



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

JULY 2015

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At our last meeting....

Jeff Lee bared all and gave us a detailed run-down on how he's used automation to his advantage. Being a grower with many other interests requiring him to be away from his crop often, coupled with an interest in 'gadgetry' and getting the best out of it, gave Jeff the platform to deliver an interesting and detailed expose on his orchid growing practice. Amongst items covered by Jeff's talk and slides, and 'real time' pictures via remote cameras within his orchid house and transmitted via his mobile phone, were:

- **Watering** - the benefits of using 19mm soft tube to ensure equal pressure to all points on the line; using a pressure reducer to take the strain off the line; use of purge valves at the end of each line to allow flushing; redundancy, doubling up drippers so that if one fails/clogs, the other will still be delivering to the plant; have plants grouped by size and growing media. Jeff acknowledged that Murphy's Law still prevailed, despite the best 'fail safe' measures taken. Hence he liked to keep an eye on things via camera and mobile telephony whilst absent from home.
- **Airflow** – Jeff believed you can't have too much and advocated the use of four-blade overhead fans as the most efficient. He suggested the use of 'Living Shade' as a useful adjunct in insulating the green house, both in winter and summer. On hot days evaporative cooling was the only thing to consider, but Jeff also recommended a stand-alone fogger marketed by Easy Orchids. If humidity was above 60%, higher airflow was required and extra humidity should be introduced if temperature went above 28C.
- **Lighting** – if extra light required, Jeff recommended use of T5 fluorescent tubes or new model LEDs.
- **Deflasked Plants** – Jeff uses heat pads under newly deflasked plants, under LEDs in colours Red and Blue, running 14hrs/day.
- **Electricity** – Jeff highly recommended the installation of a residual current device if your household switchboard is not already so equipped. Water and sprinklers around fans and other devices, make such devices desirable, particularly in avoiding electrocution. Plug-in residual current devices are available.

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At our next meeting....

NOTE One week earlier than usual!

Some of our more experienced Show participants will demonstrate how to turn the most ordinary looking and badly grown orchid into something suitable for the Showbench. If you have such a 'dog' bring it in! We'll also be having a look at what can be grown on slabs in response to a query at our last Meeting.

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Congratulations to Jo Harding, who won her first Plant of the night in the Novice Section with her beautiful Cym. Prolific 'Velda Joy'.



The very glamorous Phal. Sogo Mandolin, owned by Gordon Marion, proved to be the most popular in the Open Section.



Growing Competition Plants

A number of Members have not collected the new, and free, Zygotetulum grocomp plant. They will be available at the July meeting.

All cymbidiums deflasked by Kevin Hipkins at the Tuross Workshop **are sold**.

New Grocomp plants
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 for advice on how to *do it* a bit better!

EOC Member Awarded AOC Orchid Species of the Year 2014

The June 2015 edition of Orchids Australia announced that Orchid Species of the Year 2014 was awarded to *Dendrobium Striolatum* 'Ruffles' FCC/AOC owned by our Honorary Member,

Neville Roper.

Congratulations!

Pictured is the plant in full bloom and as judged last October. The plant carried 1503

inflorescences with 1543 flowers and 53 buds.

(aren't you pleased you didn't have to do the count?)

Also shown, is the same plant with its proud grower, back in the shadehouse on 15 June 2015.



Pre- Winter Show Stall – Moruya Country Markets, 4 July 2015

Each year we take a pitch at the Moruya Country Markets and we will be there again this year.

Set-up at 7am, earlier, for some and we will be exhibiting and selling Members' orchids.

Proceeds from plant sales' commissions and raffle will be added to the raffle proceeds from the March Workshop and donated to the Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary.

All Members are invited to bring plants for sale or exhibition, and to help with promoting our Winter Show.

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Sad News



Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society lost three of its number recently – Helen Harper 11 June; Alan Virgo 13 June; Noelle Westley 15 June. Our sympathy and condolences go to Bob, Jean and Ross and families for their respective losses.

Winter Show Friday 10 & Sat 11 July 2015

Set up will be from 2pm on Thursday 9 June at CWA Hall Moruya. Assistance is required. Benching will be from 3pm and judging will commence at 5pm. Show Schedules will be available at the next General Meeting as well as on the Club's Website. The Schedule has not changed since last year, but for Members who can't make or access either 'event' please ring Jean and she'll post you one.

Members with plants for sale are reminded that they should complete the Sales Form and have their sales items checked off by Liz Cleaver as they come in. Each pot must have a removable tag showing the sale price and the seller's name or other designation agreed by the Member in charge of the Sales Table. Sales' plants are to be delivered to the Sales area on Friday 10 July, from 8.30am.

