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The next committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd of AUGUST, at the Bellfield Community Hall. The Warringal Orchid Society meets every third Wednesday of the Month at the Senior Citizens Hall in Hawdon Street, Heidelberg.

The next meeting of the society will be on Wednesday 19th of JULY. The hall will be open from 7.00pm, and you are welcome to bench plants for judging and to socialise with other members. A sales table operates its pots and other orchid accessories available, and members are able to submit up to 6 orchids for sale for a small commission. See the sales table for details. Please be seated on time for the meeting to commence at 8.00pm.

This Month's speaker is Richard Thomson who will speak on Australian Terrestrial Orchids. We all should learn something about these lovely Orchids and how to grow them. We should have some of them in our collections.

Because of the availability of the caterer our Christmas Breakup will be on the third Wednesday of December the 20th please put that in your diaries

Club Fees are now due, to bench and show you must be PAID UP, see Lenore for renewal.

JUDGING RESULTS FOR JUNE 2017

OPEN

Australian Native Species

1st Liparis Reflexa J&L.Karbownik

Australian Native Hybrid

1st D.Issy Star J.Khoo

2nd D. Elegant Heat G&C.Dimech

Novelty Cattleya

1st Chocolat Drop x Self G&C.Dimech

2nd Lavenda Ice x Beufort J.Crawford

3rd Lc Mini Purple E&D.Baxter

Masdevallia Species

1st Ignea J&L.Karbownik

2nd Menatui K.Lam

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Tom Nasser Sampson G.Garrett

2nd Orindco Sampson G.Garrett

3rd King of Kings Royale G.Garrett

Maudiae Paphioedilum

1st Los Cosos x Clear Vision J.Crawford

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st Charleswoth Spicerianum J.Crawford

2nd Hengduan Grace Helen J.Khoo

Species Paphiopedilum

1st Villosum v Bee K.Box

2nd Insigne v Sanderæ K.Box

3rd Insigne G.&C.Dimech

Oncidium

1st Forbesii x Varicosumvee S.Pntelejenco

2nd WildCat J.Khoo

3rd Sherry Baby G&C.Dimech

Miniature Cymbidium

1st Hugh Gorden Freckles A.Christou

Dendrobium

1st Virginia Jupp J.Crawford

Paphiopedilum

1st Insigne Sanderat Battersea J.Crawford

Cymbidium Species

1st Crythrostylum G&C.Dimech

2nd Crythrostylum K.Lam

3rd Crythrostylum E&D.Baxter

Any Other Hybrid

1st P.Cardile Ever Green J.Crawford

2nd Mack Yellow Star G&C.Dimech

3rd P.Autum Field J.Crawford

Species Any Genera

1st O.Long Pipe G.Garrett

2nd C.Coccinea D.Wain

3rd O.Long Pipe J&L.Karbownik

Best In Section

O.Long Pipe G.Garrett

INTERMEDIATE

Novelty Cattleya

1st Hazel Boyd L.Smith

Dendrobium

1st Tertifolium Fuliginosa C.Krolikowski

Species Any Genera

1st O.Orithorrhicom C.Krolikowski

2nd C.Tracyanum A.Magnano

Best In Section

O.Orithorrhicom C.Krolikowski

ADVANCED NOVICE

Any Other Hybrid

1st Zygopetalum Unknown M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

2nd Zygopetalum Unknown M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

3rd Z.Arthur Elle Essendon J.Jenkins

Species Any Genera

1st C.Tracyanum M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

2nd C.Tracyanum M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Ptero Cocinna M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Novelty Cattleya

1st Tokyo Magic Lea M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

2nd Lavender x Lulu J.Jenkins

3rd Lavender x Beaufort M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Cattleya

1st Hawaian Wedding Song M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Best In Section

C.Tracyanum M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

SEEDLINGS FLOWERING FIRST TIME

1st Stenoglottis Venus K.Lam

2nd Phrag Ackers Superstar x Besse J.Crawford

Best In Section

Stenoglottis K.Lam

PROGRESSIVE POINTS for 2017

OPEN

J.Crawford	114	W.Garner	14
G&C.Dimech	81	M&L.Borstelj	13
J&L.Karbownik	32	G.Garrett	13
K.Lam	21	A.Fernandez	12
J.Khoo	20	T&A.Pleitner	9
E&D.Baxter	18	S.Giarrusso	8
D.Wain	16	B.Duncan	7
A.Christou	15	S.Pantelejenko	4

INTERMEDIATE

L&A.Shepherd	21	A.Magnano	18
M.Volidina	21	S.Grzinic	4
C.Krolikowski	21	L.Smith	4

ADVANCED NOVICE

M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly	81	F.Verlann	11
J.Jenkins	26	Z.Giavris	4
F.Penman	13		

The Committee wishes to announce the establishment of our WEB SITE, FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM accounts.....

www.warringalorchidsociety.com.au

Just log into Facebook and put in Warringal Orchid Society and the page will come up.

