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**President's Report**



At **August's** meeting, we had **Joycie** from Joycie's Florist, and her demonstration plus talk on floral art were excellent. We saw how to make table arrangements and a corsage. 😊

Our speaker for the **September** meeting **Alan Stephenson** is unable to come but we are very lucky to have **Jean Swindley** and **Gordon Marion**, come from Tuross Head. They are both very capable, experienced growers. Gordon will be talking about **cattleyas** and Jean will be speaking on **dockrillias**. We look forward to learning more about these topics.

We have been given the opportunity, to be a part of the **Bunning's Father's Day Event** on Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> August. This will give us the chance to publicise our Spring Show.

The **Spring Show** will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> till 7<sup>th</sup> **September** and we would like to see members coming along, showing their orchids and joining in. We can always use your help. 😊

You would have seen on our events calendar that we are having an **orchid house visit** on **Sunday** the 22<sup>nd</sup> of **September**. We are meeting at **Leanda's** place at 11 am for a look through her orchid houses then travelling on to **Margaret's** place to check out her orchid growing areas. This will be followed by a **free b.b.q.** You will need to **bring a chair and your drink**. Please let Margaret know that you are coming by the **Wednesday** before. It should be a good time and a chance to pick up ideas.

At our Committee Meeting details for the **Friendship Day** were sorted. On **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>**, we are meeting up with members from Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society and Eurobodalla Orchid Club to go for a walk through **Nelligen** to see the native orchids. Meet at the public b.b.q.s – 11:30 am, we will then leave at 11:45 am to drive and park near the cemetery. Here Leanda will lead us to the places she has observed native orchids. Following this walk, we will drive back and have our **free b.b.q.** You will need to **bring a seat and your own drinks** [b.b.q. is sausages, bread, onions and condiments]. Come chat about orchids, make new friends and renew old friendships. Please let Margaret know if you are coming for catering purposes by **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**.

Don't forget, the third Thursday of the month is our **Coffee Club** at the **Botanical Gardens** [2pm] – come along and chat with others, who are interested in orchids. You can enjoy the cafe's delights and watch the wildlife, in the peaceful surroundings.

Now that the weather is warming up, I look forward to seeing many members at our September meeting - see you there. ☺

Anne-Marie



### Other items

1. **URGENT REQUEST** to collect the bases of 1.25L soft drink bottles for posie making for the Spring Show. Margaret is happy to collect either the bases (bottom 20cm) or the whole bottle each month at the general meeting. Your assistance with this is appreciated.
  2. September is an uneven month, so those members with an uneven 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. See Committee notes.
- Thanks

### South and West Regional Show

The EOC will be running the Regional Show on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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://eocregionalsow.webs.com/> and follow the links.

### Our Next Meeting –

We had hoped to have Alan Stephenson as our speaker for this month. Unfortunately, Alan is not well enough to travel and present talks anymore. However, we have co-opted two (2) very experienced growers from Eurobodalla Orchid Club to speak to us. Jean Swindley will be speaking on Dockrillias and Gordon Marion will speak on Cattleyas. Our thanks to both of you for stepping in.

### 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 and all the other things now required when selling natives. The sales table will run at the September meeting.

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. I think we are all wishing for some rain. The wind dries out our plants fairly quickly so it is hard to say water weekly or should that be every three to four days. Checking regularly and watering as required is a better management plan. Our flowering plants like Dendrobiums will certainly need more water and some fertiliser probably at half strength.

The weather also brings out the bugs, so keep a close watch on what is happening in your orchid house and spray as necessary. I have also been seeing lots of snails and slugs, so some snail and slug pellets of some type would be useful around the plants and on the ground. Keeping genre and pot sizes together is helpful to be able to manage your collection

1. Spring show planning was finalised at this meeting.
2. The schedule for the Native Show is included with this newsletter.
3. Two activities for September were finalised. An orchid crawl on the north side of the bridge, starting at Leanda O'Connor's and finishing with a club supplied BBQ lunch at Margaret Turner's. Addresses in other parts of the newsletter.
4. The other is the Tri-club friendship day at Nelligen. The committee also voted that BBOFS would provide the wherewithal for the BBQ. **Please let Anne-Marie or Margaret know if you intend coming to this activity by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. More details elsewhere in the newsletter.**
5. There was a general discussion relating to the supper provided by members. Sometimes this is a bit light on and it has been commented on prior to this meeting as well as at this meeting. It was decided that the club would ensure there were back up packets of biscuits available if members have not provided a range of food options.
6. Leanda has reminded members that we require at least 25 orchids in flower for the display at EOC Orchid Spectacular in October. Please keep this in mind.
7. At the July general meeting, it was suggested that as Leanda is looking after cymbidiums for the club, the flowers of which will be used for posie making, that the club members help repot them. It was further suggested that the Novice growers would particularly benefit from this activity. Therefore, it was agreed that a repotting day would be held on the first weekend in November.

when it comes to making decisions relating to water, fertiliser or repotting. Cymbids may be finishing flowering about now, so if they need repotting now is a good time to do that.

