



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Next Club Meeting 7.30pm Monday 2nd June 2014

Guest speaker

Mr. Peter Vanest will speak on how he grows his Pleione's



From the President

Thank you to all the members that donated orchids and other items to sell at our auction night. We raised in the amount of \$538-00 on the night . A very big thank you to one and all .

A thank you to Tony Groube for helping on the auction night and Leanda for handing out items brought and to Margaret and Sue for handling the money side of things.

To Joy for making those wonderful presents for all the mothers for Mother's Day.

Also a big thank you for items for our raffle table , if you have spare orchids or other items please bring along to donate to the raffle table.

Do not forget at our next meeting we have Peter Vanest speaking on how he grows Pleione's.

Do not forget the For Sale and Wanted section in the newsletter , just give Keith or Dot a ring or email .

Stay safe and will catch up to at the next meeting on the June 2nd.

President
Robert Fish.

Laugh a little

"Annuals" mean disappointment once a year.
Your lawn is always slightly bigger than your desire to mow it.
Whichever garden tool you want is always at the back of the shed.
The only way to ensure rain, is to give the garden a good soaking.
Weeds grow at precisely the rate you pull them out.
Nothing ever looks like it does on the seed packet.
Autumn follows summer, winter follows autumn, drought follows planting.
The only way to guarantee some color all year round is to buy a garden gnome.
However bare the lawn, grass will appear in the cracks between the patio paving stones.
Evergreens go a funny shade of brown in the winter.

Botany I - Some Wrong Answers:

Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.
Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.
The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.
Germinate: To become a naturalized German.
Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot.

Women are like fine wine. They all start out fresh, fruity and intoxicating to the mind and then turn full-bodied with age until they go all sour and vinegary and give you a headache.

- Soured Male Author Unknown



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Our June Birthday members

*Liz Cleaver, June Dawes, Manual Del Nido, Robert Fish,
Maureen Miller, Elizabeth Richardson.*



Wanted, Buy, Swap & Sell

Anybody wanting to buy swap or sell? Give a call to Dorothy on 44740884

WANTED winter veg. seedlings. Ring dot 4474 0884

BUY

SWAP

SELL

Gal Fencing approx. 26m in length and 1.5m high.
Robert Fish
44 713 678

Minutes

Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society
General Meeting 5th May 2014
Held at Soldiers Club
Beach Road Batemans Bay

Meeting opened: 7.35pm

Present: as per attendance book

Apologies: Ron Boyd; Sylvia Hawkins; Mitch Karnaghan

Minutes from previous meeting have been circulated: moved accepted by Rob Fish seconded by Phil Bailey.

Brian Perkins received his newsletter via email but was unable to either open or download it. Hard copy of newsletter given to him by President. To be followed up by newsletter editor.

Correspondence in:

Orchid Australia magazine

Orchid newsletter

Bank Statement

Correspondence Out:

Letter to Soldiers Club requesting permission to put orchid display in fountain area for Shows from June to October including having the fountain area cleaned prior to this set up.

Treasurers' Report: end of month balance is \$8867.68. There being no questions relating to report it was moved by Treasurer Margaret Turner and Seconded by Elizabeth Richardson.

The club requires plants for the monthly raffle table for the rest of the year as well as plants for the Christmas function. President Rob Fish has spoken with Ray Clements of Tinonee Orchids and we can purchase 100/50ml tube cold climate orchids at \$5.50 ea. Margaret Turner will pick

them up from the grower. By show of hands, this was approved.

General Business:

Item 1: Bunnings BBQ on 26th April was very successful. Next BBQ will be 1st June – names needed – filled prior to close of meeting.

Item 2: Rob Fish thanked Joy Guist for the mother's day gifts.

Item 3: Those on the sick list, particularly Ron & Sylvia are both improving slowly. Our best wishes to them and others who are unwell.

Item 4: Orchids Australia has an article about Ron Pollack as well as showing the orchids from M & P Brown, P & L Vanest which received awards at the Native Show last year.

Congratulations to everyone.

Item 5: Bunnings assistance gift card was awarded – won by Brian Perkins.

Item 6: Rob Fish has the new "Most Successful" trophy which will be presented to Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube at the next club night.

Item 7: A member of our club is also a member of the local Hot Rod club which is holding an open day on the long weekend in October. The Orchid Club has been offered the opportunity to provide the sausage sizzle for the day. It will be held at a local primary school. All proceeds would come back to the club. However it will be a very full day with first food expected to be available at 7am. A discussion followed which raised a number of issues. It was decided to invite Anne-Maree to the May committee meeting for further discussion. Rob Fish to do this.

Coffee Break

Item 8: Dorothy Kauffman asked to say a special "thank you" to members who had been assisting her. They were Rob Pollack; Norm Kemp.

Item 9: Rob Fish added his "thank you" to all club members who assist each other and the club.

Item 10: Floral Art in Shows – over the past few years there has only been one or two entries per show. It had been suggested that it no longer be part of the show program. A discussion was commenced with members speaking both for and against the idea of no longer having it in the show. Finally by show of hands it was decided that Floral Art would not be included in future shows. It was also suggested that we consider including orchid photography instead. For further discussion.

Auction was then held. There was a good selection of plants as well as other items on the auction table. The auction raised \$538.00 for the club. A big "Thank you" to all those who purchased items.

Plant of the night: Novice – Norm Kemp

Open – Rob Pollack

Raffle winners were: Sue Fish; Maria Kacarovski; Ted Richards; Norm Kemp; Norm Haslow; Alan Bird; Liz Cleaver; Phil Bailey; Matt Grelck; Dorothy Kauffman x 2; Margaret Turner; Brian Perkins; Leanda O'Connor.

