



# Milton - Ulladulla

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**NEXT MEETING:**

13 February 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:**

**Jo Church \$50 voucher, Helen  
Thompson \$25 Voucher and Rod  
Thomas the \$20 Voucher, the  
hamper winners were Charlie  
Weir, Sylvia Hawkins, Michelle  
McIntosh and Bruce McIntosh.**



**January 2017**

**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.

Learn about Species orchids from around the world, trends in hybridising Australian native orchids and orchid culture methods.

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

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



**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.

**Photos from our Christmas Party:**



Wayne Hamilton who won the Novice point score



Tony and Lis Karacsonyi winners of the Open point scores



Rhonda Spry who won the encouragement award



Lindy Bonser

These were the happy hamper winners



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 the MUOS held their Christmas Party. What a party it was too. We had 52 turn up – 44 members and 8 visitors. This is a record I believe for our Club. We had to put up an extra table for some late comers.

Michelle and Bruce did a great job ordering the food for the main course and cutting up the chicken /ham to sensible portions. Members brought in a good variety of desserts, nuts, crisps and all the yummy Christmas things. Tables were arranged differently this year because we acquired extra tables so were able to put them in twos which was much more friendly and easier for members and visitors to chat to each other.

For entertainment our member Eugene played his piano accordion ( squeeze box to some) and we all had a sing-a-long. Some members were a little shy, some didn't know the words and like me, their singing days were long gone. Two members were very brave and attempted to dance a slow Waltz , concentrating on their steps so much they didn't realize the music had stopped. Well done you two. Everyone was in such a good mood the atmosphere was happy and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

After desserts, every member and visitor was presented with a mature orchid that if well grown, some of them will blossom next year. It has been the practice for many years to give our members an orchid at Christmas that attend the party. In the past we have had to buy these, but for a couple of years plants have been donated by very thoughtful members which is very much appreciated by everyone, especially the Committee. These members are Liz & Tony, Michelle and Bob. I know you would rather not be named but we think you should be as it is such a great help to our Club. It helps encourage the Novices , especially the very new ones, to start their collections now so they can participate benching their orchids at monthly Meetings. Maybe starting next year as they would certainly have owned them for six months according to the Rules.

The raffle hampers were put together this year by Samantha who did a terrific job of buying all the goodies and putting the hampers together so well. Barbara also helped by supplying some of the baskets. The winners were, Sylvia Hawkins, Michelle McIntosh, Bruce McIntosh and Charlie Weir. Congratulations to all those winners (photos in Newsletter). Members donated extra prizes. Finally, I had the honour of presenting the following Awards. The 'Encouragement Award' went to a very delighted Rhonda Spry. The Open Class 'Point Score Award' to Elizabeth and Tony Karacsonyi and the Novice 'Point Score Award' to Wayne Hamilton. He put us in a bit of a spin because I can't remember this ever happening before but Wayne actually gained more points than the Open Class so a new Trophy was purchased and Wayne looked so proud of his achievement he actually told the Novices it's up to them now to fill the Novice bench. The Open Class will also have to be on their toes with this new contender in its ranks. I know I thanked everyone at the party but in case I missed something I would like to thank everyone involved in making the party so successful. A big thank you Liz and Tony for kindly giving me a lift and to all the members that helped set up and cleaned up after the party. See you all at our first Meeting in 2017 on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Sylvia Hawkins



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## Grow comp Plants:

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



A big thank you to Jo Church who did a lot of washing dishes and to all the other kitchen helpers at the Christmas Party sorry that there weren't enough tea towels as they got forgotten in the rush.

## Warning about watering on hot days

When a very hot day is expected, don't water your orchids after 10am as this may burn the leaves. A misting in between watering is beneficial. Keep the orchid house floor damped down also on hot days. When the weather stays wet and humid for a day or two, spray them thoroughly with Mancabez which is a fungal spray. NOT Mancabez Plus. Repeat approximately 7-10 days later. Be diligent also for white scale and look regularly for this pest. Dendrobium beetles are also active at the moment according to some members, catching them when they fall is the best and safest way rather than spraying them with anything toxic. A bit of metho or pest oil in the bottom of a container will kill them before they get a chance to fly out.

As for Cyms' water before 10am (summer and winter for that matter) and don't water on an overcast day, ever. When a spell of hot days is forecast, get the water into them just beforehand. The plants can be overhead watered early evening after a hot day, the theory being that the quick cooling effect initiates flower spikes. As an aside, they don't need to be watered too often! Twice a week at most, unless they're babies and haven't formed their bulbs yet.

As for pests – a bit of mealy bug and/or bois duval creeping back in, grass hoppers, caterpillars, the odd bush rat, and if the humidity remains high an anti-fungal might be a good prophylactic. Ray Clement, Tinnonee, uses a strong systemic insecticide and phosphorous acid as an anti-fungal in his nursery, twice a year. Thanks to Liz and Tony for the cym info.

## NEXT MEETING 13 FEBUARY CWA HALL



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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.