

EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

WEBSITE: <http://eurobodallaorchidclub.webs.com/>

DECEMBER 2014

Merry Christmas to all members. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful festive season.

At our last meeting....

27 members attended and good and diverse benching of plants was enjoyed for our final meeting. Popular vote in Open went to Robert and Sue Fish with their Specimen

Cymbidium Cricket and Novice popular vote to Brian Coulton and his Phal. Cherry and Cream.



Bob Williams' BIG Birthday was celebrated with a cake just before tea break. He managed to blow out all the candles in the one breath (the whole seven of them.)



The annual 'Orchids Only' auction was conducted. It took the President and Treasurer just 45 minutes to auction off \$729 worth of plants. Birthday-Boy Bob Williams was one of the evening's leading bidders.

Grow Comp. Plants

There are now three plants in the club's Grow Comp.

*Sartylus Toowoomba Sparkle'

*Laeliocattleya Intercepts 'Fluoro Flash'

*Cymbidium Dalmeny Splash 'Mystique'

Don't forget to bring them to our February meeting.

President:

Tony Groube
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Vice President:

Jean Swindley
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Treasurer:

Colin Pearson
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Secretary:

Diane Hay
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Committee:

Liz Cleaver
Sylvia Hawkins
Graham Jackson
Helen Watson
Barbara Williams

We send our best wishes to any member who is ill or undergoing treatment.

We hope you are soon feeling much better.



At our next meeting,

the final E.O.C. function for the year, the **Christmas Party** will be held.

**Sunday, December 7th
from 11.30am**

Don and Margaret Hayes' home....

168 Princes Highway, Narooma.

Some parking is available in Thomson's Lane at the rear of the property.

Enter from Forster's Bay Road.

Items to bring to the party:

crockery and cutlery, drinks, table and chairs
a dessert if your club number is an even number,

**NEXT MEETING
XMAS PARTY
7 DECEMBER**



The A.G.M. was conducted after the November General Meeting and these members were returned un-opposed to the following positions:

PRESIDENT: Tony Groube
VICE PRESIDENT: Jean Swindley
SECRETARY: Diane Hay
TREASURER: Colin Pearson
COMMITTEE: Liz Cleaver, Sylvia Hawkins,
Graham Jackson, Helen Watson, Barbara Williams.



The Meeting re-appointed Michael Brown and Ian Scott as Auditors, Colin Pearson as Public Officer and agreed that fees for 2014-15 remain unchanged. Tribute was paid to retiring Newsletter Editor and Committee Member Sue Carroll, after eight years in these roles.

Some end of year thanks:

-to Eddy and Karen Ruiz for the monthly voucher to the Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery, which was always well received on the raffle table;
-to Margaret Hayes for organising monthly benchings;
- to those members who donated orchids and produce for the raffle table during the year;
- to those members who provided supper throughout the year;
- to Tom and Elaine Kelly for raffle ticket selling and
- to Librarians Alex and Cecilia Christlo.

Welcome to new Members

Peter and Annette Stubbs

of Surfside.



Sarc. Challenge

About 20 hopeful EOC members headed down to Kalaru on November 8th to the home of Barbara and David Jones and were rewarded with an amazing experience. Barbara and David's home is set on several acres of landscaped gardens containing a variety of mostly native shrubs and trees. Wandering around we also discovered Epiphyllums and cacti hanging from trees and a whole alley devoted to Cacti. The orchid houses held a diverse and plentiful array of orchids with some specimens still in glorious flower, and even more succulents, some with quite unusual coloured flowers.

This wonderful setting, obviously created by two passionate (and busy!) gardeners took our breath away! We ate our lunch under the shade of a large Acacia and enjoyed the friendly and competitive banter between the two clubs while being plied with slices from Barbara's kitchen!

Over 200 Sarcs were displayed (87 from EOC) with quality benching from both clubs and we were beaten fair and square by Sapphire Club.

It was a great day - many thanks to our hosts
Barbara and David and Sapphire Club.

Ulladulla Orchid Nursery
200 Princes Highway, Ulladulla



**We now have
80 Friends on
Facebook...**



MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

1. Potting should be well underway now and all old flowering spikes removed from cymbidiums, sarcs etc.
2. Dendrobium Beetles have been spotted. If disturbed they will drop to the ground so have a bucket underneath to catch them. Use a systemic spray to eliminate any residual culprits and follow up with a repeat spray in 10 days-2 weeks.
3. Caterpillars are also rife (and in particular like to inhabit 'Baby's Tears' plants) while they decimate surrounding orchids. Treat with Dipel or something systemic (one Member has reported that Carbaryl had no effect – another has removed the Babies Tears.)
4. Keep a close eye on temperatures in the orchid house and water the floor as often as required on hot days. Hosing down the shade cloth can help reduce temperature.

