

# Milton - Ulania

# ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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# Messages:

1] CHRISTMAS PARTY— contact Rod or Keith, if you wish to come and haven't let the club know.

Payment can be by direct deposit, information is on this page. Cost is \$30 but the club is paying \$15. So members pay \$15 for a two course meal.

We need to know if you are coming, no later than 10th December.

It is B.Y.O. although drinks can be bought in the café.

If you have an orchid in flower to make the place look gorgeous, please bring it.

There will be raffles—hampers & vouchers.

A trivia quiz will happen.



2] Membership fees are now due for 2021/2022. \$14 single, \$24 couple.

3] Remember, **COVID procedures** to be observed—safe distancing, stay home if unwell and wash your hands **often**. A.M.:)

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# **NOVEMBER 2021**



## **NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, December 13th, 2021 Speaker: none, as it is our Christmas Party

NO BENCHING.

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.

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## **RAFFLE thank you**

Thank you to those who bought tickets or brought in donations.

Our club appreciates your efforts. A.M.

No raffle at November meeting, as we had a brilliant auction.

Bank details for our society, if you wish to pay by direct deposit or over the counter.

Bendigo Bank BSB-633-000

Account Number 147471072

Single \$14 Family \$24 Reference—your name



# FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

# Hi Everybody

It was just great to see so many members at the re start of meetings on 8th November, and it was just as good to get the AGM finalised so quickly. The Committee met last week for its final meeting of the year. Thank you to **John Harriman** for nominating to join the Committee and a special thank you to **Sam Burton** for all the hard work she has done over the past few years, we are sorry that she could not continue.

John Harriman will be re starting the book and magazine library in the New Year providing the loan of reference material for all members. Details soon.

The 'anything orchid auction' went off splendidly, I noticed many very good plants go very cheaply, so many purchasers received good bargains. Thanks to **Tony Groube** for showing us once again his auctioneer qualities.

The last function for this year is of course the Christmas Party on 13<sup>th</sup> December, upstairs at the Civic Centre. 12.00 - 3.00pm (approx.). Food will be served at 1.00pm. Cost is \$15.00 per head. If you have a flowering orchid for decoration, please bring it. We can accept reservations up until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact our Treasurer, Keith Moody to arrange inclusion. Should be a fun afternoon, please come and enjoy some social time with other members.

Like everyone else, the Committee is hoping that 2022 will be back to normal, if there is such a thing nowadays. We are planning a full year of activities, including three shows, plans to assist novice growers, and talks from interesting speakers.

Finally, I would like to wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and

safe New Year.

Rod





# MILTON ULLADULLA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2021

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

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

A.G.M & General Meeting: Anything Orchid Auction

Christmas Party [Civic Centre 12:00 til 3 p.m.]

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8th November

13th December

# **NOVICE CORNER**

# helpful hints for novice growers.

# Bletilla striata

**Bletilla striata**, known as **hyacinth orchid** or **Chinese ground orchid**, is a <u>species</u> of <u>flowering plant</u> in the orchid family Orchidaceae, native to Japan, Korea, Myanmar (Burma), and China.

It is most commonly found growing in clumps alongside grassy slopes with sandy soil





The Latin <u>specific epithet</u> *striata* means "striped", in reference to the ribbed leaves.

Bletilla striata is a terrestrial orchid with pleated, spear-shaped leaves. It breaks dormancy in early spring, with each tuber of the previous year potentially sending out multiple shoots. These growths mature over the course of a couple months and eventually bear 3-7 magenta-pink flowers, although there are

variations.

Like most terrestrial orchids, it drops its leaves as it enters winter dormancy; however, it tolerates moisture during this period much better than most others. Nevertheless, it is encouraged to grow *Bletilla striata* in a well-draining, humus-rich mix.



Remember to keep dry whilst not actively growing, water sparingly once shoots start developing and

keep plant slightly moist whilst actively growing. Stop watering the plant when the leaves die. The flowers fade during the Autumn and after this the leaves will start to turn yellow.

