



# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

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May, 2022

### From President Diane...

Greetings to all Members! It was a shame the weather was so terribly unaccommodating for our last meeting, but those Members who did brave the elements were well rewarded with an excellent presentation by our newsletter editor, Sue Carroll, who spoke about space issues and growing some of her most favoured plants, accompanied by a great slide show. Many Members went home with some tiny treasures to nurture....Thank you Sue!

Our Attendance Book that afternoon did not accurately reflect the number of Members present at the meeting & we remind everyone that this is essential for insurance purposes ....so please make sure you sign in at every meeting.

We continue to remain COVID conscious and welcome Members to stay after clearing the tables & chairs for a cuppa & a good chat with our orchid loving friends! ~ Cheers, Diane

### NEXT MEETING

May 13

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

### President:

Diane Hay  
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### Vice President:

Garry Evans  
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### Treasurer:

David Hay  
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### Secretary:

Glenda Clapin  
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### Committee:

Anne-Marie Collins  
Sue Nash  
Una Roberts  
Barbara Williams  
**Show Marshall:**  
Jean Swindley

### At our last meeting...“Compact Orchids When Space is Limited” ....with Sue Carroll



Maxillaria juergensii



Cattleya coccinea



Dendrobium jenkinsonii



Pleurothallis matudana



Pleurothallis allenii



Chusquea nattermannii

### A SPECIAL REMINDER

E.O.C. Members & friends have been invited to The Morgan's home to view Steve Morgan's Bromeliad & Tillandsia Collection and purchase from his Sales Table.....

11.00am Saturday, 7th May 12 Caitlin Crescent, Broulee

Hope to see you there!



## At our last meeting.....

In spite of the damp conditions, 18 Members turned out for the April meeting and it was pleasing to see a visitor call in, stay for the meeting and join the Club. Welcome Johnathan Roberts.

Just as Member numbers were down, so were benched plant numbers down, but there were still some lovely plants to see.

Glenda Clapin's *Miltonia spectabilis* won the Novice Section with its lovely large flower and there was a tie for the Open Section Plant of the Day between the stately *Dgmr*. Memoria Jay Yamada 'Kauai' owned by Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube and Sue Carroll's *Stenoglottis fimbriata*.

Peter van Est had a wonderful display of Masdevallias on the bench and he was asked to choose which one he thought was the best. Interestingly he chose the same plant that was chosen in the Popular Vote. Masdevallia Funky 'Black Bart' is a beautiful little flower which presents well and has crisp colours.

'Compact Plants when Space is Limited' was the topic for the day and Sue Carroll outlined why she needs to grow compact plants and how much enjoyment they bring. Most plants featured in the slide show were species and many of them were mounted. The Pleurothallidinae group and Sophronitis (now Cattleya) group dominated the presentation but a number of other small growing species were also shown. Members were invited to comment or question during the presentation and this allowed the chance for discussion. Some Members were able to take home a small plant to add to their collection.

The meeting ended with some orchid related questions and sharing of information.

## At our next meeting.....

Garry Evans is leaving us and moving to Victoria very soon, but before he goes Garry has agreed to talk to us about how he has successfully grown his orchids in Narooma. Photographs of his beautiful plants and his immaculate Orchid House will feature.

The rest of the meeting will take the form of a round table discussion of problem plants and will be led by Tony Groube.

Here is your chance to tap in to the experience of other growers who can often answer questions that the internet can't. eg. Why do my soft cane Dendrobiums have yellow leaves? Is it a problem with my culture or is it part of their life cycle?

If you have a particular plant with a problem, bring it along in a plastic bag to avoid the possibility of spreading the problem to other plants.

These sessions can be very useful and informative if Members are willing to participate.

Come along, air your concerns about your plants and let's hear what others have to say!



## Winter Show Preparation has already commenced.

Show Preparation has already commenced. It is over two and a half years since the E.O.C. has held a Show and we would like the Winter Show in Moruya in July to be a huge success.

How can Members help?

At the next meeting in May there will be flyers, advertising the Show, for you to take and display in your local community.

You will also have the opportunity to put your name down to assist at the Show.

