



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter – MARCH 2020

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President's Report

At **February's** meeting, we had a circle discussion on the after effects of the bushfires on our orchids. We were all very saddened by Robert, Sue and Brian's words. Heart breaking to see the examples, knowing they were just the tip of the devastation. So sorry also to hear of Michael and Grainne's losses from Michael. Plus there are many more who have lost their homes and or yards – we feel for your losses.

At our **March** meeting, we are very lucky to have **Brian Coulton**, a very well-known orchid grower from our club. He will be talking on **cattleyas**. I do believe his cattleya was Plant of the Night, Open Section – February.

Our **BBQ at Bunnings**, on Sunday, the 1st March, is cancelled due to insufficient

numbers of workers. We need more volunteers if we are to be able to do this. We know our three shows will be more expensive to run this year, due to a few things, but a significant one, will be the vote that increased the prize moneys.

February meeting saw us downstairs, as upstairs continues to be used as the Recovery Centre. It went well, but will be rearranged for the March meeting. So come along, easier to show off your orchids, foliage and ferns, as no need for elevator. ☺

This month in the newsletter, we will be having 2 new sections – a "Selling" section and a "Wish List" section. Depending on numbers, they may be together. Therefore, if there is an orchid you are after, OR something orchid related, maybe an orchid you want to sell – let Margaret or myself know.

Well done to Ken Covington, the Vice President, for being our Secretary at our committee meeting while Margaret was overseas. She is safely back, tired but full of news.

We have an ongoing raffle of a painted, framed orchid by a local artist. Tickets are 3 for \$5. The painting will be at the March meeting.

Thank you to our major sponsors: APIA, for sponsoring our 2020 shows. We do appreciate your continued interest in our society. We also thank Batemans Bay Soldiers Club for giving us a home to have our meetings and shows.

We will be discussing our floral art section of our club at the March meeting, fine tuning meeting times and day.

Don't forget the EOC Orchid Workshop, Saturday, 21st March, in Moruya – it should be a great chance to learn more, talk to fellow enthusiasts and buy orchids.

I look forward to seeing many members at our March meeting - see you there. ☺

Anne-Marie Collins

Other items:-

1. The March meeting will be in the downstairs room again. Signs will be placed on the desk and centre pillar as you walk in so you know where to go.
2. 1.25L bottle bases. An early reminder to members to start saving these bases that are used for posy making for the Winter and Spring Shows. Margaret or Leanda will collect these at each meeting if members wish to bring them in.
3. Supper: the committee has decided that we will provide supper for the meeting nights this year. If members wish to contribute a plate of their favourite foods, you are most welcome. Using the room on the ground floor of the Soldiers Club seemed to work ok but please let us know how you think it went.
4. Apia has increased its sponsorship of our shows this year. Thank you to Peter for organising this and we appreciate the ongoing support from Peter and Apia.

Our Next Meeting –

Brian Coulton is our guest speaker for March. He will be speaking about Cattleya and we have also been promised a slide show.

Membership Renewals

Memberships are now due and are to be paid by 31st March. Members who do not pay their subs are ineligible to vote at meetings, are unable to show plants at general meeting. Membership costs are as follows:

Single rate:- \$10.00

Couple/dual rate:- \$15.00

Junior (under 16):- \$5.00

If receiving newsletter as hard copy please add \$5.00 to above costs.

New members will also pay a joining fee of \$8.00 that covers the cost of the name badge.

Membership can be paid to the Treasurer Leanda at a general meeting or can be transferred using the following bank account details:

Bank Westpac – Bateman's Bay

BSB: **032-681**

Account: **191442**

In Reference, add your surname & that payment is for membership. A third option is to deposit it directly into that account as long as it has your name and membership as the reference.

If you are choosing not to continue with your membership, it would be appreciated if you let us know. Thanks

From the Committee

1. Raffle tickets are available for purchase prior to the commencement of the meeting and for the first 5 minutes of the supper break. Tickets will NOT be sold during the meeting.
2. This also applies if you have business with the treasurer. She is available prior to the meeting and for the first 5 minutes of the supper break only.
3. The committee has cancelled the proposed BBQ at Bunnings on the 1st March due to the lack of interest by most members to help at these fund raising activities. Please let Margaret know if you are able to help at these activities, as we tend to do more of them in the first half of the year as we don't do them when the shows are on.
4. We were invited to Bunnings to meet the new Community Organiser – Kerry. A Mad Hatters Tea Party was organised. Leanda in her hat. Well done Kerry nice to have met you.



