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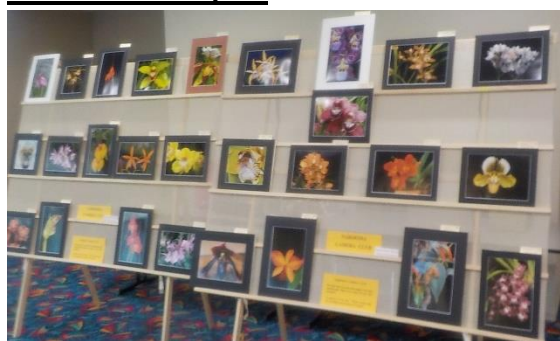
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President's Report



At **October's** meeting, we were very fortunate to have Jeanne Dunn from Victoria talk to us on *Sarcochilus* intergeneric breeding. The slide show was excellent and she gave us many tips on growing these and *Dockrillias*. Her plants sold quickly and she was generous in putting orchids on our raffle table. At our **November** meeting, we are having our **A.G.M.** and our **orchid & foliage/fern auction** [10% commission to our club, reserve can be put on the plant].

The **South and West Regional Spectacular** run by E.O.C. happened October long weekend. Well done to Leanda O'Connor and her helpers for putting up a lovely display for our club. Congratulations to Robert & Sue Fish for their stunning *Delicatum*, which was awarded the highest cultural award an orchid can receive. The plant was even bigger than it was at last year's Native Show.

The **Native Show** was on the 18th & 19th October, where we had 272 plants in the judged section or just on display. This was an outstanding number of plants. A slow start to the growing season meant many sarcs were not fully out but they still put on an excellent display. Leanda O'Connor gave us a taste of her display design from the S & W Spectacular, incorporating plants available on the day and her man made [woman made] rock wall. The bird chirped often during the 2 days. Congratulations to Robert & Sue Fish – Grand Champion Sarc and Peter & Laurina Vanest – Grand Champion Other Orchid – Open Section. Congratulations to Una Roberts – Novice Champion Sarc and Lin Barnes – Novice Champion Other Orchid. Well done to everyone who exhibited and/or helped over the 3 days.

We had a slightly different floor plan, due to part of the area being used for a dinner convention on the Thursday night. A bit of a challenge but we managed to work it out in the end. We also were lucky to have the **Narooma Photography Club** put on a display of orchid photos they had taken. Some were even from our Spring Show exhibits. They were for sale and I know a few members and the public took home at orchid they wouldn't need to water but could look at for many years. I did. ☺

I would like to thank everyone who helped at our Native Show, giving up their time, so the public can see why we are so enthusiastic about our hobby – orchid growing and pretty flowers.

Well done to Margaret Turner for her admin work, publicity expertise and multi-skills, which made my job much easier.

Well done to Ken Covington, the Vice President, for his help with the painting of the banners and putting them up, plus

pulling them down. He also did many other jobs over the weekend.

Our potting demonstrator Brian Coulton wowed the keen observers with his repotting of members' orchids. He was an excellent ambassador for our club.

Thank you to our two Assistant Show Marshals, Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube, for their tireless efforts to help the show run smoothly and keep our judges on a tight schedule. Thank you to our judges, Ted Beehag, Jeff Fulcher and Graham Gray – interesting to hear their views on the orchids benched.

Una Robert's raffle ticket selling skills are well known and appreciated. She is an excellent worker.

Thank you all members who walked the floors, answered questions, manned the door, set up or dismantled the show, sold posies, orchids and merchandise, brought in supper, morning or afternoon teas, helped during judging on Thursday evening and made hot drinks. All the above plus Robert & Sue Fish, Brian Perkins, Paula Brown, Megan Quinlivan, Judee Hunt & Ron Boyd.

Great to have our 3 sellers, Ron, Michael and Barrie – your orchids kept the people coming.

Thank you to Bill Guist, Life member, for giving of his time, manning the door, welcoming the public.

Thank you to our major sponsors, APIA, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and Bunnings – we greatly appreciate your interest in our club. ☺

We had our orchid crawl on Sunday the 22nd September, at Leanda and then Margaret's orchid houses followed by a B.B.Q. Thank you to Don for cooking it. ☺ It was great to see all their orchids and pick up an idea or two for our own orchid houses.

The following Saturday, 28th, we had the Tri-club Friendship Day at Nelligen, although there were no orchids, due to such a dry season, we enjoyed where we were, the great company and a yummy B.B.Q. . It was well cooked by Ken & Margaret. Bruce McIntosh's Pavlova was delicious. Even some fishing happened with fish caught [and released.] ☺

On the 26th of this month is our visit by the three clubs, to Paula and Michael Brown's

place, to see her orchids and a potting demonstration. Well worth the trip to Tuross Head. More details are in this newsletter.

