

# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

DECEMBER 2015

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**Merry Christmas to all members.**  
**Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful festive season.**

### At our last meeting...



### Plant of the Night

We had 41 Members present, a record for an AGM night, and a strong display of benched plants. Gordon Marion took the Open Plant of the Night with his



Species *Brassia keiliana*  
 Robert and Barbara Williams won Novice Plant of the Night with Phal. Dendi's Lip 'Dianne' x Dtps Chain Xen Pearl 'Dendi.'

The Annual 'Orchids Only' Auction was conducted and it took the Treasurer and President, assisted by Barry McPherson, almost an hour to 'rehome' over \$900 worth of plants.

### Annual Membership Fees

Fees are now due and payable to Treasurer Colin Pearson. He'll accept fees at the Christmas Party or they can be posted to him at 10 Viewpoint Court, Tuross Head, 2537. Fees are \$13 single membership and \$16 for a family membership.

### President:

Tony Groube  
 44712052

### Vice President:

Jean Swindley  
 44736963

### Treasurer:

Colin Pearson  
 44738387

### Secretary:

Diane Hay  
 44739547

### Committee:

Liz Cleaver  
 Graham Jackson  
 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....

The final EOC function for the year, the Christmas Party and December General Meeting will be held at **Kyla Park Hall, Tuross Head** **Sunday 6 December from 11.30 am.**

Items to bring to the party are crockery, cutlery, a table cloth perhaps, cool drinks and a dessert if your Club Membership Number is an odd number. Tables and chairs are supplied with the hall hire.

### Sarc Challenge

More than 300 Sarcos were benched by Members of Sapphire and Eurobodalla Clubs at Tuross Head on 7 November. Eurobodalla took out the point score event and Tom Kelly's Specimen was highly regarded by all. We were pleased that the indoor venue had been booked, given the nature of the weather on the day. Thanks to all from both Clubs who helped make this one of the biggest displays of *Sarcochilus* orchids to be seen on the Coast. Someone may have left behind a black fleece jacket on the day – if it's yours, ring the President.



### Lucky Door Prizes and Christmas Raffle

Five of the twenty Neville Roper Sarcos purchased by the Club will form Lucky Door prizes at the Christmas Party. Name badge must be worn to qualify. The remaining five Sarcos will be included in Orchid Hampers as part of the Raffle. Other raffle prizes will include the Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery Voucher and a Christmas Hamper of comestibles, including a half-leg of ham.

## Annual General Meeting

All outgoing Office Bearers and Committee were returned unopposed for another twelve months. Colin Pearson was re-appointed as Public Officer and Honorary Auditors Ian Scott and Michael Brown were reappointed.

The AGM agreed to a Committee recommendation that fees be held at the same level as for the previous ten years or so.

The President reported that the Club is financially strong and he thanked a great Committee and a cohesive membership.

His full report appears as a summary of EOC 2015 activities in the Club History on our Website.

<http://20thorchidclubanniversary.webs.com/2013-2015>

## Some dates for your 2016 Diary

February 10 – First Club Night for 2016

February 21 – President's Sausage Sizzle

February 27 - Hills District Orchids Open Day

March 19&20 – March Workshop, Merimbula

April 15&16 - Castle Hill International Orchid Fair

May 13-15 - Orchids Out West

May 15—New Growers Workshop

June 18 – EOC Orchid Crawl, Batemans Bay, Surfside

June 23-26 - Royale Orchids Open Days and Fair

June 24-26 - Mingara Orchid Fair

July 8&9 – EOC Winter Show, Moruya

August 26-28 EOC Spring Show, Narooma

## Monthly Maintenance



Be vigilant!

All sorts of bugs are displaying themselves and continuing rainfall means that some plants have probably had too much to drink. Anti-fungal sprays are recommended for water-logged plants (Phos-acid, Anti-rot, Mancozeb etc.) As for insects, try Molasses against caterpillars, or Dipel. Use your favourite broad-spectrum insecticide to try and reduce all bugs from Dendrobium Beetles, to mites, mealy bug, aphids and whatever else throws itself in your direction. If you have a small number of plants and can guarantee good coverage, Eco Oil might suffice, but for growers in the 'Broad Acre' category, a systemic insecticide might be the only way to go.

## Orchid Appreciation Course

all Members are encouraged to give this consideration

The Orchid Society of NSW will be commencing an Orchid appreciation course starting in February 2016. It is aimed at growers of all levels of experience who want to learn more about various genera and what makes a quality orchid or quality display through the eyes of judges. The course is also recommended for Show Marshals wanting to learn and understand show schedules and classes in which plants should be exhibited.

