



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Presidents Report – April 2018

Welcome all members to our **April Monday 2nd club meeting.**

For those members and visitors who attended the March 5th club meeting where Mr. Gerry Walsh, world leading expert grower and breeder of the famous Golden Yellow Dendrobium - speciosum var. grandiflorum. He gave a great and interesting talk on his adventures over the years, going up to sunny Queensland around the steep rocky mountain tops area searching for the speciosum var. grandiflora. All I could say was 'WOW' to see huge clumps of grandiflora with their Golden Yellow flowers in the wild.

From the rate his plants were bought from the sales table, I would expect to see some top quality golden flowers in a few years.

I love to listen to guest speakers, as you can pick up quite a few great ways of improving the way you grow your orchids. The main tips that I picked up from Gerry's talk on growing these grandiflora, was from most of the slides that we saw, were of plants growing on steep rocky cliffs or atop massive boulders, in full very hot sunlight all day. From this, I grow all mine under 30% shade cloth, allowing maximum sunlight with just a small amount of protection from the harsh summer sunlight. Open free

draining potting mix was another idea when you see these plants growing on the side of steep cliff, their roots anchoring the plants in cracks and small crevices.

For those who may wish to receive Gerry's newsletter, go to and click on appropriate key/icon. <http://therocklilyman.com/phplist/>

For Gerry's guide to growing his Dendrobium speciosum, check out his page at <http://therocklilyman.com/culture/growing-dendrobium-speciosum/>

April Monday 2nd Club meeting: Peter Vanest will give a talk on how he grows his Pleiones - not to be missed.

Many thanks to Ken Covington for setting up his computer and running the laptop with Gerry's slide show on it at last month's meeting. Ken is also doing the April newsletter and taking photos of the meeting and plants of the night, well done Ken.

Big thanks to Judee Hunt for taking over the Secretary's position and tea lady for tonight and Min Purtell for doing the treasurer's position as well as helping Gerry Walsh on the sales table. Nice to see new members step up and help out so quickly when needed.

Sincere thanks to all the members that bring supper along to the monthly meetings of the Society, your efforts are very much appreciated. Your continued support and assistance to the Society will be greatly received.

Sad loss to our orchid community was Mr. Edward (Eddie) Ruiz, former member of our club and owner of Mogo Orchids and Fern Nursery, our condolences go to Karen and their children.

Karen Ruiz will continue to run Mogo Orchids and Fern Nursery and are now stockist of all your orchid needs, pots, bark, and fertilizer etc., just give Karen a ring on 4474 2291.

Good growing,

Ron Boyd

President

Other items

1. April is an even month so members with an even membership, it is your turn to provide something for supper. Thanks.
2. Has a member volunteered to take over running the BBQs? Remember, this is our

major source of fund raising, so we need to maintain this activity.

3. Remember to save the bottom of the 1.25L soft drink bottles for posey-making.
4. Leanda has also taken on doing the get-well cards etc, so please let her know if any member is unwell.

Our Next Meeting

Member Peter Vanest will speak about how he grows his Masdevallias and Pleones. It is a while since Peter has spoken to us, so it will be interesting.

Membership renewal

Memberships are now overdue for 2018. These can be paid at the April meeting or by sending a cheque or money order to the postal address at the top of page one (1). If memberships have not paid by 31st March 2018, you will not receive any further newsletters, nor will you be able to bench at Club nights or shows.

Bus Trip

At the February general meeting and again at the committee meeting the issue was raised of going on a bus trip to St. Ives Orchid Fair on 17 – 19th August. Of the 20 plus members who were present at the general meeting about 10 expressed an interest in attending this trip. It was revisited at the committee meeting, a cost of \$15.00 for members of BBOFS was agreed to, and for non-club members the cost would be \$25.00. Ron will investigate bus costs further, but we need to be mindful of costs if we are not doing the BBQ's at Bunnings. What we have in the bank will not last long if we don't have an income as well.

Club Members

At the committee meeting, it was decided not to accept Dorothy's letter of resignation and she has accepted the offered Life Membership. Maureen Anderson is on the sick list - get well soon Maureen.

