



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

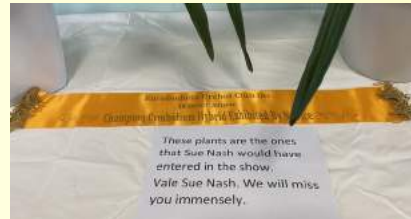
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FROM THE PRESIDENT....

These certainly have been extremely testing times for us all....just when we thought things couldn't get worse...they did! Vale Sue Nash.

Thank you to a wonderful Membership who have strongly supported E.O.C and carried us through it all with a beautiful Winter Show and now together we will endeavor to make our Spring Show In Narooma just as successful. ~ Best Wishes, Diane



Our next meeting-

Friday, August, 12

Speaker:

Brian Phelan

Odontoglossums and Miltoniopsis

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Anne-Marie Collins
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Barbara Williams

Just a few days before the Winter Show, we received the incredibly sad news that our friend and EOC member, Sue Nash, had passed away. Sue had been a member for the last few years and had quickly become involved in the Club. She worked on the Raffle Table at meetings, joined the Committee, opened her home for Club meetings and thoroughly enjoyed learning about orchid growing and applying it to the plants which she already owned. Her love of plants and her skill in growing them was evident to anyone who visited her home and garden. Sue was looking forward so much to her first Orchid Show and was excited to be entering two plants. To honour their Mother's desire, Sue's sons and daughter, Maddie, Daniel and Jarrah brought her two magnificent Cymbidiums to the Show. Her orchid growing skills were on display for all to see. To Daniel, Maddie, Jarrah and their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Sue will be sorely missed by her family, her friends and the Members of our Club. Vale dear Sue .

E.O.C. WINTER SHOW

The July Winter Show, the first in Moruya for 3 years, was welcomed by the visiting public and praised by the Judges for the variety and quality of the plants. Congratulations go to Jean Swindley, the Show Marshall, and President Diane Hay and the Committee for staging this Show. It could have been a very somber event given the loss of two of our valued members in very recent times, however many E.O.C. Members joined together to help make this Show a success. At least 8 Members helped with the posies, others sold raffle tickets, assisted in the sales area, took photographs, welcomed the visitors, gave advice to interested growers, transported equipment, helped set up and pull down tables and baked cakes and slices for sustenance. This Show was truly a team effort and let's not forget those who benched plants. The comment was made that everyone visiting the Show seemed in good spirits and very happy to see our Club back doing what it does best of all.

Well done to everyone involved and a very heartfelt thank you to all who helped.

Congratulations to Jean Swindley who won Grand Champion in the Open Section with *Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Only One'* and to Maree Ridden whose *Dendrobium Esme Poulton 'Tinomee'* won Novice Grand Champion.



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Championship	Names	Plant Name
Grand Champion	Jean Swindley	<i>Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Only One'</i>
Reserve Champion	Gordon Marion	<i>Sartylis Braveheart 'Sandy'</i>
Cymbidium hybrid over 90mm	Gordon Marion	<i>Cym. Flaming Vulcan 'Gist'</i>
Cymbidium hybrid 60-90mm	Gordon Marion	<i>Cym. Catamarca '105'</i>
Cymbidium hybrid under 60mm	Garry Evans	<i>Cym. Darwin Sunset</i>
Australian Native Species	Jean Swindley	<i>Ptst. Robusta</i>
Australian Native Hybrid	Jean Swindley	<i>Den. Unknown</i>
Laeliinae Hybrid	Jean Swindley	<i>Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Only One'</i>
Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Ron Boyd	<i>Paph. Cocoa Pride x Paph. Cocoa Lovely Oliver</i>
Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	Peter & Laurina Van Est	<i>Dracuvallia 'Vampire Stripes'</i>
Oncidiinae Hybrid	Gordon Marion	<i>Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'</i>
Other Orchid Hybrid	Gordon Marion	<i>Sartylis Braveheart 'Sandy'</i>
Species	Sue & Tony Carroll	<i>Max. picta</i>
Specimen	Sue & Tony Carroll	<i>Max. picta</i>
Seedling	Ron Boyd	<i>Paph. Cocoa Pride x Paph. Cocoa Lovely Oliver</i>
Novice Orchid (of show)	Marie Ridden	<i>Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinomee'</i>
Novice Cymbidium Hybrid	not awarded	
Novice Species	not awarded	
Novice Other orchid Hybrid	Marie Ridden	<i>Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinomee'</i>
Most Successful Exhibitor (Open)	Gordon Marion	
Most Successful Exhibitor (Novice)	Marie Ridden	



~Photography by Johnathan Roberts~

AT OUR NEXT METING

Friday, August 12th.

Doors of CWA Hall in Moruya open at **1 pm.** for table & chairs set up.

