



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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March 2021

From the President.....

It seems as if we're destined to get off to another new year with mixed fortune. Last year it was Bushfire, Flood and the Virus. This year Covid continues, but the best laid plans to have a new Club President installed went absolutely astray. Our best wishes go to Graham Jackson, who's wrestling with his health issues, as are his 'Professors.' Graham had been elected as President but felt he was unable to assume the role. A change in tack, from Chemotherapy to Immunotherapy gave me a new lease of life, and the capacity to feel confident that I could run for another year. I'm more than happy with that and will be keeping my eyes open for a successor.

I'm happy also, with the response to our first daytime meeting. This was well attended, and we saw Members who had given up on driving at night. Certainly the trip home, in good daylight, is a lot easier. Kangaroos, emus/ostriches, wombats etc are less prevalent, however echidnas seem to know no bounds, and are best not run over – they don't like it, neither do the tyres of one's vehicle.

We look forward to seeing more of you at our next Meeting on 10 March, benching at 1pm, all Covid safety provisions are met – so combine your trip into town with a lunch/shopping opportunity and catch up with some old mates. The new Meeting format, with a cuppa at the conclusion, means you can stop and have a yarn, or get going without hanging around. We're hoping to provide more discussion and practical cultural advice as the year progresses, particularly as we'll be without the South Coast March Workshop for the second year running.

We're confident that we'll have our regular Winter and Spring Shows given the containment of Covid. Unsure at this stage whether our plants will perform to that timetable, what with the somewhat cooler and damper summer. Having said that, we'll probably run to heatwave status in March – maintain the vigilance for spikes (and bugs) - Sarcos, Tetragonums, Docks are all doing funny things – and Cyms are a bit all over the shop – but it'll settle down no doubt, and we'll be in awe of what our plants will produce. Let's hope so! ~Tony Groube

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Una Roberts
Gordon Marion



Tony presenting membership badge to Kryisia St Clair

Sue Nash with Treasurer David Hay

Covid Conscious Members



At the last meeting.....

The Club had its first daytime meeting and it was a success on a number of levels. 29 people attended including several Members who had been unable or unwilling to drive at night and were now able to attend. One had been a Member for several years, attended Shows but was just not keen on the night drive amongst our native wildlife so had never been to a meeting.

Susan Nash was a welcome visitor to the meeting and now plans to join the Club. She is already growing orchids including Paphiopedilums so we look forward to seeing her orchids on the bench.

The Members whole-heartedly ratified the Committee's decision to reappoint Tony Groube as President for the year. Plant numbers on the bench were down, but Diane Hay's lovely, well-grown Phalaenopsis was a stand out winner of Plant of the Day in the Open Section. Unfortunately there were no Novice plants benched.

A discussion of the flowers on the bench led to the sharing of some useful information:

A very weak Peter's Blossom Booster on moss-grown Masdevallia will enhance flowering and flower numbers. Obviously this can be used on other orchids too. Chemical fertilisers are better with moss than organic fertilisers. Probably any brand of Blossom Booster would be fine.

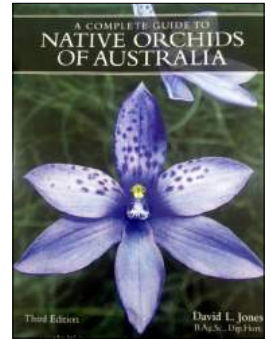
Conguard is a systemic spray which is useful for aphids and mealy bugs. Probably best not sprayed near bees.

Richgro Bug Killa is another useful systemic insecticide.

Spiders can be controlled by spraying with soapy water.

Anne-Marie Collins presented the Club with a copy of David Jones' book 'Native Orchids of Australia' which is an amazingly generous gift from her of a very detailed and useful resource.

Thank you Anne-Marie.



At the next meeting.....

Using a Power Point presentation, Una Roberts will tell us and show us how she houses and grows her orchids in Dalmeny.

The President's Sausage Sizzle.....

