



# Milton - Ulladulla

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**NEXT MEETING:**

13 March 2017  
CWA Hall Milton NSW  
Plants to be benched between  
1pm and 1.30 pm

**SHOW DATES:**

**Milton-Ulladulla at Civic Centre**

**Winter Show**

July 15th & 16th  
Saturday 10am to 3.30  
Sunday 9am to 2.00pm

**Eurobodalla Orchid Club at CWA  
Hall Moruya**

**Winter Show**

July 7th & 8th  
Friday 9am to 4 pm  
Saturday 9am to 2 pm

**Batemans Bay at the Soldiers  
Club**

July 21st & 22nd  
Friday 21st 10 am to 6pm  
Saturday 22nd 10am to 3pm

**Raffle Winners:**



Michelle McIntosh 2, Lindy Bonser  
2, Marilyn Higgins, Rod Thomas 4,  
Barbara Williams, Tess Legge 2, Liz  
Karacsonyi, Maurice Gabriel 3,  
Mary Glading, Gary McConnell 2,  
Bill Maxwell, Sam Burton 5, Bob  
Harper, Jock McDougall, Sylvia

**February 2017**

Hawkins, Helen Thompson 2, Annette Nielsen 2, Charlie Weir 2, Rhonda Spry 2, Mildred Hughes 2, Anne Maree Cernec 2, Eugene Cernec, Carolyn Campbell, Doreen Cambourn, John Brennan, Marilyn McDougall

**Coming Event**

Annual Orchid Workshop will be put on by the Orchid Society of Canberra on 18-19 March 2017 at the Raiders Belconnen Club

155 Hardwick Crescent, Holt ACT.

Featuring guest speakers Bill and Jan Miles from Orchid Species Plus, specialist in orchid species and Stephen Stebbings from Orchids on Newbold, specialist in Australian native orchids, cymbidiums and other genera.

Plants will be for sale from Orchid Species Plus and Orchids on Newbold.



**14 Charles Street MOGO NSW 2536**

A special mention must be made here of the tremendous support the Club receives from Eddie & Karen at Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery. They provide assistance in the way of prizes and provide our members with a high level of service.

## CLUB WINNERS from our monthly meeting:

**OPEN:**

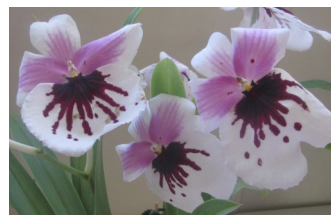
- Paphiopedilum: Wayne Hamilton
- Cattleya over 70: Sylvia Hawkins
- Dendrobium: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Native Hybrid: Michelle McIntosh
- Native Species: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Onc Alliance: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Onc. Species: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Miscellaneous: Wayne Hamilton
- Species: Wayne Hamilton
- Vandaceous: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Fern: Bob Harper
- Foliage: Michelle McIntosh



Popular Vote Open:  
Sylvia Hawkins



Popular Vote Novice:  
Ron Cox



Elizabeth Karacsonyi  
2nd Popular Vote



Wayne Hamilton  
2nd Popular Vote

**NOVICE:**

- Phalaenopsis: Ron Cox

**GROW COMP:**

- 1st Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- 2nd Tony Karacsonyi
- 3rd Rhonda Spry



Wayne Hamilton  
2nd Popular vote



Wayne Hamilton

**Popular Vote:**

- Open:** 1st Sylvia Hawkins
- 2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- 2nd Wayne Hamilton



Michelle McIntosh

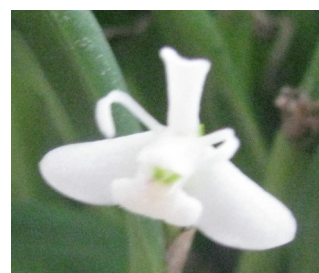
- NOVICE:** Ron Cox

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Liz Cleaver &  
Tony Groube

## Talk by Wayne Hamilton on Coelogynes and Stanhopeas

At our February Meeting our speaker was one of our own members who have this year gone up into the Open Class. I asked Wayne if he would give us a talk on his favourite orchids He didn't hesitate bringing to the Meeting a collection of Coelogenes and Stanhopeas. Wayne is a very confident and knowledgeable orchid grower and always willing to share his knowledge but also eager to listen to others and sometimes to accept advice. His enthusiasm and dedication to growing orchids was a good challenge for our Novices before he was put up into Open Class and we hope Wayne's success will encourage them 'to have a go' and not be afraid to bench their orchids.