Dates for your Diary

EOC Winter Show 13 & 14 July CWA hall Moruya
BBOFS Winter Show 20 & 21 July Soldiers Club Batemans Bay
MUOS Winter Show 28 & 29 July Civic Centre Ulladulla
SCOC Winter Show 17-19 August Twyford Hall Merimbula

EOC Spring Show 25 & 26 August Leisure Centre Narooma
BBOFS Spring Show 7 & 8 September Soldiers Club Batemans Bay
MUOS Spring Show 15 & 16 September Civic Centre Ulladulla
SCOC Spring Show 20 & 21 September BV Commemorative Hall Civic Centre Bega
BBOFS Native Show 19 & 20 October Soldiers Club Batemans Bay
SCOC Native Show 2 & 3 November Twyford Hall Merimbula

Benching

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid: Brian Coulton

Laeliinae >70mm: Kathryn Clarkson / Brian Coulton

Laeliinae <70mm: Brian Coulton

Paphiopedilum: Brian Coulton

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae: Brian Coulton

Oncidiinae Alliance: Brian Coulton

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Brian Coulton

Fern:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night:



Potinara Burana Beauty 'Burana' –
Brian Coulton

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm: Alan Bird

Cymbidium 60 - 90cm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Australian Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm: Lin Barnes

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Min Purtell

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Una Roberts

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Una Roberts (Zygopetalum unknown)

Fern: Lin Barnes

Foliage: Lin Barnes

Plant(s) of the Night

(it was a tie)



1) Phalaenopsis Bamboo – **Min Purtell**

and



2) Zygopetalum (unknown) – **Una Roberts**

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

Monday 5th March 2018

Present: 45 members; 5 visitors

Apologies: Margaret Turner, Anne-Marie Collins, Leanda O'Connor, Maureen Anderson

President Ron Boyd opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m. and thanked all for coming

MINUTES: The minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018 at the Soldiers' Club, Beach Road, Bateman's Bay having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Una Roberts. Seconded: Tony Groube. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Included in the General Business

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was tabled as Margaret Turner (Secretary) is away and it will be held in abeyance until the next meeting in April.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

As Anne-Marie Collins (Treasurer) is also away, the Treasurer's Report was read by Min Purtell.

February report:

Opening balance at 31/02/18:
\$26,019.52; Income for February - \$873.98; Expenditure for February - \$601.00; Closing balance for February 2018 - \$26,292.50

Moved: Min Purtell. Seconded: Tony Groube. Carried.

Also requested was payment of outstanding accounts. Moved: Min Purtell
Seconded: Una Roberts

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Guest speaker for the night was Gerry Walsh (the Rock Lily Man), who spoke at length about his passion and extensive experience over 25 years with rock lily orchids – Speciosum Grandiflorum, having made 14 trips to their rugged and remote Kroombit Tops - Queensland location. His talk progressed through an extensive projected photographic presentation. Gerry also had with him for sale, 20 odd flower speciosum, which sold very well to our eager members.
- b. President Ron Boyd spoke briefly relative to his agenda and of the upcoming changes to the wording of classifications in the Winter/Spring and Native Show events.
- c. No extra business was discussed.
- d. Tony Groube, on invitation, spoke of the untimely passing of Kevin Hipkins of Royale Orchids. Kevin was to be a presenter at the upcoming Eurobodalla Orchid Club workshop on 17th and 18th March at Kyra Hall, Tuross Head. Tony advised that the workshop was still open for attendees and that an alternate was being sourced as a presenter.
- e. Min Purtell produced framed presentation certificates for life membership, for both Ron Boyd and Dorothy Kauffman. President Ron Boyd presented Dorothy Kauffman with both her life membership badge and framed certificate. Congratulations and applause was offered by the club members.



3. **RAFFLES:** Winners – Brian Perkins, Paula Brown, Maria Kacarovski, Bob Harper, Ray Huddleston, Graham Jackson, Sam Burton and Judee Hunt
4. Currently we do not have a lucky number voucher.
5. Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

**The next meeting will be on Monday
2nd April at the Soldiers' Club
Bateman's Bay**

Secretary (stand-in) - Judee Hunt



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Beach Road, Batemans Bay**

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