### **Dates for your 2019 Diary**

August 24 – 25 EOC Spring Show  
 August 30– 1 September Shoalhaven Spring show  
 September 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> BBOFS Spring show  
 September 19 – 20 SCOC Spring show Bega Valley Commemorative Centre Bega  
 October 5 - 6 Eurobodalla Orchid Spectacular  
 October 11-13 Southern Orchid Spectacular, Sutherland  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> BBOFS Native Show  
 October 25 – 26 Shoalhaven Native Show  
 November 1 – 2 SCOC Native show

### **September**

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Orchid crawl start at Leanda O'Connor at 19 Palana St Surfside from 11am then to Margaret Turner 102 Litchfield Cres Long Beach for BBQ lunch.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Tri-club friendship day at Nelligen starting at 11.30 at the BBQ area before a walk around the cemetery guided by Leanda with BBQ lunch provided by BBOFS.

### **November**

Repotting day at Leanda's particularly for Novices however all are invited to help. See Committee notes.

### **From the Committee**

See to the left

### **Benching**

While there were not as many plants on the bench this month, the flowers were beautiful and the members had a hard time choosing the plant of the night in the Open section. Some of the members who normally bench in the Novice section were not present.



**Open Section**

**Species:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium > 90mm:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:** Margaret Turner

**Cymbidium < 60mm:** Matt Janjak

**Aust Native Orchid:** Matt Janjak

**Laeliinae >70mm:** Brian Coulton

**Laeliinae <70mm:** Matt Janjak

**Paphiopedilum:** Ron Boyd

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Brian Coulton

**Seedling:** Brian Coulton

**Miscellaneous:** Tony & Liz

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night**



Cymbid Spark Spito "Sparksy" Matt Janjak

**Novice Section**

**Species:**

**Cymbidium > 90mm:** Una Roberts

**Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:** Ken Covington

**Cymbidium < 60mm:** Una Roberts

**Australian Native Orchid:** Hilary Coulton

**Laeliinae > 70cm:**

**Laeliinae < 70cm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:**

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night (tie again)**



Cymbid "Death Wish" Una Roberts



Cymbid "Konalta Park Tennyson" Ken Covington

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**PRESENT:** Members: 17 Apologies: 1  
Visitors: 1

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

**MINUTES:** accept that the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner. Seconded: Brian Coulton  
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.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c) SCOC Spring show schedule
- d) Bank statement
- e) Flyers for Melbourne Spectacular 23,24,25 August
- f) AOC Combined Director Liability Insurance request for information sheet.
- g) Email from Brian Coulton regarding an orchid (to be put in the newsletter)

#### **Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Robert Fish  
Carried

### **2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$29,649.68; Expenditure \$22,238.50, includes \$20,000 which was transferred into an interest bearing deposit (IBD). Income \$1,540.86. Both these amounts include reconciliation from the Winter Show, which provided BBOFS with a profit of \$579.60. Vouchers to the value of \$200 are still available. Total fiscal amount is

\$28,487.04. There was a discussion as to whether or not the monies transferred to the Interest Bearing Deposit (IBD) should have been included in the expenditure column. However, in future it will be included at the bottom of the statement provided to the members.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Tony Groube  
Carried

Permission to pay outstanding accounts.  
*This was not requested from the members.*

### **3. Guest Speaker Joycie Neilson from Joycies flowers showing members how to do Floral Art.**

Joycie explained that although she owns a florist, all the items used in tonight's presentation had come from her garden with Leanda providing the orchid spikes.

Joycie showed and talked through making three (3) items:- dining table decoration, corsage and a table against a wall decoration.

She made the wall decoration first. It was in a white ceramic pot full of oasis. The amount of foliage/flowers in the pot would depend on the size of the pot but ensure the oasis is covered. The size of the base will also dictate height of the display. Some items of foliage better suit some types of displays. Always try to put a shine on the foliage by wiping any dust or impurities from it. Also, ensure that all items used in a display are perfect, that is no imperfections of any sort. One can use wire or hairpins to keep foliage secure in the display.

When making a corsage or buttonhole always wire the orchids first. Florists always work with a triangle shape so never have four (4) flowers. Work surrounding foliage

to support flower display but not overwhelm it. Always cover the wire from the flowers and foliage with tape after putting on the backing leaf. Leaving bare wire doesn't look good and when it is covered it is more comfortable for the wearer.

