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**Newsletter –  
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**President's Report**

Hello members,

Our speaker in August, Kylie, was very interesting and my fern collection has grown.

Our speaker in September, will be Jean Swindley and she will be talking on her favorite orchids and how to grow them here on the South Coast.

Our Bunnings D.I.Y. with posy making went very well and we have been asked back for the 20<sup>th</sup> August, also for later in this year. We had a great time, with many of the floral art group in attendance.

Our Spring Show is nearly upon us and I am encouraging my orchids to be ready, please, this time. I hope they are listening.

The E.O.C. Spring Show, in Narooma, is the weekend before ours and the MUOS Spring Show, is the weekend after ours. A very busy three weekends for orchid lovers.

See at the shows.

Anne-Marie

**APOLOGY**

In the last newsletter I included the list of champions from the Winter Show.

Unfortunately, I had missed one category off that list. That was for John Stubbs Champion Phalaenopsis. My apologies John.



John Stubbs Champion Phalaenopsis

**WANTED:**

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.**

We had received notification that one of our judges is unwell and as our show is the same weekend as the national conference, it was unlikely that we would be able to secure a second judge. The committee has contacted Peter Stubbs and he has agreed to help us out on the night. Much appreciated Peter. Graham Gray is the 2<sup>nd</sup> judge. Only two were allocated because of the national conference.

Spring Show is the weekend before our next general meeting, so results from the show will be in the next newsletter.

Hopefully there will be more plants on the benches this time than there were for the Winter Show. So get out into your orchid houses and see what you have to display and or sell.

Posy making will be happening again, so if you have flowers that could be used, please let either Leanda or Anne-Marie know. As there was a lot of interest in the posy making on the Sunday of the Winter Show, it was decided that we would do that again at both this show and the Native Show.

The committee decided that we would make posies for the Native Show, but use other flowers. This is not normally done for the Native Show as we don't have the orchid flowers to do the posies, but as it is spring, there are usually a range of other flowers available for use. They are also a very good money earner for the club



An unexpected visitor at the Winter Show – local Federal Member Fiona Phillips with BBOFS Secretary Margaret Turner.

### **In your Orchid House**

I wish this weather would decide if it is still winter or if spring really is just around the corner. We have several really nice days and then it turns cold again. It would be nice if the warm days continued so that all those plants with the spikes on could get a nice boost and the flowers open.

However, this weather means that we must be more alert for the usual collections of pests that love to destroy all the good work we do with our plants.

Our plants that have been resting over the colder winter months are starting to become active again, so make sure you are feeding and watering them.

Some genre will be finishing their flowering, so keep an eye on them to see if they need anything in particular doing to them apart from removing the dead spikes.

Of course we are in the middle of the show season, so keeping those flowering plants in show condition to be able to display them at their best is the reason we grow them.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **August**

26 27 28 E.O.C. Spring Show - Narooma

#### **September**

2 3 4 BBOFS Spring Show Soldiers Club

9 10 11 MUOS Spring Show Civic Centre Ulladulla

#### **October**

21 22 23 BBOFS Native Show Soldiers Club

#### **November**

7 AGM & plant auction

#### **December**

5 Christmas party

### **Benching**

Once again, there were limited plants on the bench and no novices present. Leanda benched in the Floral Art Section.

