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NEXT MEETING:

11 April 2016
CWA Hall Milton NSW
Plants to be benched between
1pm and 1.30 pm

SHOW DATES:

Milton-Ulladulla at Civic Centre

July 16 10am-3.30

July 17 9am-2pm

September 24 10am-3.30pm

September 25 9am-2pm

Eurobodalla Orchid Club

July 8-9 **Moruya**

August 26-28 **Narooma**

Batemans Bay at the Soldiers Club

July 22- 10am-6pm

July 23 10am-3pm

September 9 10am -6pm

September 10 10am-3pm

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club at Twyford Hall Merimbula

19-21 August

22-23 September Venue to be confirmed

Native Show at Twyford Hall Merimbula

28-29 October

DIARY DATES:

Castle Hill International Orchid Fair:

15-16 April, Castle Hill Showground,
entry by Showground Rd.

Orchids Out West: 13-15 May,
Hawkesbury Racecourse.

Mingara Orchid Fair & Show: 25-26
June, Mingara

St Ives Orchid Fair: 19-21 August, St
Ives.

Southern Orchid Spectacular: 7-9
October, Caringbah high School.

Raffle Winners



Liz Cleaver, Gary McConnell 4, Rod Thomas 3, Elizabeth Karacsonyi, Marilyn Higgins, Bruce McIntosh 3, Lindy Bonser 2, Ron Cox 2, Helen Thompson, Mary Glading, Barbara Williams, Jim Foster, Sam Burton 3, Bob Harper, Michelle McIntosh 2, Sylvia Hawkins, Liezl Maritz

Speaker for April

Sylvia will be talking about growing Phalaenopsis.



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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:

- Paphiopedilum: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Cattleya to 70: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Cattleya over 70 Michelle McIntosh
- Dendrobium: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Native Hybrid: Michelle McIntosh
- Onc Alliance: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- 2nd Bob Harper
- 2nd Michelle McIntosh
- Miscellaneous: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Species: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Vandaceous: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Fern: Michelle McIntosh
- Foliage: Rhonda Spry

NOVICE:

- Paphiopedilum: Wayne Hamilton
- Onc Alliance: Wayne Hamilton
- Species: Wayne Hamilton



Close up of the Popular Vote winner grown by Elizabeth & Tony Karacsonyi



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Popular Vote:

- OPEN:** 1 st Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- 2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- NOVICE:** Wayne Hamilton



Popular Vote Open:
Elizabeth Karacsonyi
Dendrochilum
cobbianum



Michelle McIntosh



Wayne Hamilton



Popular Vote Novice:
Wayne Hamilton
Stenoglottis longifolia



Popular Vote Open:
2nd Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Eplc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'



Bob Harper

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We would like to welcome Helen Thompson. We hope that you enjoy being part of this club.

Extract from Alan Merriman's March 2016 Newsletter

Cymbidiums: If you are a cymbidium grower, now is the time to top dress your plants with MERRICOTE. Check for two spotted mites under the leaves. If you want to use organic safe materials, you may spray with ECO OIL mixed with NATRASOAP®. Over the last couple of years some growers have been using PROCIDE® 80SC to control their mites. Use at 35-50 ml per 100 litres of water for mites. Aphids. Loopers, Mealy Bug use 25 ml per 100 Lt of water. No wetting agent is needed. With your cymbidiums keep foliar nutrients over the plants weekly. Use MERRIFERT or one of the PETERS products. Still water in the early evening during March.

CATTLEYAS: can now be divided if needed. During March – April spray plants with a Seaweed or Fish emulsion product – weekly to ten days. Look for scale on your catts. Water when starting to dry out.

SOFTCANE DENDS are now powering ahead. Keep fertilising with a good general purpose fertiliser weekly. Watch for loopers on the leaves. Spray with MAVRIK® or SUCCESS® ,DIPEL® is a good alternative.

