not do it, mainly as I think my slow release does a good job and perhaps I am a bit lazy to do the extra work on a lot of plants! Hey, but this is what this Growing Experience is all about, try out new ideas and better ways to grow you cymbidium.

I add an activator to my plants potting mix about every 3 weeks or so, this help the microbes, good bacteria etc. in the potting mix break down the chemical fertilizers to make it more easy available to the plants roots system, I use GoGo juice made by Neutrog, available at Bunnings. You can also use Sea weed based fertilizer, Charlie Carp, Dynamic lifter or any organic based fertilizer.

Good growing and see all your plants back at the October 6th Club meeting
Ron Boyd.

Wanted, Buy, Swap & Sell

Anybody wanting to buy swap or sell? Give a call to Dorothy on 44740884.

FOR SALE

Zebra Finches.
Gouldian Finches.

Gal Fencing approx. 26m in length and 1.5m high.

Cymbidium Ruby Eyes Black Knight

Robert Fish
44 713 678





2014 AOF Essay Prize

The AOF Essay Prize is an annual writing competition, established with a generous endowment by the Slade family.

There will be three prizes –

1st	Prize	\$350.00
2nd	Prize	\$250.00
3rd	Prize	\$150.00

The Foundation invites all Australian orchid growers to consider the topic for 2014 and submit an entry. We would not only like to reward you, but we would like to hear about your ideas and experiences and benefit from them.

ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2014:

“My Favourite Orchid”

Select your favourite orchid* and tell why you have made this choice. Your favourite orchid might be your very first orchid plant or your first prize-winner. Is its shape, colour, and perfume what you find appealing? Maybe overcoming the challenges faced in the growing and flowering of your favourite orchid are particularly satisfying. Does it remind you of a special event, a holiday, a particular place, and/or person encountered in life’s journey. Additionally, you may have interests in orchid conservation or have a rare orchid in your collection. We look forward to your entry. *Orchid can refer to a single orchid, hybrid or species, or a single orchid genus.

The deadline for receipt of all entries is June 30th 2014

Send your entry:

electronically to aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au

or AOF Essay Prize P.O. Box 322, Essendon North Vic. 3041

Please include your name, address and telephone contact.

Entry Rules:

This competition is open to Australian residents only.

- The essay will be an original article, not previously published.
- The essay must be no more than 4,000 words, short essays are most welcome.
- The essay is to be in English and typewritten.
- Entries may include art work or images.
- The authors of the essays will remain undisclosed to the judges, whose decision will be final. If in the opinion of the judges, no worthy essays are received, there will be no award that year.
- Non-winning entries will be returned to the sender if requested. These entries may be submitted to the editors of Australian orchid periodicals for publication, with permission from the author.
- The winning essay will be announced at the AGM of the Foundation in October 2014
- The winning entry will be published on the AOF website and in Australian orchid periodicals.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Our April Birthday members



*Tony Groube, Michael Brown, Sue Casey
John Stubbs*

Late Acknowledgment for Birthdays in March

*Ron Boyd, Norm Kemp, Jillian Richards,
Leanda O'Conner*



Pictures from the
March Birthday
Bash at the
Botanical Gardens

Wanted to Buy

Nipper Pump, if anyone has one laying around in the shed and they no longer have a use for it I would love to buy it. Contact Leanda 44725961

Minutes for Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Soc. Club Meeting Monday 3rd March 2014

President Robert Fish opened meeting at 7.30pm

Apologies; Megan Quinlivan

New members joining the club tonight, Lin & Ian Barnes

Secretary's report, February Club meeting minutes have been circulated, moved they be accepted Secretary Ron Boyd, 2nd Phil Bailey

Incoming and Outgoing correspondence read out, moved they be accepted Ron Boyd, 2nd Tony Groube.

Treasurer Report! Treasurer Margaret Turner read out the report and copies of statement were available for members. Treasurer Margaret Turner moved they be accepted, 2nd, Dot Kauffman

GENERAL Business

Item 1; President Robert Fish reported correction of Club night dates in March Newsletter.

Item 2: President Robert Fish spoke on the Clubs annual Auction at the May 5th Club meeting, money raised will go into running the shows and Christmas party, donation of plants and items most welcome.