Club Members

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

In last month's newsletter, I said that no members had lost their homes. My apologies for that mistake as we are aware of at least one member family who lost everything, home, sheds, orchids and orchid houses and all his stock.

In Your Orchid House

Not sure about others, but guessing we are all in the same boat. Here at Long Beach in the first 15 days of February we have received 286ml of very welcome rain. However, I am sure that this presents a completely new challenge for us with our

plants, after the last couple of months of heat and smoke.

We probably do not need to think about water unless in a covered orchid house, but do need to ensure that the plants don't have wet feet all the time or they may develop root rot. Fertilization and pest control are still required of course and the pests will love this wet weather.

Wish List and For Sale for members

If any member is seeking a particular plant, would you like to see it listed then others may be able to assist you obtain one.

This could also be used to place plants that you would like to give away or sell.

Wanted to buy:

Leanda is looking for *Leptotes Bicolour* [cattleya]

Anne-Marie would like any *Psychopsis* or *Stanhopea* light coloured

For Sale

Ex Tinonee Orchid Nursery, Compressed Orchidmate Coconut Husk Chips 12 to 18mm size chunks: \$12 with \$2 going to the Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society. They are compressed bales weight 4.5kg. Triple washed. Low salt. Suitable for all orchids. Just wet, drain & use. Makes about 40+ litres of nuggets
Ron Boyd Mob; 0421366823



Dates for your 2020 Diary

March

Orchid Workshop 21-22 -- Sapphire Orchid Club (**cancelled**)

21st South Coast Orchid workshop EOC
CWA hall Moruya Saturday 9 – 4
(information attached)
28 - 29 Collectors Plant Fair Hawkesbury
Racecourse.

May

15 – 17 Orchids Out West Hawkesbury
Racecourse.

June

26-27 Royale Orchids Open days & Fair
27-28 Mingara Orchid Fair

July

4 - 5 MUOS Winter Show
10 - 11 E.O.C. Winter Show Moruya
18 - 19 BBOFS Winter Show Soldiers Club
Batemans Bay

August

7- 9 Orchid Extravaganza Dural
14 -16 SCOC Winter Show Twyford Hall,
Merimbula
22 - 23 E.O.C. Spring Show Narooma

September

5 - 6 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club
Batemans Bay
12 – 13 MUOS Spring Show Ulladulla
17 - 18 SCOC Spring Show September
Civic Centre Bega
19 – 20 Canberra orchid society annual
show Ainslie Football Club

October

9 – 11 Southern Orchid Spectacular
Sutherland
17 - 18 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club
Batemans Bay
30 - 31 SCOC Native Show Twyford Hall,
Merimbula

Benching

Benching for February was well supported
in the open section, however with 2 of the
main novice members now in the open
section, there was only one plant in that
section.

Open Section

Species: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm: Brian Coulton

Laeliinae <70mm: Liz & Tony

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Brian Coulton

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Liz & Tony

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Fern: Leanda O'Connor

Foliage: Leanda O'Connor

Plant of the Night



CHZ Hsinying Pink – Doll Hsinying

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid:

Laeliinae > 70cm:

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance:

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Megan Quinlivan

Foliage:

Plant of the Night



Harefoot fern

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD, BATEMAN'S BAY Monday 3rd February 2020

PRESENT: Members: 13 Apologies: 2 Visitors: 1

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 2nd December 2019 at the Steam Packet Hotel Nelligan having been circulated with the amendment of where it was held, be a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Liz Cleaver 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 statements x 2 & Term deposit renewal information
- d) offer BBQ Bunnings 1st March 2020; - accepted

- e) Request to nominate for Judges & number of panels for each show;
- f) email from Brian Coulton re fire damage to members & Robyn Baker's health;
- g) information relating to death of Barrie Collins;
- h) email from Graham Gray wishing us well during the fires;
- i) Sapphire Coast Orchid Club executive positions and dates for 2020 shows;
- j) Information relating to SCOC workshop March 2020; & recently cancellation of the workshop
- k) expression of interest to remain on the mailing list for 2021 National Conference & Show;
- l) Request for invoice (\$600) for ongoing sponsorship of shows from Peter Cordina & Apia
- m) EOC workshop flyer instead of Sapphire Coast which was sent onto members electronically

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) new member letter with Constitution and By-Laws/Rules for Members to Ezzy family
- d) name badges ordered for Ezzy family.
- e) Response to Lesley Bromley requesting judges for Shows in 2020
- f) Invoice sent to Peter Cordina for sponsorship
- g) EOC workshop information to BBOFS members on email

