



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter - September 2016

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President's Message

Hello fellow members. Welcome to the next club meeting on Monday 5 September 2016. We are currently being spoilt with quality information on growing orchids from 2 very good growers, I do hope you have picked up a few good ideas.

At our next club meeting the guest speaker is David Gynn of Sequoia Cymbidiums. David will be speaking about breeding of Native Cymbidiums and crossing to miniature cymbidiums & how they grow, flower and fertilizer usage. Check out his face book site for some of his flowering beauties.

<https://www.facebook.com/Sequoia-Cymbidiums-432093980175953/>

At the August 1st Club meeting Phil Grech gave a very informative talk on how he grows his orchids with cow manure tea additive. One product Phil spoke highly of using in his organic feed program was the use of Organic Life fertilizers, check out this website for further information http://tff.com.au/images/product_information_guides/terrafirma_product_info_organic_life.pdf

This product is now in stock at Harrison Rural Supplies 89 Queen St Moruya (02) 4474 3269.

For those who have problems in working out whether to water your orchids then apply liquid fertilizer or just apply the liquid fertilizer with the first watering and water the plants when nearly dry, very nice article in Orchids Australia August edition 2016 on page 22-23, by Dr Noel Grundon,

Margaret has summarised this later in the newsletter.

The Spring Show is only a few weeks away now, time to look after your plants and start setting them up for the Spring Show. Remember to stake early so the flowers are looking upright.

Again it would be good to have helpers to set up and take down the Spring Show. If you can assist please let a committee member know.

Best of luck to you all on the Champion's Table.

See you all at the September meeting.

Ron Boyd

President



Thank you to Maria for the flowers and to Leanda, Lin, Anne-Maree and Megan for making the posies.

Our last meeting.

Phil Grech from Bainsdale spoke about growing his orchids – mainly dendrobiums organically. He spoke about watering, fertilising, crossing and breeding as well as the environment. See minutes for further information.

Following Phil's talk I went onto the website that he recommended and with this newsletter have attached the information regarding the fertilizers. The Organic Life fertilizer has both soft rock phosphate and Zeolite which is what plants would get if using Bainsdale Granite.

A member also visited Moruya Garden and Yard Supplies asking about Bainsdale granite. I was contacted by Danielle the office manager about this request as she had investigated purchasing some. However, to do this a truck and dog would need to be used. This amounts to 13 tons which would be \$95 per ton. We would need to purchase at least 9 ton of that straight away but

**Happy Birthday for September:
Bill, Michael, Norm, Mitch, Laurine &
Yvonne,
& any others who have a birthday this month.**

Danielle did think it may be able to be stored in their yard. The committee felt that this is not a viable proposition.

Our next meeting:

David Gynn will be speaking about growing and breeding small cymbidiums. See presidents report for further information

Club Program: Remember to speak with Leanda if you would like to go to a workshop with John Stubbs at Brogo.

It is also time to start thinking about where we would like to have our annual Christmas dinner. The committee had a discussion this week and we will be presenting options for you at the next meeting. If you have any suggestions, please let Margaret know so that she can follow up prior to the next meeting.

Dates for Spring Show Thursday 8th September set up from 12noon, show open to public Friday 9th & Saturday 10th September.

Native Show Thursday 20th October set up from 12noon; show open to public Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd October. Assistance with setting up and take down would be appreciated.

Dates for your Diaries

September 8 – 10 BBOFS Spring Show

September 22 - 23 Sapphire Spring Show

September 24 – 25 Milton/Ulladulla Spring Show

September 24 – 25 Canberra Spring Show

October 7 - 9 Southern Orchid Spectacular

October 20 – 22 BBOFS Native Show

October 24 – 25 Sapphire Native Show

If you are interested in all the NSW shows, a list can be found on the Orchid Society of NSW at

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.

In your orchid house:

Dr Noel Grudon in Orchids Australia magazine writes about the advice of “water first and fertilize second”. He asks if it is fact, fable or a furphy. He cites several research reports that show how roots of different genera of orchids take up water and fertilizers. His take home messages are:-

1. roots of mounted epiphytic orchids are fully saturated within 60 secs
2. water evaporated slowly from the velamen
3. the velamen absorbs and stores both positively and negatively charged ions
4. if you wish to get mineral nutrients into the roots, apply mineral nutrients with every watering as a weak solution of inorganic fertilizer
5. even if you apply the “weekly weakly” routine it is a good idea to flush the growing medium every 2 – 3 months to remove any buildup of unused salts in the media.

