



## BATEMANS BAY ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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### AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

**Next Club Meeting 7.30pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Guest speaker**

*Neville Roper speaking on “Pollinating Orchids”.*



### From the President

I'd like to send our very best wishes to Joy for a good recovery from her recent surgery and to Brian Coulton to keep improving with his neck pain. We are very happy to welcome new members and want to encourage them to feel confident to bench plants at meetings and shows.

Our Winter show was a wonderful display (although low numbers competing). Congratulations and thank you to all who were able to bring in plants to show and to those exceptional helpers bringing in other members plants ( Rob Pollock , Tony , Liz ) Thank you.

Congrats to Ron & Rose Boyd for a lovely “ Paph “ as Grand Champion and to Maria with a “Cym” as Reserve Champion and congrats to the close race on most Successful Exhibitor - going to Tony & Liz , a deserving win. A big pat on the back to all competitors and winners.

We were very happy to meet the new CEO, Paul of the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and for him to carry out presentations and we thank the club for a fabulous venue. A big thank you to our great supporters at Batehaven Hardware & Garden Centre - with a beautiful assortment of plants and stock available from Batehaven, as well as donating a great plant in our raffle.

Our thanks to Bunnings for a lovely gift bucket of goodies & Samantha for helping & attending our presentation. Always a big thank you for our opportunity fund raising on the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

If he managed to get away from the potting table at the show, Mitch will be attending to an Orchid potting demonstration at Bunnings at a further date. Absolutely so grateful to Mitch for his support and knowledge and hands on help doing the potting demonstrations at our show and sorry it turned into a long experience for him with one of our cymbidiums to divide and repot.

We have many people to thank for their assistance. Let's start with Bill for his excellent skills at the front door and assisted by Elizabeth, Brian Perkins, Alan Bird and other occasional helpers, on the raffle ticket table, thanks to Liz, Tony, Alan, Robin Baker, Brian, Jim and many others, thank you very much .

Next let's try and thank Dot and Keith for the potting equipment and all the work they put in to Grumpy's Shed, phenomenal job – thank you. Also our best wishes to Dot as she prepares for some surgery. Thank you to Keith and Dot for transporting all the potting stuff to and from our show, it is a lot of work.

To Phil , Jill, Jim, Leanda, Megan, Ron , Robert , Sue, Rob Pollock, Mitch, Liz, Tony and Margaret at set up and throughout the show – thank you. (Sorry if I've missed anyone).

To Leanda, Susanne, Megan a really big and wonderful assortment of floral arrangements, thank you all. For a really generous amount of donations and experience from Susanne and able assistance from Manuel we are extremely grateful.

To our committee who have had a successful venture seeking sponsors, we are grateful for all the work you are doing.

To a very new member Catrin, young and energetic, thank you for assisting Leanda and Jill on the sales table.

Thank you to Margaret for the running around and sorting envelopes and hopefully still counting. Our thoughts are with her during these more difficult times.

We are thankful to the members who were able to bring in plants for the sales table; we feel it was a great success. To our refreshment man, Jim and our sustenance lady, Megan – thank you very much, we loved those cakes. Thank you Paula and Michael for more cakes and biscuits and helping hands here and there, and other anonymous donations.

Congratulations and thank you to Rob Pollock for Show Marshalling and sorting all the varieties of orchids. We are extremely grateful for your skills and time.

I have tried to thank everyone and we are grateful to all even if not named. Most of all thank you to all who have attended the show and given great support, whether you gave 2 hours of your time to help or some days of assistance it is all appreciated.

Now, is it the good news or the bad news – get ready our SPRING SHOW is only about 5 weeks away. Set Up Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 12noon to 5pm cut off. Spring Show Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 6pm , Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 3pm.

Robert Fish

President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
*Our August Birthday members*  
*None this Month*

# Wanted, Buy, Swap & Sell

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

## WANTED

“Ninja” Cymbidium. Contact Dorothy

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## BUY

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## SWAP

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## SELL

Gal Fencing approx. 26m in length and 1.5m high.

