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MESSAGES:

1] The **MAY meeting** our speaker is Ron Boyd. He is a noted South Coast grower of lovely slipper orchids.

2] Information about our 2 up coming trips can be found in the calendar—please also read the President’s report.

3] Bringing in supper and / raffle items is always greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who usually do. Raffle items do not have to be plants.

4] The combined visit to Lynne and Brian’s place on the 7th May, with S.O.S. will be a great chance to socialize with our neighbours. Lynne has sent an information page, which was sent out with the last newsletter . This information will not be up on our site—for privacy reasons.

You are advised to bring your own chair, mug and plate for morning tea. Lunch will be at the club. Please let Bruce know if you are coming, for booking purposes.

5] St Ives bus trip—if you are interested, please let Rod know .

6] We need bases from 1.25l plastic bottles for posy making at our shows this year. Also recyclable plastic bags—save them too.

7] 50th Anniversary Dinner is on Wednesday, September, 20th at the Ulludulla Civic Centre.

Covid is still active. Masks are an option. If unwell please stay home and feel better soon. :)

APRIL 2023

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 8th May 2023 - Our speaker is Ron Boyd.

WHERE:- Civic Centre



Ulladulla [main street].

There is parking available around the back. :)

April Raffle Winners

M. Martin 3, R. Boyd 3, R. Spry 3, F. Sikora 3, G. Callaghan 2, L. Kirkpatrick 2, A. Moody 2, G. Rae 2, T. Scott 2, L. Gosewinckel 2, L. Phelan 2, R. Thomas 2, A.M. Collins 1, A. Neilsen 1, J. Verdino 1, J. Rae 1, L. Cleaver 1 & I. Smythe 1

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who bought tickets. A special thank you to those who donate to our raffle. A.M. :)





FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

G'day Everyone

I was great to see so many members at the March meeting on Easter Monday, which we eventually held, after a bit of re negotiating, upstairs. **Lynne Phelan's** talk was very informative and enjoyable. Thank you Lynne.

Which reminds me, our June meeting is also on a long weekend.

I hope you are all looking forward to the MUOS/SOS Get Together on 7th May, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call one of the Committee members.

The annual Roving Day will be held on Saturday 3rd June, commencing at the Mogo Orchid Nursery, Mogo 10.00 - 10.30am. (Subject to confirmation). Heading off to **Liz Cleaver's** home, 5 Garagarang Street, Malua Bay, then a BBQ at Corrigans Beach Reserve, Batehaven. Leave around 2.00pm to our final destination, that of our hosts **Ron & Rose Boyd** at 14 Gull Crescent, Catalina, then home. Morning tea will be provided. Please bring your own preferred drinks for the BBQ lunch. Anyone needing transport, please let me know at the next meeting. We will see a large variety of plants, so it will be a great day, and no doubt some for sale.

Talking of **Ron Boyd**, he will be giving us a talk, the subject of which, has not been disclosed at the time of writing, but I am sure it will be very interesting as usual.

The Bunnings display dates have now been included in the programme. These are very important displays as they advertise upcoming shows. Please provide some plants if you can.

See you all on 8th May and keep safe in the meantime.

Rod



2023 Calendar of Events

29th/30th April South & West Region Orchid Workshop. Canberra

7th May MUOS/Shoalhaven 'Get together' from 10.00am.

Speaker - Jeanne Dunn, , then lunch . Bring chairs, mug and plate for morning tea.
206A Woolamia Rd, Falls Creek

8th May General Meeting Speaker - Ron Boyd

18th May Bunnings orchid display 10:00—3:00pm Bunnings store, Ulludulla

**3rd June Roving Day Mogo Nursery then Liz Cleavers place, followed by a B.B.Q at Corrigans Reserve, Batehaven , then
on to Ron & Rose Boyd's place. Batemans Bay area**

12th June General Meeting Speaker - Peter Stubbs

17th June Orchid Display at Bunnings , Bunnings Store - Ulladulla 9 to 3 pm

**30th June, 1st-2nd July, MUOS Winter Show Set up 30th June, 12.01pm.
Benching 2-4pm. Judging 5.00pm**

7th/8th July Eurobodalla OC Winter Show CWA Hall, Moruya

8th July Shoalhaven Orchid Society - Winter Show Bomaderry Community
Centre. Birriley St.

