



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

WEBSITE: eurobodallaorchidclub.webs.com/

February 2021

Happy New Year to all E.O.C. Members!

We hope that 2021 will give us the opportunity to get together and show our orchids to one another, chat about them, learn more about them and increase our collections with new and exciting additions. We hope we can entice other people to share our passion (or obsession) and join our Club and we hope Members who have been unable to travel at night will take the opportunity to rejoin us at our daytime meetings. May 2021 be a great year for orchid growing and orchid growers! ~ Sue

A Word from our Vice President.....

Welcome to 2021, a new year that will see things happen a little differently in response to this current situation. The first thing that we must do in order to continue functioning as an Incorporated Club is to elect a President. For those who were not at the Christmas Party/AGM, we were not able to elect a President as Tony had stepped down due to his health and our other prospective President is also struggling with his health. Since then, Tony's health is improving with new treatment and he is feeling like he can continue as President, therefore the Committee has re-appointed Tony Groube as President for 2021. This new appointment will need to be ratified by the Members at our first General Meeting.

Our first meeting of the year will be our first daytime meeting. It will be on Friday, February 12th Doors open at 1pm. With the new time of meeting we will also be trialling a different format with a shorter business part leaving more time to discuss orchids. The tea break will also be at the end of the meeting.

It is indeed a different era and we must adapt to the changes. Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting of 2021~Jean Swindley.

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(To be announced)
Vice President:
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Glenda Clapin
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Committee:
Barbara Williams
Anne-Marie Collins
Garry Evans
Una Roberts
Gordon Marion



At the last meeting, Christmas Party 2020.....

Finally we had the chance to get together indoors and the annual Christmas Party was held. It was a most enjoyable day and it was lovely to see people relaxed and chatty.

First the AGM was held and Tony Groube was thanked for his years of service and presented with Life Membership of the Club which is very fitting. The positions for 2021 are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Tony presented Rod Thomas with a box of orchids, donated by Scott Barrie and Ray Clements, to help him rebuild his collection after losing everything to the fires. (See article.) As our newest Member, Rod was also presented with his club badge.

The lunch was delicious as usual, and much thanks must go to Barbara Williams and her band of helpers....Helen Marshall, Una Roberts, Glenda and Tony Clapin and Garry Evans. Thank you also to the Members who provided an attractive array of desserts.

In lieu of raffles there were 18 lucky door prizes which included a hamper and ham, attractive baskets of orchids and chocolate packages. Thank you to Margaret and Don Hayes for organising the hamper, Liz Cleaver for donating orchids and arranging the lovely baskets and Jean Swindley for donating the tempting chocolate packages. Several Members also donated orchids and we thank them too. When it came time to pack up, the extra task of sanitising all chairs and tables was willingly undertaken by many Members and so the old adage 'Many hands makes light work' was once again applied.

SOME OF THE LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS



At The 2020 Christmas Party

photographer: Liz Cleaver



More Happy Raffle Prize Winners



Congrats



On December 17th, 2020, Gladys and Barrie McPherson celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Our sincere congratulations go to them both and we hope they found the opportunity over Christmas to celebrate with their family.





**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING held
at Kyla Hall, Tuross Head on 6th December 2020**

Meeting opened at 12:30 pm with President, Tony Groube in the Chair.

PRESENT: 30

Apologies: 2 Visitors: 0

MINUTES:

Secretary presented a long list of correspondence and Newsletters were received from EOC x2; COS, MUOS; SOS x 2; WWOS x2; SCOS x2; BBOFS x2; ESOS x2; AOC; BMPDOS; Bankstown OS; OSNSW

GENERAL BUSINESS:

President Tony presented Rod Thomas with a Membership Badge.

Rod Thomas was given plants donated by Scott Barrie and Ray Clements for Fire damage replacement.

Tony was awarded Life Membership: Speeches from Gordon Marion & Jean Swindley regarding Tony's Presidency.

