



BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter – May 2023

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President's Report

Hello members,

The cold is coming and are you and your orchids ready? I'm not.

Leanda and I went to the C.W.A. and did a floral art workshop with the ladies there. It was interesting and they appreciated it. It is good for our society to be seen out in the community. We might even get some new members.

Next month Steve is talking to us about bromeliads and has invited us to come to his place. It is amazing the variety he has and he will have plants on sale there.

Now is the time to prepare orchids for our shows & for their winter rest/growing time.

Thank you to Dylan, Heather and Pam for being our representatives at the Bunnings Easter Event and for doing so well with the Raffle.

Members I hope your Easter break went well and the bunny was good to you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Cheers Anne-Marie

Membership Renewal

Memberships are now **OVERDUE**. Please pay these ASAP. If you have not paid your membership when I am ready to send out the June newsletter, you will not receive it.

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 May 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.



A significant happy birthday to Leanda with a cheese cake she made herself. Bet it was as nice as it looks.

From the Committee.

NEEDED: bases of the 1.25L 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. We need about one hundred of these for each show, so please help us by keeping the bases from the ones you empty.

There will be copies of the Show Schedule and plant labels available at both the June and July general meetings as well as these being sent out with the July newsletter. The agreement at the last meeting was that there would not be a year printed on the sashes this year, so that if any are not used they can be reused the following year.

Anne-Marie has no further information regarding the proposed bus trip to St Ives Fair in August. However, if any of our members are interested in attending and travelling on this trip, please contact Anne-Marie ASAP.

Dylan suggested that we look at a bus trip to the 2024 Plant Collectors Fair in Hawkesbury rather than an orchid only fair. There are thousands of different vendors, selling a huge variety of plants. For further discussion and follow up in 2024.

Anne-Marie, Leanda and John and Irene Stubbs represented the Club at Allan Boon's funeral. Thanks you to these members.

Leanda reported that the workshop with the CWA went well, apart from there were twice the number of people attending as expected, which presented a few challengers which were handled appropriately and with good grace.



In your Orchid House

I found this on one of the orchid Facebook sites and thought it might be handy to keep as it has some useful information on it. I thought so anyway, so hope someone else does as well. I will leave you to look up your element table to work out what some of these stand for.

DEFICIENCIES OF NUTRIENT ELEMENTS											
Symptoms	Suspected Element										
	N	P	K	Mg	Fe	Cu	Zn	B	Mo	Mn	OF
Yellowing of Younger Leaves					✓						✓
Yellowing of Middle Leaves										✓	
Yellowing of Older Leaves	✓		✓	✓				✓			
Yellowing Between Veins				✓							✓
Old Leaves Drop	✓										
Leaves Curl Over				✓							
Leaves Curl Under			✓			✓					✓
Younger Leaf Tips Burn									✓		
Older Leaf Tips Burn	✓							✓			
Young Leaves Winkle/Curl			✓					✓	✓	✓	
Necrosis			✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
Leaf Growth Stunted	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Dark Green/Purple Leaf & Stems	✓		✓								
Pale Green Leaf Color	✓									✓	
Molting								✓			
Spindly	✓										
Soft Stems	✓		✓								
Hard/Brittle Stems		✓	✓								
Growing Tips Die			✓						✓		
Stunted Root Growth	✓										
Wilting						✓					

General maintenance in our shade houses goes on. I was speaking with an experienced grower in the last couple of weeks and we were talking about repotting or dividing and potting and he said that a very prolific grower had once said that he pots 364 days of the year, just having Christmas day off. Some genera are maturing their new growths, so if you are repotting, be careful of any new growth buds that maybe appearing.

Some genre will be developing spikes, so monitor them to ensure they grow in the right direction. Our not so friendly pests love new growths, so keep an eye out for them as well as fertilizing and watering as your genre require. Removing devitalized material like dead leaves and sheaths from plants can reduce the risk and action of pests and diseases.

Floral Art Group.

