



# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

WEBSITE: [eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au](http://eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au)

APRIL 2021

### From the President.....

2021 is up and running with our third daytime meeting to be held on 9 April with Jean Swindley bringing us up to date on the fate of her Awarded Dinema polybulbon and an advice session for Novice Growers. Meeting formats have been revised, set-up and benching by 1.30pm. Please move back from the bench on placing your orchid. Benching Etiquette dictates that you shouldn't touch the orchids of others when benching. You must have owned an orchid for at least six months before showing it – but if you've recently acquired something special, bring it in "For Display Only" and share it with us. Note that the Seedling category is for complete orchids, grown from seed and flowering for the first time. We'll have a cuppa while benching is completed, and voting will occur prior to the meeting at 2pm. Novices are invited to bring in any clean and insect-free plants they want advice on – Open Growers are welcome to submit plants for analysis, also. There'll be a separate table provided. We hope to conclude events by 3.30pm.

I look forward to seeing you there.

~Tony Groube

### NEXT MEETING

1pm April 9

#### President:

Tony Groube

#### Vice President:

Jean Swindley  
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#### Treasurer:

David Hay  
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#### Secretary:

Glenda Clapin  
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#### Committee:

Barbara Williams  
Anne-Marie Collins  
Garry Evans  
Una Roberts  
Gordon Marion



### At the last meeting.....

Una Roberts guided us through her orchid collection with a series of photographs showing where she grows her orchids in and around her home. Una utilises a Spa Room with lots of filtered light and a fan running for most of the day. She also uses a large deck with shelving for pots and lattice to hang mounts. The single most important factor that she has gleaned from many chats with orchid enthusiasts is that these plants need air flow and do not like to be over crowded. Where possible, Una sits her well-spaced plants on stones in a saucer with water to create the humidity that they need. Una showed us how enthusiasm and a willingness to listen and learn from other orchid growers has helped her to become a successful grower in just a few years. Thank you Una for this interesting presentation. Your talk is sure to inspire beginning orchid growers.

On the Open Bench at this meeting were a colourful selection of orchids with some unusual examples amongst them. The Plant of the Day was an eye catching orchid grown by Ray Huddleston....Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani'. Ray purchased this orchid from Mackay Orchids on a family road trip and it obviously enjoys the home he has provided for it in Narooma. The Novice bench was devoid of orchids but not empty. Glenda Clapin generously provided produce from her very productive organic vegetable garden for members to take. Four varieties of tomatoes and some giant zucchini were much appreciated by many members. Thank you Glenda. Once again the Raffle prizes were plentiful. Thank you to those people who contributed and those who purchased tickets. Two new members were presented with badges; Sue Nash and Jan Boyce. We welcome them to the E.O.C. and look forward to seeing them and their orchids at meetings.

Tony presenting membership badge to Sue Nash & Jan Boyce



Una Roberts Presenting at the Meeting



### **At the next meeting..... Friday, April 9th.**

Doors open at 1 pm. Benching by 1.30. Meeting commences at 2pm. This month we will have our tea/coffee prior to the meeting . This will give the chance for some social interaction which was not happening when refreshments were at the end of the meeting. Members are asked to keep well clear of the benches whilst sipping and chatting. At the April meeting Jean Swindley will talk to us about Specimen plants and their associated problems. Using her award winning Dinema polybulbon as an example, Jean will show us how she has dealt with it, both successfully and not so successfully. Novice Members and others are invited to bring along plants for growing advice. These should be free of pests and disease. The questions below might be some that members would like answered: Why is this plant not flowering? It looks healthy. Does it need repotting? What should I do with this keiki? How do I deal with roots growing over the rim of the pot? Would this struggling orchid be better mounted? If so, how? My plant is too big for its mount. What do I do?

### **Monthly Maintenance**

- \*We have certainly had plenty of rain of late and wet potting media and high humidity can lead to fungal problems, so treat with AntiRot or Mancozeb (not Mancozeb Plus) or Eco Carb for a softer treatment.
- \*Ease off watering (those under cover) and fertilising for many orchids as the days and nights cool. At the same time be aware of those genera which need watering all year round eg. Masdevallia, Sarcophilus, Paphiopedilum, Maxillaria, Miltoniopsis. If you are not sure about the needs of your plants and you can't find the info. you need on line or in a reference book, just ask one of the more experienced growers who will happily advise you.
- \*Continue to mist mounts regularly making sure that they dry between mistings. There are exceptions to this advice as many Bulbophyllum like to remain moist all the time.
- \*Check that cold sensitive orchids are in a sheltered place ready for the winter chill.
- \*Water and mist orchids in the mornings after the night chill has lifted.
- \*Autumn, for some species, brings flower initiation so be aware of snails and slugs as spikes emerge. Lay your preferred traps for them. They like beer.
- \*Continue to check for Cymbidium spikes and stake them.
- \*All pots of terrestrials should be in their growing position for the winter months. It is vital that they receive as much winter sun as possible.