10th July General Meeting Speaker - Mitch Karnaghan

15/16th July Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Winter Show
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

14th August General Meeting Speaker - Jane Wright

18-20th August St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives Showground

2nd September Shoalhaven Orchid Society - Spring Show
Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St.

2nd/3rd September Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - Spring Show
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

**9/10th September MUOS Spring Show Set up 8th September,
Benching 2-4pm Judging 5.00pm**

11th September General Meeting - Bric a Brac Auction

16th/17th September Eurobodalla OC - Spring Show
Leisure Centre, Narooma

20th September 50th Anniversary Luncheon - 12 - 3.00pm. Presentation of Spring Show awards.

29th Sept-1st Oct. South West Regional Show Cobargo Showground.

2023 Calendar—continued

9th October AGM & General Meeting. Speaker

21/22nd October Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society—Native Orchid Show .

Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

21st October Shoalhaven Orchid Society - October Show

Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St.

6th November SARC Challenge - EOC & Sapphire OC joint show.

13th November General Meeting - Anything Orchid Auction

11th December MUOS Christmas Party - Upper level, Civic Centre, Ulludulla

Brazil's rock growing cattleyas by Lynne Phelan.

At our last meeting, Lynne gave an excellent talk on Brazillian Cattleyas. She brought in examples and showed us pictures of the different types.

Here are my notes from the talk and I hope I can do some justice to her very informative talk.

There is no substitute for actually being at the meeting and hearing the speaker first hand.

The Brazilian cattleyas grow up high on a plateau, where they receive warm and tropical weather.

They have a wet summer—October to November but a quite cold winter. This winter gives them 6 months of dry conditions and the summer is monsoonal. However, due to moisture in the air, they do get dew at night, which means not totally dry in winter.



The day to night temperature has a wide range, which is needed, as the drop in temperature initiates the spikes.

There are mainly two types—miniature which is less than 15cm and the larger long stem varieties. These produce flowers on long stems which put the flowers above the plant, to be seen by the pollinators. The miniatures rely on the bright gem like flowers to attract their pollinators.

The leaves usually have a red colouration due to high light growing conditions and are up right to reduce the direct sunlight contact, [the tip gets the maximum sun-light] .The leaves are thick and are channelled to direct the dew downwards to the roots. When growing these in your orchid house—lots of indirect [50% shade cloth] or dappled light.

They can take a great temperature range from very high to very low [freezing].

When watering, mainly in Spring and Summer but not much in Winter. After Anzac Day lessen the watering and this dry break can initiate the flowering. So a rest in Winter like hard cane dendrobiums, is needed. However, they can flower in Spring or

Autumn.

They are unusual as they do reverse photosynthesis and their stomata opens at night.

Lynne mists hers every morning in her shade house. Spring to Autumn they receive weak fertilizer.

Good things about them are—bright colours, compact, cool to temperate temperatures, prefer rafts more than mounts but do still do well in pots, need an open medium [large chunks giving their roots air pockets].

Not so good—resent repotting [some] and may not flower next year , reluctant to flower [don't let them be moist over Winter], they have closely packed pseudo-bulbs, run out of room on rafts and mounts, dislike wet roots, expensive and are hard to get.

RECOMMENDATION— have a pair of long tweezers [round nose, 6 inches].

They are useful for peeling off bracts, weeding, garlic snail catching, broken label retrieval and general grabbers, where fingers can't reach. Thank you Lynne, your talk was very interesting.



Novice Talk Part 3 by Michelle McIntosh

Here are the notes from Michelle McIntosh's talk to the novices, which she continued at our April meeting. Thank you Michelle for stepping in when our other presenter, was unable to be there. Well done, Michelle.

