



# Milton - Ulladulla

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**NEXT MEETING:**

13 July 2015  
CWA Hall Milton NSW  
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**June 2015**

**The South & West Regional Orchid Conference & Show  
3 & 4 October**

The theme of the show is 'Beaches & Bush' reflecting the beautiful coastal area and the wonderful regional bush areas that we hope will be represented in this biennial event.

Displays by regional orchid societies.

Conference program including presentations by orchid specialists.

Orchids for sale from commercial and local hobbyists

Free advice and demonstrations.

**Annual Fees: \$10**

Will be due for payment on 1 July 2015



**Raffle Winners for June:**

Frank Bowyer the \$25 plus a plant, Ann-Maree Cernec, Liz Cleaver, Bill Maxwell, Rod Thomas, John Brennan 2, Harry Harris 2, Annette Neilsen 2, Marilyn Higgins, Eugene Cernec, Rhonda Spry, Michelle McIntosh.

**Show Dates:**

**Winter Shows**

**Shoalhaven Orchid Society** at Berry July 4th/5th Friday 11-4, Saturday 8-3

**Eurobodalla Orchid Society:** at CWA Hall Moruya, July 10th/11th Fri 9-4, Sat 9-2

**Batemans Bay O&FS** at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club, July 17th/18th Fri 10-6, Sat 10-3

**Milton Ulladulla Orchid Soc,** at Ulladulla Civic Centre, July 25th/26th Sat 10-3.30, Sun 9-2

**Spring Shows:**

**Eurobodalla orchid Society** at Narooma August 21st/23rd Fri 10-6, Sat 10-3, Sun

**Batemans Bay O&FS** at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club September Fri 10-6, Sat 10-3

**Shoalhaven Orchid Society** at Presbyterian Hall Nowra, September 11th/12th Fri 8-4 Sat 8-3

**Milton Orchid Society** at Ulladulla Civic Centre Sep 19th/20th Sat 10-3.30, Sun 9-2

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



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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

Cym Stan: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Cym Int: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Cym Mini: Frank Bowyer

Cattleya to 70mm: Harry Harris

Cattleya over 70mm: John Warren

Native Hybrid: Sylvia Hawkins

Onc Alliance: Harry Harris

Miscellaneous: Frank Bowyer

Species: 1st Frank Bowyer, Harry Harris

Fern: Rhonda Spry

Foliage: 1st Rhonda Spry, Rhonda Spry

### NOVICE

Cym Mini: Annette Neilsen

Cattleya to 70mm: Annette Neilsen

Onc Alliance: Annette Neilsen

### Popular Vote:

OPEN: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

NOVICE: Annette Neilsen



Popular Vote Open:  
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube  
Death wish 'Spotted Leopard'



Harry Harris



Harry Harris



Popular Vote Novice: Annette Neilsen Unknown



Harry Harris



Popular Vote Open:  
John Warren tied with  
Pastoral Innocence



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Our display at Bunnings.  
This is only half of our display so thanks go to the members who brought in plants and those who stayed to help over the day.

### VALE-HELEN HARPER

It is with great sadness that we advise members that Helen passed away on the 11th June at Wollongong Hospital.

Helen had been diagnosed with a serious illness about 9 months ago and had been undergoing intensive treatment, which she bravely endured.

Helen has been a staunch and involved member of the society for many years, enjoying her orchids with husband Bob. She has also been a committee member for the last few years and was always putting her hand up when jobs were needed to be done, whether at our monthly meetings, Christmas parties, displays or shows, she was always there to lend a helping hand, with a smile too.

Helen had a wonderful disposition, always friendly and loved a chat with everyone on any subject, and also enjoyed the not so occasional meal at her favourite Thai restaurant.

We will miss her.

The committee, on behalf of all members, express their deepest sympathy to Bob and all of their family at this sorrowful time.



### **VALE - ALAN VIRGO**

Sadly, Alan passed away on the 13th June in Nowra Hospital. He had been fighting a battle with a very serious illness for quite a few years. Over the last months, Alan has been unable to come to our Meetings because of his advanced illness so surprised us all by turning up at Frank Condello's Nursery in Yatte Yattah on our recent 'Roving Day'. He looked well and enjoyed the day with us all. With Jean by his side he looked happy and was chatting with friends on the verandah.

Alan was a very committed member of our Society for many years and became our Show Marshall for a few years. He always gave the impression that he was completely relaxed in that capacity and I never saw him panic about anything, he just went about making sure every orchid was in the right Class etc. Alan had a great love of orchids and enjoyed working on their 5 acre property until he was diagnosed with an incurable health problem. He was always ready to answer any questions from members and over the years has been a very valued member of our Society. He will always be remembered by those of us that knew him as a quietly spoken gentleman.

