



Milton - Ulladulla

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NEXT MEETING:

13 June 2016
CWA Hall Milton NSW
Plants to be benched between
1pm and 1.30 pm

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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

Shoalhaven Orchid Society

July 2-3 Berry

September 9-10 Nowra

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club at Twyford Hall Merimbula

August 19-21

September 22-23 Venue to be confirmed

Show dates continued

Native Show at Twyford Hall Merimbula

28-29 October

DIARY DATES:

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

Rod Thomas 4, Jim Foster, Chris Petersen 3, Michelle McIntosh2, Rhonda Spry 4, Barbara Williams 2, Lindy Bonser, Charlie Weir 2, Gary McConnell, Sami Burton 4, Doreen Cambourn, Ron Cox 2, Liz Cleaver, Marilyn Higgins.

Could members please not to water their orchids the day before a Meeting. It makes such a mess and is unnecessary now it's Autumn.



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:

- Cym Inter: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Cym Mini: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Paphiopedilum: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Cattleya over 70 1st Sylvia Hawkins,
2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Dendrobium: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Native Hybrid: Rod Thomas
- Onc Alliance: Sylvia Hawkins
2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Species: 1st Elizabeth Karacsonyi
equal 1st Eliz Karacsonyi
- Seedling: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Fern: Doreen Cambourn
- Foliage: Rhonda Spry

NOVICE:

- Cym Mini: Sami Burton
- Paphiopedilum: Wayne Hamilton
- Cattleya over 70 Helen Bamford
- Dendrobium: Leonie Walsh
- Onc Alliance: Ann & Eugene Cernec
- Miscellaneous: Wayne Hamilton
- Species: Wayne Hamilton
- Phalaenopsis: Ron Cox

GROW COMP:

- 1st Michelle McIntosh, Elizabeth Karacsonyi,
Tony Karacsonyi

Popular Vote:

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



Popular Vote Open
1st Elizabeth Karacsonyi



Popular Vote Novice
1st Wayne Hamilton



2nd Popular Vote Open
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Popular Vote Novice
2nd Helen Bamford



Sylvia Hawkins



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Sylvia Hawkins



Sam Burton

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President's Report - Roving Day

On the 14th May we enjoyed our Annual Roving Day. Twenty-seven members attended. Our first stop was to Ron and Helen Dellow's home. Ron and Helen made us very welcome and everyone was amazed at the beautifully kept garden and orchids which his daughter Elizabeth looks after, every day. Ron, in his favourite chair was surrounded by beautiful ferns, some very unusual ones on the enclosed verandah. Orchids were everywhere, some in blossom, which, amongst the ferns, made a beautiful welcome to visitors.

Ron, still very proud of the orchids which he had collected over some years unfortunately can't see their beauty as his eyesight has failed him greatly. However, through Elizabeth he still gets enjoyment and knows they are in good hands. He was a very keen orchid grower and this shows through his varied collection. Having been a loyal and committed member of our Club, Ron brought his orchids to every General Meeting and gave the Open Class 'a run for their money' as he won many benchings.

Our second stop was at Elizabeth and Tony's home (a few of us got lost much to our amusement) which gave us an insight to a very different garden. A very natural garden with many trees and under planting of bromeliads, orchids, ferns, palms. Everywhere members looked there was something different to see. Like many of us, Elizabeth and Tony are still in the process of enlarging their orchids houses.

We were made very welcome and after we had our walk through this very interesting garden, Elizabeth kindly supplied morning tea/coffee/cake and bikkies which we all enjoyed and gave us time to have a chat before moving on to a park for lunch.

After lunch in the park where some members lit the Bar-B-Que and cooked a very good lunch, the smell of onions, sausages etc., made those of us that had brought sandwiches very envious but as it was a picture perfect day weatherwise, everyone was extremely happy.

