



# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

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

SEPTEMBER 2014

### At our last meeting...

At the monthly meeting on August 13th, photos were shown of recent club events and Diane Hay introduced members to the club's Facebook site which she organises.

There was a good display of plants on the Novice bench and the winner of the popular vote was Barry McPherson's lovely *Dockrillia teretifolia*.



Gayle and Ray Huddleston's magnificently coloured *Dendrobium* Dal's Jewel x (Charlie Taylor x P. Ward) x Dal's Pennies 'Bette' was voted the Plant of the Night in the Open section.

Congratulations to these growers.

### Speciosum Competition 2014

Take photos of your beautiful speciosum in flower and enter this competition run by the ANOS Mid North Coast group.

Forms available on their website or contact Diane Hay. Entry fee is \$5, which will cover the cost of sending entrants a DVD of all entries received.

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Tony Groube  
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Jean Swindley  
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Diane Hay  
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#### Committee:

Sue Carroll  
Liz Cleaver  
Sylvia Hawkins  
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...

At the meeting on September 10th, Ted Beehag will speak to us about the cultural needs of *Lycaste*, knowledge he has gained by many years of growing these beautiful orchids. Be sure not to miss this meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING

CWA HALL  
QUEEN STREET  
MORUYA  
BENCHING BY:

7PM

MEETING: 7.30PM

SUPPER TO SHARE

10 SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES.

#### 1. NEW GROWER'S WORKSHOP.

The second of these workshops, designed particularly (but not exclusively) for those members who are less experienced in orchid growing, will be held at Jean Swindley's home at 27 Meakin Street, Tuross Head on September 13th from 10am. until approximately mid-day. Jean will be examining the mounting and care of dockrillias and she asks that anyone attending please bring something on which to mount a plant.

Please speak to Jean at the next meeting or call her on 4473 6963 if you are planning to attend.

#### 2. POSSIBLE TRIP TO CANBERRA ORCHID SOCIETY'S SPRING SHOW.

If you are interested in joining a mini-bus trip to Canberra Orchid Society's Spring Show on September 20th, please contact Jean Swindley on 4473 6963.

#### 3. TRI - CLUB FUN DAY.

Karen and Eddie Ruiz have invited members of the Batemans Bay, Eurobodalla and Milton-Ulladulla Clubs to participate in a friendly Mini Show and get together at their nursery in Mogo on Monday, September 22nd.

This is a chance for members to display orchids which may not have been flowering for Spring Shows. Each member is entitled to bring two orchids.

Karen and Eddie will barbecue a sausage for lunch and members are asked to be there at 11am. and to bring a chair.

#### 4. VISIT TO A MEMBER'S COLLECTION.

Graham Jackson has invited members to view his lovely collection of native orchids on September 27th between 10am. and mid-day. Graham lives at 288 Pollwombra Rd., Moruya. To find Graham's home, enter the industrial estate north of Moruya and immediately turn right into the Old Highway. Pollwombra Road is on the right a short distance along this road.



## 2015 March Workshop

The 2015 E.O.C. March Workshop has the final finishing touches in place.

Whilst bookings are not available until November, these are the details:

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

Presenters are ...

**Clive Halls** (masdevallia, oncidinae and sarcochillus)

**Wally Rhodes** (paphs and phalaenopsis of Taiwan)

**Kevin Hipkins** (cymbidiums + ++)

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

More specific details will be included in the November Newsletter along with registration forms.

All information will also be on our website.

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## MONTHLY MAINTENANCE:

1. Time to have your mix prepared to begin re-potting cymbidiums after flowering.
2. Plan to re-pot slippers during September.
3. Make sure flowers are removed from cymbidiums. Don't allow them to die on the plant as this takes away energy needed for re-growth and also allows for pests to take hold. The optimum amount of time to leave a cymbidium flower on a plant ( to give it a chance to re-flower the following year) is 3 weeks.
4. Protect emerging sarc. flowers from snails.
5. Soft canes should be full of buds, so keep an eye on these and protect them as they develop.
6. After all the August rain check for bulb rot and fungal problems and treat if necessary.
7. Remember Spring brings warmer weather and prepare to add shade cloth where needed.

## FOR SALE

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(2.6W x 3.6L)

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## 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 September meeting.