It is proposed to run the course over two years, on one weekend every second month ( Saturday pm and Sunday am) at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. Participants would gain experience by completing assignments, which in turn would give the course presenters feedback on participants' strengths and weaknesses and enable adjustments to the modules where necessary. Participants who complete the Modules may be invited to complete practical and theory exams, and those successful could be invited to apply to become a Judge.

Cost of the Course will be \$50 to cover handouts etc. Peter Stubbs, South and West Judging Panel Leader is the person to contact [stubbspj@iprimus.com.au](mailto:stubbspj@iprimus.com.au) , Phone 4472 8717, Mob. 0412 741619.



## Australian Orchid Council

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held in Mackay on 21 September 2015 and Minutes of the AGM and the AOC Board of Management Meeting make interesting reading. They provide food for thought on how the Council and Clubs, might attract new interest and membership from the increasing number of 'Baby Boomers' retiring and looking for new interests and healthy hobbies. Diane Hay or Tony Groube can forward you copies of these documents if you are interested.

These meetings were held in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> Australian Orchid Conference and Show at Mackay. The 21<sup>st</sup> such triennial event, Orchids in the Foothills, is to be held at the Penrith Panthers Club 17-22 July 2018. A date to keep in mind.



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## Neville Roper, Honorary Member, EOC

We reflect on Neville's passing on 6 November 2015 and respect Roberta's wish that his orchid achievements be remembered. We'll remember and live with those achievements for years to come. Neville's friendship, generosity, knowledge and plants that he passed to this Club were overwhelming.

Who'll forget his 'Making Babies' presentation at our September 2012 Meeting, and the effort he made to fill the judging breach at our 2015 Spring Show, the first time he'd judged in twelve months. The dispersal auction of his entire collection was held only three days later.

We all have a Neville Roper Sarco. or Dock. somewhere in our collection, ensuring that Roberta's wish will be fulfilled.



Judging at our Spring Show 2015: Neville Roper, Hardy Beilharz, Peter Stubbs, Graham Gray



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

**PRESENT:** Members: 41 Apologies: 0

President Tony opened the meeting at 7.30pm, thanking the members present for turning out this evening and for those members who may not have heard, he shared the news of Neville Roper's passing. Neville and Roberta were great friends of the Eurobodalla Club – Neville was an Honorary Member in recognition of his generosity and assistance to the Club. We will miss him, but his legacy will go on. We celebrate his contribution to Australian Native Orchids and their hybridisation and development.

**Popular Vote Certificates** from last month were presented to Don & Margaret Hayes and Helen Marshall.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 September at CWA Hall, Moruya having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Robert Fish Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING:** included in the General Business.

**1. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Magazines: Australian Cymbidium Scene

Newsletters from Milton/Ulladulla, Albury Wodonga, Shoalhaven, Orchid Species NSW and Southerland Shire

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins Carried

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Colin presented the Monthly Financial Statement for October 2015.

Income: \$102.50 Expenditure: \$212.04 Loss for the month: \$109.54

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Tony reminded all members to enter the badge draw for the evening as the first five numbers drawn were to receive one of Neville's Sarcos.
- Tony reported varied success following our last deflasking and reminded all there are more flasks for next year.
- Christmas Party: Sunday, 6 December 11.30 am-3pm at Kyla Hall, Tuross Head.  
List for those attending was placed near the signing on book, or if you missed signing please phone Jean: 44736963.  
This is to assist with numbers for catering. Odd membership numbers to bring a dessert.
- Leanda O'Connor is co-ordinating a Working Bee to assist Ann Schramm & Ian Scott with their orchids at Bodalla. Please phone Leanda: 44725961 if you are able to help.
- Assistance required – training provided: We are in need of extra help tallying the Popular Vote results at the back table on General Meeting nights.
- Gordon Marion advised that Helen Marshall is designing a new method of rolling up the long tablecloths used at our Shows.
- Discussion on benching: Recognition of plants and their genera, and benching categories, were discussed.
- There was a call for consistency in interpretation by those 'marshalling/oversighting' Benching at General Meetings. Tony advised that Orchid Wiz was purchased to assist, and it was regarded as the 'Bible' in determining any queries on genus or benching category. If there was any doubt by an exhibitor, or those 'marshalling' monthly benchings, Orchid Wiz is the reference and should be adhered to.

Tony apologised for any inconsistencies and agreed to discuss any issues with affected Members outside the Meeting.

- 4. RAFFLES:** 1. Alan Cooke 2. David Hay 3. Leanda O'Connor 4. Liz Cleaver 5. Robert Fish 6. David Hay  
7. Ivan Balentovic 8. Gordon Marion 9. Gordon Marion 10. Alex Christlo 11. Leanda O'Connor

**Badge Draw for Sarcophilus Plants:** 1. Robert Fish 2. Maureen Miller 3. Liz Cleaver 4. Ray Huddleston  
5. Robert Williams

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZE:** 68 Robert Fish

**Plant of the Night** and **GrowComp** winners were announced. Results in the Newsletter.

President Tony declared the meeting closed and followed on with the AGM.

