

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

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### **Newsletter – October 2022**

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**Congratulations to Liz Cleaver Grand  
Champion Spring Show for her *Lycaste  
ciliata***

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

Hello members,

As I write this it is raining again. I hope it will all be done before our b-b-q at Nelligen, as I am looking forward to seeing the native orchids at the cemetery.

Our Native Show is fast approaching and I hope your orchids are being better behaved than mine. I have some flowering

now; they just couldn't wait. We need members to help over the three days, a couple of hours would be great, if you can. This month's speaker Jean Swindley was very interesting and a bog garden sounds like something I could have right now in my backyard.

Dylan is our speaker in October, on Eurobodalla native orchids – we have quite a few varieties, it seems.

Peter Vanest has benched with us for the last time. Peter and Laurina have moved to be closer than family. BBOFS committee and members wish them all the best in their new home. We know Peter will continue his love of orchids.

Stay well and dry, if you can.

See at the show.

Anne-Marie

#### **WANTED URGENTLY:**

The members who do the posies need more 1.25L soft drink bottles bottoms for the shows please. Could members collect just the bottoms and give them to either Leanda, Anne-Marie or Margaret. If we could have a few before this show it would be appreciated. Thank you.

#### **From the Committee.**

Our final show for the year is coming up and preparations are well underway. You will find the schedule and plant labels attached with this newsletter. As per usual, there will also be some available at our October meeting.

We have had a change in judges for this show with Ian and Irene Chalmers no longer available, so Travis Milton from Wagga and Nette Meggetto from Drouin are their replacements. We thank them for agreeing to judge our show.

Steve Morgan, the bromeliad man has also agreed to be a vendor for this show, however John Stubbs will not be with us. He usually goes to Melbourne at this time of year.

The committee has decided that we will have posies for sale at this show, however as orchids are fairly scarce, we will use other flowers. That is why we are looking

for more bottle bases. Please help if you can.

The AGM will be the November meeting. This is a plant only auction night as well. If anyone has any items for the agenda, please remember that it must be with the secretary by our October meeting as any motions must be distributed to members three (3) weeks prior to the meeting. The committee has several items for discussion already.

This is particularly important this year as I will be away for the 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October and the information needs to be distributed no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Dylan has spoken to the committee about doing something out in the Botanic Gardens. Anne-Marie and Leanda are going to meet with him this week to discuss further.

Both our Winter and Spring shows have been a great success with over 500 people thru' each show. Both shows have also returned the club a small profit, which is good. The committee thanks those club members who have helped at the shows and of course, both our members and members from clubs around us who have benched plants for display.



### **NELLIGEN BBQ & ORCHID HUNT**

We had had several of these prior to the Covid lock down and it is planned to have one again this year. Flyer attached.

Date/Time: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am

Place: Nelligen park at BBQ's.

What to bring: own cutlery, drinks, chairs, and anything else for your personal use.

Supplied: sausages, bread and sauces

Come and join us for a social outing and a walk around the Nelligen area looking for/seeing native orchids like this Green Hood.



### **In your Orchid House**

This weather continues to be troublesome when trying to keep our plants in tip top condition, either for our native show or just as they start to settle into the next growing season. Managing a watering regime when we keep having showers takes patience and timing. Also managing pest control because it is wet then sunny and the pests love to hide in these conditions.

There have been some lovely flowers on the show bench over the past shows.

The weather is encouraging our natives to start putting on a show early. Dendrobiums are full of spikes and flowers, or at least they are in my orchid house.

We should be planning on starting the rounds of repotting – either to just pot-on or the divide and repot. Fertilising is also part of the care of our plants as they go into the growing season.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **October**

21 22 23 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club

#### **November**

7 AGM & plant auction



**December**

5 Christmas party

**Benching**

As this was the day after the Spring show, we had limited members present and therefore limited plants on the table. Thank you to those who did attend and benched. Good to see a number of novice growers with benched plants.

**Open Section**

**Species:**

**Cymbidium > 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:**

**Aust Native Orchid:** Margaret Turner

**Laeliinae >70mm:**

**Laeliinae <70mm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:**

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night - Open**



Margaret Turner Den Unknown

**Floral Art**



Anne-Marie Collins

**Novice Section**

**Species:** Jan Boyd

**Cymbidium > 90mm:**

**Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:**

**Cymbidium < 60mm:** Anne-Marie Collins

**Aust Native Orchid:** Jan Boyd

**Laeliinae >70mm:**

**Laeliinae <70mm:**

**Paphiopedilum:**

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:**

**Seedling:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:**

**Plant of the Night - Novice**



Anne-Marie Collins Cymbid Unknown

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

**Monday 5 September 2022**

**PRESENT:** Members: 8 Apologies: 5  
Visitors: 4

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 2.00pm thanking all for coming

**MINUTES:** accept the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Soldiers Club Beach Road Batemans Bay having been circulated as a true copy.

As there was not a quorum, minutes, correspondence and treasurers report could not be accepted.

**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, Berowra & District OS
- c) Bank statement  
**Out**
  - a) BBOFS Newsletters
  - b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented: - IBD matured and was re-invested. Income \$20,699.28 Expenditure \$22,195.30. Current balance \$7,130.67. No unrepresented cheques. Floats remain the same.

