



## **BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC.**

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### **Newsletter – May 2021**

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#### **President's Report**

Looking like this year is racing ahead. ☺

We had our bric-a-brac auction, last meeting and there were many plants, orchids, plus items of interest to bid for. Some people were very amazed at what they got and what they thought they were bidding on. Bonus prizes are always fun. \$177 was raised towards our Christmas Party. Well done all who donated or were successful bidders.

We have a fernery visit coming up next month, see the newsletter for departure point and time. Bring your picnic lunch and I'm taking \$\$\$ to see what I can buy.

Floral Art is powering ahead and April's will be on a Mother's Day theme, with a guest presenter. We will learn to do a corsage. Thank you Suzanne Del Nino in anticipation of your expert teaching. ☺

Floral Art Exhibits were discussed at the committee meeting, this month, and due to a scarcity of orchids, it was decided, fern/foliage floral art exhibits will be welcomed. However, if there are flowers in the exhibit, there must be a majority of live orchids.

Coffee club is starting up again this month, information is in this newsletter.

Our speaker in May will be Brian Coulton and he is speaking on show preparation – making the best of your orchids. As a multi champion winner – he will know what to do. ☺

I am looking forward to seeing more members at our May meeting, so come along and enjoy your hobby, socialise and learn.

Anne-Marie Collins



Flirting with Flowers – a U3A group on display at Senior's Expo Moruya Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Our Next Meeting –**  
**IS A DAYTIME MEETING set up from 12md, benching from 12.30pm, voting 1pm and meeting from 1.30pm. We have been requested to finish and be gone by 4pm.**

**Speaker is Brian Coulton speaking about “preparing plants for benching/showing” and “potting on”**

### **FERNERY VISIT SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

#### **MAY.**

Meet in the carpark of the Steam Packet Hotel Nelligen at 10.30am. Will travel together to fernery which is off the Kings Highway.

**BRING** a picnic lunch, a chair and your wallet.

#### **Meeting Protocols Reminder**

- **Turn mobile phones onto silent or off.**
- Please do not come to the meeting if you do not feel well.
- Please maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from each other at all times, keeping to your seat as much as possible.
- You must sign in, both at the club and the meeting,
- Do not congregate to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Please use hand sanitizer as you enter, before you do Popular Vote and before supper.
- Do not engage in any activities that involve physical contact, including hand shaking and hugging or multiple people having contact with equipment.
- Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

#### **Membership Renewals**

Memberships are now overdue and need to be paid as soon as possible. These can be paid at the meeting or be paid directly into our Westpac account either by visiting the bank or using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Membership costs are as follows:

Single rate:- \$10.00

Couple/dual rate:- \$15.00

Junior (under 16):- \$5.00

If receiving the newsletter as hard copy please add \$5.00 to above costs.

New members will also pay a joining fee of \$8.00 that covers the cost of the name badge. Bank details are as follows:

Bank Westpac – Bateman’s Bay

BSB: **032-681**

Account: **191442**

In Reference, add your surname & that payment is for membership.

Members who do not pay their subs are ineligible to vote at meetings, are unable to show plants at general meeting.

#### **From the Committee**

**Show Venue** – the committee is exploring options as to where the shows could be held. See minutes for further explanation.

**Coffee group** will recommence at the Botanical gardens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 2 – 4 pm. All welcome to come and just have a sociable time talking orchids and solving the troubles of the world. May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first one.

**Sweet 16** – the committee members felt that it had been a good afternoon of fellowship and fun. We hope our members did as well.

A reminder that there is an orchid crawl planned for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Starting at Ron Boyd’s, then Brian Coulton’s and finishing at Margaret’s for a BBQ lunch. Timings to be finalised. Numbers will need to be with Margaret for catering by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Club Members**

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

#### **In Your Orchid House**

Isn’t our weather strange. Last month here at Long Beach we finished up with 230mls of rain for the moth and have had less than

a 15mls so far this month. All that rain last month certainly tested our patience as we kept checking for a large variety of pests that the moist weather bring out. It also meant that we had to be very careful about watering plants to ensure they weren't sitting with wet feet. This month we need to be checking that we are giving them enough water and of course the liquid fertilizer that goes with that water. Various genre require different levels of fertilizer at this time. The Cattleya's in particular like full strength fertilizer when they are flowering and at the moment they are and looking beautiful. I have found the bugs like the flowers too, so a trip to the orchid house at night is a requirement to see what is out and about.

A helpful animal that I have found in my orchid house is the little green frog. They seem to come and go, but found several when out there today. Lovely to see them about, so need to be careful when spraying for the pests to ensure you look after the good things as well as getting rid of the bad things.

Now is also a good time to be checking that you have all the bark, pots and fertilizer ets that may be required for your general maintenance over the next few months.