Robert Fish

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## Minutes

### **Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society General Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 Held at Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay**

President Robert Fish opened the meeting at 7.30pm

**Apologies**; Sylvia Hawkins, Paula & Michael Brown, Ted & Jillian Richards, Robin Baker, Joy Giust, Manuel & Susanne Del Nido

**Secretary's report**, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Cub meeting minutes have been circulated, moved they be accepted Ron Boyd, 2nd Phil Bailey. Accepted on the voices! (To include amendment to item 6, Moved by the committee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Boyd.)

**Incoming and Outgoing correspondence** read out, moved they be accepted Ron Boyd, 2nd Jill Bailey. Treasurer Report! Treasurer Margaret Turner read out the report and copies of statement were available for members. Treasurer Margaret Turner moved they be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ann-Marie Collins.

### **GENERAL Business**

**Item 1;** Brian Perkins asked the question do we need to have a person accredited in ‘Food Safety’ to attend the BBQ run by our club at the ‘Hot Rod Association’ show day, President Robert Fish to contact the Eurobodalla Council for further information!

**Item 2:** President Robert Fish asked for helpers for this Saturdays display at the Village Centre.

**Item 3** Volunteers needed for Bunnings BBQ Sunday 31 August 2014, please ring the President ASAP if you are available!

**Item 4;** Eddie Ruiz from Mogo Orchid & Fern Nursery is having his annual Open Day & Mini Show on either Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September or Monday 22 September, to be confirmed at a later date!

**Item 5;** Susanne Del Nido, Leanda O’Connor & Sue Fish have volunteered to make up the posies for sale at Winter Show.

**Item 6;** President Robert Fish spoke on the need for members to “own” there plants for six (6) months to be eligible to show them in our clubs shows!

**Item 7:** Next Coffee Day at Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

**Item 8:** The Batehaven Bakery to sponsor bread supplies for Bunning BBQ’S.

**Item 9:** Treasurer Margaret Turner's computer crashed and was sent to Sydney for major repairs, costing \$600 to fix, Committee moved to donate \$300 towards cost of repairs, members voted in favour of the motion!

**Item 10:** President Robert Fish spoke on the wine glasses for the 2015 conference that will go to the Championship winners; he handed around an engraved class for comment, and discussed the format they were going to print on them!

**Item 11** Mitch Karnaghan spoke on how he mounts his orchids, different types of mounts he used and did a demonstration of tying an orchid to a mount.

At end of talk President Robert fish presented Mitch with a present from the club for doing the "Talk".

### **Coffee Break**

**Item 12:** President Robert Fish handed out certificates for June plant of the night.

**Item 13:** President Robert Fish drew the raffle of over 25 prizes, all going to our clubs members. President Robert Fish thanked all for supporting the raffles and those who bought in items to be raffled.

**Item 14:** Lucky door prize of \$25 voucher from Batehaven Garden Plus nursery, winner is Margaret Turner.

**Item 15:** Robert Pollock read out the plant of the night results.

Being not further business, President Robert Fish closed the meeting down at 9.45pm;



Ron Boyd

Secretary 13/7/2014

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"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.

## OPEN SECTION

<b>Species Orchids</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rob Pollock 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liz & Tony 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rob Pollock
<b>Cymbidium over 90`</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Liz & Tony
<b>Cymbidium under 60</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Liz & Tony
<b>Cattleya under 70mm</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rob Pollock
<b>Seedlings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rob Pollock
<b>Fern</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rob Pollock
<b>Foliage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Liz & Tony

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**ROB POLLOCK**

**“POT BURANA ANGEL X DAL’S GOOD ONE”**



## NOVICE POPULAR VOTE RESULTS

<b>Cymbidium</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mrgaret Turner
<b>Paphiopedilum</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Brian Perkins