Those members who attended this social event at the Quarry Park by the Moruya River were able to enjoy lovely weather, a very pleasant setting, good food cooked expertly and one another's company.

Thank you very much to Liz and Tony for providing the food, to Barbara who helped co-ordinate the exercise and to the Chefs.....Tony, David and Sue Nash. (our newest member).



Thank you also to those members who contributed with tempting afters.



Our 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 that site. It has served us well over the many years we have had it, but now it will be removed from the web. A new site is under construction and should be up and accessible soon...with EOC as the owner...we will keep you informed....Cheers, Diane Hay

Monthly Maintenance.....

*This is not a bad time to clean up cymbidiums by removing yellowing leaves and tearing away dead husks taking care to look for (and not damage) emerging flower spikes. If you find any, they should be staked for future reference. This clean up should also reveal any possible pests which may be lurking. Don't forget to look under the rim of the pots for slugs and small snails as the frequent rain has brought them out in droves and they love tender young shoots.

*If you are repotting your Sarcophilus in March, remember Neville Roper's advice. After repotting, which should be done every second year, sprinkle the plant with a 50:50 mix of Blood and Bone and Dolomite then water it in with a good drink of Seasol. If you aren't repotting, plants can still be sprinkled with this mix and put out in the rain. Don't forget to continue fertilising your Sarcos. during Autumn and Winter as they continue their growth during these seasons while many other orchids become dormant.

*Summer shade cloth should be removed soon. Watch the forecast in case of a late heat wave, though given temperatures in recent weeks, this seems unlikely.

Confidor Tablets or Initiator Tablets.....

Graham Jackson was one of the first Club Members to use these and he is still using them. He wears gloves and washes his hands after handling them. He puts one in pots 250mm and above and half a tablet in pots down to 125ml.

He has found it works better when the tablet is placed under the plant when repotting. He has tried placing the tablet at the side of the plant and still had some scale and mealy bug.

Graham doesn't use tablets for scale and mealy bug in very small pots. Instead he uses methylated spirit in a spray bottle with a paint brush and only treats the plants in the early morning when it is cool.

A report from Graham Jackson.....

Graham put his Tetragonums under 100% shade cloth with high humidity and has had great growth results and they are still putting out new growth. He will move half of them to 50% shade at the end of March and see which flower the best. He does like to experiment with his orchids and he learns something every time. He starts experimenting with just a few plants and he watches the results.

After the fires and losing a lot of plants, he has lots of stunning new growth on his Dendrobiums but is still suffering fungal problems and caterpillar damage. Spiders in his greenhouse also love to nest in the new canes. He has been spraying Pea Beu at dusk but something is still eating too many plants. Graham would appreciate any hints from anyone.

Graham concludes by saying that we all have the same contagious disease. He calls it Orchid Fever, but call it what you will, we all have it in smaller or larger doses or we wouldn't be reading this!

The Club's Library....

Our Library has long been housed in a cupboard with very little space at the CWA Hall and the donation by Anne Marie Collins of David Jones' new and rather large book was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Diane and David Hay have offered to relocate the library to their home in Tuross.

They will update & distribute the list of books in our Club collection and should Members wish to borrow they are asked to phone or email Diane and David a day or so, before a meeting and the books will be brought to you at the meeting. Alternatively if you feel like a drive to Tuross you are very welcome to call in and browse the collection first hand...may even get a cuppa! Phone first to make sure they are there.

Also a small selection, from which you can choose, will be brought to each monthly meeting.

They only just cleaned out the books from CWA cupboard, so give them a week or so to get set up.

Phone: 0409911087 Email: danddhay@bigpond.com

Raffle tickets.....

Beginning with the March meeting, raffle tickets will cost \$1 each.

Thank you very much to those Members who brought pieces of Crucifix Orchid to the last meeting. The gentleman in Banksia Lodge was delighted with his multiple pots and a mount. He is very grateful to you all.