#### **Open Section**

**Species:** Leanda O'Connor

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

**Cymbidium 60 - 90mm:** Liz & Tony

**Cymbidium < 60mm:** Liz & Tony

**Aust Native Orchid:**

**Laeliinae >70mm:**

**Laeliinae <70mm:**

**Paphiopedilum:** Leanda O'Connor

**Vandaceous:**

**Pleurothallidinae:**

**Oncidiinae Alliance:**

**Seedling:**

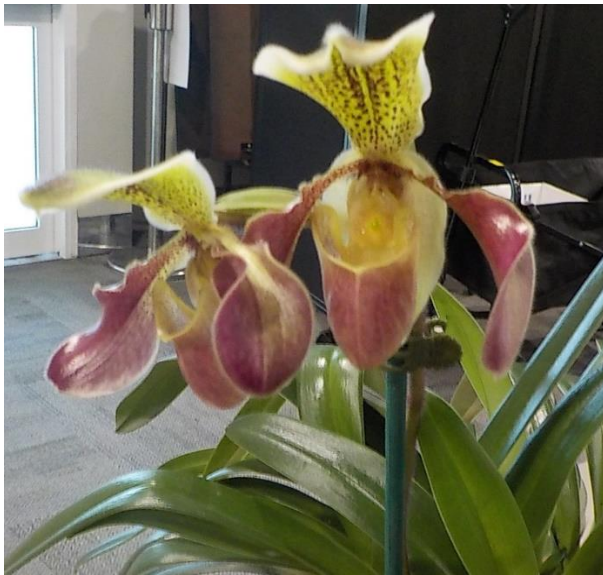
**Miscellaneous:**

**Fern:**

**Foliage:** Ron Boyd



**Plant of the Night - Open**



Leanda O'Connor Paphiopedilum  
Invincible

**Floral Art**



**Leanda O'Connor**



Floral Art entry in Winter Show Pam  
Mason



Another Floral Art entry by Leanda  
O'Connor

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

**Monday August 2022**

**PRESENT:** Members: 11 Apologies: 2  
Visitors: 4

President Anne-Marie opened the meeting at 2.00pm thanking all for coming and welcoming our three new members who attended and joined up today.

As there was not a quorum at the July meeting, the June minutes, correspondence and financial reports could not be accepted. Therefore, they were proposed and carried as follows:

The June minutes were proposed by Margaret Turner and seconded by Ron Boyd.

The June Correspondence was proposed by Margaret Turner and seconded by Pam Mason

The June financial report was proposed by Leanda O'Connor and seconded by Una Roberts.

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

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Megan Quinlivan Carried

**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
- c) Bank statement

- d) Applications from 2 new members and three returning old members at show and one new member from Floral Art.
- e) Information from Yarra Valley regarding their Spring Fair
- f) Flyer regarding the 2022 National Orchid Extravaganza

**Out**

- a) BBOFS Newsletters
- b) BBOFS newsletters to other orchid clubs
- c) Badge order for new members
- d) Letters to new members

Moved: Margaret Turner Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Leanda presented:- Opening balance \$8559.69. Income a lot of which related to Winter Show was \$1628.50. Expenditure was \$1561.50 which also related to the Winter Show. One unrepresented cheque. Fiscal amount \$29,105.09

Moved: Leanda O'Connor, Seconded: Leo Baumgartner Carried

Leanda requested permission to pay outstanding accounts.

Moved: Leanda O'Connor, Seconded: Una Roberts Carried

Leanda then presented the reconciliation for the Winter Show. Income totalled \$1589.50 and expenses totalled \$1211.28 which means that we made a small profit of \$378.22 on the Show.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Next General Meeting;** Speaker is Jean Swindley topic TBC
- b. **Result of Winter Show.** The committee felt that the show went very well. There were over 400 people thru' the door. Plants on our sales table and that of the 3 vendors all sold very well. Robert did a great job on the potting

demonstrations and one person even came back the next day for more information. The posy making on Sunday on the floor was very popular and will be repeated at the Spring Show. Anne-Marie thanked Dylan for his role as Assistance Show Marshall and for the expert assistance and advice he gave while helping on the sales table. Anne-Marie also commented that it was great to see 5 members participating in the Floral Art section of the show. Anne-Marie thanked all those who had assisted during the show.

- c. Next meeting is after the Spring Show – will try the floral art demonstration during the show, otherwise continue as usual.
- d. Judges for Spring Show – Graham Gray & Hardy Beilharz
- e. Alternate way of counting benching results – it was discussed at a committee meeting then at the last general meeting that we trial a different way of voting for our plants at meetings. This process will be trialled at the September meeting.
- f. 2023 dates for shows: the 1<sup>st</sup> July is a Saturday. Is that counted as 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in July? If so, that would make BBOFS Winter show dates the 14<sup>th</sup> set up and open 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. This was agreed to.
- g. Anne-Marie has been in contact with Suze, the Bunnings Activity Organiser who has asked us to participate in a Floral Art activity demonstrating posy making at Bunnings. Date is 13<sup>th</sup> August 1-3pm.
- h. December is not far away and we need to start thinking about the Christmas party. Any suggestions as to where and when we might hold it gratefully accepted.