### NOVICE PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**BRIAN PERKINS**

**“PAPHIOPEDILIUM UNKNOWN”**



### Growing Comp

**DEN. ELLEN.** 1<sup>st</sup> Liz & Tony

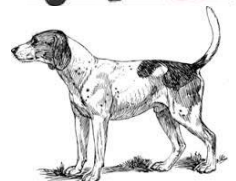


## GRUMPY'S SHED.

**Your Clubs Store of discounted Orchid Supplies**

**ALL profits are returned to the Orchid Club**

**From Bark to pots all at club members special prices**



Run by Dorothy at her home in Mogo. All are welcome to come and look at what is available to buy. Please give Dorothy a ring on 44740884 or email [dkauffman7@bigpond.com](mailto:dkauffman7@bigpond.com)

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

### How to Grow Dendrobium speciosum the Ted Walmsley Way

Over many years I have been asked how I grow my speciosums. So I put together this little guide to explain how I grow mine.

#### Housing

When the plants are first deflasked they are put under 70% shade cloth where they remain until they reach the size of a 200mm (8") pot. They are then placed with the more mature plants under 50% shade cloth for the rest of their growing and flowering life.

#### **Potting**

When plants are first deflasked they are potted into 50mm (2") tubes using Mini Aus-Gro® (Van Schaik's Quality Products) Orchid Bark (10mm). The plants are left in these pots until they fill the pot. They should not be allowed to overgrow the pot.

When they fill the 50mm (2") tube, they are then repotted into a 100mm (4") pot using Medium Aus-Gro® Orchid Bark (15mm). They are left in these pots until the pot is full, but again make sure they do not overgrow the pot. If the plant is allowed to outgrow the pot then when it is repotted it does not grow as vigorously as those plants not in an overgrown state. I use standard pots (not squat pots), but crock 25-30% with Styrofoam lumps.

When the plant has filled the 100mm (4") pot it is then potted into a 200mm (8") pot using Large Aus-Gro® Orchid Bark (20mm). After potting, 1/2 a handful of a 50/50 mix of Blood and Bone and Hoof and Horn is applied around the top of a 200mm pot (one handful for a 250mm pot or larger) and watered in lightly. The plants are then left to dry for 2 to 3 weeks before normal watering is recommenced. Repotting should then be done every two or at most every three years using the 20mm bark. Plants only show optimum growth when the bark is changed in this way - plants do not progress in old, stale bark. At the 200mm pot size, most plants will flower. Under my conditions, providing regular repotting into new bark is done, I find that the period between deflasking and first flowering is generally about 6 years.

#### **Fertilising**

I believe the best procedure is to water one day and to fertilise the next day. I never fertilise into a dry potting mix because, while the plants must never be waterlogged, I feel that if the mix and roots are damp and fresh they will be more able to make use of the fertiliser as the roots will be more active than if the mix is dry. However, it is always better to be on the dry side with your plants rather than having them too wet.

Every two (2) months during the growing season I apply a solution of Condy's crystals (potassium permanganate) and Epsom Salts (magnesium sulphate heptahydrate). This is made up by dissolving 10 grams of Condy's crystals and 100 grams of Epsom Salts in 20 litres of water. This solution is then applied through a 1/16 fertilizer/water mixer. The solution as applied to the plant therefore contains about 1 gram of Condy's crystals and 10 grams of Epsom Salts per 32 litres of water. Both Condy's crystals and Epsom Salts are available, for example, through Selby Biolab (national customer service no 13 2991, minimum amount 500g).

In addition to the above, every six months I like to top dress the plants with the 50/50 Blood and Bone and Hoof and Horn mix at the rate of one (1) teaspoon for a 100mm (4") pot and half a handful for a 200mm (8") pot.

I also use a soluble fertiliser (Grow Force Flowfeed® GF9) two to three times a year during the growing season at the manufacturer's recommended concentration (in the case of Grow Force® that is about 3g/L).

I am a firm believer in liming your plants, and have the philosophy that TOO MUCH LIME IS NOT ENOUGH. I use hydrated lime or Brickies' lime (calcium hydroxide). I lime my plants as often as they need it, even up to six (6) to eight (8) times a year depending on the weather. I put the lime on as thick as it is needed to give good coverage on the plant.

