



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

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President report

Hi Members, welcome to our September meeting.

Our August guest speaker Graeme Krake certainly gave us a good talk on his way of growing Australian Native terrestrial orchids. A number of Members bought a pot of them so I am looking forward to seeing them on the show bench next year, maybe a Grand-Champion amongst them.

Our sister club, the Eurobodalla Orchid Club, will be holding their annual Spring Show at the Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre on September 1-2. Please give them support by visiting them as they supported us at our Winter Show.

I visited the Milton Ulladulla Orchid Club's Winter Show and there were some very impressive orchids exhibited, especially in my favourite section, Paphiopedilums.

Their Spring Show dates:-Set up Friday 15th September 2017 Open to Public – Saturday 16th September 2017 Open to Public – Sunday 17th September 2017

Our Spring Show is nearly upon us and I hope all your orchids are in full flower ready to grace the champions table. Setup is Thursday 7th from 2pm and open to the public Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September. I would like to see all regular helpers at the show. Winter Show was great with good success from all the Club Members helping in some way.

At our September meeting, I will be giving a quick talk on how I grow my Cattleya group of orchids. These are from South America and hybridised to allow a wonderful range of type and colours. I tend to grow the small flowering type as well as a few minis.

For those members who may be going to the South & Western Regional Conference & Orchid Show Saturday 31 September and Sunday 1 October 2017 here is the Albury Wodonga Orchid website for entry information and Secretary Margaret has some information as well. <http://www.alburywodongaorchidclub.org.au/events/>

For those members who cannot help at Bunnings BBQs, another good way to support the club financially is to sponsor Champions classes at our Spring Show. Margaret will have the sponsorship sheets at each meeting

SUPPER Sincere thanks to all the members who bring supper along to the monthly meetings your efforts are very much appreciated. Our thanks for this ongoing support.

The Club decided earlier in the year that all new members would receive two (2) young plants as part of their welcome to the club pack. They are Dendrobium Johnathon's Glory 'Dark Joy' and Sarcochilus falcatus, which is mounted on cork and our club emblem. I will be giving both to new Members at the September meeting.

Good Growing and see you all at the next meeting in September.

I am sorry to advise that Tom Kelly passed away at home early on 23 August 2017.

Ron Boyd

Other items

Item 1: Members can you please continue to save the bases of the 1.25Lt plastic soft drink bottles for the posie making.

Item 2: Supper is to be provided by Members with an **uneven membership** number in September. Thanks to all those who brought in goodies in August.

Item 3. The South and West Regional Show and Conference is on the long weekend in September/October (see dates in diary notes). The theme is "Orchids on the Murray". A small group of Members have put their hands up to plan the Club's display for it. We will again be practising a display at the upcoming Spring Show.

Our next meeting:

There will be a discussion about growing Cattleya. Ron will lead this but it is hoped that others who grow these orchids will also participate.

Our last meeting:

See the minutes for a summary of Graeme Krake's talk about growing terrestrials.

Finalising Constitution and By-Laws

It was agreed at the August meeting for a special meeting to be held to finalise these documents. This is to be held at the Soldiers Club on Tuesday 11th September from 1pm. All members are invited to attend or send comments to Secretary via email address above.

Hopefully the completed documents will be distributed with October newsletter and agree at November AGM.

Dates for your Diaries for 2017

Tri-Club Fun Day, Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery, 11am Thursday 21 September 2017

Eddy and Karen invite Members of the Eurobodalla, Batemans Bay and Milton/Ulladulla Clubs to the annual Tri-Club Fun Day. The idea is that Members bring along an orchid for display and judging (up to three plants is acceptable) by an accredited Judge (if available.) The Judge may split plants into categories, depending on the numbers benched. There will be no prize money or ribbons – just the glory of being commended, perhaps, for flowering a nice orchid. Eddy and Karen have provided a perpetual trophy for the event. Previous Fun Days have provided a great opportunity for Members of the three Clubs to mix, to share stories and their enjoyment of their hobby. Eddy and Karen have kindly offered to provide a sausage sizzle luncheon and the requisite beverages. Please bring your own chairs.