This has been a very interesting year for me – my first time as your President. I have tried my best to motivate members, provide interesting speakers, to have opportunities for you to meet other orchid growers and promote our orchid hobby. I will be standing for President at the 2019 A.G.M. and look forward to an even better year in 2020.

I look forward to seeing many members at our November meeting, orchid & foliage/fern auction and A.G.M. – see you there. ☺

Anne-Marie Collins



This painting has been donated to Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society by Jim Chaffey and will be the major raffle for 2020. This is not a clear photo for which I apologize.

Other items

1. November is an uneven month, so those members with an uneven membership number are invited to bring a plate to share at supper. Any member can bring along a plate. The odds and evens does not have to be followed. Thanks
2. Brian Coulton is offering **Novice growers only** an opportunity to be given some of his bigger orchids as he makes room for different genera. He has asked that you ring him at home

first if you are interested in this offer. Remember Novice growers only. Home number is 44722483.

Our Next Meeting –

As it is November, it is AGM time again. You will all have received the notification and committee nomination forms. Nomination forms need to be in the hands of the secretary by 28th October. Positions not filled by nominations, can be filled from the floor. Any person nominating must have a seconder.

Benching will be as usual.

Following the AGM, an orchid and foliage auction will be held. Members are encouraged to bring plants in to support the auction. Monies raised will help support the Christmas party costs.

Christmas Party & Presentation night

This year the Christmas Party will be at the Steam Packet Hotel in Nelligen. Format for the evening will be 6pm arrival, a short meeting starting at 6.30 accepting minutes from November meeting, correspondence and financial report for November. There are also a couple of items from the committee for discussion and resolution. See committee notes. Dinner at 7pm followed by presentations etc after dinner or between main and desert courses. Cost to members will be \$10.00. Non-members pay full price of \$25.00.

Monies can be paid at November meeting or electronically to BBOFS account at Westpac. BSB 032681 A/C 191442. Names must be submitted to Anne-Marie by 20th November. Names will not be accepted until payment has been made.

The Steam Packet have offered two (2) roast meats with vegs and trimmings and choice from two (2) desserts. As usual, drinks will be at member's expense.

The Steam Packet have a courtesy bus, which they will run for us that night. However, each member needs to notify the Steam Packet that they wish to use the bus. This ensures that the hotel

knows how many people will be using the bus. This will dictate number of trips. However, there is only one pickup and drop off point, which will be at the Promenade. Members can use the Woolies carpark during the evening.

If members wish to participate in a "Secret Santa" a gift to no greater value than \$5.00 can be purchased. Members are reminded that it needs to be gender neutral.

Club Members

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

Orchids for sale

As there will be an auction, the sales table will not be functioning.

See other items for Brian Coulton's offer.

Ron will be available to help Members with any growing questions they may have.

In Your Orchid House

While the rain has been welcome, hopefully it hasn't marked flowers however, looking at the number of plants benched at the Native Show not many were damaged by it. Have the orchid houses been uncovered? Mine was prior to the Native Show. It was supposed to be done after the orchid crawl, but grandchildren visited which meant that very little of anything else was done.

This inclement weather means that we need to be vigilant for pests and diseases and that we are providing liquid fertilizer to the plants. Now that the warmer weather has also arrived, we need to be aware of what is happening with our plants.

Dates for your 2019 Diary

October 25 – 26 Shoalhaven Native Show
November 1 – 2 SCOC Native show

Visit to Michael and Paula Browns' is planned as a Tri Club activity on Saturday 26th October. Start at 10.30 with a look at Paula's sarc, morning tea at 11 followed by a potting demonstration by Barrie

McPherson at 11.30. Leave about 12md. Paula is happy for a few people who wish to have another look in the orchid house to do that after Barrie has finished. The address is 14 St Vincent Street Tuross Heads.

November

Potting on day at Leanda's particularly for Novices however, we need more experienced growers to help. It is planned for Saturday 16th November starting at 10.30. Please let either Anne-Marie or Leanda know if you are attending. Lunch and tea and coffee provided. Address is 14 Palana Cres Surfside. Phone numbers at top of newsletter.

From the Committee.

See above for information relating to activities for the rest of the year.

There were several suggestions that arose from the Native Show that are worth thinking about for 2020. These came from Peter Cordina of Apia, thank you Peter. Firstly think about asking visitors to the show where they heard about the show and what their postcode is as that will help with publicity. Secondly offer the visitors the opportunity to take part in a most popular vote for their favorite orchid. More for the grower than the visitor. Bit more paperwork with both of these but certainly worth considering.