Quick
Note

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 Cub 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

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From our Treasurer February Report

Income: \$0.19 Expenditure : Nil

Loss for Year : \$1,014.62

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

This beautiful little hybrid was benched by David Hay at the last meeting.....

*Sarcochilus Riverdene x Plectorrhiza
tridentata 'Bronzes'.*

It came from Lloyd and Mandy Edward's nursery 'Earth to Joy' and is as charming as it is tiny.

Well done David.

March 12th Club Meeting

April 9th Club Meeting

April 17th Growers Workshop – Gordon Marion

May 14th Club Meeting

June 11th Club meeting - Plant Presentation for Show

June 19th **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.*





EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT CWA Hall, MORUYA ON THE 12th February 2021



The Meeting opened at 2:00pm with the Secretary Glenda Clapin in the Chair.

PRESENT: Members:28 Apologies:3 Visitors: 0

Preamble: Secretary Glenda presented the present situation regarding Tony Groube's improvement in health and presented the motion : That ex-President Tony Groube, be voted in as President for 2021 or until another suitable applicant becomes available to take the role.

Motion: Glenda Clapin Seconded: Don Hayes CARRIED

President: Tony Groube responded with a short speech hoping that Graham Jackson's health improves soon. and advised that Jean and Gordon weren't at the Meeting as they had been attending the funeral of Gordon's son.. Our condolences, thoughts and best wishes were with them.

PRESENTATIONS:

Plant of the Night Certificates – given by mail.

Kryisia St Clair badged as new member early last year & Susan Nash -new member welcomed.

Liz and Tony won free membership from Orchids Australia.

Welcome back to Alma Stearn, Dorothy Kauffman and Robin Baker, who received plants donated to replace those lost in 2019/2020 fires

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer read his report for January:

Income: \$0.19	Expenditure \$0.00
Profit for Month: \$0.19	Loss for Year: \$1,014.62

SECRETARY

Halls and judges booked for shows.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Format of meetings- proposed changes Select Correspondence to include only relevant & significant items.
- New members- Welcome to passing visitors.
- Covid safe operating- throughout the meeting
- March Workshop- We will work with Sapphire Coast Club to get a one day workshop going.
- Club Shirts- orders to Secretary Glenda
- Presidents sausage sizzle on 20th Feb at Quarry Park Middy.
- Anne-Marie is donating a copy of David Jones new book- A complete guide to Australian Native Orchids. Tony thanks Anne-Marie very much for her generosity.
- Discussion of benched plants. Tony introduced plants and invited growers to talk about their management and care strategies.

Plant of the night –Open Section: David and Diane Hay - Phalaenopsis.

Raffles – Robin Baker, Maria Kakarovski, Ray Huddleston, Alan Cooke, Marie Ridden, Alma Stearn, Rod Thomas x 2, Kryisia St Clair, Helen Watson, Bob Harper x2, Garry Evans, Una Roberts, Dorothy Kauffman x 2, Margaret Hayes redraw. **Members Badge Draw**- Sue Carrol 26

Meeting Closed 4:00pm

Committee Meeting Saturday 20th February Quarry Park

Next Monthly Meeting: 12th March 2021 at 1:00pm

February Popular Vote

Open Section

Species Aust.

- 1st Una Roberts
2nd Tony & Sue Carroll

Cattleya

- 1st Garry Evans & Vicki Douglas

Masdevallia

- 1st Don & Margaret Hayes

Aust. Native

- 1st David & Diane Hay

Vandaceous

- 1st David & Diane Hay

Oncidiinae

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Seedling

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Miscellaneous

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Plant of the Meeting

- Phalaenopsis* unknown David & Diane Hay



Phalaenopsis Unknown: David & Diane Hay



Masd. Blazing Wing Beenak

Don & Margaret Hayes



Rlc. Hawaiian Passion 'Kermie'

Garry Evans & Vicki Douglas



Zga. Adelaide Meadows

'Braeburn' X Zba Beenak Jester

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Bulbo. longissimum x lobbii

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube