



# EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

## Newsletter

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July, 2022

It is with a great deal of sadness that we need to inform our Members and friends that Tony Groube passed away on Friday, June 24th. Tony had been battling illness for several years, fighting each stage valiantly and was at a meeting as recently as 2 weeks ago, still ready and willing to chat and give advice. Our very sincere condolences go to his family and to Liz. Tony joined the E.O.C. in 2007 after meeting Liz and very quickly embraced orchid growing and the orchid world. His excellent memory enabled him to quickly learn the intricacies of orchid culture. He was a stickler for accuracy when it came to orchid names and helped many members identify their plants accurately. He and Liz travelled far and wide to orchid shows and on orchid related trips to other countries where they were able to view the plants they loved in their natural environment. After some gentle pressure Tony agreed to become President of the Club in 2010 having served as Vice President the year before. He continued in this role until last year. He was responsible for instigating The President's Sausage Sizzle ( which was more than its name indicates), organising a number of Workshops with other clubs but perhaps the highlight of his time as President was the very successful 2019 South and West Regional Show which was staged in Moruya. Tony and Liz were always so generous with the time they gave to interested people who wanted to view their vast collection. They were always encouraging of beginner growers by giving plants to get them started. The other Orchid Clubs to which Tony belonged have also benefited from his knowledge and willingness to share. He will be missed by many and especially the Orchid World.

### At our last meeting.....



The sun shone and 28 members and 4 visitors attended the June meeting. Two of the visitors joined the Club and we welcome Mundi and Denis Tomlinson. It was great to see Lia Cooper rejoin the Club after a long period of ill health...welcome back Lia! The Plant of the Day in the Open Section was the very lovely *Zgd.* Calico Gem 'Green Valley' owned by Gordon Marion. Glenda and Tony Clapin were the winners in the Novice Section with *Zygo.* B.G. White 'Alberville'.

Before a tea and coffee break, Jean Swindley refreshed our memories about Show procedures, as it has been over two years since the E.O.C. has staged a Show.

- Plants being shown must have been owned for at least 6 months and must be free of pests and disease.
- Entry forms, which list all plants being shown, must be handed in at the beginning of the Show.
- Plant cards must show the correct name of the plant, the class in which it is being shown and the member's number.

**All entries must be phoned in to Jean Swindley, Show Marshall, 0412999452, on July 4th between 10am. and 8pm.**

After the break, Jean was joined by Gordon Marion to give us some tips for the safe transportation of orchids to the Show.

- Pot holders or a rubber drawer liner in a box will prevent slipping. Pack pots tightly or use old hand towels or crumpled newspaper stuffed between the pots to keep them secure.
- Hanging plants can be laid out in a shallow box with the wire hanger poked into the edge of the box or hung from your protective seat covers if you have them.
- Large plants can be placed in a hole cut out of an upturned box.
- Gordon's idea for transporting pendulous plants is excellent. Tape two pots together with their bases facing and screw the bottom pot to a piece of board.
- Finally make sure your pots are clean . If that isn't possible slip the plant inside a clean pot.
- When all plants are ready to be transported waft a spray of Surface Spray over the top of them to get rid of any bugs you may have missed.

Next on our programme....

**The Winter Show**  
**CWA HALL**  
**Queen St, Moruya**  
(Full details in Newsletter)

### President:

Diane Hay  
0409911087

### Vice President:

Garry Evans  
0448121064

### Treasurer:

David Hay  
44739547

### Secretary:

Glenda Clapin  
0414721655

### Committee:

Anne-Marie Collins  
Sue Nash

Una Roberts  
Barbara Williams

### Show Marshall:

Jean Swindley

## The Winter Show

**There will not be a July meeting as our Winter Show will be held on Thursday, 7th July (set up & Judging), Friday, 8th July 9-4pm (open to the public) and Saturday, 9th July, 9-2pm (open to the public).**

- Set up on the 7th July will commence at 2pm. Members are needed to assist with this .
- At 3pm. benching may begin if the Show Marshall indicates that the tables are ready.
- Benching should be finished by 5pm. so that judging can commence.
- Once your plant has been benched and displayed to your satisfaction, with its best side facing the front and its tag indicating that position, you are asked not to touch your plant ( or any other plants) until the Show is over.
- If you are showing for the first time, please don't be concerned. Ask anyone and they will be happy to assist you.
- Helpers will be needed during the Show and especially with the packing up on Saturday from 2pm.