Members requiring assistance with WRITING Display Cards, Staking, defining which category, size etc. should approach a senior exhibitor for assistance, but without interfering with their assistant's benching process, please.

Flowers for posies will be required by Colin and his assistants, please bring spare flowers in when benching or on the first morning of the Show. Members are invited to assist with Raffle ticket selling and other 'jobs' throughout the duration of the Show. Name badges to be worn, please.

Club Name Badges

It is timely perhaps to remind all Members that Club name badges must be worn at all Club functions.

This requirement is included under Members' Obligations within the Club Rules. The benefits to fellow Members and the general public of wearing name badges, are self-evident.

Club Rules – Now on our Website

At our last General Meeting a Member asked for advice on how one became an Open Grower, rather than a Novice. Our Club Rules, issued to every Member on joining the Club, set out the process in detail. In short, a new Member without previous experience, will commence in Novice Class "and will remain in that class until the Committee decides that promotion to the Open Class is warranted by the member's knowledge, experience and quality of blooms. The Committee normally expects a candidate for promotion to have obtained first place in at least three different genera at Orchid Shows ..." It should be noted that a Novice exhibitor has the option of entering in either the Novice or Open sections for monthly benchings and shows.

Orchid Crawl 13 June 2015

Dalmeny/Narooma

What a wonderful day of weather, orchids and conviviality!

More than twenty curious Members enjoyed being let into the Van Est 'inner sanctum' to see how Masdevallias and Pleiones should be grown. It was then on to a local coffee house before admiring the Hayes' collection. Whilst most Members will have seen Don and Margaret's plants at December Christmas Parties, this gave us an opportunity to see them in flower. Some whale watching then ensued over lunch. Thank you to our hosts for such a wonderful day – the photos tell it all.



FOR YOUR DIARY

Have you visited our website lately?

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



We now have
111 Friends.

- 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 14 –16 Sapphire Coast Winter Show— Merimbula
- 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 11-12 Sapphire Coast Spring Show Bega Scout Hall
- September 18th Fri. – 23rd Wed. 2015 - AOC & TQOC Conference & Show - Mackay
- September 19 & 20 MUOS Spring Show - Civic Centre Ulladulla

POPULAR VOTE RESULTS - JUNE 2015

Open Section

Species

- 1st Jean Swindley
- 2nd Jean Swindley
- 3rd Jean Swindley
- 3rd Jean Swindley

Std Cym

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Int. Cym

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

Mini Cym

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Cattleya

- 1st Jeffrey Lee
- 1st Jeffrey Lee
- 1st Gordon Marion

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Leanda O'Connor

Masdevallia

- 1st Jean Swindley
- 2nd Peter & Laurina Van Est
- 3rd Peter & Laurina Van Est
- 3rd Peter & Laurina Van Est

Aust. Native

- 1st Gordon Marion

Vandaceous

- 1st Gordon Marion

Oncidiinae

- 1st Jeffrey Lee

Seedling

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

Miscellaneous

- 1st Colin Pearson & Gwynneth

Plant of the Night

- Phal. Sogo Mandolin
- Gordon Marion

Novice Section

Int. Cym

- 1st Helen Marshall

Mini Cym

- 1st Jo Harding

Cattleya

- 1st Helen Marshall

Plant of the Night

- Cym. Prolific 'Velda Joy'
- Jo Harding

Grow Competition

Cymbidium

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

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

Zygo.

- 1st Jean Swindley
- 2nd Maureen Miller
- 3rd Jo Harding



We send our best wishes to any member who is ill or undergoing treatment. We hope you are soon feeling much better.

Monthly Maintenance

- Recent heavy rain calls for vigilance and perhaps an anti-fungal spray (Mancozeb or similar) and if pots remain wet, a Phos Acid (Agphos or Anti Rot) spray against root rot may be required. Avoid spraying buds/flowers.
- Despite continual spraying with systemic insecticide in Liz and Tony's crop, the odd plant which has missed the spray, is showing healthy and virulent mealy bug infestation upon preparation for the Show bench. Their neighbour's palms are covered in mealy bug and will need the systemic treatment (maybe by injection.)
- Preparation for forthcoming shows should be underway. Please choose the warmest part of the day for staking and adjusting spikes, and be careful when lifting or re-positioning plants. Cymbid spikes are more brittle than fresh asparagus – the snapping sound is similar. What we're all looking for is flowers that say "LOOK AT ME" to the Judges. If the judging of 150-200 plants can be achieved in an hour or so, including selection of Champions, an orchid which doesn't LOOK at the Judges won't get much of a LOOK in!