Don't forget the website:

www.batemansbayofs.weebly.com and the
[Facebook page at
https://www.facebook.com/bbofs/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/bbofs/?fref=ts)

Benching

There was a good display of plants offered in both the Novice and Open sections. It was good to see the Novices with plants on the table.

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium over 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium under 60mm: Brian Coulton

Australian Native Orchid: Liz & Tony

Laeliinae under 70mm:

Laeliinae over 70mm: Brian Coulton

Vandaceous: Rob & Sue Fish

Paphiopedilum:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Liz & Tony

Seedling: Liz & Tony

Miscellaneous:

Foliage: Rob & Sue Fish

Fern: Rob & Sue Fish

Plant of the Night



Laeliinae Mona Pink Hiromi Brian Coulton

Novice Section

Species: Dorothy Kauffman

Cymbidium over 90mm: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium under 60mm: Alan Bird

Australian Native Orchid: Margaret Turner

Laeliinae under 70cm:

Laeliinae over 70cm:

Vandaceous:

Paphiopedilum:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Miscellaneous:

Fern:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



**Dendrobium Hilda Poxen x (Valley Delight)
Margaret Turner**

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB;
BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY
Monday 1st August 2016**

PRESENT: Members: 26 Apologies: 3
Visitors: 2

President Ron opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for coming and invited Phil Grech from Bainsdale to tell us about his orchid collection and how he manages fertilizing, pest control and the environment.

Phil showed a number of slides of native dendrobiums, some of which he has grown, and or crossed, registered and has received awards for. As he showed these slides he spoke about growing mix, fertilizers and conditions. Phil stressed that he grows his orchids organically; he does not use chemical fertilizers.

Phil stated that the dendrobiums he grows don't have any back canes as all canes have leaves on them.

He suggested that members check the following website for "Organic Life" at www.tff.com.au

Phil recommends that a variety of fertilizers be used so that the plants get a variety – like us with food. Phil uses cow & horse manure. He makes them into "soup" using a nylon curtain material about 15 inches wide and about a meter long. He places this bag into a 200 litre drum, leaves for 2 weeks prior to use, than dilutes using 20 litres of mix into another 200 litre drum of plain water. Then replaces that 20 litres in the original drum and as the strength decreases the dilution decreases in the second drum. Phil uses his mixture of calcium nitrate (tubs were available for sale at the meeting) annually.

Ph is maintained at between 5.5 & 6.

Phil also uses Bainsdale granite in his potting mix. This is decomposing granite which helps with minerals for his orchids. Unfortunately this is only available in trailer loads, however if members wish to try this mixture, please contact Phil. His phone number is on the top of the information sheets that were distributed at the meeting. If members who were not present would like to contact Phil, please ask a committee member.

Supper break at 8.30pm

Return at 8.45pm

After supper, Phil was asked several more questions. The first was how many flowers should be on a cymbids on a benching table – at least 7 for mature plant and 2 – 3 for a seedling. When judging seedlings, the judges should be judging the potential of the seedling. The second question related to ties on plants. Phil said that ties can be up the stalk but not on the petal.

The other question was do plants have to be registered before they can be awarded and the answer was yes.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 4th July at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: A.M Collins Seconded: Robert Fish
Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Magazines: Orchids Australia,.
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.W, Shoalhaven & schedule for Winter & Spring show, EOC.
- c) Reminder for membership payment to Australian Orchid Council Inc
- d) Reminder to pay 2FM EAR membership
Out
 - a) payment of public liability to Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria & associated paperwork;
 - b) reminder to judges for show this week;
 - c) request to Canberra Orchid Society to include BBOFS shows in their calendar of events,
 - d) welcome letter to new member Stuart Campbell,
 - e) email to Thompsons' regarding missing sashes for the Spring show.
 - f) BBOFS Newsletters

g) Condolence card to Deidre Girdler on the recent death of her husband.

