



Milton - Ulladulla

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2019 Christmas Party.

The 2019 Christmas Party and Award Presentation went very well. Although our numbers were reduced due to bush fires, we all enjoy the food, the atmosphere and the company, plus the raffles were great too. We also ended up with a cute little orchid to care for. Hope 2020's party is not hampered by things beyond our control. AM :)



FEBRUARY MEETING

At our February meeting, we will be having a deflasking demonstration by Bob Harper [Life Member]. This will be an interesting and valuable demonstration.

Also there will be a slide show —on filling out the voting slips for our benched orchids and foliage/ferns. We have many novices who are in need of some guidance, to successfully fill out their forms but we can all do with a refresher after our long break.

I hope your orchids and their exhibitors are ready to begin the 2020 benching year.

Come along and join in the friendly atmosphere of the Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society. :) AM

JANUARY 2020

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 10 th February 2020

This month is a deflasking demonstration by Bob Harper and a slide show on bench marking sheets.



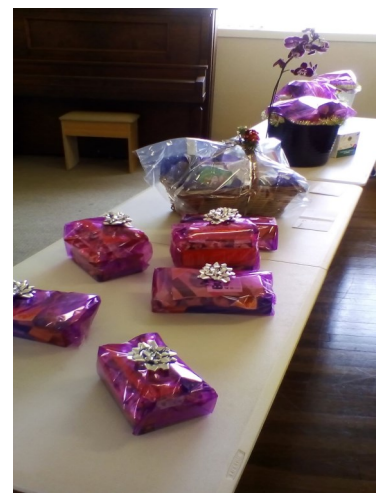
CWA Hall 55 Wason Street, Milton NSW

Plants are benched when the area is ready- please fill out your benching cards carefully.

BUSH FIRES

The year started poorly with some of our members being impacted by the many bush fires. We acknowledge this saddening event and wish a speedy recovery, as far as possible, to all those who were affected by the fires. :(AM

Many, many raffles at our Christmas party. [I even won one :)]. AM



2020 Dates for your diary.

- 10th. February **General Meeting** – 1] bench marking sheets
2] deflasking demonstration by Bob Harper
- 9th. March **General Meeting** – Deflasking
- 21st March Orchid Workshop [Moruya]
- 29th March **Club day** at Secretary's home at 27 Jubilee Ave., Ulladulla, at 12.00 pm.
- 13th. April **General Meeting** - guest speaker, Ron Boyd
May **Roving Day.** T.B.A.
- 11th. May **General Meeting** – T.B.A.
- 20th. June T.B.C. **Bunnings Display & Promotion,**
9.00am-3.00pm.
- 8th. June **General Meeting** – guest speaker Dennis Dempsey
- 27th. June T.B.C. **Woolworths Promotion** 9.00am to 3.00pm
- 4/5th. July **MUOS Winter Show**
- 10/11th. July Eurobodalla Orchid Club, Winter Show, CWA Hall
Moruya
- 13th. July **General Meeting** – guest speaker Mitch Karnaghan
- 17/18/19th July Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,
Winter show.
- 10th. August **General Meeting, Winter Show presentation.**
- 22/23rd. August Eurobodalla Orchid Club, Spring show at
Narooma.
- 29th. August T.B.C. **Woolworths Promotion,**
9.00am to 3.00pm
- 4/5/6th. September Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,
Spring show.
- 12/13th. September **MUOS Spring Show**
- 14th. September **General Meeting, Member's orchid auction,**
10% of proceeds to Club.
- September T.B.A. **Graham Jackson's Workshop.**
- 12th. October **AGM/General Meeting, Spring show**
presentation of trophies.
- 16/17/18th. October Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,
Native Orchid Show.
- 9th. November **General Meeting**—guest speaker, Gary Hodder
[T.B.C.]
- 14th. December **Christmas Party & end of year Presentation.**

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Welcome to our club.
NEW MEMBERS are always welcome.

WISH LIST

- Bob Harper—Sarc. George Coulthorpe X Bessie
- Sam Burton—yellow Psychopsis
- Michelle McIntosh— Oncidium cheiroporum.
- Liz Karacsonyi— Dock. Aust. Ginger
- Doreen Cambourn— Dendrochilum Cobbianum
- Teresa Bourke—Cym. Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre'
- Cym. insigne 'Alice' or 'Atlantis' or 'Best Pink'
- Dianne Slye—[Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows X Zygonopabista Beenak Jester] X Zygote Arthur Elle
'Essendon' AM-AD/AOC
- Anne-Marie Collins- Ming fern, foxtail fern, aspidistra [variegated and normal] [for posies], also an alba stanhoepa.
- Marie Martin - an alba or white stanhoepa
- Rod Thomas—Den. Enobi Purple 'splash'

—FOR SALE—

Do you have an orchid for sale?

Let Anne-Marie know and it will be put here.

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.

See the Secretary if interested in one.

Ladies 8-24

Mens to 5xL

CONGRATULATIONS on Life Membership

Michelle McIntosh & Bob Harper.

At our Christmas party/ December meeting, two very worthy people were given their Life Membership to our society.

These two over many, many years have worked hard to see our society grow and bloom into the friendly, helpful group it is now.

Nothing is too hard for these two—shows, meetings and events—you will see them there. Organising, helping and carefully watching, ready to jump in and help before things slip away.

We thank you both, for your dedication, hard work and superb attitude towards the Milton Ulladulla Orchid Society.

