



Milton - Ulladulla

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Messages:

- 1] **NOVICE CORNER** with John Clancy was well attended. Next one is in June, on "pick your pot", plus a member's orchid will be potted up.
- 2] **ROVING DAY** is in May, see Event Calendar for details.
- 3] Did you know **Bishops** have 5 sizes of bark?
- 4] Our **50th Anniversary** is in **2023**—do you have an idea of what we can do to celebrate it?
- 5] Remember, **COVID procedures** to be observed—safe distancing, stay home if unwell and wash your hands **often**.
A.M. :)

THANK YOU to Pete's Orchids

For your generous donation to our club.

Your orchids are being used to add to our raffle choices.

Pete's Orchids specialise in cymbidiums, oncidiums, cattleyas, zygos and paphiopedillums.

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APRIL 2022



NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 9 th, 2022

Speaker: Graham Gray, - common diseases and pests—how to control them.

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.

APRIL RAFFLE Winners

M. Wright 4, F. Sheil 4, D. Hogan 3, A. Neilsen 3, R. Spry 2, M. Martin 2, J. Verdino 2, R. Thomas 2, L. Kirkpatrick 2, A.M. Collins 2, P. Callaghan 1, S. Ellis 1, B. Harper 1, J. Church 1, G. Callaghan 1, Y. Young 1, S. Williams 1, P. Parnell 1, C. Weir 1, T. Scott 1, S. Gallant 1, L. Cleaver 1 & I. Smythe 1.

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

Our club appreciates your efforts. A.M. :)

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

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Reference—your name

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

Hi Everybody

The meeting held on 11th April went well with over 30 attending made it an enjoyable afternoon. **Brian & Lynne Phelan** gave us a very informative talk, and I am sure many of us learned something extra about how to use sphagnum moss properly.

Next meeting, on 9th May, we welcome **Graham Gray**, from Sapphire Coast Orchid Society. Graham has held several positions over the years, including a stint as President and is a keen orchid grower. He is going to talk about 'Common diseases and pests, and how to control them'. I look forward to that.

The bus trip to Orchids Out West bus trip is taking shape, however if the first quote I have received is any guide, it may be too expensive. The high cost of fuel also does not help either. At the time of writing, I am still waiting for two more quotes for the coach hire. If anyone would like to come along and have not indicated so, there is still time.

I expect that you have noticed some movement in your plants with Den. Speciosium's showing a start of spikes, as with Cymbids. The Cattleya and Laeliinae Alliance are also budding, so keep an eye out in your nursery. Indicate the position of new Cymbid spikes with a small stake. It is an exciting time when we see the results of our hard work. It is also important that we keep an eye out for fungal diseases such as black spot, plus other diseases such as mealybug and scale which are very common in our area.

An early reminder of the Roving Day scheduled for 27th May. It is going to be a really good day, so come along and enjoy it with us.