- 23 There are two main groups of cattleyas based on their leaves: the **unifoliate or labiata group** and the **bifoliate group**. Orchids that are part of the unifoliate group have one leaf per pseudobulb, while those in the bifoliate group have two to four leaves per pseudobulb. Unifoliate orchids can grow up to 18 inches in height and produce large flowers that measure about 5 to 7 inches across. Generally, each spike produces no more than four flowers that last for up to 20 days. Bifoliate cattleya orchid species, on the other hand, produce more flowers on a single spike, but the blooms are smaller.
- Not all plants need repotting in Spring. You repot Cattleya's after flowering when you see new roots emerging. You need to know which flower in Spring and which flower in Autumn. Make sure that you stake the plant if they move they won't grow, as the root tips get broken off. Place the old growth to the back of the pot, up against the edge, so that the plant has room for two years growth. Remember that they don't like too big a pot as that would hold too much water. They prefer to be pot bound and growing out of the pot, as they don't like wet roots. When dividing keep four canes together, don't go smaller than this. When they finish flowering and I know that I will be dividing it this year or next, I cut through the plant and slip a plastic bread tie into the cut and this will make a blind eye sprout on the older part of the plant.
- 24 Repot Dendrobium's in Spring. This helps with quick root development over the growing season. I like to stake the new growths on my dens, as it helps to keep them in shape and they don't take up so much room on the bench.
- 25 If you grow Coelogyne Orchids they love water well pots. Their bulbs stay large and healthy with no shrivelling. They grow like mad in these pots.
- 26 Place a coloured tag in the plants that need a break from watering. I use red tags in mine so that I know not to water them too much over Winter.

There was quite a collection of novices listening [and some interested open growers, ready to help, if needed], to Michelle. Some Novices had brought in plants they wanted to have advise given on. One of the plants went to be shown on the bench, in the Novice Section and was admired by all.



2023 APRIL BENCHING RESULTS

OPEN:

- Cymbidium Min. :** 1st 1 M. & B. McIntosh
- Paphiopedilum:** 1st
- Cattleya under 70:** 1st 5 M. & B. McIntosh
- Cattleya over 70:** 1st 6 M. & B. McIntosh
- Den– Hard & Soft Canes:** 1st 8 R. Findlater
- Australian Native Hybrid:** 1st 9 P. & G. Callaghan
- Oncidium Alliance:** 1st 10 M. & M. McIntosh
- 2nd 17 B. & L. Phelan
- Oncidium Species:** 1st
- Miscellaneous:** 1st 18 B. & M. McIntosh
- Species:** 1st 22 P. & G. Callaghan
- Vandaceous:** 1st 33 M. & B. McIntosh
- Phalaenopsis:** 1st
- Seedling:** 1st

INTERMEDIATE

- Cymbidium MIN:** 1st
- Cattleya greater than 70mm:** 1st 38 J. Harriman
- Den– Hard & Soft Canes:** 1st
- Australian Native Species:** 1st
- Oncidium Alliance:** 1st 40 R. Thomas
- Oncidium Species:** 1st
- Miscellaneous:** 1st
- Species:** 1st 47 R. Thomas
- Vandaceous:** 1st

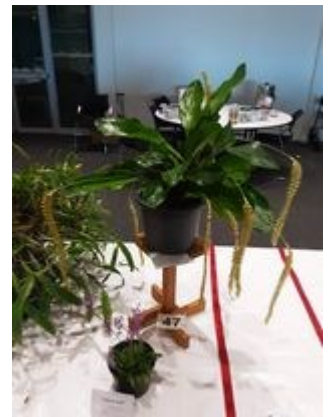
NOVICE:

- Cattleya less than 70mm:** 1st
- Australian Native Hybrid:** 1st
- Oncidium Alliance:** 1st 48 T. Scott
- Miscellaneous:** 1st 49 L. Saddington
- Species:** 1st 50 A. Nielson
- Vandaceous:** 1st

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- FERN:** 1st 34 R. Thomas
 - FOLIAGE : EQUAL** 1st 35 B. & M. McIntosh / 37 D. Hogan

Popular Vote:

- Open:** 1st 22 P. & G. Callaghan
- Intermediate:** 1st 47 R. Thomas
- Novice:** 1st 50 A. Nielson



GROW COMPETITION April 2023

All grow comps have concluded.

Novices are asked to bring their deflasked plants. We hope they have done well.



WISH LIST

Anne-Marie Collins— Loquat tree, any kind of fruit tree or bush or vine.

- Neofinetia falcata
- Stenoglotis woodii
- Daphnia bush

Rod Thomas—Den. Enobi Purple 'splash'

Contact Anne-Marie to put your wish plant here. :)

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 .

50th ANNIVERSARY

Society Polo Shirts

50 th Anniversary Society Polo Shirts can be ordered from the Secretary.

They will only be available this year, so get your order in as soon as possible.

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.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have donated. Everything is thriving at the block. I still have more room for fruit trees, vegetable and herb seedlings and cuttings—anything that produces edible products.

Thank you A.M.

P.S. So far I have harvested [small quantities]
- cherries, mulberries, blueberries, blackberries, lemons and raspberries.

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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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-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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