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The next committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4TH of OCTOBER, 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 20TH of SEPTEMBER. 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 Jason Khoo who talk on his recent trip to Canada where he judged at the Calgary orchid show also he plans to talk on the orchids of Alberta. This be an informative talk one not to be missed.

Long-time member Betty Williams has passed away, her family has donated orchid's plants and other items to the Warringal Orchid Society, we wish to thank the family for their kind thoughts at this time.

JUDGING RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2017

OPEN

Australian Native Species

1st D.Aemulum G&C.Dimech

2nd D.Aemulum M&L.Borstelj

Australian Native Hybrid

1st D.Hilda Poxon T.Philippou

2nd D.Hilda Poxon G&C.Dimech

3rd D.Star Sheen S.Pantelejenko

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Pterostylos Curta J&L.Karbownik

2nd PT Concinna J&L.Karbownik

Cattleya

1st Sylvia Supreme J.Crawford

Novelty Cattleya

1st Slc Lues Angel Beau J.Crawford

2nd C.Amaroo M&L.Borstelj

Masdevallia Species

1st Ignea Frances B.Duncan

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Impact Fire Brand D.Wain

2nd King of Kings J&L.Karbownik

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Nirmont J.Crawford

2nd Z.Iron Baron ebee T.Philippou

3rd Coel Mem W. Micholity G&C.Dimech

Species Any Genera

1st Zel Onuslum M&L.Borstelj

2nd Coel Ar anniea G&C.Dimech

3rd Porr Musonum A.Fernandez

Paphiopedilum Species

1st Villosum Annamence J.Khoo

2nd Insigne Harefield Hall J.Crawford

3rd Villosom Annamence G&C.Dimech

Oncidium

1st Monamyie x Rays Prude J.Crawford

Standard Cymbidium

1st Valley Olympic Perfection T.Philippou

2nd Blazing Fury Deep Throat A.Christou

Miniture Cymbidium

1st Sara Jean Ice Flow G&C.Dimech

2nd Jessie Blackiston J.Crawford

3rd Cherry Blossom A.Christou

Dendrobium

1st Australian Ginger D.Wain

Paphiopedilum

1st Complex J.Crawford

Unknown Genera

1st Herbie Poole J.Crawford

2nd Aragon Green Gold J.Crawford

3rd Great Pacific G&C.Dimech

Best In Section

D.Australian Ginger D.Wain

INTERMEDIATE

Standard Cymbidium

1st Hungarian Beauty Freaky J&H.Prosser

Intermediate Cymbidium

1st Winter Fire Splash J&H.Prosser

2nd Pure Glazer J&H.Prosser

Any Other Hybrid

1st Coel Linda Buckley A.Magnano

Best In Section

Winter Fire Splash J&H.Prosser

ADVANCED NOVICE

Standard Cymbidium

1st Beauty Brilliant Uluri M.Brisi&B.O'reilly

2nd Flori Pink Felice M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

3rd Yowie Pepper M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Miniture Cymbidium

1 st My Sweet Amy	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly
2 nd Warringal Winter	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly
3 rd Choc Mint	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Species Any Genera

1 st C.Coccia	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly
2 nd Laelia Anceps	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Novelty Cattleya

1 st Free Spirit	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly
2 nd Kens Dream	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly
3 rd Mem Jerome Shultz	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

Best In Section

My Sweet Amy	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly
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Seedling Flowering First Time

OPEN

1 st C.Templestowe Charm	D.Wain
2 nd Phrag Bessia Glow Worm	J.Crawford
3 rd D.Brimbank Uluru	S.Pentelejenko

Best In Section

C.Templestowe Charm	D.Wain
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PROGRESSIVE POINTS FOR 2017

OPEN

J.Crawford	174	D&E.Baxter	18
G&C.Dimech	119	W.Garner	17
J&L.Karbownik	40	G.Garrett	13
D.Wain	35	K.Box	11
M&L.Borstelj	35	T.Philipou	11
J.Khoo	27	B.Duncan	11
A.Christou	27	T&A.Pleitner	9
A.Fernandez	22	S.Giarrusso	8
K.Lam	21	W&S.Pantelejenko	8

INTERMEDIATE

M.Volodina	25
A.Magnano	22
C.Krolkowski	21
L&A.Shepherd	21
J&H.Prosser	15
L.Smith	8
S.Grzanic	4

ADVANCED NOVICE

M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly	161
J.Jenkins	26
F.Verlaan	15
F.Penman	13
Z.Giavris	4

NOVICE

K.Ridgway	4
C.Ling	4

SICKIES

Three of our members have been very sick lately and the Society wishes a speedy recovery to Jousie Prouse, Reg McKay and Norma McKay. All the best our thoughts are with you.

Birthdays

Also when you read this Norma McKay will have celebrated her 89 th Birthday also Ken Box celebrates his birthday.

