



# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

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### From the President.....

We're now into the business half of the year. Thanks to our Tuross brigade for opening up for our June Orchid Crawl, lots of potential there for our Winter Show, and a surprise and welcomed visit by Bruce Dennett. A reminder that tight adherence to COVID measures will be in place at the Winter Show, requiring co-operation from all attending. We look forward to the opportunity of regaling the Shire with the fruits of our orchid houses – it's been a long and tortuous period since our last event, the Spectacular in October 2019. Good Luck everyone! ~ Tony Groube

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

This was another interesting and practical session which was enjoyed by those brave souls who ventured into the Wintery conditions and there was quite a turn out. Great to see Graham Jackson back at a meeting and lovely to welcome a new member, Joan Morgan from Narooma. Michelle McIntosh had a collection of *Dendrobium speciosum* with her. She was able to show us exactly where the flower spikes will emerge from a plant, not just from between the leaves but also from the eyes on the stem. Michelle expects to see some signs of spikes by Anzac Day but this year they were starting to emerge earlier in April.

Gordon Marion then talked to us about his collection of Tolumnia, the Equitant Oncidiums. He had a selection of his mounted plants and explained that if the flower spike is left on the plant after the flowers have died, that often small plants (keikis) will grow. These can be removed when well developed to create a new plant. Gordon has most success with mounting these plants (they grow on twigs in their natural habitat) and he warned that they do need some warmth in Winter. We look forward to seeing Gordon's wonderful little plants in flower .

A discussion about Wintering Catasetums then occurred and the details are later in this Newsletter. During afternoon tea, Members enjoyed a video of Bruce Dennett's (Bairnsdale based) orchid collection. Plant of the Day in the Open Section belonged to Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube, *Cymbidium* 'Lime Leopard' and in the Novice Section Jan Boyce's *Aerides quinquevulnera* var. *magnifica* was voted the Plant of the Day.

### At the next meeting.....Friday, July 2nd.

Doors open at 1pm. Benching by 1.30 and meeting starts at 2pm.

#### **Please note that this meeting is a week early to allow for the Winter Show the following week.**

It is Show time again. This Winter Show will be the first one for the E.O.C. since October, 2019 when we hosted The Eurobodalla Orchid Spectacular at the Basketball Stadium in Moruya.

Chances are that some of us might have forgotten the necessary preparation and procedures and new members will be needing to be introduced to the same, so who better to set us all straight than Jean Swindley. Jean will discuss the preparation of plants to be shown so that they present well. She will also talk about travelling with plants to a Show. If you still need a Show Schedule, plant labels and Entry Forms, these will be available.

◆ Our latest new Members, Jan Boyce & Joan Morgan....

Welcome to EOC!

### NEXT MEETING

July 2

Doors open 1pm  
for set up, benching  
& Popular Vote.  
Meeting: 2pm

#### **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



## Monthly Maintenance

- ◆ Generally speaking, most orchids do not require as much day to day care during the winter months.
- ◆ After weeding pots, inspecting for pests, making sure plants are not exposed to frosts or cold draughts and seeing to their humidity needs, your orchids will only need fertiliser, if actively growing, and will require less water than they do during hot, summer months.
- ◆ Following our recent particularly damp spell, an application or two of your favourite anti-fungal treatment(s) would be advisable.
- ◆ With fewer demands from your orchids, you'll be able to concentrate on Show preparation for those orchids which are in bloom.
- ◆ Some pre-Show tasks may include cleaning the leaves and the pot, removing weeds, removing any dead sheaths or unsightly leaves, trimming off the dead tips of leaves and making sure the flower is staked securely and showing to its best advantage.
- ◆ Wafting insect spray over buds and flowers will deter bug attack. Credit to Neville Roper for that advice.



## E.O.C. WINTER SHOW Friday, 9th July, 9 am. - 4.30pm. Saturday, 10th July, 9am. - 2 pm. CWA HALL MORUYA



Hall preparation from 2pm. on Thursday, 8th July and benching of plants from 3pm.

Anyone available to help with setting up the Show on Thursday will be welcomed warmly.

Members are also encouraged to help out on the Friday and Saturday.

Adhering to Covid regulations means that more people are needed to make sure that our Show is a safe event.

Even a couple of hours of help will be appreciated.

Contact Glenda or Jean if you can give some of your time.

## E.O.C. Spring Show update.....

Our regular booking of the Leisure Centre in Narooma in August, which has been advertised for some time, has been gazumped by the Council, as they wish to use the building for pre-polling for this year's Eurobodalla Shire Council Elections.

**The Committee did some hurried reshuffling to allow this event to go ahead and the new dates for our Spring Show are September 17th (set up), 18th and 19th. Please make a note of the change.**

## Wintering Catasetums

A question by a member on the Facebook page 'Orchid Growers Australia' about a leafless orchid bulb which had been pulled out of its pot, elicited lots of great general advice from other growers.

