



# Milton - Ulladulla

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## MARCH MEETING

At our March meeting, we participated in a deflasking exercise, breaking into small groups to develop our skills. We had fun. Please send in photos of your potted up or mounted babies—some were seedlings and others mericlones. :) AM

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### From the Editor:

1} As there has been a problem developing with my yahoo email account, not sending to all email addresses. I have now got a special email account for my orchid emails.

It is [arimaneorchid2020@gmail.com](mailto:arimaneorchid2020@gmail.com)

So if you want to contact me, this is the preferred email address to use. It is also the email address your newsletters, other clubs newsletters and special announcement will come from. Fingers crossed, this will sort out the previous problems.

2} Also, we are asking for you to take pictures of the orchids you would have benched at the April meeting and send them to me. I will then put together a **“virtual” benching** in our next newsletter. You can even vote and send me your choices. “Virtual” winners will be announced in the following newsletter. Please when sending in you photos include **the full name of the orchid or fern or foliage, class, & if you are open, intermediate or novice. Limit of 5.**

Here is an example, of what you could send in. -->

## MARCH 2020

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, some month in 2020**



As soon as we know when our next meeting will happen—we will let our members know. :)

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CWA Hall 55 Wason Street, Milton NSW

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

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## March Raffle Winners

R. Thomas 5, S. Williams 3, I. Smythe 3, R. Boyd 3, G. McConnell 3, F. Sikora 2, M. McDougall 2, J. Verdino 2, L. Cleaver 2, D. Hogan 2, Y. Young 2, C. Campbell 1, A. Moody 1, M. Martin 1, G. Callaghan 1, R. Spry 1, D. Slye 1 & J. Church 1.

**Well done to all who regularly buy tickets.**

A big thank you, to those who bring in items for the monthly meeting raffle or auctions.

While we are socially isolating, if you find yourself breaking up plants and repotting small portions—maybe you could put a few aside for when we have our meetings again. They would make great raffle plants. Just a thought. :)

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**Virtual benching entry**

**NAME: Vanda amazing  
CLASS: Species  
SECTION: Novice  
OWNER: A.M.Collins**

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## MARCH 2020 BENCHING WINNERS

### Open

Cattleya over 70mm	1st	2	R. Boyd
Native Hybrid	1st	4	B. Harper
Oncid. Alliance	1st	5	G. & P. Callaghan
Miscellaneous	1st	10	L. Cleaver & T. Groube
Species	1st	17	G. & P. Callaghan
Vandaceous	1st	19	L. Cleaver & T. Groube
Phalaenopsis	1st	20	J. Clancy
Fern	1st	25	B. Harper
Foliage	1st	22	R. Spry

### Intermediate

Cattleya less than 70mm	1st	27	J. Church
Cattleya greater than 70mm	1st	28	J. Church
Native Hybrid	1st	29	J. Church
Oncid. Alliance	1st	31	J. Church
Species	1st	40	J. Church

### Novice

Cattleya to 70mm	1st	41	M. Martin
Oncid. Alliance	1st	43	F. Sikora
Species	1st	46	F. Sikora

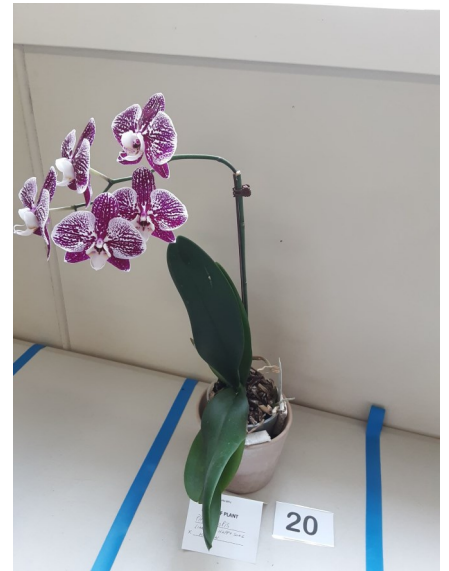
### Popular Vote

Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	20	J. Clancy
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup>	28	J. Church
Novice	1 <sup>st</sup>	46	F. Sikora

Well done to those who benched & the best of luck to everyone with your flowering & benching in 2020 :)

### GROW COMPETITION RESULTS— MARCH 2020

- 1st Yvonne Young
- 2nd Ron Boyd
- 3rd Mildred Hughes



THANK YOU BOB HARPER.