Wayne brought along to the Meeting a variety of the above mentioned orchids and explained in great detail, where a certain species came from, the conditions they require and what fertilisers they tolerate best. I must mention that every orchid displayed was very well grown, leaves were clean and good new growth. It was obvious that orchids are Wayne's great passion.

I would also mention that last year Wayne gave a talk and demonstrated how he makes his own hanging baskets from wire coathangers. The one he made when finished looked as if it had been professionally made and Wayne sold a few to interested members. At the Meeting Wayne put on the Sales table young orchids in the smaller sized wire baskets which sold very quickly.

Thank you Wayne for a very informative talk which gave the newer members an insight on different orchids that are easy to grow and would be good in their collection. Sylvia Hawkins -



### **BUS TRIP TO ORCHIDS OUT WEST**

Batemans Bay Club has organised a 52 seater bus with a toilet on board to Orchids Out West on Friday 26 May 2017. The venue is Hawkesbury Racecourse. Please support this opportunity to have a great day out. So get your name down early as from 14th April it will be open to other clubs. Cost is \$25 per person for outside Clubs. If you wish to come along please phone Sylvia on 44723437

**There will be Orchid displays and plants for sale.**

#### **Vendors:**

Fong Ping (Qld)	Sim's Orchids (SA)
John's Orchids (SA)	Cedarvale Orchids (QLD)
Nicky Zurcher (SA)	Kiwi Orchid Bark (NSW)
Orchid Species Plus (VIC)	Dark Star (NSW)
Royale Orchids (NSW)	Rolin Farm Orchids (QLD)
Woolf Orchid Culture (QLD)	Rosella Orchids (NSW)
Orchids on Newbold (VIC)	Burbank Orchids (QLD)



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to welcome Carolyn Campbell and Mildred Hughes. We hope that you enjoy being part of this club.



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.

### Grow comp Plant:

Please bring in your grow comp plant Den Super Star 'Bright'.



### What is happening in the shade house now

A few Dendrobium beetles are still around so be on the lookout for them, for novice growers they are easy to catch just put your hand under the leaf or flower then go to catch it with your other hand and it will drop down into you open hand underneath then kill it but be warned that they are very hard I just pull their heads off or drop them in a jar with Metho as that will kill them.

Also those big brown grasshoppers are around, you know the ones with the big leaf munching front nippers that love the new growths, they are about 2" or so long. I go out at night time with a torch and look for their long whiskers, but look out they do give you a nip. I pull their heads off real quick.

The new growths on all the Dendrobium speciosums is unreal I have a few plants that are getting 5 or 6 new growths on them, so now is the time to give them a good feed, so throw some Dynamic Lifter on them. We will have a big flowering year either this year or next.

Coelogynes and Stanhopeas are all throwing nice new growths now.

Avoid wetting the foliage in the hotter parts of the day as the water droplets magnify the sun and burning will occur, especially on soft leaves.

March is the time to re-pot your sarcochilus as their best growth period is autumn.

The weather is so strange I have a couple of Laelia anceps which will flower soon, it's too early but what can you do.

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*Miltonia Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'*  
Grown by Hugh & Belle Strain

## Miltonia Culture

Text & Image by Joyce Stone from the Blue Mountains and Penrith districts Orchid Soc. Inc.

The genus *Miltonia* is native to South America & is a member of the *Oncidiinae* group. *Miltonia Goodale Moir* is a primary hybrid of *Miltonia (flavescens x clowesii)*. These orchids may be successfully grown locally in shade house conditions, if seasonal allowances are made.

**TEMPERATURE:** Will tolerate temperatures of between 2°C to 45°C for short periods; but prefer temperatures of 10°C to 30°C.

