



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter – APRIL 2020

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President's Report



At March's meeting, we had Brian **Coulton**, a very well-known orchid grower from our club. He talked on **cattleyas**. I do believe his cattleya was Plant of the Night, Open Section – in March. Two months in a row, same genera.

Our April meeting, due to the current health issues of the world, has been cancelled.

NO APRIL MEETING !!!! May is under review.

This means our calendar will need to be adjusted, once we know what is happening.

We have been asked to man a table at **Bunnings' Easter Fair**, which we have agreed to BUT I expect it will be cancelled, like all their Sausage sizzles have been in the last 24 hours.

This month in the newsletter we have 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 interstate. She is safely back.

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 next meeting.

Our Floral Art Group will be having its first meeting on Monday, 23rd March. Please let Leanda or myself know, if you are intending to come.

It starts at 11:30 am in the downstairs room, near the reception, with the demonstration. We break at 12:30pm for lunch. We reconvene at 1:30 for the practical part of this meeting and close by 2:30pm.

The **EOC Orchid Workshop**, Saturday, 21st March, in Moruya – **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** – due to current health issues.

President's B.B.Q. is still on, at this point in time. It is on the 18th April, at Brian & Hillary's home. Starting at 12 midday. The address is 23 Yarrabee Drive, Catalina. B.Y.O. drinks and chair. Meat, salad and dessert provided but if you want to bring along nibbles or slices, greatly appreciated. Please let Anne-Marie or Margaret know you are coming.

I look forward to seeing many members at our next meeting – whenever that may be - see you then. 😊

Anne-Marie Collins



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Other items:-

1. 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.

Our Next Meeting –

Was to be the bric-a-brac auction, with all proceeds going to the club.

THE APRIL MEETING IS CANCELLED.

MAY is under review.

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. Extra ribbons required at both Winter & Springs Shows for Junior members and for the Floral Art sections.
2. Shows will now close at 5pm on Saturday as very few people thru after that time.
3. Discussions continuing about place and date for a picnic.

AOCC CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2021 LOGAN QLD

For the Love of Orchids AOCC2021 1-5 September Logan Metro Sports and Event Centre, Crestmead (located just south of Brisbane). All activities, including the Conference & Presentation Dinner will occur at the Centre. Optional tours to orchid locations in SE Queensland on Sunday. The Keynote Speaker, Dr André Schuiteman is in charge of Kew’s Orchid Herbarium. Dr Schuiteman, Research Leader in the Asia Team of Kew’s Identification and Naming Department, has had a lifelong fascination with plants, particularly orchids. The draft Speaker Program includes: Hon. Justin Tkatchenko, Dr. Noel Grundon FOAC, Gary Yong Gee, and Roslyn Capell. There is plenty of nearby

accommodation. Early bird registration (discount before 31 December) \$300 (partner \$200) or full registration \$350 (partner \$250). Obtain your registration form at AOCC2021.org

Club Members

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

In Your Orchid House

Our crazy weather continues to have us all over the place with watering, fertilizing and pest control. Several days of warm weather followed by days of rain. However, whatever it throws at us, we can be assured that summer is well and truly over. So where does this leave us when looking after our plants.

They still need to be fed and watered as well as having pest controls in place.

Pest populations may increase during this topsy-turvy weather, so careful monitoring is required. Types of control will depend on the pests as well as what your preferences are. Remember, if you use white oil, to keep plants away from direct sunlight for a day or two to prevent burning.

It is also worthwhile replacing your pelletized fertilisers at this time as well as the usual weak strength liquid fertilizer.

Watering will again depend on your circumstances, however during the warmer weather; most will require water 2nd or 3rd daily depending on pot size and genre. Keeping the floor of the orchid house damp also helps the humidity levels, which a lot of orchids like.

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

28 - 29 Collectors Plant Fair Hawkesbury Racecourse. **POSTPONED**

May

15 – 17 Orchids Out West Hawkesbury Racecourse. **CANCELLED**

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 March was again well supported in the open section. There were a few more plants in the Novice section than last month.

Remember that monthly benching should be used as a “practice” for the shows. Plants should be clean and pest and disease free. Pots also need to be clean. A clean plant means that dead leaves and leaf tips should be removed, if cutting off leaf tips, cut in the same shape as the leaf, not straight across. Bulb sheaths and bracts should also be removed. Leaves should be clean and flowers unobstructively staked to show them at their best advantage.