Lucky Door prizes: Hamper- Peter and Diane Griffiths; Orchid baskets: Rod Thomas, Ron Boyd, Peter Stubbs, Bob

Harper, Tony Clapin, Dona and Margaret Hayes, Bob and Barbara Williams, Anne-Marie Collins, Jean Swindley,

Helen Watson, Gladys and Barry McPherson, Gordon Marion, Helen Marshall, Una Roberts

Meeting closed at 12:36pm for Beginning of Christmas lunch.

EOC Secretary

Glenda Clapin

From the Treasurer: Financial Statement for December 2020.

Income \$159.96

Expenditure \$421.00

Loss for Month \$261.04 Loss for Year \$1014.81.



At our next meeting.....

Friday, February 12th ... CWA Hall open from 1pm for setup.

Please note the change of meeting time.... Plants to be benched by 1.30. Meeting to start at 2pm.

Covid regulations.....

- Please don't come to the meeting if you feel unwell.
- Please maintain the social distancing space of 1.5 metres. If you believe you can't do this easily, please wear a mask.
- Sanitise your hands regularly. Hand sanitiser will be available in various places.
- Please have your name checked as you enter, or check in with the QR code on your phone.

There will be a Raffle Table and if you have any spare orchid divisions, produce or plants they would be welcome on the table. You must have the exact money to buy a ticket as there will be no handling of money. Tickets are 2 for \$1.

At this first meeting there will be a guided discussion of the plants which have been benched and Members will be given an opportunity to talk about what happened with their orchids in 2020.

A Chat over lunch at the Christmas Party...

David Hay is experimenting with his mounted orchids. Having noticed that his mounts hanging in an open space were doing better than those hanging on the wall in a fixed position, he is gradually introducing swivels so that his mounted orchids can move with the air flow in any direction. We will check back with David as flowers appear, to see if the improvement in plant health has influenced flowering too. David stresses that this is an exercise based entirely on random observations he has made, and not on any scientific evidence.

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President's Social Sausage Sizzle

Quarry Park, Moruya

February 20th, 12.00 noon start.

This is an opportunity to get together and chat informally.
Food will be provided but could you please bring your own chair, drink, plate and utensils.



Scott Barrie's and Ray Clement's generosity

These two very thoughtful growers decided to give back to people whose orchid collections had been affected by last Summer's fires even though both of their nurseries had also been threatened by the fires.

Tony Groube was able to identify Members in our Club and some further South and in due course a number of mature orchids were delivered to Malua Bay to Liz and Tony's home where the four or five dozen plants lived on the front verandah for some weeks. Tony's daughter was able to deliver some to Jeff Knox at Merimbula (the new President of the Sapphire Coast Club) and others were delivered to a Batemans Bay Club Office Bearer.

Tony was able to personally give orchids to Brian Coulton, Dorothy Kauffman and Robin Baker just before Christmas. Some of their plants had been pretty much scorched and they were delighted to receive some 'orchid hope'.

As mentioned earlier Rod Thomas was presented with his plants at the Christmas Party. Rod was totally burnt out at Lake Conjola escaping with the clothes on his back and the dog and NOTHING else.

Thank you Scott and Ray for providing tangible encouragement after such disaster.

Scott Barrie: [Barrita Orchids, Kulnura – Barrita Orchids](#)

Ray Clement: [Tinonee Orchids](#)

- ◆ ***The Annual South Coast March Workshop..... This was to be hosted by the Canberra Club this year, but Jane Wright has notified the clubs involved that it will be deferred. Jane cited safety because of the ongoing Covid situation as the reason.**
- ◆ ***For those people wishing to receive their Newsletters in the post, there will be a charge of \$10 which is due now and can be paid at the February meeting or by contacting Treasurer David Hay.**
- ◆ ***Una Roberts is looking for *Zygo. mackayi* or any other *Zygos* for a friend. If you have any you would like to sell, please contact Una via this Newsletter or speak to her at the next meeting.**
- ◆ ***A gentleman in Banksia Village is keen to acquire some pieces of crucifix orchid. If any one has any they can spare, please contact Sue via this Newsletter or bring them to the next meeting.**
- ◆ ***If any member has a division of *Dryadella zebrina* or *Dryadella albicans* that they would be willing to sell, (however small) please contact Sue through this newsletter or at the next meeting.**
- ◆ ***Wanted..... The bases of 1.5 litre soft drink bottles are needed to make posies at the Shows this year. Could you please save them and bring them to a meeting before the Winter Show in July? Thank you.**

Quick
Note

Maintenance.....