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts. Could not be approved.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Next General Meeting; Dylan Morrissey – reminder that it is a night meeting**
- b. Result of Spring Show – went very well – more than 500 through over both days. While the accounts haven't been finalised, it is expected that the show provided us with a profit of around \$500.00. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who benched to put on the lovely display. The champion list will be included in the newsletter.
- c. Alternate way of counting benching results – while it was hoped to that this month, it was decided that being so close to the show and with so few members it would be held over for the moment and hopefully run next month.
- d. 2023 dates for shows and meetings have been submitted to the Soldiers Club.

Afternoon tea 2.20  
Return 2.40

- 4. **GUEST SPEAKER: Jean Swindley speaking about using Sphagnum moss to grow some orchids.**

Jean has her own "bog" garden which is 50/50 peat moss and river sand. It has a well which filters water into the bog garden to keep it moist. The area was originally for carnivorous plants and there are still a few around, but as the peat had spores for the sphagnum, that has sort of taken over. It is now growing thickly in the bog and Jean

regularly harvests it when it has grown thickly.



### Jean's bog garden

Jean has put stepping stones across the bog which allows easy access for harvesting. The bog is about twelve inches deep and the sphagnum grows to that depth. Once harvested, Jean stores it in black garbage bags in her shed. It stays moist in that environment and then she just takes out what she needs to use. The harvested moss needs to stay damp as it takes a lot to rewet it once it dries out. Jean uses the moss when she pots her small plants without pseudo bulbs like her masdevallia, and Pleurothallis. If using the moss one cannot use organic fertilizers. All plants potted in sphagnum need to be repotted every two years.

Jean doesn't use the moss on mounts as the roots need air to breath, but she did say that if you do use it, use a very small amount only. She usually uses bush moss on the mounts.

Jean demonstrated repotting a masdevallia. She gently untangled the old sphagnum from around the roots before rewrapping them loosely in new sphagnum.



### Rewrapping the roots in sphagnum.

When watering, Jean uses ¼ strength fertilizer most times. She waters these plants 2 or 3 times a week in summer and usually just twice a week in winter. The water flows through the moss just like it does with bark. If using the sphagnum moss for these plants and you want to use pelletized fertilizer, put in in the moss so the roots can get to it.

Anne-Marie thanked Jean for her most interesting and informative talk.

**5. RAFFLES:** Una, Anne-Marie x 3, Mundi x 2.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Anne-Marie Collins

Previous certificates for Plants were given out.

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

**Meeting closed 3.20pm**

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

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner



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## CHAMPIONSHIPS SPRING SHOW 2022 (Grouped)

**Grand Champion** Liz Cleaver

Champion Species Orchid Liz Cleaver

Champion Specimen Orchid of the show  
Liz Cleaver

Champion Cymbidium 90 mm and over  
Liz Cleaver

Champion Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm  
Liz Cleaver

Champion Australian Native Species /  
Hybrid Liz Cleaver

Champion any other Genre  
Liz Cleaver

Most Successful **Open** Exhibitor of the  
Show Liz Cleaver

### Reserve Champion

Peter & Laurina Vanest

Champion Pleurothallis Alliance Peter &  
Laurina Vanest

Champion Cymbidium up to 60 mm  
Robert & Sue Fish

Champion Phalaenopsis John Stubbs

Champion Vandaceous John Stubbs

Champion Australian Native Seedling  
Orchid John Stubbs

Champion Paphiopedilum Allan Boon

Champion any other Seedling Orchid  
Ron Boyd

Champion Fern Margaret Turner

Champion Foliage Dylan Morrissey

### Champion Novice Denis & Mundi Tomlinson

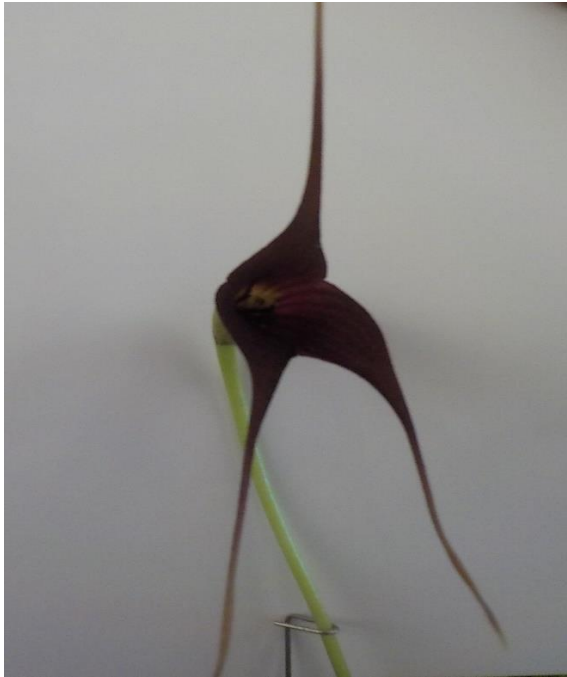
Most Successful **Novice** Exhibitor of the  
Show Denis & Mundi Tomlinson

Champion Orchid, any other Genera  
Denis & Mundi Tomlinson

Champion Cymbidium Anne-Marie Collins

Champion any other Genre Glenda Clapin

### Champion Floral Art Shirley Lamont



**Reserve Champion Peter Vanest  
Masd Dark Star “Lunar Light”**



**Liz Cleaver Cymbid Death Wish Finger  
Lime Fizz**



Once again lots of plants on the sales table



**Novice Champion Den Australian  
Colourfest “Nutbag” X Hilda Poxen X  
“Rusty Bucket” Denise & Mundi  
Tomlinson**



**John Stubbs Rhynocostylis gigantea**



**Champion Floral Art Shirley Lamont**