



**BATEMANS
BAY ORCHID
AND FOLIAGE
SOCIETY INC.**

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**Newsletter – July
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Den Unknown Margaret

President's Report

Hello members,

Half way through the year and our Winter Show is next month. So far, so good.

If you have any orchids, which you are not showing and we could use in our posies, please let me know, so I can arrange pick up. Thank you.

At the June meeting, we had Garry Evans talk to us about the way he grows his cymbidiums. He had many useful tips,

which were most enlightening.

We have a Bunnings b-b-q on the 3rd July, where we will advertise our Winter Show.

If you want to sponsor a section of the Winter Show, please let Margaret or myself know. Thank you to Brian Perkins for your generous sponsorship.

At our July meeting there will be flyers, show schedules, benching cards and nomination forms. Please pick them up and try to fill them in before the show day.

Check your plants to see which section they belong in, before arrival. This will help with a quicker benching.

Looking over mine, that are in bud, my fingers are crossed for warmer weather.

See you at our next meeting and the Winter Show, please stay healthy.

Anne-Marie

Meeting Protocols Reminder

- **Turn mobile phones off or onto silent**
- Please do not come to the meetings if you are feeling unwell especially now with both the Flu and Covid about
- You must sign in, both with the Soldiers Club and BBOFS
- Please try to ensure social distancing is maintained for the sake of everyone.

From the Committee.

Ken has again offered to paint the banners and to put them up and take them down. Thank you Ken much appreciated.

There will be 8 banners around the town, however we still need members to tell family and friends about the shows. We will have B5 flyers available for distribution around the local towns as part of the advertising process.

If anyone has Cymbidium spikes that they are happy for the Floral Art group to use for posy making, please contact Leanda or Anne-Marie and they will arrange pick or delivery.

I was asked at the general meeting if our Native Plant License is still valid. BBOFS members who are selling native plants to the public need to include this number on the ticket. Please ask Margaret for this number prior to the show.

The schedule, plant tickets and plant lists will be on our website by this weekend. Remember that you need to provide the committee with a list of plants that you have benched for judging. They will also be distributed with the newsletter and at the July meeting. The Club has plenty of forks which will be available during set up. If you are putting plants on the sales table, it would be helpful to provide a list of those with prices to the Treasurer, so she knows what is on the table and can ensure that what we have sold and what is on your list tallies. Thank you.



In your Orchid House

Not too sure how long this dry spell will last, but it does mean that the hose has been out again. Most species currently don't require much water, so once or twice a week should be sufficient, however, you need to check what your plants need rather than rely on general information. More damage is done to plants that are cold and wet rather than cold and dry. Pest spot checks will still be required, so some eco-oil on hand will be helpful. There maybe a few snails around as well so some pellets may be helpful to keep these off your spikes and new growths on the plants. Most plants still require a weak solution of fertilizer, so weekly weakly applies during these colder months.

Diary Dates

July

1 2 3 MUOS Winter Show Civic Centre, Ulladulla
7 8 9 EOC Winter Show CWA Hall Moruya
15 16 17 BBOFS Winter Show Soldiers Club

August

14 BBOFS Orchid crawl

September

2 3 4 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club

October

21 22 23 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club

November

7 AGM & plant auction

December

5 Christmas party



Benching

Not a great variety of plants on the bench last month. In fact, they all belonged to one member as you will see when looking at the

results. Thank you to Leanda who benched in the Floral Art Section.

Open Section

Species: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Margaret Turner

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Margaret Turner

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Margaret Turner

Fern: Margaret Turner

Foliage:

Plant of the Night - Open



Zygo Arthur Elle "Apnachey" X Kwie Choice



Zygo Choice Beethoven X Aussie Quest Christmas Beauty

Both were benched by Margaret Turner and were joint Plant of the Afternoon.

Floral Art



Leanda O'Connor

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:

Foliage:

Plant of the Night - Novice

No plants benched in the Novice section.

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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

Monday 6th June 2022

PRESENT: Members:13 Apologies: 4
Visitors: 2

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 2pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 2nd May at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Ron Boyd
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 OS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS
- c) Bank statement
- d) Membership form
- e) Positive Response from ESC re banner
- f) Positive Response from Robert Fish re banner and doing the

potting and mounting demonstrations

- g) Positive responses from North Side Vet, Mogo Orchid & Fern Nursery and Dorothy Kauffmann re hanging banners
- h) Positive response from Ron regarding being a vendor at all 3 shows.
- i) 2EARFM membership renewal.
- j) Names of Judges for Winter Show.