**Please do not water your plants for several days before the Show.  
Let's all pitch in to make this a really great Show.**



### Posies for the Winter Show.....

Glenda Clapin and Sue Nash have kindly offered to make the posies for the Show and will be doing this on **Wednesday, July 6th at Sue's home at 3 Dell Parade, Moruya Heads.** (Sue's mobile: 0414916145)

If you can help by providing orchids or foliage could you please deliver them to Sue Nash's home on Wednesday morning or the day before. David & Diane will be collecting orchid flowers for posies from the Tuross Head & Moruya area on the Wednesday morning and would be very happy to call in and collect yours along the way. ..Ph: 0409911087 Thank you.

### A Special message from our Covid Marshall/Secretary

Dear EOC Members,

As our Winter Show organization is in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the need to still be conscious of the ever present risks of contracting Covid.

There are still up to 25 people in NSW dying of Covid in a day. There are in excess of 45,000 cases reported in the last 7 days. Covid is in our community, and although we who are healthy may be able to rest on our laurels a little if we are triple vaccinated, there are many in our club community that either are immune compromised or care for those who are.

So if you are coming to our show and you are not able to maintain a safe distance from others, could you please "mask

up". If you are auditorily challenged and need to be close to people to hear them, then please "mask up". If you care for someone who is immune compromised or you are in that category yourself, then please "mask up". If you are going into the kitchen to make a cuppa, then please "mask up" and don't congregate in there for a chat. If you need that chat, ask your fellow orchid grower to meet you out the back for a chat. (that sounds a bit ominous doesn't it- but I think you might get my drift).

There will be hand sanitizer at both doors, however the largest threat is from breathing in air that has been inside someone else who may have the virus. So please take care for your own sake and the sake of your fellow Club Members.

Kind Regards, Glenda Clapin, EOC Secretary



### From Graham Jackson ...

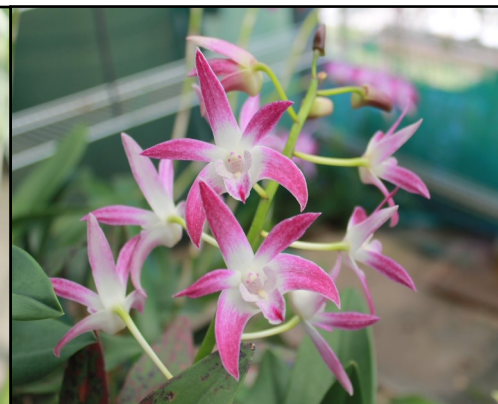
Graham sent us his best wishes for a successful Winter Show. He also sent some photos of his orchids in flower. The change in climate from Moruya to Stuart's Point is making a difference to flowering patterns in his collection.

We wish him well with the building of his new greenhouse and we look forward to his photos.

Photo 1 First flowered seedling Den. Tooradin 'Massacre' X Australian Colourfest 'Ebola'

Photo2 Cym Choc Mint One of my favourite Cymbidiums

Photo3 Den. Ann's Rainbow Surprise Leaves a bit damaged from the fires but new growth is fine.





## Editor's Orchid Spotlight

### Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Only One'

This lovely Cattleya belongs to Jean Swindley. The parent plants are *Brassavola* Little Stars and *Cattleya* Mem. Robert Strait. This particular flower is certainly saying 'Look at me!'

A  
Memory  
from  
the  
Past....  
2015



Grand Champion  
Cym. Valley Winter 'Ultimate',  
owned by Bob & Muriel Bell.



Reserve Champion,  
Masd. Magic Dragon 'Pink Dragon'  
owned by Peter & Laurina Van Est

EOC WINTER SHOW WINNERS

### 2022 CLUB ACTIVITIES



July 7 Set up for EOC Winter Show ...



July 8 & 9 EOC Winter Show - CWA HALL Moruya

August 12 Club Meeting, Lynn & Brian Phelan

August 26 Set up for Spring Show, Leisure Centre Narooma

August 27/28 EOC Spring Show, Leisure Centre, Narooma

September 9th Club Meeting, Robert Fish "Phalaenopsis"

October 7th Club Meeting, Jane Wright

## For our Phalaenopsis Lovers....

### Aerial Roots

Many orchids will start to grow aerial roots, which project upwards and out the sides of the pot you are growing your orchid in. This is a perfectly normal feature of epiphytic plants, which are used to growing on the surface of other plants. The roots usually have to be a bit more creative in looking for nutrients and water, so aerial roots are a consequence of this.

The air roots of an orchid are an important part of the plant and help to ensure that the plant gets the nutrition it needs. The best advice is to leave them alone. Let them spill out of the pot and do their own thing. They are often quite useful for determining whether your plant needs watered.

