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The next committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th of FEBRUARY, 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 21st of FEBRUARY. 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.

**The President and Committee of the Warringal Orchid Society wishes all Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you and your loved ones have a safe and happy time during the festive season. May all your aspirations come true or at least be nearly achievable. We hope the season brings good health to all and that health carries into 2018. To our Members who are not having good health at the moment we hope you get better and we see you next year presenting your plants at our meetings and our shows. HAVE A GREAT TIME AND BE SAFE LOOK AFTER YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES.**

**JUDGING RESULTS NOVEMBER****OPEN****Intermediate Cymbidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Narboo Dark Silk	W.Gardner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Pee Wee Aurum	A.Cristou
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dorothy Stock Hill	T.Philippou

**Miniature Cymbidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cricket	T.Philippou
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**Dendrobium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Winifred Forstesque	W.Gardner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beautiful Egg	J.Crawford
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yukidurama x Nagasaki	J.Khoo

**Novety Paphiopedilum**

1 <sup>st</sup> Emba Tiger Eye	W.Gardner
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**Australian Native Species**

1 <sup>st</sup> S.Harmannii	G.Garret
2 <sup>nd</sup> S.Fitzhart	J.Khoo
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bulb Bracteatum	A.Christou

**Australian Native Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> S.Ruby Snow Crown Vista	G.Garrett
2 <sup>nd</sup> S.Geogi	J.Crawford
3 <sup>rd</sup> S.Judith Pamela	G.Garrett

**Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sc Golf Green	D.Wain
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**Novelty Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup> Slc Royal Beau	J.Crawford
2 <sup>nd</sup> C.Dendis Angel	S.Pantelejenko
3 <sup>rd</sup> C.Dixie Jewel	K.Lam

**Masdevallia Species**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collinea Hills View	G.Garrett
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**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Rubicon Storm	G.Garrett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meow Meow Pamela	G.Garrett
3 <sup>rd</sup> Striperdous Midas Touch	J.Khoo

**Oncidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Spice Mine	A.Christou
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Gowers Ramsey	T.Phillipou
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**Any Other Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Brassia Keliana	S.Panteljenko
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**Species Any Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup> Gomasa Chiniti	K.Lam
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cuitlauzina Penquta	G&C.Dimech
3 <sup>rd</sup> Onc Croesus	G&C.Dimech

**Best In Section**

Coccinea Hills View	G.Garrett
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**INTERMEDIATE****Miniature Cymbidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Miss Muffet	A.Magnano
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**Dendrobium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sotane	S.Grzinic
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**Australian Native Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> S.Melody Jay Jay Hartmanii	M.Grzan
2 <sup>nd</sup> S.Cherie Red Rambler	C.Krolikowski

**Novelty Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup> Lc Trick or Treat	L.Smith
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**Species Any Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup> D.Nobile	S.Grzinic
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym Floravumdum	A.Magnano
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brassia Keilana	M.Volodina

**Oncidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Wilsonara Kenny Boy	S.Grzinic
2 <sup>nd</sup> Colmanara Wild Cat	M.Volodina

**Lycaste**

1 <sup>st</sup> Awine Miller	A.Magnano
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nebula x Jason	A.Magnano

**Best In Section**

Awine Miller	A.Magnano
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**ADVANCED NOVICE****Standard Cymbidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Desire White Girl	F.Penman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ceres	M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

**Intermediate Cymbidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Plush Canyon RedEye	F.Penman
2 <sup>nd</sup> O'Hallan Apache	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly

**Miniature Cymidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Steet Tango Desirem	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nymphys Necta 2023a	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly

**Dendrobium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Snow Flake Merlin Flake	J.Jenkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Golden Talisman Yaumbiki	J.Jenkins
3 <sup>rd</sup> Unknown	J.Jenkins

**Any Other Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Zygo Kiwi Choice	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly
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**Species Any Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Lowianum	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly
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**Oncidium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Golden Girl Murray River	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly
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**Australian Native Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> S.Refer x Roberta	F.Verlaan
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**Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup> Lc Mini Purple Tamani	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lc Sunset Delight	J.Jenkins

**Novelty Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup> Angel Heart	J.Jenkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Trick or Treat	J.Jenkins
3 <sup>rd</sup> LcAngels Pixie	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Coriacea Coccina	M.Bisri&B.O'Reilly
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**Best In Section**

Cym Plush Canyon Red Eye	F.Penman
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**Novice****Any Other Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> D.Hamana Lake	Chen Ping Ling
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**Species Any Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup> D.Nobile Virgialas	Chen Ping Ling
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**Best In Section**

