



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2014

At our last meeting...

Ted Beehag was the speaker at the September meeting and he gave us an insight into how he grows Lycaste. He compared his Lycaste-growing habits with those of a fellow Lycaste grower, Barry Taylor of Port Macquarie. Details of their very different cultural methods are included in this newsletter.

Ted showed slides of some very beautiful Lycaste flowers. Some were truly striking and very colourful. Several plants with multiple spiking were really spectacular. He discussed Japan's influence on the breeding of Lycaste. The Japanese currently produce the best plants available in Ted's opinion. They have even been able to produce flowers with petals which don't reflex. Thank you Ted for this informative session.

The benches at this meeting looked glorious with a lovely and colourful variety of orchids on display. Voting for plant of the Night in the Open Section caused our hard working tallies, Barbara and Helen, a headache with 8 plants receiving equal votes. Ted Beehag (a judge of many years' experience) was asked to solve the problem and Ray and Gayle Huddleston

were deservedly awarded the Open Section Plant of the Night with their unusual *Psychopsis Kalihi*.

Maureen Anderson won the Novice Section with her beautiful and floriferous *Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Peach'*.



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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.



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At our next meeting...

At the October meeting, Graham Jackson will talk to us about his orchid collection, especially his Australian Native Orchids which many of us were fortunate to see on September 27th.

At this meeting nomination forms will be available for any member wishing to stand for any position as an office bearer or on the committee. All positions become vacant prior to the November A.G.M.

NEXT MEETING

CWA HALL
QUEEN STREET
MORUYA

BENCHING BY:
7PM

MEETING: 7.30PM

SUPPER TO SHARE
8 OCTOBER

New Growers' Workshop - 13 September With Jean Swindley - Mounting Australian Orchids

Seven members gathered together at Jean's home in Tuross Head, all keen to learn more about mounting orchids.

A stroll through Jean's impressive orchid collection showed that many species can grow successfully on mounts.

Jean had a large Dockrillia in a pot that needed attention & demonstrated removing it from the pot and mounting it on a slab of bark, leaving enough cuttings for each member to put their observations into practice & mount their own piece to take home.

Many thanks to Jean for an enlightening & informative session - very inspirational!



Welcome to new Member



Alan Cooke of Moruya

Congratulations to all of our members who have won championships and achieved success at other Winter and Spring Shows along the coast.
Well done everyone!

Orchid Workshop 2015

The Orchid Workshop 2015 is now organized.
March 21 & 22 at the Kyla Hall,
Kyla Park, Tuross Head.

Presenters are:-

- Clive Halls (masdevallia, oncidinae, sarcochilus)
- 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 website, or go straight to the Workshop website...

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

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CLUB ORCHID AUCTION

It is time to start thinking about the Club's Orchid Auction which is held after the A.G.M. in

November. Any member can sell orchids at this auction providing they are healthy, clean and established plants.

A reserve price can be set and 10% of the sales go to the Club. It is often an opportunity to pick up a new orchid at bargain prices.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE:

1. Keep on with re-potting and use this time to carefully examine your plants.
2. Be aware that pests of all varieties are beginning to appear and take appropriate measures. Watch out particularly for snails, grasshoppers, mealy bugs, aphids and scale.

Tri-club Fun Day

About 30 people from the Milton/Ulladulla, Batemans Bay and Eurobodalla Clubs gathered at the Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery for some socialising and orchid-related activities.

The benched plants made an attractive display and most people found time to browse through Eddy and Karen Ruiz's well-stocked orchid houses. A number of people purchased plants and other items with some trying hard to persuade Eddy to part with stock plants or treasured orchids..... unsuccessfully.

Eddy and Karen provided sausages and chicken for lunch with tea and coffee and Maureen Anderson provided slices for those with a sweet tooth.

Peter Stubbs judged the orchids on display. The Open winners were Tom and Elaine Kelly from the Eurobodalla Orchid Club with a beautiful specimen of *Dockrillia striolata* and Rod Thomas from the Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Club was the Novice winner with a lovely little dendrobium.

Thank you to Karen and Eddy for their generous hospitality.



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 next meeting.

FOR YOUR DIARY...

