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Newsletter – October 2019

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President's Report



At **September's** meeting, we were very fortunate to have two very experienced and knowledgeable growers from Tuross Head. **Jean Swindley** spoke on **Dockrillia** and **Gordon Marion** entertained us with his take on growing **Cattleyas**. They were both excellent. I know those who were there were very impressed with their talks and the orchids they brought for us to look at. The white cattleya was stunning. At our **October** meeting, we are very lucky to have **Jeanne Dunn**, very well-known orchid grower from Victoria. She will be talking on **Sarcochilus intergeneric breeding**, plus she will have some plants for sale.

Our **workshop, at Bunnings**, on Thursday, the 29TH August, went very well. Our members were very active and we had an enjoyable time. Our Spring Show was well publicised, plus we received a voucher, for our efforts.

The Spring Show was on the 6th & 7th September, where we had just under 200 plants in the judged section or just on display. This is very good as the growing season has been quite difficult. The display was on the theme "By the Sea" and Leanda O'Connor did an excellent job with it. We are all looking forward to the October long weekend, to put on our club display, at the E.O.C. Orchid Spectacular.

We tried out a slightly different floor plan and as a result, received many compliments on the ease of movement around the orchid benches and sales tables. The area was open and allowed the public to easily see all the outstanding orchids that were benched.

Our new feature, of the continuous slide show, featuring orchids, many from benching at our meetings, was received very well.

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

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. We also painted the yellow boards with "free entry" in red, to inform the public of this important detail. He did a multitude of jobs over the weekend.

Our potting demonstrator Brian Coulton wowed the keen observers with his repotting of many 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 Peter Stubbs and Graham Gray – interesting to hear their views on the orchids benched.

Una Robert's raffle ticket selling skills are well known and appreciated. The posy making women, Leanda O'Connor, Megan Quinlivan and A.M. did a stunning job. I hope they are looking forward to the Floral Art Exhibition and readying their entries for this event. It is being held in conjunction with the E.O.C. Orchid Spectacular, October long weekend.

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

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 Graham Jackson, Robert & Sue Fish, Brian Perkins, Ron Boyd & Lin Barnes.

Great to have our 4 sellers, John, Ron, Michael and Barrie – your orchids kept the people coming.

Thank you to Auntie O, who helped on the sales table and Bill Guist for giving of his time, on 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.

Well done to all exhibitors for benching, as we have had quite a disturbed growing season this year. Our Grand Champion was owned by Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, Reserve Champion by Ron Boyd and Champion Novice was Allan Boon. Most Successful Exhibitor Open was Robert & Sue Fish and Most Successful Exhibitor Novice was Lin Barnes. Well done to you all. 😊

We are having our orchid crawl on Sunday the 22nd September, at Leanda and then Margaret's orchid houses to be followed by a b.b.q. The following Saturday, 28th, we are having the Tri-club Friendship Day at Nelligen, with an orchid walk and a b.b.q. to follow. I am looking forward to both of these events.

October is also a busy month with our Native Show on the 18th & 19th plus on the 26th is our visit of the three clubs, to Paula and Michael Brown's place, to see her orchids and a speciosum potting demonstration. Well worth the trip to Tuross Head.

I look forward to seeing many members at our October meeting - see you there. 😊

Anne-Marie Collins



Display at Spring Show



Ribbons & trophies prior to presentations

Other items

1. October is an even month, so those members with an even membership number are requested 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. Bases of soft drink bottles: while we understand that members are now able to get a small return on the 1.25L soft drink bottles, it would be appreciated if a few might find their way back to the club for the posy making members. At the last two (2) shows between 60 and 80 bases were used for each event. This is a lot of bases, so your assistance at collecting them is appreciated. They are also used when doing displays at Bunnings for example. This would take the number used over that time period to about 200. Thanks for your assistance with the collection of these bases.
3. My apologies but I have not completed the page of champion plants prior to printing this newsletter, so will do for the next one.

South and West Regional Show

The EOC will be running the Regional Show on 5th & 6th October 2019. It will be held in Moruya at the Basketball Stadium and the theme is "Nature's Way". The schedules for both the show and the floral art section can be found at

<https://eurobodallaorchidclub.webs.com/> or <https://eocregionalshow.webs.com/> and follow the links. The entry forms are at the end of each of the schedules. I have included an orchid entry form with this newsletter.

Members need to contact Secretary Margaret with a completed entry form to obtain exhibitor numbers no later than 12md on Wednesday 2nd October. This will give Margaret time to allocate numbers and send information to EOC. Any changes to the entry form can be given to the Show Marshall when benching on set up day. BBOFS will have plant labels and forks available at benching for our members to use. The form can be sent electronically or information phoned thru to me on number at the top of first page.

BBOFS is asking members for permission to use some plants in the display that we are planning to put on.

Our Next Meeting –

Jeanne Dunne will be our speaker at the October meeting. Her topic will be *Sarcochilus* intergeneric hybrids She will also be benching and attending the EOC Spectacular.

Club Members

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

Orchids for sale

Remember that any Member can put orchids on the table for sale at the meetings. Native orchids can be sold at club meetings without the license number. Jeannie will have some plants for sale, so the club sales table will not be running.

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

In Your Orchid House

This crazy weather continues to plague us. The rain we have had this last week has been very welcome (43mls at Long Beach). A bit more in a week or so would make it

better. Rain water tanks have been filling up which is good.

Did you get any plants repotted after the Spring Show? I have been threatening to do some of mine for some time, which was done over the weekend. The orchid house was sorted out in preparation for members to come and visit this weekend.

Also checked pots, nametags and state of the plants as I picked them up and moved them around. They also got both a liquid and pelletised fertilizer. All a good start, now just have to continue to get things done.