The bulb was identified as a Catasetum, a deciduous orchid, and was in Melbourne in fairly cool conditions. The member asking the question was given this advice.....

- Repot it back into bark, bark and perlite, chunky bark and charcoal or tightly packed sphagnum moss. (The tightness of the moss stops it holding too much moisture therefore preventing bulb rot.)
- Once repotted bring it inside and do not water it for 4 months or until mid- September. Give it a bone dry Winter. Old bulbs will start to shrivel but do not be tempted to water the plant.
- Begin watering and fertilising madly when the roots are 5cm. long, 4 inches long, visible at the bottom of the pot or the new growth is 3 inches long....any of these.

Makes me want to try to obtain one of these beauties.

The 'Guru' of this genus is Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids. Go to that website ([sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com)) then Orchid Culture, Catasetinae Plant Culture and in one page, you'll be fully versed on this amazing creature.

Fred Clarke says wait till new roots are well developed and 3" to 5" long before watering.

Jane Wright's guide to commencing watering is that the new leaf growth should be 5" to 6" long.



## Orchid Crawl - 19th June, Tuross Head.



It is always interesting to visit orchid collections belonging to other growers to see how they utilise indoor and outdoor spaces, fences and walls and how they provide cover and shelter for their orchids. Most orchid growers are also gardeners and manage to mix the two very nicely.

The first visit was to Diane and David Hay's home. They have managed to blend their orchid collection into outdoor and indoor living areas where the plants are both decorative and living in great conditions. David's passion for working with wood was evident in the many lovely containers, holders and mounts he has used.

The next visit was to Maria Kacarovski's home where the orchids are large and thriving. Her collection of *Dendrobium speciosum* are spiking well as are her Cymbidiums even though Maria claims there are not many spikes this year.

Jean Swindley's orchid houses are brimming with treasures many of which are small and delicate and loving their environment. Jean's Cymbidium collection, carefully set in a walkway between a fence and an orchid house, is looking good as are her pots of terrestrials. Jean's collection is quite varied and certainly very interesting.

Finally a visit to Gordon Marion's home where many of his orchids are in bud and flowering. The plants look healthy and well fed. Gordon is always experimenting and he has mounted a series of *Laelia anceps* on the side of his house and they are covered in spikes. There are about 6 large healthy plants which all came from one original plant. He is also moving some of his Dendrobiums to the garden to see how they fare there. Given the unpleasant cold and blustery conditions, the turn out of members was good. It was great to see Bruce Dennett who had travelled from Bairnsdale the day before to be with us.





Photo: Sue Carroll

## Editor's Orchid Spotlight

This Paphiopedilum which was benched by Gordon Marion at the June meeting stood out because of its incredible colour. Almost as amazing as the flower is its incredible name.....

Paph. ( Hsinying Alien 'C.H.' SM/TPS  
X Hsinying Mary 'C.H.' #2 SM-A DOC 8)  
X  
Paph. Laserlight 'Green Centre'

Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	3&4 July Sat:10am-3pm Sun:9am-2pm	Ulladulla Civic Centre Princes Highway, Ulladulla
Eurobodalla Orchid Club	9&10 July Fri:9am-4.30pm Sat:9am-2pm	Moruya CWA, Queen St.,Moruya
Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	17&18 July Sat:10am-5pm Sun:10am-3pm	Catalina Club, Beach Rd, Batemans Bay Batema
Sapphire Coast Orchid Club	13,14&15 Aug Fri&Sat:9am-5pm Sun:9am-1pm	Twyford Hall, Market St, Merimbula
Eurobodalla Orchid Club	18 &19 Sept Sat:9am-4pm Sun:9am-1pm	Narooma Leisure Centre,100 Bluewater Dr. Narooma
Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	28 &29 August Sat:10am-5pm Sun:10am-3pm	Catalina Club, Beach Rd, Batemans Bay
Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society	11&12 Sept Sat:10am-3pm Sun:9am-2pm	Ulladulla Civic Centre Princes Highway, Ulladulla
Sapphire Coast Orchid Society	23&24 Sept 9am-4pm	Bega Commemorative Civic Centre, Zingle Place, Bega
Canberra Orchid Society	18&19 Sept Sat: 10am-5pm Sun:10-4pm	Ainslie Football and Social Club, Canberra

## ORCHID SHOWS FOR YOUR DIARY

### A Love of Paphs.

Margaret Hayes has been involved with the species *Paphiopedilum insigne* for as long as she can remember. As a young schoolgirl of about 10, Margaret played in her Father's shadehouse where he grew his Paphs. She called it her 'Nursery Shop' and she would guide her imaginary friends through showing them the Paphs and the ferns. She was allowed to water the plants but not repot them.

Her father then built a sunroom and new fernery onto the house. A shelf was erected in the fernery on the outside of the glass window of the sunroom and the Paphs were placed on the shelf. Each year Margaret and her Father would count the flowers and keep records hoping to better the previous year's flower count. The collection of *Paphiopedilum insigne*, which had originally come from Margaret's Grandfather, grew as plants were divided.