Membership fees. After some discussion, the following motion was put and passed by all committee members. *"In 2020, the membership fees be adjusted to the following:- single members \$10.00; joint membership (2 people) \$15.00; junior membership for those under 16 years \$5.00. If members receive the newsletter by mail (not electronically) there will be a cost of \$5.00 levied to help cover the cost."*

There was also a suggestion made that we move the Native Show back a week in 2020. However, on checking with the Soldiers Club that weekend already has a booking so is not available.

There was also a discussion about another bus trip in 2020. Costs would need to be investigated and a decision made as to which show to attend. BBOFS members

would need to be prepared to use this trip as the last two trips we have organized; the majority of people on the buses were not from our club. And these trips were not cost effective for us.

Benching

Once again, not a large display of flowers but what was there were beautiful. Thank you to all who bench plants occasionally or all the time. Your efforts to display your plants is greatly appreciated.

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium > 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium < 60mm: Liz & Tony

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm: Ron Boyd

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Fern:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



BLC Rose "Suesi" Ron Boyd

Novice Section

Species: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid: Lin Barnes

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Una Roberts

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Ken Covington

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Fern: Lin Barnes

Foliage: Lin Barnes

Plant of the Night



Coelogyne Flaccida Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY Monday 7th October 2019

PRESENT: Members: 16 Apologies: 2
Visitors: 3

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 7.31pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 1st

September at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Ron Boyd. Seconded: Robert Fish
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Magazines: Orchids Australia,
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.W, OS Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c) Bank statement
- d) Information relating to EOC S & W Regional Show
- e) Gardner's Gazette
- f) OrchidWhiz update
- g) Thank you for donation from Sailability
- h) Ribbons/rosettes for Native Show

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters to club members
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Letters and schedules to Judges for our Native Show
- d) Response to Sailability for Thank you
- e) Response to Bunnings re BBQ dates – yes to 10 November & refusal for 23 December
- f) Payment for ribbons/rosettes
- g) Entry forms for EOC S & W Regional Show.

Moved: Ken Covington Seconded:
Ron Boyd Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8319.75; Income \$1425.31; Expenditure \$1021.84 (includes Spring Show); Unpresented cheques \$138.00; current balance \$8723.22.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Una Roberts
Carried

A Spring show reconciliation was also presented which indicated that it made a profit of \$385.50. Robert Fish asked why a separate reconciliation was provided when monies were identified in the monthly report. Anne-Marie explained that not all income and costs associated with the shows occur in the same month of the show. In addition, the club has always provided a separate Income/Expenses statement for the shows. Tony Groube stated that as a member, he was pleased to be made aware of the financial reconciliation for shows and if they ran at a profit or loss.

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor. Seconded:
Anne-Marie Collins Carried

3. GUEST SPEAKER Anne-Marie introduced Jeanne Dunn who proceeded to give a wonderful talk on *Sarcochilus* and their intergeneric cross breeding. Jeanne has an extensive knowledge of orchids. She and her husband live at Briagolong, which is 300 metres above sea level. She had a wonderful slide show, which included a map of the narrow corridor of native Sarcs only found along the eastern Coast of Australia. Jeanne spoke of Ira Butler who in the 1960's was considered the father of Sarc breeding. During the slide show and talk, Jeanne mentioned the Sarc *Falcatus*, which of course is our club emblem, as well as Sarc *Fitzgeraldii*, which she mentioned, must be kept wet. She also spoke freely (and rapidly) of hybridization of many plants. Jeanne stated that Sarcs should be fed liquid potash commencing in February until they stop flowering. She stated that she was happy for members to email her for further information at [jeanne.dunn\[at\]bigpond.com](mailto:jeanne.dunn[at]bigpond.com) Jeanne was thanked profusely by Anne-Marie and all members present.

