



# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

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

APRIL 2015

### At our last meeting....

New Member Peter Stubbs introduced us to the orchids he likes to grow. Peter has been a Judge for some years, a grower for 40 years and a serious grower of Species orchids since 1995. Peter and wife Annette have recently moved to Batemans Bay from Sydney, along with his collection of 300 Species – including Cattleya, Oncidium, Encyclia, Bulbophyllum, Maxillaria, Coelogyne, Ornithophora and Rodriguezia. His slide show prompted many to add more Species to their *Wish Lists*.

Stunning *Miltonia spectabilis* owned by Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube took out the Open Section Popular vote.



Novice Section was won by Alex & Cecilia Christlo with their beautiful *Miltonia* unknown.



### At our next meeting...

**8 April 2015 – don't miss it!**

**New Growing Competition Plant to be issued** – details elsewhere.

**General Auction with all proceeds to the Club.**

An opportunity for Members to donate surplus orchids, home produce, household goods and other items which might be a *treasure* to someone else.

Always a fun night with Colin, Tony and Barry up the front.

Several mature Sarcs donated by Neville Roper will go under the hammer, and those Members who attended the Workshop will have first option to buy the cymbidiums deflasked into sphagnum moss by Kevin Hipkins (Cym Portuguese Passion 'Snow Blossom' 4N x (Foxfire Star x Valley Zenith) #2).

### NEXT MEETING

CWA HALL  
QUEEN STREET  
MORUYA

BENCHING BY:  
7PM

MEETING: 7.30PM  
SUPPER TO SHARE  
8 APRIL

### Growing Competition Plants

**New Grocomp plants** to be issued at 8 April Meeting are a *Zygopetalum* cross - Zga Adelaide Meadows 'Braeburn' x Zba Beenak Jester.

On going Grocomp plants are  
***Laeliocattleya Intercepts* 'Fluoro Flash'**  
and ***Cymbidium Dalmeny Splash* 'Mystique.'**

**REMINDER** – please bench Grocomp plants at all Meetings to obtain a point score advantage and advice on how to *do it* a bit better!

### Seniors' Week

Four Members conducted an Information Stall at Council's Living Life Expo at Moruya on 18 March. Our exhibition resembled a mini-show and attracted the attention of all those at the event. Members from Tuross Head have been invited to have a similar table at the Country Club's Community Friendship Day, Sunday 29 March.



### President:

Tony Groube  
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### Vice President:

Jean Swindley  
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### Treasurer:

Colin Pearson  
44738387

### Secretary:

Diane Hay  
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### Committee:

Liz Cleaver  
Graham Jackson  
Sylvia Hawkins  
Helen Watson  
Barbara Williams



### Welcome to new members

Joan Scott from Stanhope, Vic  
Neville Roper from Woolamia NSW  
Honorary Member

When asked if he would accept Honorary Membership of EOC, Neville Roper's response was  
"I'm honoured and that's marvellous."



## 2015 March Workshop, Tuross Head 21&22 March

A triumph for the Club and a hard working group – a **ripper!**

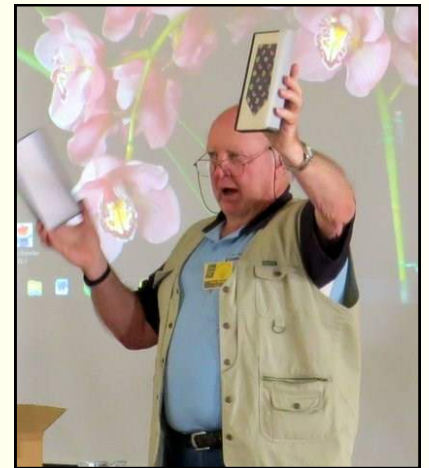
Treasurer Colin took registrations/fees from 85 participants, Diane got it all out on the Web and via other Club Secretaries, Gwyn headed the catering department and Sue Carroll scribed for each Session. Big thanks to them, the Committee and Membership at large who set up the Hall, contributed slices, helped with raffles and who stayed for 'pull down' – Kyla Hall empty and neat as pin within an hour of closing the Workshop.



TOP MARKS to our Speakers. Kevin Hipkins had flown in from Los Angeles (15hr flight) was met at Sydney International by Nick Gill and driven straight to Tuross in time for Friday's set-up. Wally and Beverley Rhodes had a more leisurely run over two days from Tea Gardens, and Clive and Agi Halls had an early start and a day's drive to come from near Healesville. As usual, each Speaker arrived with sufficient plants to engage registrants throughout the two days and sales were brisk. Participants went home with over \$800 worth of raffle prizes. Fifty of the participants travelled from as far afield as Albury, Shepparton, Wagga Wagga, Canberra and Sydney.

