

# 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 download from the internet, free.

If anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email can you email me at [oldwents@tadaust.org.au](mailto: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 “**learning experience**” 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**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 .....

### **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...](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests.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.**

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**Bunnings BBQ'S**, we would like to thank all  
the volunteers who have helped out at the  
Bunnings BBQ days. Especially Saturday 1st  
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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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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"The cultural information offered in  
this newsletter is intended as a guide  
only. Batemans Bay  
Orchid & Foliage Soc. Inc. cannot be  
held responsible for any loss or  
damage that may occur to plants as a  
result of using this information.

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**Wanted** 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 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

### Open Section

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

### Australian Native Orchid

1<sup>st</sup> Phil & Jill Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> June Dawes

Laeliinae (Cattleya) 1<sup>st</sup> Sylvia Hawkins

Cattleya under 70mm 1<sup>st</sup> June Dawes

Vandaceous 1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Baker

### Pterothallidinae (Masd.)

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> P & L Vanest

Oncidiinae Alliance 1<sup>st</sup> Phil & Jill Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3rd Phil &  
Jill Bailey

### Miscellaneous Hybrids

1<sup>st</sup> Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil &  
Jill Bailey

### Plant of the Night OPEN

Sylvia Hawkins with

Lc. Longriver Compton 'Gold Star'



### NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium 60 to 90mm 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Bird

### Plant of the Night NOVICE

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

Major Sponsor Spring Show: Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

Great club for social events and lunch time meals.