## FOR YOUR DIARY...

September 5/6. B.B.O.&F.S. Spring Show.  
September 13. M.U.O.S. Spring Show.  
September 13. New Grower's Workshop  
September 18/19. Sapphire Orchid Club Spring Show.  
September 20/21. Canberra Orchid Society Spring Show.  
September 22. Tri-Club Fun Day.  
September 27. Graham Jackson's Garden  
October 3-5. Southern Orchid Spectacular.  
October 25. B.B.O.&F.S. Australian Native Show.

Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay.  
C.W.A. Hall, Milton.  
Jean Swindley's home in Tuross Head.  
Scout Hall, Bega.  
Wesley Centre, Forrest.  
Mogo.  
288 Pollwombra Rd., Moruya.  
Caringbah High School  
Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay.

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

## THE SPRING SHOW

The Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre is a great venue for an orchid show and this year's collection of varied and colourful orchids was a beautiful display and a treat for all who passed through the doors. The Novice section was particularly eye catching with an attractive show of plants.

Congratulations to all who entered plants in the Show and particularly to the Championship Winners.

The Grand Champion was a remarkably striking species orchid.....*Masdevallia macrura* owned by Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube. The Reserve Champion was the stately and beautiful *Laeliacattleya* Scarlet Imp 'Paradise' owned by Margaret and Don Hayes.

Vendors Eddie Ruiz of Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery and Dennis Diehm of Dendi Orchids in Griffith had a lovely range of flowering plants and along with the club's extensive sales' table provided plenty of opportunities for people to buy.....and they did.....by the armload, some making several visits to the car and others making multiple trips to the show.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this show such a success. Your efforts are really appreciated by the public . One young man enthused,

"I don't grow orchids but I look forward to this show every year!"

Well done everyone.

### Spring Show 2014

Championship	Names	Plant Name
Grand Champion	L Cleaver & T Groube	Masd. macrura
Reserve Champion	D & M Hayes	Lc. Scarlet Imp 'Paradise'
Cymbidium over 90mm	G Marion	Cym. Hazel Tyres x Valdi Player 'Yvonne'
Cymbidium 60-90mm	G Marion	Cym. Shoalhaven 'Touch Of Class'
Cymbidium under 60mm	M Kacarovski	Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Royal Show'
Australian Native	I & J Zacher	Doc. teretifolium
Laeliinae	D & M Hayes	Lc. Scarlet Imp 'Paradise'
Paphiopedilum	D & M Hayes	Paph. Magnificum
Pleurothallidinae	J Swindley	Masd. Machu Picchu 'JR'
Oncidiinae	L Cleaver & T Groube	Onc. Cherry Fudge
Other Orchid	R & G Huddleston	Den. Dark Desire Indigo
Species	L Cleaver & T Groube	Masd. macrura
Specimen	J Swindley	Dinema polybulbon
Seedling	G Marion	Den. Cheeky x Cheeky 'Sheen'
Novelty	G Marion	Cym. Pywacket 'Royaley' x Pywacket 'Peats Ridge'
Novice	H Watson	Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'
Novice Cymbidium	G & V Evans	Cym. Sarah Jean Unknown
Novice Species	G Jackson	Den. aemulum
Novice Other orchid	G Jackson	Den.Chocolate Starfish 'Red Gloss' x Spec ' Windermere'

**Most Successful Exhibitor (Open) J Swindley & G Marion**

**Most Successful Exhibitor (Novice) H Watson**







## winners are grinners

President Tony presenting awards to the  
Champions at the Spring Show

[Full coverage on our website](#)



## AUGUST MEETING PLANT OF THE NIGHT

### Open Section

#### **Species**

1 Sue Carroll

#### **Int Cym**

1 L Cleaver & T Groube

#### **Mini Cym**

1 L Cleaver & T Groube

#### **Cattleya**

1 Gordon Marion  
2 Gordon Marion

#### **Paphiopedilum**

1 D & M Hayes  
2 D & M Hayes

#### **Aust. Native**

1 L Cleaver & T Groube  
2 Jean Swindley

#### **Seedling**

1 Gordon Marion

#### **Miscellaneous**

1 R & G Huddleston  
2 R & G Huddleston

#### **Plant of the Night**

Den. (Dal's Jewel x (Charlie Taylor x P Ward))  
x Dal's Pennies 'Bette'  
R & G Huddleston

