



Milton - Ulladulla

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B.B.Q. INVITATION

Members of M.U.O.S. are invited to Tony & Liz's place on Sunday, 25th February, at 12 midday, for a B.B.Q. and orchid chit chat, by Tony Groube & Liz Cleaver.

There will be plants for sale.

If you wish alcoholic drinks, please bring your own.

The address is

5 Garagarang Street, Malua Bay.

SEE YOU THERE.

PRESIDENT'S B.B.Q.

President's B.B.Q. is on the 25th March at 12 midday.

Address is 27 Jubilee Ave, Ulladulla.

More details at March Meeting.

RAFFLE WINNERS from February Meeting

Bruce McIntosh 2, Rod Thomas 2, Liz Cleaver 2, Jo Church 4, Marilyn McDougall 4, A.M.Collins 2, Mildred Hughes, Sam Burton 4, Margaret Turner, Marilyn Higgins 2, John Harriman 2, Rhonda Spry 2, Annette Neilsen, Doreen Cambourn 2, Rhondda Hubbard, Barbara Williams, Mary Glading 2, Bob Harper, Liz Karacsonyi.

Orchiata Bark 40L bags can be ordered from Budget Produce Ulladulla on 44541373 for \$31.50 per bag. It takes a few days to come in.

FEBRUARY 2018



NEXT MEETING:

12TH MARCH 2018

Guest Speaker— Wayne Hamilton on shade house construction.

CWA Hall Milton NSW

Plants to be benched between

1pm and 1.30 pm

WISH LIST

If there is an orchid you are after—on your "WISH LIST"—then let the Editor know and it will be in the next Newsletter. :)

WISH LIST

Anne-Marie C. — is after an Oncidium "Twinkles", any colour or size, unnamed is fine.

Also after back bulbs of cymbidiums to learn on—don't need to have names but it would be nice. Will be shared with other NOVICES wanting to learn how to grow back bulbs.

FOR SALE

Starting next newsletter we will have an orchid FOR SALE section.

Contact the Editor [Anne-Marie] with lists of names, photos and prices. Pick up would probably be at meetings. :)



FEBRUARY MEETING GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker at the February Meeting was Tony Karacsonyi, he spoke on pests and diseases in our orchids, which is a very serious topic. Tony offered a variety of potential methods and products to combat a range of pests and diseases. Here are some excerpts from his notes. More will be in the next newsletter. I am sure, if you need further information, Tony would be most happy to help you. As a novice, I found his talk most enjoyable and beneficial. A.M.C.

Excerpts from Tony's notes.



The mealy bug.

After having tried dabbing them with metho [burns the leaves, left the plant looking sad and took a long time to bounce back] and then treating with insecticide, I moved on to cotton wool bubs dampened with water or confidor & water, to wipe off the thick white infestations. Once done, spray all the foliage with confidor spray [I think it's 5mls/litre]. If it's in the potting mix as well then water with confidor mix or re-pot and then water with the mix. Keep this up until all bugs are gone. Most plants will just need a quick wipe and spray.

Also increasing air flow will reduce mealy bug.



Brown spot/black spot

I have found Roseshield and Triforine—seems to be the better fungicide, perhaps less harsh, but only use half doses, these products will yellow off leaves, especially at full doses. Repeat spray every few days. I only do 2 sprays all up. Dabbing on diluted copper sulphate solution onto the affected brown/black spots also seems to work. Sarcs DO NOT COPE with copper sulphate solution. With all treatments I try to use half doses. Some orchids like odontoglossums appear to be set back and stunted following treatments, so try to minimise treatments.

Black spots appears to take hold during cold weather, so perhaps move orchids into warmer spots over winter, and if you see black spot etc—treat them. As you all know, best to spray in the morning, as against evening, so as plants have a chance to dry off by nightfall. Good drainage of your potting mix, will reduce the incidence of black spot. Cutting off affected leaves/stems helps too [although it will reduce your plant and it's ability to transpire/breathe].

More to come next newsletter. :)



Thank you to Rhonda Spry for being our tea lady, your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Barbara for volunteering to be the new tea lady, however, after a discussion it was decided that Bob Harper would be the new tea man. He is local and can find someone else in an emergency.

So, **WELCOME Bob Harper as our new tea man.** :)

cheers AM.



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Orchid Supplies

Karen and Eddy have new stocks of Orchiat bark at \$35 per bag and are offering 15% discount on pots to orchid club members – proof of membership should be provided please.

CLUB WINNERS from our February meeting:

OPEN:

- Paphiopedilum:** Wayne Hamilton
- Cattleya over 70:** Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Onc Alliance:** Frank Bowyer
- Species:** Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Vandaceous:** Michelle McIntosh

NOVICE:

- Cattleya: over 70:** Jo Church
- Dendrobium:** Jo Church
- Oncidium Alliance:** Jo Church

- Species:** Jo Church
- FERN:** Mildred Hughes
- FOLIAGE :** Frank Bowyer

Popular Vote:

- Open:** 1st Michelle McIntosh [Vandaceous]
- 2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube [Species]
- Novice:** 1st Jo Church [Cattleya]
- 2nd [equal] Jo Church [Cattleya] & Jo Church [Species]

GROW COMP. WINNERS: Tony G. & Liz C.

Well done to those who benched & the best of luck to everyone with your growing, flowering and benching in 2018.



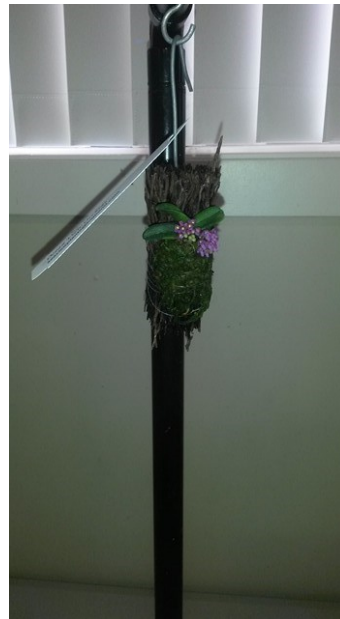
Wayne Hamilton



Liz C. & Tony G.



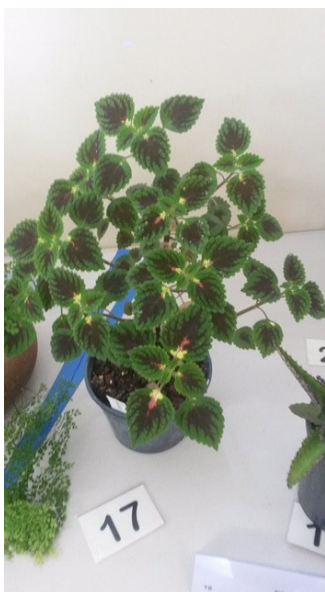
Jo Church
Equal 2nd
Novice



Tony G. & Liz C. 2nd Open



Frank B.



Frank B.



Michelle Mcl. Open Winner

Mildred H.



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Jo C. Novice winner



C. Hawaiian Wedding Song “Virgin” x L. [Leneborosa X Phillis’s Hatfield]

Grown and flowered by Michelle McIntosh

Society Polo Shirts

Society Polo Shirts can be ordered from the Secretary.

These are coloured purple with a white logo and are

available in the following sizes.

Ladies 8-24

Mens-5xL

-REMEMBER -

Please do not water your plants before benching them, at our meetings or shows, as it makes quite a mess. Thank you. :)

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A restful recuperation to Sylvia Hawkins and we hope to see you soon at our meetings.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY to Ray Nolan, who has had shoulder surgery. Gayle will be very busy looking after him—good luck. :)

Get Well Wishes to any club member that is unwell.



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Grown and flowered by Michelle McIntosh.



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ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER
ALAN'S COLUMN FEBRUARY 2018

We have now started the new year with record high temperatures, at Glenbrook we have had record high temperatures for days on end 40 degrees C plus! Most growers in the western suburbs received some burn on the leaves of their plants. DO NOT CUT the burnt part of the leaves off let it drop off then spray with AUXINONE®. After a week or two spray with MANCOZEB®. If the temperature looks like getting above 30 – 33 degrees C spray the plants with ENVY® at label rate. This will keep the plants growing. DO NOT OVER WATER during the heat wave! During summer a little extra potassium could be helpful. Many growers use a little extra magnesium sulphate, growers use many different of rates to keep the respiration moving the leaves will also be nice a green. DO NOT LET THE LEAVES get extra green. Many growers still like to use CAMPBELLS YELLOW in mid summer, they say it helps build up the bulbs for the next years flowers! Be careful! I like to use extra magnesium during the summer months!

Every year we get bombarded with new ideas, watering during the later part of the day I believe to be a big help to the years flowering after speaking to many growers over the years temperature drop seems to be the main influence to good spiking. Mid February seems to be the start of the temperature drop through the evening through to day break. Some growers who have AUTO sprinkler systems etc like to have the clocks on at 3am – 4am and off at 7am. Some growers think this works wonderful. What fertilisers should be using, all miscellaneous orchids should be using MERRICOTE to give plants their summer push one teaspoon per 200ml pot. Sprinkle around the edge of the pot and water in. This has all of the major elements plus calcium, magnesium, silica, humic acid and fulvic acid. Many people prefer to use this instead of a soluble brew. It can also be used as a constant feed. Divide the rate by five, during summer and eight during winter. During summer-autumn period I like to get at least 2 organic feeds in! SEAWEED SEACRETS or any good organic food. Now the ambient temperature is dropping you can start repotting again. Less chance of root burn and leaf burn. A good soaking with STIMULIZER® - AUXINONE® ETC. Three or four applications ten days apart. You can do the same for all genera. Watch out for two spotted mites on most genera, if you only have a light infestation use NATRASOAP®, ECO OIL® use at 3ml per litre of water and below 35 degrees C. Watch all mixed genera for grubs etc MAVRIK® or SUCCESS® work well with great results.

Now is the time to start look after your plants to have in top condition for the 21 Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show. Orchids in the Foothills held 18th – 22nd July 2018

It will be held at 16 Stewart Street, South Windsor NSW AUSTRALIA .<http://aocc2018.orchidscoietynsw.com.au>, the Windsor area is close to the major area of Penrith, the largest area in the Western area of Sydney and only a short drive from Windsor. The Windsor shopping centre is only 5 minutes away and Richmond shopping area about 8 minutes away and plenty of car parking at all area.

There will be 6 speakers from overseas to listen to and 4 local speakers, there will be around 20 local store holders selling many things to buy.

Registrant will cost \$300 or Day registrant will cost \$100 per day. For further information or registration form and payment to A.O.C. 2018 P.O. Box 4405 Winmalee NSW 2777 (phone 02 4754 5480) We are praying for NO FLOODS IN JULY, more info regarding Conference as it comes to hand.

We have PORT POTS in stock AUXINONE® , DEBCO BARK \$20 per bag coarse only, some chemicals are not now available. Those who want larger quantities of special chemicals can still be ordered but a deposit must be paid on order as too many people change their minds and we are left with the product MERRI FERT and MERRI COTE are still available.

This is all for now

GOOD GROWING

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Cattleya

Equal 2nd

Novice