Item 3; Margaret Turner said if any member requires clubs T shirts, vest etc. see her so order can be placed!

Item 4; President Robert Fish explained to all members especially new members how the Bunnings BBQ days worked and how we need members to volunteer to help out for a few hours, members wishing to volunteer to see secretary Ron Boyd.

Item 5: "Orchid Growing Experience" re Cymbidium Australian Ginger 'Bronzy' X Pywacket 'Cornflakes'! Ron Boyd looked at the plants bought in tonight and explained how nice they were growing and pointed out a few needs of a few plants, answered question from the owners of these plants and hope to see them all bought back in again at the October Club meeting.

Item 6: President Robert Fish spoke on some members have raised questions on what was going to be ordered in the way of Sashes and or Rosettes for all 3 shows this year, seems to be some confusion on the ordering. Tony Groube spoke on the issue and rescinded his motion of 2013 and moved a new motion, "Grand-Champion, Reserve Champion in Open section and Champion Novice to get Rosettes and Sashes", all other champions to get only Sashes, 2nd Ron Boyd, all voted in favour, motion carried!

Item 7: President Robert Fish spoke on the need to replace some of the artificial silk flowers we use to decorate the Solders Club fountain at show time, expected costs of replacements \$200, all members voted in favour of buying the new flowers, also to check out Ikea website!

Item 8: Mitch Karnaghan spoke on what you should be doing in the orchid house this month; watering and fertilizer needs and spoke about potting on orchids this time of the year!

Item 9: Dorothy Kauffman requested on placing new stock orders for 'Grumpy's shed' as stocks were running low, request for an order to Tinonee Orchids for pallet of mixed size CoCo Nuggets, and an order with Garden City Plastics for pots, perlite, labels etc. Members voted in favour of

order being placed.

Item 10; The volunteers who did the last Bunnings BBQ'S, names going into a draw for a \$20 Bunnings voucher, Winner Sue Fish.

Item 11: Robert Pollock read out the plant of the night results.

Item 12: Lucky door prize of \$25 voucher from Batehaven Garden Plus nursery, winner Ted Richards .

Item 13: President Robert Fish drew the raffles; winners. Norm Kemp, Garry Muldoon twice, Norm Hanslow, Phil Bailey, Michael Brown twice, Leanda O'Connor, Robert Pollock, Sylvia Hawkins, Robyn Baker, Lin Barnes twice (donated to by Mitch K.) Alan Bird, Ted & Jillian Richards, Dorothy Kauffman, Sue Casey

Being no further business, President Robert Fish closed the meeting down at 9.25pm;



Ron Boyd

Secretary 7/3/2014

Men are like a fine wine. They all start out like grapes, and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something you'd want to have dinner with."

- Female Author Unknown



GRUMPY'S SHED.

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ALL profits are returned to the Orchid Club

From Bark to pots all at club members special prices



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Popular Vote Results for 3rd March 2014

Species Orchids	1 st Mitch 2 nd Rob Pollock 3 rd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Intermediate Cymbidium	Maria
Australian Native Orchid	Phil & Jill Bailey
Cattleya Orchid	Rob Pollock
Cattleya under 70mm	Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Vandaceous	1 st Robin Baker 2 nd Maria
Oncidiinae Alliance	1 st Leanda O'Conner 2 nd Robin Baker
Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 st Phil & Jill Bailey 2 nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Miscellaneous	Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Fern	1 st Rob Pollock 2 nd Rob Pollock
Foliage	1 st Rob Pollock 2 nd Rob Pollock 3 rd Phil & Jill Bailey

PLANT OF THE NIGHT
ROBIN BAKER
VANDA



Novice Popular Vote Results

CATTLEYA

1st Maureen Miller

ONCIDIINAEE ALLIANCE 1st Alan Bird

Novice Plant of the Night

Maureen Miller

CTNA DALS CAPRI "GIFT"

X

BC DALS CHARM "EBONY"



Growing Comp

DEN. ELLEN

1st Rob & Sue Fish

2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

3rd Robyn Baker

SARC

1st Rob & Sue Fish

2nd Robyn Baker



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