We look forward to seeing you hard at work in 2020. :) AM



SAPPHIRE COAST ORCHID CLUB 2020 WORKSHOP

AN ADVICE TO ALL NSW ORCHID CLUBS AND THEIR MEMBERS, AND TO MEMBERS OF EUROBODALLA ORCHID CLUB AND ORCHID CLUBS WITHIN THE SOUTH AND WEST REGION

SOUTH COAST MARCH ORCHID WORKSHOP 2020 – ABBREVIATED EVENT MORUYA, 21 MARCH 2020.

This event had been planned by the Sapphire Coast Club for the weekend of 21&22 March at Merimbula, however due to difficulties and uncertainties with fires and access, enrolments were slow and the decision was taken to cancel the event.

I am pleased to advise that the Eurobodalla Orchid Club has obtained the services of two Speakers who had been booked to appear at Merimbula – David Brooks and Gary Hart. We have been able to organise the Moruya CWA Hall for a one day Workshop on Saturday 21 March 2020.

The Moruya Branch of CWA operates its shop and tearooms on Saturdays, so some of the hall will be a shared area. The joint use of the hall will reduce overall seating capacity, unfortunately.

The attached brochure gives details of the Workshop – and I hope to commence the programme at 9am sharp, with the view to winding up by 4pm. Both Presenters will have plants for sale and opportunities for that pursuit will exist in the breaks between talks.

This will be a scaled-down version of the usual South Coast March Workshop format, but will provide an incentive and outlet for growers affected by the rugged start to 2020 to re-focus on their hobby. We hope that the forces of nature may have settled by then, and look forward to seeing some of your Members on the South Coast and in Moruya on 21 March 2020.

Tony Groube

President, Eurobodalla Orchid Club 2 Feb 2020

[The new brochure will be sent out with this newsletter] :)

Point Score for 2019

Open

Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube 134
Michelle McIntosh 83
Garry & Pat Callaghan 69
Brian & Lynne Phelan 59
John Clancy 29
Yvonne Young 16
Bob Harper 15
Garry McConnell 15
John Warren 11
Elizabeth Karacsonyi 10
Ron Boyd 6
Harry Harris 6
Trevor & Pam Hughes 3



Leanda O'Connor stepped up and accepted Liz & Tony's award, when the couple were caught on the wrong side of the bush fire.

Intermediate

Joanne Church 107
Helen Douglass 60
John Harriman 60
Wayne Hamilton 39
Rod Thomas 32



Novice

Garry Douglass 80
Sam Burton 46
Keith & Anne Moody 31
Don Hogan 28
Rhonda Spry 25
Carolyn Campbell 22
Marie Martin 19
Helen Thompson 16
Mildred Hughes 15
Ron Cox 14
Diane Slye 3
Ian Smyth 3



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

This month we are looking at Miltonias [Mlt.]



These striking orchids, which are also known as pansy orchids, owing to their similarity to garden pansies, are enjoying increasing popularity. Miltoniopsis are cool-growing orchids that originate in the higher elevations of the Andes in Colombia, Panama and Ecuador. The warmer-growing species, properly miltonias, originate from the Minas Gerais area of Brazil and more closely resemble large-flowered oncidiums. Their flowers can be brilliantly patterned.

GROW Orchids TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

Light should be relatively shaded. Direct sunlight burns the thin leaves within a short period of time. However, the warmer growing types prefer more light than their cooler-growing relatives. The cool-growing species need approximately 1,200 foot-candles, while the warmer-growing species require closer to 2,000 foot-candles.



Temperature is critical for the cool-growing plants. Unless temperatures are kept under 27 C, they may not flower. The minimum temperature is 10 to 13 C. Thus, these are really better thought of as intermediate growers because they need intermediate temperatures throughout the year - not too hot, not too cold. The warmer growers will take temperatures over 32 C as long as humidity levels of 70 to 75 percent, or higher, are maintained. The minimum temperature is 16 C.

Water must be plentiful and the medium must drain perfectly. In their native habitat, the plants are drenched almost daily and, because of this, they are intolerant of salt buildup, so leaching every fourth or fifth watering is important when growing in pots. When they are not getting enough water or humidity, the leaves have a tendency to grow with accordion-like pleats. The warmer-growing miltonias should be grown like cattleyas; allow them to approach dryness between waterings. They also tend to be slightly more tolerant of salt buildup than their Colombian cousins so they can dry more between waterings.



Humidity must be at least 70 percent because of the plants' need for abundant water. Less humidity will stress the plants and can lead to susceptibility to disease, though too much humidity is worse than too little.

Fertilize at the same level as other orchids: half-strength, balanced fertilizer every two weeks. This can be reduced by half during overcast weather or in winter. A 10-30-20 blossom-booster formulation is beneficial in early spring when plants approach their flowering period.



Potting should be done after flowering when the new growth is starting. Miltoniopsis should be repotted every year as they are intolerant of stale conditions. The cool growers (miltoniopsis) do well in small pots. The warmer growers (miltonias) tend to have a relatively elongated creeping habit and, therefore, do better mounted. Any potting mix suitable for fine roots such as 70 percent seedling bark with charcoal and perlite or a mix of 70 percent tree fern and 30 percent chopped sphagnum is adequate. Mounts may be cork, tree fern or other hard wood. They should be longer than wide. For some reason, shallow pans work better than deep pots.

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.

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Get Well Wishes to any club member recovering from surgery or sickness . :)

-REMEMBER -

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



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.



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