*By now your terrestrials should have been repotted and in a dry spot. Start to look out for green growth so that you can begin a gentle watering regime.

*The Summer rain has been beneficial for those orchids without cover and the growth has been strong. Keep protecting the tempting new shoots from bugs using your preferred method.

*Scale can creep into your collection without your noticing until a plant appears to not be thriving and a check reveals an infestation. Often introduced by new plants you haven't 'quarantined' and thriving in crowded conditions in an orchid house, scale is destructive. Catch it early with regular checks of plants and isopropyl alcohol, methylated spirit or just a gentle rub off will all help to deal with it. The next stage is the use of horticultural oils such as Eco Oil and as a last measure, if it is out of control, resort to chemicals such as Carbaryl. Regularly check the back of leaves, stems, top of roots and rhizomes and don't forget to put on your glasses, as immature soft scale can be difficult to see. If scale is an ongoing problem in your orchid house check for ants and eliminate them and consider relocating the ferns under your benches which may host soft brown scale.

*Regularly dispose of debris in your orchid house as scale and eggs can survive in this and reinfect your plants.

Editor's Orchid Spotlight

Brassia caudata

This lovely Brassia species often called The Spider Orchid, comes from the Central American Region and nearby countries and grows on the bark of trees. Its pollinator is the female spider wasp which mistakes the flower for its prey.

This well-flowered example of Brassia caudata belongs to Barrie McPherson. Well done Barrie.



February 12th	Club Meeting
February 20th (Saturday)	Social Day – Sausage Sizzle - 12 Noon start at Quarry Picnic area, Moruya
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, Maria, Gordon, Jean
July 2nd	Club Meeting – Round Table, Plant Problems
July 3rd/4th (Sat 10-3/Sun 9-2)	Milton/Ulladulla O/S Winter Show Civic Centre Ulladulla
July 9th/10th (Fri 9-4.30/Sat 9-2)	EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB WINTER SHOW – CWA hall
July 17th/18th (Sat 10-5/Sun 10-3)	BBOFS – Winter Show
August 13th	Club Meeting
August 13th/15th (Fr / Sun)	Sapphire O/C Winter Show Twyford Hall Merimbula
August 21th/ 22nd (Sat 9-4 / Sun 9-2)	EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB SPRING SHOW- Leisure Centre Narooma
Sept 4th/5th Sat 10-5/Sun 10-3)	BBOFS – Spring Show
Sept 10th	Club Meeting
Sept.11th/12th (Sat 10-3.30/Sun 9-2)	Milton/Ulladulla O/S Spring Show Civic Centre Ulladulla
Sept. 16th/17th (Thu/Fr)	Sapphire O/C Spring Show Civic Centre Bega
September 25th	Growers Workshop – Graham Jackson
October 2nd/3rd	South & West Regional Orchid Show Wagga Wagga
October 8th	Club Meeting
October 16th/17th (Sat 10-5/Sun 10-3)	BBOFS – Native Show
Oct 29th/30th (Fr / Sat)	Sapphire O/C Native Show – Twyford Hall Merimbula
Nov 6th (Saturday 11am)	SARC. CHALLENGE with Sapphire O/C - to be advised
Nov 12th	Club Meeting - AGM - Mini auction, orchids only
December 5th (Sunday)	Christmas Party - Kyla Hall, Tuross Head

FOR YOUR 2021 Diary



The following Conference and Shows may be of interest to our Members....

AOC Conference, 1-5th September 2021, Logan Metro Sports and Events Centre, Crestmead (Brisbane)

Orchids Out West, 14-16th May 2021, Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon.

Shoalhaven Orchid Society have several shows at the Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St, Bomaderry:

-10th July 9am-4pm

-4th September 9am-5pm

-23rd October 9am-5pm

*We send our best wishes
to Members who are ill or
undergoing treatment.
We hope you are soon feeling
much better.*



Flowering for Glenda Clapin...

Epicalt. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'