## Monthly Maintenance

- ◆ Many orchids are spiking at this time, getting ready for their Winter or Spring blooming time.
- ◆ Some measures can be taken to protect those precious spikes. If you have the space, orchids can be brought inside to flower. It is not a bad idea to spray the plant before bringing it inside to make sure there are no unwanted hitch hikers. Just don't spray the spikes.
- ◆ If you are flowering your plant outside, try and protect the young flower buds from rain, especially those which emerge from a sheath. Water inside an opening sheath can spell disaster.
- ◆ Sprinkle snail pellets if you are pestered by snails. There are plenty about after the rain and they love young, tender flower growth. The small snails are particularly hard to spot.
- ◆ Watch out for grasshoppers. Spraying with water often flushes them out and a visit after dark to the orchid house with a torch may help to identify if they are present. They also enjoy chomping on fresh growth.



Hopefully there are not many caterpillars around at this time of the year.

Do take whatever measures you can to protect your developing flowers.

There is nothing more deflating than finding a precious flower mutilated by a bug.



## Editor's Orchid Spotlight

### ***Procatavola* Golden Peacock.**

This beautiful orchid is the result of a cross between *Brassocattleya* Richard Mueller and *Prosthechea vitellina*. It is one of the most vigorous and prolific growing orchids to be found.

It will grow and flower well in many settings. The flowers are long lasting and it may flower several times a year.

This lovely example was benched by Diane and David Hay at the April meeting.

### **A Message to Novice Orchid Growers.....**

Please don't be shy about bringing your flowering plants to a meeting. We have all been Novices and understand your hesitancy, but there is no lovelier sight than the Novice table covered in flowering orchids. There is always someone eager to help you fill out your card and place your plant in the correct category if you need help.



### **E.O.C. Members have been invited to view Steve's remarkable Bromeliad & Tillandsia collection and hopefully have the chance to buy something to take home.**

Steve's home is at 12 Caitlin Crescent, Broulee. Using Google Maps to guide you is the easiest way to find it.

The instructions below are for those people who prefer written directions:

Turn off George Bass Drive at St. Peter's College and turn left into Xanthus Drive. Follow this street until you come to a T-junction. Turn left where it says No Through Road, then left again into Caitlin Crescent.



### **2022 CLUB ACTIVITIES**



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| <b>May 7</b>          | Steve Morgan's Home "Bromeliads & Tillandsias" 11am  |
| <b>May 13</b>         | Club Meeting: Garry Evans " My Narooma Orchid House"<br>Round Table Problem Plants Discussion: Tony Groube |
| <b>June 10</b>        | Club Meeting: 'Jean Swindley 'Plant Presentation & Transportation for Show'                                |
| <b>June 18</b>        | Orchid Crawl: Tony & Liz 10 am. & Sue Carroll 11 am.   |
| <b>July 7</b>         | <b>Set up for EOC Winter Show ...</b>  |
| <b>July 8 &amp; 9</b> | <b>EOC Winter Show - CWA HALL Moruya</b>   |

### ***Just heard this.....***

*This is a second hand story of a lady in this area who produces lush and lovely ferns, orchids and some more exotic plants which all grow happily together in a green house enclosure.*

*It is her fertilising method which is most interesting.*

*Three times a year in Spring, Summer and Autumn she blends up a mix of Dynamic Lifter, Blood and Bone and bananas which she has kept in the freezer as they become over ripe. The bananas are thawed and are black externally but that doesn't matter. The mix is blended until it is the consistency of a dip, so water must be added as needed. This is then applied in dollops to all the plants. They thrive.*

*The blender is for outdoor use only!!!*

### **Here's another FB site for those keen on mounted orchids.**

The founder lives in Long Beach, California and the group is fairly new.

It is interesting to see what other people choose to mount and how they go about it.

Search for.....

Mounted Orchid Cultivation and other Epiphytes. [\(Mounted Orchid Cultivation and other Epiphytes | Facebook\)](#)



**Mounted Orchid Cultivation and other Epiphytes**

Public group · 3.1K members

Joined + Invite

You don't need to be a member of Facebook to view all the lovely orchids there, You can access them via our Club website ...just click on the Facebook link.

### **Cleaning Orchid Leaves.....**

Orchids breathe through their leaves so a build up of dust, spider droppings, fungicide residue and excess fertiliser isn't particularly good for them. It doesn't look attractive either.

Using plain water to carefully wipe either side is probably the best method to clean orchid leaves, but sometimes it isn't enough.