### Novice Section

#### **Species**

1 B & G McPherson

#### **Std Cym.**

1 A & C Christlo

#### **Mini Cym**

1 Helen Marshall

#### **Cattleya**

1 R & B Williams

#### **Aust. Native**

1 Helen Marshall

#### **Plant of the Night**

Dock. teretifolia  
B & G McPherson

### **Grow Competition**

#### **Cymbidium**

1 Helen Marshall  
2 L Cleaver & T Groube  
3 Jean Swindley

#### **Lc**

1 Gordon Marion  
2 L Cleaver & T Groube  
3 Jean Swindley



**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD**  
**AT CWA HALL, MORUYA**  
**Wednesday, 13 August, 2014**



**PRESENT:** Members: 23 Apologies: 7 Visitors: nil

President Tony welcomed all in attendance and advised members condolences from the Club have been passed on to Tom & Elaine Kelly, whose daughter, Tammy, recently succumbed to cancer.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday 2 July 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:**

- a) Newsletters from BM & PD, SCOC, BBO&FS, MUOS, Albury – Wodonga, SSOS
  - b) Orchids Australia magazine
  - c) Sympathy card sent to members Tom & Elaine Kelly
  - d) Reports from AOC regarding their AGM and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be held at Mackay, Qld 2015
  - e) Letter from AOC President recommending cost saving with an A5 format for the Australian Orchid magazine.
  - f) Sent out publicity to radio stations & Tourist information centres regarding our Shows
  - g) Letter from the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria giving notice of their AGM & inviting attendance
  - h) Letter from AOC regarding Insurance Group Policy
  - i) Letter from Moruya District Hospital thanking the club for our donation of \$172.00 proceeds from the Moruya Market stall
- Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Jean Swindley Carried

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Colin presented two reports:-

- I. Financial Statement for EOC Winter Show 2014  
Income: \$1,281.00 Expenditure: \$1,557.45 Loss: \$276.45
- II. Financial situation for June 2014.  
Income: \$1,529.75 Expenditure: \$1,681.20 Loss: \$151.45

Moved: Colin Pearson Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a) Tony checked to see if any member present had not been issued with their membership badge.
- b) **Workshop 2015 at Tuross Head 21 & 22 March:** Presenters Clive Halls (Masdevallia, Oncidinae & Sarcocillius,) Wally Rhodes (Paphiopedilum and Phalaenopsis of Taiwan) & Kevin Hipkins (Cymbidiums PLUS) are now confirmed.
- c) **EOC Spring Show:**
  - i. Advertising banner is now up. Don will collect the key to the hall & we intend opening for set up at 2pm Thursday 21st August. Help is required for the set up on Thursday and pull down on Sunday.
  - ii. Tea/coffee area will now need chairs & card tables. Please help out if possible.
  - iii. Ray & Gordon will transport the trestles.
  - iv. Normal phone in time to Jean on the Monday prior to the show, as per Schedule.
  - v. Judging on Thursday evening is organized & Graham Jackson will act as assistant Show Marshall.
  - vi. Kitchen Roster to help Gwyn –volunteers needed. Also in need of slices, cakes etc.
  - vii. Raffle Sales – Liz suggests general help whenever you can. Raffle plants will be purchased from Gordon Marion & possibly Dennis Diehm and Bobbie Bell.
  - viii. Plant Sales - Barry, Tom, Gordon, Barb & Liz
  - ix. Posies – Colin & Judy Zacher – flowers & greenery needed.

**5. Plant of the Night Certificates** were awarded to last month's winners, Open Section: Gordon Marion, Novice Section: Maureen Anderson and from last April Novice Section: Helen Marshall.

**6. RAFFLES & LUCKY BADGE** were drawn.

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

President Tony declared the meeting closed and invited members to view slides of Club activities and a demonstration of the Club's Facebook and Web sites. This was followed by members sharing supper before heading home by 9pm.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 September 2014 - Guest Speaker Ted Beehag, Lycastes**

**Diane Hay EOC Secretary**

## MIRIAM ANN ORCHIDS NEWSLETTER

### ALAN'S COLUMN AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2014

Over the last month we have had some strange weather down here in the Blue Mountains, but things have settled down. Most genera are now in bloom ready for the Spring Shows!