**LIGHT & SHADE:** They need 30-50% shade, with more light in autumn & winter, to encourage flowering, & heavier shading during hot summer months to help reduce high temperatures.

**HUMIDITY/AIR FLOW:** In warm months, good air circulation & humidity is needed to prevent heat stress & burn. During colder months, maintain humidity by damping under benches, or fogging or light fine misting rather than heavily wetting potting media.

**WATERING:** Different seasonal treatment is required. During the summer months these orchids need to be well watered, perhaps even every second day. However as the weather cools, taper off water, so that by the end of April/May, plants receive just enough water to prevent bulbs from shrivelling. During the coldest weeks of winter *Miltonia* plants require a dry rest with bright light.

**GROWING MEDIA & POTTING:** Most often grown in shallow pots or baskets. Plants like to be crowded, so do not over-pot. Re-potting will probably be needed after two or three years, or when the plant overgrows the pot - allow room for 2-3 years growth. This is best done during warmer weather when plants are actively growing. The mix needs to drain well but retain some moisture. Materials such as treated bark, alone or in combination with other materials, such as perlite, have been used successfully. Don't break up plants into very small divisions as previous years' growth, are food & water reserves.

**FERTILIZER:** *Miltonia* plants need a winter rest from fertilizer. When weather starts to warm in spring, recommence fertilising with half strength soluble fertiliser once a week. In early autumn, reduce fertiliser so that by late April none is used.

**COLOURS:** *Miltonia* species & hybrids, are found in combinations of white, yellow, brown, red, pink, purple & mauve, with stripes, spots & solid colours.

## Roving Day 13th May

The committee is organizing a roving day for the 13 May. We are hoping to visit three peoples homes and have a sausage sizzle in the park for lunch so mark this date in you diary we will let you know where and what time when it is all finalized.



Could members please not to water their orchids the day before a Meeting. It makes such a mess .



We have a few members who are not well at the moment, so we wish you all a speedy recovery.

### Extract from Alan & Miriam's Newsletter

How plants can get a name change with out trying! Back in mid 1967 while I was working at Cecil Park Orchid we had a cool glass house that we called the diploid house. Dr Julian Coker was up paying us a visit to see what earlies we had out. He saw this early pink in amongst a batch of around thirty seedlings varying in colour from white through to light pink. All had reasonable shape and size. The seedlings were BALTIC X KALANG. John and I felt the BALTIC was a seedling of KURAN 'TROUBADOUR' X SELF As BALTIC AM was a mid green, so there was not much chance of it being mid pink – straight raceme and many round blooms. Cym BALTIC AM was a mid green medium size, knitting needle size raceme. As time went by all the KURUN seedlings were all shades of pink – no greens. Some years later we selfed the BALTIC 'AM' and they all flowered green! Dr Julian Coker was impressed with this particular one so he transferred a piece of this plant down to Melbourne! Later Dr Julian Coker registered the cross as Cym PASTEL DAWN with the clonal name 'Krista' (ATLANTIS ORCHIDS).

Around 1970 a cross was made with Cym JOAN OF ARC that we had imported from Paul Gripp. As this was only a back bulb it took a couple years to flower. A large white slightly oblong – solid and 4N. The pollen was put into Cym ARCADIAN MELODY by Peter Rochford and John Gulbis. A Cym ARCADIAN MELODY these flowered clean white. This was crossed onto PASTEL DAWN The best of these crosses was registered as Cym MELITA FAIR and the best of the batch as 'KRISTA' I am now looking at the original label right now and reads as follows: (KALANG X BALTIC ) X (JOAN OF ARC X ARCADIAN MELODY) 'KRISTA' This means the plant is (CYM PASTEL DAWN X CYM JOAN OF ARC ' DAVE McLEAN ' X ARCADIAN MELODY) This cross was done by Peter Rochford and John Gulbis. This means PASTEL DAWN has been left out of the equation.