Many of those plants are still in Margaret and Don's care as Margaret inherited her Father's collection.

The Hayes' collection has expanded and diversified over the years as Margaret and Don travelled to Shows in Sydney and elsewhere and added to their range of Paphiopedilums. The *Paph. insignes*, however, still hold a special place in Margaret's heart. E.O.C. Shows have often featured Margaret and Don's Paphs on the Championship Bench and we hope that this year will be no different.

This is a true orchid love story.



**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
CWA HALL, MORUYA ON 11th JUNE 2021**



The Meeting opened at with the President Tony Groube in the Chair.

PRESENT: Members:24      Apologies: 5      Visitors: 0

Minutes of May 14th Meeting, accepted as true copy of meeting.

Motion: Glenda Clapin    Seconded: Michelle McIntosh

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Welcome back Graham Jackson., New Member: Joan Morgan

Plant of the Day Certificates-May :Open- Michelle McIntosh *Dendrobium biggibum* 'Miss Molly'

Novice- Peter and Diane Griffiths *Paph. insigne*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Income: \$366.47    Expenditure \$554.31    Loss for Month: \$187.84    Loss for Year: \$459.31

Motion for Report to be accepted: David Hay      Seconded: Robyn Baker



**SECRETARY**

Trophy order for shows, Printer purchased, Shirts ordered, Computer upgraded, Narooma Leisure Centre change of show date, committee correspondence, St Ives Show cancelled, Mingara Orchid Fair and Illawarra District Show flyers sent. Award judging process.      Correspondence to be accepted: Moved Glenda Clapin    Seconded Anne-Marie Collins

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Spring Show Dates 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Winter Judges - Hardy Beilharz, Travis Milton and Graham Gray. Spring judges:- Graham Gray, Jane Wright and Hardy Beilharz.

Ribbons have been ordered. Award Judging process received.

Covid-safe operating especially at show. We will need some volunteers to assist in complying with our Covid Safe Plan.

Meeting format seems popular from feedback. Both time and content. We will continue with format and timing until we are given feedback to the contrary.

Orchid crawl Sat 19<sup>th</sup> David and Diane Hay's, then Maria Kacarovski, then Gordon Marion's and Jean Swindley's.

Winter Show- Show Schedule available

1. Take flyers to put in car windows and around the area
2. Check CWA for lunch availability.
3. Bring orchids in 8<sup>th</sup> July Benching from 3pm-5pm Thursday. Judges from 6pm. CWA open from 2:00pm.
4. Seedlings go in their plant class then they'll have a tag to denote for a seedling and will be judged again under seedling.
5. Dockrillia all go in same class as Dockrillia
6. Volunteers for Covid, raffles, posies, sale table (if you have plants for sale fill in paper work)
7. Meeting for July- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>. To be in Newsletter and Website.
8. Leanda O'Connor will do floral art sales.

Inform OSNSW of date change for Spring show.

**Presentations-** Michelle McIntosh *Dendrobium Karsunx Speciosum* Windermere crosses budding. Gordon Marion- *Oncidium* keep flower spikes on for reflowering. Need some warmth.

**Plant of the day** –Open Section: Std *Cymbidium* 'Lime Leopard' Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube.  
Novice- *Aerides quinquivulnera* var *magnifica* -Jan Boyce .

**Raffles-** Helen Marshall, Bob Harper, Dorothy Kauffman x 2, Jean Swindley, Jan Boyce x 2

**Members Badge Draw-** 56 Diane Hay

**Meeting Closed 3:54pm**

Committee Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June Moruya Bowling Club 1:00pm Next Monthly Meeting: 2<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 1:00pm CWA Hall

**Secretary Glenda Clapin**



# JUNE POPULAR VOTE

## Open Section

- Species Aust.** Graham Jackson  
**Species Asia** David & Diane Hay  
**Species Other** Jean Swindley  
 Rod Thomas  
**Std Cym** Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
**Int. Cym** Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
**Mini Cym** Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
**Cattleya** Gordon Marion  
 Gordon Marion  
**Paphiopedilum** Gordon Marion  
**Masdevallia** Peter & Laurina van Est  
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**Aust. Native** Michelle McIntosh  
 Jean Swindley  
 Michelle McIntosh  
**Oncidiinae** Michelle McIntosh  
**Seedling** Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
**Miscellaneous** Michelle McIntosh (2)  
**Plant of the Night** *Cym. Lime Leopard*  
 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Jan Boyce



Michelle McIntosh



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

## Novice Section

- Species** Jan Boyce  
**Mini Cym** Sue Nash  
**Vandaceous** Suzanne Gray  
**Plant of the Night** *Aerides quinquevulera* var. *magnifica*  
 Jan Boyce



Rod Thomas



Gordon Marion