



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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April, 2022

From President Diane...

I am really looking forward to this next meeting and do hope everyone can make an extra special effort to try to attend. Our Newsletter Editor, Sue, will present "Compact Orchids When Space is Limited". Sue has benched some beautiful tiny orchids over the years...some of her secrets may be revealed.

We are still ever mindful of the need to be Covid conscious and would appreciate all attending to wear a mask, observe social distancing procedures and regular hand sanitizing. Because we have missed the social gatherings we will trial a new "Cuppa Circle" at the conclusion of the Meeting. After all tables have been cleared and replaced and your orchids stored back into your vehicles, we invite you to bring a chair to a center circle in the hall, still social distancing, along with a cuppa, if you wish, & have a good chat. Barb will leave coffee, tea & milk in the kitchen for you to help yourself. Bringing your own cup will save extra work for all. No food ...just a cuppa & a good chat with our orchid loving friends! ~ Cheers, Diane

At our last meeting...

It was lovely to see some Members we have not seen for many months and also good to see some new faces and new Member David Norman at his first meeting.

Flower numbers were down on the benches but there were some beautiful flowers on display.

The Open Plant of the Day, *Tolu*. Private Stock x *Rrm*. Hawaiian Magic, belonged to Michelle and Bruce McIntosh and in the Novice Section, Jan Boyce's *Phalaenopsis* Unknown was successful.

The Raffle Table was very well stocked. Thank you to those Members who generously contributed plants etc.

Steve Morgan added to our knowledge of Bromeliads with an informative and entertaining presentation in which he showed examples of the many and varied types of Bromeliads.

These plants grow mainly in South America from the North to the Southern most tip of Chile and Argentina. Some are also found in Florida, Texas and Central America and they can be found in every imaginable temperature range. Some are grown by collectors for their foliage and others for their flowers. In nature they grow on trees and rocks and are fertilised by falling debris.

Steve spoke about Tillandsia; one of the Bromeliad family. They are known for only growing in one spot. eg. a colony might exist on the walls of a remote canyon in Mexico and no where else in the world. These plants, with their grass like foliage, generally grow mounted. They absorb moisture through their leaves and some species are VERY slow flowering, taking up to 15 years to flower. However it is their foliage and general appearance which is most appealing.

Steve's Cultivation Tips....

The mix he uses for potting is very loose and consists of perlite (20litres), pine bark (40litres), cheap potting mix (25litres) and charcoal. Drainage is vital. Don't overpot them.

They will grow in sandy soil in the garden, but if planting them in clay, leave them in the pot and put a layer of gravel into the hole before planting. Fertiliser is not vital.

Steve grows under 50% shade cloth. They need protection from frosts and in very hot weather he waters early and hopes for the best.

Grasshoppers can be a problem and Steve finds a spray with the hose to dislodge them and then dispose of them is the most effective way. He does not use chemicals if at all possible.

All Bromeliads form pups which can be removed from the main plant, as it will eventually die.

The pups of Tillandsia can be left to form a colony which can become quite spectacular over time. Thank you to Steve for sharing his extensive knowledge of these marvellous plants with us.

**The good news is that E.O.C. Members & friends have been invited to The Morgan's home to view Steve's collection and purchase from his Sales Table..... 11.00am Saturday, 7th May 12 Caitlin Crescent, Broulee
Hope to see you there!**

NEXT MEETING

April 8

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

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Treasurer:

David Hay
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Glenda Clapin
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Committee:

Anne-Marie Collins
Sue Nash

Una Roberts

Barbara Williams

Show Marshall:

Jean Swindley



At the next meeting...

Space issues, when growing orchids, can be a problem. Sue Carroll will talk about how she tries to deal with this problem and will show photographs of some of her favourite compact plants and talk about their habits and peculiarities.

A Tribute to Phil Grech.....

On February 19th, 2022, Phil Grech passed away and we extend our sincere condolences to his family.

The Orchid World will be poorer for his passing. Phil's approach to orchid growing was to be admired. His Orchid House was always spotless as he was very conscious of orchid diseases. He advocated the use of organic fertilisers and fed his orchids cow and horse manure tea which was always brewed with rainwater.

He was just as meticulous in his breeding of Cymbidiums and Dendrobiums. He would trace the plant's heritage looking for a particular quality in a plant before proceeding with a cross. Some beautiful flowers were produced by Phil.

He was the originator of 21 registrations and 3 were awarded; Den. Nanny Joy, Den. Julia and Den. Finoca. All were OSCOV awards. He also was the Registrant for 51 plants. 14 were awarded and the most successful were Den. Warrigal, Cym. Radiant Ruby, Den. Sheena, Den. Lochiel and Den. Noah. His Cym. Drouin Masterpiece 'Kaleidoscope' was Orchid of Distinction Victoria 2011. He won the 2007 Regional Show with Den. Jayden Goodie which was also awarded the Gold Ira Butler Trophy 2007.

He was a friend of the E.O.C. and was last in our region when he accompanied David Wain to a South Coast March Workshop several years ago. Phil will be missed by many.



Dennis Diehm, Phil Grech, David Wain and Tony Groube - some history there.

Monthly Maintenance

*With the rain this year being unpredictable, abundant and probably ongoing, keep treating those orchids which are not under cover. Use products containing Phos. Acid for rot. Regular applications while this wet weather persists (and even after it stops) is probably a good idea.

La Niña is predicted to be with us until late Autumn and another could emerge by Summer according to the Forecasters.

*Use Mancozeb for fungal diseases such as black spot and rust. It works well if used regularly.

*Continue to check for Scale and Mealybug.

*By now the shade cloth that was needed in Summer should have been removed.

*Check that cold sensitive orchids are in a sheltered place ready for the Winter chill. Think about double potting those that might need warmth that you can't provide.

*As Cymbidium spikes appear, a waft of surface spray well above the spike will help to keep chewing insects away.

*Start to reduce watering and fertilising for those orchids which need a Winter rest. Be aware of those orchids which grow all year round and still need fairly regular watering.



Editor's Orchid Spotlight



Zygopetalum Blue Lake 'Atlantis'

This beautiful *Zygopetalum* with its large flowers and attractive colour and perfume belongs to Graham Jackson. It will be one of the many orchids travelling by trailer, ute and removalist van to its new home in Stuart's Point.

This plant is the result of a cross between *Zygopetalum* B.G. White and *Zygopetalum crinitum*. The contrasting colours of the lip and petals (as with most *Zygopetalum*) makes it particularly attractive. Hopefully it will be happy in its new home.

Farewell Graham Jackson.....not Goodbye.

Graham Jackson is about to begin the next chapter of his life when he moves from Moruya to Stuart's Point on the Mid-North Coast.

Graham will be missed by the E.O.C. His practical approach to orchid growing, willingness to experiment and try new ideas and his passion for Australian Native Orchids will all be things we will miss. However he will stay as a Member, keep in touch and from time to time will post on the E.O.C. Facebook Page and contribute to the Newsletter.

We wish Graham well and safe travelling. We also hope his orchid collection travels well. Graham even has a shade house at his new home which is bound to be joined by several more in due course.

Enjoy the climate, the fishing, the beach and your orchids Graham!

All the best to you from all of us.



2022 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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| April 8 | Club Meeting: Sue Carroll 'Compact Orchids When Space Is Limited.' |
| (April 16) | Growers Workshop: Gordon & Jean Workshop Postponed till September 24) |
| May 7 | Steve Morgan's Home "Bromeliads & Tillandsias" |
| May 13 | Club Meeting: Round table Problem Plants: Tony Groube |
| June 10 | Club meeting: 'Jean Swindley 'Plant presentation & transportation for Show' |
| June 18 | Orchid Crawl: Tony & Liz Sue Carroll |
| July 7 | Set up for EOC Winter Show ... |
| July 8 & 9 | EOC Winter Show - CWA HALL Moruya |



The link below is interesting reading if you are attracted to mounted orchids. A'na Sa'tara and her husband Paul have a site called 'An Essence of Orchids'. They are not commercial growers, but grow orchids (Australian Dendrobiums amongst them) for the sheer love of the plants.

Her photographs are beautiful and their passion is undeniable.

<https://www.aeorchids.com/orchid-culture/mini-orchid-logs/>



From the Treasurer: Membership Fees

Annual Membership fees are now due and payable to Treasurer David Hay.

He'll accept dues at the April Meeting or they can be posted to him.

Fees are \$10 single Membership and \$15 for a family Membership.

Those wanting hard copy Newsletters/Minutes , which will be sent by Australia Post, should add the additional fee of \$10.

Newsletters will cease for those not renewed by 31st March 2022.

Preferred method of payment is Direct Deposit: BSB 082 739 ACC 131636113 Don't forget your name.

Cheques made payable to Eurobodalla Orchid Club



**From the Treasurer...
EOC banking details for all
payments
NAB Moruya
BSB 082 739
Account No. 131636113
Don't forget your name!**



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Held at CWA hall, Moruya on the 11th March, 2022

The Meeting opened at 2:00pm with the President Diane Hay in the Chair.

Present: Members: 23 Apologies: 2 Visitors: 1

Minutes of 11th February 2022 Meeting, accepted as true copy of meeting.

Motion: Diane Hay

Seconded: Sue Carroll

Welcome to our Honorary Member & Speaker for this Meeting: Steve Morgan

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer read his report for February:

Income: \$275.13 Expenditure: \$60 Profit for Month: \$215.13

Profit for Month: \$14.14 Loss for Year: \$45.44

Motion for Report to be accepted: David Hay Seconded: Michelle McIntosh

- **Correspondence:** Deferred till next meeting. Secretary Glenda called in to deliver all Club shirts ordered but was unable to stay for the meeting.
- **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
- Member Graham Jackson was invited to inform everyone of his planned move to the Kempsey area. He presented the Club with a tray full of his surplus plants for our future raffle table. His talk was received with much applause as we all wish him well for his future move.
- Guest Speaker, Steve Morgan delivered an impressive talk and display of some very lovely Bromeliads & Tillandsias, which was well received by our Members. Steve invited our Club to visit him at his home later this year.

Plant of the Meeting –Open Section: *Tolu*. Private Stock x *Rrm*. Hawaiian Magic owned by Michelle & Bruce McIntosh **Novice Section:** *Phalaenopsis* Unknown owned by Jan Boyce

Raffles and Members Badge Draw- 37 Garry Evans, 26 Sue Carroll

Meeting Closed 3:15 pm

Next Committee Meeting: Friday 18th March

Next Monthly Meeting: 8th April, 2022



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Guest Speaker and Honorary Member of EOC, Steve Morgan delighted our Members with an interesting talk on Bromeliads & Tillandsias.

It was great to be able to finally present David Norman with his Club Badge



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Phalaenopsis Unknown



E.O.C & friends invited to visit Steve's
Saturday, May 7, 11am

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Next Meeting
Friday, 8, April 2022
1pm: Setting Up and Popular Vote
2pm: General Meeting
CWA HALL, QUEEN ST. MORUYA
VISITORS MOST WELCOME!
Speaker: EOC Member, Sue Carroll
"Compact Orchids When Space is Limited"



Orchids for sale at front door
Orchid Raffle \$1
More info: 0414 721 655 or 0409 911 087

Try not to miss this one!