At the last Floral Art Group gathering, the theme was Easter. This theme was carried over into the meeting as you can see from the member's choice in the Floral Art category. I was sent about 20 photos to choose from for the newsletter, so have added a few for you all to enjoy. As you can see, there are lots of creative ideas within the group.



Diary Dates

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

October

20 21 22 BBOFS Native

27 28 Sapphire Coast Summer

BBOFS Activity Dates

May 6th – visit to Steve Morgans' home to see his Bromeliads; **10:30 but will be confirmed at the May meeting.**

August 12th Walk in Botanic Gardens to see Native orchids with Dylan; **time TBC**

October 14th Tri club BBQ and walk in cemetery looking for Native orchids at Nelligen **time TBC**

Regional Activities dates

April

29 30 South Regional workshop Canberra

September/October

30 1 South and West Regional Show and Conference Cobargo

Benching

Open Section

Species: Liz Cleaver

Cymbidium > 90mm:

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm: Liz Cleaver

Cymbidium < 60mm:

Aust Native Orchid:

Laeliinae >70mm:

Laeliinae <70mm: Liz Cleaver

Paphiopedilum:

Vandaceous:

Pleurothallidinae: Liz Cleaver

Oncidiinae Alliance: Lin Barnes

Seedling:

Miscellaneous: Lin Barnes

Fern: Lin Barnes

Foliage: Leanda O'Connor

Plant of the Night - Open



Zygo Kiwi Choice Lin Barnes

Floral Art



Pam Mason Easter theme

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: Ken Covington

Plant of the Night – Novice –



Kalanchoe Thrysiflora Ken Covington

BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.

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

Monday 3rd April 2023

PRESENT: Members: 12 Apologies: 3
Visitors: 2

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 6th March at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay 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, Gardeners Gazette RHSV
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith

- Districts OS, Bankstown, Berowra & District OS,
- c) Bank statement
- d) Email from Dylan regarding activities at Botanic gardens (distributed)
- e) Information from Bunnings about Easter activity
- f) Email regarding bus trip (general business)

Out

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Badge order for new member
- d) Response to Bunnings
- e) Request for judges for shows

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Dylan Morrissey Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8305.66; income \$467.30; expenditure \$10.00; outstanding cheques \$114.04. Floats/cash tin remain the same, plus IBD total fiscal amount \$30,848.92. Vouchers available for use for raffle prizes.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Pam Mason Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor Seconded: Dylan Morrissey Carried

Anne-Marie handed out certificates to PON winners for last 2 months.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Steve Morgan speaking about Bromeliads. We also have a planned trip to Steve's home the following weekend to see his collection. This is Saturday 6th May. Steve's address is 12 Caitlin Place Broulee. **10:30am to be confirmed at May meeting)**

- b. Schedule for Winter Show – Anne-Marie and Dylan have looked at this and apart from adding more Classes to Floral Art Section, nothing needs to be changed on it.
- c. Sashes – with or without year. A committee member had suggested that we have the sashes printed without a year on them. After discussion a vote was called and all members present agreed to leave the year off the sashes. However, it was agreed that a space be left on the sash where the year can be added.
- d. Assistance with hanging banners and putting out boards – Dylan offered to hang the banners and to put out the sandwich boards. Ken will assist him this year so that he knows where they go. Thank you to both of you.
- e. Bunnings Easter activity night report – went well. Took \$63 on the raffle. The comment was made that it could have been more if we had some form of electronic reader. A discussion followed regarding the use of "Square". When this had been investigated several years ago, whatever form of electronic reader was used had to be compatible with the club's bank. This is no longer the case. For further discussion at Committee. Margaret to find out more for that meeting.
- f. CWA talk for Floral Art Group - Leanda and Anne-Marie will be doing a Floral Art demonstration and workshop for CWA Batemans Bay on Thursday 6th April from 9.30 til 11.30.
- g. Harrisons now have all four (4) sizes of bark in stock. \$41.99 for 35L bag with club discount.
- h. Bus trip Shoalhaven are looking at putting on a bus trip to St Ives orchid show on 18th August. They are looking at a 48 seater bus at \$1620. It has been suggested that if each of the 4 clubs involved – Shoalhaven, Milton/Ulladulla, Illawarra and BBOFS

