



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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June, 2022

From President Diane...

Greetings to all Members! It's almost "SHOW TIME" and at our next meeting our Show Marshall, Jean Swindley, will focus on the many things that are important for the success of our Winter Show. We will be in need lots of helpers so please offer your services...we need you! Covid is still with us and while we remain ever mindful of safe practices, we are intending to have a supper break half way through the meeting. Barb will leave coffee, tea & milk in the kitchen for you to help yourself (bring your own cup). Your supper contribution is welcomed on the kitchen table. Looking forward to seeing you there! ~ Cheers, Diane

At our last meeting...

Twenty-two members and one visitor attended the last meeting and it was very pleasing to see the Novice Bench covered in plants. It was good to see the Griffiths return to a meeting. We were treated to photographs of Garry Evan's wonderful Orchid House in Narooma. Garry created a space for his orchids along the side of his house and incorporated an entertainment area in the same space. Below his 70% shade cloth roofing he has wire between the wooden supports. This enables him to hang pendulous cymbidiums and other orchids and attach the yo yos he uses to train cymbidium spikes. The floor is sand covered by pebbles and a sprinkler system is used to keep the floor damp. The benches are wire which allows good air flow and drainage and he has a fan installed. Garry has created an area at the back of his Orchid House for extra large plants. He waters with rainwater which is collected from the roof and stored in a tank. Garry always waters by hand with a watering can. Decorative touches on the walls which are used to highlight certain orchids add an extra touch to this already beautiful space.



NEXT MEETING

June 10

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

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Committee:

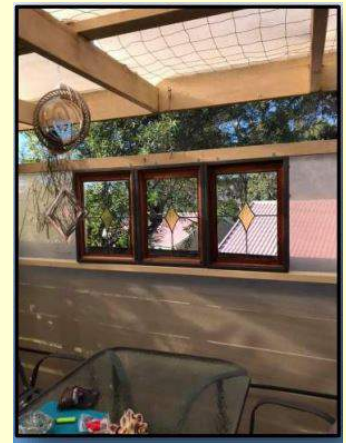
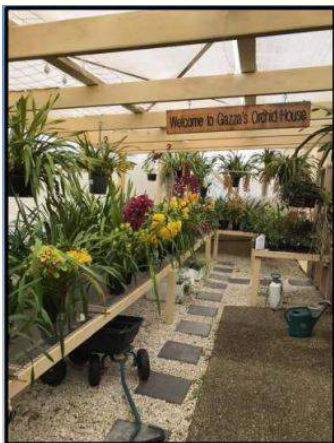
Anne-Marie Collins
Sue Nash

Una Roberts

Barbara Williams

Show Marshall:

Jean Swindley



Garry's method for growing Cymbidiums..... Garry's aim is to produce large plants with multiple flower spikes and here is his very successful method. He gives Terry Poulton credit for some of his ideas. 1. Garry pots on his orchids and only divides if absolutely necessary. When he is forced to divide he uses Plant Starter to help establish the new divisions. 2. He waters and fertilises very regularly, so uses a free draining mix which is composed of equal parts of Coir from Bunnings (soaked in water and Go Go Juice), Perlite and Orchiata Bark. 3. He fertilises from October to February with Campbell's Diamond Special T water soluble NPK fertiliser and from March to September with Calcium Nitrate Prill. He also uses Epsom Salts. 4. Both Conguard concentrate and EcoOil are used as pest deterrents.

Thank you to Garry for his very informative talk.

Thank you also to Peter van Est for the keikis of *Pleurothallis palliolata* which he brought along for Members. In about two years our benches should be covered in this delightfully different orchid.

The winners of the Open Section were Michelle and Bruce McIntosh with their very beautiful *Oncidium* Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollars'. In the Novice Section, Diane and Peter Griffith's lovely *Oncidesa* Gold Coin Butte 'Everglades' was the plant chosen by Members as the winner.

At the next meeting..... Jean Swindley will talk to us about Show procedures, how to present an orchid for showing and how to best prepare your orchid for travelling to a Show. Labels for orchids, Entry Forms and Sales Forms will all be available and Jean will discuss how they should be filled out. It has been 33 months since a Show, so a little revision will be helpful for everyone.

Plant Labels..... This is just a reminder to take care when writing your plant labels for benching and especially for Shows.