Supper break

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** AGM and orchid, fern & foliage only raffle
- b. Spring Show –well done, thank you to Ken, Margaret, Leanda, Megan, Paula, Brian C., Ron, Graham J., Brian P., Liz & Tony, Una, our judges, vendors, exhibitors, public, APIA, Bunnings, B.B. Soldiers Club and all who bought from our club table. Plus anyone else who helped that I may have forgotten as the show on the weekend has clouded my memory of our show last month.
- c. Native Show – banners painted/up – thank you Ken for all your work on this. Thank you Robert/Sue, Dot and Karen for putting your area banner up so quickly. Thank you also to Apia for the new banners they have provided. Similar ones have been provided to EOC which were up at their recent S & W Regional Show and looked good. Ribbons are here. We are set for our last show of the year. We need helpers on the Thursday set up and over the show 2 days. Around lunchtime, we need people to cover those off at lunch. Leanda will be showing everyone a taste of her weekend's display.
- d. BUNNINGS Spring into Spring event - early September, advertised our Spring show plus E.O.C. Spectacular & Floral Art Exhibition. This went well and we received a \$100 voucher – some was used to buy floral art kit making equipment. Thank you to those who came and helped the president– Megan, Leanda and Ken.
- e. Orchid crawl 22nd September – lots to see and a lovely B.B.Q. - a friendly event. Thank you to Margaret's brother Don, for cooking the B.B.Q. My apologies to Robert & Sue Fish, who were asked in January if they would be part of our orchid crawl and the date was set to best see their phallies. Over the

months, I forgot and the committee did not remember exactly who was doing the orchid crawl. It was our loss and I apologise. I hope that 2020 will have less problems.

- f. 3 Club Friendship Day – Nelligen 28th September – no orchids but a good roll up from the 3 clubs. Lovely Pavlova from Bruce. Thank you to Margaret and Ken for cooking. Hoping to have more combined events next year.
- g. Paula's open house to show off her Sarcs. is on Saturday, October 26th – 10:30 to look through her orchids houses. 11am morning tea. 11:30 potting demonstration – speciosum, then off home or have lunch at Tuross Head. Information will be in the newsletter
- h. E.O.C. Orchid Spectacular & Floral Art Exhibition plus our club display – excellent work by Leanda and her helpers. ***Special mention to Robert & Sue Fish whose Den. Delicatum "Lorelai" received the highest possible cultural award. According to Robert, there were 4653 flowers on the plant. Congratulations.*** Thank you Ken for helping to put it up and pull it down. Your efforts both days were greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who volunteered their plants – Una, Lin, AMC, Robert & Sue Fish, Ken, Leanda and Margaret. The Spectacular was excellent – so many displays, orchids and buying opportunities [definitely spent the rent]. The Floral Art Exhibition also went well and our club was well represented. Grand Champion exhibit was made by Anne-Marie not that she told us Una did. Congratulations Anne-Marie.
- i. November is our A.G.M. and notification and committee nomination forms will be sent out shortly. It is also our orchid, fern and foliage auction. President requested that fern and foliage be added to this auction as it is part of our club and those members present agreed. 10% commission to the club

- j. Christmas Party is Monday 2nd December at Steam Packet Hotel. Courtesy bus is available. See newsletter for further information. Members pay \$10 for the meal. Club pays the rest. 2 roast meats/veg/trimmings and choice from 2 desserts. Our presentation night. Christmas raffle. Bring along a flowering orchid to go into a display. It was proposed and carried that we have a "Secret Santa" to the value of \$5.00 and must be gender neutral.
- k. Following the South & West Regional Show last weekend, photos are available on Facebook, Narooma Photo Club website or on Bay Post website which will be a subscription. Narooma may be displaying their photos again at our Native Show. These will be available to purchase.
- l. Coffee club will be Thursday 10th October rather than the 17th as that is Native Show setup day. Botanical gardens from 2pm to 4pm. Come and join us.
- m. Ken asked for volunteers for the BBQ on the 10th November. Anne-Marie, Una, Ken, Leanda responded. Margaret will be in New Zealand. A couple more still needed remembering that we need to be there until 4pm.

5. RAFFLES: Leanda, Megan, Liz, Ken, Robert x 2, Ron, Lin and Leanda.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Robert & Sue Fish

Plant of the Night winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.

Meeting closed 9.46pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th November

Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay.

A/Secretary Ken Covington



Grand Champion Sarc Bonanza “Big Pat” x Sweetheart “Speckles” HCC/AOC Robert & Sue Fish



Champion Novice Sarc Hartmannii – Una Roberts



Grand Champion Sarc Bonanza “Big Pat” x Sweetheart “Speckles” HCC/AOC Robert & Sue Fish



Grand Champion Any other Orchid. Masd. Funky “Black Bart” Peter & Laurina Vanest



**Champion Novice Any other Orchid
Dockrillia Shoalhaven "Southern Side"
Lin Barnes,**



Some of the 272 plants benched at the Native Show



Display at native Show



Narooma Camera Club displayed some of the photos that were taken at our Spring Show as well as the South & West Regional Show at Moruya.



Multi prizes at Show. We appreciate support from Bunnings for some of these prizes.



Some of the large display of ferns and foliage that were benched.

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