Financial benefits accrued to a number of local businesses and the Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary will benefit also from the proceeds of raffles and the auction of a Commemorative neck tie from the 2015 Taiwan International Orchid Show. The successful bidder, Paula Brown, paid \$65 for this item donated and auctioned by Wally Rhodes.

All three Speakers have asked that their gratitude and congratulations be conveyed to the Club and its Committee for conducting such an enjoyable event.



March Workshop 2016 is likely to be organised by the Sapphire Coast Club at Merimbula.

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### Post Workshop Orchid Crawl 22 March

A number of visitors took advantage of invitations from Maria, Gordon, Jean, Paula, and Tom Kelly who opened their gardens on the Sunday afternoon - a very nice touch, which was graciously accepted by 12-14 persons who visited each garden.

A big thanks for welcoming these friends.



### Membership Renewal (OVERDUE)



\$13 Single, \$16 Couple may be paid to Colin Pearson at next meeting,  
or snail-mailed to

10 Viewpoint Court TUROSS HEAD 2537.

**We welcome the return of all our 2014 Members.**

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



## GOLDEN OLDIES

**Australian Cymbidium Scene** (Geoff Bailey's Magazine) Autumn edition, released mid-March, features an article and photographs (two pages) of two of our best Cymbidium Growers, Maria Kacarovski and Bob and Muriel Bell.

The Club subscribes to this magazine, but if you wish to have your own subscription (four issues \$44 including postage) or order a copy of the current edition write to

Geoff Bailey,  
Australian Cymbidium Scene,  
24 Milne Street,  
CRIB POINT Vic 3919 (Phone 0488 088138)  
email [geoffrey.bailey1@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffrey.bailey1@bigpond.com).

Order forms for this quality magazine are available at Club nights.

NB. The article Golden Oldies is posted on our website.

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



We send our best wishes to any member who is ill or undergoing treatment.

We hope you are soon feeling much better.

## MONTHLY MAINTENANCE:

- There's still time to repot Sarcs and any other genera that might be requiring attention whilst milder weather persists.
- Pockets of scale and mealy bug are appearing – a systemic or topical treatment (Eco Oil or such) required with follow up. Try to remove original infestation before spraying.
- Rodents, grasshoppers from babies to *King Size*, and slugs and snails are all about!

### Orchids in Paradise

Our Club has accepted a request to sponsor the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show, hosted by the Mackay and District Orchid Society 19-22 September.

We have opted to sponsor the Specimen Section of the Show to the tune of \$300.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

- April 17th & 18th 2015 (Fri. & Sat.) Castle Hill International Orchid Fair
- May 15-17 Orchids Out West
- June 26th -28th Royale Orchids Open Days
- June 27th & 28th (Sat. & Sun.) 2015 Mingara Orchid Fair & Show
- July 4th & 5th (Sat. & Sun.) 2015 – Tinonee Orchids Open Day & Show
- **July 10 -11 EOC Winter Show - CWA Hall Moruya**
- July 17 & 18 BBOFS Winter Show - Soldiers Club Batemans Bay
- July 25 & 26 MUOS Winter Show - Civic Centre Ulladulla
- August 7th, 8th, 9th (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) 2015 National Orchid Extravaganza - Dural
- August 14th, 15th, 16th (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) 2015 St Ives Orchid Fair
- **August 21-23 EOC Spring Show - Leisure Centre Narooma**
- September 4-6 BBO&FS Spring Show- Soldiers Club Batemans Bay
- September 18th Fri. – 23rd Wed. 2015 - AOC & TQOC Conference & Show - Mackay
- September 19 & 20 MUOS Spring Show - Civic Centre Ulladulla
- October 3 & 4 - South and West Regional Conference and Show - Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

Have you visited our website lately?

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**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD**  
**AT CWA HALL, MORUYA**  
**Wednesday, 11 March 2015**



**PRESENT:** Members: 34 Apologies: 1 Visitors: 1

The General Meeting followed our Speaker & Club Member, Peter Stubbs, who gave an enjoyable & informative talk accompanied by a slideshow on "Orchids I like to Grow"

President Tony welcomed all members in attendance, with a special warm welcome to visitor Joan Scott.

Plant of the Night certificates were awarded to Brian Coulton, Helen Marshall, Maria Kacarovski & Gordon Marion.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on 11 February held 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:**

Phone call regarding new bus charter in Narooma

Orchid Wiz online update

Letter from Eurobodalla Shire Council inviting registration to free home composting session.

Orchid Wiz update online correction

Sent card to Alma Stern who is having knee replacements

Various communications regarding our Workshop

Newsletters from; Batemans Bay, Milton Ulladulla, Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Sutherland Shire, Bankstown and Shoalhaven Orchid Clubs.

Email to Orchids in Paradise offering \$300 sponsorship for Best Species Orchid. Reply came with acceptance & appreciation.