### **Growers' Workshop ..... April, 17th**

It will be great to get back to these practical sessions after their absence in 2020.

This time Gordon Marion will be the host at his home in Tuross Head (14 Oaks Avenue) and the session will commence at 10.30 am. A visit to Gordon's home and his orchid collection is always a great experience and members attending will be very glad they did. Gordon has been growing orchids for many years and he has a myriad of practical tips and pieces of advice on how to give your orchids the best chance possible.



Pleurothallis grobyii flowers every March.  
Sue Carroll.

C. Natalia Clark 'Dendi'  
Jean Swindley

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## Our E.O.C. Website

Some Members may have noticed that our web site has not been updated recently. Unfortunately Webs (our previous server) have sold out and we no longer have access to update that site. [eurobodallaorchidclub.webs.com](http://eurobodallaorchidclub.webs.com)

It has served us well over the many years we have had it, but now it is 'view only' and may be removed from the web. A new site is under construction ...with EOC as the owner...[eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au](http://eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au)

Whilst the old club website is still able to be accessed at the moment, it is a good opportunity to review some of the many good articles produced in older newsletters.

Articles which may be of interest from 2020 Newsletters.....

New members and those who don't print hard copies of Newsletters can find these on the old E.O.C. Website.

February: Orchid Record Keeping

May: Nomenclature...knowing what your plant really is.

Cymbidium Chatter.....on line advice by Geoff Bailey.

June: Wintering Masdevallias by Clive Halls.

Growing Twig Epiphytes by Lloyd Edwards.

August: Alternatives to Chemical Treatments by David Brooks

November: Fertilising Sarcocochilus by Neville Roper and a link to his other Sarcocochilus articles.

Finally a recommendation from Tony..... "And if you want more –

try the all-encompassing site of the St. Augustine Orchid Society of North Florida, USA.

A font of information on most things orchidaceous – adjust Dates and Seasons accordingly. A site to maintain as a favourite on the Toolbar of your device."

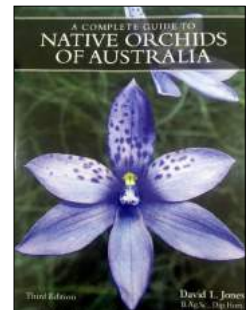
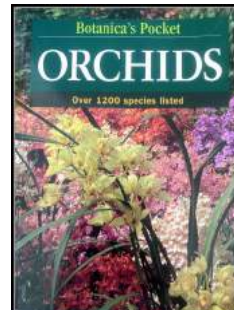
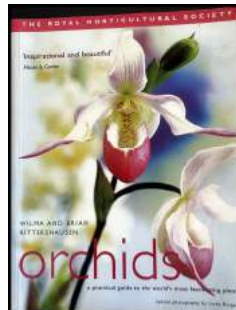
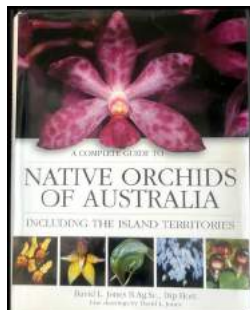
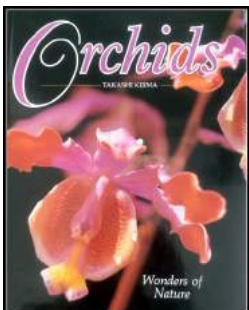
## The Club Library

Our Club Library is now nestled comfortably into the Hay's house and is hoping to be enjoyed by EOC Members. The Library list is on our old website & is also available & updated on the new site. Paper copies of the list will be at the next meeting. There are some lovely books & magazines available so make your borrowing worthwhile. Maybe a good time to check your shelves...we are happy to add pre-loved books to the Club's collection.

Just phone, message or email your order through and we will deliver the books to you at the next meeting.

All Members are also very welcome to call in to Tuross Head and make their selection.

David & Diane: 0409911087 [danddhay@bigpond.com](mailto:danddhay@bigpond.com)



## Club Shirts

Hip Hop Workwear will buy in and embellish club shirts (black with gold trim) for us as follows:

Short Sleeve Mens Sizes XS-5XL \$23.95

Short Sleeve Womens Sizes 8-24 \$21.95

Long Sleeve Mens \$27.95

Long Sleeve Womens \$25.95

+ Club Logo\$7.70

+ optional your name \$5.50

Please email or phone the Club Secretary, Glenda with your order. Once we have enough to place an order, Glenda will provide payment details for you to finalise the order.

