



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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DECEMBER 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS

NEXT MEETING
AGM + Xmas Party
December 4

From the President – December 2021 – FREUDIAN slip! I like it.

A difficult year coming to a close - we've missed the chatter of our get-togethers, the Shows and other Orchid Events, and the isolation has been difficult for many.

Here's hoping that things improve in 2022.

A big thank you goes to our Newsletter team, Sue, Diane and Glenda for a massive effort throughout the year.

The Final E. O. C. Function for 2021

On December 4th there will be a short A.G.M followed by Christmas drinks. This is replacing the annual Christmas Party and a chance to get together to farewell a pretty average year.

It will be held at Shelley Beach, Moruya Heads and it is important that Members be there before 4pm. when the A.G.M. will start.

Please bring your own chair, drinks and something to eat if you wish.

There will not be any Raffles but a number of lucky ticket prizes including a Hamper and Ham and Liz's very popular Orchid Baskets.

All members attending must wear masks and be double vaxxed.

Physical distancing is to be observed and there will be a QR code sign in.

Whilst this event will be a long way from how we've traditionally celebrated our end-of-year get together, it will provide a safe opportunity to "see out" an uncomfortable year. We hope that 2023 will provide the opportunity to meet regularly and get back to some sense of order.

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

The Benefits of Benevolent Open Growers for Novice Newbies

I joined our club in 2017 when we moved to the Eurobodalla. At the first night meeting, Ron Boyd, having won a raffle prize, handed it to me on his way back to his seat. I was a bit astounded at the time, but think I understand better now. What a lovely way to start someone's journey into the Love of Orchids. Over the years, a number of very successful orchid growers in the Club have been very generous with orchid gifts. I include a few photos with this article. The gifts have expanded my experience and deepened my learning curve as some have thrived and some, sadly have not survived.

				
<i>Cym. Mad Magic</i> Garry Evans	<i>Den. Yukidaruma</i> King Gordon Marion	<i>Sarc. Hartmanii</i> Heidi x Cherie Gordon Marion	<i>Den. Alan Painter</i> Jean Swindley	<i>Cym. Trevor</i> Hughes unnamed Liz Cleaver

I am doubtful that I would have invested in orchids I knew nothing about over the last few years. As our members would know, I have a long way to go in my journey. I still make mistakes in my experimentation, yet the generosity of gift giving has given me that room to try different media, positions in the orchid house, fertilizer regimes and pest management. I am in gratitude to all the growers that share orchids and to those who make orchids available for Club Raffles.

~ Glenda Clapin

A Great Survivor of the Fires

Graham Jackson rescued this *Cymbidium suave* after the fires. It was found on the ground near a burnt and fallen down tree. He gave it a new home in a hollow branch from the same tree.

The potting mix was made from medium bark and the black remains from inside hollow logs.

It has not looked back, putting on 14 spikes and living outside under the cover of another tree.

The Dendrobium Beetles love the flowers finding them in the afternoons. Graham puts his hand underneath them, then taps the spike until they drop off to be squashed. This *Cymbidium suave* is a great survivor of the fires.



Summer Maintenance

It is rewarding to see the new growth of orchids in Spring and early Summer, but these delicate growths have to survive the harshness of our Summer weather, so it is probably a good idea to reinforce practices for keeping your orchids happy in the heat.

- First check that sufficient shade is being provided. Leaves can be burnt so easily and delicate flowers will shrivel up rapidly if there is insufficient shade. A plant which may have been sheltered in Winter and Spring may now be exposed to direct sunlight for part of the day.
- Water the floors of your orchid growing area as this will help to keep up the humidity.
- Mist plants regularly on really hot days.
- Pay special attention to mounts and those in small pots.
- Consider double potting any plant which might struggle in the heat.
- Drop delicate plants to floor level if the heat is extreme and if you have the space.
- As a last resort bring inside any plants which will suffer on those really hot days we occasionally experience.

Happy Summer growing and don't forget the bugs!

For some Summer advice from the opposite hemisphere here is an article by Dr. Courtney Hackney from The Saint Augustine Orchid Society. <https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/200206Tips-Summer.pdf>

Terrestrial Orchids

Most Spring flowering terrestrials should be repotted in December/January. The following method of repotting is Nita Wheeler's method and is worth reprinting for those who did not hear Nita speak to the E.O.C. several years ago.

1. Tip out the contents of your pot of dried terrestrials onto newspaper and pick out the tubers. Toss old soil in a corner of the garden as over-looked tubers may appear in the growing season.
2. Half fill a pot (not shallow) with good quality seed raising mix. Add a pinch of Blood and Bone.....the only fertiliser used during the growing cycle.
3. Add more soil until the pot is 3/4 full. Place tubers on the top of the soil. Don't worry about which way to place them though they can be arranged by size.
4. Fill the pot almost to the top and shake down gently. Cover with chopped dried Casuarina needles.
5. Add a label and include the number of tubers on the label.
6. Water once only and don't water again until growth begins. Then water regularly.





Editor's Orchid Spotlight

Holcoglossum rupestre

This small to medium- sized, cool growing orchid with its pencil-like foliage comes from the Yunnan Province in China. This orchid requires patience. It is fairly slow growing (at least in my collection) and slow to bloom. When it does decide to bloom it takes at least six months from the first appearance of the flower spike to the time the flowers open, so this plant does nothing in a hurry.

Photos for our February 2022 Newsletter

Some orchids flower during our Summer break from meetings; in December and January and don't last until our February meeting so there is no chance to share them with others.

Here is a chance to do just that.

Take a photo or get a family member to take a photo and send it to Diane on 0409911087 or danddhay@bigpond.com and it can be used in our February Newsletter. Include the plant's name if possible.

Don't forget to get the best photo that you possibly can by checking that the light shows the flower to advantage and making sure there is nothing distracting in the photo like a finger or a dirty tag or a watering can or a dead leaf on another orchid.

It will be great to see which orchids flower in the height of Summer ~ Sue



New Members to EOC

We are pleased to welcome two new Members

Welcome

David Norman & Marilou Consulta

From Moruya

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party!



We send our best wishes

*to Members who are ill or
undergoing treatment.*

*We hope you are soon feeling much
better.*



Our Club Library is functioning once again...the list of books is on our website or call in and browse...

If you phone with a selection or even a topic that you are interested in we can deliver to the Xmas Party ... you can also return books there....

still a few outstanding.





**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD
Glenda & Tony Clapin's Property 22nd October 2021**

The Meeting opened at 3:00pm with the President, Tony Groube in the Chair.
PRESENT: Members:14 Apologies:3 Visitors: 0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer read his report for October:

Tony Groube has signed a copy of the NAB requirement for 2 signed copies of minutes and renew signatures and copy of Certificate of Incorporation. Jean still to sign.

Shirt orders are in.

SECRETARY

Minutes of May meeting read:

Moved to Accept: Glenda Clapin Seconded: Garry Evans

Correspondence from Council re Disability Accessibility of Council venues, Orchid Wiz delay due to slow mail from USA- Glenda will download from link. Tony can use Club code to download.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Committee considered holding a Christmas Function on 4th December. This is to be a non-catered get together, possibly 4:00pm-ish BYO drinks and nibbles. Suitable social distancing, and masks to be worn.
- Question: Do we make the event open only to those double vaxed.
Motion: We maintain Double vaxed condition for all events for the foreseeable future.
Moved: David Hay Seconded: Gary Evans
Motion Passed unanimously.
- Venue for Christmas Party: Shelley Beach. General meeting agreed that this would be a suitable venue.
Time: 4:00pm commencing with a 20minute AGM.
In the event of inclement weather, Sue Nash has offered her undercover deck.
- Newsletter will have to give notice of AGM.
Nomination forms to be sent with newsletter and given out at this meeting,
- Positions to be vacated: President Tony would also like to step down from the Committee, Glenda would like to be relinquished of the Secretary's duties, but would like to train up an assistant through the year. Sue Nash was asked. She would like to think about it. David will stay on as Treasurer if no other nominations for that role are forthcoming.
- The executive recommended that the fees remain \$10/year. Postal charge to remain at \$10. \$10 for a new member's badge.



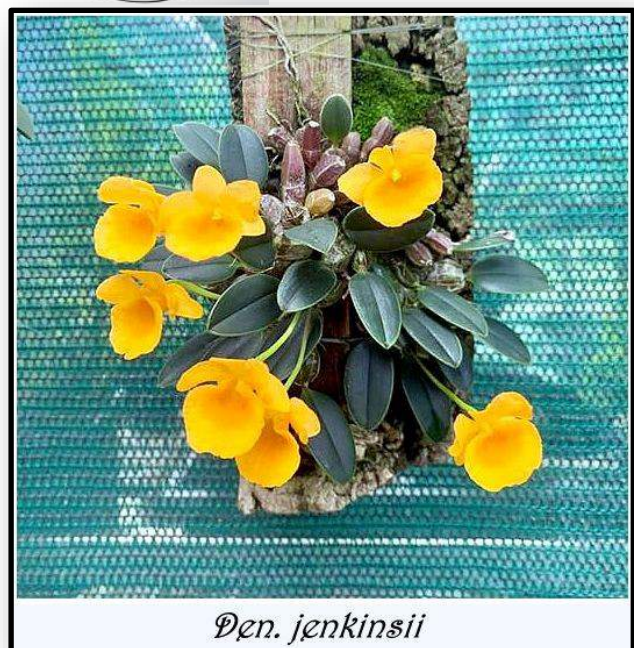
Meeting Closed 3:37pm

Glenda Clapin

EOC Secretary



D&D.Hay



Sue Carroll