



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.....

and especially to Deidre and Ian Girdler who late last year re-located to Hunterview near Singleton in the Hunter Valley. We hope they have settled into their new home and are enjoying being close to family. Deidre and Ian have been active members of this club for many years and Deidre was recognised for her service to the club, several years ago, with a meritorious award. Our good wishes go to both of them.



At our last meeting...

E.O.C.'s 2013 year ended with the annual Christmas Party. Michael and Paula Brown of Tuross Head allowed the club to use their house and gardens and a very pleasant day ensued. The sunny weather was a bonus for the 43 people who attended.

As usual there was plenty to eat and the raffle prizes were very attractive as I'm sure the winners Susie Butler, Dorothy Kauffman, Gary Evans, Gladys McPherson, Sue Fish, David Hay, Rob Fish and Jenny Schutz would agree.

Prizes were awarded to those members who had benched successfully during the year.

Congratulations to those people.

A stroll through Paula's immaculate orchid houses was a must for most people attending, giving insight into why she is such a successful grower of Australian Native Orchids.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible and especially to Paula and Michael for their generous hospitality. (see [website](#) for more photos)



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At our next meeting...

At the February meeting the change of procedure mentioned in the December newsletter will be implemented.

The meeting will begin with the speaker or feature of the night, supper will follow and then the General Meeting will be held.

Our speaker on the 12th will be Gordon Marion. Gordon has been growing orchids for many years and isn't afraid to experiment with his growing methods. He will speak to us about orchid growing media he has used in the past and show us what he is currently using.

NEXT MEETING

CWA HALL
QUEEN STREET
MORUYA
BENCHING: 7PM
MEETING: 7.30PM
SUPPER TO SHARE
12 FEBRUARY
2014

GROW COMP. PLANTS

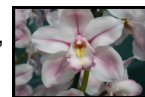
There are now three plants in the Club's Grow Comp.

* *Sartylis* Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'

* *Laeliocattleya* Intercepts 'Fluoro Flash'
and the latest addition.....

* *Cymbidium* Dalmeny Splash 'Mystique'

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



Dalmeny Splash 'Mystique' goes on sale next Club Night for \$10, about 15 available. Their new name tags have arrived and can be collected at the next meeting.

Farewell Ted.

On December 1st, 2013 Ted Nelson passed away. Whilst he had not been a member of our club for very long, he had made an impression on many of us and he will be missed.



Ted was from Wagga Wagga and used his visits to his holiday home in Mossy Point to catch up with E.O.C. members and attend meetings and shows.

We send our sincere condolences to Norma and their children and grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Annual fees

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 Court, Tuross Head, 2537

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



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

Benched Plants on Club Nights:

The point scoring system introduced as a trial last year will be continued in 2014.

As well as receiving points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in a category, every member benching a plant will be given 1 point per category. This is to encourage members to bring along flowering plants.

PLEASE PUT YOUR CLUB NUMBER ON THE FRONT OF YOUR PLANT I.D. CARD.

This helps the scoring process to be carried out smoothly and efficiently.

If you have any spare orchids or produce, they would be happily received on the raffle table on club nights.

Thank you again to Eddy and Karen Ruiz for their continuing donation of a monthly voucher for the Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery.



Proposed Judge's Course

Ian Chalmers, the Registrar of Judges for The Orchid Society of N.S.W., is looking for people who might be interested in becoming Orchid Judges.

The suggestion is that a course could be held in the Shoalhaven / Wollongong area and that elements of the course could be carried out distantly on line or by correspondence.

If you are interested please speak with Tony Groube.

THE PRESIDENT'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE

February brings this first social event of the year.

Everyone is welcome and Liz and Tony have generously offered to provide all food and drinks.

More recent members will find this a good opportunity to get to know other members.

Liz will be selling some orchids, so don't forget your wallet or purse. These plants will be very reasonably priced and a great opportunity to add to your collection. For beginning orchid collectors, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

DATE: Sunday, February 23rd. TIME: from 11.30 am
ADDRESS: 5 Garagarang Street, Malua Bay.



2014 Orchid Workshop

There are still a few places left for this Workshop.

Just send your money (\$40) and registration form to
Treasurer Colin Pearson,
10 Viewpoint Court,
Tuross Head, 2537

Direct deposit details are on the registration form.
Forms are available from the Secretary or our website.

To remind you of the details...

March 8th (9.30am. to 5.15pm.) and March 9th (9am. to 12.30pm.) C.W.A. Hall in Moruya.

Speakers are ...

David Wain (Cymbidiums),
Phil Grech (Australian Natives),
Dennis Diehm (Cattleya and Phalaenopsis)
Neville Roper (Sarcochilus and Dockrillia).

Some relevant advice from Liz and Tony.....

Watering - whilst warmer weather is with us on the coast, resist the temptation to water everything daily. Cymbidiums have their own reserves in their bulbs. Smaller pots will dry out quicker than larger 200mm pots. A good rule is to get to know the weights of your pots, both dry and damp. Certainly anything you might have mounted on slabs will welcome a misting, two or three times a day.

Caterpillars - seem to have been more prevalent around the garden and some orchids this Summer. Successful control can be achieved with Dipel in regular applications. Half a sachet will make up 5 litres and will be sufficient to cover caterpillar attracting orchids, ornamentals and vegetables within the average garden.

For your diary.....

March 8 & 9. Workshop 2014 C.W.A. Hall in Moruya.
April 4 & 5. Castle Hill Orchid Fair Castle Hill Showground.
May 16 - 18. Orchids Out West. Hawkesbury Racecourse.



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