If your handwriting is dodgy, try printing your labels for extra clarity. The label must include the name of the genus which always has a capital eg. *Brassavola* followed by the species or hybrid name. A capital is used to begin hybrid names, so ***Brassavola Little Stars*** is correctly written. Lower case is used to begin species names so ***Brassavola nodosa*** is also correctly written. If you are not sure about your label please check with one of the other Club Members. The following article may be of use to you: <https://garden.org/learn/articles/view/4461/Getting-to-Know-Your-Orchids-by-Name/>



Pleurothallis palliolata

The Club's visit to Steve Morgan's Bromeliad collection on May 7th was a very enjoyable event.

The weather was perfect and a good number of Members and friends attended.

Steve's passion for these plants was immediately evident as soon as his back garden was entered. Avenues of plants sitting on benches and hanging from beams covered most of the space. There was not a gap to be found. Many Members left with a box of the plants which Steve had for sale. We look forward to seeing Steve and his Bromeliads at our Spring Show in Narooma in August and we thank him very much for allowing us to view his really amazing collection. Members at our last meeting viewed slides of Steve's collection and it was featured on our Club Facebook Page. Steve thought we may enjoy these plants that are in flower now...

These are not Bromeliads but Rhipsalis.



(Steve's contact number is 0407 604 823 if you'd like more information.)

Wanted to give away.....a number of garden plants. If anything on this list appeals to you, please call Sue Carroll on 0438591257, stake your claim to a plant or two and they will be brought to the next meeting for collection. Clivia, including a yellow one, Crinum pedunculatum, Morning, Noon and Night plants, small Agave plants, Aechmea gamosepala (common bromeliad with pink and purple spiked flowers), cuttings of Iresine and cane begonias, 1 pot of Echium candicans and several pots of a medium sized, vigorous fern.

Editor's Orchid Spotlight

Maxillaria grandiflora



This lovely triangular-shaped flower presents as a single flower on a 10 to 12 cm. stem. A mature plant can support a number of flowers at the one time. The plant is best grown in pots and baskets and left undisturbed for as long as possible. With its origins in the cloud forests of South America, it enjoys moisture all year round with a slightly drier rest in Winter. It grows in cool to warm temperatures in medium light and is ideally suited to our conditions. Most sources report it as flowering in Spring and Summer but as with some Maxillarias there are exceptions. This beautiful flower is currently blooming happily in Jean Swindley's collection.

Wanted..... Orchid flowers and foliage are needed for the posies which will be sold at the Winter Show. This year Sue Nash and Glenda Clapin will be making posies prior to the Show. In the next Newsletter we will give exact details of time and place to drop off your orchids.



Orchid Crawl.....

Saturday, June 18



The planned visit to Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube's home and The Carroll's has been cancelled due to Tony's health situation. We send our best wishes to Liz and Tony.

2022 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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| June 10 | Club Meeting: Jean Swindley
'Plant Presentation & Transportation for Show' |
| June 18 | Orchid Crawl Cancelled |
| July 7 | Set up for EOC Winter Show ...CWA HALL, Moruya |
| July 8 & 9 | EOC Winter Show - CWA HALL, Moruya |
| August 12 | Speakers: Lynn & Brian Phelan |
| August 26 | Set up for Spring Show |
| August 27& 28th | EOC Spring Show |
| September 9 | Speaker: Rob Fish - Phalaenopsis |
| October 14 | Speaker: Jane Wright |



Lesson Learned.....Sue Carroll

For many years I have had a pot of *Coelogyne cristata* in my orchid collection. It has grown slowly, been divided occasionally and flowered sporadically but has not been at all spectacular.

This year it looks wonderfully healthy, with good foliage, plump pseudobulbs and a number of flower spikes. This plant grows outside, on a pole with some shade but no cover.

The only difference this year is the Summer rain, rain and more rain. Clearly in the past it has not been watered enough or regularly enough.

A little research into the background of this orchid revealed that it experiences Summer monsoonal downpours for months. Lesson learned.

Last year Michelle McIntosh talked to us about water-well pots and the incredible difference they had made to her *Coelogyne Unchained Melody* (*C. cristata* x *C. flaccida*) Water once again.

