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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2020

Our Christmas Party was on the 16th December. It was well attended and the food was very nice.

There were many raffle prizes plus we received a seedling to care for and grow. A lovely way to end the year off—it didn't start very well.



Well done to all who took part in the organisation of this very enjoyable event. Well done to the trivia winners—hope you enjoyed your cherries. :) A.M.



JANUARY 2021

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 8th, 2021

Speaker— Jim Cootes[Orchids of the Philippines]



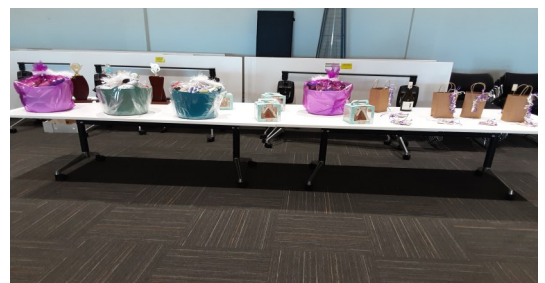
WHERE:- Civic Centre Ulladulla [main street].

There is parking available around the back. :)

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

December raffle results

Jo C. 3, Joy V. 2 , Ian S. 2, Sandra E. 1, Keith M. 1, Ronnie C. 1 , John C. 1, Marie M. 1, Françoise S. 1, Rhonda S. 1, Teresa B. 1, Helen D. 1, Lyn K. 1, Sam B. 1, and Mildred H. 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. :)

<— Philippine ground orchid.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

Hi Everyone - hope you all had a happy Christmas and welcome to 2021, and as the saying seems to be everywhere "let's hope it will be better than the last one!" I hope things will gradually get back to normal over the next few months.

Thank you to those who brought in the de-flasked Ric. Plants in in November. They are really coming along well. We will have a look again at their progress, perhaps in three month's time.

The Christmas party was very enjoyable, 35 of us thoroughly enjoyed a scrummy two- course meal. Had some great raffle prizes, hampers, wine etc. A big 'Thank you' to **Sam Burton** for all her hard work making up the hampers.

Congratulations to **Marie Martin** for winning the annual Encouragement Award for 2020, and to the annual points winners **Michelle McIntosh** (Open), **Jo Church** (Intermediate) and **Marie Martin** (Novice).

We have been working on having an interesting and enjoyable programme for this year and details are included in this newsletter. If anyone would like a specific topic discussed at a meeting, please let me know, we still have a couple of dates available.

The Committee has finalised a revision of the 'Rules for Members' and these will be posted on our website for all to view and print out if desired. We will also have some hard copies available for those without a computer.

At our February meeting, **Jim Cootes** will be talking about orchids in the Philippines, and we are looking forward to that. Jim is widely travelled, gives lectures, is a show judge and photographer. Also, we will have available some plants for sale at dirt cheap prices from the surplus of the bushfire donated orchids.

The '2021 Gro Comp'. plants will also be available for purchase at \$8.80 per plant. This year it will be in an 80mm (not the usual 50mm) pot and is an Lc Miss Wonderful 'Bright Spark'.

And to all the 'bright sparks' out there, I look forward to seeing you at the Civic Centre on 8th February 2021. Benching must conclude by 1.30pm.

Rod



Point Score for 2020

Pictures from our Christmas Party and Presentation.

Open

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|---------------------------|----|
| Michelle McIntosh | 77 |
| Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube | 57 |
| Brian & Lynne Phelan | 46 |
| Don Hogan | 40 |
| Bob Harper | 20 |
| John Clancy | 19 |
| Garry & Pat Callaghan | 17 |
| Ron Findlater | 8 |

Intermediate

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| Jo Church | 137 |
| John Harriman | 36 |
| Wayne Hamilton | 9 |
| Rod Thomas | 6 |

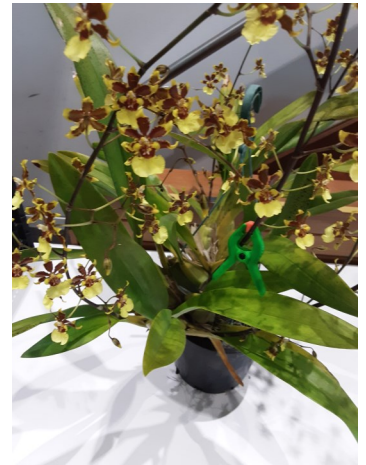
Novice

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| Marie Martin | 40 |
| Francoise Sikora | 38 |
| Carolyn Campbell | 8 |
| Lyn Kirkpatrick | 3 |
| Rhonda Spry | 3 |

Well done everyone who managed to show in 2020. Here's hoping 2021 will be much better. :) A.M.