September 1 – 2 EOC Spring show Narooma

September 7 – 9 BBOFS Spring Show

September 15 – 17 MUOS Spring Show

September 20 – 22 Sapphire Coast Spring Show

September 29 – 1 October (long weekend)

S&W Regional Show & Conference Wodonga (See other items for more information)

October 6 – 8 Southern Orchid Spectacular Caringbah

October 19 – 21 BBOFS Native Show.

November 2 – 4 Sapphire Coast Native Show

Welcome to New Members.

It is great to see our new Members benching plants at club meetings and doing well.

In your Orchid House

As this is a great time of year for flowers, hopefully your orchid house is "blooming lovely". Repotting or potting up season has started, so remember to look at what you need in the way of stores before you start. Different plants require different amounts of water, so be careful with watering still and

keep away from flowers to avoid spotting on them. Also keep an eye out for those pesky bugs that maybe interested in eating your plants and or flowers.

As a follow-on from Peter Stubbs' talk in July, he has sent the following information to help members.

Preparing your orchids for show benching

I have decided to provide the rules for staking of Orchids as a supplement to my recent presentation on preparing Orchids for showing.

The reason for this has been that I have noticed at recent shows that I have judged at that some growers are not staking their Orchids to present them at their best.

The excerpt below is the current one contained in the most recent update to the guidelines from the AOC.

Excerpt from The Australian Orchid Council Inc

Guidelines for Judging Handbook

May 2017

5a. Minimal staking and tying and other means of support will be permitted, but shall not modify the natural inflorescence habit. The judging panel has the right to ask the owner to remove any staking and/or tie if necessary, in order to ascertain the strength of the inflorescence. In all genera, no inflorescence is to be tied or supported on any part of the flower or its attachment to the inflorescence.

5b. "Minimum staking" generally means to the first flower or first branch and unobtrusive. In some genera, where inflorescences are long and/or heavy, some discretion should be exercised. Where the ties are such that the strength of the inflorescence cannot be determined then the plant shall be penalised by 10% of the assessment. Note: plants should be penalised and not disqualified.

6. Any inflorescence being judged, from which a bud or flower has been removed or is missing, will be disqualified from judging unless the removal or loss happened during transport and the detached bud or flower is presented with the plant.

Remember start preparing your orchids as early as possible before the show.

- Stake your orchids during this time to achieve the maximum presentation for the flowers.
- Stake to avoid damage during transportation.
- Stake correctly as per the above rules prior to placing the plants on the show bench.

Happy growing and success at your shows.

Peter Stubbs
AOC accredited Judge

*Happy Birthday for September
Bill Guist; Michael Grelick; Mitch
Karnaghan; Peter & Laurine
Vanest; Norm Haslow
and any other members whose
birthday falls in September.*

Wanted

There has been a request made by a member of the Milton – Ulladulla club, Gary McConnell who is looking to buy a Paphiopedilum "Niven". Please contact the secretary of BBOFS and we will pass on the information. Thank you.

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.

Benching

Once again there was a good range of plants benched. Thanks to all Members who bring plants in each month.

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony & Ron & Rose

Cymbidium > 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: Liz & Tony
Cymbidium < 60mm: Margaret Turner
Australian Native Orchid: Liz & Tony
Laeliinae >70mm:
Laeliinae <70mm: Liz & Tony
Paphiopedilum: Ron & Rose Boyd
Vandaceous:
Pleurothallidinae:
Oncidiinae Alliance: Liz & Tony
Seedling: Liz & Tony
Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony
Fern: Margaret Turner
Foliage: Leanda O'Connor



Paph New Edition "Susan" x Winston Churchild x Malvina Sasso "Em"

