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Newsletter – July 2021

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President's Report

Hello Members
Hope you are keeping warm and dry. Some of your orchids would appreciate a warm, dry place to be. Soft cane dendrobiums particularly need dry to light watering now.

Thank you to Ron Boyd on his informative talk about how he grows his Paphiopedilums. They were stunning. I was very happy to take home the paph. that was donated by Alan Boon and auctioned off by Ron. Thank you for this donation to our club. I will do my best to keep it alive. ☺

We now know where our shows will be this year – the usual place. Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

The Winter Show is nearly upon us and we are powering ahead with our preparations. I hope to see you and your orchids there in 2021.

Our July speakers will be Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube – talking on show preparation and presentation. We all need pointers on this, to help make our shows special.

This year will be the first time in a long while where we have a Floral Art Section – I am looking forward to seeing this. ☺

Our Orchid Crawl was postponed due to inclement weather and the new date will be in this newsletter. Check it out.

I wish everyone the best in the upcoming shows.

Remember, stay warm and safe and follow the Covid rules.

Cheers Anne-Marie

Our Next Meeting –

JULY IS ALSO A DAYTIME MEETING set up from 12md, benching from 12.30pm, voting 1pm and meeting from 1.30pm. We have been requested to finish and be gone by 4pm.

The speakers are Tony Groube and Liz Cleaver telling us how to prepare our plants for benching at both Club meetings and Shows. This talk is aimed at our Novice growers, but it never hurts for the more experienced growers among us to have this knowledge refreshed or reinforced.

Club trophies Thank you to those members who have returned our club trophies. They are now all back with me in preparation for the shows

Meeting Protocols Reminder

- **Turn mobile phones onto silent or off.**
- Please do not come to the meeting if you do not feel well.
- You must sign in, both at the club and the meeting,
- Do not congregate to ensure social distancing is maintained.

From the Committee

Our apologies for cancelling the orchid crawl for what turned out to be a reasonable day, but it was very wet under foot and the breeze was cold under my veranda area where we would have been having lunch. A new date has been decided on which is **Sunday 26th September**. The places remain the same and times and places will be in a future newsletter.

Shows: The Soldiers Club is now available for each of our show dates and after some discussion at the committee, it was decided to move our shows back to the auditorium at the Soldiers Club. You will also note that the Spring Show dates have gone back to the original dates of 4th & 5th September.

A reminder also that Saturday 4th September is Council election day.

You will also see in the minutes that Robert Fish put a motion that the prize monies for the shows be reduced to the 2019 level. This was passed by a majority of the members present, however it would be good if members would consider sponsoring some of the prize monies.

The schedule, benching tags and show entry forms will be available on the website from early July. There will also some at the July meeting. Everything is well in hand to ensure that the Shows will be well advertised, so hopefully we will have plenty of visitors when they are on.

On show dates, you will also note that the EOC Spring Show dates have changed due to the Council elections.

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. So far this month in Long Beach we have had 130mls of rain, with more on the way looking at a weather map.

Most species don't require much water at this time of year, so we need to monitor our pots to ensure that the roots have a chance

to dry out. Perhaps the exceptions to this are the cymbids, dendrobiums and sarcs as they are all either in flower, with spikes or setting spikes.

Many species still require fertilizing throughout the year, so make sure you know what is happening in your green house.

Ron gave us some good advice about growing paphs, so have a look at the report on his talk in the minutes.

This time of the year is also an excellent time to do the general maintenance in the green house and in your potting shed.

Diary Dates **note the changes in red please**

July

3 & 4 MUOS Winter Show Civic Centre Ulladulla

9 & 10 EOC Winter Show CWA Hall Moruya

17 & 18 BBOFS Winter Show **Soldiers Club** Batemans Bay

August

13 – 15 Sapphire Coast Winter Show Twyford Hall Merimbula

September

4th & 5th Spring Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

11 & 12 MUOS Spring Show Civic Centre Ulladulla

18 & 19 EOC Spring Show Leisure Centre Narooma

October

2 & 3 South & West Regional Show Wagga Wagga (TBC)

23 & 24 BBOFS Native Show **Soldiers Club** Batemans Bay (new dates)

29 & 30 Sapphire Coast Spring Show Twyford Hall Merimbula

November

1st AGM & Orchid auction

December

6th Christmas Party venue TBC

EOC is planning on running the usual March workshop at some stage during the year, so keep your eyes open for more information here.

Benching

Few more members today, and a few more plants. We are starting to see the cymbids as shown by the two beautiful blooms that couldn't be separated for our Open Plant of the Day.