each put in \$200 to support their members, that would reduce the cost per member for the actual trip. Pick up would start in Ulladulla at 6.30am and travel up to Sydney. For BBOFS members, that would mean leaving home about 5.30am or earlier depending on which part of the Bay you live in. Anne-Marie stated she had not had the \$200 discussed with her and she was surprised when she saw the email with that in it. Anne-Marie will investigate further and we will put that information in the newsletter.

- i. Vale Allan Boon – his funeral will be at the Broulee Crematorium on Thursday. Anne-Marie and Leanda and John Stubbs will represent the Club.
- j. Anne-Marie put forward that Megan Quinlivan be given Life Membership of BBOFS. Meg has been an active member of the club, doing various roles within in the club since joining at the end of 2011. Motion put by Anne-Marie and seconded by Ron Boyd. All agreed. Passed.
- k. Anne-Marie explained the Coffee Club concept. Previously we have met at the Botanic Gardens but with the change in ownership of the Café out there, it now closes at 2.30 and as we start at 2pm, it is not convenient to be able to stay and chat after the café closes. JJ's at the Marina has been suggested as an option. So next get together will be there at 2pm on April 20th. Hope you can join us there.

4. GUEST SPEAKER:- Jean Swindley Dockrillias,

Jean brought a variety and sizes of plants with her to demonstrate her talk. She told us that these orchids are easy to grow and can be grown on a variety of mounts or in pots in an open medium. She suggested they are a good plant for beginning growers to have. Some of the mounts Jean has

used include fence palings, granite, bark of various sorts or cork. These plants don't like wet feet, so the advantage of mounts is that the roots dry out quickly, however that does mean that they need to be watered frequently, often daily, in the warmer weather. Jean uses a very weak solution of fertilizer each time she waters them.

Dockrillias flower in Spring to Summer. When found in the wild, they are usually hanging over water – bridal veil orchid. They are relatively slow growers and some take a while to flower for the first time. Some New Guinea species/hybrids have flowers that don't fully open. Some have a distinct perfume while others have little or no perfume.

Jean grows her Dockrillias hanging from the roof of her shade house which has 70% shade cloth so they have dappled light. She usually hangs her mounts straight up after mounting. The granite mount sits on the floor of her orchid house supported by an upright, however not where she can kick it.



Dockrillia on granite.

Jean then demonstrated how she mounts her Dockrillias. This was using bark. She decided which way the piece of the plant sat best on the bark by moving both the bark and the plant around until they sat together how she felt was best. She covered the roots of the plant with some sphagnum moss, then using a 15mm fishing line, she stapled the end of the line to the back of the bark and wrapped it around the plant and moss several times. Once she was happy with the security of the plant and the moss she cut the line and again stapled the end to the bark. Jean made the comment that the roots should be on the bark and covered by the moss, not on top of the moss.



Adding a 2nd mount.

Jean brought in several different mounts, some extra moss and several plants that she gave out to interested members to try for themselves.

Anne-Marie thanked Jean for her interesting talk and demonstration, as well as the plants and mounts that members had taken.



Newly mounted plant.

Jean demonstrated how she adds a second mount when the roots of the plant have out grown the current mount. This allows the roots to attach to the second mount and keep growing.

5. **RAFFLES:** Margaret C, Ken; Lin x 2, Pam, Leanda, Margaret T x 2, Mundi, Anne-Marie x 2 and Liz x 2. Thank you to all who brought items in for the raffle.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Mundi

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

Meeting closed 9.30pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st May. Benching from 6.30pm, judging from 7pm and meeting at 7.30pm.

At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay

Secretary Margaret Turner

Soldiers Club Beach Road



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