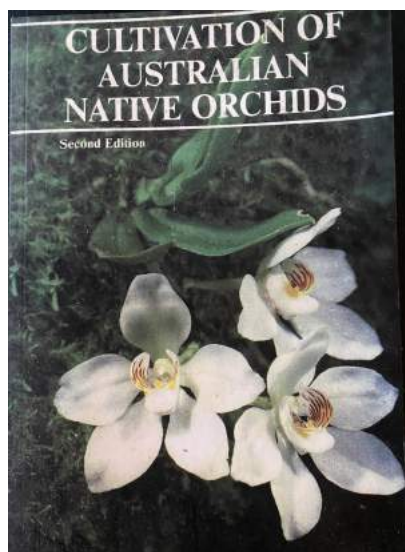
This is just a small example of the importance of understanding each plant's origins and therefore their cultural needs.



Member Jonathan Roberts receiving his EOC Membership Badge .

Graham Jackson reports.....

Graham has settled well into his home in Stuarts Point and so have his orchids. They travelled fairly well though his large *Lc. Fluoro Flash* lost several spikes in transit. All his Natives are doing well and his *Den. speciosums* are spiking early. His next project is a new shade house.



This new little book , and several others, will be available for borrowing at our next meeting...

They come in a light carry bag and may be returned at the next meeting.

If you are looking for a special topic please phone it through....

Diane: 0409911087



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....





**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

Held at CWA Hall, Moruya on the 13th May 2022

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

New Member Jonathon Roberts was welcomed and presented with his Club Badge

Present: **Members:** 19 **Apologies:** 7 **Visitors:** 0

Minutes of previous Meeting, 8th April, accepted as true copy of meeting.

Motion: Glenda Clapin Seconded: Anne-Marie Collins

Plant of the Day Certificates: - February-Ron Boyde *Paph. Saint Aeithin x sanderianum*

March-Jan Boyce *Phalaenopsis Unknown*, Michelle & Bruce McIntosh *Tolu. Private Stock x Rrm. Hawaiian Magic*,

April-Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube Dgmra Memoria Jay Yamada "Kauai", tied with Sue Carroll *Stenoglottis finbriata*.
Glenda and Tony Clapin *Miltonia spectabilis*.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer read his report for Month:

Income: \$264.15 Expenditure \$453.66

Loss for Month:\$189.51 Profit for Year: \$207.24

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Tony is unable to do discussion on problem orchids due to medical appointment.
- Our June meeting will cover 'Preparations for the Winter Show' with Jean Swindley.
- We will need cymbidiums and foliage for posies. We don't need bottle bases until the Narooma Show.
- Liz and Brian Phelan will present to us in August. They will have plants to sell.
- Robert Fish will present on Phalaenopsis in September.
- Jane Wright will speak in October she will have plants to sell.
- Peter van Est has donated kikis for club members. They are *Pleuro. polipolata*.
- Garry's Slide Show & Presentation - Cymbidium House and growing Cymbidiums
- Photos of our visit to Steve Morgan's Tillandsias and Bromeliads.
- Visitor Steve gave a report on Ian and Judy Zacker.

Plant of the day - Open Section Bruce and Michelle McIntosh- *Oncid. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollars'*

Novice Section Peter and Diane Griffiths-*Oncsa. Gold Coin Butte 'Everglades'*

Raffles – Marie Ridden x 2, Sue Carroll, Glenda Clapin, Jan Boyce x 2, Ron Boyd, David Hay, Barbara Williams x 2, Peter Van Est, Anne-Marie Collins, Sue Nash, Ray Huddleston,

Members Badge Draw- 62 Una Roberts

Meeting Closed 2.59pm

Committee Meeting: 20th May, Diane and David's 2:00pm

Next Monthly Meeting: 10th June 2022 at 1:00pm for set up, 1.30pm Popular Vote, 2pm Main Meeting



At Our May Meeting

Popular Vote

Open Section

Species Asia

D & D Hay

Cattleya

D & D Hay

Paphiopedilum

Ron Boyd

Masdevallia

P & L van Est

Aust. Native

M & B McIntosh

Vandaceous

M & B McIntosh

Oncidinae

M & B McIntosh

Plant of the Day

Oncidinae

M & B McIntosh

Novice Section

Cattleya

Jan Boyce

Oncidiinae

P & D Griffiths

Miscellaneous

G & T Clapin

Plant of the Day

Oncidiinae

P&D Griffiths



Oncid. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollars'



Ron Boyd

Open Plant of the Day

Oncidinae

M & B McIntosh



G & T Clapin



Oncsa. Gold Coin Butte 'Everglades'

Novice Plant of the Day

Oncidiinae

P&D Griffiths



Jan Boyce

