



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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APRIL 2014

March Workshop

The 2014 March Workshop held at the C.W.A. Hall in Moruya was voted a great success by those who attended. Clubs from Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Albury-Wadonga and the coast were represented by the 68 people who attended. Phone calls, emails and comments of praise and thanks from other clubs were received by the committee.

The four speakers, David Wain (Cymbidiums), Dennis Diehm (Cattleyas and Phalaenopsis), Phil Grech (Australian Natives) and Neville Roper (Sarcochilus and Dockrillia) were from different climatic areas and some of their ideas differed as widely as their locations. The one thing they definitely had in common was that they are all highly successful growers with a passion for orchids. All spoke about their cultural practices, their hybridising, showed photographic examples of their awarded orchids and willingly answered all questions. (Notes of their talks are attached.)

Led by Phil Grech, the concluding message of the conference was this...take away all the advice you've been given, think it over, but if you are growing successfully now, do not feel the need to make wholesale changes. Grow within your conditions and above all else **observe** your plants as often as you can...and sell a third of your collection every year!!! Mmmmmmm!

Thank you to all speakers for travelling to Moruya, for sharing their knowledge and for their generous donations to the raffles on both days.

Photos on Website

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Welcome to new Members

Keith and Margaret Scott from Wagga Wagga,
Roslyn West from Tuross Head,
Susan and John Richardson from Tuross Head.



At our next meeting...

The meeting on April 9 is AUCTION NIGHT when the club gets a chance to raise some funds and you get a chance to pick up a bargain and be entertained at the same time. The success of this night depends on you. Items for auction can be donated and then we need you to bid if you can or just join in the fun. With some members down-sizing their orchid collections, there should be a range of plants available. Orchids and orchid-related products are the most popular, but preserves, produce, other plants and bric a brac in good condition often sell well.

NEXT MEETING

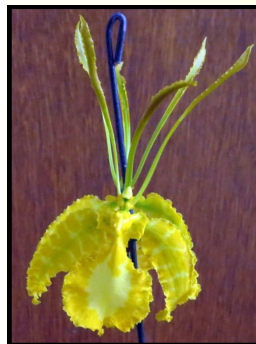
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MORUYA
BENCHING: 7PM
MEETING: 7.30PM
SUPPER TO SHARE
9 APRIL
2014

At our last meeting....

The last meeting on March 12 was just a few days after the March Workshop. A series of photos from the Workshop were shown and this was followed up by a slide show of some awarded exotic dendrobiums. Some of David Wain's cymbidiums were for

sale for those members unable to attend the Workshop.

Once again Ray and Gayle Huddleston won the Open Popular vote with their unusual *Pyschopsis kalihi*. Well done Ray!



It was pleasing to see Michael Grelck win the Novice Popular Vote with his delicate Bc Little Mermaid x Jane 1.

An early night was had by alla lot of orchid activity had been packed into a few days.

Maybe you missed the following message in the last newsletter...

Annual fees are now due and payable to

The Treasurer, Colin Pearson, at the next meeting or they can be posted to him at

10 Viewpoint Crt., Tuross Head.

\$13 for a single membership and \$16 for a family membership.



We send our best wishes to any member who is ill or undergoing treatment. We hope you are soon feeling much better.

SOME BITS AND PIECES FROM MARCH WORKSHOP

David Wain's observations during the Workshop:
The most popular cymbidium with the public is *Cymbidium* Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'.
Every cymbidium orchid grower should have *Cymbidium* Valley Splash 'Awesome' in their collection.

Cymbidium Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon ' is another reliable orchid to have in a collection with only one flaw....the size to which it can grow.

This question came from the floor of the conference...**What can I do about limp phalaenopsis leaves?**

Dennis Diehm's replyDunk the whole plant for 1/2 a day in a bucket of water with a handful of brown sugar.

Phil Grech uses a layer of polystyrene in the base of some orchid pots such as dendrobiums and cymbidiums. This helps with drainage and saves potting mix.

CUT FLOWERS

The Orchid Society of N.S.W. is mounting a display in Johannesburg in September this year as part of their bid for the 2020 World Orchid Conference. They will be show casing our Australian Native orchids and would appreciate cut flowers. If you believe you could be in a position to help, please contact any committee member who will in turn contact the appropriate A.O.C. member.

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MONTHLY MAINTENANCE



(Watch this space for the Committee's advice for the month.)

1. Make sure that you don't change the position of orchid plants which have emerging flower spikes. Use the label in the pot to keep them facing the same way.
2. Spikes should be staked as they emerge.
3. Following our recent rain, an anti-fungal spray is a good idea. A mix of Phosacid/AntiRot and Mancozeb at recommended rates should be applied. If mealy bug prevalent add a compatible systemic insecticide - spray in the morning and follow up every 10-14 days.

PLEASE NOTE

Copies of the 2014 Show Schedule will be available at the May, June and July meetings before the Winter Show for those members who receive their newsletters by post. These will not be automatically posted this year. If you are in a situation where you are unable to collect a copy, please notify our Show Marshall, Jean Swindley.
Plant I.D. cards will also be available for collection. These will also be available at the shows.

Don't forget to save the bases of 1.25 litre drink bottles. These are used as posie bases for our shows. They can be handed to Colin Pearson at meetings.

GROW. COMP. PLANTS

There are now **two** plants in the Club's Grow Comp.
Laeliocattleya Intercepts 'Fluoro Flash'
Cymbidium Dalmeny Splash 'Mystique'

Don't forget to bring these plants to the April meeting.

Plant Benching Cards for General Meetings

can now be downloaded from our website.

Download some to write out at home and avoid the rush at Meetings.

For your diary...

April 4 & 5.	Castle Hill Orchid Fair	Castle Hill Showground.
April 12 & 13.	Collectors Plant Fair.	Hawkesbury Racecourse.
May 16 - 18.	Orchids Out West.	Hawkesbury Racecourse.
June 28, 29.	Mingara Orchid Fair.	Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi.