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PRESIDENT'S B.B.Q.

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

Address is 27 Jubilee Ave, Ulladulla.

There will be plants for sale.

Come along and have a great time, eating and chatting plus see the interesting orchids and garden.

See you there, AM :)

RAFFLE WINNERS from March Meeting

Barbara Williams 1, Annette Neilsen 4, Helen Thompson 3, Jo Church 1, Chris Izard 3, Rod Thomas 2, Jean Virgo 3, Sam Burton 1, Liz Karasconyi 2, Bob Harper 3, Rhonda Spry 3, Michelle McIntosh 2, Bruce McIntosh 1, Mildred Hughes 2, Gary McConnell 4, Lindy Bonser 3, Trish Scott 1, Mary Glading 2, Anne-Marie Collins 2, Susan Virgo, 1 Yvonne Young 1, Marilyn Higgins 3, Carolyn Campbell 1, Keith Moody 3, Sharon Pugh 1, Doreen Cambourn 1, James Sambrook 1, Bill Whitby 1, John Harriman 1, and Sylvia Hawkins 1. :) Well done all and thank you everyone for buying tickets. A big thank you to those who bring in items for the raffle—greatly appreciated. :) A.M.

Society Polo Shirts

Society Polo Shirts can be ordered from the Secretary. and

an order is going in soon. :)

These are coloured purple with a white logo and are available in the following sizes.

Ladies 8-24 Mens to 5xL



NEXT MEETING:

9TH APRIL 2018

Guest Speaker— Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, on cymbidiums.

CWA Hall 57 Wason Street, Milton NSW

Plants to be benched from

1pm, once all is set up, and before 1.30 pm

GROW COMPETITION.

We have a new "Grow Comp. "plant - Sarco. Kulnura Kaliedescope 'Frangipani' x Roberta 'Good Yellow', [available for \$5.00 each—subsidised by the club] & it, plus the previous one, should be brought along each month. There will be small squares of paper for you to write your membership number on [place it under your plant]. The table behind the President's seat is the spot to leave them. They will be judged and points given 1st— 3. 2nd— 2. 3rd— 1 . These points are added to your points for monthly benching. Competition continues until one is brought in flowering. Any helpful secrets, tell them to the Novices. They are ready to be potted up to the next size & they need to be taken out of the coconut fibres as our winter rains will rot them.



TONY KARACSONYI & PESTS/DISEASES.

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.



CROWN ROT

This happens, mainly due to water sitting in the leaf axis, and rot sets in, on cold nights or even hot weather. With paphs, I try to water the potting mix only, and not the leaves. Same with oncidiums and odontoglossums. I try to water the mix only, but if some water gets on the leaves in summer, I'm not so worried. If you do get water trapped in the leaf axis, tilt the orchid so that the water runs out, or use a straw to blast out the water droplets with your breath.

If you do get crown rots with paphs, you may need to remove the growth, and hopefully save the other growths. If there is a little bit of rot at the base, I often dab on a bit of wettable sulphur or mancozeb, to help stop the rot. Sometimes this works, ok.

CYMBIDIUM MOSAIC VIRUS



This is where the flowers, year after year, are consistently spotty—tiny irregular spots, when they shouldn't be. I'm not aware of any cure, so either throw it in the bin, wait for another flowering to see if it persists, or isolate it in the garden, and hope one day it produces the unblemished flowers it should. The only danger is that this virus can

spread to your other plants, especially in the greenhouse via sap suckers, etc.



More to come next newsletter. :)

Budget Produce Ulladulla

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. :)



B.B.Q. INVITATION

A big thank you to Liz & Tony for inviting the Club members down to a most enjoyable day at their place. The rain did not stop the frivolity.

Tony cooked a BBQ with a difference—yummy roast and the ice cream cones were delicious. Many left with additions to their collections. There was even a lucky door prize, won by Steve Church—he now has the beginnings of an orchid collection, which Jo will help him with. :)



WISH LIST

Anne-Marie C. — is after an Oncidium "Twinkles", any colour or size, unnamed is fine. Plus any angraecums of any size. A.M.

Unwanted back bulbs are also needed for Novices to learn how to grow them—named or unnamed. Thank you. A.M.