#### **4. Guest Speaker:** Kylie Stocks from Verdigris Fern Nursery speaking about Fern Allies

Kylie explained that she is a Botanist by profession. She and her husband run the nursery together. They have both a practical and academic interest in ferns and both like different types of ferns. They do a lot of their own propagation.

Fern Allies are a diverse group of plants that are neither ferns or angiosperms. The best known of this group that are cultivated are the tassel ferns and selaginellas. However, they are similar to ferns in that they have a similar life cycle. They reproduce via spores and their primary organism is a sporophyte. Kylie showed us a slide that explained how they all fitted together.

Kylie explained that there are two types of fern allies – club mosses and horsetails. Kylie then went onto explain how to identify the different types of club mosses by their habit and cultivation. The two main types of these are Lycopodium and selaginellas. These two have different growth habits. The lycopodium is very difficult to cultivate and therefore is not commercially viable. The selaginellas can be found in a variety of colours and forms and may be known as the resurrection fern because of its ability to become dormant until conditions are right for it to grow. Kylie had slides that showed these two types and the differences between them.

The other allies – the Horsetail is considered a noxious weed in Australia, therefore Kylie did not have a piece to show us what it looks like, however the slides told the story.

Tassel ferns belong to the Fir Moss family. Once again Kylie explained their identification, cultivation and care. There are more than 200 species world wide of which 12 are found in Australia. They are mostly epiphytic but some are lithophytes. They are called tassel ferns as they sometimes have a small tassel like

appendage at the end of the fronds. These plants are very slow growing and therefore tend to be expensive. This group of ferns are very particular about how they are cared for. They don't like to be over watered which can cause root rot from which they cannot be revived. They are heavy feeders, so lots of fertilizer is required. Spin your pot around so the growth is even in the pot. The fronds can be brittle so handle them carefully. They are fairly resistant to diseases and pests however if seen, you need to be very careful with the chemicals chosen to manage these.

Anne-Marie thanked Kylie for her interesting presentation. Some of the plants Kylie used in her presentation were for sale so members purchased them.

**5. RAFFLES:** Leanda x 2, Margaret x 2, Ron, Robin, Pam and Anne-Marie were the lucky winners.

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** Margaret

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

**Meeting closed 3.33pm.**

**The next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**At Soldiers Club; Batemans Bay**

Secretary Margaret Turner

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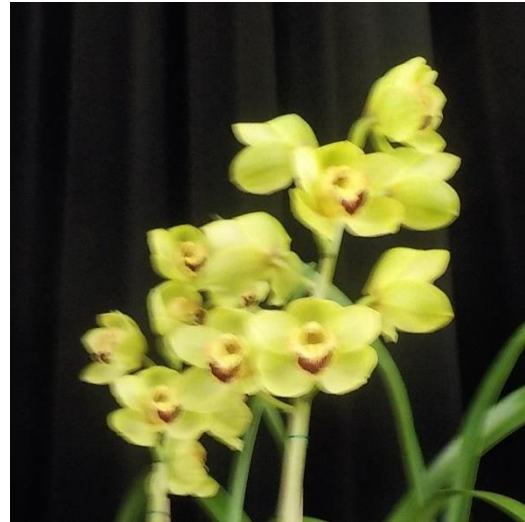
I have been very slack and not put names on these photos from the Winter Show champions table, so apart from who benched them, I am

sorry that the plants don't have names and I can't find my lists of the plant names. My apologies to both the members who own the plants and the rest of the members.





Tony and Liz Cymbidium



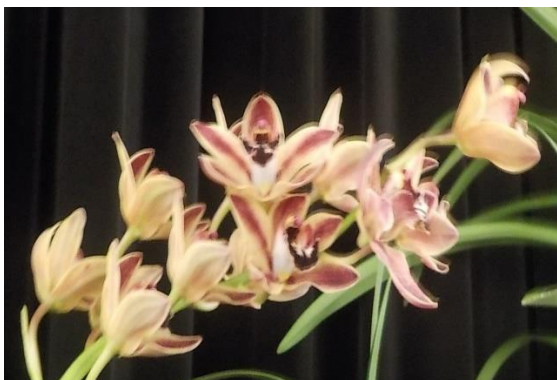
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Ron Boyd Paphiopedilum



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