Lucky Badge: Paula Brown

There being no further business meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Popular Vote Results for 3rd March 2014

Species Orchids 1st Liz & Tony

Fern 1st Rob Pollock

Cymbidium 60 - 90 1st Liz & Tony

Foliage 1st Rob Pollock

Native Orchid 1st Robin Baker

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Cattleya 1st Rob Pollock
2nd Phil & Jill Bailey
3rd Rob Pollock

ROB POLLOCK
BLC.CALIFORNIA GIRL"ORCHIOLIBARY"

Oncidiinae Alliance 1st Phil 7 Jill Bailey
2nd Maria
3rd 1st Liz & Tony



Seedlings 1st Liz & Tony

Novice Popular Vote Results

CATTLEYA 1st Norm Kemp

Growing Comp

DEN. ELLEN.

1st Rob & Sue Fish
2nd Robyn Baker

NOVICE PLANT OF THE NIGHT

SARC

NORM KEMP

1st Rob & Sue Fish
2nd Robyn Baker

"CATLEYA UNKNOWN"



GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.
"Is it true," she wanted to know,
"that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for
the rest of my life?"
"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.
There was a moment of silence
before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering,
then, just how serious is my condition because this
prescription is marked

'NO REFILLS'.."



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Growing tips from the Orchid Society of N.S.W. Website

Culture of Cymbidium Orchids

So you bought yourself a Cymbidium Orchid, It was in flower last year when you purchased it. Your neighbours have several pots full, which flower every year. You want to know, Why yours did not flower?

Cymbidium orchids have been described as the easiest orchid plants to grow in the Sydney area. To make your orchid flower, you need to observe a few growing tips.

Cymbidiums are tree (epiphytes) dwellers, so to grow them in cultivated conditions you have to have them potted in a fairly open orchid mixture. That is, one that allows the water to flush through the bottom of the pot. Most commercially prepared orchid mixes are suitable. Again the mixture should be open to give the drainage required. A good indicator is to water the pot and watch the immediate reaction of the water escaping through the holes at the bottom of the pot. Also make sure that the pot is off the ground so that it can be flushed out.

Watering

During the spring to autumn periods, regular watering is required, say twice a week. Preferred time is early morning or late evening. Never water during the heat of the day. Remember these orchids are tree dwellers and do not like their roots water logged.

Fertilising

Cymbidiums have three distinct cycle periods: Growing, Flowering and Resting. The growing period is between spring and summer. Apply a fertilizer at least once a week. Fertilisers such as Aquasol T or Nitrasol T can be used. Fertilising should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Better to apply a weaker solution. The flowering period is between autumn and winter. Switch to a blossom booster type fertilizer to encourage the flowering process. An all-round fertiliser can be also considered. The third period is resting. It is the time when cymbidiums plant prefers to develop growth and not flowers.

Repotting

Because we have taken a tree plant cultivated it in confined space, repotting should be considered at least every two years. Repotting should be done after the flowering. Repotting can be either a time to divide the plant or move it into a larger pot. It is the time to tidy up the plant and take away old Backbulbs. Backbulbs are ones that have contributed towards the flowering process and a source of food storage. Too many Backbulbs actually hinder the plant because instead of concentrating on the new growth towards flowering, the plant tends to continue the storage process in the bulbs. Backbulbs are the ones that usually look black.

Position

I have left the most important to last. Cymbidiums need a good location with plenty of sunlight and airflow. Most researchers suggest that the plant should be in an area where it receives at least 6 hours of sunlight a day. Direct sunlight in hot summer days should be avoided. Indicators are the leaves which look yellowish from too much sunlight. Shade cloth coverage of 30% to 50% is ideal. Winter time is when increased sunlight is required. **Watch out for frost.** Frost can destroy young flower spikes. Consider some protection. Suggestion is a north east brick wall - under a carport could also be considered.

Growing tips from the Orchid Society of N.S.W. Website
Culture of Cymbidium Orchids

(continued)

Pests

Culture of Cymbidium Orchids Most common pest experienced with Cymbidium growers are snails, and grubs of the white butterfly and cabbage moth. These pests cause damage to the young buds of the flowers. Sprinkle snail bait around your plants, especially after rain, as this is when these pests are most active. Cabbage grubs can be eradicated with either House and Garden T spray or Hortico T cabbage dust.

A couple of pictures from Joy Giust orchid house



A bit of fun at the Auction.



OFFICE HOURS

OPEN Most days about 9 or 10
Occasionally as early as 7, But **SOMEDAYS**
as late as 12 or 1.

WE CLOSE about 5:30 or 6
Occasionally about 4 or 5, But
Sometimes as late as 11 or 12.

SOMEDAYS or afternoons, we
aren't here at all and Lately
I've been here just about all the time,
Except when I'm someplace else.

We all have that



One friend



SENIOR CITIZEN TEXTING CODE....

ATD~At The Doctors
BFF~Best Friend Fell
BTW~Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT~Bring Your Own Teeth
FWIW~Forgot Where I Was
GGPBL~Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA~Got Heartburn Again
IMHO~Is My Hearing-Aid On
LMDO~Laughing My Dentures Out
OMMR~On My Massage Recliner
OMSG ~Oh My! Sorry, Gas
ROFLACGU~Rolling On Floor Laughing And Can't
Get Up
TTYL..Talk To You Louder

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