Orchid Workshop 2015

March 21 & 22 at the Kyla Hall,
Kyla Park, Tuross Head.

Presenters are

- ◆ Clive Halls (masdevallia, oncidinae and sarcochilus)
- ◆ Wally Rhodes (paphs and phalaenopsis of Taiwan)
- ◆ Kevin Hipkins (cymbidiums + ++)

The cost of \$50 for the two days includes all morning and afternoon teas and a barbecue lunch on the first day. There are still some places left at this stage.

Registration forms and money can be given to

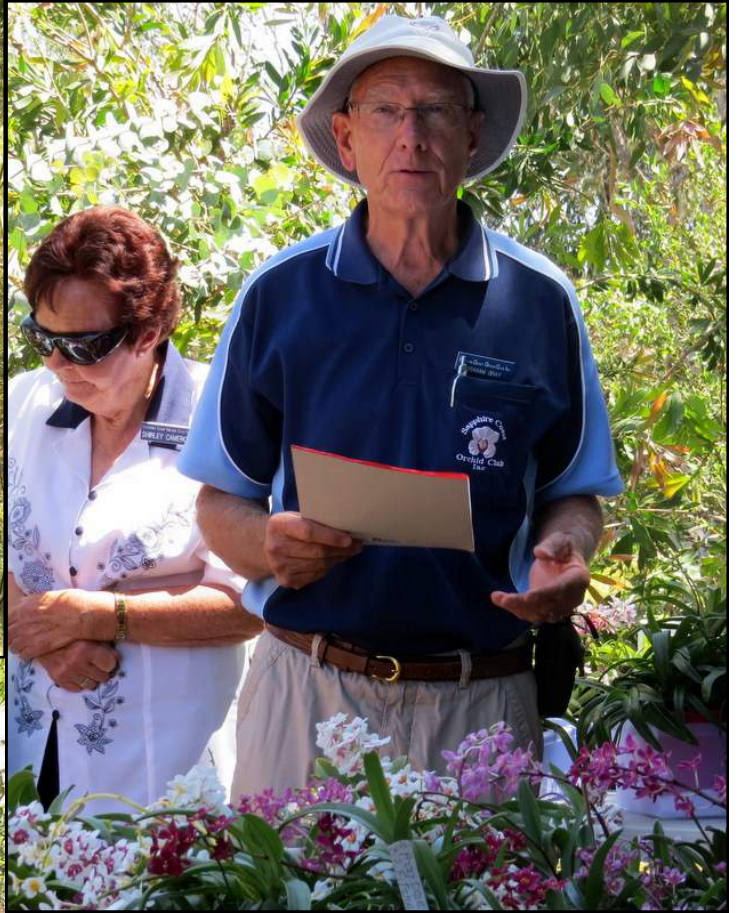
Colin Pearson at the Christmas Party or posted to him.

<http://orchidworkshop2015.weebly.com/>

FOR YOUR 2015 DIARY

- February 22 EOC President's bbq – Malua Bay
- February 22nd 2015 Hills District Orchids Open Day 183 Windsor Road Northmead
- March 21st & 22nd 2015 Eurobodalla Orchid Club Workshop Kyla Hall Tuross Heads
- May 15-17 Orchids Out West
- April 17th & 18th 2015 (Fri. & Sat.) Castle Hill International Orchid Fair
- June 26th -28th Royale Orchids Open Days
- June 27th & 28th (Sat. & Sun.) 2015 Mingara Orchid Fair & Show
- July 4th & 5th (Sat. & Sun.) 2015 – Tinonee Orchids Open Day & Show
- July 10 -11 EOC Winter Show CWA Hall Moruya
- July 26th (Sun.) 2015 Hills District Orchids Open Day
- August 7th, 8th, 9th (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) 2015 National Orchid Extravaganza –Dural
- August 14th, 15th, 16th (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) 2015 St Ives Orchid Fair
- August 21-23 EOC Spring Show, Leisure Centre Narooma
- September 18th Fri. – 23rd Wed. 2015 - AOC & Tropical Queensland Orchid Council conference & show, Mackay
- October Long Weekend - South and West Regional Conference and Show, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club







EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT CWA HALL, MORUYA

Wednesday, 12 November, 2014

PRESENT: Members: 27 Apologies: 1 Visitors: 1

President Tony welcomed all in attendance and thanked Jean Swindley for chairing last month's meeting while he was holidaying overseas.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 October at CWA Hall, Moruya, having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Brian Coulton Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Newsletters were received from Sapphire Coast Orchid Club, Orchid Society of NSW, Batemans Bay, Canberra, Milton Ulladulla, Albury Wadonga, Shoalhaven, Sutherland Shire, & Wagga Wagga.
- Letter from 2EARFM inviting us to their AGM on 22nd November.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Don Hayes Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colin Pearson 's report for October/November 2014