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Letter to the new member
- d) Letters to: Council; Northside Vet; Cameron's (old Bunnings site); High School; Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery; Dorothy Kauffman; Robert & Sue Fish re hanging banners.
- e) Letters to Ron Boyd; Barrie McPherson, John Stubbs and Kylie Stocks regarding being vendors at all 3 shows.
- f) Letter to Bunnings asking for a donation for raffle prizes at all 3 shows and for her or her representative to draw the raffles at all three shows.
- g) Letter to Paul Biddlestone – CEO Soldiers Club asking for him or his representative to present championship prizes at conclusion of each show.

Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: Ron Boyd
Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8726.69. Income \$133, expenditure \$361. No outstanding cheques. Total fiscal amount including floats & IBD \$28,974.09

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Leo Baumgartner
Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda
O'Connor Seconded: Leo
Baumgartner Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting; Kylie Stocks – Tassel Ferns**
- b. Bunnings BBQ Sunday July 3rd. – helpers please – have but need 4 more (3 morning & 1 afternoon) members offered their assistance and we now have full quota for both shifts. Thank you everyone.
- c. Monetary gift to Judges – currently \$80.00. The letter that came with the judge's names suggested that we look at the remuneration given to the judges because of the increased costs associated with travelling. After some discussion Anne-Marie put the motion that "the Judges remuneration for shows be increased to \$100 for twelve (12) months with the plan to then review it" Seconded by Robert Fish. A vote was called 10 agreed; no against and 3 abstained.
- d. Leanda reminded members that we would need some cymbidium spikes for Posey making just prior to the show.
- e. Anne-Marie told members of the passing of Annette Stubbs. Annette and her husband Peter were members of BBOFS several years ago and had a long history of orchid growing. Peter is a judge and well known in the orchid world. We have sent a card to Peter from the Club. Her funeral is this Wednesday (8th June).
- f. Anne-Marie reminded members that helpers would be required at the set up for the show as well as during the open to public times

(Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 10 – 3). She also asked members to think about sponsoring some of the championships – most are \$10.00. Robert reminded members not to judge their own plants, but if they are unsure about a plant to bring it in and speak to the Show Marshall about it.

- g. Ron will do the Novice Corner next meeting. He will discuss Nomenclature and carnivorous plants.

Afternoon tea break 2.24

Return 2.40

4. Guest Speaker – Garry Evans excellent Cymbid grower

Garry has been growing cymbidiums for about 15 years and has had excellent results from the methods he has perfected during that time. He brought a couple of his plants into show us just how well he grows them. Unfortunately, he is moving down into the Gippsland area and will be growing mostly other types of orchids that grow in a warmer hot house. Garry's current orchid house is 20m X 4m which faces north for better air flow and is covered with 70% shade cloth. He hangs some of the plants, however, those on benches are on reo which allows good drainage.

The mix he uses allows free flowing of water thru it. His mix is equal parts of coco peat, bark and perlite. He repots regularly, but doesn't very often divide the plants as he prefers to grow them into specimen sized plants.

He usually fertilizes weakly about every two (2) weeks. He varies what he uses but his main choice is Campbell's water soluble solution of NPK Diamond Special T. To encourage flowering he uses Calcium Nitrate Prill. These is

available thru Bishops. Dissolve 1 teaspoon in hot water then add that to a 9lites watering can and sprinkle all over the plant.

When repotting, Garry always uses a plant starter, which helps the plant re-establish in the pot. This he varies also with Go Go Juice. He uses Eco – oil as a surface spray when required and he reminded us not to expose the plant to sunlight immediately after use. He will also mix this with detergent and or Seasol when required. He also uses Confidor for pesticide control both to treat outbreaks and as a maintenance management.

As his shade house has reo over the roof, he uses yo yo to support spikes and to encourage them to grow upright.

Ann-Marie thanked Garry for an interesting and informative talk.

5. RAFFLES: Anne-Marie X 2; Leanda X 2; Garry; Brian and Margaret

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Leanda

Awarded Plants (Plant of the Night) winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.

Meeting closed 3.20pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th July

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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