Email from Tuross Head Country Club inviting us to participate in a friendship day Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

St Ives Orchid Fair notification for 14,15,16 August 2015

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Barbara Williams Carried

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

In Treasurer Colin's absence, Vice President Jean presented the Financial Statement for December February 2015

Income: \$1,405.75 Expenditure: \$49.60 Profit for the period: \$1,356.15

Moved: Jean Swindley Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins Carried

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Notes available to members:** Tony tabled two sets of notes for those members without internet access; Peter Van Est's Masdevallia Cultural notes available on our website and Algitrol notes from the Canberra Society Bulletin May/June 2014.
- **Living Life in Eurobodalla event:** run by Council in conjunction with Seniors Week. We were invited to participate and have accepted to have a small table to promote our Club & encourage new membership. Wednesday 18 March, 9.30am – 12.30pm, RSL Hall, Page Street, Moruya. All welcome to attend.
- **Workshop 2015:**

Response has been overwhelming. We have a full house. Sheets were distributed for members to offer their services of help with catering, making of slices & biscuits and helping at the raffle table. Still time to volunteer. Contact Gwyn Singleton for catering and Liz Cleaver for helping with raffle sales.

Kevin Hipkins, speaker for our Workshop, flies back from Los Angeles on Friday 20 March and hopes to be with us Saturday 21 for a 9.00am session. We can shuffle the programme to suit his arrival.
- **Next Grow Comp plants:** A discussion of possibilities suggested Paphiopedilums, Zygopetalums and Vandas – Zygopetalums were considered to be a preferable choice.

- **Neville Roper:** Tony & Liz had the opportunity to catch up with Neville recently. Neville was in good form, however tests have suggested that further surgery and a new Chemo regime may be necessary. Neville filled three trays during their inspection of his collection, some plants that Liz and Tony must have, together with a number of others for the EOC Raffle Table. He gave our Club two flasks for de-flasking at a Club Night. He spoke effusively of our Club, Committee Members and our Membership throughout the visit and asked that Tony relay his thanks to all those well-wishers from what he regarded as one of his favourite and most welcoming Clubs.

**Motion:** Don Hayes spoke in praise of Neville from the meeting and moved that we recommend Neville Roper as Honorary Member of EOC.      Seconded: Sue Carroll      Carried Unanimously

- **Next Meeting: General Auction** which will include a variety of plants as well as orchids & other suitable items.  
All revenue goes to the Club.

5.    **RAFFLES:** 1. Sue Carroll    2. Gordon Marion    3. Ray Huddleston    4. Maria Kacarovski  
5. Helen Marshall    6. Dorothy Kauffman    7. Margaret Hayes    8. Peter Stubbs    9. Robert Fish  
10. Dorothy Kauffman    11. Maria Kacarovski

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** No 46, Brian Coulton

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

At 9.20pm Tony thanked all members for the lovely display of orchids benched and gave special thanks to our speaker, Peter Stubbs, who inspired us with his love and knowledge of Species Orchids.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 April

CWA Hall, Moruya

Diane Hay    EOC Secretary

## POPULAR VOTE RESULTS March 2015

### Open Section

#### **Species**

- 1st    Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
2nd    Tony & Sue Carroll  
3rd    Gordon Marion

#### **Cattleya**

- 1st    Jean Swindley  
2nd    Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
3rd    Ray & Gayle Huddleston  
3rd    Peter & Annette Stubbs

#### **Paphiopedilum**

- 1st    Don & Margaret Hayes

#### **Masdevallia**

- 1st    Jeffrey Lee  
2nd    Jeffrey Lee  
3rd    Peter & Laurina Vanest

#### **Aust. Native**

- 1st    Jean Swindley

#### **Vandaceous**

- 1st    Ray & Gayle Huddleston

### **Oncidiinae**

- 1st    Ray & Gayle Huddleston  
2nd    Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
3rd    Jeffrey Lee

### **Seedling**

- 1st    Gordon Marion

### **Miscellaneous**

- 1st    Ray & Gayle Huddleston

### **Plant of the Night**

- Miltonia spectabilis  
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

### Novice Section

#### **Cattleya**

- 1st    Helen Marshall

#### **Masdevallia**

- 1st    Helen Marshall  
2nd    filler  
3rd    filler

#### **Aust. Native**

- 1st    Helen Marshall

### **Oncidiinae**

- 1st    Alex & Cecilia Christlo  
1st    Helen Marshall

### **Miscellaneous**

- 1st    Helen Marshall

### **Plant of the Night**

- Miltonia unknown  
Alex & Cecilia Christlo

### Grow Competition

#### **Cymbidium**

- 1st    Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
2nd    Helen Marshall  
3rd    Gordon Marion

