

# Milton - Ulladulla

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#### **ROVING DAY—5th May**

The Roving Day was a great success—see more on page 5. :)

No RAFFLE WINNERS from May
Meeting—it was our Bric—a—brac

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auction meeting. Well done to all who went home with a new plant or item.

A big thank you to those who bring in items for the monthly meeting raffle or our 2 auctions each year—greatly appreciated. :)

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#### **PLEASE RETURN TROPHIES**

If you won a trophy at a show last year [2017], please return it at the **June** meeting—to the Treasurer, Rod Thomas.

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Thank you..

#### FROM THE EDITOR.

We have a few new sections in our newsletter. I am always looking for things to improve or be of interest to our members, for this newsletter.

If you come across a site or an article or a relevant picture—please send it to the Editor.

Do you have tips for Novices—we now have a section where they can go. [page 7].

Don't forget to put in your wish list items. [page 2]

Do you have orchids or plants for sale??? Put them in this newsletter. Shows are coming up— what are you selling at them? A.M.

#### **MAY 2018**



NEXT MEETING: 11 th June 2018

Our speaker at the June meeting is **Peter Stubbs**, who is a well known orchid judge. He will be giving us words of his wisdom, to help us with our orchid hobby. :)

CWA Hall 57 Wason Street, Milton NSW

Plants to be benched from 1pm, once all is set up, and before 1.30 pm.

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#### **GROW COMPETITION.**

"Grow Comp. "plants - Sarco. Kulnura Kaliedescope 'Frangipani' x Roberta 'Good Yellow', & Den. Superstar 'Bright' [ 2017 comp. plant], should be brought along each month. There will be small squares of paper for you to write your name on [ place it under your plant, name down]. 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. They should have been potted up by now [ our rains will rot the roots in the medium they came in] Bring them to the JUNE meeting.

Good growing all.

Our April speakers were Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube, talking on Cymbidiums—they kindly sent us notes on their talk and pictures.

Liz outlined the spread of about fifty species of this genus of epiphytes and terrestrials distributed from northern India and China to Australia, and growing from humid lowland forests to mountainous areas . Many have prominent pseudobulbs with long slender strap-like leaves and the flowers are either borne

singly or on long arching racemes. She mentioned Cym. goeringii which is cold tolerant (enduring freezing Japanese winters) to the northern Australian heat tolerant Cym. canaliculatum. The other two Australian species, suave and madidum were also described. Cymbidiums are one of the most hybridised of the orchid genera.

Liz regarded cymbidiums as easy to grow, provided a few basic rules were followed – bright light (50% shade cloth) good drainage and air movement. Cymbids attract similar pests and diseases to other orchids. Scale, boisduval, mealy bug, grasshoppers were problems and occasionally, instances of root rot and other fungal or bacterial disease could manifest.

Photos of virus infection of cymbidiums were passed around the audience – the associated message was to dispose of any orchid with any hint of a virus, by burning or Red Topped Bin to landfill. Viruses are transmitted by sap, either by insects or unsterile scissors, secateurs or contaminated hands. Liz and Tony rely on soaking tools in a 100% Sugar Soap solution, however they recognised that this did not give a 100% guarantee. Other sterilising techniques include boiling tools, blow torching tools, and the use of single use cutting implements, such as razor blades!

Liz and Tony had a number of examples of cymbidiums that were proceeding well, and a few that were struggling. Discussion went on to the need for early identification of spikes and the training of spikes to obtain the best display of flowers. Early staking was recommended, but put something like a clothes peg on top of the stake, to avoid eye damage.





Cym. Erythrostylum

Cym. Mastersii

Spraying routines were discussed at some length. Because

of the number of orchids in their crop, and tight spacing, regular systemic insecticide and anti-fungal sprays are applied. In ideal situations, with good spacing and air movement, organic sprays such as Eco Oil and Eco Carb should be sufficient to control most pests and diseases. Early infestations of Boisduval should be addressed with a 50/50 Meths/Water spray, before application of the organic oil. Vigilance and early detection of problems pay dividends.

Watering practices were also emphasised. Liz and Tony water plants individually into the pot, rather than spraying over the plants. Watering is completed by midmorning to ensure that leaves and axils are dry by evening. They try to restrict watering, acknowledging that smaller pots re-

quire more frequent watering than larger ones. Their common growing medium is Orchiata 12-18mm bark and about 5% Jumbo Perlite.



