The Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

MAY NEWSLETTER Next Club Meeting 7.30pm Monday 6th MAY 2013



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Hi Members welcome to our May 2013 newsletter.

May is Auction month!

For all the new members every year we use the month of May meeting as a fund raising month, all members are asked to bring in any item they no longer need and the club will Auction it off, money raised going to the club. In return this money is used to subsidize the costs of Christmas lunch, bus trips to Sydney Orchid shows etc.

Please bring in such items as excess orchids divisions, homemade jams, pickles etc. unwanted birthday or Christmas presents, good books or any item you may think needs a new home, also remember to bring in plenty of money to buy all the goodies available.

Remember the remarkable auctioneer Robert Fish will be doing the auction again for us this year.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to have their Newsletter delivered as PDF document rather than as paper posted, the saving so far for the 16 people who have asked to use the email delivery each month is about \$300 plus a year so far.

If anyone has any difficulty open a PDF document, PDF reader is freely available to down load from the internet, free.

If anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email can you email me at oldwents@tadaust.org.au

Even if you are now receiving the newsletter via Margaret, as I now am able to send all newsletters in PDF and by email.

At the April club meeting Secretary Ron bought up an exciting new way for the new and not so new members to learn how to grow orchids.

Ron explained it as a "<u>learning experience</u>" in learning how to grow orchids, in this exercise, Cymbidiums not as a competition. Ron had a tray of recently de-flasked Cymbidiums called Cymbidium Australian Ginger 'Bronzy' X Pywacket 'Cornflakes', this is a vigorous, quick and easy growing hybrid and expected to flower spring 2016.



This is an example of the type of flowers expected from this cross, with some spotting on some of the flowers.

These plants will

be grown on until November 2013 Club meeting, by then they should be of a size anyone can handle and grow on, cost about \$4 each plant.

Each plant will be measured and numbered and the new members will have first pick.

In 2014 we would like the plants to be bought in 3-4 times a year on a nominated club meeting night were Ron will look at each plant and give unbiased advice on how well they are growing or if any problems arising. A fact sheet will be available with each plant bought!

This is a friendly, fun and enjoyable way of learning to grow orchids, and maybe in a few years of growing, you may win champion Cymbidium seedling at our shows on the plants first flowering. Mother's Day Display at Village Plaza Thursday 9th May 9am to 3pm. Plants in flower needed for display and sales table, Joy needs orchid flowers for making posies, if anyone has orchid flowers to spare please contact Joy.

Grow Comp plants still in the run are; Sarc, Dend. Ellen and Cattleya. Could all members bring in there plants that are still alive please

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Grumpy's shed.

Run by Dorothy at her home in Mogo, its main aim is to have supplies of pots, potting mixes of several different types, flower stakes, and fertilizers etc. available for all members. All are welcome to come and look at what is available to buy, please give Dorothy a ring first on 44740884. Currently Dorothy is restocking with new pots, if you have any special needs give Dorothy a call and put in your order, remember all pots come in bulk lots from 50 to several hundred.

What's up in the 'Greenhouse?'

Tips and helpful links, as we grow our orchids each year, problems sometimes come up, we ask members who have problem plants to bring into the meeting so some of our more experiences members can help out.

So for the computer people there are many website that put up good information.

Check out this site:

Http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepes ts.htm...

Remember now is the time of rapid growth of your Cymbidium flower spikes, keep a check on them and stake them upright for a great flower display.

The rest of the orchids I try and keep an eye out for new flower spikes, my Paphiopedilums are all starting to spike and they need to be kept upright so they present a good flower for the judges at our winter show

FOR ALL THOSE NOT FEELING WELL OR IN HOSPITAL WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL WELL AND HEALTHY SOON. BACK AT ENJOYING WHAT YOU DO BEST, GROWING ORCHIDS.

Bunnings BBQ'S, we would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out at the Bunnings BBQ days. Especially Saturday1st April, this we picked up as a late cancellation

and short notice.

New dates for the rest of the year are;

May Sunday 19th. June Saturday 1st. July Sunday 7th. September Sunday 1st.

We also have the chance to pick up dates when others cancel their dates!
President Garry will be making up a list of helpers next meeting!

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<u>Wanted</u> used egg cartons, recently we bought 5 chickens so we could get very fresh eggs to eat and now they are laying 5 eggs a day, need egg cartons to store them in, a dozen eggs each month to go on the raffle table for someone to win!

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Major sponsors of our club Batemans Bay Soldiers Club



Batehaven Garden Centre & . Thrifty-Link Hardware





Elizabeth Richardson

Sponsoring;

The cost of printing our Clubs Newsletter

Finer foods:

The Gourmet Food People **Mark Hood** 0244729514

5/35 Cranbrook road Batemans Bay NSW

Sponsors of our BBQ Sausages for Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings of Batemans Bay.

For all your orchid and building related supplies!

PLANT OF THE NIGHT RESULTS APRIL 1ST MEETING

Open Section

Species orchid; 1st Phil & Jill Bailey, 2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, 3rd, 3rd Phil & Jill Bailey

Australian Native Orchid

1st Phil & Jill Bailey, 2nd June Dawes **Laeliinae** (**Cattleya**) 1st Sylvia Hawkins **Cattleya under 70mm** 1st June Dawes **Vandaceous** 1st Robyn Baker

Plerothallidinae (Masd.)