There have been many weird and wonderful products used over the years but below are a few methods which have been used and proved to be safe:

- One drop of dishwashing liquid in a cup of water can be used to wipe the leaves. Follow up with a wipe of plain water.
- A drop or two of EcoOil in a cup of water is effective but be careful not to get the leaf too shiny.
- Equal parts of fresh lemon juice and water will work well in removing mineral deposits. Citrus is supposed to act as a bug repellent too so that is a bonus.



If you are hesitant about using any cleaning method, test it out on one or two plants and wait a day or two before tackling large numbers of orchids.

If you clean your orchid leaves regularly they will look better and probably feel better too.



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Held at CWA Hall, Moruya on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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

Present: **Members:** 13      **Apologies:** 5      **Visitors:** 1

Minutes of previous Meeting, accepted as true copy of meeting.

Motion: Glenda Clapin    Seconded: Helen Marshall

**.Liz Cleaver was invited to give an update on Tony Groube - We wish him well.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Income: \$472.16    Expenditure \$244.50    Profit for Month: \$ 226.66    Profit for Year: \$396.75

Motion for Report to be accepted: David Hay    Seconded: Liz Cleaver

Requested permission to pay for club trailer registration: accepted

**SECRETARY** asked if anyone wanted changes to the group that receives all Club newsletters? Sue Nash off.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Vice President update: Garry will leave the Club and return to Victoria. He will be around for a few months. He has enjoyed his experience with the Club.
- Afternoon tea at the end of the meeting. Please sit around the circle and discuss growing problems or interesting phenomena. Retain safe distancing and only take mask off to speak or drink.
- Member Sue Carroll was invited to present her slide show "Compact Orchids When Space is Limited" which was very much appreciated by the Club Members.
- Member Peter Van Est had benched an impressive display of Masdevallias & was invited to give a critique on them.

**Plant of the Day - April. Open Section - Dgmra.** Memoria Jay Yamada "Kauai" Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube tied with *Stenoglottis finbriata* Sue Carroll.    **Novice Section:** *Miltonia spectabilis* Glenda and Tony Clapin

**Raffles** – Barbara Williams, Una Roberts x 3, Diane Hay, Anne-Marie Collins, David Hay, Liz Cleaver

**Members Badge Draw-** 15 Alan Cooke

**Meeting Closed 3:07pm**

Committee Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Diane and David's 2:00pm

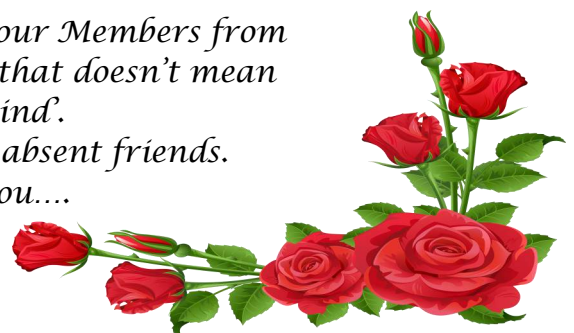
Next Monthly Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1:00pm



*Sometimes circumstances prevent our Members from participating in E.O.C. events but that doesn't mean 'out of sight out of mind'.*

*We send our best wishes to our absent friends.*

*We are thinking of you....*



## At Our April Meeting

### Open Section

#### **Species Other**

Tony & Sue Carroll

#### **Mini Cym**

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

#### **Cattleya**

David & Diane Hay

#### **Masdevallia**

Peter & Laurina Vanest

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#### **Oncidiinae**

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Tony & Sue Carroll

David & Diane Hay

#### **Plant of the Night**

*Stenoglottis fimbriata*

Tony & Sue Carroll

*Dgma.* Mem. Jay Yamda 'Kauai'

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



*Stenoglottis fimbriata*

Tony & Sue Carroll



*Pcv.* Golden Peacock

Diane & David Hay



*Cym.* Butterfly Kisses "Viridian"

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



### Novice Section

#### **Species & Plant of the Night**

*Miltonia spectabilis*

Tony & Glenda Clapin



*Dgma.* Mem. Jay Yamda 'Kauai'

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



*Masd.* Funky "Black Bart"

Peter & Laurina Vanest

### **OUR EOC LIBRARY**

The EOC Library is functioning and D&D welcome all Members who wish to borrow, to simply phone in your desired topics or books and they will deliver them to you at the next meeting for you to return at the following meeting.

