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VALE – NEVILLE ROPER

Sadly Neville passed away Friday 6th November. Those of us that knew him personally or through the talks he gave our Society over the years, will remember his kind generosity, his vast knowledge which he willingly shared with everyone and his many achievements which will be remembered for many years to come.



Sarco Maria
The last grow comp plant from Neville



Raffle winners

Bob Harper Voucher, Marilyn Higgins 3, Michelle McIntosh 3, Liz Cleaver 4, Ann Cernec 3, Liz Karacsonyi 2, Chris Petersen 2, Garry McConnell 2, Mary Glading 2, Liezl Moritz 2, Charlie Weir, Sylvia Hawkins, Rhonda Spry 2, Lindy Bonser 2, Doreen Cambourn, Bill Maxwell, Barry Matthews,

November 2015



CHRISTMAS PARTY 14 December 2015

WE DO NOT BENCH ORCIDS, and NO SALES TABLE, but we will be having a raffle for two \$50 vouchers and a \$25 voucher plus a couple of baskets of goodies.

For those members who have not put their names down and are planning on coming could you please phone Michelle on 44541220 this is needed so that we know how much food to buy.



The committee would like to wish our members and families a very Merry

Christmas and a Happy New year. We would also like to thank those generous members who help with the setting up and cleaning up after our meetings. Also the members who provide the goodies for afternoon teas and also the members who bring along plants ect for our monthly raffles.



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: Garry McConnell
Elizabeth Karacsonyi

Cattleya to 70: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Cattleya over 70 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Dendrobium: Michelle McIntosh
Michelle McIntosh

Native Hybrid: Sylvia Hawkins
Michelle McIntosh

Onc Alliance: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

Miscellaneous: Elizabeth Karacsonyi

Species: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
Elizabeth Karacsonyi

Vandaceous: Elizabeth Karacsonyi

Phalaenopsis: Sylvia Hawkins
Garry McConnell

Fern: Bob Harper
Elizabeth Karacsonyi

Foliage: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
Doreen Cambourn

Novice:

Paphiopedilum: Wayne Hamilton

Dendrobium: Wayne Hamilton

Native Hybrid: Maureen Miller

Native Species: Rhonda Spry
Maureen Miller

Miscellaneous: Maureen Miller
Maureen Miller

Popular Vote:

OPEN: Michelle McIntosh
Elizabeth Karacsonyi

NOVICE: Maureen Miller
Maureen Miller



Popular Vote Open
Michelle McIntosh



Popular Vote Novice
Maureen Miller



Sylvia Hawkins



Elizabeth Karacsonyi



Wayne Hamilton



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

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The Reef Motor Inn is the place to stay, dine and meet in Batemans Bay. Situated on the Batemans Bay's foreshore adjacent to the Batemans Bay Bridge and across from the Clyde River. The Motel is a short walk to the town centre and its vibrant shopping district. We offer an onsite steak and seafood restaurant "The Reef Restaurant" specialising in fresh local produce.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to welcome Jim Foster, Barry Matthews and Maureen Miller. We hope that you enjoy being part of this club.



At our November meeting Sylvia was to give a talk about how she grows Cattleyas (the notes are attached) Well on the morning of our meeting I rang Sylvia and suggested that I bring in a large plant that had not been divided for many years as with so many new members this year I thought that they might benefit with seeing a first hand repotting demonstration and they got to take home a piece to repot for themselves. As you can see the plant was rather large and it took quite a while to do, with the help of Leonie Walsh but I think that it was a worth while exercise .

Extract form Alan Merriman November Newsletter.

Now is the time to remove all of the old flower spikes and put in the garbage tin. (OTTO). Give all plants a good weeding. After weeding some growers have used RONSTAR® sprinkled around the top of the pot to get good weed control. Inspect all plants for possible fungi problems. Check under leaves for evidence of two spotted mites. Look under husks on cymbidium and cattleya alliance. If found spray with ANTI SCALE® every ten days. Give three applications.. Look very carefully for evidence of the dreaded dendrobium beetle CARBARYL works well. You can legally use the small containers to control the beetle. Take all care when using CARBARYL i.e. hat, mask, gloves, boots + overalls – “Tyvaks” check for bulb rot on all genera. If present drench with one of the phos. Acid products such as ANTI ROT®. Watch for black spot on all genera. Over the summer period you can give your plants a light dusting with a mixture of 1 part lime and 2 parts dolomite. This will sweeten the mix up. NOT OIL!!!

Did you know some phalaenopsis growers spray the leaves with one ASPRO tablet in 5 litres of water monthly, or maybe one MILTON tablet in 10 litres of water monthly, sprayed on phalaenopsis and or paphs.

All genera should be fertilised weekly this time of the year. Use CAMPBELLS BLUE weekly this time of the year or Alan’s MERRI FERT. If you want to top dress use Alan’s MERRI COTE. With the MERRI COTE sprinkle a little around the top of the pot. This will make sure your plants will receive their required nutrients over the next few months.