Income: \$2677.07 Expenditure: \$345.00 Profit: \$2332.07

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Orchid Workshop 21& 22 March, 2015:** A reminder that forms still available and places are filling up steadily. Presenters: Clive Halls – Masdevallias, Oncidiums & Sarcs; Wally Rhodes – Paphiopedilums & Phalaenopsis of Taiwan; Kevin Hipkins – Cymbidiums Plus
- **Christmas Party:** Don & Margaret Hayes have once again offered to host the party at their Narooma home, Sunday 7 December. Club will provide the Christmas Hampers and Orchid Baskets. Even numbered members are requested to bring sweets. For catering preparation, please let Margaret know if you are attending.
- **South & West Regional Conference 2015** will be hosted by BBO&FS on October long weekend.
- **BBO&FS held their Native Orchid Show** on 25 October and congratulations are extended to EOC Members: Gordon Marion with Best in Show, Paula & Michael Brown with Reserve Champion & Most Successful Exhibitor, Jean Swindley with Champion Australian Native and Brian Coulton with Champion Novice & Most Successful Novice Exhibitor. Eddy Ruiz won Champion Non Australian Orchid and Robert & Sue Fish won Best Fern & Best Foliage. Paula & Michael Brown, Tom Kelly and Gordon Marion also had plants awarded.
- Tony provided progress reports on the health and welfare of Neville Roper, Tony Carroll and Pamela Apps.
- **Novice Members Promotion:** Tony congratulated Members Helen Watson, Graham Jackson & Brian Coulton on their promotion to the Open Section.

Plant of the Night Certificates for last month were awarded to Open Winner Maria Kacarovski and Graham Jackson the Novice winner. September winners Gayle & Ray Huddleston were also presented with their certificate.

RAFFLE Winners: 1. Gordon Marion 2. Annie Schramm 3. Dorothy Kauffman

4. Maria Kacarovski 5. Ray Huddleston 6. Jean Swindley 7. Maureen Anderson
8. Robert Fish

LUCKY BADGE: No: 5 Annie Schramm

PLANT OF THE NIGHT & GROW COMP winners for the night were announced. Details in Newsletter.

Tony concluded the meeting reminding everyone there will be raffles at the Christmas Party; two hampers & two orchid baskets and declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm

The next meeting will be the

Christmas Party

Sunday 7 December

Don & Margaret Hayes, Narooma

Diane Hay

EOC Secretary



Popular Vote Awards

Open Section

Species

- 1 R & G Huddleston
- 2 Jean Swindley
- 3 D & M Hayes

Mini Cym

- 1 Robert & Sue Fish

Cattleya

- 1 Gordon Marion
- 2 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Paphiopedilum

- 1 D & M Hayes

Masdevallia

- 1 Jean Swindley
- 2 R & G Huddleston

Aust. Native

- 1 Jean Swindley
- 2Eq Jean Swindley
- 2Eq Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- 2Eq Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Vandaceous

- 1 Robert & Sue Fish
- 2 Robert & Sue Fish
- 3 Colin Pearson & G Singleton

Seedling

- 1 R & G Huddleston
- 2 Robert & Sue Fish

Oncidiinae

- 1Eq C Pearson & G Singleton
- 1Eq Gordon Marion
- 3 R & G Huddleston

Miscellaneous

- 1 Gordon Marion
- 2 R & G Huddleston

Plant of the Night

- Cymbidium Cricket
- Robert & Sue Fish

Novice Section

Species

- 1 Graham Jackson

Cattleya

- 1 H Watson

Masdevallia

- 1 Graham Jackson

Aust. Native

- 1 H Watson
- 2 H Watson

- 3 H Watson

Vandaceous

- 1 Brian Coulton

Seedling

- 1 Helen Watson

Oncidiinae

- 1 Helen Marshall

Plant of the Night

- Phal. Cherry & Cream
- Brian Coulton

Grow Competition

Cymbidium

- 1 Helen Marshall
- 2 Gordon Marion
- 3 Jean Swindley

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- 1 Gordon Marion
- 2 Jean Swindley