BARK

Don't forget to order your bark for the upcoming growing and repotting season, you get a discount and it helps the club in knowing how much bark to order

WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY INC. - WINTER SHOW SUMMARY - 2017

AWARD	Plant No.	PLANT NAME	PLANT OWNER
CHAMPION ORCHID OF THE SHOW	30	Den. Antheodon 'Athena'	B. Duncan
CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM	19	Paph. Villosum Var. Annamense	G & C Dimech
CHAMPION SPECIES	117	Coel. Viscosa	N. Meggetto
CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM	174	Cym. Margret Thalcher x Perfection	D. Wain
CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE	30	Den. Antheodon 'Athena'	B. Duncan
CHAMPION ANY OTHER HYBRID	143	Masd. King of Kings 'Sequale'	G. Garrett
CHAMPION DISPLAY OF THE SHOW		Stand 'A'	S & H Randall
BEST SPECIMEN ORCHID	63	Cym. Morialta morialta Falls	S & H Van Remmen
Best Cymbidium - Open	174	Cym. Margret Thatcher x Perfection	D. Wain
Best Cymbidium - Intermediate	90	Cym. Delores Hoyt x Tom Thumb	J & H Prosser
Best Cymbidium - Novice/Advanced Novice	54	Cym. Joy Kay x Future Dream	M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly
Best Masdevallia - Open	143	Masd. King of Kings 'Sequale'	G. Garrett
Best Masdevallia - Intermediate		No entry	
Best Masdevallia - Novice/Advanced Novice		No entry	
Best Species - Open	117	Coel. Viscosa	N. Meggetto
Best Species - Intermediate	139	Onc. Sotoanum	M. Volodina
Best Species Novice/Advanced Novice		No entry	
Best Laeliinae - Cattleya - Open	109	Slc. Lues Angel Beau	J. Crawford
Best Laeliinae - Cattleya - Inter.	37	C. Chocolate Drop x C. Coccinea	I. Pratchett
Best Laeliinae - Cattleya - Novice/Advanced Novice	55	Slc. Ken Dream x Mem Jerome Schultz	M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly
Best Paphiopedilum - Open	19	Paph. Villosum Var. Annamense	G & C Dimech
Best Paphiopedilum - Inter.	35	Paph. Cratrixianum	I. Pratchett
Best Paphiopedilum - Novice/Advanced Novice		No entry	
Best Australian native - Open	30	Den. Antheodon 'Athena'	B. Duncan
Best Australian native - Inter.	128	Den. Hilda Poxon	C. Krolikowski
Best Australian Native - Novice/Advanced Novice	136	Den. Avril's Gold	T. Nguyen
Best Display of Orchids - Open		Stand 'A'	S & H Randall
Best Display of Orchids - Intermediate		No entry	
Best Display of Orchids - Novice/Advanced Novice		No entry	
Best Basket of Orchids		Basket #2	G & C Dimech

LATE SPRING: THE RE-POTTING SEASON by Brian Milligan

Spring is my busiest time of the year, not just because it is the main show season but also because it's the time when I re-pot most of my orchids. With few exceptions I re-pot every two or three years, so by the time I complete the cycle I really feel that I've gone 'potty'!

Why do I re-pot so frequently? I may do so because an orchid has outgrown its container but that's not the main reason. With few exceptions, most potting mixes have deteriorated to some extent within three years. In fact, many begin to decay within a year. Pine bark gradually becomes acidic, as well as 'breaking down' into finer material that tends to clog the mix so that it drains less freely. The other popular potting medium, Sphagnum moss, also drains less freely as it ages, and needs to be renewed frequently. It seems to last a little longer if it is mixed with crumbled polystyrene foam, possibly because this mix does not retain as much water as moss alone.

Orchids are best re-potted when they begin new growth and their new roots appear. If potting is delayed, the tender new root tips are easily broken, either when removing the old potting mix or when adding new. September is too early to re-pot most orchids in the shade house, so I confine my attention at that time to those in my heated glasshouse. Usually I begin with the paphiopedilums, using a potting mix of seedling-grade pine bark and Canunda shells. The latter help to counteract the development of acidity and also provide a source of calcium for these lime-loving plants. Paphiopedilums are particularly prone to root rot, and it is important to check the condition of their roots regularly and to re-pot if there is any sign of deterioration. Their roots are quick to rot but slow to regenerate. Never use a pot any larger than necessary to accommodate their roots.

There are too many different orchid genera in my glass house to list them all but in general they fall into two categories - those that I re-pot in pine bark, with or without a little added moss, and those that I re-pot in Sphagnum moss containing about 25% polystyrene foam. Cattleyas and oncidiums are re-potted in 'straight' pine bark while coelogynes and my larger dendrochilums are potted in bark containing a little moss, as this helps to retain moisture. Miltoniopsis hybrids, the smaller dendrochilums, masdevallias, draculas, dryadellas and other pleurothallids are usually potted in a moss/foam mix, although I generally use a bark/moss mix for those in larger pots (100 mm diameter or larger).

In October, as soon as I've cut their flower spikes, I begin re-potting my cymbidiums. I usually divide those that have filled their 300 mm-diameter pots, as I find cymbidiums too difficult to manage in larger pots (which are difficult to fit into the car to take to a show anyway!). I use 5-10 mm pine bark as potting mix and sprinkle some slow release fertiliser (Scott's Osmocote®) on top of the mix at that time.

In November I begin re-potting my Australian native dendrobiums. In this case I prefer to use squat pots in conjunction with an 80:20 mix of 5-10 mm pine bark and river pebbles of similar size. Again, I shake a little slow-release fertiliser into the mix when I've finished. In late November, when my sarcochilus species and hybrids have finished flowering, I re-pot them in a 60:40 mix of pine bark and river pebbles, preferably each about 10 mm in diameter. Generally, I wait about three years before re-potting sarcochilus but acknowledge that they would benefit by being re-potted every second year, perhaps even annually. I always write the date of re-potting {e.g. 10/04, 11/04} on the back of the plant's label, otherwise I would never remember when the orchid was last re-potted.

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Entry \$5 and U/14 free.

Sat 16 September.....Sun 17 September

North East Melbourne Orchid Society

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Sat 23 September.....Sunday 24 September

Australian Native Orchid Society

Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Club.

And that's how the fight started....con

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming "Wedding Anniversary". She said , "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started

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