FOR SALE— nothing sent to Editor :(

CLUB WINNERS from our March meeting:

OPEN:

- Paphiopedilum:** 1st Wayne [4]
- Cattleya over 70:** 1st Mary [5]
- Onc Alliance:** 1st Liz & Tony K. [6]
- Miscellaneous:** 1st Liz & Tony K. [10]
- Species:** 1st Brian & Lyn [16] 2nd Liz & Tony [19]

INTERMEDIATE

- Cattleya: to 70:** 1st John H. [43]
- Cattleya: over 70:** 1st John H. [44]
- Native Species:** 1st John H. [51]
- Oncidium Alliance:** 1st John H. [53]
- Species:** 1st John H. [49]

NOVICE:

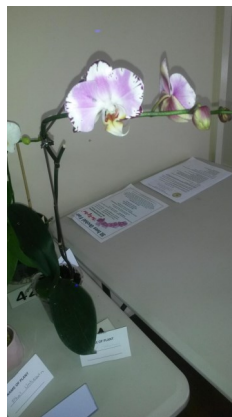
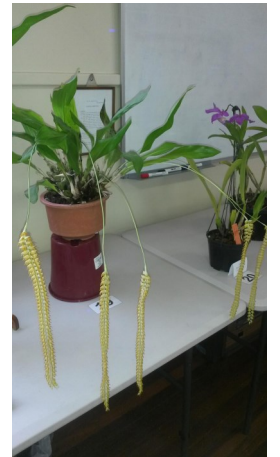
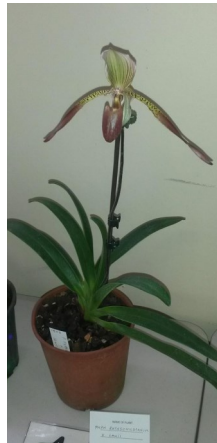
- Cattleya: over 70:** 1st Jo C. [28]
- Oncidium Alliance:** 1st Jo C. [33]/ Jo C. [32] [equal]
- Species:** 1st Chris I. [37]
- Phalaenopsis:** 1st Chris I. [41]
- FERN:** Harry [26]
- FOLIAGE :** Rhonda [22]

Popular Vote:

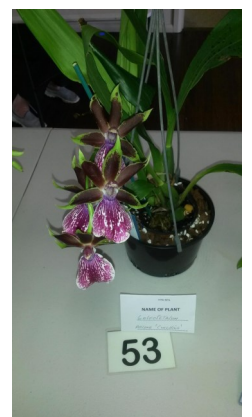
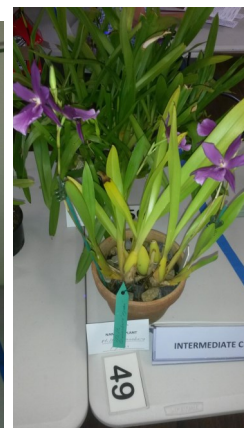
- Open:** 1st Liz & Tony K. [Species] {19}
- 2nd Brian & Lyn [Species] {16}
- Intermediate:** 1st John [Onc.] {53}
- 2nd John {44}/ John [equal] {52}[Cattleya>70 / Onc.]
- Novice:** 1st Chris I. [Species] {37}
- 2nd Jo Church [Cattleya] {28}

GROW COMP. WINNERS: 1st Michelle Mcl.

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



NOVICE 41



March Meeting speaker was Wayne Hamilton—his topic was building a shade house. He even had a miniature model of one which he used to explain his design. He spoke about two kinds of shade houses, in this newsletter is the first one, next month will be the other one.



BUILDING SEQUENCE OF A SHADE HOUSE

The basis

1. Level an area of at least 6.5 m x 4.5 m; kill any nutgrass or other penetrating grasses and clear the area of sharp points, rocks or sticks; use a cover of sand if need be.
2. Grind the edges off the corners of the star-pickets so they don't cut into the poly-pipe.
3. Drive the star-pickets in, four on either side (use a batten as measure) at 2.01 m intervals in an exact 6.05m x 4m rectangle; check that both diagonals are 7.25 m .



4. Leave exactly 1m of each picket above ground and make sure they are vertical. If you hit a rock, grind the picket off to the right size. [page 5 picture]

The arches and battens

5. Cut four lengths of poly-pipe to 7.15 m; mark the centres at the middle (3.575 m).
6. Place the poly-pipes over the star-pickets to form four arches. [page 5 picture]
7. Pre-drill the battens making sure the holes line up exactly with the star pickets.
8. Place one batten over the marked centres of the arches and secure with screws. We use several lengths of stretch cord to hold the batten in place. Do the end arches first, then the middle ones.
9. Place two battens - one on each side at 87.5 cm distance - and secure with screws; again using the stretch cords to hold them in place.
10. Place the next battens at 90 cm distance, three on either side, the last at the bottom of the arch.

The uprights

11. Place wooden uprights under the centre of the front and back arches; use the metal strapping to fasten them to the poly pipe, and use brackets to attach to the threshold or timber on the floor.
12. Place another upright as the second doorframe; the distance depends on the width of the door.
13. Cut and place a piece of timber across the top to finish the door frame, using two brackets.