Hydrated air roots are green and vibrant. Dehydrated air roots are light green, grey or white and look dry and feel slightly crispy. Watering the plant will lead to an immediate colour change in the air roots.



### **What Should I Do With The Stem After The Orchid Has Finished Flowering?**

It's really tempting to cut the stem back once the orchid has finished flowering, but this isn't a great move for the long term health of the plant. The reason is that the stem is a store of essential nutrients for the plant, like a battery, that the phalaenopsis orchid will use to sustain itself over the next few months, while it builds the energy to flower again.



Many people feel that the best option is to cut the stem part way up, above the 3rd or 4th node. This leaves a long section of stem, and seems to encourage new growth from one of the upper nodes on the stem.

If you don't like the look of the bare stem, you can always place the orchid in a less visible location of your house. I do this with most of my orchids. I have a recovery room, that all my non-flowering orchids hang out, and then I move them to areas on display once they start flowering. Having said this, orchids usually don't enjoy sudden changes in their climates, so it you don't mind too much, you are best finding a location that your orchid loves and keeping it there, rather than moving it all round your house.



**EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC.,**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**Held at CWA Hall, Moruya on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

Present: **Members:** 27      **Apologies:** 1      **Visitors:** 2

Minutes of previous Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> June, accepted as true copy of meeting.

Motion: Glenda Clapin      Seconded: Anne-Marie Collins

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer read his report for Month:

Income: \$487.48      Expenditure \$379.50

Profit for Month:\$107.98      Profit for Year: \$315.22

Motion for Report to be accepted: David Hay      Seconded: Tony Groube

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

We will have a cuppa break today.

Review of coming events.

Jean Swindley gave a presentation of the process of registering entries and how to prepare for the show.

Special note:-

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, call Jean (0412999452) to let her know how many plants in each class that you plan to bench and also how many big plants you will bring.

The plant tag indicates which way you want the plant to face on the bench.

If your plant gets damaged in transit, there are tags to place on your plant "Damaged in Transit" (the judges will know if the plant was damaged before transit)

**Popular Vote: Open** *Zda.* Calico Gem 'Green Valley' Gordon Marion

**Novice** *Zygo* BG White Alberville G&T Clapin

**Raffles:** Bob Harper, Ann- Marie Collins, Glenda Clapin, Mundi & Denis Tomlinson, Liz Cleaver, Robyn Baker, Dorothy Kaufman x2, Helen Marshall

**Badge Draw-67** Bob Harper

Book Bags loaned to Suzanne Gray, Lia Cooper, Helen Marshall

Meeting Closed 3:45pm

**Committee Meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> June, Diane and David's 2:00pm

**Next Monthly Meeting:** will be our Show weekend, so no formal meeting.



**Open Section**

**Species Aust.**

1st Jean Swindley

**Species Asia**

1st Peter Stubbs

**Species Other**

1st Gordon Marion

2nd Jean Swindley

2nd Tony & Sue Carroll

**Std Cym**

1st Gordon Marion

**Int. Cym**

1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

**Cattleya**

1st Jean Swindley

**Masdevallia**

1st Peter & Laurina van Est

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1st Jean Swindley

**Aust. Native**

1st Helen Marshall

2nd Jean Swindley

**Oncidiinae**

1st Gordon Marion

**Seedling**

1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

**Miscellaneous**

1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

1st Jean Swindley

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**Plant of the Meeting**

*Zda. Calico Gem 'Green Valley'*

Gordon Marion

**Novice Section**

**Miscellaneous**

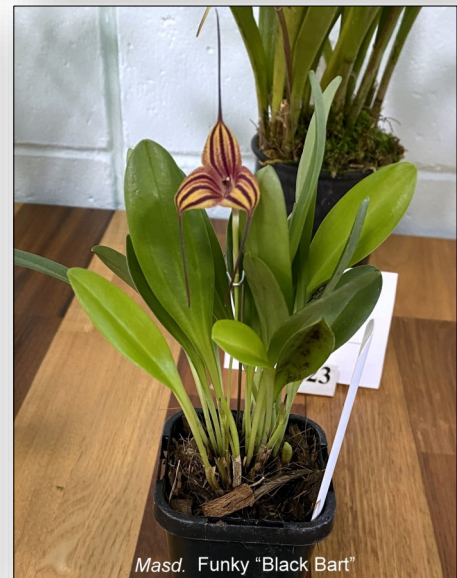
1st Tony & Glenda Clapin

**Plant of the Night**

*Z. B.G.White 'Alberville'*

Tony & Glanda Clapin

# Plant of the Day



# June Meeting