Moved: M. Turner
Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins
Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Anne-Marie presented the reconciliation for the Winter Show which showed a loss of \$430.77. There being no questions or comments Anne-Maree moved onto the monthly statement for July. Income was \$3896.95 with expenditure of \$2646.11with a total of unrepresented cheques of \$348. Balance after unrepresented cheques are cleared will be \$16998.08.

Moved: Anne-Maree
Collins Seconded: Brian Coulton
Carried

Anne-Maree then requested that outstanding bills be approved for payment.

Moved: Anne-Maree
Collins Seconded: Brian Coulton
Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting** – David Gynn who will be speaking about breeding small cymbidiums.
- b. **Workshop at Riverside Nursery with John Stubbs** – Leanda asked John about running a workshop for some of our members. John is prepared to do this but would want a minimum of eight members. It would be “hands on” workshop. If you are interested please speak to Leanda. A date has not been confirmed but will probably be between the Spring & Native Shows.
- c. **A presentation of a posy was made to Maria** – thanking her for the flowers to make the posies that were on sale at the Winter Show. (see photo). Ron also thanked all the posy makers.
- d. **Winter Show** - Ron also expressed his thanks to all the members who assisted at the show. He stated that he felt the show had been a success. He

made a point of saying how well the novice section had been supported. Overall, there were 126 plants benched. There were 411 tickets filled in for the lucky door prize which in reality is about 500 people thru' the show. Apparently the craft tables did fairly well. Ron raised the question of lowering the fees for this group. Firstly however, there was a discussion as to whether or not to continue with the craft stalls at the shows. After some discussion, Ron asked for a show of hands for these groups to continue. There were 22 for and 2 against. Having decided that, the discussion relating to table costs continued with members speaking both for and against the suggestion. After that discussion, Dorothy Kauffman moved "the costs of tables at shows be reduced to \$25 for one table for 2 days and for 2 or more tables the cost would rise to \$50 for the 2 days" After further discussion, it was decided that these fees would apply to all vendors. This motion was then seconded by Brian Coulton and passed on show of hands.

- e. **Advertising for club** – Ron explained that he had contacted the Bay Post regarding ongoing advertising for the club's meeting. Kerry O'Connor, editor, stated that she will be happy to place information in the paper but would like photos to be included in whatever was sent in. Ron will provide this information each month.
- f. **Bunnings BBQ Tuesday 2nd August** – helpers arranged. Club has also been asked to do the BBQ at the Father's Day activity. A couple more helpers required. Rob & Sue Fish offered to assist. Thanks to you both.
- g. **Spring Show** – 9th & 10 September. Village centre display on 3rd September. A couple of members will be required to assist as well as providing plants for sale. The posy

makers require more bases with the 1.5 litre soft drink bottles. Leanda stated that she will not be here for that show. Sylvia offered to assist with posy making. Thanks Sylvia.

- h. **Village Centre for Winter Show** – Rob Fish asked how the display prior to the winter show had gone. Ron & Anne- Maree stated that about 40 raffle tickets had been sold at a \$1.00 each thus making \$40 with the cost of the raffle prize being half of that. There was also \$29.50 commission from the sale of plants provided by members. A number of entry tickets to the show were handed out but unsure of numbers.
- i. **Plants for sale at the show** – There was some discussion regarding how the number of plants brought in for sale is recorded. The process should be that the member writes on a Plant entry form the number of each type of plant brought in including costs of those plants and gives it to the Treasurer. The Treasurer is then able to check that the number of sticks in the tub on the sales table correlates with the number of plants sold. This ensures that the member receives the correct amount of money for plants sold and the club receives the correct commission.

4. RAFFLES: Ron has forgotten to bring in the plants for the raffle table. If members wish to have a dendrobium please say so when your ticket is drawn. Jim Q dend x 2; Robin B dend x 1; Laurine dend x 1; Rob Fish dend x 1. Other prize winners were: Leanda; Margaret; Norm; Lin; Jim; Liz.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: No: Sylvia but didn't have a name badge so redrawn. Maria, Mogo voucher & Ron, Batehaven voucher.

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

Meeting closed 10.05pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th
September

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner



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