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**Newsletter – March
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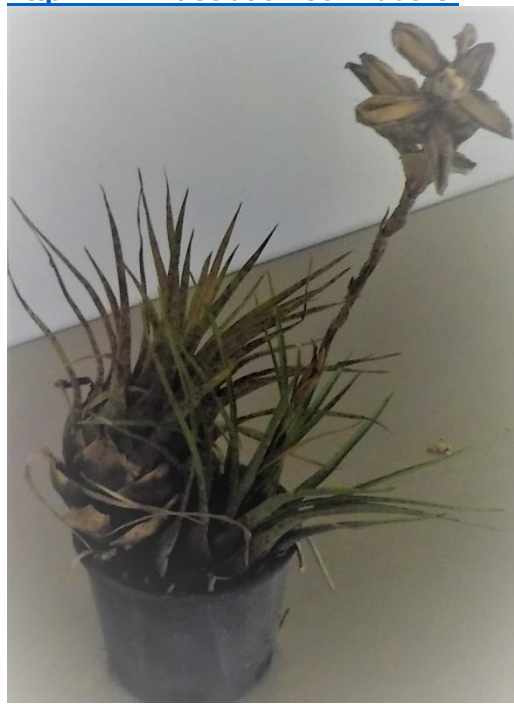
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These are 2 of the plants that Dylan brought in as part of his talk.

President's Report

Hello members,

It was great to see so many members at our

first meeting of 2022.

We had quite a few items on our raffle and Dylan generously donated two of his talk orchids.

I was most impressed with the delivery of his talk and the quality of his impressive knowledge.

I am looking forward to a much better year and just need my orchids to join in and flower.

Our first floral art group for the year is on Monday, 28th. I can't wait to see everyone's homework. (11 am Soldiers Club).

The weather is still warm and quite humid, so check your orchids often for mealy bug and fungus. Dendrobium beetles have been around and they need squashing.

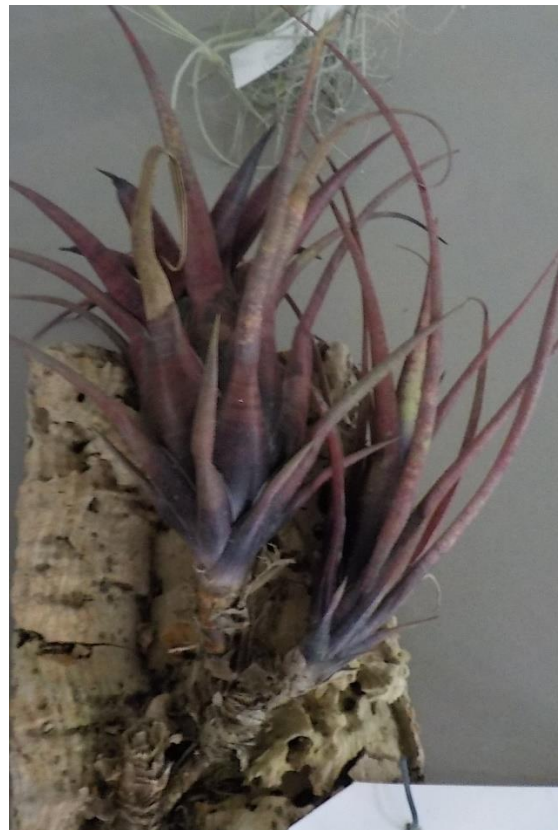
The Bunnings Easter family day and proposed garden activities, will be attended by our club. You too could join us, we always welcome member participation.

Next month we have two excellent speakers with practical help on presenting your orchids for the bench.

Plus, a Novice Corner – all novices need help and Ron is there for you.

Come along and join us at the next meeting.

Cheers **Anne-Marie**



Our Next Meeting –

Our March speakers will be Liz & Tony. They will be speaking about presenting your plants for benching and showing. They always have something of interest to show us and to tell us about this topic and it always generates a discussion as other growers speak about how they do this as well.

Now that benching is back, remember to bring in your plants to have them on the table by 7pm. This enables us to have a good wander around and admire what everyone grows and decide which ones to vote for. However, even though masks will not be mandatory at that time, it is worth remembering that we need to be careful of each other's space and keep our distance, particularly as a lot of us have pre-existing co-morbidities.

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

Thank you to those who offered to assist at the Bunning BBQ on Sunday 6th March. It is much appreciated.

We had asked Bunnings for vouchers for the raffle prizes for our shows that didn't happen last year. The new Activities Coordinated contacted me last week to let me know that as they had been allocated we could still have them, so we have had \$150 added to the voucher total. Thank you Bunnings. I will still write to them this year with the same request.

While we are on Bunnings, they will be having an Easter Fair and we have been invited along. It will be on similar lines to the Christmas activities. The date is Saturday

2nd April. That is all the information we currently have.

They are also going to start a "Garden Club" – no definite plans about times, place or format yet. The idea is that people will be invited along to talk on their plants of interest. We have expressed a wish to be part of this idea. More information when we get it.

Ron has agreed to run a "Novice Corner" every couple of months. It will run from 7.10 til 7.25 in a quiet corner of the room. Novices can suggest topics to Ron for discussion and it will be advertised in the newsletter. The topic for March is "**Mounting**". So the Novices out there, come along and learn a bit more. There is good article written by Ron on the website. He is talking about Sarc Falcatus, but the principles are the same for any plant. The articles are in a section referring to Ron's photos and guides right at the bottom on the right hand side of the front page.

There is going to be a surprise on the raffle table in March, which will continue for the rest of the year. It is a voucher, but you will need to come along to find out what it is for.