Open Section

Species: Leanda O'Connor

Cymbidium > 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm: Liz & Tony

Cymbidium < 60mm: Liz & Tony

Aust Native Orchid: Leanda O'Connor

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Margaret Turner

Seedling: Liz & Tony

Miscellaneous: Margaret Turner

Fern: Leanda O'Connor

Foliage: Leanda O'Connor

Plant of the Night



Cymbid Death Wish "Lime Leopard" Tony Groube & Liz Cleaver



Cymbid April Showers "April" Tony Groube & Liz Cleaver

Floral Art



Leanda O'Connor

Novice Section

Species: Jan Boyce

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust. Native Orchid: Rebecca & Leo Baumgartner

Laeliinae > 70cm:
Laeliinae < 70cm:
Paphiopedilum:
Vandaceous:
Pleurothallidinae:
Oncidiinae Alliance:
Seedling:
Miscellaneous:
Fern:
Foliage: Ken Covington
Plant of the Night



Aerides Quinquivulnera var Magnifica Jan Boyce

**BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND
 FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC. DRAFT
 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
 MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB;
 BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY**

Monday 7th June 2021

PRESENT: Members: 15 Apologies: 3
 Visitors: 0

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 1.42pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 3rd 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.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS, Illawarra District Orchid Society
- c) Bank statement
- d) New deposit book
- e) Letter from Lesley Bromley with Judges for the 3 shows
- f) Account for ribbons & rosettes
- g) Information relating to Show & Fair at Mingara 26 & 27th June
- h) Illawarra District Orchid Society Show flyer 3rd & 4th July
- i) Cancellation of St Ives show
- j) Email from Robert Fish – see general business
- k) Membership renewal for 2EARFM
- l) Apia contacts – Ken's email
- m) Royal Horticultural Society Victoria Affiliate Insurance & Information sheet

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Letter to Lesley Bromley and Judges regarding change to venue for shows and dates of Spring Show.

- d) Letters to three potential vendors notifying them of show dates and venue
- e) Sash and Rosette order to C. R Ribbons
- f) Email to Bunnings requesting donation for raffle prizes for shows

Moved: Margaret Turner
 Seconded: Leo Baumgartner
 Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented: - Opening balance \$9804.03; Income \$125.00; Expenditure \$40.50

One unrepresented cheque. Closing balance after that cheque presented \$9838.53. Floats unchanged. Vouchers being reduced as we use them for raffle prizes.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor
 Seconded: Robin Baker Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting; Garry Evans - Cymbidiums**
- b. Robert Fish Motion: the motion received by email from Robert reads "I Robert Fish would like rescind my last motion to increase prize money for all section in our Orchid Shows, as per the minutes in 2019". After some discussion it was decided that the second motion "That all prize money in our Orchid Shows be maintained as per the 2019 Orchid Shows" ruled out the need for the first. Both of these motions were seconded by Sue Fish. There was discussion about being able to rescind a motion such a long time after it had been put,

however on the Office of Fair Trading website there is a section about rescind motions in the Governance section. This indicates that if a motion had not been actioned it is possible to rescind it. This motion was not passed. When the second motion was put to the meeting it was passed by a majority of 9 for and 5 against. Therefore, the prize monies for our Orchid Shows in 2021 will return to the 2019 levels.

- c. Judges for shows: Judges for the Winter and Spring shows are: Peter Stubbs; Jane Wright and Graham Gray. For the Native show they are: Graham Gray; Hardy Beilharz and Meg Kerr.
- d. Winter Show - general set up, publicity [Margaret & AM], banners [Ken with help from AMC], trophies [ordered], sashes [ordered], etc. Margaret will send AM show materials to put up on site. Bunning have been contacted regarding raffle prizes for the Show and Nigel is happy to continue to do that. The general set up was discussed and a floor plan of the rooms discussed as the best way to utilize the space. Margaret and Anne-Marie are planning to meet with Sophia early in July to finalize layout and any other issues. (not required now)
- e. Peter Cordina is no longer the Apia representative for this area. We thank Peter for his and Apia's support over the past several years and we wish him well in the future. You will have noticed that his name is no longer on the Apia information at the back of the newsletter, but the Apia logo is still there as they have provided financial support for show prize money for all three shows in 2021.
- f. Information regarding Awarding of plants: information regarding nominating plants for awards is now on the Orchid NSW website for

members if they believe that they have a plant that is worthy of an award. Copy provided to the President.