Thank you Bob Harper, for your lovely deflasking demonstration at our February meeting. At our March meeting, Bob received our speakers gift. It is a M.U.O.S. mug. The first one to be handed out.

A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FROM THE  
PRESIDENT

As we all know, Australia and many other parts of the world have been affected by the Coronavirus bug. Our Government is requesting that 'social distancing' be adhered to, along with the non-gathering of groups of people in one place, particularly indoors. This virus can affect anyone, and, in particular, older people in the community who are the most vulnerable, along with those who have other health issues.

Our Society has a few 'seniors' amongst its membership, therefore affecting us even more.

So along with all other like organisations, we must do all that we can to help the national effort to contain the bug. It has been an awful 2020 so far viz: - drought, fires, floods, Covid 19 along with some welcome rains in between.

After consultation with the Committee a few weeks ago I decided that ALL activities planned by our Society will have to be suspended for the time being.

The latest information indicates that we may have to suspend all our activities for six months or more, and if this occurs, it will affect both our shows planned for July and September. Some of our signs were fire damaged and we are in the process of repairing them, not a cheap exercise.

I will be monitoring the situation on a regular basis, and I will inform members when our meetings or other activities can resume.

In the meantime, continue growing those lovely flowers, take some pictures, send them off to Anne-Marie for inclusion in the newsletters and our web site. Anne-Marie will be publishing our monthly newsletter (health permitting) and would love some contribution from members, in any form – questions, growing techniques, articles and tips. Whilst some of us will be house-bound it will be a good time for us to do those rotten jobs we have been putting off, cleaning up the orchid house or repotting those older plants.

Please keep safe, telephone a member who might be alone for a chat, keep in touch with your friends and family.

I hope it will be sooner rather than later we can have a meeting and a good old chin wag.

If anyone has any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hope to see you all again soon.

Rod Thomas

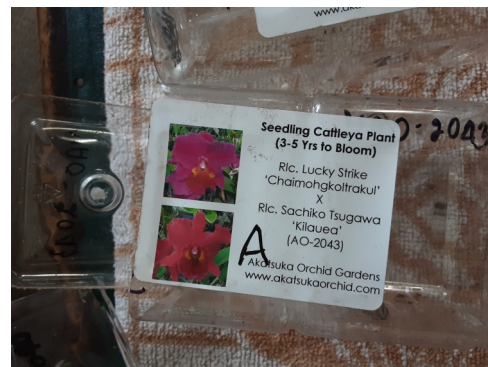
31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**MARCH DEFLASKING EVENT**

At our last meeting, we all got to deflask. It was an interesting exercise. I am looking forward to hearing how your new babies are going. A.M.



Flask names:-



## 2020 Dates for your diary.

- May **Roving Day.** CANCELLED
- 11<sup>th</sup>. May **General Meeting** – CANCELLED
- 6<sup>th</sup> June **Bunnings Display & Promotion,**  
9.00am-3.00pm.
- 8<sup>th</sup>. June **General Meeting** – guest speaker Dennis Dempsey
- 27<sup>th</sup>. June T.B.C. **Woolworths Promotion** 9.00am to 3.00pm
- 4/5<sup>th</sup>. July **MUOS Winter Show**
- 10/11<sup>th</sup>. July Eurobodalla Orchid Club, Winter Show, CWA Hall  
Moruya
- 13<sup>th</sup>. July **General Meeting** – guest speaker Mitch Karnaghan
- 17/18/19<sup>th</sup> July Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,  
Winter show.
- 10<sup>th</sup>. August **General Meeting, Winter Show presentation.**
- 22/23<sup>rd</sup>. August Eurobodalla Orchid Club, Spring show at  
Narooma.
- 29<sup>th</sup>. August T.B.C. **Woolworths Promotion,**  
9.00am to 3.00pm
- 4/5/6<sup>th</sup>. September Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,  
Spring show.
- 12/13<sup>th</sup>. September **MUOS Spring Show**
- 14<sup>th</sup>. September **General Meeting, Member's orchid auction,**  
10% of proceeds to Club.
- September T.B.A. **Graham Jackson's Workshop.**
- 12<sup>th</sup>. October **AGM/General Meeting, Spring show**  
**presentation** of trophies.
- 16/17/18<sup>th</sup>. October Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,  
Native Orchid Show.
- 9<sup>th</sup>. November **General Meeting**—guest speaker, Gary Hodder  
[ T.B.C. ]
- 14<sup>th</sup>. December **Christmas Party & end of year Presentation.**

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Foxtail fern needed by Anne-Marie Collins, for floral art.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS are always welcome.

