



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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MARCH 2015

At our last meeting.....

At our meeting on 11th February we were addressed by three EOC members, excellent growers in their chosen genera, who shared details of their orchid culture. Paula Brown admitted gaining much of her growing techniques from Tom Kelly but has 'tweaked' things a bit to suit her conditions.

Paula grows her *Sarcochilus* in bark (size depending on pot size) and feeds with Horticultural Solutions '10', with deflasked and small plants reared on Aminogro and a 'pinch' of fertiliser. She uses Mancozeb fungicide. Paula grows all plants under cover in winter (in a large, well lit, former double garage) and in Summer outside under shade cloth. On really hot days she places smaller pots in larger ones that are first spread with a layer of bark at the base covered with a layer of damp sphagnum moss and uses Aminogro to combat stress. Repotting is done mainly in March, sometimes September, and of course whenever necessary.

Don Hayes began with some useful information for those intending buying *Paphiopedilums* from Wally Rhodes at our up-coming Workshop. Ask for cool growing plants to suit our local climate and choose good healthy plants standing firmly in the pot (indicating strong root growth), ask whether it is a Species, Mericlone or Seedling, and is there a photo of it in flower? With any newly acquired plant it is best to repot immediately in your own mix.

Don divulged Margaret's Paph mix;

4 parts medium bark, 2 parts medium coco chips, 1 part perlite, 1/4 part shell grit (fine), 1/4 part charcoal
Water immediately after repotting.

Feeding is done using Paph Green 12:5:25

Don and Margaret grow their plants close together, taking good advantage of the breeze running down the side of their block. They repot every year after flowering.

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Welcome to new members

Maureen Miller
from Long Beach
and
Ivan Balentovic
From Tuross Head



At our next meeting.....

At the March 11 meeting new Member, OSNSW Judge and accomplished Species grower, Peter Stubbs, will speak and show photos on 'Orchids I like to Grow'.

NEXT MEETING

CWA HALL
QUEEN STREET
MORUYA
BENCHING: 7PM
MEETING: 7.30PM
SUPPER TO SHARE
11 MARCH
2015

At our last meeting continued...

Peter Van Est spoke on *Masdevallias*, their optimum temperature tolerances and how to combat extreme heat, his feeding regime, details of potting mix and time of year to repot. Peter has an excellent article on our web site, 'Growing *Masdevallias*.' A few printed copies of this will be available at the March meeting.



Plant of the night

in the Open Section proved a difficult decision for members, resulting in a tie between two plants.



Maria Kacarovski's beautiful *Dtps Choun* Zen Mammon and a stunning *Lc Rova* 'Emperor Waier' x *Lc Piote King Crimson Glory* owned by Gordon Marion.

A graceful *Miltonia Unknown* owned by Helen Marshall was awarded Novice Plant of the night.



GROW COMP. PLANTS

There are still two plants in the Club's Grow Comp.

**Laeliocattleya Intercepts* 'Fluoro Flash'

**Cymbidium Dalmeny Splash* 'Mystique'

Don't forget, check your Grow Comp. plants as some have spikes emerging. Bring both plants to our March meeting. Whilst the Competition concludes once a plant is flowered, points are awarded for each monthly benching, together with being first to flower. (Thus, a plant benched on twenty occasions will win [say], over a plant 'first to flower' but never exhibited previously.) New Growing Competition Plants are being considered, together with associated deflaskings.

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

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Monthly Maintenance

Now that the rain has somewhat diminished take the opportunity to do another anti-fungal spraying with mix of your choice.

A word about the bacterial infection 'Brown Spot' (Acidovorax) characterised by dark brown/black spots on leaves which indent the leaf and sometimes accompanied by a blister on the pseudobulb.....actually looking like a black shiny scale but is in fact full of fluid and recently found on a Laelia in our crop). This condition thrives in warm moist conditions and can therefore be prevented by reducing humidity and temperature, if possible, and by eliminating overhead watering and increasing air circulation.