PHALAENOPSIS are now growing extremely well. During autumn the nights will start to cool down. Fertilise weekly with your favourite brew. Use one that does not have too much urea in it, plus watch the ammonium for of nitrogen in your favourite fertiliser! Does your bottom leaves turn yellow, once plants start spiking! Answer next month. Keep humidity up – good ventilation and air movement. Watch your shading.

The last couple of months we have been talking about miltoniopsis – the wonderful pansy orchid. I was going to print a photo of MILTONIOPSIS RUBENESQUE “JJUICY” This cross was registered in 2007 by Mr Okika of Hawaii. The parents being Pearl Ono X Paradise Park. In the mean time you can read an excellent article in a recent copy of “ORCHIDS”. In the 21st Anniversary of Parramatta and District Orchid Society there is an article on culture of Miltonia vexillaria by Juan Restrepoa. In fact this edition of the Orchid News is worth a read.

Afternoon Tea:

We would like to thank those members who bring afternoon tea along to the monthly meetings, your efforts are very much appreciated. Without the help of the members the Society wouldn't be what it is.

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Bus Trip

At the last meeting Sylvia talked about the Eurobodalla Orchid Club and Batemans Bay and our club organizing bus trip to The Southern Orchid Spectacular at Caringbah in October, we had a show of hands for those interested in going so it look promising that it will go ahead, I will keep you posted.

Orchid Culture

With permission of Ray Clement's of Tinonee Orchid Nursery



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID CULTURE DENDROBIUM & SARCOCHILUS

The popularity of Australian Native Orchids has grown dramatically in recent years. New cultivars have provided growers with a broader range of colours and styles that are easy to grow and flower.

ENVIRONMENT: Found growing wild in most areas on the east coast of Australia it is easy to provide suitable conditions in this area. Dendrobiums prefer bright filtered light, 50% - 70% shadecloth is ideal, or a tree or similar screen allowing dappled sunlight is perfect. Sarcochilus are usually found in heavier shade areas, about 90% shade and somewhat higher humidity than Dendrobiums is beneficial.

TEMPERATURE: New South Wales coastal temperatures are OK, good air movement is important, especially during very hot or cold periods so natural air flow should not be impeded. Sarcochilus enjoy temperatures up to 30%, over this, try to minimise maximum temperatures, by providing more shade or air movement.

Watering: Perfect drainage is very important, many Australian Native Orchids grow on trees and dry off quickly after rain. Water thoroughly then allow plants to dry out completely before rewatering. Water regularly in summer, sparingly in winter. If you receive regular winter rain, a solid roof over plants may be necessary to control watering in cold weather.

COMPOST: Must be free draining. Orchidmate Coconut Husk Chips or treated pine bark is ideal. Some growers like to add 10% coarse perlite, gravel or styrene to the mix. Adding graded charcoal is also popular. As a guide, use medium chips in 100mm pots, large chips in 150mm pots & extra large chips in 200mm pots or bigger. If established in the garden, a gravel bed under the plant will help with drainage, or attach firmly to a tree or rock and tie a pad of coconut fibre or similar over the root mass.

REPOTTING: Dendrobiums are best done soon after flowering, at the beginning of the growing season. We leave Sarcochilus till March/April after the worst of the hot weather has past. Sarc's grow all year, but experience most growth in this area during Autumn/Winter. Ensure pots have adequate drainage and are just big enough to contain the root system of the plant to be repotted.

FERTILISE: Regularly, especially during the growing season, using a soluble fertiliser for flowering plants, low in nitrogen and high in potassium. Plants will benefit from an occasional dusting with Dolomite.

PESTS & DISEASE: Generally hardy and resilient, Australian Native Dendrobiums and Sarcochilus can sometimes be attacked by scale, aphid or spidermite. Treat with a recommended insecticide such as Rogor or Pest Oil. Fungal infections are rare provided good air movement is maintained during wet weather. Use Mancozeb or lime water for leaf infections and Yates Anti Rot will prevent bulb rot. Dendrobium beetle can be a problem during the warmer months. Beetles are easily caught or spraying with Carbaryl is very effective.