I am sure Brian will have some good tips for us at the next meeting for some of the general maintenance.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **July**

3 & 4 MUOS Winter Show Civic Centre Ulladulla

9 & 10 EOC Winter Show CWA Hall Moruya

17 & 18 BBOFS Winter Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

#### **August**

13 – 15 Sapphire Coast Winter Show Twyford Hall Merimbula

21 & 22 EOC Spring Show Leisure Centre Narooma

#### **September**

4 & 5 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay

11 & 12 MUOS Spring Show Civic Centre Ulladulla

#### **October**

2 & 3 South & West Regional Show Wagga Wagga (TBC)

23 & 24 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club Batemans Bay (new dates)

29 & 30 Sapphire Coast Spring Show Twyford Hall Merimbula

#### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> AGM & Orchid auction

#### **December**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party venue TBC**

EOC is planning on running the usual March workshop at some stage during the year, so keep your eyes open for more information here. (see minutes)

### **Benching**

There was a reasonable display of plants in the Open section, however the plant of the night for novice looked very lonely on the bench.

### **Open Section**

**Species:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium > 90mm:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:**

**Aust Native Orchid:**

**Laeliinae >70mm:**

**Laeliinae <70mm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:** Margaret Turner

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:** Liz & Tony

**Fern:** Margaret Turner

**Foliage:** Una Roberts

### **Plant of the Night**



Oncidiini Excavodum (Aurosum)\_Margaret Turner

**Floral Art**



Anne-Marie floral art

**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:**

**Foliage:** Jan Boyce & Ken Covington

**Plant of the Night**



Venus Fly Trap Jan Boyce

**BATEMANS BAY ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SOLDIERS CLUB; BEACH ROAD BATEMANS BAY**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**PRESENT:** Members: 13 Apologies: 1  
Visitors: 3

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for coming and welcomed our three visitors; Ian Nelson; Dylan Morrissey and Kathleen Rawlins.

**MINUTES:** accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

Moved: Ken Covington Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING:** included in the General Business.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Magazines: Gardeners Gazette
- b) Newsletters from Wagga Wagga, Sapphire Coast, Milton/Ulladulla, Canberra, N.S.WOS, Shoalhaven; EOC; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS, North Shore OS,
- c) Bank statement



- d) Information regarding a Norfolk Island trip in October (no availability now)
- e) Barrita have a merchandise website now

**Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs

Moved: Margaret Turner    Seconded: Tony Groube  
Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$9,927.87, income \$284.50, expenditure \$641.50.

No unrepresented cheques, floats, IBD & vouchers remain unchanged. Closing balance \$9570.87.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor    Seconded: Una Roberts  
Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor    Seconded: Tony Groube  
Carried

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Next General Meeting; Brian Coulton** speaking about "potting up" and "preparing plants for benching/shows"
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> May visit to Kylie's fern nursery on the King's Highway has been confirmed. Details of visit will be in the newsletter. Need to travel together and bring a picnic lunch and your wallet.
- c. Review of Sweet 16 – those present felt that it had been a good afternoon. Lots of memories shared and it was great to see Garry, Pat and June. Cake was very nice and Una was thanked for organising it.
- d. Show venues – it was explained that the Soldiers club are hoping to commence renovations to the lounge area which will necessitate

the auditorium remaining as a lounge area for at least the next 6 months. While this will not impact on the general or committee meetings or the Floral Art group, it will impact on the Shows. As this had been raised at the Committee meeting as a concern, Margaret had approached the booking office of the Eurobodalla Shire to ask about hiring a hall for the dates of the shows. The hire costs varied depending on the venue but all would be \$79.00 from 12md til 9pm Friday. The Basketball stadium would be \$236.00 per day plus the cost of the floor cover at \$560 which we would have to lay and take up. There are no tables or chairs available in this stadium and no kitchen facilities. The Hanging Rock and Mackay Park function centres were \$198 per day each and their availability would depend on whether or not the sports fields would be used for home matches on those weekends. Tables and chairs and kitchen facilities are available in those two areas, but we would have to put them out and take them up. Think they are also round tables. Maula Bay Hall was also priced. It was not available for all three shows. There was some discussion regarding other venues including the Catalina Club, The High School auditorium, Sunshine Bay School, the CWA hall, Bunnings and a suggestion that we use the Poppy Room and limit the number of plants a member may display (bench). Margaret to follow up with these other places. The members present felt that if the shows were held where people could access food and drink at the same time that would be an

attraction to attend the show as well.

- e. Website has been updated from Nov 2019 til now.
- f. Nelligen Hotel is operational again and remains an option for a show, but members present felt that people would not travel out there to see the show.
- g. Coffee & chat group those members present felt that we should start it again. So it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 2 – 4 at the Café in the Botanical Gardens. All welcome.

Supper break 8.05  
Return 8.25pm

The bric a brac and plant auction was then held. Thank you to all those who contributed and purchased the items in the auction. \$177.00 was raised which will go towards our Christmas Party.

**5. RAFFLES:** Liz x 2, Anne-Marie, Nola, Una, Megan, and our visitors Dylan x 2 and Ian.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Tony Groube

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

**Meeting closed** 9.22pm

**The next meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Please note: This is an AFTERNOON meeting**

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner

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Bonsai'd Azalea also on the U3A table at the Seniors Expo



Margaret and Leanda at the Sweet 16.

### **WANTED**

Anne-Marie is looking for any or all of the following:

- Herbs
- Spare vegetable seedlings
- Seedling fruit trees or fruit vines.

Free or cheap please.

She would like to plant them on her Yarragee Road property that was burnt out in the last Summer Bush Fires.

Please contact Anne-Marie if you are able to assist. Her contact details are at the top of the newsletter.

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