



Milton - Ulladulla

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Messages:

- Remember to **pick up your growing plant** at the March meeting—last chance. \$9.00 and well worth it. They are Lc Miss Wonderful “Bright Spark”



- “Meet & Greet” at

Rod Thomas place,

22 Lomandra Place, Ulladulla.

14th March, 11am to 3 pm.

Please bring a chair.

Finger foods and

soft drinks provided.

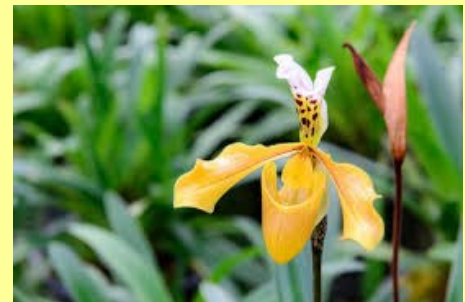
- Remember, **COVID procedures** to be observed—safe distancing, stay home if unwell and wash your hands often.



FEBRUARY 2021

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 8th, 2021

Speaker— Ron Boyd [Fertilising]



WHERE:- Civic Centre Ulladulla [main street].

There is parking available around the back. :)

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

February raffle results

D. Hogan 5, K. Moody 3, L. Cleaver 3, R. Spry 3, D. Slye 3, H. Thompson 3, R. Findlater 3, A.M.Collins 3, S. Burton 2, F. Sikora 2, J. Church 2, P. Callaghan 2, H. Douglas 2, S. Gallant 2, B. Harper 2, J. Cootes 2, A.M. Cernec 2, J. Verdino 1, R. Thomas 1, G. Callaghan 1, J. Harriman 1, R. Boyd 1 and M. Martin 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 auction. :)



FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

Hi everyone

It was so good to meet so many members after the Christmas break, at our February meeting.

For those who were unable to attend, we had a good turn up, a few plants benched in this the generally quiet season for flowering orchids. Also, we listened to a power point presentation talk by **Jim Cootes** discovering wonderful orchid species in the Phillipine Islands.

Fertilizing is an important job for all of us orchid growers when we give them a leg up in the growing season and thereafter. So, it is very opportune that we have **Ron Boyd** talking about his wealth of experience, tips and knowledge gained over many years of growing orchids, at our next meeting on 8th March.

Gro-Comp plants are still available to those who have not received their plant, but next meeting in March will be the last opportunity. Cost is only \$9.00 and are particularly good, well advanced plants.

A special mention this month to all our Novice members. Please do not be afraid to bench your flowering plants. I recall myself that I never thought my plant was good enough to bench, so I didn't. However, over time I realised that my flowers were just about the same as others, so, gradually got up the courage to bring them in. Our programme this year includes two spots exclusively for novice members, so please take advantage of that when the times come around. In the meantime, please use the wealth of knowledge of our Open Section members, who have it in abundance, for any help you may need.

The week after the next meeting, on 14th March, all members are invited to a 'meet & greet' gathering at my residence between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Finger food and soft drinks will be available. Please bring a chair. My place is quite small, but I am sure we will work it out.

Look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Rod



FEBRUARY BENCHING AWARDS

OPEN:

- Cymbidium Intermediate:** 1st
- Paphiopedilum:** 1st
- Cattleya to 70:** 1st J. Clancy [2]
- Cattleya over 70:** 1st J. Church [4]
- Dendrobium:** 1st
- Native Hybrid:** 1st
- Onc Alliance:** 1st J. Church [7]
- Miscellaneous:** 1st L. Cleaver & T. Groube [13]
- Species:** 1st G. & P. Callaghan [16]
- Vanda :** 1st G. & P. Callaghan [19]
- Phalaenopsis:** 1st J. Church [20]
- Seedling:** 1st L. Cleaver. & T. Groube [21]