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Brian Coulton Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- for both December & January. Opening balance 1/12/2019 \$8,985.45 Income for the 2 months \$304.75 in Dec & \$0.71 interest in January. Expenditure \$800 Dec & nil in January. Interest on IBD in December \$167.67 reinvested with principle. Total Fiscal amount as at 31 January 2020 \$28,758.89.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Brian Coulton Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Next General Meeting; will be a talk and slide show by Brian Coulton on Cattleyas'
- b. Program of events for 2020 was discussed. This includes daytime meetings in June, July and August. Set up time will be 1pm; voting 1.30pm with meeting commencing at 2pm. Hopefully to be finished by 4pm or 4.30 at latest. Anne-Marie explained that because of the current fluid situation in our shire, not all the activities had been finalized.
- c. Painting raffle: This raffle is ongoing until the winter show, where the person who donated it to BBOFS will be present to draw the raffle and present the painting to the winner. Anne-Marie has tickets that are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00.
- d. Room layout: it was explained that due to the Disaster Recovery centre occupying the main areas of the Soldiers Club, our meetings will be held in this downstairs room for at least next month. There is some discussion that this may continue for a bit longer but at the moment we are unsure about that. We will know a bit more for the March meeting. The layout was discussed and Anne-Marie and Margaret would discuss other ways of arranging it with Andrea prior to the next meeting.
- e. Due to the current situation with the active fires in the region, it was decided by the committee that we would cancel the proposed 15th Anniversary luncheon and aim to have a "Sweet 16"

in 2021. All agreed that was a reasonable thing to do.

- f. Robyn's health: Robyn is in Sydney with her daughter, having undergone a course of chemotherapy and expecting to have surgery on 14th February.
- g. President's health: Anne-Marie has started her course of chemotherapy, which will go for about 6 months. The committee are aware and will assist her through this time. If needs be, VP will run the committee and general meetings. Members expressed their support for Anne-Marie.
- h. Meeting protocols: Anne-Marie reminded members that members being rude and not listening to each other, which was becoming more obvious towards the end of 2019 was unacceptable. Meetings must be run in a professional way with members being civil to each other and to the Chair. If members do not abide by this behaviour, they will be asked to leave the meeting and will be asked to attend a committee meeting to explain their actions. If explanations are not acceptable, the process laid out in the Constitution for disciplining members will be followed.
- i. Anne-Marie explained that a number of members have been impacted by the fires. Michael Wright and Grainne Funder lost everything in the fires in Mogo – home, shed, orchid houses and the contents of all those things. They are currently staying in Ulladulla but are looking for accommodation around the Bay area. Anne-Marie lost her rental property in Moruya including sheds and a large number of vehicles and many memorabilia. Dorothy lost an orchid house and parts of her yard. Karen at the Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery had fire damage to the nursery part of her business as well as the orchid house where her store of sale plants are kept. Wayne had his garage burnt which also

impacted on his house, which needs to be structurally assessed prior then them returning to live in it. Brian and Hilary Coulton and Robert & Sue Fish were also impacted and they are here to talk about that after the break.

- j. Margaret asked for volunteers for the BBQ on the 1st March. Thanks to those who offered.
- k. Margaret explained to the members present that the Rules for Members/By-Laws needed to be reviewed, as the membership costs were now incorrect. As a result, the whole document was reviewed with a number of other minor changes needing to be made. Margaret will make the changes suggested at the committee meeting and take it back to the committee in March, with the intention of presenting it to the April meeting for discussion and ratification. The amended document will be distributed with the April newsletter, which would enable members to review it prior to the meeting.

Supper break 8.08pm

Return 8.30pm

4. **Speakers:** It was decided to ask members whom the fires had affected to speak about their experiences and to explain how they are managing their orchid collection. The members present Robert & Sue and Brian C talked about their experiences during the New Years' Eve fires and the impact it had had on their properties and orchid collection. Robert & Sue showed a number of plants that were fire or heat affected. He had a dendrobium speciosum that was just charcoal. Some they had collected and were treating and they hoped would survive but would have to wait and see. Robert and Brian both agreed that watering frequently immediately after the fire and giving the plants a chance to recover before feeding them was the most

helpful. Once feeding started, it was about ¼ strength and using a couple of different fertilizers.

The sessions was helpful to the members and ongoing support was offered to those members affected.

5. **RAFFLES:** Leanda x 4; Bec; Ken x 2; Una; Meg x 2; Margaret; Anne-Marie; Leo.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Ron Boyd.

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

Meeting closed 9.30pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd March

At Soldiers Club; Ground Floor

Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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