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Newsletter – March 2023

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President's Report

Hello members,

It was a really good meeting this month. We had many enthusiastic members, who I am sure, really enjoyed Sue's talk. Her plants are exquisite but tiny. This means you can have more in your orchid house. She was very generous and many of us left with a gift from her collection. The commentary on the slide show was most entertaining.

Thank you to those who brought along a plant to go on our raffle. It was a most impressive display.

Next month is our bric-a-brac auction (so check out those cupboards), plus if there is time, we will have a talk and slide show by Leanda about floral art.

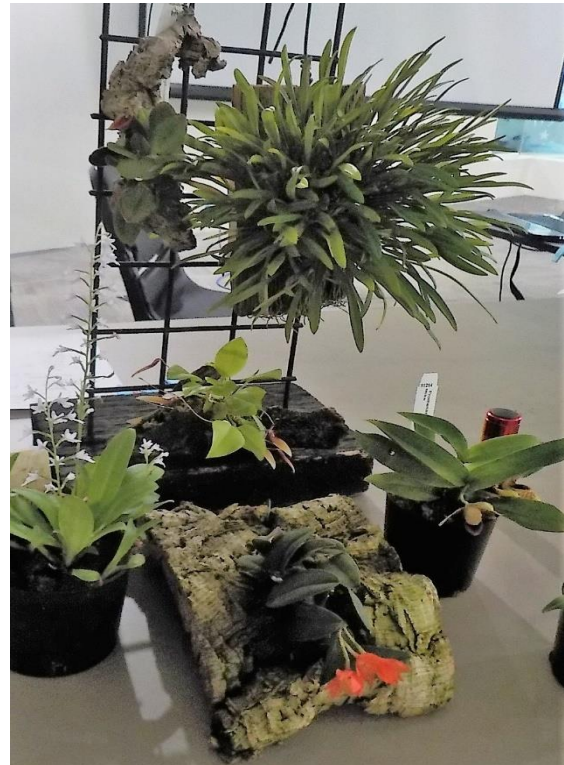
Also next month we have a member's b-b-q at Pam's place. More information in this newsletter. It is flat ground so movement will be easy. She also has a pool, so swimmers are an option.

Our calendar has filled up and there are many interesting speakers and excursions for us. One or two maybe added, if talks

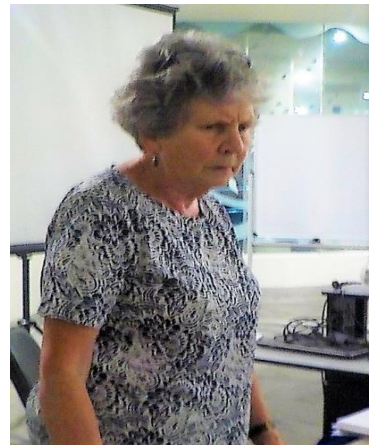
work out.

I am hoping to see another good roll up at our March meeting, see you there.

Cheers Anne-Marie.



Some of Sue Carroll's plants



Guest speaker Sue Carroll.

Membership Renewal

Your 2023 membership fee is now payable. Remember your membership ceases on 31st March each year. You have a three-month grace period to pay your membership.

Single membership remains at \$10.00 and

Couples at \$15.00.

Postage is \$5.00 for the newsletter, if no email.

Memberships can be paid at the meetings in March or into the bank via EFT or over the counter at Westpac. The bank account details are:

Bank Westpac – Bateman’s Bay

BSB: **032-681**

Account: **191442**

In Reference, add your surname & that payment is for membership. Please make sure you add these so we know who the money came from. Remember that you are no longer a financial member if you have not paid by 31st March.

[From the Committee.](#)

[NEEDED: bases of the 1.25 soft drink bottles for posies please.](#) These can be given to Margaret, Leanda or Anne-Marie. These are used for making posies for the shows. This activity, thanks to a small group is a good money maker for us.

[Bunnings BBQ’s.](#) The decision at the general meeting was to not do any BBQ’s for 2023, but to remain on the “books” in case someone offers to organise this activity in future. A big thank you to everyone, over the years, who have assisted with this activity.

[Raffle Plants:](#) A huge thank you to members who brought in plants for the raffle table at the February meeting. The response was amazing. As a result, the membership decided that we would continue to ask for plants each month until June and review then as to whether or not to continue for the rest of the year, or will we still need to purchase plants?