You may have to create an account, when you do it's a great way to share things with Family and Friends all things Orchids

It's the same with Instagram, just create an account and share all your pictures of your favourite orchids and other things orchids to the world.

Go for it, it's a whole new world out there.

The Winter Show is just a Month away, get your plants ready make sure you have renewed your Membership, so you can enter and show off your lovely plants and have a great time with your fellow members.

And don't forget there is a Floral Art section to enter, so come and have a go at that also.

BARK SALES

At our next meeting, you have the opportunity to pre-order your bark needs at a reduced price prior to the Winter show, it also helps the club in assessing how much to order.

VALE

It is with great sadness we announce the BROMANCE is over. But not missed the CHAIR is still there.

While many Australian native dendrobiums can be considered cold growing, some do better with a little protection and a few, such as *Dendrobium bigibbum* (the Cooktown orchid), grow well only in a heated glasshouse. The cooler growing species are found at higher altitudes in northern New South Wales, while the colder growing types extend south as far as eastern Victoria. This temperature differential can usually be overcome by providing protection from wind and rain during winter for those species that withstand cool, rather than cold, conditions.

If some basic rules are followed, then good results can be achieved with most of the cool growing species and their hybrids. One factor common to most of the Australian dendrobiums is the need for a rest period over winter. Keeping the plants reasonably dry at this time avoids many health problems and aids flowering. Good light is another cultural requirement which is essential for both growth and flowering. When combined with adequate air movement and a free-draining potting mix of weathered bark and small river pebbles, or a mount of hardwood or tree-fern, the cultural requirements for most cool growing Australian dendrobiums are met.

Dendrobium kingianum is well known to virtually every orchid grower. It is often referred to as the 'pink rock orchid' for its habit of growing on rocky outcrops throughout its habitat from northern NSW to Queensland. But it can also be grown in a pot or on a hardwood or tree-fern mount. While *D. kingianum* is a hardy orchid, it responds well to a little attention, such as the application of weak liquid fertilisers during the growing period (spring to early autumn) and protection from frosts in winter. If the plants are allowed to remain wet during winter, they will respond like soft-cane dendrobiums, and produce keikis (baby plants) instead of flowers. There are many "varieties" of *D. kingianum*, covering a wide range of plant form and flower colour. While most flowers are pink or purplish red, there are also attractive white varieties, some with purple lips. A few bush-collected forms, such as 'Albert West' have good shape and colour but today most have been surpassed by line-bred cultivars of *D. kingianum*.

Dendrobium speciosum is another widely grown species. It is found from eastern Victoria to northern Queensland, where it is known as the 'rock lily'. It's worth visiting the Brisbane Botanic Gardens in spring just to see huge plants of this spectacular orchid in bloom. This doesn't mean that we can't grow it in southern Victoria. In fact *D. speciosum* is a tough orchid that will grow almost anywhere, although flowering it every year is a challenge. There are several varieties of *D. speciosum*, differentiated mainly by pseudobulb size and flower colour. Two varieties frequently grown are *D. speciosum* var. *speciosum*, which has rather long pseudobulbs and yellowish flowers, and *D. speciosum* var. *hillii* with cream-coloured flowers. Both varieties seem to flower better in Melbourne if their plants are hung on a sunny and protected north-facing wall.

Dendrobium falcorostrum is often referred to as 'the beech orchid' for its habit of growing on beech trees in the higher altitude rain forests of New South Wales, particularly in the Dorrigo area south-west of Coffs Harbour. It's a true cold-growing orchid, being frost resistant and flowering better after exposure to cold spells. It grows well mounted on a tree-fern or timber slab and hung in an airy shadehouse. However, it can also be grown successfully in a pot if the compost is free draining. *D. falcorostrum* responds well to the application of weak liquid fertilisers during the growing season. For plants on mounts, fill a bin with weak fertiliser solution and allow the plant to soak for a few minutes. Although the flowers last only for a fortnight or so, the creamy white, highly-perfumed flowers are among the most attractive of all the Australian dendrobiums.

