



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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President's Report

Welcome Members to 2018! Hopefully this will be a great growing season for you, and with a potential champion on the show bench.

February 5th meeting I will be giving a talk on how to grow orchids successfully from the small pots that we buy. This is aimed at the newer Members of the club to help them to grow these orchids. On the night, we will start a new Growing Experience orchid, *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Overproof' x 'Little Lucifer'. This will be given free to each membership i.e. my membership is No 4 so I will receive one (1) plant, Rose none, but if any plants not claimed by March meeting the other partner can get one from the left overs. Novice growers have first choice.

At the January Sunday 7th BBQ one of our team collapsed from heat exhaustion

around 8.40am, while they refused ambulance assistance, the staff at Bunning took her inside to a cooler office and looked after her till her husband picked her up at 12 noon. I cooked on in the stifling heat to point of near collapse too. Over the next couple of days my back and hips played up badly. My back and hips have been a problem over the last few years and I have battled on doing Bunnings BBQ with a great group of helpers, but now I find I cannot continue treating my body in this way. So it has sadly come to the point where I can no longer continue running and doing the Bunnings BBQ. It will be up to some other Members of the club to take up and continue the running of BBQ. If any other person would like to run the BBQs in 2018, please speak up at the February meeting.

Put in your diary for March 5th meeting

Gerry Walsh, world leading expert grower and breeder of the famous Golden Yellow *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *grandiflorum*, will be our guest speaker. You may visit Gerry's website on <http://therocklilyman.com/> to see some of his beautiful plants in flower and contact details are there as well.

With this Newsletter is our program of events for 2018, I am happy to do a home workshop at my place in March and perhaps another later in the year.

Good growing

Ron

Other items

1. Leanda & Judy have taken over the kitchen duties from Rose. Thanks Rose for doing it the last couple of years. Please continue to provide supper on the odds and evens that was running last year so February is an even month so those members who have an even membership number are asked to bring in something for supper. Thanks.

2. Ron's President Report informs Members that he will not be continuing to coordinate the monthly BBQs. This is now the major source of fund raising for the club and therefore will need to continue for us to run the club as we have in the past. Please consider agreeing to do this role. BBQs can be 10 – 2 on weekdays but do need to be 8 -4 on weekends. It was decided at the committee meeting to cancel the February BBQ until this is sorted out. Assistance at these events falls to a very few members. More Members offering assistance would share the load a bit better. Thanks for considering this.
3. I know this is January, but it won't be long until the show season starts, so please start collecting the bottom of the 1.25L soft drink bottles for posy 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

New Growing Experience plants will be distributed as well as a discussion relating to how to manage the growing on of these smaller pots.

Membership Renewal

Memberships are due for renewal from 1st January 2018. These can be paid at the February or March meetings. If memberships are not paid by 31st March 2018, you will not receive any newsletters from the Club, nor will you be able to bench at Club nights or shows.

Club Members

Sylvia had a fall during our break and is currently in The Glen having some well-deserved rest. Hope you are soon well enough to return home.

Also, some of you may remember Phil & Jill Bailey who were active members until a

few years ago. It is with sadness that we inform Members that Jill passed away last week. Our sympathies have been extended to Phil.

To any other Members who are unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Coffee Club will recommence in February. Third Thursday of the month 2- 4pm at the café in the Botanical Gardens. This a get together for orchid lovers to talk about orchids and all sorts of other things. Come along and join in.

Dates for your Diary

EOC Workshop 17 & 18 March Kyla Hall Tuross Head
 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
 Barrita Orchids 21st October Open day
 SCOC Native Show 2 & 3 November Twyford Hall Merimbula

In your Orchid House

Can't do an orchid club newsletter without a picture of an orchid in it. This one is the only orchid I have had in flower during summer. It is one of the plants from the 2016 Plant of the Night review from Tinonee. It is *Brassidium Tigerlilly* "Tinonee". Usually I have my *Stanhopea* to show off but unfortunately, it did not

flower this year. It certainly needs to be repotted which will be done later in the year.



Other jobs include constant water to keep up with the drying out wind and heat. Then, of course we get rain when one thinks plants will need a good drink tomorrow.

Remember when watering to make sure that your plants actually need the water and if possible water in the morning – some more experienced growers say before 10am if possible.

Fertilizing should also be a consideration during this growing season.

Bugs may also be an issue. I have seen a few dendrobium beetles in my plants, which have been dispatched of course. Have some of you been repotting as well? I have done a number of my cymbidiums over the last couple of months and they all

have new growth on them now, which is great to see.

In the most recent edition of the Australian Orchid Review, Scott Barrie has an article on his Orange Sarcochilus orchids. He states in this article that as from early 2018 Barrita Orchids will be selling, in limited numbers, their flasks and some seedlings. So if this interests you, keep an eye on his website at www.barritaorchids.com

This edition also has a spread relating to management of common orchid ailments. It is an interesting read. The magazine will be available at the February meeting if Members would like to have a read. If anyone would like a photocopy, please let me know and I will bring it in on the night.

It also has 36 orchid growing tips that probably has more interest for the novice grower rather than those more experienced. They cover a range of topics from air movement, water and pest management through to orchid house construction. The orchid club pays for these magazines for the Members to read and there is always something of interest in them.

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

Tuesday 5th December 2017

PRESENT: Members: 29 Apologies: Visitors: 5

President Ron opened the meeting thanking all for coming.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 6th November 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) Acknowledge from Office of Fair Trading of changes to Constitution
- d) Receipt from Office Fair Trading for lodgement of annual financial report
- e) 3 letters from Batehaven Hardware and Nursery
- f) Letter from Robert Fish
- g) Email from club Member asking about membership fee for 2018
- h) Christmas invite to President for OSNSW Christmas party,
- i) Email from EOC with dates of 2018 shows
- j) Information relating to EOC workshop in March 2018

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) Notification EOC workshop in March to Members on email;
- c) New Member letter to Judee Hunt;
- d) New Member number to Jim Purtell.

Moved: Margaret
Turner Seconded: Anne-
Marie Collins Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Anne-Marie presented:-
opening balance \$17,899.64
Expenditure \$682.55, income

\$8,804.11. The majority of this was from the sale of stock from Grumpy's shed. One cheque outstanding. Current balance \$26,021.20. Bunning gift vouchers to the value of \$170.00

Moved: Anne-Marie Collins
Seconded: Min Purtell Carried

Requested payment of outstanding accounts

Moved: Anne-Maree Collins Seconded:
Min Purtell Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

As this is the Christmas party, it was planned not to have any general business, however due to the correspondence received, Ron and Dorothy once again explained how the sale of Grumpy's shed stock came about. (see November minutes). One Member remained unhappy with how this was completed. However, it is completed and cannot be undone.

4. RAFFLES: Una and Dorothy were the lucky winners of the prepared hampers. Other winners were: Min, Maria, Brian Perkins, Paula, Lin and Anne-Marie.

5. Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dorothy for running Grumpy's shed. Certificates were also prepared for Belinda & Wayne at Batehaven Nursery and Hardware and the Soldiers Club for their ongoing support of the club. These will be hand delivered this week.

6. Plant of the Night plants were distributed following the meal.

7. Members were wished a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018

.Meeting closed 6.50pm

**The next meeting will be on Monday
5th February 2018.**

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner





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