[Diary Dates](#) Anne-Marie has managed to pin speakers down for most months, so the information will be on the attached sheet.

[Harrison’s Cards](#) members need to ring Michael on 04127065998 to place order and arrange pick up. Orders over \$100 may have free delivery but need to check. Cards available once membership paid.



[Raffle table – thanks everyone](#)

[In your Orchid House](#)

We continue to have this crazy weather. I have lots of new growths on plants, so we need to make sure they are having enough water and fertilizer to keep them growing properly. In my early days of orchid growing I was told that plants should be fertilized three times a year with a slow release fertilizer, the last being around St Valentine’s day, then allowed to rest going into the winter months, before starting again in spring. However, the caveat on that was that some plants continue to need some liquid fertilizer throughout the colder months. So whatever the plants need is what we should be doing for them and of course following what you would normally do. Most growers have their own system that they follow and should continue to do that.

With the changing weather, scale can be a problem, so make sure that you are checking plants leaves and down into the bulbs, to make sure nothing is hiding. When cleaning up the dried sheaths is a good time to be doing this. If your orchid house is crowded, remove the affected plant and check those around it as the scale can spread rapidly. When cleaning and checking your plants, don’t forget to check your mounts. Sometimes, they may need the natural mount material replaced. It is often difficult to do that with a well-established plant, so just add another mount to the one already there and hopefully the roots will find their way to the new one.

Diary Dates

I have attached a list of planned speakers for the year.

2023 Show dates

July

1 2 MUOS Winter

7 8 EOC Winter

14 15 & 16 BBOFS Winter

August

11 12 13 Sapphire Coast Winter

September

1 2 3 BBOFS Spring

9 10 MUOS Spring

16 17 EOC Spring

21 22 Sapphire Coast Spring

October

20 21 22 BBOFS Native

27 28 Sapphire Coast Summer

Regional Activities dates

April

29 30 South and West Regional workshop
Canberra

September/October

30 1 South and West Regional Show and
Conference Cobargo



Open benching

Benching

Thanks to all the open growers who brought plants into put on the bench. A lovely selection available. Unfortunately, there were not many on the novice bench. Margaret Cameron brought in a lovely Floral Art display which, unfortunately could not be included as it didn't contain orchids. However, I have included a photo for you all to enjoy.

Open Section

Species: Margaret Turner/Leanda O'Connor

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm: Liz Cleaver

Paphiopedilum: Ron Boyd

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae:

Oncidiinae Alliance: Liz Cleaver

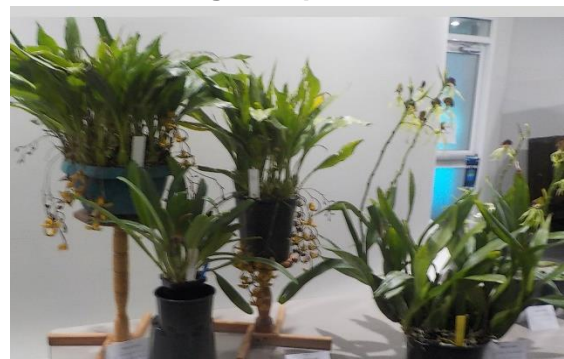
Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Liz Cleaver

Fern: Leanda O'Connor

Foliage: Leanda O'Connor

Plant of the Night - Open



This was a 4-way tie – 2 plants were Leanda's and 2 Margaret's

Floral Art



Margaret Cameron. Unfortunately, not voted on due to lack of orchid flowers, but worth showing anyway.

Novice Section

Species:

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm:
Laeliinae <70mm:
Paphiopedilum:
Vandaceous:
Pleurothallidinae:
Oncidiinae Alliance:
Seedling:
Miscellaneous:
Fern:
Foliage: Margaret Cameron
Plant of the Night – Novice –



Margaret Cameron Sedum sp

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay.

Monday 6th February 2023

PRESENT: Members:16 Apologies: 4
Visitors: 1

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 5th December at the Steam Packet Hotel Nelligen having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Liz Cleaver 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
- c) Bank statement
- d) Applications from 3 new members and one returning member
- e) Information relating to South & West Region Workshop in April in Canberra sent out to members
- f) Early information regarding South & West Regional Show and Conference in Cobargo on September/October long weekend run by Sapphire Coast Orchid Club.