'Brown Spot' is treatable by spraying with Algitol (or any pool algicide, readily available from Woolworths or K-Mart and composed of 150g/Litre Benzalkonium Chloride) diluted at the rate of 5ml Algitol to 2 litres water and can be sprayed monthly while symptoms persist.

Badly infected plants should be removed from the pot, soaked in the Algitol mix and repotted in bark that has also been soaked in the Algitol. Benches and surrounding areas can also be treated....a good time of year to cleanse the orchid house.

A full 2 pages of detail on Algae and Bacterial controls in Orchid collections is in the Canberra Society Bulletin May/June 2014 (key 'Algitol orchids' into your search engine.) A few copies of this article will be at the March meeting for those without 'www' access.

Orchids, under shade cloth only, are shedding and displaying lots of yellow leaves after the recent rain.....these should be removed along with old husks which not only improves air flow and disturbs bugs, but makes ongoing spraying more effective.

March is also an excellent time to repot Sarcs and Masdevallias whilst they experience a growth spurt.

Dendrobium beetles, slugs, snails, caterpillars, mealy bug and grasshoppers are all about – regular applications of a good systemic spray will do the job if you have large numbers of plants. Bugs on smaller collections can be controlled with more frequent softer/eco friendly, topical products.

THE PRESIDENT'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Exceptionally good weather and a happy gathering of 27 members, including our 2 new members, plus a Facebook friend made for a truly enjoyable first social event for 2015. Colin cooked the sausages to perfection, once again, and Tony's lamb wasn't bad either! Desserts proved 'tricky' with choc topping refusing to 'set' but no-one knocked back second helpings!

Liz and Tony's 'New' glass house is now full (of course!) and the garden gets leafier. The down-sizing went well with Barb Williams on the sales table and as observed by one distinguished member, at least a square metre of new orchid space was achieved!

The Lucky Door prize was won by Helen Marshall who took home a cute Encyclia livida, in flower, on a slab.



We now have 87 friends.

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• March 18 Living life in Eurobodalla Expo RSL Hall, Page St., Moruya 9.30am-12.30pm.

• March 21st & 22nd 2015 Eurobodalla Orchid Club Workshop - Kyla Hall Tuross Head

• 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 Long Weekend - South and West Regional Conference and Show - Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

For your diary

POPULAR VOTE RESULTS

Open Section

Species

- 1st Peter & Annette Stubbs
- 2nd Jean Swindley
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- 2nd Graham Jackson

Cattleya

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

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Don & Margaret Hayes

Masdevallia

- 1st Ray & Gayle Huddleston
- 2nd Ray & Gayle Huddleston
- 3rd Peter & Laurina Vanest
- 3rd Peter & Laurina Vanest
- 3rd Jean Swindley

Aust. Native

- 1st Jean Swindley

Vandaceous

- 1st Maria Kacarovski
- 2nd Gordon Marion

Oncidiinae

- 1st Peter & Annette Stubbs
- 1st Ray & Gayle Huddleston
- 3rd Ray & Gayle Huddleston

Seedling

- 1st Colin Pearson & Gwynneth
- 2nd Gordon Marion

Miscellaneous

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Plant of the Night

- Lc Rova 'Emperor Waier' x L
- EQ King Crimson Glory
- Gordon Marion

- EQ Dtps Choun Zen Mammon
- Maria Kacarovski

Novice Section

Species

- 1st Garry Evans & Vicki Douglas

Cattleya

- 1st Helen Marshall

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Helen Marshall

Masdevallia

- 1st Helen Marshall

Vandaceous

- 1st Maureen Anderson

Oncidiinae

- 1st Helen Marshall

Plant of the Night

- Milt unknown
- Helen Marshall

Grow Competition

Cymbidium

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

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- 1st Gordon Marion
- 2nd Jean Swindley



Living Life in Eurobodalla Expo

Our Club will be holding a stall at this event held on 18th March at the RSL Hall, Page St., Moruya.

The Expo is showcasing community groups for Seniors that encourage healthy and active ageing.

We hope to promote interest in our Orchid Club and encourage new memberships.

Morning tea will be provided next door at the newly refurbished Mackay Community Centre.