Joy Guist has asked if anyone who has photos of orchids that have been printed or magazines with orchid photos in them that they don't want, could she please have them as she will make Christmas cards out of them. Thank you



Margaret's Enc Cochleata

Club Members

The BBOFS wishes any Member who may be unwell all the best for a speedy recovery.

In Your Orchid House

The weather has certainly been helpful for this year's growing season, with the mix of rain, warm days and comfortable nights. Sometimes we could wish the rain further, but our orchids certainly like to be watered by the rain.

However, the warmth and the rain bring on the pests and the bugs, so we need to remain vigilant. Keeping our orchid houses as weed free as possible reduces the likelihood of pest infestation.

Fertilising with a weaker solution more frequently is what is usually recommended during the growing season.

Spikes and flowers are appearing on different genre now and the variety of plants benched at our February meeting indicates the diversity of plants grown by our members.

The warmth and rain will also be having an effect on the mix in the pots, so keep an eye on it to ensure that it is doing its best to support the plants, particularly allowing water to drain freely. Air movement is also an important part of plant growth, so ensure that air can circulate around all your pots by not having them too close together on the benches.

Diary Dates

April

4 BBOFS plants & bric a brac auction

July

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

7th AGM & plant auction

December

5 Christmas party

Benching

It was lovely to see plants back on the bench and such a variety. When Ron walked in with his Paph, we were all pretty sure it would be the plant of the night, which it was. We did miss our Novices. Hopefully we will see you next month.

Open Section

Species: Margaret Turner

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid: Liz & Tony

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm:

Paphiopedilum: Ron Boyd

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Liz & Tony

Seedling:

Miscellaneous:

Fern: Leanda O'Connor

Foliage: Una Roberts

Plant of the Night



Ron's Paph Saint Aeithin x Paph Sanderianum

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:

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Plant of the Night



Some more of the plants that Dylan bought in for his talk.

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

Monday 7th February 2022

PRESENT: Members: 18 Apologies: 0 Visitors: 0

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for coming

MINUTES: accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2021 at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Robert Fish 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, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS

- c) Bank statement
- d) Request for judges
- e) Flyer & information regarding 22nd Australian Orchid Council Show at Logan Qld
- f) Bunnings BBQ offer – Sunday March 6th & Sunday July 3rd.

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters to members
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs including show dates for 2022
- c) Response to Leslie for dates of shows for 2022

Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: Ron Boyd
Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented reports for both December and January. Opening balance on 01/12/2021 \$8,555.69 income \$333.00, expenditure \$443.50. There were not any unrepresented cheques, floats and vouches remain the same plus IBD gives total fiscal amount of \$28,920.59.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Meg Quinlivan Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Monday March 7th Liz & Tony "Presenting plants for benching and showing"
- b. Cans of soft drink 50 cents each – members decided that they would

not be sold as they are passed their use by dates.

- c. Help at Bunnings BBQ – new plan for being offered Bunnings BBQ's was explained. Members asked to offer assistance at BBQ planned for Sunday 6th March. Still require 2 for morning shift. Afternoon shift filled. Thank you to those who offered. (Places now all filled)

- 1. Outcome of Bunnings Christmas nights: Leanda & Anne-Marie attended both nights and made a reasonable amount from the raffles that Bunnings supplied as well as the sale of flowers and posy's. Bunnings also donated the marquee and fold in half table to the club. A phal was also donated which will be used for floral art.

- d. Bus trip – quotes- Marshall's written quote of \$1500 plus GST. Bus is 48 seats with toilet. Can pick up and drop off at various places. After some discussion, it was decided to hold off doing anything more about this until we know what is happening about Covid.

- e. Cards illness/loss: Anne-Marie has purchased a card that would cover both illness and loss. They are purchased in bundles of 10 for \$1.65 each. Anne-Marie has purchased 20.

- f. Updates calendar of events was distributed with newsletter.

- g. New members – there were 3 new members at the Christmas party. Welcome Dylan, Kisha and Don.

Supper break 8pm

Return 8.20pm

4. Guest Speaker: Dylan Morrissey

As Dylan is a new member, he introduced himself and gave us a potted history of his orchid growing, which started very early in his life.

His topic was “Twig Epiphytes of Tropical Americas – Caribbean Basin. Dylan had lots of slides to go with this presentation as well as having some of the plants. He also put a couple of plants on the raffle table. Thank you Dylan.

This group are small plants with big colourful flowers and tiny seeds. There are lots of adaptations as to where they will grow. This is because the seeds are so tiny that they fly around and stick to damp surfaces, usually at the beginning of the wet season. The flowers are pollinated by moths, butterflies and or humming birds. As the plants are small, they send out runners which makes them into clumping plants.

There are lots of hybrids which are also very colourful. Hugh variations can be found from the same cross.

Plants in this genre include:- Tillandsia (air plant) which are mostly silver and use their roots to anchor them. There are 24 species which are found from 0 – 1000m in sub-tropical areas.

Old Man’s Beard – which is also very diverse with 22 different varieties.

How to grow these plants:- Don’t water in winter as this will kill them. They must have dry feet overnight. If temperature will be up to 20 degrees – water in the morning; if over 28 degrees mist again in the afternoon.

Pot in small pebbles or in/on cork. Use fertilizer in a very weak solution. Don’t disturb the roots when potting up, however the maximum size pot

required should not be any larger than 4 inches.

5. RAFFLES: Anne-Marie x 3; Pam x 2; Sue; Leanda x 2; Margaret

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Brian Perkins

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

Meeting closed 9pm

**The next meeting will be on Monday
7th March**

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay
Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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