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Keith Forster - Manager

This correspondence has arrived and as it starts in February 2016 we decided to get the information out to you so that you have time to think about going.



Orchid Society of NSW South and West Region Judging Panel

Dear Secretary

The Orchid Society of NSW will be commencing an Orchid appreciation course starting in February 2016.

The course is aimed at orchid growers of all levels of experience who want to learn more about the various genera and what makes an awardable quality orchid or quality display through the eyes of judges.

The course is also recommended for Show Marshals who want to learn and understand show schedules and in which classes their plants should be exhibited.

It is intended that course will be run {every second month on one weekend starting Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club} It is anticipated that the course will run for approximately 2 years.

Participants will gain experience by completing assignments set during the course to reinforce their understanding of the topics. This will also help the course presenters keep abreast of the participants' strengths and weaknesses in order to make adjustments to the modules where necessary.

There is also the chance that participants who complete all modules may be invited to complete the practical and theory exams. Those successful in those exams may be invited to apply to become a Judge.

The cost for the course will be a one off fee of \$50.00 to cover handouts and hire of the venue

Please contact Peter Stubbs if you are interested in participating in the course

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HOW I GROW MY CATTLEYAS

SPRING AND SUMMER CONDITIONS

Cattleyas are often referred to as the 'Queen of Orchids' and rightly so. I love them. I grow them in a tunnel shaped shade house made up of star posts, 2" poly pipe, shade cloth and solar weave so they depend on me solely for watering.

Cattleyas do love plenty of light, not direct sun or they will burn. I put another layer of shade cloth up when temperatures get up in the high 20's and thirties taking it down in the Winter months.

There are two types of Cattleyas. Bifoliate and Unifoliate. The bi-foliate grow two leaves per bulb and the unifoliate has one leaf per bulb. On the underside of these thick leaves are stomata (stoma singular). These pores or cells are capable of opening and shutting according to temperature and the needs of different genera. I believe Cattleya stomata are closed during the day opening in the evening and night

when they enjoy night-time humidity. This has made me alter my watering routine slightly. I water my cattleyas very early in the morning on a rising temperature. When temperatures are over 28 degrees I may water more than usual but a lot depends on winds, humidity etc. Cattleyas like to almost dry out between watering but not entirely. Being tree dwellers they demand perfect drainage where the medium is not continually wet. After this first watering of the day, I do not water again that day. When I water I make sure the bark has been thoroughly soaked and the roots have had time to get all the water they need to last them to the next watering. If it turns out a very hot day I will mist the plants and dampen down the floor of the orchid house in the evening. I don't have fans which is a bit of a worry as I don't want to encourage fungal problems. I try and keep check of predicted temperatures and humidity. When I need to fertilise I water first then about an hour later I fertilise. I never fertilize a dry medium or a sick plant.

REPOTTING:-I like to repot before the roots have grown too long as they will fit into a new pot with the least damage. I always stake them. I highly recommend this as any movement of the roots will either damage them or prevent them from getting established. I then sprinkle a mixture of dolomite, (blood and bone, equal quantities), a little crushed rock like zeolite and water well in with a drink of Seasol. Seasol helps them to overcome transplant shock. They then go into my garage for a few days if the weather is very hot to get over the shock of transplant and when temperatures are cooler I return them to the orchid house. I don't water them whilst they are in the garage. During October/November a fertilizer, half strength every two weeks is all they require. I am now repotting the ones that have new roots about 3 to 4 cms long with a nice green tip. I use Eco Oil for scale and mites, Confidor for aphids (in a ready to use spray bottle) If I spot a fungal problem then I spray all the cattleyas with a mix of Mancazeb (according to directions on pack) in five litres of water and repeat after 7 – 10 days. I never use Eco Oil when temperatures are predicted to be in the high 20's as plants may burn. Also, I never use it concentrated. I mix 20 mls with 5 litres of water and keep it agitated. I use Fongarid for root rot. Mix it strictly to the instructions. I wear protective gloves and glasses as this is very alkaline to the skin and can irritate the eyes also. I dip roots in and out, do not soak as this can retard growth. When I am repotting I use several sheets of newspaper and after each orchid this is thrown into the recycle bin. Also I make sure my working tools are sterilized in either methylated spirits or concentrated sugar soap. I also use soft to medium toothbrushes when I have used eco oil for scale. I leave for 2 days then gently rub the scale off and hope I have saved too much unsightly damage being done. When I cut any part of an orchid I brush sulphur on the cut to stop infection. When watering, I always carry tissues with me so that any water that pools in the axle of a new shoot can be soaked up, as in the Summer, this water can get so hot it burns the young growth and rot sets in and I risk losing the plant.

When sheaths form and before the buds start forming within the sheath, I make sure all my Cattleyas are facing the brightest side of the orchid house. I then put the tag on the side of the pot nearest the light. This is so that if I have to move or lift the pot for any reason it can go back in the same spot.

Everyone should have a couple of Cattleyas in their collection, they are very rewarding to grow with care and the right conditions.

Sylvia Hawkins