



EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB INC

Newsletter

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September 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Greetings everyone! I hope you found the new meeting arrangements worked well for you. It was good to begin the afternoon with our Popular Vote and then our Speaker followed by a good break for tea/coffee & a chat, before we have the actual Club business. Please remain aware that we continue to live with the Corona Virus, mask up accordingly, and use the provided hand sanitizer.
~ Diane

At the last meeting.....

August's meeting was a very informative event. It was well attended and 3 new members joined the club. We warmly welcome Vivienne White from Bodalla, Margaret Brown from Dalmeny and Heather Dennison from Batehaven. There were some beautiful plants on the benches and the Novice bench looked fantastic. Peter and Laurina van Est's magnificently flowered *Pleurothallis truncata* won the Open Section and Diane and Peter Griffith's equally magnificently flowered mini- Cymbidium won the Novice Section. The break for afternoon tea was a good chance to discuss the presentation from Brian Phelan which took place prior to the break.

Next Meeting
Friday, Sept. 9th
Doors open 1pm
Speaker:
Robert Fish



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Mundi Tomlinson helping at the well stacked Raffle Table. Thank you Mundi!



Jean Swinley receiving her Vice President's badge...once again. Thank you Jean!



Mundi & Denis Tomlinson receiving Member and Committee Member badges. Welcome Mundi & Denis!



At the next meeting....

September 9th. Doors open at 1.00pm. Plants to be benched by 1.30pm. Meeting commences at 2pm.

Guest Speaker: Rob Fish

Rob and Sue Fish are successful growers of several different genera of orchids but none more so than *Phalaenopsis*. At the next meeting Rob will be talking to us about how they grow their *Phalaenopsis* and will hopefully have some tips for those of us who love them and try to grow them. **The very good news is that they will have some baby *Phalaenopsis* for sale.**

They will also be selling some *Dendrobium Delicatum* 'Lorelai' plants. These have their origins with Sue and Rob's awarded plant from the 2019 Moruya Orchid Spectacular. If you attended this wonderful event you would have seen this enormous *Dendrobium* which was transported in its own trailer to the Show.

I don't think we will be seeing the 'parent' plant on display again so take advantage of its offspring!

Odontoglossum Culture.

Brian Phelan began growing this genera as a Novice which is a fairly brave step to take given the reputation of Odontoglossum as being difficult to grow and 'fussy'. Brian was successful and has continued to grow these beautiful plants in a far more sophisticated manner. His glasshouse is equipped with an evaporative cooler to ease the effect of dry warm winds, fans to circulate air, foggers to keep up the humidity and a heater in one end which provides the warmth needed for Miltoniopsis which he grows in the same house. It drops to a minimum of 10 degrees. However Brian stresses that Odontoglossum can be grown in a bush house with a hard roof providing certain conditions are met.

They like indirect light and will grow successfully with Masdevallia, Paphiopedilum and Phalaenopsis. Cool Summer temperatures are necessary, as is a hard roof to give control over watering.

Brian grows in Sphagnum Moss and Perlite...2/3 Sphagnum to 1/3 Perlite.

Plants should not be over potted and they should be repotted each year with just enough room for a year's growth. Medium should be kept moist at all times but never soggy. There is a short dormant period after flowering and the medium can be allowed to dry out a little more at this time but not completely.

Brian grows in transparent pots so that he can monitor root growth and moisture content. This pot is then slipped inside an opaque pot.

Peter's Excel is used at every watering (1 teaspoon in a bucket of water) with a once a month watering with plain water. This is another reason for repotting every year, as there will be a build up of salts.

They can flower all year round but their peak flowering time is late Winter to Spring.

Some tips from Brian:

Don't let your plant flower in Summer. Remove the spike.

Don't leave flowering spikes on the plant for too long.

Repot in Autumn or Spring.

Remove all leafless bulbs before repotting.

If bulbs start to show signs of shrivelling, cut off flower spike.

Check plants individually to assess watering needs.

First Aid for a sick plant.....take out of the pot and remove all dodgy roots.

If there are no roots, trim back the leaves by 2/3. Put plants into moist

Sphagnum, stake them and wait.

To prepare Sphagnum Moss from a dried bale, pull off the amount needed, tease it apart, place in a plastic container and spray with water in a mister turning constantly until it is damp. Then chop into short sections and mix with Perlite.

Only prepare as much Sphagnum as you will use in a short period of time.

Some members were able to purchase some of Brian and Lynn's orchids to add to their collection. Hopefully we will see them in flower on the bench at a meeting next year.

We want to thank Lynn and Brian for making the trip to Moruya and for sharing their knowledge with us.



Peter and Laurina van Est are moving to Albury to be with family.

Whilst we understand the reason for their move, we will miss their company and their beautiful orchids. Peter donated all his orchid books to the Club for an auction. They were auctioned in two boxes and the bidding for the first box was spirited.

Peter also brought along a tray of Pleione bulbs to give to members.

We thank Peter for his generosity and remind everyone to visit the Spring Show to see Peter's lovely orchids one more time.

If you haven't found time to pot up those Pleione bulbs, check out this site

[How to Pot Pleione Orchids - Care and Growing Tips - YouTube](#)

(You may need to SKIP the ads)



The link below is to an article by Sue Bottom from the St. Augustine Orchid Society in North Florida and may help you understand what is happening with the leaves of your orchids and how you may be able to help stop this happening.