Plant them in moist but well-drained, rich, and organic soil. As for pH, the plant tolerates both acidic and alkaline soils well. Mulch the soil with organic matter such as pine needles. This will prevent weeds from growing around the plant and also help retain moisture in the soil.

These are an easy orchid to grow, which give much delight to novices and others.



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# **NOVEMBER BENCHING AWARDS**

### **OPEN:**

**Cymbidium Standard** 1st

Cymbidium Intermediate: 1st

Cymbidium Min 1st 2 L. Cleaver/T. Groube

Paphiopedilum: 1st 4 J. Clancy

Cattleya to 70: 1st 6 T. Groube/L. Cleaver

Cattleya over 70: 1st

**Dendrobium:** 1st 8 D. Hogan

Native Hybrid: 1st 10 M. & B. McIntosh

Native Species: 1st 12 L. & B. Phelan

Onc Alliance: 1st 16 L. & B. Phelan

Miscellaneous: 1st 22 D. Hogan

**Species:** 1st 25 R. Findlater

Vanda: 1st 32 M. & B. McIntosh

Phalaenopsis: 1st 34 J. Clancy

Dockrillia: 1st 13 M. & B. McIntosh

# INTERMEDIATE

Cattleya to 70: 1st 49 F. Sikora

**Dendrobium:** 1st 48 F. Sikora

Native Hybrid: 1st 42 F. Sikora

Native Species: 1st 43 R. Thomas

Onc Alliance: 1st 44 F. Sikora

Miscellaneous: 1st 45 J. Harriman

Species: 1st 51 F. Sikora

NOVICE:

Oncidium Alliance: 1st 39 A. & K. Moody No. 39

FERN: 1st 37 R. Thomas

**FOLIAGE:** 1st 35 R. Spry

**Popular Vote:** 

**Open:** 1st 25 R. Findlater

Intermediate: 1st 44 F. Sikora

Novice: 1st 39 A. & K. Moody

Well done to all who benched.









Auction plants—there were many.





# **NOVEMBER GROW COMP. WINNERS**

1ST F. Sikora

2ND R. Thomas

**DEFLASKED PLANT** 

R. Thomas

Well done to all who brought theirs in.

# **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.

### WISH LIST

Bob Harper—Sarc. George Coulthorpe X Bessie

**Sam Burton**—yellow Psychopsis

<u>Michelle McIntosh</u>— Oncidium cheirophorum.

<u>Liz Karacsonyi</u> — Dock. Aust. Ginger

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

<u>Anne-Marie Collins</u>- Ming fern, foxtail fern, aspidistra [variegated and normal] [for floral art], also an alba stanhopea 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'

## **FOR SALE**

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

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

Ron BOYD has Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascades' for sale. A beautiful white miniature in 150mm pots. Contact Ph 0421 366 823

" 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 .

## **DENDROBIUM SPECIOSUMS**

## **FOR SALE**

Contact Michelle on 44541220

spec. (Ivory 'yellow' x spec curv.'TB' 'Greta') x spec curv. 'Apricot Surprise'

12 CANES 6 SPIKES \$60

spec 'Daylight Moon FCC x 'Beranghi Gold

7 Canes and 2 spikes \$50

spec curv. 'Blake' x 'Misty Mountain"

6 Canes and 1 spike \$40

spec. Atlanta 4 canes and 2 spikes

From Gerry Walsh \$40

spec. grandiflorum Ben

3 really large canes and 4 buds

From Gerry Walsh \$40

## **THANK YOU**

I am currently looking for cheap or free fruit trees, vegetable and herb seedlings and cuttings—anything that produces edible products.

Also things which can be recycled to make off the ground garden beds.

I am starting a garden plot, at my bush fire destroyed block of land, at Moruya.

I would appreciate your gifts or cheap items.

Thank you A.M.



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Luke Forster - Manager



## **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. :)



## Disclaimer:

The Milton-Ulladulla Orchid Society Inc., is not responsible for any information given by a member, visiting speaker or material printed in the Club's Newsletter. 2021

# Did you know?

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.

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