The Eurobodalla Senior Citizen of the Year Award Ceremony will commence at 10.30am when Mayor Lindsay Brown will announce the Shire's Senior Citizen of the Year and present this prestigious Award.

Members are encouraged to help with our display between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

2015 Orchid Workshop - Tuross Head

The Workshop has generated exceptional interest and has attracted more registrants than we can manage.

We set a limit of eighty participants.

Members attending are encouraged to contribute slices for morning and afternoon teas and volunteers are needed to help Gwyn with the catering at the workshop, or help on the raffle table.

More about this at the March meeting.



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

PRESENT: Members: 34 Apologies: 5 Visitors: 2

President Tony welcomed those in attendance, wishing all a happy new year and
"May 2015 be good for you and your orchids."

A special welcome was extended to visitors Ivan Balentovic and Maureen Miller.

Noel Anderson was presented with his membership badge and three members were welcomed to the ranks of Open Growers:
Helen Watson, Graham Jackson & Brian Coulton.

Tony also expressed thanks to Eddy & Karen Ruiz of Mogo Orchid & Fern Nursery
for their continued contribution of a \$25 voucher for the raffle table each meeting.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting held on 7 December 2014 held at Don & Margaret Hayes' home, Narooma having been circulated be accepted as a true copy.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Ray Huddleston Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: included in the General Business.

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

Newsletters from Milton/Ulladulla, Blue Mountains & Penrith District, Batemans Bay, Sapphire Coast, Albury-Wadonga, Canberra, Sutherland Shire, New South Wales, Wagga Wagga & Shoalhaven

Numerous Workshop 2015 related phone calls & emails

AOC Conference at Mackay Qld sent Show Schedule and request for sponsorship.

2015 Show dates from Milton Ulladulla

Emails from Ann Schramm & Don & Margaret Hayes requesting their condolences be extended to Leigh Forbes for the passing of his father.

Request for judges form for our 2015 shows received and sent.

Ulli Cliff from Sapphire coast emailed a correction to their show dates. Spring Show should read 10 & 11 Sept.

Castle Hill pamphlets for Orchid Fair 17 & 18 April 2015

Orchids Australia Magazine & Australian Orchid Review

Returned newsletter from Penelope Grove Tasmania

Eurobodalla Council has invited us to participate in their "Living Life in Eurobodalla" Event Wednesday 18 March.

Moved: Diane Hay Seconded: Sylvia Hawkins Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Colin presented the Financial Statement for December 2014/January 2015

Income: \$1436.75 Expenditure: \$1,136.90 Profit for the period: \$299.85

Moved: Colin Pearson Seconded: Liz Cleaver Carried

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Tony reported that several members were available to support Leigh Forbes at his father's funeral on 23 January.

- b) Xmas Party:** Tony gave a big thank you to Margaret & Don Hayes and assured them we wouldn't impose on them again in this regard. Members expressed their thanks with spontaneous applause.
- c) Anniversaries & Ticking over Zeros:** Sylvia was congratulated on her ticking over a zero last month and next month Don & Margaret will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!
- d) Dorothy Kauffman** broke her leg on 12 January so her scheduled spinal operation had to be cancelled. Dorothy thanks everyone for their support and good wishes. Grumpy's Garage is still in operation but please ring first.
- e) Neville Roper:** Tony reported from the Shoalhaven newsletter: Neville says "thank you" to everyone who sends him emails. He says he is still alive and on track for a full recovery in a few months' time. He "even manages to pot a few orchids on the days when his energy levels are OK."
- f) Organic Fungicides to help keep orchids alive & fungal free:** Handouts available from Tony & Liz or Google it here <http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s1484689.htm>
- g) Workshop 2015 21 & 22 March:** Tremendous interest shown. Gwyn Singleton will handle the catering and next meeting there will be a roster for catering help. Please advise Colin Pearson of any dietary requirements. After Workshop activities such as invites to local orchid collections in the Tuross area are being considered.
- h) "Living Life in Eurobodalla":** We have been invited to participate on 18 March during Seniors Week. Some of our Seniors will person a small information table.
- i) President's Sausage Sizzle:** This annual & traditional event will be held Sunday 22 February, 11.30am start. 5 Garagarang Street, Malua Bay. Details were in last newsletter.
- j) Plant Benching at Monthly Meetings:** Please read special section in last newsletter. Jean has redesigned the display labels. Plants must be disease free & insect free and must have been owned for 6 months.
- k) Supper Table:** A chance to have a chat together and please remember a nibbly to share.