Rod



MILTON ULLADULLA ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS - 2022

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

9th May	General Meeting	Speaker - Graham Gray - 'Common diseases & pests, and how to control them'
22nd May	Roving Day tea provided,	(1) 27 Jubilee Ave Ulladulla [10am] morning (2) 40 Commonwealth Ave, Burril Lake, (3) Men's Shed, Camden St, Ulladulla. (lunch provided by MUOS)
13th June	General Meeting	Speaker - Jane Wright
18th June	Bunnings Orchid Display -	Bunnings Store, Ulladulla 9am - 3pm.
2nd/3rd July	MUOS Winter Show	Set up Friday 1st July - 1pm-5pm. Benching 2-4pm Lower Level Civic Centre. Lounge area from 2.00pm.
7th - 9th July	Eurobodalla Orchid Club -	Winter Show
11th July	General Meeting -	Speaker - Mitch Karnaghan - 'Slippers and other magic' Presentation of Winter Show Trophies
9th July	Shoalhaven Orchid Club -	Winter Show
15th- 17th July	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	Winter Show Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
8th August	General Meeting:	Bric a Brac Auction
27th/28th August	Eurobodalla Orchid Club -	Spring Show
2nd - 4th September.	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society	Spring Show Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
3rd September	Shoalhaven Orchid Society -	Spring Show Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St.
10th/11th Sept.	MUOS Spring Show	Set up Friday 9th Sept. - 1-5pm. Benching 2-4pm. Upper Level, Civic Centre
12th September	General Meeting -	Speaker Bob Bishop "Sarcs and Sarc. Contraversy - specie names"
8th October	MUOS Native Show: Presentation of Awards	Lower level, Civic Centre. Set up Friday 7th Oct.- 2-6pm. Benching 3-5pm.
10th October	AGM & General Meeting	Presentation of awards Spring Show
21st-23rd October	Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society -	Native Orchid Show Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
22nd October	Shoalhaven Orchid Society -	October Show
14th November	General Meeting -	Anything Orchid Auction
12th December	Christmas Party	Civic Centre - 12.00 - 3.00pm

LYNNE & BRIAN PHELAN

We were very lucky to have both members show us how to use two totally different things.

Lynne showed us how to use a **virus detecting kit**. This is a constant worry for all orchid growers—does that suspicious looking plant have a virus? REMEMBER—WEAR GLOVES, one use only.



First you cut out a tiny sample from a leaf removed from a possibly infected orchid. Place it in the test tube provided and with the instrument, mash it into the fluid. Take out a new testing strip and place it into the fluid. Wait required time and check the strip. YES, it is positive. The kit Lynne had only tested for the 2 most likely, main virus strains, but it was very interesting and quite easy to do. Thank you Lynne.

Brian then spoke about and demonstrated the uses of **sphagnum moss as a potting medium**. He said especially good for Mas. and Odon. He uses clear pots, with an outer black pot, to be able to check root growth, without disturbing the orchid. The black pot stops sunlight causing algae to grow, on the sides of the clear pots.



1. Sort through the moss removing all debris. Try to use the finer strands, but if very long, cut them to make it easier for packing around the roots.
2. Make layers in your container, remembering to only wet what you need to use this time. Spray liberally, wait until it has rehydrated.
3. Pack carefully around the roots, the tighter the packing, the longer it stays moist.

Each pack of Spagnum moss will have different qualities in it.

A clear pot lets you see when it needs to be watered. If it totally dries out, it will be hard to moisten again, be vigilant.



Just after watering it should look dark.

Prior to watering it should look very light. **PAGE 4**

APRIL BENCHING RESULTS

OPEN:

Cymbidium Standard	1st		
Cymbidium Intermediate:	1st	1	P. & G. Callaghan
Paphiopedilum:	1st		
Cattleya to 70:	1st	4	M. & B. McIntosh
Cattleya over 70:	1st	5	M. & B. McIntosh
Dendrobium:	1st		
Australian Native Hybrid:	1st	6	M. & B. McIntosh
Onc Alliance:	1st	13	L. Cleaver & T. Groube
Oncidium Species	1st	15	M. & B. McIntosh
Miscellaneous:	1st	18	P. & G. Callaghan
Species:	1st	25	G. & P. Callaghan
Vanda :	1st	26	J. Church
Seedling:	1st	28	B. & M. McIntosh
Dockrillia:	1st	9	R. Thomas

INTERMEDIATE

Paphiopedilum:	1st	33	W. Hamilton
Cattleya less than 70:	1st	34	J. Harriman
Onc Alliance:	1st	36	W. Hamilton
Miscellaneous:	1st	41	W. Hamilton
Species:	1st	44	S. Ellis
Seedling :	1st	46	W. Hamilton