D.Hamana Lake	Chen Ping Ling
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**Seedling Flowering First Time****OPEN**

1 <sup>st</sup> S.Lucky Charm	J.Khoo
2 <sup>nd</sup> S.George Colthup x Velvet	K.Lam
3 <sup>rd</sup> S.Hartmannii	K.Lam

**INTERMEDIATE**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Floribundum	L.Smith
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**Best In Section**

S.Lucky Charm	J.Khoo
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**FINAL TOTAL POINTS for 2017****OPEN**

J.Crawford	259
G&C.Dimech	218
A.Christou	94
D.Wain	88
L&J.Karbownik	82
W.Garner	80
B.Duncan	65
K.Lam	64
M&L.Borstejl	62
G.Garrett	60
J.Khoo	53
E&D.Baxter	48
V&N.Kluchovsky	48
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W&S.Pantelejenko	39
T.Philippou	38
A.Fernandez	37
G.Browning	35
N.Gaskett	23
S&H.Randell	19
J.Sharam	19
B.Rowlands	18
J&F.Spiteri	17
Le Tan Leip	17
K.Box	11

S.Giarrusso	8
G.Bell	7
F&T.Nguyen	5
S&B.Nguyen	5

#### INTERMEDIATE

C.Krohkowski	75
L&A.Shepherd	52
A.Magnano	49
J&H.Prosser	46
S.Grzinic	40
L.Smith	39
M.Grzan	38
M.Volodina	33
G&M.Van Remmen	9
J.Guario	4

#### ADVANCED NOVICE

M.Bisri & B.O'Reilly	377
J.Jenkins	60
F.Velaan	45
F.Penman	25
N.Levett	11
J.Haniver	8
B.Halil	7
Z.Giavris	4

#### NOVICE

C.Ling	18
J.Banitsiotis	17
P.Kennedy	9
K.Ridgway	4
M.Holding	2

#### An INTRODUCTION to INTERGENERICs by Brian Milligan With thanks to the AUTHOR and to OSCOV

The orchid kingdom differs from other plant families in that many orchid genera are able to breed with other orchid genera to form what are known as intergeneric hybrids.

Cattleya was one of the first orchid genera to be recognised as being capable of forming hybrids with other genera, in particular with Laelia, to give rise to the genus

Laeliocattleya (abbreviated Lc. and first described by R.A. Rolfe in 1888). Hybrids with many other related genera, such as Sophronitis, Schomburgkia, Brassavola (Rhyncholaelia), Epidendrum, Leptotes, Diacrium and Broughtonia, have since been made. Collectively they are described in the OSCOV Judging Handbook as the Cattleya Alliance. A few of the more common hybrids in this alliance are Sophrolaeliocattleya (abbreviated Sic), Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc), Sophrocattleya (Sc.), Cattleytonia (Ctna.) and Potinara (Pot.). Occasionally members bench sophrolaelias in the Cattleya Alliance, but Sophrolaelia contains no Cattleya in its breeding, and therefore sophrolaelias should be benched in the class for Any Other Hybrid.

The genus Zygopetalum is also capable of forming intergeneric hybrids with a number of related genera, such as Pabstia (formerly known as Colax), Promenaea, Neogardneria and Aganisia. These are judged together by the OSCOV Panel under the umbrella of the Zygopetalum Alliance. Among the more common are Zygocolax (Zcx., Zygopetalum x Colax), Propetalum (Pptm., Promenaea x Zygopetalum), Zygoneria (Zygopetalum x Neogardneria) and Hamelwellsara (Hmwsa., Aganisia x Batemannia x Otostylis x Zygosepalum x Zygopetalum).

The Masdevallia Alliance includes hybrids between Masdevallia, Dracula and related genera such as Porroglossum. Dracuvallia (Drvla., Dracula x Masdevallia) is the most common.

Many other orchid genera are capable of forming intergeneric hybrids, although in some instances, probably because of genetic disparities, the seed is not particularly fertile, and only a few seedlings germinate. Where only a few plants result, they are sometimes mass-produced for sale by subsequent tissue culture. Ray Clement, in a recent article in the Australian Orchid Review, described a number of Australian intergeneric hybrids that he and others had mericloned for sale. The list included Sartylis Bravehart (Sarcochilus Fitzhart x Rhynchostylis gigantea), Sarconopsis Rita Anderson (Sarcochilus Lois x Phalaenopsis rosenstromii) and Porterara Blue Boy (Sartylis Blue Knob x Vanda coerulea). Strictly speaking, only the second of these three hybrids is an Australian native hybrid, because (according to OSCOV rules) both parents must be Australian natives for the hybrid between them to be judged as such.

