



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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NOVEMBER 2014

At our last meeting...

At the October meeting, Graham Jackson spoke to members about his orchid collection and how he became involved with orchid growing. Graham's passion is growing Australian Native Orchids and he freely admits he has been badly bitten by the 'orchid bug'. (He gave tips to check if we had also been bitten!) He began with plants on a patio, then moved to a shade house which was later extended. Then a second shade house appeared and given the space he has on his land, this might not be his last orchid house.

At a young age when bush walking and abseiling down cliffs, Graham first encountered our beautiful Australian orchids and counts *Dendrobium speciosum* as a firm favourite. (In his collection he has over 90 plants of this majestic orchid.) Graham is attracted by the perfume of Australian Natives and can scent an orchid in the wild long before he can see it.

Graham grows his orchids very well, as those who visited his collection in September will acknowledge. Some of his tips are:

- . let plants dry out completely between waterings.
 - . provide plenty of air movement.....he has a regular sea breeze so doesn't need fans.
 - . water gravel floors regularly to provide necessary humidity.
 - . allow plenty of space between plants, again for air flow.
 - . spend time with your plants observing and checking.
- Graham does not spray his plants for dendrobium beetle. His shade houses are well sealed and he patrols the exterior at about 5pm in peak beetle periods with a can of insecticide.

Thank you to Graham for speaking to us and sharing his enthusiasm and the secrets of his success.

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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...

November's meeting is the A.G.M. which will be followed by an Orchid Auction. Members are welcome to sell clean, pest-free and established plants and all members attending are urged to bring along pocket money to spend. Members selling orchids may set a reserve price for their plants and 10% of the money raised goes back to the club. This is a really good opportunity to pick up an orchid at a bargain price.....unless someone else is desperate to buy it too!

NEXT MEETING

CWA HALL
QUEEN STREET
MORUYA

BENCHING BY:
7PM

MEETING: 7.30PM
SUPPER TO SHARE
12 NOVEMBER

At our last meeting (continued)

Appropriately Graham won the Novice Plant of the Night with his magnificently coloured *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Magma' x 'Ruperta' while Maria Kacarovski's lovely *Laeliacattleya* Chit Chat 'Tangerine' won the Open Plant of the Night. The benches again looked wonderful, especially the Novice bench where a great range of lovely orchids were displayed.



ANNUAL SARC. CHALLENGE

It's on!

Venue: David and Barbara Jones' place at
53 Heron Crescent, Kalaru.

Coming from Bega, turn right into Armstrong Drive (opposite Staffords) and then first on your right is Heron Crescent. Go to the end, and the Jones' place is on your left.

Date: Saturday, 8th November

Time: 11.00am

Note, there is no BBQ, so bring food that doesn't need to be cooked.

David and Barbara have extensive gardens and wonderful collections of orchids, ferns, cacti and succulents.

It should be a great day.

As well as food, drink, chairs and table, don't forget to bring your flowering sarcs!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's **Christmas Party** will be held at Margaret and Don Hayes' home in Narooma on **Sunday, December 7th, from 11.30am.**

All members are welcome to attend and should put their names on a list at the next meeting or ring Margaret Hayes on **4476 2196**. Numbers are needed to assist with catering. If you later find that you can't attend, could you let Margaret know.

The club provides the main course and **members are asked to bring a dessert if their club number is an even number.**

The club also provides a number of very nice raffle prizes ranging from food hampers to orchid baskets.

**Don and Margaret live at
168 Princes Highway, Narooma.**

Some parking is available at the rear of the property in Thomson's Lane which is accessible from Forster's Bay Road.

If you plan to attend you will need to bring the following:
table and chairs

plates, glasses and utensils

cold drinks (tea and coffee are supplied)

hats and sunscreen

raffle money

**We look forward to seeing you at this final
E.O.C. function for the year.**



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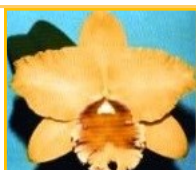
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floral emblem?