From the committee

1. Native show planning was finalised. Members to bring in food to share for supper Thursday evening and morning and afternoon teas would be appreciated.
2. BBOFS supplying food for orchid crawl and Friendship day. Please let Margaret or Anne-Marie know if you are attending. There will be a lucky door prize at the orchid crawl.
3. Our club will supply forks and tags for entry plants at EOC Spectacular. See elsewhere in newsletter.
4. A "thank you" from Sailability for donation was received.
5. Christmas function coming together. More at general meeting. A secret Santa will also be held.
6. AGM will be at the November meeting. Nomination forms for all positions will be included with next newsletter.
7. Anne-Marie has started planning speakers for 2020.

Dates for your 2019 Diary

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

November

Repotting day at Leanda's particularly for Novices however, we need more experienced growers to help. It is planned for early November. More information next month.

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: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium > 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: Matt Janjak

Cymbidium < 60mm: Liz & Tony

Aust Native Orchid: Paula Brown

Laeliinae >70mm: Matt Janjak

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling: Robert & Sue Fish

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Margaret

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Den. Ivory Deep Orange Lynette Banks x
Spec Curv Apricot Surprise Paula Brown

Novice Section

Species: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium < 60mm: Una Roberts

Australian Native Orchid: Una Roberts

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern:

Foliage: Lin Barnes

Plant of the Night



Den Gillieston Jaz x Spec var spec.
Windermere Lin Barnes

**BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND
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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB;
BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY
Monday 2nd September 2019**

PRESENT: Members: 21 Apologies: 1
Visitors: 2

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting
at 7.30pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last
General Meeting held on Monday 5th
August at the Soldiers Club Beach Road
Batemans Bay having been circulated as a
true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner 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, Shoalhaven;
EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith
Districts OS
- c) Bank statement
- d) ANOS information relating to
Auction
- e) Earth to Joy email regarding plant
purchase & their negative response
- f) Contact with Royale Nursery
regarding plant purchase and their
positive response
- g) Dates for Bunnings BBQ –
November 10th accepted &
December 23rd – refused
- h) President's email to President of
EOC & MUOS regarding Friendship
day at Nelligan.
- i) Email to Bunning regarding raffle
goods for Show & Anne-Marie to
collect.

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid
clubs
- c) Letters and schedules to Judges for
Spring Show
- d) Publicity to Bay Post, Beagle, radio
stations, & on Facebook

Moved: Margaret
Turner Seconded: Una Roberts
Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8,952.04; Income \$67.71 Expenditure \$700.00; no unrepresented cheques; closing balance \$8319.75 plus term deposit, floats and vouchers.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

3. GUEST SPEAKERS: Jean Swindley: spoke about her ongoing passion for Dockrillias. She stated that they are not difficult to grow. They require some humidity, prefer to be mounted and of course water and fertilizer. When the plants are mounted, regular watering and fertilizing are required. The fertilizer should be very weak, about ¼ strength, but use often. Jean spoke about the different mounts she has used for these plants. They include hardwood fence pailings, tree fern and pine bark that all work very well. However, cork and treated pine the plants do not do as well on. Jean said that she has deflasked some Docks and has had flowers of different colours from the same flask, so they are not always what you expect. When asked if she deflasks straight onto mounts, she stated it depended on the size of the plant. If only small will use a compots with spag moss until plants more established. She gets her flasks mainly from DUNO and Jeannie Dunn.

Gordon Marion spoke about cattleyas. When dividing these plants need to leave about four (4) canes. Repotting should be done when new growth is seen on the plants. These plants like some humidity, big bark. Don't let these plants get over grown as they become very unruly which make them very hard to control. If the bulbs are starting to rot, they have had too much water or need more humidity. These plants can be

revived if you have a hot house. If not, place plant in a plastic bag with spag moss until new roots appear then repot. Gordon uses a hydroponic mix of equal parts of jumbo perlite, granulated grow wool and chopped up food grade polystyrene. Remember to try different things if plants are not growing well. He also told us that if you want to grow a cattleya as a specimen plant, to get one that clumps.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting:** will be after the EOC spectacular on 7th October with Jeannie Dunn as guest speaker.
- b. Spring Show - general set up, publicity Margaret & AMC have done, banners Ken & AMC have updated and hung them, trophies & sashes are on hand, boards now have " free entry" in red, John, Barrie, Ron, Michael – sales tables, posies Tuesday & Wednesday, Up on site – show materials , floor plan handed in.
- c. BUNNINGS Father's Day event display – August 29th to publicise Spring Show. + \$50 voucher went well
- d. Orchid crawl 22nd September – in newsletter start at Leanda's then to Margaret's for BBQ lunch
- e. Spring spectacular at Bunnings on Saturday 21st from 11.30 – 2pm
- f. Graham Jackson also has a Dendrobium workshop on Saturday 21st
- g. Three club Friendship day at Nelligan Saturday 28th – information in the newsletter. BBOFS will be providing BBQ foods.
- h. EOC Orchid Spectacular and Floral Art Display is on 5th & 6th October. This will include a display from our club and members are reminded that Leanda will need plants for this display. Royale Orchids and Earth to Joy are vendors. If displaying plants BBOFS members need to let Secretary Margaret know types and

numbers of plants they will be entering.(see newsletter for further information).

- i. There are three (3) 44 gallon drums at Bill & Joy's old home that the new owners wish to get rid of and have asked if anyone would like them. They need to be collected from Bills place. Contact Leanda for further information.

5. RAFFLES: Leanda, Bec, Brian P, Gordon, Una x 2, Anne-Marie, Ken, Paula and Robert F.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Ron Boyd

Plant of the Night certificates for July and August were distributed.

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

Meeting closed 9.40pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th October

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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