#### HAPPINESS IS NOTHING MORE THAN GOOD HEALTH AND A BAD MEMORY

## **FOR NEW MEMBERS: THE FACTS OF LIFE by Brian Milligan**

While older orchid society members will regard the following as 'old hat', conversations with new members and visitors to our shows have taught me that many don't appreciate the difference between orchid species and hybrids, nor how the latter arise. The simplest definition of an orchid species is one that occurs in nature, that is, one that grows in the wild. Species orchids may occur as epiphytes (growing in trees), as lithophytes (growing on rocks) or as terrestrials (growing in the ground).

With the exception of a few 'natural' hybrids\*, all orchid hybrids are made by man - in the first instance by 'crossing' (breeding or mating) one species with another compatible (but different) species. This is done by taking the pollen from the flower of the first species, and transferring it to the stigma of a flower on the second species. Alternatively, one could transfer the pollen from the second species to the stigma of the first. The parent contributing the pollen is known as the pollen parent, while the other partner is often referred to as the pod parent, because eventually, if all goes well, the ovary beneath the pollinated flower will swell to produce a seed pod (or more correctly, a seed capsule).

As an example, we can cite the hybrid *Sarcochilus hartmannii* x *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii*, often written *Sarcochilus* (*hartmannii* x *fitzgeraldii*). By convention, the first-named parent is the pod parent, and the second-named is the pollen parent. After seedlings were raised from the seed, and the first flowers appeared, the hybrid was named *Sarcochilus Fitzhart* by the hybridist (Butler) in 1963. The grex name in this case was derived from a combination of the names of the parent species. The 'reverse cross' *Sarcochilus* (*fitzgeraldii* x *hartmannii*), in which *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* is used as the pod parent, is also (by convention) called *Sarcochilus Fitzhart*.

The first term (the genus) is always typed in italics, regardless of whether an orchid is a species or a hybrid. The second part of the species name is also italicised, and begins with a small letter. However, the second part of a hybrid name is not italicised and begins with a capital letter. This convention ensures that we can differentiate the names of species orchids from those of hybrids simply by the manner in which they are typed.

The above is an example of a primary hybrid, in which each of the parents is a species. More complex hybrids may be created by crossing a species with a hybrid (e.g. *Sarco. hartmannii* x *Sarco. Fitzhart*, which gives *Sarco. Heidi*) or by crossing two different hybrids (e.g. *Sarco. Fitzhart* x *Sarco. Heidi*, which gives *Sarco. Sweetheart*). You may have noticed that in this paragraph I've abbreviated *Sarcochilus* to *Sarco.*, which is the official abbreviation for the genus (not *Sarc*).

Sometimes selected forms (cultivars) of a particular species are 'crossed' in the hope of creating superior forms of the species. An example in my collection is *Sarco. hartmannii* 'Nesnah' x *Sarco. hartmannii* 'Snowball'). Although the two parents have been 'crossed', the resultant progeny are NOT hybrids, simply new cultivars of *Sarcochilus hartmannii*.

Occasionally, natural hybrids are found in the wild. They are formed as the result of pollen being transferred (usually by insects or birds) from one species to another (different) species. They occur rarely because many species have a specific pollinator that does not visit the flowers of other species, while some species have intrinsic chemical barriers to the acceptance of pollen from a different species.

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This happened in a little town, Norris Arm, in Newfoundland, and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's absolutely true.

This fellow was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night in the middle of a terrible rainstorm, and no cars were on the road. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly, a car came toward him and stopped. Without thinking, he got in the car and closed the door and only then did he realize that there was nobody behind the wheel!

The car started to move very slowly. He looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Petrified, he started to pray, begging for his life. Just before the car hit the curve, a hand suddenly appeared through the window and moved the steering wheel.

The fellow, now paralysed in terror, watched as the hand appeared every time the car was approaching a curve. Finally, although terrified, he managed to open the door and jump out of the spooky car.

Without looking back, he ran through the storm all the way to the nearest town. Soaking wet, exhausted and in a state of utter shock the pale, visibly shaken man, walked into a nearby bar and asked for two shots of Screech.

Then, still trembling with fright, he started telling everybody about the horrible experience he just went through with the spooky car with no driver and the mysterious hand that kept appearing. Everyone listened in silence and became frightened, hairs standing on end when they realized the fellow was telling the truth. About half an hour later two guys walked into the same bar and one said to the other, 'Lard Thudern Jasus, me son, there's the "a----hole" who got into the car while we were pushing it!'

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