The shade cloth

14. Cut several (6 or 8) 3-5 cm lengths of poly-pipe and cut them lengthwise once to use as clamps to hold the cloth onto the pipe, or use other clamps that fit around a 5 cm poly-pipe.
15. Cut two lengths of 6.4 m shade cloth, (about 17 cm to wrap around each poly-pipe).
16. Use the clamps to hold the first length of cloth onto the end arches; then attach the cloth temporarily with some tie wires to the centre batten and with a few staples to the end arches.
17. Similarly place the second length. Each should cover one half of the shade house from the centre to the ground. Make sure there is a 5 cm overlap in the centre.
18. Secure both lengths of cloth with cable ties to the centre batten, about 30 cm apart; work from the centre outwards. Each tie goes up through both cloths and then down through both.
19. Similarly secure each length of cloth with cable ties to the bottom batten.
20. Staple the ends of the lengths of cloth to the front and back poly-pipe making sure the cloth is tight; we don't staple the cloth to the two centre arches to allow flexibility during heavy winds.
21. Cut off the excess of the cable ties to make it look neat - not yet done in the photo [page 5 picture].



More March
MEETING winners

Shade House continued.

The door and the ends

22. Place a piece of timber as the thresh-hold under the door opening.
23. In soft soils you may also need a piece of timber under the up-right at the back.
24. Cut a length of 4.3 m shade cloth; allow 10-15 cm excess at the bottom to cover with soil; staple it to the back arch, starting in the middle and keeping it tight, and cut the excess.
25. Cut a length of shade cloth to fit the half of the front-end that does not include the door, about 2.3 m; allow 10-15 cm bottom excess; staple it to the arch and the upright, and cut to shape.
26. Measure the width for the remaining part of the front, then cut that width plus 15 cm of shade cloth; allow 10-15 cm excess; staple it to the poly-pipe and the door frame, and cut to shape.
27. Cut and fit shade cloth into the door if that has no mosquito gauze.
28. Attach the door to the centre upright at the front; make sure it closes; put the latch in place.
29. Close the gap above the door with shade-cloth.
30. Shovel loose soil onto the excesses at the front and back bottoms; unwanted excess can be rolled up and stapled to the arch. Fill any gaps between the bottom battens and the ground.



QUANTITIES

- 8 star-pickets of 1.68m length
- 9 lengths of 35 mm ceiling battens, 6.05 m long
- 4 lengths of 5 cm diameter poly-pipe, 7.15m long
- 22 m shade-cloth of 30% shade, 3.6m wide
- 1 screen door (recycled), hinges and latch
- 3 lengths of timber of 2.4m
- 1 piece of timber for above the door
- 1 threshold for under the door
- 1.5m metal strapping and about 50 tacks
- 1 packet of 100 16 mm button-heads screws
- 1 packet of cable ties of 300mm,
- 1 packet of staples for staple gun (1000)
- 5 brackets. 13 m x 2m weed matting (optional)



A 50 m roll of shade cloth of 3.6 m wide covers two shade houses with some left. Buying a whole roll via the internet can be cheaper than buying the exact length in a local shop. Not all shops sell 30% shade cloth, some even denied it exists.

Tools needed.

- Shovel Crow bar Star picket driver Grinder Tape Hacksaw
- Drill Saw Hammer Chalk and/or marking pen Large scissors or cloth cutter Staple gun - heavy duty
- Wire clippers to cut tie wires Long piece of straight material to use a ruler
- 4 lengths of 35 cm stretch cord 6 or 8 clamps; can be made from poly-pipe



Top: ceiling batten. L to R: poly-pipe arch; star picket; shade-cloth with tie-wires on it; timber upright.
Not on photo: door; hinges; latch; metal strapping and tacks; brackets, threshold, weed mat.

Thank you Wayne for your informative talk. :)



E.O.C. Workshop 2018.

Quite a few of our members went to the E.O.C. Workshop [March 17th & 18th]. There were three very good speakers -Jeanne Dunn, Clive Halls & David Brooks . The luncheon and "teas" were excellent. Plus there was ample opportunity to spend money and talk to other orchid growers. It was a top weekend.

Well done E.O.C., Committee and Members. :) cheers A.M.

Jeanne Dunn [on the right—is a Dockrillia specialist] was a most informative speaker, plus her technique of mounting orchids was fascinating to watch, - a flick, a twist, a turn and a tie = one securely mounted dockrillia.



EDDY RUIZ

A sad farewell to Eddy Ruiz
—a member, a supporter of this society and a keen competitor with his lovely orchids .
You will be greatly missed.

Welcome back to **Sylvia Hawkins** and we hope to see you fully recovered soon.

Get Well Wishes to any club member that is unwell.



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The committee would like to thank those generous members that provide the goodies for afternoon tea and also the members who bring in plants etc. for our monthly raffles. Also we thank the people who help set up and clean up the hall as with many hands it doesn't take very long.

Orchid Supplies

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





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-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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