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Badge order for new members
- d) Letters to new members
- e) Response to contact in email – Ian Barrow

Moved: Margaret Turner
Seconded: Dylan Morrissey
Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented both the December and January reports:-
December open\$7873.16; income \$148; expenditure Nil. IBD, floats and voucher remain the same; closing balance \$30,008.12.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor
Seconded: Robert Fish Carried

January report: Opening \$8022.16; income \$150.00; expenditure \$60. Unpresented cheques \$214.04; IBD, floats and vouchers remain the same; closing balance \$30098.12.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Ken Covington Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor
Seconded: Dylan Morrissey Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting; Bric a Brac auction – anything that you want to get rid of**
- b. Calendar Update: some dates getting locked in, however now have a couple of more speakers so will see where the dates fit with them.
- c. Bunnings BBQ's: need to decide if we are going to do these this year. We meet some of the requirements under the new guidelines, however, Margaret no longer able to do the work required to organise, purchase and carry the required equipment. Members asked whether or not they felt someone could take over that role. No one offered. So discussion continued regarding the feasibility of doing them. It was decided to withdraw from them for this twelve (12) months (2023) and review again at the AGM in November. Margaret to notify the new Activity Officer at Bunnings.
- d. Raffle plants: Anne-Marie thanked all members who had put plants on the raffle table for the night. Great display - 18 prizes in all. A discussion was commenced regarding the purchase versus donating plants for the raffle. Other clubs in the area have both donated and purchased plants on the table. Previously, BBOFS has just purchased plants. Now orchids in the 80mm pots are \$15 plus postage. Mundi offered to purchase extra plants in her order which would eliminate the postage costs Thanks Mundi. After further discussion, it was decided that for the next six (6) months, members would be asked to donate plants for the raffle and we would see how it goes. For review at the June committee and general meetings.
- e. Bishops Card: for use at Harrison's in Moruya. Cards will have BBOFS, members name and year of membership on it. Anne-Marie is hoping to have them at next meeting. A 5% discount will be available on orchid requirements – bark and pots are to be stocked stock. Anne-Marie has ordered 150 cards. Once membership is paid, you will receive your card.
- f. Novice corner in March: from 7.10 to 7.20. Topic is elsewhere in the newsletter.
- g. Anna Wiggins was presented with her membership badge and welcomed to the club.
- h. Certificates for PON were presented for November – Ken – novice and Liz and Ron as joint open winners. Pam, who was an apology for Floral Art.
- i. Anne-Marie said that a few members had asked to recommence the "Coffee Club" on the third Thursday of each month at the Botanic Gardens from 2 to 4pm. All welcome. This is a social get together.
- j. As stated in the newsletter, a BBOFS club BBQ will be held at Pam's place 4 John Penn Dr Tomakin on Saturday March 11th from 11.30 for a 12md start. Members are asked to bring either a salad or a desert when notifying Anne-Marie that they will be attending.
- k. Heather Dennison was presented with her Committee badge and Sabrina Wu will receive hers asap. Supper break 8.20
Return 8.35

4. **Guest Speaker: Sue Carrol – miniature orchids.**

Sue explained that she started growing orchids after her brother gave her some Masdevallias' and how that interest developed into the small orchids because of lack of room. She had a slide show of some of the small orchids that she has grown – some successfully, other not so, but she continues to grow these orchids with really tiny flowers.

They need lots of care when grown like this. All her tiny orchids are grown in moss, which she changes annually. She waters them by hand using a sprayer every day, particularly the mounts. Her orchid house has open weave so that it has a good air flow around the plants.

When mounting plants, she puts the plant directly onto the mount, usually a natural mount, then puts the moss over the roots and then wraps with fishing line. They remain horizontal for at least six weeks prior to hanging.

Fungus can be a particular problem on some of them and the grower needs to be careful when checking plants to ensure they remain free from pests and diseases.

5. **RAFFLES:** Mundi x 4; Brian x 3; Ken; Anna x 2; Sue; Leanda; Anne-Marie; Margaret x 3; Heather; and Dylan.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Heather Dennison **Plant of the Meeting** winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

The next meeting will be on Monday March 6th At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner



Another of Sue Carrol's plants and yes what you can see in all that foliage are the flowers. They were tiny.

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