Cym. Tracyanum

#### **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. :)

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#### **WISH LIST**

Anne-Marie C. - .angraecum [ any kind or size]

Sam Burton—yellow Psychopsis

Michelle McIntosh—angraecum

Jo Church- Australian native cymbidium Canaliculatum

FOR SALE— nothing sent to Editor:(

# **CLUB WINNERS from our May meeting:**

#### OPEN:

Cymbidium Intermediate: 1st Frank Bowyer

Cymbidium Mini: 1st Mary Glading

Paphiopedilum: 1st Wayne Hamilton

Cattleya over 70: 1st John Clancy

Native Hybrid: 1st Michelle McIntosh

Native Species: 1st John Clancy

Onc Alliance: 1st Liz Karacsonyi

Onc Species: 1st Frank Bowyer

Miscellaneous: 1st Wayne Hamilton

Species: 1st John Clancy

Seedling: 1st John Clancy

#### **INTERMEDIATE**

Cattleya up to 70mm: 1st John Harriman

Onc Alliance: 1st John Harriman

Species: 1st John Harriman

#### **NOVICE:**

Cattleya over 70mm: 1st Sam Burton

Dendrobium: 1st Jo Church

Oncidium Alliance: 1st Jo Church

Species: Equal 1st Helen Thompson / Jo Church

FERN: 1st Liz Karacsonyi

Michelle McIntosh

**FOLIAGE:** Michelle McIntosh

#### **Popular Vote:**

Open: 1st John Clancy 2nd Liz Karacsonyi

Intermediate: 1st John Harriman 2nd John Harriman

**Novice:** 1st Jo Church 2nd Jo Church Mary Glading

#### **GROW COMP. WINNERS:**

Sarc: 1st Jo Church 2nd Helen Thompson

3rd Michelle McIntosh

Dendrobium[ soft cane]: 1st Michelle McIntosh

Well done to those who benched & the best of luck to everyone with your growing, flowering and bench-

ing in 2018.





John Clancy

Jo Church



Helen Thompson



Frank Bowyer



Jo Church—Popular Vote Novice

John Clancy— Popular Vote Open



Liz Karacsonyi

John Harriman—

Popular Vote Intermediate







Wayne Hamilton

John Harriman



#### WHAT'S FLOWERING FOR YOU?

Let me know what's flowering for you this month and what's in bud—coming out in June or July?

We can make our own club's flowering calendar.

Here is what's flowering for Lynne & Brian Phelan.

Flowering in May

#### SHADEHOUSE

Laelia species: anceps, albida, gouldiana, anceps, gloediana, endsfeldzii, speciosa, perrinii, autumnalis.

Cattleya Marriottiana (minicatt)

Cym. dayanum

Cym. pumilum x Cym. lancifolium

Den. bigibbum Den. Hilda Poxon Aerides quinquivulnera



Various Miltionopsis hybrids Various Masdevallia hybrids Various Odontioda hybrids

Onc. forbesii Den. lawesii

At Anne-Marie's place, flowering in May.

- Psychopsis Green Valley 'alba' [inside house]
- Lsz.Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS [inside house]
- Cym. Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre' 2N AD/AOC

X Eracyanum 'Tiger's Tail' 2N [shade house]



Den. Hilda Poxon



Cym. dayanum



Welcome to our society— Ron Boyd and Yvonne Young .

We hope you will enjoy your time in our society—learning, developing friendships and adding to your orchid collection.



#### **ROVING DAY**

Thank you to Marilyn & Neville Higgins, Jo & Steve Church and Bob Harper for opening up your homes to our club—I heard the orchid crawl was excellent and the b-b-q was a great success. I hope next year to be there. Here are a few of the interesting pictures I received. All the pictures sent to me will be on the club's web site shortly. :) AM







#### 2018 PROGRAM

#### June

9th—Bunnings display & promotion, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

11th— General meeting— guest speaker— Peter Stubbs

#### July

9th—General meeting—guest speaker—Liz Karacsonyi [ repotting demonstration ]

13&14th – Eurobodalla Orchid Club Winter Show, Moruya

20-21st - Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Winter Show

21st - Woolworths Promotion, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

20-22nd - AOCC 2018 'Orchids in the Foothills'

28-29th - MUOS Winter Show

#### <u>August</u>

13th— General meeting—<u>Winter Show presentation of trophies, guest speaker</u>—<u>Dennis Dempsey</u> [roses]

25th-26th— Eurobodalla Orchid Club Spring Show, Narooma

#### <u>September</u>

7-8th – Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Spring Show

8 th — Woolworths Promotion, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10th—General meeting— Member's orchid auction [ 10% to club]

15-16th – MUOS Spring Show

#### October

8th - MUOS A.G.M. &Spring Show presentation of Trophies

19th-20th Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Native Show

#### **November**

12th—General meeting—guest speaker—Paula Brown [Sarcochilus]

#### <u>December</u>

10th - MUOS Christmas Party

# **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 to 5xL

See the Secretary if interested in

# ORCHID SPECIES THAT NEED A REST DURING THE COLDER MONTHS. Did you know this?

Barkeria must be kept dry during Winter

Beallara. Don't let them dry out during warmer months. Water sparingly during Winter.

Bletilla are deciduous and need a Winter rest.

Calanthes are also deciduous and semi deciduous so need a Winter rest.

Castasetinae: Catasetum, cycnoches, Mormodes, Clowesia and Galeandra

Coelogyne Reduce watering during Winter to encourage good flower and growth.

Cymbidium canaliculatum. Withhold watering during colder months in Winter.