Well what should we be doing?

**CYMBIDIUMS** are now in bloom, past or coming. Watch for aphids on your flowering plants. Many growers spray with CONFIDOR® or MAVRIK®. If used correctly these two sprays do not mark blooms. Grubs are on the move eating holes in the flowers. MAVRIK® or SUCCESS® can be used successfully, only mist the flowers. Watch your staking. Only do it once the stems warm up or they will break off!! Keep growing media just moist. Water weekly or ten days should do. If buds are still tight an application of Calcium Biomin® should help the stems and flowers to be stronger. Some growers apply a small amount of potassium sulphate around the top of the pot. Apply one half a teaspoon around the top of the pot and water in. Re-apply in four weeks time (1/2 teaspoon per 200mm pot). Now is the time to start getting your growing media together, i.e. mixing etc., sorting out plants that need attention, repotting and check plants for pest, diseases, virus etc. Those plants that do not need attention, top dress with MERRI COTE. Those back bulbs that you struck last year can now be potted up.

**CATTLEYS**: now is the time to watch for the new roots to start emerging. Be careful that you do not knock the new root off. These new roots will start to grow the further north you live e.g. Darwin, Broome, Townsville etc. Some growers dampen the roots and media down before dividing. Roots bend easier when damp. After repotting drench with AUXINONE® or one of the STIMULIZER'S or B-TONIC®. I always drench my catties with AUXINONE®, three times ten days apart, then back to your normal nutrient regime!

**PHALAENOPSIS** are now growing very well. A lot are in bloom while others are sending up spikes etc. Still keep the heat on. When I was working at "Cecil Park": we kept the heat on to have a night temperature of 22 degrees C and 26 degrees C by day. Fertilised every three to five days. That is how we got five inch flowers and racemes with fifteen to twenty blooms! Yes! They were the days of Alice Gloria "Cecil Park". As the weather starts to warm up you can start to increase your watering and nutrient intake! You can use one of the high potash fertilisers put out by PETERS or CAMPBELLS 'Yellow' or maybe my MERRI FERT. Watch for crown rot! Spray with O T C 'S' maintenance solution at label rate.

**LAELIAS**: This year Laelia anceps have been great. There are so many different combinations of colours around these days, with line breeding, selfing etc. Once you drive up the north coast, you see how they grow with a little warmth. This year we did not go north so I missed out on the anceps spectacular. Once they have finished flowering cut the old spikes off. Once the new roots appear – repot, divide or whatever you want to do! DO NOT START TO FERTILISE UNTIL YOU SEE ROOT ACTION!

**MILTONIA**: These delightful little plants have had a great flowering season this year. They seem to grow anywhere as long as there is not too much sun or frost. I have started to repot and divide mine now. Make sure you use a shallow pot or you will get root rot. A 50mm dish is ideal with a few holes in the bottom. You can pot in any media as long as it drains well. A light application of a good seaweed such as SEAWEED SECRETS. It has broad spectrum chelated minerals. Contains liquid seaweed and soluble humates/fulvates, 70 + minerals, 17 amino acids, 4 natural growth hormones chelating agents, complex sugars, it is a powerful plant and microbe stimulant. Use at label rate.

**MILTONEOPSIS** these pansy orchids are a wonder to look at. The Jim Lawler used to grow these pansy's to perfection. Potting media – sphagnum moss, Nutrients – Aquasol alternated with fish emulsion. At Dural he grew them cold in winter and cool and shaded in summer. Repotted in the spring after flowering. The secret – cool in summer.

**AUSSIE NATIVES** started all over the place, but they have now settled down. Over the last month I have seen some wonderful flowers from our natives and hybrids. Watch for grubs and aphids. Spray with MAVRIK® or SUCCESS® Watch for bulb rot. At first sign spray with ANTI ROT® or FONGARID®. If still in bud sprinkle a little MERRI COTE around the top of the pot. For those of you who are keen native growers you must purchase a copy of the latest AUSTRALIAN ORCHID REVIEW. There are some wonderful coloured plates of our native dendrobates!

GOOD GROWING  
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