



Milton - Ulladulla

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NEXT MEETING:

10 April 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

Orchids Out West

May 26th to 28th
At Hawkesbury Racecourse

**The Australian Orchid Council's
Conference**

At Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium at
Windsor on 18-22 July 2018

Roving Day

13 May 2017 more on this next
month.

March 2017

Raffle Winners:



Helen Thompson 2, John Brennan 4,
Liz Karacsonyi 2, Gary McConnell,
Rod Thomas 4, Peter Stubbs, Ron
Cox, Sam Burton 3, Michelle McIn-
tosh, Marilyn Higgins 3, Liz Cleaver
2, Bruce McIntosh, Ann Marie Cer-
nec, Maurice Gabriel, Jim Foster,
Chris Petersen, Mildred Hughes 2,
Charlie Weir.

Trip to Liz and Tony's Place

A big thank you to Liz & Tony for
inviting the Club members down to
a most enjoyable day at their place
so members could see how they
grow their plants and boy do they
have some. Tony cooked a BBQ
while Liz showed people around.
Most of us went
home with a few
extra plants as they
had some for sale at
great prices.



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: Michelle McIntosh
- Cattleya to 70: Rod Thomas
- Cattleya over 70: Wayne Hamilton
- Dendrobium: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Native Hybrid: Michelle McIntosh
- Onc Alliance: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- 2nd Wayne Hamilton
- Species: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Vandaceous: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Phalaenopsis: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Fern: Bob Harper
- Foliage: Elizabeth Karacsonyi

NOVICE:

- Onc Alliance: Sam Burton
- Species: Eugene & Ann Cernec
- Phalaenopsis: Ron Cox

GROW COMP:

- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- 2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi

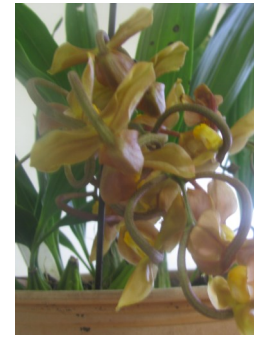
Popular Vote:

Open:

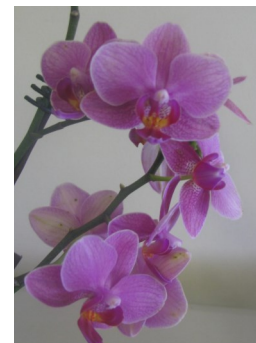
- 1st Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- 2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi



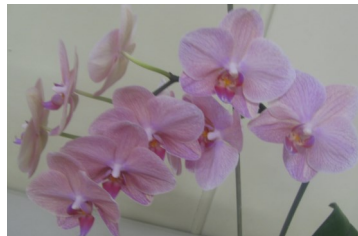
Popular Vote Open:
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Popular Vote Novice:
Eugene & Ann Cernec



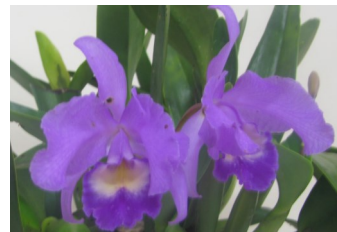
Popular Vote Novice:
Ron Cox



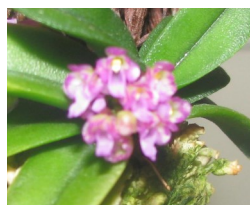
2nd Popular Vote
Wayne Hamilton



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Rod Thomas



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Michelle McIntosh

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NOVICE:

Eugene & Ann Cernec

BUS TRIP TO ORCHIDS OUT WEST

Payments to be paid to Sylvia at the next meeting

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)



I would like to advise all passengers on the bus trip to arrive 5 minutes early at pick up points so all can enjoy maximum time at the Show looking at and buying Orchids, your support will be appreciated. Ron Boyd President.