(Lots of help needed from the physically fit! Take extra care not to scrape the newly polished floor.)

Benching must be completed before **1.30pm.**

Popular Vote: 1.30pm.

Meeting starts at 2pm.

2pm:The speaker for this meeting is Brian Phelan from Shoalhaven. Brian and Lynne are experienced and accomplished orchid growers with a wealth of knowledge to share.

This time Brian will be speaking to us about Cool growing Odontoglossums and Miltoniopsis etc.

They will have plants to sell.

Coffee Break followed by E.O.C General Business



Monthly Maintenance



- The current wet and cold weather is not good for orchids. If they aren't under cover make sure you keep spraying with Phosacid. If you can get them out of the rain temporarily it might be a good idea, at least until the sun shines again.
- Try to make sure there isn't any water on leaves before a predicted cold and frosty night.
- Take special care of seedlings and young plants at this time. Putting them temporarily inside a box could help to insulate them from the cold if you can't keep them inside.
- The positive side of the occasional winter chill is that, in many cases, cool periods help induce or enhance bud initiation and flowering.
- Keep on checking your orchids for flower spikes and take measures to protect them from pests. Sarcochilus should have very obvious flower spikes by now.
- August is the time to start preparing for Spring re-potting by checking supplies of potting medium, pots and tags and making sure that pots, benches and tools are clean.
- Providing the weather is not too cold, re-potting can begin in August especially for those cool growing genera such as Masdevallias.



We send Best wishes to all our Members who have been unable to attend our meetings due to health related issues.

We are thinking of you & hope to hear from you soon

Would you like to grow Cattleyas?

Having seen the beautiful Cattleya belonging to Jean Swindley, which won Grand Champion of our Winter Show, perhaps you might like to try your hand at growing Cattleyas. Their sometimes used name 'The Queen of Orchids' is well deserved. They have long-lasting, showy flowers which come in many colours and can be very large or quite dainty and small. The plants are fairly slow-growing but long-living and are very sturdy plants.

In our region, without a heated orchid house, Cattleyas can be grown.

Rentoul suggests that a minimum of 10 degrees with occasional periods of lower temperatures is ok and the Orchid Society of NSW suggests a range of 7 to 32 degrees will suit Cattleya. They appreciate a temperature drop in the evening. It is advised that the potting medium should be open and free draining.

Most sources agree that regular watering in the growing season from Spring to Summer is recommended with far less water in Winter. The plants should dry out in between watering and never be allowed to have wet feet for extended periods of time. Morning watering is also recommended.

Cattleyas like bright, indirect light and morning sun is the best for them. Their foliage is the best guide. Dark green leaves probably means not enough light, while yellowing leaves means too much light. The right amount of light is essential for good flowering.

A good air flow will help to keep diseases away, but regular checking for pests is advisable.

Minimal but regular feeding is recommended from Spring to Autumn.

Removal of dead sheaths for cultivated plants is highly recommended. This would occur in nature without human intervention.

If you decide to buy Cattleya from one of the many Orchid Nurseries that sell them, it is a good idea to have a chat to the owners to see which are suitable for your area and conditions.



Editor's Orchid Spotlight

This delightful small plant won Champion Laelinea at the Batemans Bay Winter Show.

It belongs to Jean Swindley and she describes it as 'easy to grow'. It is indigenous to Brazil and grows well in our climate given good air flow, medium to bright indirect light and cool to intermediate temperatures.

Whilst Jean's plant is grown in a pot, it can also be grown mounted.



2022 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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| 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 |



Our Spring Show

Our Spring Show is only weeks away on **27th and 28th August** so now is the time to start preparing your plants for the Show. If you have plants outside that are about to flower, then you may like to bring them under cover to avoid any spots caused by rain. Spikes can be staked and plants and leaves can be cleaned.

Remember to ring Show Marshall Jean Swindley on 0412 999 452 on Monday 22 August between 10am and 8pm to register your plants.

Show Set up on Friday, 26th August 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 Sunday from 2pm.

Please do not water your plants for several days before the Show.

Also, if anyone has flowers or foliage suitable for making posies, please bring that along as well.

Every little bit helps.

Let's all pitch in to make this another really great Show.

A REMINDER FROM OUR COVID MARSHALL /SECRETARY



Dear EOC Members,

As our Spring 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 people in NSW dying of Covid each day, so if you are coming to our Spring 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 outside 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 the door, 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



ORCHID POSY BASES ARE NEEDED BEFORE THE SPRING SHOW!

If you have access to some 1250ml plastic bottles please contact

David Hay and he will organize their collection.

PH: 0409 904 403 or 02 44739547





Some Winter Show Flowers



~Photos by Jonathan Roberts