Cymbidium iridioides. Reduce watering during Winter months.

Dendrobium anosmum, aphullum, crepidatum, pulchellum, regium, monofiliforme. These are wholly or partly deciduous.

Dendrobium bigibbum – essential watering rest during Winter

Dendrobium densiflorum, farmeri, fimbriatum, linnleyi (aggregatum). A watering rest period during cool months is needed for growth and flowering.

Dendrobium chrysotoxam need a short rest in Winter.

Dendrobium loddigesii – Must have a watering rest period during late Autumn and Winter to flower well.



Dendrobium moschatum A watering rest period is required from late Autumn to early Spring.

Dendrobium nobile. Must be kept dry over Winter and Spring until new growth emerges.

**De**ndrobium pierardii. Is deciduous and needs a dry Winter to flower well.

Dendrobium softcanes. Like a rest during Autumn and Winter. If you worry about the canes shrivelling, mist them when you feel they need it. Fertilise with Campbell's Yellow (3g per litre of water for very mature plants) towards end of October. New growth starts from Spring to Summer. (Our 'grow comp' plant)

Dendrobium thyrisflorum – Needs a watering rest period during Winter and early Spring.

Lycaste are either deciduous or semi-deciduous and need a Winter rest.



Miltonia (related to Odontoglossum) Watering rest period after flowering in Winter.

Pleione are deciduous and need a rest.

Psychopsis papilio water every two weeks, occasional misting in Winter.

Stenoglottis

Zygopetalum less water, do not dry out completely



Do you know of others???? Let Anne-Marie know [email—arimanee@yahoo.co.uk] and they will be added to the list. We can all help each other—that's why we're in this society. :)

# LAELIA ANCEPS

Laelia anceps, a native of Mexico but also occurring more rarely in Guatemala and Honduras, is one of the most common, yet one of the most satisfying orchids to grow outdoors in San Diego. It's ease of care makes it an ideal plant for the beginner as well as the expert. Laelia anceps is one of the hardiest for cold tolerance of any of the Cattleva alliance, tolerating reported lows of 22°F without any damage. and high temperatures over 100°F rarely trouble it. It's blooming season is customarily November through January. It is grown in pots or mounted, and in subtropical areas is noted for being one of the best to naturalize on trees around the garden, where regular watering is usually adequate. Many trees (except pines) are well suited for L. anceps. Oaks are among the best of trees, and jacarada, palms, citrus, fiejoa, dracinias, and white birch are quite good. Plants should be tied or stapled to trunks and branches.

**Light:** This laelia likes medium to high light, about 2000-3500 foot-candles. Bright light to some sun must be given to the plants, but no direct sun in the middle of the day. Leaves should be a medium green color. Very low light is not adequate for successful blooming.

**Temperature:** Laelia anceps is one of the more temperature tolerant orchids in cultivation today, making it a natural for outdoor growing in southern California and comparable climates. It has been known to survive winter nights of down to 22°F unharmed, higher day temperatures can be tolerated (up to 100 degrees F), if humidity, air circulation and shading are increased.

Water: Water frequently throughout the growing season, which is mostly April through November. Mounted plants may be watered daily during spring and summer. Water may be reduced in the winter dormant time. Washing off the flower buds by rain or hose is often needed to keep buds from sticking together.

Fertilizer: Regular feeding with a balanced fertilizer will enhance growth, particularly during the growing season of April to November.

**Potting:** Potting is necessary when 1) the rhizome of the plants protrudes over the edge of the pot, or 2) the potting medium starts to break down and drain poorly (usually after 2 to 3 years). It is best to repot 1) just before new roots sprout from the rhizome, 2) after flowering, or 3) in the spring time.







Culture information courtesy of Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Photo by Webmaster.

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# NOVICE CORNER BY A.M. & J.C.



All novices need help.

Our questions need answers and we learn by doing, seeing, hearing and picking the brains of experience growers.

If you have a question—send it to the editor and we will try to find the answer for you.

Here is a good site to learn about growing the more common orchids.





http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/orchids/9450644 Some helpful hints for Novices from Steve Howard [ a very experi-

enced orchid grower & judge. S.A.].

Check plant for stability..wobbly equals compromised roots.

Dehydrated, wrinkly pale green leaves equals compromised roots. New growths getting smaller not bigger equals compromised roots Cattleya with black leaf tips..check roots - look for rot.

**Tolumnia** with wrinkled leaves - check roots then mount if in a pot.



### DID YOU KNOW ????



We have it on good authority that the Ulladulla BUNNINGS is currently ordering and receiving orchids in plastic sleaves.

These are those seedlings which range from Australian local to exotic orchids which are quite hard to get. So check out BUNNINGS and get yourself a psychopsis or angraecum or black vanda or soft cane dendrobium or ?. I know I will be.

Cheers AM



Get Well Wishes to any club member that is unwell.

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#### **Orchid Supplies**

Karen has 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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Keith Forster - Manager

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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.



#### -REMEMBER -

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