October 3-5
October 25
Oct.31&Nov.1
November 8
December 7

Southern Orchid Spectacular.
B.B.O.&F.S. Australian Native Show.
Sapphire Coast Native Show.
Sarc. Challenge
E.O.C. Christmas party

Caringbah High School
Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay
Twyford Hall, Merimbula
details in November's newsletter
(venue to be announced in Nov. newsletter.)

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

Disclaimer: Eurobodalla Orchid Club Inc takes no responsibility for anything said by a member or a visiting speaker.



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

Wednesday, 10 September, 2014

PRESENT: Members: 26 Apologies: 4 Visitors: 1

President Tony opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance & invited our guest Speaker, Ted Beehag, to present his interesting slide show & narration on the beautiful Lycaste orchid.

After a short supper break the General Meeting proceeded.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 August at CWA Hall, Moruya, having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Mayor Lyndsay Brown offering assistance to all community groups & offering to address our group.
- New membership application from Alan Cooke, Moruya
- Thank You card from Margaret Hayes in response to her birthday cake presented at our Spring Show
- Newsletters from Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Milton-Ulladulla, Bankstown, Sutherland Shire, Batemans Bay & Shoalhaven
- We sent out a letter of thanks to Mayor Lindsay Brown for his cooperation & assistance in setting up signage for the Spring Show.
- Gardeners Gazette

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Maureen Anderson Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer presented two reports.

EOC Spring Show 2014

Income: \$1,838.15 Expenditure: \$1,508.25 Profit: \$329.90

Moved: Colin Pearson Seconded: Barb Williams Carried

Monthly Statement for August

Income: \$1,964.87 Expenditure: \$1,420.30 Profit: \$544.57

Moved: Colin Pearson Seconded: Bob Williams Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Spring Show:** A successful Spring Show with almost 200 plants benched and a profit of \$329.90 compared to 2013's \$172.00 profit. Posies & Raffle showed good profit. President Tony thanked all who contributed with publicity via signage, press, radio, our website & Facebook.
- **New Growers' Workshop:** Saturday 13 September at Jean Swindley's - 27 Meakin St Tuross Head-10am till midday-mounting Australian Natives - byo mount.
- **MUOS Spring Show:** Saturday 13 September- 9am till 3pm – CWA Hall, Milton. Tony reported Sylvia Hawkins is doing well & hopes to be back at EOC soon.
- **Canberra Orchid Society Spring Show:** 20 & 21 September – Wesley Centre, Forest. Floriade open also.
- **Mogo Tri Club Fun Day:** 22 September- all are encouraged to come. Peter Stubbs will judge on the day. Sausage Sizzle provided – bring a chair & orchid.

- **Graham Jackson's Native Orchid Garden:** Saturday 27 September, 10 – Midday.
- **8 October General Meeting:** Speaker Graham Jackson - Australian Natives.
- **Batemans Bay Native Show** – Set up 24, Show -25 October
- **Sarc Challenge with Sapphire Coast:** listed for Saturday 8 November – venue yet to be confirmed.
- **AGM & Orchid only Auction Night** – November 12
- **CYM. Dalmeny Splash 'Mistique'** still available for new members who have not received one.
- **President Tony thanked members for benching plants tonight commending the quality of orchids displayed.**
 5. **Plant of the Night Certificates** were awarded to last month's winners, Open Section: Ray & Gayle Huddleston, Nov-ice Section: Barry & Gladys Mc Pherson.
 6. **RAFFLE Winners:** 1.Graham Jackson 2.Dorothy Kauffman 3.Diane Hay 4. Helen Watson 5. Graham Jackson
LUCKY BADGE: Ray & Gayle Huddleston
 7. **PLANT OF THE NIGHT & GROW COMP** winners for the night were announced. Details in Newsletter.