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/CalciumAndMagnesiumbySueBottom.pdf>

Thank you Mundi Tomlinson for sending this link to us.

If anyone has an article of interest to share, please send it to any Committee Member who will forward it on for publishing in the Newsletter.

This article by Ken Slump is interesting, not just because it is a list of 'easy' orchids to grow, but because it poses generalities that can be applied to growing 'easier' orchids.

<https://www.orchids.org/articles/easy-orchids>

If any member would like a hard copy of the on-line articles to which we refer, please call Sue on 0438591257 and it will be happily arranged.

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Maria Kackarovsci has her own Spring Show

on her back patio!



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

Monthly Maintenance

- September is a busy month with the repotting of orchids being a priority. If you are using bark as your potting medium make sure it is damp. The temptation to add bits and pieces to your bark is always there, but bear in mind Ron Boyd's advice to keep it simple and just use bark. The addition of organic life pellets or some slow release fertiliser may be of benefit when repotting and a final drink of Seasol should be beneficial. Once repotted, set your plants aside in a cool place for several weeks before returning them to their spot.
- For those orchids grown in Sphagnum, the advice given by Brian Phelan about the preparation of Sphagnum Moss applies to all orchids grown this way.
- The warmer weather in September will encourage pests and bugs to emerge so watch out and be aware and if necessary treat your plants. Have EcoOil on hand and something stronger such as Conguard if you spot an outbreak.
- It is time to return to the Spring regime of watering and fertilising. Just watch out for those occasional nights of low temperatures and make sure your watering and fertilising is done before noon at this stage in the year.
- Dendrobium beetles will be appearing soon. The damage they cause will be apparent on your plant for years so don't let them into your collection. If your orchid house can be completely sealed this is a great deterrent. If not check late in the day for adult beetles and spray them or knock them into a container of water. Preventative sprays such as Carbaryl can be used for adult beetles but it is vital that they be caught before they lay eggs, so start your campaign early.

Editor's Orchid Spotlight

Oda. Star of Jersey



Brian Phelan had several of these beautiful plants for sale.

This plant had its origins in the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in Jersey in the Channel Islands and received an Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society.



This much nicer photo of Oda. Star of Jersey comes from the Mt. Beenak Facebook site. Clive Halls is one of the few orchid nurserymen in Australia who sell Odontoglossum and he is winding down to retirement very soon. The chances of adding any of the Odontoglossum family to your collection within Australia is becoming slimmer and slimmer.

Open Section



POPULAR VOTE WINNERS



Species Aust.

1st Tony & Sue Carroll

Species Other

1st Peter & Laurina Vanest

2nd Peter & Laurina Vanest

Std Cym

1st Liz Cleaver

Int. Cym

1st Liz Cleaver

Mini Cym

1st Liz Cleaver

Masdevallia

1st Peter & Laurina van Est

2nd Peter & Laurina van Est

3rd Peter & Laurina van Est

Aust. Native

1st Jean Swindley

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Seedling

1st David & Diane Hay

Plant of the Meeting

Pleuro. truncata

Peter & Laurina van Est



Peter & Laurina van Est



Liz Cleaver



Liz Cleaver



Peter & Diane Griffiths

Novice Section

Species

1st Jan Boyce

Std Cym

1st Jan Boyce

Mini Cym

1st Peter & Diane Griffiths

Aust. Native

1st Denis & Mundi Tomlinson

Plant of the Meeting

Cym. Unknown

Peter & Diane Griffiths



Jan Boyce



Denis & Mundi Tomlinson



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



Held at CWA Hall, Moruya on the 12th August 2022

The Meeting opened at 2:05pm with the President Diane Hay in the Chair.

Present: **Members:** 24 **Apologies:** 2 **Visitors:** 6

Guest Speaker, Brian Phelan spoke about the culture of *Odontoglossum* and *Miltonia*. (See newsletter for details.)

Plant of the Day Certificates: - carried over from previous months

Badging Members- Jean Swindley – Vice President; Mundi and Denis Tomlinson as Committee Members.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer read his report for the Month:

Income: \$4485.05 Expenditure: \$3859.30

Profit for Month: \$522.75 Profit for Year: \$402.65

Motion for Report to be accepted: David Hay Seconded: Lia Cooper

Motion: that the club trailer be insured for another year.

Moved: David Hay Seconded: Glenda Clapin Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Jean discussed the Spring Show & asked Members to phone their entries in Monday 22nd, August, 10am-8pm.
- Secretary discussed provision of tea and coffee to the public at the Spring Show.
- **(Popular Vote: Open Peter and Laurina van Est *Pleuro truncata***

Novice Diane and Peter Griffiths *Cymbidium unknown*

Raffles: Dorothy Kauffman x 3, Sue Carroll, Suzanne Gray x 2, Tony and Glenda Clapin x 2,
Anne-Marie Collins, David Hay, Michael Munchenberg, Alan Cook, Peter and Laurina van Est, Lia Cooper

Badge Draw-Heather Denison

Auction of books from Peter and Laurina van Est- Suzanne Gray and Denis Tomlinson

Request from Suzanne Gray- anyone with *kingianum* kekis please bring them to the Spring Show.

Meeting Closed 3:26pm

Next Committee Meeting: After Spring Show

Next Monthly Meeting: 9th September

Secretary Glenda Clapin



2022 CLUB ACTIVITIES

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