- 5. RAFFLES:** 1. Gary Evans 2. Graham Jackson 3. Diane Hay 4. Bob Williams 5. Helen Marshall
6. Gary Evans 7. Gary Evans 8. Sue Carroll 9. Ivan Balentovic 10. Gwyn Singleton
11. Helen Marshall 12. Graham Jackson 13. Annette Stubbs 14. Bob Williams

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Barry McPherson

Special Auction: Gordon Marion donated his third placed cattleya to the club for auction.

Successful Bidder: Gary Evans

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

Discussion arose regarding the Plant of the Night when more than one plant received the same number of winning votes.

Motion: In the event that we do get a tie in the vote for Plant of the Night, both plants will be awarded Plant of the Night & awarded points accordingly.

Moved: Gwyn Singleton Seconded: Robert Fish Carried

President Tony declared the meeting closed 8.28 pm and invited all to share a cuppa & supper.
This was followed by short talks from three of our experienced growers on the topic of their choice.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 March

CWA Hall, Moruya

Diane Hay

EOC Secretary

Annual fees are now due and payable to Acting Treasurer, Jean Swindley at the next meeting or posted to Treasurer Colin Pearson at
10 Viewpoint Court, Tuross Head, 2537.
\$13 single membership \$16 family membership

Extracts from Alan Merriman's newsletter February 2015

MONTHLY CULTURAL GUIDE

Over this summer period here in NSW we have had periods of extreme hot weather and cold wet weather. Excellent for all sorts of fungi growth. If you are a cymbidium grower now is the time to check out the two spotted mite situation. Look for silvery markings under the leaves. If you do not have a very large collection you can spray with ECO – OIL mixed with your favourite acaricide or insecticide. ECO – NEEM® mixed with ECO-OIL® or MAVRIK®. During the summer a spray with a protective fungicide such as MANCOZEB®. Watch for root rot, if present drench with ANTI ROT®. During February I usually start to do my potting on. The plants have time to settle in before flowering. You can top dress with MERRI COTE during February. Foliar spraying with MERRI FERT will keep your plants moving. If you are using MERRI COTE and MERRI FERT together, cut the rate of the MERRI FERT by one fifth. Use every seven to ten days during the summer period. Water weekly as a full drench. Mist plants in the evenings on hot days.

CATTLEYAS are now in full growth. Some growers like to divide – repot now as the new roots are now starting to show. Check for scale while the plant is out of the pot. Make sure there are no curl grubs down in the pot. After feeding the grubs to the local birds, sprinkle some of MUNNS lawn grub killer around the top of the pot. When you repot – do not over pot. Some plants do not like to be over potted. Put a little MERRI COTE in the mix. An application of MERRI FERT with added STIMULIZER® will get your plants on the move. This is high in fulvic acid and stimulates beneficial microbes (for supplies us at Miriam Ann Orchids). Look for scale, if present spray with ANTI-SCALE®. Water when plants are just starting to dry.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES are now growing very well this year. New growths pushing up everywhere. Watch for the dreaded dendrobium beetle. I have been told you can use PERMA-GUARD at the rate of 50g in 4L of water. More news on this product later. PS it is non toxic!

PHALAENOPSIS watch for mealy bug, this time of the year they start travelling up the flowering raceme. Spray quickly with ANTI SCALE®. Some growers have reported great success using SUREFIRE FIVESTAR INSECTICIDE® which has an active ingredient of BIFENTHRIN.

Repot if necessary. Mist plants daily, drench every four or five days or when necessary. Fertilise weekly, alternate MERRI FERT with SEAWEED SECRETS®. Try and keep the humidity up around 70% by day. All genera still need a little extra shade during February into March.

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UNTIL NEXT TIME

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