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### —FOR SALE—

Do you have an orchid for sale?

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

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### WISH LIST

- Bob Harper—Sarc. George Coulthorpe X Bessie
- Sam Burton—yellow Psychopsis
- Michelle McIntosh— Oncidium cheirophorum.
- 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 Zygonabista Beenak Jester] X Zygote Arthur Elle  
'Essendon' AM-AD/AOC
- Anne-Marie Collins- Ming fern, foxtail fern, aspidistra [variegated and normal] [ for floral art ], also an alba stanhopea.
- Marie Martin - an alba or white stanhopea
- Rod Thomas—Den. Enobi Purple 'splash'



Ming fern needed for floral art by Anne-Marie. :) )

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### 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

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



This month we are looking at Dendrobium Nobile.

**Dendrobium Nobile Flowers** The Noble Dendrobium produces single blossoms or groups of flowers on short spikes that emerge from the nodes along the stem or pseudobulb. After the flowers fade, you can clip the spikes with scissors or shears. Dip the blades of your cutting tool in rubbing alcohol between cuts to help prevent the spread of infection.



GROW *Orchids*  
TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

**Stem Cutting** After the flowers die back, select one or more stems of up to 1 foot long. Snip them off the parent plant and cut into sections with three to four nodes each. Set the cuttings aside.

**Rooting Tray** Prepare a rooting tray with a layer of pebbles, sphagnum moss or bark. Soak the moss or bark in water until completely wet; then allow the water to drain from the medium. Spread the medium in an even layer in the tray. Place the stem cuttings on top of the medium and mist with water. Cover the tray loosely with plastic wrap to keep the humidity high. Put the tray in a warm, dark location.

**Cutting Care** Keep the rooting tray at a temperature of 75 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. A seedling heat mat can help maintain a consistent temperature. Mist the cuttings regularly to keep them moist, but not waterlogged. Every two weeks for the first two months, mist with a water-soluble nitrogen fertilizer or liquid seaweed extract, followed by a light misting of water. You can also spritz the cuttings with a 6-6-8 foliar fertilizer in alternate weeks. Continue to use the foliar fertilizer every two weeks until the cuttings develop leaves and roots. Discard any cuttings that show signs of rotting.

**Potting Basics** After the cuttings develop new shoots and roots, gently cut the stem between the plantlets using sterilized anvil pruners. These baby plants are also called keikis when they develop naturally on the pseudobulbs or stems of the parent plant.

Dendrobiums prefer small flowerpots. Pot the new plants in 2-inch pots using a loose orchid medium of bark, weathered volcanic rock or sphagnum moss. Soak the medium first to ensure it is completely moist. Plant the new plantlet with the old stem standing upright and the shoots facing to the side or upward. Gently tuck the plant into the medium and add a stake if necessary to hold it upright and in position. The new leaves will

grow up, and the roots will wind their way through the potting medium.

**Dendrobium Care** Place the Dendrobium in a brightly lit location, such as a south- or west-facing window covered by sheer curtains. These orchids prefer day temperatures between 68 and 85 F and 65 to 75 F at night. In winter, allow night temperatures to drop to 50 to 55 F. Noble Dendrobiums prefer a 10-degree difference between day and night temperatures.



Water when the medium is nearly dry by putting the flowerpot in the sink and adding water until it drains from the pot. A small orchid may need watering twice weekly, while large plants may only need watering once per week. Reduce watering in fall and winter; keep the potting medium barely moist.

Maintain a high humidity around the orchid. Avoid placing the plant near heating and air conditioning ducts. To add humidity to the air, group plants together and use a cool steam humidifier in the room.

During the active growing season in spring and summer, use a foliar fertilizer monthly. As an alternative, apply a dilute one-quarter-strength 12-12-12 water-soluble fertilizer with every second watering.



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**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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**-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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