Timetable, departure times are departure times

The dates for Orchids Out West 2017 are Friday 26th May 9am-4pm

Start pick up at Moruya CWA (off Queen St.) rear car-park **Departure by 6.30am**

Car park at Bowling Club Batemans Bay, the one facing Princess Highway **Departure time: 6:50am**

Ulladulla Big pick-up bus stop opposite the Marlin Hotel. **Departure time: 7:35am**

Bewong main bus and Coach stop NSW **Departure time: 8:15am**

Nowra South McDonalds; (02) 4422 1099 **arrival time: 8:30am** And **Departure time: 9:00am**

Designation; Hawkesbury Racecourse, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon Arrival: 11:45am and departure time: 2:30pm

(Estimated time) (about 2 to 2/2 hours if possible at the show) 1 minute from the main road between Richmond and Windsor, opposite to the Richmond RAAF Airbase.

Returning home Hawkesbury Racecourse, departure time (Estimated time) : 2:30pm

Nowra South McDonalds And **arrival time: 5:15pm – 5:45pm**

Bewong NSW main bus and Coach stop **Departure time: 6:00pm**

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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.



Grow comp Plant:

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



VALE – BILL MAXWELL

A life well lived

Bill has been a member of the Milton-Ulladulla Orchid Society for ten years and with his wife Cathy regularly attended the General Meetings until his health started to deteriorate. Bill passed away on the 10th March, husband of Cath, Father of Linda, Joanne and William, Grandfather and Great Grandfather of their children. Bill was a quiet, very private man with a gentle nature and when asked how he was, he would always give a positive answer that he was fine, thank you. Although Bill's health continued to fail him his attitude to life never changed. We are going to miss that Scottish accent very much.

Our love and sympathy go to Cathy and family at this sad time.



Potting Demo

Elizabeth Karacsonyi got some of the Novice growers up to do a repotting of an oncidium and Liz showed Eugene how to mount a sarco. Liz spoke about what she puts in her mix which we hope will help the newer members.

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ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER

ALAN'S COLUMN MARCH 2017

By now the seasons seems to be changing. February certainly sent down some rain. Bulb rot became a problem to many growers. The best remedy is to stop watering the plants. If possible keep plants out of the rain and the heat. Once the plants dry out give plants a good soaking with Phos. Acid 600. Don't forget to add some wetting agent to the mix. Do not add an oil such as Eco-Oil® the use of the 600 is better! Apply every six to seven days – drench plus spray This will control most fungal diseases but not all! RHIZOCTONIA can be controlled by the use of TRI-D25. This will also help control *botrytis spp.* You can also use the cut and dry method with the use of calcium hydroxide or sulphur. For the use of this see me. Most of all do not over water. Keep fertilisers down. Plant hormones could be beneficial. Some growers like to apply Condys Crystals as a drench to control bacterial rots such as ERWINIA, PSEUDOMONAS, and O.T.C. Orchid Hygiene Solution which is 12% HYDROGEN PEROXIDE SOLUTION + 16ppm Col-loidal Silver Solution at 30ml in 120 litres of water. In the old days you would mix up 3grams of Bi Carb of soda in 3 ml of ECO- OIL This would control all sorts of spot – rots etc.

BANROT 400 WP has proven itself to be the single most effective broad spectrum oil fungicide product in the U.S.A. providing both systemic and contact activity. Provides systemic and contact activity to control root and stem fungi for up to 8 weeks.

Now that the weather has become stabilized, plants are now growing to a programme. Watch the watering. DO NOT OVER WATER. Keep them a little on the dry side. Watch for grubs, use MAVRIK®. DIPEL® is handy to use but you must know how to use it. When you are going to use it give me a ring for the inside info!

CATTLEYAS: are powering ahead. Growth semi maturing, roots growing well. Last year my catts. Did well top dressing with MERRI COTE. I did not see what the flowering was like, but the growth was good! Watch for scale. Use ECO-OIL or MALATHION. DO NOT APPLY IF THE WEATHER IS HOT.