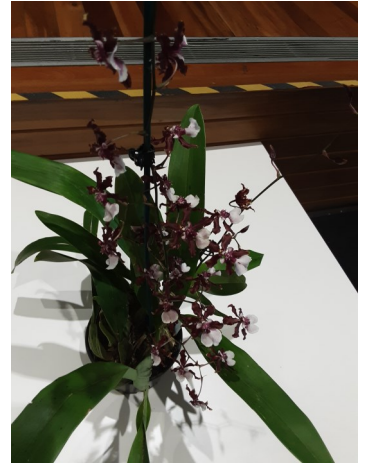
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Oncid.
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Veracosa Rising Star



Oncid.
Sharry Baby
"Sweet Fragrance" ->



Michelle—Open winner

Marie—Novice winner

Jo—Intermediate winner

Marie—Encouragement
Award 2020.



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2021

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

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| 8TH February | General Meeting - | Speaker - Jim Cootes - Orchids of the Phillipines. |
| 8th March | General Meeting | Speaker - Ron Boyd - Fertilizing |
| 21st March | Presidents Meet & Greet | Venue TBA |
| 12th April | General Meeting | |
| 10th May | General Meeting | Brian & Lynne Phelan - 'Preparing plants for Show benching' |
| 22nd May | Roving Day | Venue TBA |
| 14th June | General Meeting | Speaker - Mitch Kernaghan |
| 3rd/4th July | MUOS Winter Show | |
| 10th July | Shoalhaven Orchid Club - Winter Show | |
| 8th-10th July | Euobodalla Orchid Club - Winter Show | |
| 12th July | General Meeting | Presentation of Trophies - Winter Show 2021 |
| 17th/18th July | Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Winter Show | |
| 9th August | General Meeting | |
| 28th/29th August | Eurobodalla Orchid Club - Spring Show | |
| 4th/5th September | Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Spring Show | |
| 4th September | Shoalhaven Orchid Club - Spring Show | |
| 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 2021 |
| 23rd October | Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Native Orchid Show | |
| 8th November | General Meeting | Anything Orchids Auction |
| 13th December | Christmas party | |

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

January 9th, 2021. Colin Noy wrote a worrying article on Facebook. Michelle and I, both thought it was most interesting. We asked and with his permission, it is here for everyone to read. A.M.

Today's discovery. A *Dendrobium speciosum* with two shrivelled new growths. I must have missed it in the garden when I sprayed for pests last week. First thought was evening rain this week had rotted the growths. On closer inspection I found a small white styrofoam-like cluster at the base of one of the shrivelled growths. Dreaded *Dendrobium* beetles. I lifted the plant out of the pot to reveal two, then three then four and finally 5 cocoons. When I lifted the plant fully out of the pot I found two more at the very bottom of the mix. It goes to show that if one finds and eliminates cocoons at the top of the pot, there may be more hidden beneath. The only thing to do, apart from soaking the whole plant in a bucket of pesticide mix, is to re-pot the plant to ensure I get the lot. There may be more cocoons in the middle of the mix. I have several *D. speciosum*s outside my main orchid house. These are like the roses at the end of the grape vines that forewarn of disease. The beetles go for the *speciosum*s first. Here are some photos of the cocoons. I have been collecting cocoons and hatching them in a sealed plastic container to get some photos of the hatchlings.



I have cut off the two damaged growths. As they are the leads, they can inhibit other eyes this season. It is like apical dominance. By cutting them off, I hope that another eye on each cane will develop this year. I sliced open one of the damaged growths to show that the larvae eats the whole centre out of the cane and then burrows out when mature to find a place to pupate.



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 January/February/March

[Summer into Autumn].

At this time of year we need to keep a look out for scale, aphids and fungi. The weather has been 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.

Potting should be well underway but remember to allow for the heat and place the newly potted orchids in the best possible places.

Sarcs, that need to be potted on, should be looked at now—which pots do you need? Have you enough bark—at the needed sizes? Are you adding slow release fertiliser? Then be ready for March—to pot them on as they are or to divide. They do look spectacular as a specimen size plant.



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, foxtail 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. :)

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to any club member recovering from treatment, 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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If you receive your newsletter by email, we are now sending to you [interesting reading] newsletters sent by other clubs that the Secretary receives. If you don't want this to happen, please let Anne-Marie know by email Thanks A.M. [arimaneeorchids2020@gmail.com].