Extracts from Alan Merriman's newsletter November 2014

CYMBIDIUMS most growers are still dividing and repotting. Check plants for scale and two spotted mites. Spray or wipe leaves over with a cloth dipped in ECO OIL®. DO NOT USE OIL if the weather looks like being over thirty degrees C. After repotting sprinkle a table spoon of MERRI FERT around the rim of the pot. Cover it over so as it will not wash off the pot. If the weather is warm, spray them with ENVY® this will help stop the leaves from burning and loosing moisture from the plants. ENVY® is also good to spray over little seedlings out of flasks. Use at label rate. Once you have put your newly potted plants back on the benches, give them a good soak with water with some B-TONIC in it. DO NOT OVER WATER!! If you have any seed capsules on your plants look out for the dendrobium beetle. Spray regularly to keep the beetle under control. I have been informed by some of our Blue Mountains members that they have been using RESOLVA BUGKILLER with an a.i of THAMETHOXAM with great results. Once we get into November you can start to water your plants at dusk. This will give the plants a temperature drop to encourage spike initiation for the oncoming flowering season. Fertilise plants weekly with a fertiliser that is balanced to the nutrient levels of the plant. You could use CAMPBELL'S ORCHID FERTILISER B. use 15g in 5 litres of water every 7 to 14 days. MERRI FERT can also be applied. By the end of November a top dressing of MERRI COTE will last into the oncoming autumn. A few years ago we did a lot of trial work with BASACOTE® +6m – 16: 3.5: 9.9 + T.E The trial started on the 10/11/2008 and has continued until now. Excellent results for a control fertiliser. NOTE; for Cymbidiums – do not overwater. Water every 5 to 7 days, Mist in the evenings on hot days fertilise weekly.

CATTLEYS you should be repotting those plants that need attention. Watch for scale and black rot on the bulbs. This is deadly. Cut the bad bulbs off half way down the bulb. Then rub Sulphur into the wound. DO NOT water for seven to ten days and keep plant in the shade. You could also spray with FONGARID®, ANTI ROT® or ALIETTE®. After repotting sprinkle a small amount of MERRI COTE around the rim of the pot, or place 6 pellets of ORGANIC LIFE or DINA FERT. DO NOT OVER USE chook poo pellets! Water when plants start to dry. (weekly). DO NOT GIVE PLANTS too much light in November or they may burn. Use ENVY® to help control burning.

PAPHS, MILTONIAS and allied genera. Watch the light levels for these plants. These cool growers are very sensitive to too much bright light. Repot if necessary DO NOT OVER POT or you may get root rot. Apply a week solution of fertiliser every three weeks. Use an organic up to Christmas at label rate. SEAWEED SECRETS® is a good one to use. Apply at 2mls per litre of water. Watch for bacterial rot on the paphs. Use O.T.C. Hygiene Maintenance Solution every three or four weeks Watch for grubs on the new growths. Spray with DIPEL® or SUCCESS®.

AUSSIE NATIVES are growing well. Repot if necessary. Keep cool after repotting. Give plants a drench with B-TONIC after repotting. You could also drench with AUXINONE®. To get the new roots on the move. You can fertilise every couple of weeks with SEAWEED SECRETS at 1ml per litre of water. Watch your light. As summer comes, the leaves may burn! Keep plants just moist. Watch for black spot. Spray with MANCOZEB or BRAVO® to keep these spots away. Fertilise weekly with MERRI FERT every ten days at the moment. Make sure you give them plenty of light. I have been told that leaf miner has been attacking orchids. I have not seen any evidence of this here. The little insects invade the tissue of the plant and tunnel around in the tissue. Eventually the leaf dies! Some time ago a grower on the south coast sent some leaves to Ray Clements who in turn sent them to me. They had a tiny grub inside the leaf, but they were not leaf miner according to the local entomologist. These were controlled by the use of a systemic which was mixed with an oil such as ECO OIL®.

PHALAENOPSIS are growing very well down here in Sydney. Up north keeping them warm during winter in no problem. They can be repotted now so as to keep the plants moving. Weekly, spray with MERRI FERT mixed with some B-TONIC does wonders. Watch for looper grubs. Spray with DIPEL® or SUCCESS®. This will keep them under control. By very vigilant regarding mealy bugs. Now is the time to do all your cleaning up such as potting on, weeding etc. Check timers for watering. Watering can now be carried out early morning or just on dusk. Catts and most allied genera prefer early morning watering. Watch all plants for bulb and root rot. Use one of the phos. acid products or O.T.C. solutions. When dividing – keep cutting implements CLEAN.

Last year we were down south we stopped at MOGO to have a look around. A cup of tea etc. I had a look in MOGO orchid and fern nursery. They had a large collection of natives in all sizes and other miscellaneous plants. All sorts of goodies were on display tempting you to take home a plant or two. They are situated at 14 Charles St Mogo Phone 4474 2291. If passing through there are plenty of old world shops to look at including plenty of places to drop into for a cuppa etc.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

GOOD GROWING

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