1st, 2nd & 3rd P & L Vanest

Oncidinae Alliance 1st Phil & Jill Bailey, 2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, 3rd, 3rd Phil & Jill Bailey

Miscellaneous Hybrids

1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, 2nd Phil & Jill Bailey

Plant of the Night OPEN Sylvia Hawkins with

Lc. Longriver Compton 'Gold Star'



NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium 60 to 90mm 1st Alan Bird

<u>Plant of the Night NOVICE</u> Alan Bird with Cymbidium Sleeping

Ransom X Golden Elf



We are seeking Sponsors for the Winter Show 2013 If you would like to sponsor a Champion Section please see me so I can book it in. All sponsors names will be displayed on the sponsor's board at our show

Grand Champion of the show	\$100 By; Mogo Orchid & Fern Nursery
Reserve Champion of the show	\$80 By ;
Champion Cymbidium 90 mm and over	\$25 By ;
Champion Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm	\$25 By ;
Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm	\$25 By ;
Champion Cymbidium Seedling	\$25 By ;
Champion Specimen Orchid of the show	\$25 By ;
Champion Paphiopedilum	\$25 By; Ron & Rose Boyd
Champion Laeliinae Alliance	\$25 By ;
Champion Phalaenopsis Classic / Novelty	\$25 By ;
Champion Vandaceous Orchid	\$25 By ;
Champion Orchid, any other Genera	\$25 By ;
Champion Australian Native Seedling Orchid	, \$25 By; Phil & Jill Bailey
Champion Australian Native Species / Hybrid	\$25 By ;
Champion any other Seedling Orchid	\$25 By ;
Champion Pleurothallia Alliance	\$25 By ;
Champion Species Orchid	\$25 By ;
Champion Floral Art.	\$25 By ;
Champion Fern	\$25 By ;
Champion Foliage	\$25 By ;
Champion Novice	\$30 By; Sylvia Hawkins

Major Sponsor Spring Show: Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. Great club for social events and lunch time meals.

Minutes for Monday 1st April meeting 2013 of Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Soc.,

Acting President Ron Boyd opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Minutes from March meeting have been circulated, Move they be accepted, Ron Boyd, Seconded by Phil Bailey

Incoming correspondence read out, newsletters from Eurobodalla Orchid Clubs, Sapphire Coast Orchid Club, NSW Orchid Society, Orchid Soc of Canberra and Southern Riviera Orchid Soc. Robertson orchid Catalogue, Fliers from Aranbeem Orchids and St Ives Orchid Fair, Neutrog, Garden Club of Victoria. Bio Grow letter. Neutrog re new garden book

Outgoing correspondence. Order to B & C Heron re All shows ribbon order, Thank You letter to Scott Barrie, get well card to Laurine Alves. Secretary Ron Boyd moved that all correspondence to accepted, Seconded by Robyn Baker

Treasurer Report! Treasurer Margaret Turner read out Treasurers report, Moved it be accepted by Margaret Turner, seconded Phil Bailey

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1: Rob Pollock spoke on the plant of the night judging system to go back to its old way!

 2: Newsletters being sent out by emails up to 1
- 2: Newsletters being sent out by emails, up to 16 this month!
- 3; May meeting will be our annual auction!
- **4:** Mother's Day display at Village Centre on Thursday 9th May 9am to around 3pm, plants in flower for display and sale, Joy needs orchid flowers for her posies
- **5; Bunnings BBQ** Easter Monday 1st April, great day and thanks to Robert Fish for esky and Ice, thanks to all helpers.
- **5**; Suggestion we have club info forms available at Bunnings BBO.
- **<u>6:</u>** Letter to Bunnings regarding sponsorship for our 3 shows.
- 7: Ron Boyd spoke on a better way to help new members learn how to grow orchids, than the current Grow-Comp. He bought a tray of recently deflasked plants (Cymbidium x) and explained it as an "Experience in growing Cymbidiums" in this case. Plants should be of size that new members can handle by the November club meeting and be sold for \$4 each, then members bring them in next year 2014, 3 or 4 times at club nights and Ron would check out growth, any problems and help members improve their growth etc. Moved Ron Boyd, Seconded by Liz Cleaver.

 8: Put new butcher 'Finer Foods' in newsletter as sponsor. Robert Fish auctioned of left over

sausages from this morning Bunnings BBQ, several lucky buyers.

Coffee Break

9: Acting President Ron Boyd drew lucky door prize, won by Joy Giust.

Then the raffle tickets, winners were Phil Bailey twice, Leanda O'Connor, Peter Vanest, Margaret Turner, Dorothy Kauffman, and Robert Fish, Michael, and Acting President Ron thanks all for supporting the raffle.

9: Show Marshall Robert Pollock read out the winners of plant of the nigh competition and results of Open winner; Sylvia Hawkins and Novice winner; Alan Bird.

No further business, acting President Ron Boyd thanked all for attending the meeting and closes the meeting down 9.15pm

Ron Boyd

Secretary Batemans Bay Orchid & foliage Soc. Inc.

Humor!

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, the orchids, making beer.. Always something more important to me, finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

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Cheerio and good Growing

Editor; Ron Boyd