#### **Pest and Diseases**

Prevention is the best cure for all ailments or pests which may affect your plants.

For insects, I rotate the use of Rogor® (dimethoate) [eg mfd by Richgrow Garden Products] and Lorsban® (active is chlorpyrifos - an equivalent active is in Richgrow Lawn, Beetle and Grub Killer) at two monthly intervals of spraying so I end up spraying for insects six (6) times a year. Take care to read and act on all manufacturers' safety directions before using these products.

For fungal problems I also spray every two (2) months alternating with the spraying for pests. For this I use Agri-Fos®

(mfd by Agrichem Manufacturing Industries based on a phosphorous acid containing active). Another product based on the same active is Yates Anti Rot Phosacid Systemic Fungicide (where the phosphorous acid is present in the form of the mono and di potassium salts). As an alternative, I also use Mancozeb®. Products containing this active (which is sometimes in combination with sulphur) are supplied, for example, by Yates (Mancozeb Plus) and by Garden King Products (Mancozeb).

With all my pesticide and fungicide solutions I add a low level of a wetting agent. For this I use Morning Fresh® dishwashing liquid (Cussons Australia Pty Ltd).

Finally, to prevent viral infections, I sterilise my cutting implements in straight Alginox® (an algicide made by Waterco Ltd, but distributed through for example Big W and Mitre 10 stores and independent swimming pool product suppliers). Remember that you must allow the implements to soak for 20 min before use. Note also that the bush house must be kept spotless with no dead rubbish left about such as old leaves and dead plants or sick plants that won't grow. A gravel floor which is raked and limed regularly to keep it fresh is a must in my opinion. If you are a dirty, untidy housekeeper then sterilising your cutting implements is like shutting the gate when the horse has bolted.

These are the essential points of my speciosum culture.

I hope you have the best of luck and happy growing.

Ted Walmsley  
Kempsey, NSW - Sept 2005

Note: These cultural notes refer to my conditions and I do not recommend that you selectively use aspects of the above without thinking through the consequences. For example, some fertiliser solutions form insoluble precipitates with lime, in which case the regular application of limewater between fertilising may be more appropriate for you. Similarly, the use of squat pots in cooler areas such as Melbourne may be more appropriate (in which case crocking with Styrofoam isn't necessary). Be prepared to experiment to get things right for your conditions and draw on all sources of knowledge.



## Medical Report

*It was good to hear Sylvia had a trip to Ulladulla  
Orchid Show,*

*Joy is out of hospital and Brian is on the mend. Lovely hearing  
you are all getting around.*

*To Tom & Elaine Kelly Our Thoughts are With You*

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## Sponsors of individual Championships. Winter Show 2014

Grand Champion of the show	By; Ron & Rose Boyd
Reserve Champion of the show	BY; Maria Kacarovski
Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show <b><u>Open</u></b>	BY; Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Champion Cymbidium 90 mm and over	BY; Robin Baker
Champion Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm	BY; Sylvia Hawkins
Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm	BY Maria Kacarovski
Champion Cymbidium Seedling	BY; Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
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Champion Fern	BY; Robin Baker
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Grand Champion of the show Ron & Rose Boyd

Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show **Open**  
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Reserve Champion of the show  
Maria Kacarovski



Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm  
Maria Kacarovski



Champion Orchid, any other Genera  
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Champion Laeliinae Alliance  
Robert Pollock



Champion Australian Native Species / Hybrid  
Paula & Michael Brown



Champion Specimen Orchid of the show  
Paula & Michael Brown



Champion Cymbidium Seedling  
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Champion Phalaenopsis Classic / Novelty  
Sue & Robert Fish



Champion Fern  
Robin Baker



Soldiers Club CEO Mr. Paul Biddlestone and the  
Pres. Robert Fish



Presentation to Belinda from  
Batehaven Garden Centre



Sam from Bunnings with Robert drawing the raffle



Grand-Champion  
Paphiopedilum Wessex Way "Zoe Pax"



Reserve Champion Ruby Eye's 'Royal Show'