#### **LC**

- 1st    Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
2nd    Gordon Marion  
3rd    Jean Swindley

# Extracts from Alan Merriman's Newsletter March 2015

All of the East Coast of Australia has been inundated with excessive rain. Then high temperature to raise the humidity to very high levels. Many growers were prepared but many were not!! Many growers sprayed their plants with ENVY® before the onslaught of the rain and heat! If you can, do this many of the heat and fungal problems will be kept at bay. After the weather has calmed down a drench with ANTI-ROT® and a good spray with your favourite fungicide such as MANCOZEB – ZINEB – CAPTAN® etc. Mix this with ECO-OIL®. Two applications 14 days apart should do the job. Spray one day with the acid and spray with the MANCOZEB seven to ten days later. REMEMBER DO NOT MIX OILS WITH ANY OF THE ACID FORMULATIONS!

CYMBIDUMS: Now is the time to clean plants up, pull out weeds, check where the spikes are, if showing place a stake beside the developing spike. Give plants a good spray with your favourite insecticide mixed with ECO-OIL® e.g. NEEM®, MAVRIK®. Watch for bulb and root rots. I lost a good plant last week. Plant in excellent condition. Within one week – plant dead. PHYTOPHTORA the silent plant killer. So be warned if you have been having a lot of rain drench with PHOSPHOROUS acid, ANTI-ROT® ALIETTE®, FONGARID® or maybe a top dressing of RIDOMIL® 25G. The leaves need a good spray with one of the following MANCOZEB – ZINEB – BRAVO® or one of the CHLOROTHALONIL i.e. products CAPTAN can also be used. Add a sticked with it – T.M.T.D. has been used for many years with excellent results – BUT some people get a bad itch from using it. Don't forget to keep a high potash fertiliser up to your plants to encourage spiking. You can also top dress with a BASACOTE® 16 +3.5 +9.9 6mth or MERRI COTE. During March many growers like to keep fertilising every week with a PETERS preparation or CAMPBELLS FERTILISER "A" (11+13+16). Of course Alan's MERRI COTE should be applied weekly. Watch for grubs that may eat your early buds. Use SUCCESS®, CONFIDOR® or if you have a large collection PIRIMOR® would be the go. DIPEL® is also excellent when used properly. If you wish to use it, please give me a ring. Now is the time to pot on your seedlings or divide some of those overgrown plants. Once done drench with an AUXINONE® solution to get the new roots moving! If you have any seed capsules hanging watch out for the dendrobium beetle who will devour the pot and its contents. Spray with NEEM or CARBARYL to keep them away. Still water late in the day to cool plants down. If fine every four to five days. If wet – don't!!

PHALAENOPSIS: Spikes are still growing very well. Last week I saw some magnificent flowers on plants that were purchased last season. Make sure they are getting plenty of air and light this time of the year. Water when needed and if possible keep the humidity up. Remember – the higher the humidity, more air circulation is needed! Keep your favourite fertiliser going. SEAWEED SECRETS could help to give them a lift.

CATTLEYAS: are now throwing up flowering sheaths ready for their autumn – winter flowering. Fertilise this month with an organic such as seaweed, fish or liquid blood and bone. Water plants when needed. Start to give plants more light during March – April. Now is the time to pot on your seedlings or repot those plants that have invaded the pot next door.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES: This year the dendrobiums are really pushing ahead. Keep those new growths moving. This time of the year I like to top dress the pots with some GYPSUM. This helps to get rid of the undissolvable salts in the pot. Some growers like to top dress during autumn with some ORGANIC LIFE or DINASOUR PELLETS. This will help put some meat into the new bulbs. Watch for beetles on all dendrobiums. They are still around. If plants start to rot drench with FOS ACID or ALIETTE®. During this month you can give your plants a good spray with MANCOZEB. WATER WHEN NEEDED.

NOBLE DENDROBIUMS: Keep the fertiliser up to them. Plenty of water and light. Some growers sprinkle a little granular sulphate of potash around the top of the pot. This is a once only in April. Watch for black spot on the leaves. Spray with MANCOZEB during inclement weather. Mix with a wetter such as MAX-WET®.

PAPHS: A lot of paphs. Are now coming into bud. Watch your watering DO NOT LET WATER STAY IN THE LEAF AXIS FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. After watering, tip those plants that have spikes on their side to drain. Then tip upright. Fertilise with a weak fertilise solution. In the old days those who grew paphs used to give their paphs a soak in lime water every couple of months. In those days it was a tablespoon in a gallon of water! This was applied every 3 to 4 months. These days one would mix one part lime + two parts dolomite by weight and top dress with this mixture around the top of the pot. This will give you a 2:1 Ca to Mg ratio. This will settle down to a 4:1 mixture in 5 to 6 months.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

GOOD GROWING

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