Open Section

Species: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Margaret Turner

Laeliinae >70mm: Liz & Tony

Laeliinae <70mm: Brian Coulton

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous: Liz & Tony

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Una Roberts

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Liz & Tony

Fern: Una Roberts

Foliage: Margaret Turner

Plant of the Night



Cattleya Chocolat Drop Brian Coulton

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid: Hilary Coulton

Laeliinae > 70cm: Megan Quinlivan

Laeliinae < 70cm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Hilary Coulton

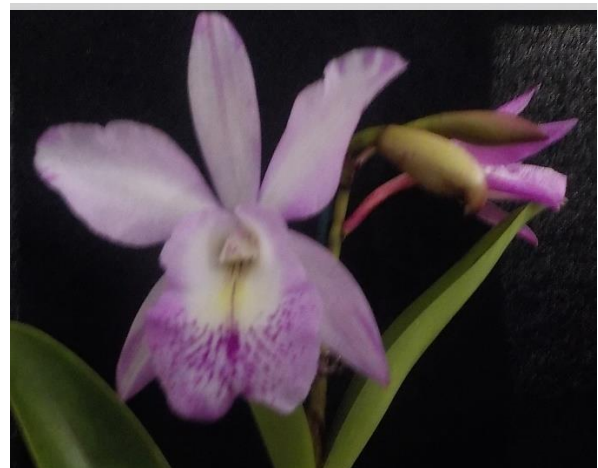
Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Megan Quinlivan

Fern: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Foliage: Hilary Coulton

Plant of the Night



BC Little Mermaid “Janet” Megan Quinliven

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD, BATEMAN'S BAY
Monday 2nd March 2020**

PRESENT: Members:16 Apologies: 10 Visitors: 0

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 3rd February 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, including renewal notice
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS, Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society,
- c) Bank statement
- d) Information relating to a trip to New Caledonia that Jerry Coleby-Williams is leading in late June
- e) Reminder about workshop at Moruya on 23rd March that EOC are hosting
- f) Gardens' Gazette from RVHS
- g) Michael Grelch resignation from club;
- h) catalogue of accessories from rosella orchids;
- i) letter from 2EARFM regarding the transmission tower issues they are experiencing due to the fires;
- j) flyer for St Ives Orchid Fair in August;
- k) information from Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria relating to Association Liability insurance for clubs which is not provided by RHSV;

l) AustPost invoice - for our post office box at Batehaven for the coming year

m) Response from Soldiers Club for room for Floral Art Group

n) Request from Batemans Bay Evening VIEW Club requesting a guest speaker

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Name badge orders
- d) New member letter to Benjamin Haywood
- e) Cancellation email to Bunnings for BBQ 1st March
- f) Letter to Soldiers Club requesting meeting room for Floral Art Group

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Anne-Marie presented:- Opening balance \$8456.22; Income \$787.07 Expenditure \$31.00

one outstanding cheque for \$304.00. Balance after cheque presented \$ 8908.29.

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

.Anne-Marie requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Next General Meeting: auction – any possible saleable items can be put on the table, not just orchids.

b. There is a President's BBQ at Brian & Hilary's home on Saturday 18th April. Further information in the newsletter.

c. BUNNINGS B.B.Q. March. Unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of helpers. It is unreasonable for members to have to set up, work all day and then clean up. These BBQ are a very good fund raiser for our club and as more and more community organisations are now participating in these, we need to do them as often as they are offered,

especially now that the prize monies for the shows has been increased.

d. 16th Anniversary Luncheon – date 8th February 2021. 12 midday Bubble. Due to the fires, the 15th was cancelled, so the plan is to hold a “Sweet 16” on this date. More information to follow. It has also been suggested that as well as the founding members, all members who joined in 2005 and past presidents, who are no longer members of the club be invited. This was agreed. Planning will start in early June.

e. Magazine subscription: It was suggested that the club look at an American orchid magazine. The Orchid Digest was suggested. It is USD \$100 includes postage. Members present felt that unless there was another Australian magazine that it was not worth pursuing further. No member present could suggest another Australian magazine as we already subscribe to “Orchids Australia”