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MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

1. Dendrobium beetles have already been seen. Take action. Carbaryl is an effective option if used every month.
2. Caterpillars are also making an appearance and causing damage. Again Carbaryl will help with their control.
3. Since the rain, snails and slugs are about. Bait to avoid damage.
4. Potting should be on-going. Don't forget to sterilise tools and pots if re-using them.
5. After the rain a dose of Mancozeb or some other fungicide would be a good idea.

If you have an orchid which is growing well but just won't flower.....move it.....up, down, sideways, into or out of a corner.....just move it. That could be all it needs.

Orchid Workshop 2015

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

Presenters are:-

- Clive Halls (masdevallia, oncidinae, sarcochillus)
- Wally Rhodes (paphs and phalaenopsis of Taiwan)
- Kevin Hipkins (cymbidiums plus)

At a cost of \$50 for the two days (which includes morning and afternoon tea and BBQ luncheon the first day) this is a weekend not to be missed.

Registration forms will be available at our next and all following meetings till the Workshop.

You can also access them from our club website, or go straight to the Workshop website...

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

GROW. COMP. PLANTS

There are two plants in the Club's Grow Comp.

Laeliocattleya Intercepts 'Fluoro Flash' and

Cymbidium Dalmeny Splash 'Mystique'.

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

FOR YOUR DIARY...

Oct.31& Nov.1

November 8

December 7

Sapphire Coast Native Show.

Sarc. Challenge

E.O.C. Christmas party

Twyford Hall, Merimbula

details in this newsletter

Margaret and Don Hayes' home, Narooma.

and next year....

20th Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show

Incorporating the 50th Tropical Orchid Council Conference and Show

Presented by Mackay and District Orchid Society Inc.

Friday 18th – Wednesday 23rd September 2015

Mackay, Queensland, Australia



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT CWA HALL, MORUYA
Wednesday, 8 October, 2014

PRESENT: Members: 28 Apologies: 3 Visitors: 1

Vice President Jean Swindley welcomed all in attendance.

Our speaker for the evening was Club Member Graham Jackson who gave an entertaining presentation on his growing love of Australian Native Orchids. Jean followed this with a slide show of her recent visit to the ANOS Show at Mt Waverly, Victoria.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 September at CWA Hall, Moruya, having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Maureen Anderson Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

Newsletters from Batemans Bay, Blue Mts & Penrith District, Orchid Society of NSW,
Sapphire Coast, Milton Ulladulla, Albury Wadonga, Wagga Wagga
Sent out Orchid Workshop 2015 posters to NSW club Secretaries
Received registration forms for 20th AOC Conference in Mackay QLD next September
Notice of 2EARFM Annual General Meeting with nomination form
Orchids Australia magazine
OrchidWiz update
Tasmania Tourism pamphlets

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Leanda O'Connor Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colin Pearson was absent from this meeting. He will present his report at the next meeting.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Orchid Workshop 2015: The pamphlets were made available to all members present and details discussed. Members were urged to book in early as invitations have been sent throughout NSW.

Extracts from Alan Merriman: These were made available for all members as they were not included in the Club Newsletter due to limited space.

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. (more details later).

AGM next meeting: Nomination forms were made available for all members.

Mini Orchid Auction: This will follow the AGM & members are invited to bring in their own plants for sale with commission going to the Club. Benching is as normal.

Club Stock: Jean bought in a selection of remaining Club stock for members to purchase.

Eggs for Sale: Batemans Bay Club had eggs left over from their Bunnings Day and offered them for sale at \$4 a dozen.

BBOFS Native Show: Benching 24 October and Show 25 October at the Soldiers Club.

Sarc Challenge: No confirmation as yet.

4. Plant of the Night Certificate was awarded to last month's winner in the Novice Section, Maureen Anderson

5. RAFFLE Winners: 1. Peter Van Est 2. Leanda O'Connor 3. Maureen Anderson
4. Sue Carroll 5. Jean Swindley 6. Michael Grelck 7. Diane Hay

LUCKY BADGE: 26. Sue Carroll

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

Vice President Jean declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting & Club Auction

CWA Hall, Moruya

Wednesday 12 November 2014

Diane Hay

EOC Secretary

Popular Vote Awards

Open Section

Species

1 Jean Swindley
2 P&L Van Est

Std Cym.