Last but certainly not least was Bob Harper's home where once again we were welcomed by Bob who showed us his collection with pride. Everywhere were orchids nestled amongst ferns and pots everywhere with young seedlings of plants on trays of just about everything that Bob grew. As you would expect, every plant looked very healthy, not only in the garden but also in his orchid houses which were built on an upper level of his garden. Bob's generosity knows no bounds and he loves to share some of his seedlings with others so a few members came away with a small plant.

I thank all the members that wore their badges, especially the new members who remembered. This helps to advertise our Club when moving around town etc., and also helps the new members to familiarise themselves with other members' names.

To all owners of the homes we visited, many thanks for giving us a very interesting day. Many members remarked they had picked up some good ideas and tips which they are keen to apply, especially the new members who were very enthusiastic. To everyone, thank you.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We would like to welcome Carmen Champion. We hope that you enjoy being part of this club.

Grow comp Plants:

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

Woolworths Displays will be held on July the 9th and September the 17th so we will need help from our members for plants and help manning the display.

Bunnings Display will be held on June the 11th which is the Saturday of the long weekend. We need some more volunteers please, can you help? contact Rod on 44564352. We also need plants for the display. The times are 9am until 3pm.

Speakers for June meeting

Liz Cleaver is going to give us a talk on how to present Cymbidiums for Show.

Sylvia is going to give a short talk on how to present Cattleyas for the show.

May Speaker Dennis Dempsey

Our guest speaker in May was Dennis Dempsey, he is a horticulturalist who looked after the rose gardens at old Parliament House in Canberra for many years. He gave a humorous and enlightening talk.

Dennis told us about the rare, endangered Tarengo Leek Orchid which grows in the Hall cemetery. On finding the orchid in the cemetery, he fought with the keepers of that bush cemetery to not mow the orchids down as they were very rare and many people would not know of their existence. He won eventually and the cemetery is now closed to the public and no-one is buried there anymore.

So much for Rod telling us that he knew nothing about orchids.

He also talked on Dicksonias, Cyathias, maidenhair ferns etc. Dennis then gave a talk on how to build a sturdy fernery. He passed around a diagram of the type he thought was best. His love of nature and the environment showed in his talk with his enthusiasm and love for the bushland.



Sylvia then presented Dennis with a book called Starting Out With Orchids by David L Jones.

Woolworths 



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.

Pseuderanthemum variable - What a pest of a weed in orchid collections!

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Pseuderanthemum variable - the 'Love Flower' or 'Pastel Flower' is a quite pretty Australian native related to the Africa Violet. It is found in the wild from as far south as Bega in southern NSW all the way to New Guinea, and also the New Hebrides, it is a relatively common butterfly attracting wildflower. Its issue is that it is also a bloody awful orchid weed, infesting pots, regardless of the media.

In nature, it enjoys dark, moist, rainforest areas and will grow in all soils and in rock/gravel scree. It has large seed capsules that develop on very young plants, so it disperses easily from seed. Its most irritating feature is its large rhizome root system that makes it unable to be hand pulled. The photo (below right) shows the fat, tuberous, carrot like root.

When hand pulled, this breaks and even the smallest piece grows back into a full plant in no time at all!

We, in the orchid trade are very, very lucky that the weedkiller Linuron can be used over orchids with little to no effect on the orchids, but kills most weeds. The frustrating thing though, is that *Pseuderanthemum* weed seems to be resistant to Linuron, and is not killed by it. When sprayed, this weed just looks a little sad, turns purple for a month or two, then powers away in full growth again. So basically, it is the only weed we can't control easily.

So how do we control it? We try to manually remove all of it at repotting time. Then comes the hard yard. Using a child's paintbrush, we paint 50/50 Glyphosate/water on to the weed leaves. Water well the day before and then don't water again for as long as possible. Be careful, as Glyphosate, or Roundup as it is also known, is very toxic to orchids. It does though, take a LOT of Glyphosate to kill an orchid, so don't be too scared to try it!



an infested pot

Massive tap root system



paint on the glysohate



weeds gone