Dendrobium aemulum, the 'ironbark orchid', is another good subject for Melbourne conditions, producing attractive sprays of spidery white flowers from its mature pseudobulbs in spring. It should be given winter protection, as it is not frost resistant. It grows best on a bare slab of ironbark, or a hardwood round. No molly-coddling is required - just tie or wire the plant onto the centre of an ironbark slab and leave it to its own devices.

Dendrobium linguiforme (now also known as *Dockrillia linguiformis*), the 'tongue orchid', also produces dainty sprays of small creamy white flowers. It's best grown on a longer mount of tree fern or hardwood, because of its tendency to climb.

Dendrobium pugioniforme (also known as *Dockrillia pugioniformis*, the 'dagger orchid') does particularly well in our area, especially if kept fairly dry during winter. It has a cascading habit, so tie it near the top of its mount. The flowers, produced in spring, are light green in colour.

Dendrobium gracilicaule, sometimes called the 'tiger orchid', is easy to grow and eventually develops into quite a large plant. Its speckled yellow flowers are individually attractive but their drooping habit lessens the overall impact.

Dendrobium tetragonum is a lovely species that has been used extensively in hybridising (see the following article). It is characterised by tapered pseudobulbs that are thin near the base but thicken into substantial four-sided canes. The spidery green and brown flowers are long lasting. This orchid is generally grown on mounts but in recent times some growers have had good success with pot culture. It needs protection from cold in winter and requires a definite resting period.

Dendrobium schoeninum, (also known as *Dockrillia schoenina* and *Dendrobium beckleri*), has long, thin, cylindrical pseudobulbs, from which the common name, the 'pencil orchid', is derived. This species has adapted to survive long dry spells and should not be over-watered. Its long, pendulous canes necessitate growth on a mount. The cascading creamy white flowers make a great display but transporting a large specimen plant to a show is a challenge.

Dendrobium striolatum, (*Dockrillia striolata*), *Dendrobium mortii* (*D. tenuissimum*, *Dockrillia mortii*) and *Dendrobium teretifolium* (*Dockrillia teretifolia*) are other terete-leaved species which are readily grown on a mount in a well lit position.

General Culture. Most but not all of the above species can be grown either in a pot or on a mount. If you use a tree-fern mount, you will need to ensure that it doesn't eventually become sour, as this will inhibit growth and flowering. Soaking the mount occasionally in lime water helps to neutralise acidity. With a few exceptions, such as *Dendrobium aemulum*, cover the roots with strips of paper bark when tying the plant to its mount, as this helps to retain moisture longer and encourages growth. If you grow your plants in pots, use a mix containing weathered pine bark and some coarse gravel or pebbles, plus a little long-life slow release fertiliser. The mix must be free-draining, kept fairly dry during winter but watered frequently during the growing season.

Hybrids. An ever-growing number of Australian native dendrobium hybrids have been produced in recent years. Early popular primary hybrids include *D. Delicatum*, *D. Ellen*, *D. Hilda Poxon* and *D. Bardo Rose*. But there are hundreds of more complex hybrids now available. Those bred from cool-growing species and hybrids, using as the other parent the warm-growing species *D. bigibbum* or its hybrids, will grow under cool conditions. They are currently very popular, because of the bright colours and large size of their flowers. Examples include *D. Jonathan's Glory*, *D. Anne's Rainbow Surprise* and *D. Louise's Rainbow*, bred in Victoria by Issy Klein.

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Diamond Creek Road Greensborough. Sat 9-4.30, Sun 9.30-4.00.**

Entry \$5 and U/14 free.

Please note the 4th and 6th of those dates are the makeup dates for our Shows, so if you have a couple of hours to spare we need your help to prepare the hall for our great shows.

Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show Sat 22 & Sun 23rd July, 300 Waterdale Road Heidelberg

And that's how the fight started continued.

My wife and I were watching 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' while in bed. I turned to her and said 'Do you want to have ...Sex? No, she answered. I then said , 'Is that your final answer?'

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying'Yes..'

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started.....to be continued

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