Plant of the Night



Paph Black Magic x Flame Arron Garry

Novice Section

Species:
Cymbidium > 90mm:
Cymbidium 60 - 90cm: Lin Barnes
Cymbidium < 60mm: Alan Bird
Australian Native Orchid: Lin Barnes
Laeliinae > 70cm:
Laeliinae < 70cm:
Paphiopedilum: Min Purtell
Vandaceous: Rebecca Baumgartner
Pleurothallidinae: Alan Bird
Oncidiinae Alliance:
Seedling:
Miscellaneous:
Fern:
Foliage: Rebecca Baumgartner

Plant of the Night

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB, BEACH ROAD, BATEMANS BAY

Monday 7th August 2017

PRESENT: Members: 20 Apologies: 5
Visitors: 2

President Ron opened the meeting thanking all for coming

Ron welcomed guest speaker Graeme Krake. Graeme stated that he has been growing terrestrials for about 17 years. He felt that they are relatively easy to grow as the tubers multiply but could be a challenge if not looked after appropriately. He stated that they cannot be collected from nature anymore and one of the best places to purchase them is from the Australian Orchid Society in Melbourne where one can access the tubers if a member.

Different types of terrestrials have different size tubers and one should be careful not to tip them out when repotting. Mostly he uses round deeper pots but square pots may be used.

He went on to explain that by the end of November as the leaves begin to die off, stop watering them as they become dormant over summer.

January is the best time to repot. Graeme uses different mixes, however the basic mix is 2 parts native potting mix, 1 part each coarse river sand and leaf mulch. Mix should hold together when held in hand, so not wet or dry. One can put up to 15 tubers in a 100mm pot. Fill pot to about 30mm below the lip, place tubers around the pot with growing eye facing up, and top up mix to about 10mm from top. Just moisten so water lightly. He places she-oak needle on top of pot, which acts as a filter and as an added protective layer over pot to help keep tubers cool.

Keep air circulating around pot during summer when plants still dormant. These plants require very little water until shoots appear. Mist only on hot days once shoots visible.

Watering depends on the varietal, however as a rule of thumb in summer water weekly, autumn bi-weekly and winter every 3 to 4 weeks. He suggested using the tag as a guide as to how wet the mix is.

Most terrestrials should be repotted each year except spider orchids, which do not like to be disturbed so repot when absolutely necessary. Fertilize with a small amount of osmocote with potting mix and then a weak solution of seasoil monthly.

Ron thanked Graeme for an interesting presentation.

Supper break 8.25pm

Return 8.45pm

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 3rd July at the Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded:
Una Roberts 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; EOC.
- c) Request for assistance about potting cymbidiums
- d) Information relating to COS show in September
- e) Information about South & West Regional Show
- f) Bank statement & cheque book
- g) Aust Orchid Council setting up liability insurance for committees of associated clubs

Out

- a) Welcome letter to new member
- b) BBOFS Newsletters

Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: Maureen Anderson
Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Anne-Marie presented:- opening balance \$20,831.35; Income \$2823.60 and expenditure \$7,693.70. Unpresented cheques to the value of \$477.28. All income has been deposited. Balance once cheques presented \$15,483.97; closing balance \$15,961.25

Moved: Anne-Marie
Collins Seconded: Min
Purtell Carried

Winter Show reconciliation was also presented, however several receipts were presented to the treasurer for payment on the night, so will be represented next month.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting:** General discussion about growing Cattelyas lead by Ron.
- b. Ron thanked all Members who helped at the Winter Show and reminded Members that flower

spikes are required for posie making prior to the Spring Show.

- c. Ron will follow up with Marine Rescue as the banner is still up at Hanging Rock.
- d. It was decided that a special meeting would be held on Tuesday 11th September at 1pm at the Soldiers Club to finalize the Constitution and By-Laws. All Members welcome to attend.
- e. A new printer has been purchased from Harvey Norman to the value of \$388.00.
- f. Once again we have been invited to run the BBQ at Bunnings at the Father's Day activity on Thursday

31st August. Volunteer assistance was sort and received.

4. RAFFLES: Anne-Marie x 2; Madga x 2; Min x 3; Leanda & Lin.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Maureen Anderson

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

Meeting closed 9.35pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th September

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club

Beach Road

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