SOFT CANE DEND: are pushing their new growth along nicely. Fertilise weekly with MERRI FERT or alternate with a good ORGANIC such as SEAWEED SECRETS. Use at 1.0 ml per litre of water. Look for mealy bug and two spotted mites. Water every 3 or 4 days if needed.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES: Watch what fertilises you use as this could upset this years flowering! Use EXCEL Cal Mag Balanced NPK 15 : 2.2: 7.5 + Ca 5. Use 2 or 3 times between March and July. This is to cut the potash back a little to help prevent root burn. Watch for loopers on the new growths. Top dress with MERRI COTE in March.

MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS: Keep plants just damp. Watch for grubs and grasshoppers. Spray with MAVRIK® mixed with ECO-OIL® - NOT ON A HOT DAY/

CYMBIDIUMS: Keep plants just moist. Start to give plant more light. Fertilise weekly with CAMPBELL'S "A" – 11-13-16@ 1 gram per litre of water. Check for Two Spotted Mites under the leaves. Black Spot on leaves ANTI ROT for rotting bulbs. Give plants plenty of light, with out burning the leaves.

We still have plenty of coarse back in stock (DEBCO) at \$20 per bag. MERRI FERT and MERRI COTE in stock to keep plants growing well. Port Pots and various hormones such as AUXINONE®

Our famous orchid growing class will be held on Saturday 11th March at 2pm and the April class will be on Saturday 8th at 2pm. These classes are held for beginners and for those who want to know what makes our orchids grow (what does NPK mean and what do they do to plants in Summer and Winter? Come along and have fun. Runs for 2 hours 2pm to 4pm then afternoon tea provided by the people who attend we provide tea and coffee etc there are know fees and we have a chin wag to try and solve all of our growing problems.

See you here

Good Growing Alan & Miriam Merriman 89 Levy Street GLENBROOK NSW 2773

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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.

Striking Backbulbs

By Lynne Phelan

Members may remember that I mentioned in the newsletter over a year ago that I had read a tip in the American *Orchids* magazine about striking backbulbs by sitting them in a container of water up to the level that you would expect the new lead to come from. Since then I have done this and must claim a spectacular success rate. Rarely do the backbulbs fail to make a new growth and some in a very short time. I can vouch for the success rate with the orchids I specialise in, i.e. species cymbidiums and species laelias (some now reclassified as cattleyas), but I have also tried a couple of other genera including epidendrums with success. I'll try some of Brian's odontoglossums and miltoniopsis when he does some repotting.

When I'm repotting I have some clear plastic cups and a waterproof pen handy. When I trim off some backbulbs I put them in a plastic cup with a little water over the base of the pseudobulb and write the name of the plant on the cup. I found the putting labels in the cup wasn't such a good idea as they often 'went missing'. These cups sit in a tray under the bench on the south side of the shade house. In the hot weather they needed topping up fairly regularly. I use fresh water but they probably get some run-off when I fertilise the plants above though that is unintentional. A new growth is just starting to show on this *Laelia cinnabarina* (right) which is a backbulb division from October 2016.

Often these extra orchids are surplus to my needs so I usually give the struck divisions, bare-rooted, to Brian to give to newer members at Novices' Corner. Recently I had to pot some up as they were getting good roots and I knew we weren't able to get to the February meeting. I did about 15 plants. At left, from the left, are shoots on *Cym. canaliculatum*, *Cattleya* (ex *Laelia*) *flava* var. *sulina*, *Laelia anceps* (5 new shoots) and *Cym. dayanum*. They all had roots starting to show so I potted them into small pots, staked them firmly and will keep them just damp. Most of these backbulbs came from my marathon repotting session in September – October last year so they don't take very long to respond to the 'hydroponic' treatment.



AWARD OF CULTURAL MERIT

Peter Stubbs presented two Cultural Award certificates to Bob Harper for his *Dendrobium Linguiforme* which he named Yamba Surprise, it got awarded at the Native Orchid Show held by the Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage last October. One from Orchid Society of NSW & one from The Australian Orchid Council Inc.