**The next General Meeting will be the Christmas Party**

**Sunday, 6 December 2015**

**Kyla Hall, Tuross Head**

Secretary Diane Hay



**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,**  
**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE CWA HALL, MORUYA ON THE 11 NOVEMBER 2015**

Meeting opened at 8.05 pm with the President Tony Groube in the Chair.

Members present: 41    Apologies: 0    Visitors: 0

President Tony welcomed all present.

Member Don Hayes moved that the Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting held on the 12 November 2014. Be accepted as a true record.

Seconded: Brian Coulton    Carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tony reported an excellent year for the club and thanked the Members and Committee for the various efforts that went towards the Club's success over the last twelve months.

The report in full is attached.

Moved: Tony Groube    Seconded: Barbara Williams    Carried by acclamation received.

Tony then called on Colin Pearson to deliver the Treasurer's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Colin presented the Statement of Financial Receipts and Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Colin's report informed members fully of the Club's finances. Copies were distributed among the members and his full report is attached to these minutes.

The above report was accepted.

Moved: Colin Pearson    Seconded: Maureen Anderson    CARRIED

**AUDITORS' REPORT:**

Colin Pearson read the Auditors' Report which was conducted by Ian Scott and Michael Brown. The Auditors' opinion was, "subject to the above, we report that in our opinion the accounts, being the Income and Expenditure Account of the Eurobodalla Orchid Club Inc., are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the State of affairs of the Club's General Account as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and of its results as recorded in the accounting records for the year then ended".

Colin requested the Report be accepted.

Moved: Colin Pearson    seconded: Brian Coulton    CARRIED

The President then recommended that Ian and Michael be appointed Auditors for 2015/16.

Moved: Colin Pearson    Seconded: Don Hayes    Carried

The meeting expressed appreciation of the auditors' efforts with acclamation and agreed unanimously.

**JOINING FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

President Tony explained the situation at present and as all is favourable, recommended that the Fees and Subs for Year 2016 remain the same.

Moved: Tony Groube    Seconded: Don Hayes    Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC OFFICER:**

President Tony proposed that Colin Pearson remain as Public Officer.

Moved: Tony Groube    Seconded: Don Hayes    CARRIED unanimously

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

Nominations were called in accordance with our constitution.

President Tony declared all positions vacant.

All previous office bearers stood for re-election.

Tony then declared the new committee.

**PRESIDENT:**                    Tony Groube

**VICE PRESIDENT:**        Jean Swindley

**SECRETARY:**                Diane Hay

**TREASURER:**                Colin Pearson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Liz Cleaver, Graham Jackson,  
Sylvia Hawkins, Helen Watson,  
Barbara Williams

The AGM for the year 2015 closed at 8.35 pm  
Diane Hay EOC Secretary





## POPULAR VOTE NOVEMBER 2015

### Open Section

#### Species

- 1st Gordon Marion
- 2nd Maria Kacarovski
- 3rd Ray & Gayle Huddleston

#### Mini Cym

- 1st Robert & Sue Fish

#### Cattleya

- 1st Gordon Marion
- 2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

#### Paphiopedilum

- 1st Peter & Laurina Van Est

#### Masdevallia

- 1st Ray & Gayle Huddleston
- 2nd David & Diane Hay
- 3rd Peter & Laurina Van Est

#### Aust. Native

- 1st Tom & Elaine Kelly
- 2nd Jean Swindley
- 2nd Michelle McIntosh

#### Vandaceous

- 1st Robert & Sue Fish
- 2nd Robert & Sue Fish
- 3rd Robert & Sue Fish

#### Oncidiinae

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

#### Seedling

- 1st Jean Swindley

#### Miscellaneous

- 1st Michelle McIntosh
- 2nd Ray & Gayle Huddleston

#### Plant of the Night

Gordon Marion

Brassia keiliana



### Novice Section

#### Species

- 1st Noel & Maureen Anderson

#### Cattleya

- 1st Helen Marshall

#### Masdevallia

- 1st Maureen Miller
- 2nd Noel & Maureen Anderson

#### Aust. Native

- 1st Maureen Miller

#### Vandaceous

- 1st Bob & Barbara Williams

#### Miscellaneous

- 1st Maureen Miller

#### Plant of the Night

Robert & Barbara Williams

Phal. Dendi's Lip 'Dianne' x

Dpts Chain Xen Pearl 'Dendi'

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