- g. Show Schedule complete: before distributing it, we are waiting to hear from Club Catalina if our application for waiving some or all of the room hire fees been successful. Margaret had emailed Sophia to see if she had heard as the Board met on the 27th May and it was on the agenda. Sophia had not responded prior to the meeting.
- h. Bunnings: when speaking with Nigel regarding the raffle prizes, he offered BBOFS a BBQ on the 19th September. However, that may be a problem as EOC has had to move their Spring show and that is a possible date. More to follow. Nigel also asked if we were interested in continuing our involvement in activities that Bunnings run like the Father's Day or Spring into Spring events. I replied in the positive and he said that when he returns from holidays, he would discuss this further with us.

Afternoon tea 2.25

Return 2.40

Guest Speaker: Ron Boyd

Ron gave a very interesting talk about how he grows his award winning Paphiopedilums. He talked about the areas where they grow in the wild. They are mainly terrestrials, however can be found amongst the fallen litter in grasslands. He then spoke about the different types of hybrids and species that are available and what he prefers to grow.

When purchasing paphs, it is better to look for hybrids as they tend to grow in conditions similar to cymbids.

Bark, deflasking and Repotting: Ron said that he finds the bark that is

currently available can be very dry, so he soaks it before use in a solution that contains "Wettasoil" He uses small bark (10mm) when deflasking into 3" deep style pot, and first pot-on and then the larger bark (15mm) when onpotting to the larger 4inch pot. Ron said he has found the deep pots provides for better root management, as the pot size is governed by the root size and not the plant size. He has found, after many casualties, that in the squat pots the bark stays too wet which means that the roots may rot. He makes sure that the mix is open to allow free drainage. Ron has found that with the high cost of bark and the size of his collection repotting annually or every other year is both expensive and difficult, so with the use of lime he can prolong the need for repotting for up to five years. The lime he uses is eco-flo lime which is a super concentrated liquid lime, which is enriched with micro-nutrients, that rapidly corrects acidic soils and boosts calcium levels for plants which assists with healthy growth and better uptake of nutrients due to the micro-organisms in the mixture. Another type of lime is pelletised lime which can be added to each pot. With a small collection, this is suitable to use but with larger collections it is easier to use the eco-flo version.

Watering: He finds rain water the best, but if he needs to use town water, he allows it to sit for a day or two to which helps get rid of some of the chlorine. He waters over the whole plant including leaves. How often and much one waters depend on your growing area – which way the growing area faces, what it is covered with etc. Ron's shade house has 70% shade cloth on all walls and the roof. Monitor the amount of light the plants get as well. These plants like plenty of fresh air so a good air flow is essential. Good humidity levels are essential as well – about 50 – 80%. Monitor carefully in summer as this can

cause plant dehydration. He said that in summer he would water every 3 – 4 days depending on how hot it is and the what the plant needs. Check the pot – roots at bottom and the weight of the pot which are indicators of how much dampness is left in the bark. He waters thoroughly then lets the pot almost dry out before watering again.

Fertiliser: Paphs like a pH of about 6 or 7. He feels that he doesn't do anything special for the paphs, but does use specialized paph fertilizer which is low in urea. He fertilizes every second watering at about half strength. He is currently using "Plant Starter" from Bunnings when deflasking and repotting which has been successful. Ron said that he also uses products like "Go-Go Juice" or Rooster Booster which add micro-organisms to the soil but also increase the rate the bark will decompose. A question was asked about the amount of micro-organisms in these products and no information was able to be found relating to this information. However, Ron said that he finds them useful so continues to use them. Ron uses the 9 month osmacote on all his other orchids but feels it is too strong for the paphs.

Pests: Ron has found that paphs are affected by very few pests, but snails can be a problem, so he spreads a good snail bait on his growing benches. The other orchids may get mealy bug infestations, which need to be treated quickly and effectively for which he uses "Confidore".

Auction plant: Ron brought in with him a lovely paph in flower which had been given to him by another member – Allan Boon from Tuross. Allan has asked Ron to use the plant in his talk and then to auction it with proceeds going to BBOFS. The auction was spirited with the final price of \$51 being purchased by our president Anne-Marie. Thank you Allan.

Anne-Marie thanked Ron for his very informative and interesting presentation.

5. RAFFLES: Anne-Marie; Ken x 2; Jan; Robin; Ian; Nola; Liz

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Rebecca Baumgartner

Plant of the Night winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.

Meeting closed 3.50pm

The next meeting will be on

Monday 5th July

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Please note: This is an AFTERNOON meeting

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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WANTED

Anne-Marie is looking for any or all of the following:

- Herbs
- Spare vegetable seedlings
- Seedling fruit trees or fruit vines.

Free or cheap please.

She would like to plant them on her Yarragee Road property that was burnt out in the last Summer Bush Fires.

Please contact Anne-Marie if you are able to assist. Her contact details are at the top of the newsletter

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