A corsage always goes down and a buttonhole goes up and are always worn on the left side.

The table decoration should have enough flowers and small amount of foliage to make it look round. Ensure box or whatever is used is protected in case of water spills from the container being used to hold the oasis. When using orchid flowers in this type of arrangement, the foliage should not overwhelm the flowers.

Josie left the three items (see photo at start of President's report) with the club. Both the table decorations were included with the raffle with Leanda and Margaret winning one each and the corsage was presented to the lucky member number winner which was Robert and Sue Fish.

Supper break 8.10pm

Return 8.30pm

### 3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Alan Stephenson TBC (see presidents' report and next meeting elsewhere in newsletter)
- b. Winter Show – went well. Friendly show, good roll up of helpers but more would be nice, especially over lunchtime. Thank you to Assistant Show Marshals and Committee. Thank you to Mitch & Brian for potting demos, Robert & Sue Fish for making Saturday easier with their help, posy makers, Una on the raffle table, Brian & Ken doormen, supper suppliers. Charity

presentation went well. Well done to Rebecca for helping at the judging – good way for Novices to learn about what happens on judging night. Thank you to all the members who sponsored prize money – much appreciated. The numbers through the door were good on both days – 272 on Friday and 476 all together, however, there are still people who attend who do not fill in a lucky door prize card so these are not true figures. The donation box was down however the raffle sales were up.

Previous Winter Show results:-  
**2016 LOSS** of \$458.77: **2017 LOSS** of \$227.22 [ <\$231.55 on previous year]; **2018 PROFIT** \$227.35 [^ \$454.57] prize money was decreased; **2019 PROFIT** \$579.60 [^ \$352.25] more prize money was on offer particularly in the Novice sections. There was an increase in posies sales, raffle and table hire income, also having two [2] judges not three [3] and decreased costs of ribbons and trophies, helped increase the profit.

- c. BUNNINGS workshop – July 6th to publicise Winter Show. Went well. Coffee vouchers were received. A bonus and unexpected, as we did it for our benefit.
- d. Repotting of posy cymbidiums. 3 bags Debco mix bought for Leanda to do this. \$45. There was a discussion about these cymbids in relation to into what, when and how they would be repotted. Leanda explained that she would repot them after they had finished flowering into a mix of bark, perlite and scoria. It was suggested that a Novice workshop be conducted as part of this repotting to show Novice growers how to repot, pot on or divide cymbids. This was accepted and Leanda and Anne-Marie will liaise to let novices know a time and date for later in the year. Leanda stated that there were probably

- about 100 plants and so far she has had about 20 spikes with more to come.
- e. Anne-Marie reminded members that John Stubbs sells Debco orchid mix and could bring it to the Spring show if members want it. Please let Anne-Marie know if you would like John to bring some up for you.
  - f. Thank you to Ken for chairing the July committee meeting while I was at the hospital emergency.
  - g. Spring show, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER -we have one member sponsor already. Banners need to be up dated and rope added/up graded on some, which Anne-Marie and Ken will do. We need more helpers, especially over lunchtime.
  - h. A question was asked about consideration of putting the championship prize monies back up to where they were a couple of years ago as the club is maintaining its financial security. The reason behind the decision to reduce them was explained again. After some discussion, Robert Fish put the motion that "in 2020, the prize monies for the champions at the three shows be returned to the previous amounts". Seconded by Sue Fish. After further discussion, a vote was called. On a show of hands, there were 9 for the motion and 8 against, therefore the motion was carried.
  - i. Ron received a phone call from Dorothy about the banner. She wanted the one she used to get as it fitted better. Anne-Marie said that she had discussed this with Dorothy when picking up the Mogo banners and she would look into it.
  - j. Michael asked if any decision had been made about the end of year (Christmas) function. Anne-Marie explained that she and Margaret were collecting menus and prices.

Michael then asked if any consideration was being given to the meal being free. Anne-Marie explained that at this point, it had not. However, she also pointed out that on average the numbers who attended the dinner did not reflect the numbers who attended meetings and helped the club functions like the shows and the BBQs. She stated it would be good to have some more active members to share the load at these type of activities.

- k. Mitch then asked about the process for nominating a member for life membership. Anne-Marie explained that any member who wishes to nominate another member for life membership should write to the committee asking that member to be considered for life membership. This request should include reasons for nomination and the proposer and seconds signature. This ensures adequate information is provided and if more is required can be obtained from the nominator or seconder. This application is then brought to the general membership for voting on.

3. **RAFFLES:** Margaret x 2, Liz x 2, Robert x 2; Ken, Megan, Hilary, Leanda.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Sue and Robert Fish

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

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**The next meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner



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