INTERMEDIATE

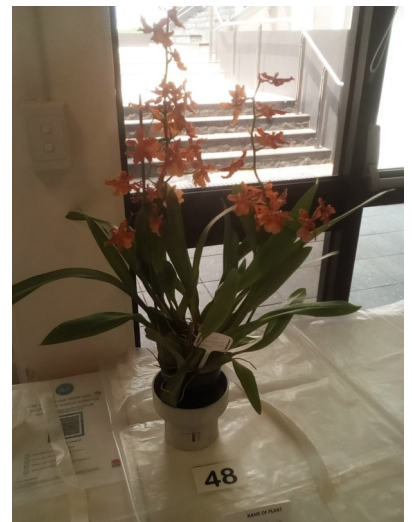
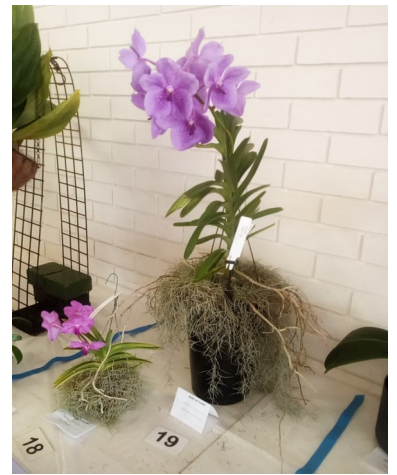
- Paphiopedilum:** 1st W. Hamilton [26]
- Cattleya to 70:** 1st J. Harriman [27]
- Cattleya over 70:** 1st F. Sikora [29]
- Native Hybrid:** 1st
- Onc Alliance:** 1st G. Douglas [32]
2nd J. Harriman [35]
3rd G. Douglas [34]
- Miscellaneous:** 1st J. Harriman [42]
- Species:** 1st W. Hamilton [44]
- Phalaenopsis:** 1st M. Martin [46]

NOVICE:

- Oncidium Alliance:** 1st R. Cox [48]
- Species:** 1st
- Phalaenopsis:** 1st Ron Cox [47]
- FERN:** 1st
- FOLIAGE :** 1st M. Mc Intosh [24]

Popular Vote:

- Open:** 1st P. & G. Callaghan [Vanda] {19}
- Intermediate:** 1st F. Sikora [Cattleya] {29}
- Novice:** 1st Ron Cox [Oncid Alliance] {48} &
[Phalaenopsis] [47]



MILTON ULLADULLA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2021

VENUE FOR ALL MUOS ACTIVITIES - DOWNSTAIRS CIVIC CENTRE, ULLADULLA, unless otherwise stated

8TH February	General Meeting -	Speaker - Jim Cootes - Orchids of the Phillipines.
8th March	General Meeting	Speaker - Ron Boyd - Fertilizing
14th March	Presidents Meet & Greet	22 Lomandra Pl, Ulladulla. 11.00am - 3.00pm. Bring chair
12th April	General Meeting	Speakers George Birss & Mike Hitchcock. Orchid Supplies by George & Mike. 'Wh. at's new in orchid growing'. Order now
10th May	General Meeting	Brian & Lynne Phelan - 'Preparing plants for Show benching'
22nd May	Roving Day	27 Jubilee Ave. Ulladulla then to 43 Voyager Cr. Bawley Point BBQ lunch, bring chair
14th June	General Meeting	Speaker - Mitch Karnaghan
3rd/4th July	MUOS Winter Show	
10th July	Shoalhaven Orchid Society - Winter Show	Bomaderry Community Centre. 19 Birriley St.
18th June	Bunnings Orchid Display -	Bunnings Store, Ulladulla
8th - 10th July	Eurobodalla Orchid Club - Winter Show	
12th July	General Meeting: - Novice Hour - Presentation of Winter Show Trophies.	Novices bring any 2+ plants for general discussion and assistance from members.
17th - 18th July	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Spring Show	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
9th August	General Meeting: Bric a Brac Auction	
28th - 29th August	Eurobodalla Orchid Club - Spring Show	
4th-5th September	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Spring Show	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
4th September	Shoalhaven Orchid Society - Spring Show	Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St.
11th-12th September	MUOS Spring Show	
13th September	General Meeting: Speaker Gary Hodder 'Pollination of Dendrobium Orchids'	
11th October	AGM & General Meeting: Presentation of Trophies Spring Show	
16th October	MUOS Native Orchid Show	
23rd October	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Native Orchid Show	
8th November	General Meeting: - Novice Hour - Presentation of trophies - Native Show	Novices bring any 2+ plants for general discussion and assistance from members.
13th December	Christmas Party	