- a. Painting raffle 3 for \$5.00 tickets. Ken will bring the painting into each club meeting and the person who painted it will draw it at the Winter Show.
- b. Event calendar 2020 – Peter Vanest talk will be slide show only. Currently still juggling some speakers. As Yatta Yattah nursery was destroyed in the New Year fires, we are hoping to contact the other person from Ulladulla who grows bonsais’. The world conference has also been postponed for the moment, but maybe cancelled. Anne-Marie will contact Jane Wright to see what she will speak about at the May meeting.
- c. Room layout March meeting - have put the plants under the lights tonight. Front table needs to be here because the only power point is behind this table. Unsure where we will be next month. Hopefully will be able to let you know in the newsletter.
- d. March Workshop 2020 EOC – 23rd March at CWA hall Moruya 9 - 4
- e. Floral Art Group. – Meetings will be here in the Soldiers Club on the 4th Monday of the month. 11.30 – 12.30 will be the lesson, 12.30 – 1.30 lunch

then hands on practice from 1.30 – 2.30. As this is a sub group of BBOFS, people who are interested in participating in this group need to be a member of BBOFS for insurance purposes. Can do one meeting before becoming a member but that is all. There will be a cost of \$5 per workshop to cover the cost of materials. Anne-Marie expressed her appreciation to the Soldiers Club for their ongoing sponsorship of BBOFS and now the Floral Art Group. If the group is successful it is hoped that this section maybe reintroduced to the show schedules. It was very popular at the recent Regional Show.

- f. Margaret offered to be the guest speaker for the VIEW club (see correspondence) with Leanda and maybe Anne-Marie’s assistance. Margaret to respond to email request.
- g. Brian reported that Robin’s surgery had not gone as well as hoped and that she was continuing to receive further treatment. Her home repairs were progressing well and the next big task would be her yard, which had been badly impacted by the fires. It is likely that she will remain with family in Sydney for the majority of the rest of the year.
- h. Michael is still finding somewhere more permanently to live while he decides about rebuilding or not on his Mogo property.
- i. Monthly benching certificates for February were given out to Meg in the Novice class and Brian in the Open. Well done both of you.

Supper 8.07pm

Return 8.30pm

4. Guest Speaker:

Brian Coulton was tonight’s guest speaker. Brian is an Open grower in our club and he grows beautiful Cattleyas, which is his topic for tonight.

He explained that Cattleyas are now very intergeneric and read out some of the mixes, which was extensive. He explained that they are epiphytes, which grow on the top of trees in rain forests, so do not like having wet feet

or being cold. Therefore, allow to dry out before watering. Some prefer temperature ranges between 19 and 29, but the intergeneric breeding has increased the temperature tolerance as well as some having smaller flowers. Thus, we have above and below 70mm on the bench now.

This group of intergeneric plants, particularly the Laeliinae anceps are good plants for novice growers as they are relatively easy to grow. However, remember where we are situated and do not buy plants from the tropics, but buy from growers in the relatively same area. Brian stated that he does not buy plants from anywhere north of Gosford. Grow orchids that are suitable for your environment.

Talk to recognised/open growers in the club.

Growing help: these plants will not flower unless they have filtered light. Should be the first thing you check if a plant is not flowering, particularly if leaves are yellowing, then look at what is happening with the roots. Move if needs be. Potting mix is 75% large bark and 25% medium bark with some charcoal or coco nuggets or sometimes scoria. Whatever you use, the mix should be the same for all plants in your orchid house. Makes it much easier to manage. These plants need good airflow as well, which is why he often adds holes to the sides of his pots.

Remove old sheaths from canes. They look better and reduces the risk of pest infestations. If plants develop white scale on their leaves, use paintbrush and mentholated spirits and just wipe off, however if greater infestation, need to treat with white oil or a fungicide. Make sure that you isolate the plant and the 4 or 5 plants from around it. This ensures that you catch all the pests. Brian uses confidor granules in plants when potting to help treat scale. This is added to the pot then watered in and protects the plants for up to 2 months. This can be purchased online thru' gardens online as Richgro Bug Killa (see picture below).



He recommends that you use different types of both fungicides and fertilizers. He also uses Eco fungicide, which is mixed with eco oil and sprayed on the leaves. One of the fertilizers he uses is Osmocote Boost & Feed, which is available from Bunnings. Remember the adage that it is better to fertilizer weakly weekly. Flushing pots regularly also reduces the amount of salt build up at the base of the pots. You see that white ring on the bottom of your pots. Brian uses an ECM meter when fertilizing which tells him what the salt content of his mix is.

Preparing plants for showing: clean the pots; strip sheaths from canes; cut off, in shape of normal growth any damaged leaves or part thereof; wipe the leaves over with milk – takes off any dust and dirt; top up the bark if needed; if top heavy may need to place pot in a larger pot to help balance it. When using scissors or secateurs remember to sterile between plants as this decreases the risk of cross infection.

5. RAFFLES: Una x 2; Anne-Marie x 2; Margaret; Megan x 2; Liz; Leo & Bec.

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 advised.

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay
Secretary Margaret Turner



Thought you all might need a laugh in these trying times.

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