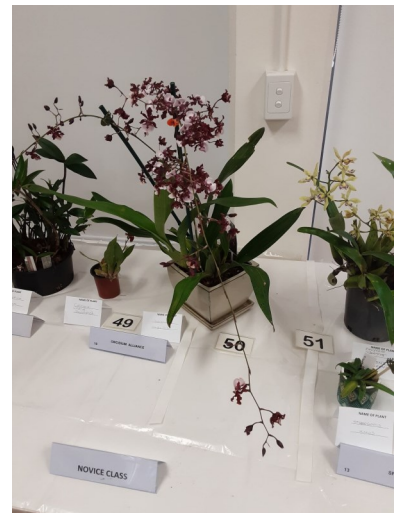
NOVICE:

Cattleya less than 70:	1st	47	P. Parnell
Australian Native Hybrid	1st	48	F. Sheil
Oncidium Alliance:	1st	50	L. Kirkpatrick
Species:	1st	51	A. Neilsen

FERN:	1st	29	R. Spry
FOLIAGE :	1st	30	T. Groube & L. Cleaver

Popular Vote:

Open:	1st	15	M. & B. McIntosh
Intermediate:	1st	44	S. Ellis
Novice:	1st	50	L.. Kirkpatrick



GROW COMPETITION WINNERS

2021 R. Thomas

2022 J. Harriman

NOVICE CORNER

— helpful hints for novice growers.

It's not a virus, fungal or bacterial problem!!

Have you noticed any dendrobiums with these densely speckled leaves? I have several *Den.* Hilda Poxon orchids that have this problem. I searched the internet for leaf spotting using various search terms but could not find anything that looked like this until I came across an Australian Orchid Nursery site which showed the exact same spotting. Here is the explanation:



'This nasty looking spot occurs on a very limited number of [dendrobium] hybrids that have *D. tetragonum* var. *tetragonum* in their background.

It is a genetic fault and can't be cured. It doesn't seem to affect the orchid's health, just its appearance.

Older *Den.* Hilda Poxon [*Den. speciosum* x *Den. tetragonum*] and *Den.* Ellen [*Den. kingianum* x *Den. tetragonum*] seem the most prone with 50% *D. tetragonum* in their genetic makeup.

Sometimes the tiny spots are invisible in the background of the leaves but come out when the chlorophyll in the leaves is weakened by frost or hot sun.'

The Hilda Poxon in the photo was in the shadehouse and had no sign of the spotting until I moved it onto the verandah where it gets the morning sun and very soon the spots appeared. I have no doubt mine are older Hilda Poxon hybrids as they are Neville Roper remakes. Neville began hybridising with Australian native species many years ago.

Lynne Phelan

Thank you Lynne for this interesting article.

In the Novice Corner, next meeting, John will speak about picking your pot to fit the orchid's growing style. There are so many pots to pick from, it can be confusing. He divided and potted an orchid. It had 2 growing ends, so was divided and repotted allowing each end to have maximum room for future growth.



Original plant was cleaned up, old bark removed and new growing nodes looked for. Pots with lots of holes for air were chosen, as this orchid likes a really good, free flowing medium. The orchid was divided, discarding old used bulbs. It was placed to allow for future growth patterns. Each plant was staked as the roots were insufficient to give it stability, if there was wind. Also the new roots would break off if disturbed by movement. A slow release fertilizer was added. The 2 newly potted orchids looked good. Thank you John.

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

Michelle McIntosh— Oncidium cheiroporum.

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— Loquat tree, any kind of fruit tree or bush or vine.

- Neofinetia falcata

- Stenoglotis woodii

Rod Thomas—Den. Enobi Purple 'splash'

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. :)

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 .

More winners from our April benching.



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.

We have a new librarian, John Harriman. He has made some lovely boxes to display our books in. Come along and borrow, there are many books and magazines to pick from. A.M.



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Bruce & Bob represented our club at the BUNNINGS Brunch, just before Easter. A stunning display was put on for the public. It's good to be seen by the community. Well done, A.M.

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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