President Tony declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

The next meeting will be in the CWA Hall, Moruya

Wednesday 8 October 2014

Diane Hay

EOC Secretary

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Open Section

Species

1 Jean Swindley
2eq Sue Carroll
2eq Sue Carroll
2eq Gordon Marion

Int Cym

1 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Mini Cym

1 Robert & Sue Fish
2eq Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
2eq G Singleton & C Pearson

Cattleya

1 Ray & Gayle Huddleston

Paphiopedilum

1 D & M Hayes
2 D & M Hayes

Masdevallia

1 Jean Swindley

Aust. Native

1eq Jean Swindley
1eq Jean Swindley
1eq Jean Swindley

Vandaceous

1 Gordon Marion

Seedling

1 Gordon Marion

Oncidiinae

1 Gordon Marion

Miscellaneous

1 Ray & Gayle Huddleston
2 Ray & Gayle Huddleston
3eq Ray & Gayle Huddleston
3eq Ray & Gayle Huddleston

Plant of the Night

Misc. Psychopis Kalihi
Ray & Gayle Huddleston

Novice Section

Mini Cym

1 Maureen Anderson

Aust. Native

1Graham Jackson
2 Helen Watson
3 Graham Jackson

Seedling

1 Helen Watson

Oncidiinae

1 Helen Watson

Miscellaneous

1 Helen Watson

Plant of the Night

Cymbidium
Sarah Jean "Peach"
Maureen Anderson

Grow Competition

Cymbidium

1 Jean Swindley
2 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
3 Gordon Marion

Lc

1 Gordon Marion
2 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
3 Jean Swindley

LYCASTE GROWINGA COMPARISON OF TWO METHODS.

The notes below from Ted Beehag are followed by an outline of Barry Taylor's growing methodan interesting comparison.

I have been growing Lycastes for over 30 years. One of the first hybrids I made was Lycaste Bawley Point. Lycastes are found in Central America, South America and some of the Caribbean Islands between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer from sea level to about 3000 metres. So there are some cool growers, warm growers and in between. They usually grow as epiphytes or lithophytes. There are about 40 species, the most prominently used in hybridising is *Lycaste skinnerii* which has a lot of varieties.

SHADE HOUSE. 5 x 5 metres x 3 metres high with 50% knitted shade cloth with an additional 50% from beginning October until end of March.

POTS. Plastic dome squat pots are used.
Plants are not over potted with enough room for 2 to 3 years growth.

COMPOST. 5 parts 12mm bark
2 parts 6mm bark
1 part coarse perlite
1 part maidenwell (a substitute will be needed in the future)
1 part chopped sphagnum moss

For seedlings, 3 to 6mm materials are used.
Potting is usually done in Spring after flowering.

WATERING. On a misting system 5 minutes twice a week in Summer, 2 minutes twice a week in Spring and Autumn and 2 minutes once a week in Winter.

FERTILISING. Once a week in Spring, Summer and Autumn and nothing in Winter. I use Optimum Grow every second time and in between liquid fowl manure, Maxicrop or Nitrosol. The solution is always at a PH of between 5.5 and 6.5. I prefer 6.

PESTS. The usual pests and diseases for most orchids apply to Lycastes.

I use Confidor or its generic Kohinor 200 for scale etc. For fungus Fongarid, Previcure, Agriphos 500 and Rose Shield. Do not use strong fungicide on seedlings. For garlic snails I used to use powdered Measulol but it has been taken off the market so I am trying to find an alternate one.

Barry Taylor's method of growing Lycastes. (very successfully according to Ted)

HOUSING.

Barry grows in a glass house open to the East. It receives sun all day and has 50% shade cloth to which another layer of 50% is added and then another.
3 fans operate in the glass house.

POTS.

He now uses squat pots having seen Ted's success with them.

COMPOST.

Barry uses only sphagnum moss which he checks regularly.

WATERING.

Watering is weather related and done when necessary. Misting several times daily might be needed in hot weather. Pots that have become dry are dunked in water.

FERTILISING.

Barry claims he doesn't fertilise.





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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Eurobodalla Orchid Club Inc

will be held

7.30pm

CWA Hall, Queen St, Moruya

Wednesday 12 November, 2014.

The following business will be conducted:

- Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in November, 2013
- Presentation of the President's report on the activities of the Club during 2013/2014
- Consideration of the statement of income and expenditure for 2013/2014 and the statement of the Club's assets and liabilities as at 30 September, 2014
- Fixing the amounts to be paid as joining fees and subscriptions for 2014/2015
- The appointment of a person or persons to audit the Club's accounts for 2014/2015
- Election of Committee of Management for 2014/2015

(Nomination forms are available from me and must be lodged no later than 30 October, 2014.)