The plant that is shown at a lot of winter shows is called PASTEL DAWN 'KRISTA'. But this is not so! The Cym PASTEL DAWN has been used to made many early diploid crosses vis the "Cecil Park Stable" Many of the off spring has been used as parents over the last 40 plus years. As Cecil Park Orchids did not register any of their crosses, one does not know what this early has produced! One other diploid that had been used for many years is CYM BALBINUS 'PINKIE' and 'INESE'. PINKI had better shape but INESE produced better off spring. JOAN OF ARC X ARCADIEA MELODY is MELITA FAIR 'KRISTA' registered by Peter Rochford in 1993!

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR GREEN HOUSE!

During January here in the Blue Mountains we have experienced many days of temperatures over 40 degrees C! Many plants have been burnt and are taking their time to recover.

Rule one: Do not over water. Mist plants early morning and early evening. In other words, wet bulbs and leaves not compost, do this on the over 35 degree days. Water plants over 5 to 7 days. If you over water the leaves will drown! Then death to plant.

Leaf temperature is important in the summer time. Cool growers like a minimum temperature of 10c going up to 15c. Medium growers start at 15c going up to 27c. Warm growers 10c to 30c. At high temperatures the plant is dead above 40c.

The inside of the leaf temperature is very, very important . Cool growers prefer 0 degrees to 22c. Warm growers 10c to 33c. Warm growers a little higher!

Most the plants that we grow would prefer an average temperature of around 24c to 28c during the day. Around 26c would be lovely for the plant. At around this temperature the plant is growing at 95 to 100%

To keep to these temperatures is very hard in a mixed collection. The use of SWAMP BOXES is very useful.

Watch for beasties now! This year I have found a lot of BROAD MITES [Polyphagotarson emus latus] under the leaves of soft leaved plants. Note: these are smaller than the common two-spotted mites. At least those growers who bought their plants around now know what Broad Mites look like!

Next problem that was dropped on the door stop, was a plant that was not growing very well. [masdavillia]. As usual I look at roots etc, and spending some time in the root zone I eventually find the sculped! FUNGUS GNAT LAVRA! [Bradysia]. These very tiny grub like worms were eating the new tip of the roots. Thence no new growth. They are usually white – see through with a black spot on the head. If a problem see me.

Two-spotted mites still around – grasshoppers and grubs of all descriptions! Check plants weekly for pests and diseases. Spray if needed.

Do you know the difference between the main bulb and root diseases? Remember you cannot use the one fungicide to control all fungal diseases, eg. Phyophthora- Fuserium- Pythium-Rhioctonia etc. More at a later date,

Watch your watering. Water very early in the morning or late in the evening every 4 to 6 days. On reel hot days – mist in the evenings around 7.00 pm EST!

Fertilise about every 3 to 3 weeks. Do not over do it apply in the evenings [dark] While hot use half strength. [If possible – cool days].\watch for mites. Spray with your favourite miticide. Most root rots use a fungicide that is phosphorus acid bases such as Anti Rot etc. Black spots use MANCOZEB, CAPTAN® ‘BRANO’ etc

AMINOGRO is now available again ring for prices etc. Works well!

New weed mat not called WEED GUNNEL. For more particulars ring HORTICULTURAL FLEECLE - Chris Monogue Phone: 0417749099 . comes in many widths and lengths.

Dubbo and Orana Region Orchid Society have produced a book on the history of the Society, this covers the inception up to recent times. [21 years]. You may phone Christine on 68873221 or Michael Murphy 0428820514. the cost is \$40 includes postage. If heading out that way, they meet on the last Wednesday of the month. All visitors are welcome.

NOTE: If using magnesium as a foliar to cool plants remember the level in the plant should be around 1% and the magnesium should be around 2.5%. May use Lime 1 part + Dolomite 2 parts by weight as a top dressing to combat heat stress. Potassium nitrate may also be used as a foliar spray. Gypsum may also be used as a top dress. All of the above will green up the leaves if the leaves have been too hot! DON'T FORGET YOUR ENVY® to help against the heat.

FOR SALE: ORCHID GROWING GUIDE by Stefan Mager. This handy fold out guide to orchid growing will be available at the class. This will cost you \$7.00 .

This is all for now

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