Our sincere condolences to Jean and family on their sad loss.

Sylvia Hawkins, President.



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'Noelle Westley, Ross' wife sadly passed away recently. Noelle had moved into the Retirement Village about three weeks before her death. Ross has been living there for quite a while.

We didn't, unfortunately, get the opportunity to get to know Noelle very well but she was very much admired by us all for the stoic and patient way she brought Ross to Meetings when he was well enough to attend. She used to get Ross settled beside his mates, wave to us all and leave, only to come back later to pick him up. If we offered to help get Ross settled back into their vehicle she would smile and quietly say "thank you dears but it's not as difficult as it looks, we're fine".

To Ross and family from all your friends at the MUOS we send you our deepest sympathy on losing such a lovely lady.



Sylvia Hawkins, President

### ROVING DAY

Our Roving day was a very pleasant day, beautiful weather, 22 members attended and a big thank you to our newest member Frank Condello for demonstrating how to repot bonsai.



YatteYattah  
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*Garden Cafe*

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The advertisement features a blue background. On the left is a photograph of a well-manicured bonsai tree in a pot. To the right of the tree is the text 'YatteYattah NURSERY Garden Cafe' in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below the text is a small logo of a coffee cup. At the bottom, the address and contact information are provided in a smaller font.

## MITCH'S TALK

Before Mitch started his talk he explained to the members that he had brought with him a bucket of Orchid Bark for those members that haven't tried it yet so they can see for themselves what it is like. Mitch has been using this bark mixed with a bit of jumbo perlite or rock for about eight months. His mix is about 3 pots to one but if (and Mitch stressed this point) what you are using is giving you the result you require, don't change a thing. If you like you could put some Aus Gro bark mixed in as well as this seems to give it a bit more 'push'. Only try something new on two plants before changing all your collection. DON'T try something new just because someone else says "oh that sounds good", be careful. If your plants are growing well, don't change.

Mitch had brought along some small plants that he had grown himself and a Cymbidium to demonstrate how to clean up and make it more presentable to bench at Meetings and Shows. He also demonstrated with two plants in the Novice Section and showed the owners how the plant could be presented better when benching.

He had given us some information at a previous talk about using square pots and went on to elaborate on that with examples of the small plants he had brought along. Mitch noticed at Nurseries that in most cases square pots were used for Natives as the roots grew straight down whereas plants put into round pots tended to grow around the inside of the pot. Recommended was 90ml square pots to 60ml square pots which Mitch uses most and which he prefers. Square pots go up to 200ml plus and Mitch puts his Cymbidiums into a 190ml when needed. He demonstrated by putting the plants he grew, he had brought in a variety of genus, into the size pots he will be repotting them into later. He grows his orchids under 30% shade cloth because his property has lots of trees thus making 30% quite adequate for most of his collection. Also with small natives he found they don't mind going into bigger bark as long as the drainage is very good. Mitch uses small bark until they reach the need for a slightly bigger pot which he then uses a mixture of small/medium bark. When their growth reaches the larger size 90ml pots he goes to medium bark. He uses Osmocote which has everything in it the plants need. Apply on top of bark then tap the pot to help it drop below the bark. It's the standard type for pots, indoor plants etc. Winter Watering – Mitch is now watering every two to three weeks because it's now too cold and watering too often may cause rot. In the Spring he uses Dolomite mixed in water letting it settle then spraying plants with what's on top. A couple of handfuls of Dolomite in a 9 ltr can of water. No need to use Gypsum on your orchids as that is used for breaking down clay. You can also use Brikkies lime which keeps the medium sweeter. If your leaves are going yellow, treat them with Iron Chelates.

Don't clean your leaves with Eco Oil, it doesn't look natural. Just use slightly warm water with a couple of drops of dishwashing liquid and they will look clean and not too glossy. When getting your orchids ready for Shows, look at the size of the flower stem and find a bamboo cane of similar size. This should be placed at the back of the stem so it is not so noticeable. The cane must not go beyond the top flower. Count three flowers down from the top and tie to stake, cutting off surplus tie. Push the tie gently down a bit so it fits snug. Continue tying stem to cane at equal lengths. Remove all sheaths off flowering spike and cut off any broken leaves or any that go above the flowers. Do not cut off too many. Mitch answered many questions which were answered to the members' satisfaction.

Thank you Mitch for a very informative and interesting talk.



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