MONKEY ORCHID OR SIMIA



Dracula simia, called also **monkey orchid** or the **monkey-like *Dracula***, is an [epiphytic](#) orchid originally described in the genus [Masdevallia](#), but later moved to the genus [Dracula](#). An arrangement of [column](#), petals and [lip](#) strongly resembles a monkey's face. The plant blooms at any season with several flowers on the inflorescence that open successively. Flowers are fragrant with the scent of a ripe orange. They can only be found in Ecuador and Peru,. The Monkey Orchid grows at elevations of 1000 to 2000 meters above sea level!

The composition of the Monkey Face Orchid includes:

- A short rhizome: an underground plant stem with nodes that originate roots and shoots.
- Dense clusters of stems shoot off of the main rhizome.
- Each stem grows a long tipped leaf from light to dark green.



Flower stalks terminate in a single triangular blossom.

AIR CIRCULATION

One of the most important factors to replicate in the indoor growing world for these orchids is air circulation.

Especially considering the high humidity, proper air circulation will be essential to preventing root rot. To maintain adequate humidity, some growers like to keep their pots above a shallow tray of water, then move them to hang once they are about to flower.

Signs it's time to repot:

- Overgrown roots
- The plant is looking cramped and too small for a container
- Roots are beginning to rot (though this might be a sign of other stress or disease)

The potting medium is breaking down or decomposing



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.

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 one.



FOR SALE

Do you have an orchid to sell or orchid related item.

Send in the details to Anne-Marie and it will go here. :)

Contact Michelle McIntosh—she has Dendrobium speciosum divisions for sale—well named and very well grown.



" For those wanting Bob Bishops bark please phone John Harriman on 44439462 - . John will be bringing bags to the meetings each month or you can collect from his home - please phone and ask him if you require bags brought to the meeting .

TIPS for February/March / April

[Summer into Autumn].

The weather has continued to be warm, humid and plenty of rain. These are all necessary factors that encourage both insects and fungus to grow. Check your leaves , both on top and underneath—they can be very sneaky.

Sarcs, potting up in March—to pot them on as they are or to divide. They do look spectacular as a specimen size plant.

Cymbidiums are starting to show spikes. Keep an eye out for the chewing bugs—young spikes make a lovely meal. A torch after dark to check for night visitors of the insect kind is a very good idea. Catch and release may not be the best way to deal with them. :)



WISH LIST

Bob Harper—Sarc. George Coulthorpe X Bessie

Sam Burton—yellow Psychopsis

Michelle McIntosh— Oncidium cheirophorum.

Liz Karacsonyi— Dock. Aust. Ginger

Dianne Slye— [Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows X Zygopabista Beenak Jester] X Zygote Arthur Elle 'Essendon' AM-AD/AOC

Anne-Marie Collins- Ming fern, foptail fern, aspidistra [variegated and normal] [for floral art], also an alba stanhoepa or any Oncid. Twinkles or a psychopsis [any variety].

Plus bamboo, both clumping and non-clumping, and a small Christmas bush [Australian native] .

Rod Thomas—Den. Enobi Purple 'splash'

Let Anne-Marie know if you have a special orchid you are after.

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A few of us have been lucky so far. :)

We stock an extensive product range for all your orchid needs.

Take advantage of your V.I.P. Customer Pricing.

Come in and visit us at 21 Bellevue Street, South Nowra or ring 44232359



5% discount—show your card.



Get Well Wishes

to any club member recovering from treatment, surgery or sickness . :)



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. :)



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If you don't want this to happen, please let Anne-Marie know by email Thanks A.M.
[arimaneeorchids2020@gmail.com].