1 Gordon Marion

Mini Cym

1 Sue Carroll

Cattleya

1 Maria Kacarovski

Paphiopedilum

1 Jean Swindley

Masdevallia

1 P&L Van Est
2eq P&L Van Est
2eq P&L Van Est

Aust. Native

1 Jean Swindley
2 Jean Swindley
3eq Tom & Elaine Kelly
3eq Jean Swindley

Vandaceous

1 Gordon Marion
2eq R&S Fish
2eq R&S Fish

Oncidiinae

1 Gordon Marion

Plant of the Night

Lc. Chit Chat Tangerine
Maria Kacarovski

Novice Section

Species

1 Helen Watson
2 Graham Jackson

Std Cym.

1 B&G McPherson

Cattleya

1 Gary Evans & Vicki Douglas

Aust. Native

1 B&G McPherson
2 Graham Jackson
3 B&G McPherson

Seedling

1 Helen Watson

Oncidiinae

1 Helen Watson
2 Helen Watson

Plant of the Night

Den. kingianum 'Magma' x 'Ruperta'
Graham Jackson

Grow Competition

Cymbidium

1 Gordon Marion
2 Jean Swindley
3 Helen Marshall

Lc

1 Gordon Marion
2 Jean Swindley

Please note: Extracts from Alan Merriman will be available to members, who are not on our club email list, at the next General Meeting.
Email mirannorchids@pnc.com.au to request to be placed directly onto his mailing list.

Extracts from Alan Merriman's newsletter October 2014

Now that the main flowering season is nearly over as far as shows are concerned. A few Societies are having Sarc. shows to show the public what sarcophilus flowers look like! By now one and all will be repotting and dividing our plants. After shows, wait a week or two then start your cutting up. Make sure you sterilize your cutting implements in a solution such as Merri Kleen, Bleach etc. Remember you do not want to pass virus on to other plants!

CYMBIDIUMS are now ready to be divided. DO NOT CUT small than three or four bulbs. Once potted sprinkle some MERRI COTE around the top of the pot. At the end of the session water the plants well and drench with AUXINONE® or B TONIC®. Watch your watering DO NOT OVER WATER your newly potted plants! Depending on where you live weekly should do for October. Give plants a good clean up with a good oil such as PEST OIL® or ECO OIL® at label rate. DO NOT SPRAY if the weather is above 27 degrees C or the leaves could burn! This will help control scale, bugs and spider mites. Two sprays ten days apart. A spray with MANCOZEB® mixed with an oil will help control black spot. Two sprays ten days apart should do. Watch for bulb rot. Drench with a Phos acid two sprays ten days apart. CATTLEYAS are sending down their new roots, so now you can start to repot and or divide! Don't forget to dampen down your bark before using. This will help the new roots to develop. Seal all cuts with STERI-PRUNE® or SULPHUR before repotting. After repotting drench with AUXINONE or B TONIC®. Check plants for SCALE insects. Spray with ANTI SCALE® to control these pests. Most repotting can be done now.

Fertilising can also be recommended. Side dress with MERRI COTE. As it is the beginning of the growing season, a good spray with an organic fertiliser gives the plants a boost! SEAWEED SECRETS works well. Use at 2.0ml per litre. It can be used every two to three weeks to get plants on the move. B-TONIC can also be used during the growing season to keep plants moving and healthy. MERRI FERT can also be used to push your plants along. Seedlings can also be taken out of flasks during spring. Once out of flask – wait three or four weeks then you can start to apply some STIMULIZER. This can be used with fertilisers, fungicides, insecticides etc. It increases bio-availability and uptake of inputs, penetration of foliars and stimulates beneficial microbes, roots etc. I have heard of a grower who is using it in his media to help germinate seed
NOTE; If we start to have high temperatures i.e. above 35 – 38 degrees C and above apply ENVY at label rate.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

GOOD GROWING

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