The use of an Aerosol Insect Surface Spray as described in last month's Newsletter is recommended on plants budding up. Don't wet the spikes, a gentle wafting over the top should keep them bug free until after the Show(s.)

The Club has maintained a 'Wish List' register in the Library for some years and it has become neglected. The idea was for Members to signal an orchid they were hunting and unite them with another Member who might be able to oblige.



It is proposed that the 'Wish List' be re-instated, but this time as a snippet in the Newsletter. Your 'wish' would be published once and any Member able to oblige would get back to you direct. Let Liz Cleaver know your 'wish' for the next Newsletter and we'll see if this new system is successful.



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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD

AT CWA HALL, MORUYA

Wednesday, 10 June 2015

PRESENT: Members: 21 Apologies: 7 Visitors: Nil.

Commending their brave efforts to venture out on such a cold evening, President Tony welcomed all members.

Special welcome was extended to new member Alan Cooke as he was presented with his club badge.

Popular Vote Certificates for last month's meeting were awarded to Helen Marshall and Gordon Marion.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on Wednesday, **13 May 2015**

held at CWA Hall, Moruya having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Newsletters from Shoalhaven, BMPDOS, OSNSW, MUOS, BBO&FS, SSOS, WWOS
- Eddie Ruiz affirmed he will once again have a Sales Table at our Spring Show
- Jeff Lee sent a list of masdevallias for sale at Sapphire Coast General Meeting
- Sent greetings & Show Schedules off to all our judges for both shows this year.
- 2EARFM invites all members to their General Meeting 20 June 1pm
- Bereavement card sent to the Hogan Family

- Notice of the 14th annual Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular and Native Orchid Show will be held over the weekend of 5th/6th September 2015.
- Magazines: Australian Cymbidium Scene (2 copies) and Orchids Australia
- Orchid Societies of Victoria sent fliers advertising their 22nd Annual Melbourne Orchid Spectacular in August this year
- Certificates for awarded plants arrived.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Jo Harding Carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Colin presented the report for May 2015

Income: \$184.36 Expenditure: \$984.30 Loss for the period: \$800.04

Moved: Colin Pearson Seconded: Jeff Lee Carried

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Orchid Crawl Sat 13 June: 10.30 at Peter & Laurina's, coffee at Anton's, followed by a visit to Don & Margaret's orchids and then on to O'Brien's Pub for lunch. Tony has reminded us as it is a Club function, remember to wear Club Badges.

b) Next General Meeting will be held a week earlier on Wed 1 July because of our Winter Show the following week. Topics will include direction for new members entering in their first Show

c) Winter Show: Friday 10 and Saturday 11 July 2015

Entries need to be phoned to Jean, 44736963, between 10am – 8pm Monday 6 July.

Set up help needed Thursday 9 July at 2pm, not earlier as CWA may still be using the Hall.

Benching 3 – 4.30pm Thursday 9 July. Judging is scheduled to commence at 5pm

d) Winter Show Promotion: Moruya Markets stall - Sat 4 July. Help needed for set up, pull down & manning the stall. Raffle and any sales commissions go to Moruya District Hospital Auxiliary.

e) Awarded Plants Certificates from S&W Regional **Conference** were presented to Gordon Marion & Peter & Laurina Van Est. and from BBO&FS October 2014 Australian Native Show certificates were presented to Paula & Michael Brown, Peter & Laurina Van Est and Gordon Marion. Certificates for Gloria Gustard, and Tom and Elaine Kelly, could not be presented due to their absence from the Meeting.

On front table: Name tags, Plant Sales Sheets, Show Schedules, posters & flyers were available for member distribution.

General Discussion: Member initiated discussion included: 'difference between a seedling and a mericlone', 'number of flowers required on a plant for it to be shown', and 'when do we become an Open Grower?'

RAFFLES: 1. Dorothy Kauffman 2. Diane Hay 3. Helen Marshall 4. Paula Brown 5. Jo Harding 6. Leanda O'Connor 7. Dorothy Kauffmann 8. Jean Swindley 9. Helen Marshall

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: NO: 19 Robert & Barbara Williams

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

President Tony declared the meeting closed and invited all to share a light supper to be followed by our speaker, Jeff Lee with "Automation in Orchid Culture"

Meeting closed 9.45pm

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1 July

CWA Hall, Moruya

Diane Hay