DIANE HAY

HON. SECRETARY

OCTOBER, 2014

Extracts from Alan Merriman's newsletter September 2014

Cymbidiums: By now most of our cymbidiums are in full bloom. We have some new colorations which have been bred mainly Royale Orchids and Ezi Gro Orchids (Perth). I hope most of you growers have purchased a few seedlings at the fairs. I prefer to purchase seedlings over clones. Remember you buy a seedling – no other grower has it!, but if you buy a clone everyone will have it in a few years time! I only buy a clone if it is something that I would love to have and maybe use it as a breeder, maybe a colour I do not have that flowers at a different time of the year! There are top cymbidium breeders in all states of Australia. Look in the A.O.R or Orchids Australia for adds to point you in the right direction.

Potting should have started by now. Once the spikes have been cut off wait a week or two before commencing to divide your plants. Don't forget to place a little slow or controlled fertiliser in the pot as you pot the plant. I use MERRI COTE as it is handy for me to use. For many years I used ORGANIC LIFE® with good results. I have used EN-MAG® and MAG-AMP in the pot. NITROPHOSKA BLUE and the RED. RED seemed to work better, but this may have been my imagination. The late Russell Martin used bracken fern in the bottom of the pot. The late David Wallace used bracken fern and or casuarina needles with good results. He harvested the ferns down in the Megalong Valley, let them dry a little and place a couple of handfuls in the bottom of the pot before planting! Once potted drench plant with one of the rooting hormones that is on the market these days (give me a ring for details). If the weather is very hot and or windy a couple of applications of ENVY® certainly helps the plant to settle down. Use the hormones for three to four weeks to make sure the roots are on the move! DO NOT OVERWATER the newly divided plants – misting rather than watering. No fertiliser is needed for a few weeks. Then use a balanced nitrogen, potash fertiliser for a while. Watering should only be done when needed. Plants dry on top, damp down about 50mm. Water till comes out bottom of pot.

Watch for signs of two spotted mites. If plants are still in bloom a misting of MAVRIK® will keep them under control. Aphids seemed to make an early spring appearance. CONFIDOR® works well to control these pests. If you have *botrytis* spotting on the flowers a misting with ROVRAL AQUA FLO® will help.

CATTLEYAS: Once you see active root growth the plants can be divided. Keep at least three cane divisions. Stake plant securely after repotting. Sprinkle a little MERRI COTE around the top of the pot or a few pellets of DINO FERT® or ORGANIC LIFTER® DO NOT OVER DO IT! After repotting drench with B-TONIC® to get the plant on the move or spray and drench with AUXINONE®. DO NOT GIVE PLANTS TOO MUCH LIGHT JUST YET. Water every seven to ten days depending on the temperatures in your area. Mature plants just coming out of winter can have a drench with STIMULIZER® at 2ml per litre or SEAWEED SECRETS® which has a mixture of many minerals. Inspect plants for scale insects. One may use one of the agricultural oils – canola base or mineral base. ANTI SCALE® also works very well. WATER WEEKLY.

DENDROBIUMS: The Indian hard cane plants are now getting ready to come into bud. A weekly fertigation of a high potash fertiliser is helpful. Apply every seven to ten days. MERRI FERT can be used. Watch for aphids and the dreaded beetle. Inspect plants every morning to see if there are any beetles around. Give plants plenty of light to encourage large blooms.

NOBLE DENDS are now coming into bloom. I increase watering and fertiliser. A high potash fertiliser such as PETERS BLOSSOM BOOSTER, PETERS Cal Mag, CAMPBELL'S ORCHID FERTILISER "B" which has a N.P.K. of 11-13-16 AND DON'T FORGET MERRI FERT. Watch grubs do not eat the flowering buds. A spray with DIPEL® or SUCCESS® will keep them at bay. DON'T FORGET TO READ THE LABEL BEFORE USING!

AUSSIE NATIVES have been great this year. Start dividing or potting on as soon as possible to get a good start. Give them a good soak with B-TONIC or SEAWEED SECRETS®. This will give them a quick boost. Watch for bulb rot after repotting. Use FONGARID® or one of the Phos acids. If your plants are prone to black spot spray with MANCOZEB or one of the chlorothalonil based sprays such as BRAVO® or CHEERS® READ LABEL BEFORE USING.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

GOOD GROWING

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