**EOC Secretary Glenda Clapin**

Email: [secretaryeoc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryeoc@gmail.com)

Phone: 0414721655



## From our Treasurer March Report

Income	\$228.18	Expenditure	\$46.48
Profit for Month	\$181.70	Loss for Year	\$832.92

Club banking details for payment of

Newsletter postage;

NAB Moruya

BSB 082 739

Account No. 131636113

Don't forget your name!



## *Editor's Orchid Spotlight*

Neofinetia falcata x sib ('Koto' x 'Shutenno')

This dainty little orchid was benched by Jean Swindley at the last meeting. Known as the Japanese Wind Orchid or Furan, it can tolerate a wide range of temperatures and prefers medium to lower light levels. Whilst it is traditionally grown in sphagnum moss mounded in the pot with the plant resting on top above the rim of the pot, it can be grown in any medium and may even be mounted with a sphagnum moss pad to keep it moist. Jean's is grown in sphagnum moss not using traditional methods, however it looks very happy and healthy.

It has a perfume which is more pronounced in the evening

- April 9<sup>th</sup>** Club Meeting
- April 17<sup>th</sup>** Growers Workshop – Gordon Marion
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** Club Meeting
- June 11<sup>th</sup>** Club meeting - Plant Presentation for Show
- June 19<sup>th</sup>** **Social Day - Orchid Crawl -Tuross**  
Hay's (for a cuppa), Maria, Gordon, Jean

**For your Diary**

*We send our best wishes  
to Members who are ill or  
undergoing treatment.*

*We hope you are soon feeling much  
better.*





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The Meeting opened at 2:06pm with the President Tony Groube in the Chair.

**PRESENT:** Members:28 Apologies:5 Visitors: 0

**President:** Next newsletter will have time and date of next meeting in top right hand corner of first page of newsletter.

Sue Nash and Jan Boyce, new members, badged. New member Shafeena Durward from Dalmeny.

Minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting, accepted as true copy of meeting.

Motion: Glenda Clapin Seconded: Anne Marie

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Plant of the Day Certificates – Open Diane and David Hay: *Phaleanopsis unknown*. (Certificate unavailable at the time)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer read his report for January:

Income: \$228.18 Expenditure \$46.48

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**SECRETARY**

Apology for delay in sending newsletters onto Members.

**Website:** New website on the way. [eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au](http://eurobodallaorchidclub.com.au)

**Library:** Diane & David are housing the library at their home. Please bring books in if you are holding them.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Club Shirts-** Please order by email to Glenda. Glenda to obtain a price on Jackets.

**Workshop** with Gordon Marion, 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Plant of the day** –Open Section: Ray and Gayle Huddleston Howeara (Hwra) Lava Burst 'Puanini'

Novice Section: -

**Raffles** – Helen Watson, Jean Swindley, Jean Skidmore, Una Roberts, Helen Marshall x 2, David Hay x 2, Ron Boyd, Barbara Williams, Jan Boyd, Ray Huddleston.

**Members Badge Draw-** Dorothy Kauffman.

**Meeting Closed 4:00pmish**

Committee Meeting Friday March Quarry Park

Next Monthly Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 1:00pm

**EOC Secretary**

**Glenda Clapin**

# MARCH POPULAR VOTE

## Open Section

### Species Asia

1st David & Diane Hay

### Species Other

1st Ray & Gayle Huddleston  
2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

### Mini Cym

1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

### Cattleya

1st Michelle McIntosh  
1st Jean Swindley  
3rd Gordon Marion

### Masdevallia

1st Garry Evans & Vicki Douglas

### Vandaceous

1st Michelle McIntosh

### Oncidiinae

1st Ray & Gayle Huddleston  
2nd Michelle McIntosh

### Seedling

1st Michelle McIntosh

### Miscellaneous

1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

### Plant of the Night

*Howeana* Lava Burst 'Puanani'  
Ray & Gayle Huddleston



*Howeana* Lava Burst 'Puanani'

Ray & Gayle Huddleston



*Sartylis*  
Blue Knob 'TS'

Sartylis Blue Knob 'TS'

Michelle McIntosh



Cattleya Unknown

Gordon Marion



*Phalaenopsis*

Phalaenopsis Unknown

Michelle McIntosh



*Bulbophyllum hirundinis*



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