

# WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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## **PRESIDENTS CHOICE**

Vandachostylis 'Lou Sneary'

Cross made up of two species:  
'Vanda 'Falcata' x Rhynchostylis 'Coelestis'

**Benchd by: Kim Lam.**

Kim grows it in a protected area of her glass house. The plant has been growing in the same pot for 3 years, it has long pendulous roots which hang below the pot absorbing moisture from the air. Kim was awarded a Club Cultural Certificate for her plant.

**The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. May, 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 will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. APRIL.**

The hall will be open from 7.00pm you are welcome to bench plants for judging and to socialise with other members. A sales table operates with pots and other orchid accessories available. Members are able to submit up to 6 orchid plants for sale, the society deducts a 10% commission. Plants to be listed on sales form available at sales table.

**Please be seated on time for the meeting to commence at 8.00pm.**

**This month's speaker will be:**

Nette Maggetto will be speaking on Miltoniopsis culture. Nette is a champion grower of orchids and has a wealth of knowledge so don't miss this opportunity to hear her talk. Nette will also be bringing some plants for sale so come early and don't miss out.

### BEST IN SECTION

#### OPEN

Vasco Pine Rivers Vivid Blue A Fernandez

#### INTERMEDIATE

Princess Mikasa S Grzinic

#### ADVANCED NOVICE

D.Brinawa x Tetragonium J Jenkins

#### NOVICE

Onc Unknown K Ridgway

### Progressive Points Total 2019

#### OPEN

G & C Dimech	22
M Bisri & B O'Reilly	18
K Lam	17
A Fernandez	11
J Khoo	8
M Borstelj	5
D Wain	5
C Krolkowski	5
E & D Baxter	4
G Grant	2
B Duncan	2

#### INTERMEDIATE

S Grzinic	14
A Magnano	8
M Volondina	4

#### ADVANCED NOVICE

N Levett	7
J Jenkins	4

#### NOVICE

K Ridgway	16
H Robinson	10
B O'Callaghan	8
D Lanthie	4

#### JUNIOR

### NOTICES

#### CLUB SEEDLINGS



Bring in you club seedlings this month so we can see their progress. Tell us why and what you are doing so that we may all benefit. If yours are a little worse off for wear, you can get some hints on how to improve their growth.

#### POTTING BARK

Please book and pay for bark prior to show date so we can place our club orders early. Please see Lenore at our next meeting to place your orders for 1 or more bags.

#### NEW GROWERS GROUP

New members wishing to get some extra instruction are welcome to join the **New Growers Group** conducted by Jason Khoo. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.

#### LIBRARY

We have an extensive library available to all members. Books cover all aspects of orchid growing and genera with many specialist editions. Members can borrow books on a monthly basis, see librarian Mario Borstelj.

#### SUGGESTIONS

Members wishing to have contributions or articles printed in the bulletin, please contact the Editor Alex Shepherd.

Members wishing to hear speakers on particular subjects or to propose direction in which they wish the society to go, contact any member of committee for further discussion.

#### SUPPER

All members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share at the end of our meeting, we all enjoy this time so do not leave it to the same ones every month.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

**Membership fees are due by end of June**

Fees remain unchanged: \$25.00 couple, \$20.00 single and \$5.00 Junior.

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# Warringal Orchid Society Inc. 2019 Calendar

## January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	Committee Meeting		Member Fees		AGM 21/8/19		Xmas Dinner
	Monthly Meeting		Show Set - Up		Shows		Xmas BBQ

## **SARCOCHILUS**

Most *Sarcochilus* (pronounced Sar-co-kyle-us) orchids are native to Australia; only one species is found overseas. The most widely grown species (*Sarcochilus hartmannii*, *S. fitzgeraldii* and *S. ceciliae*) grow on rocks in New South Wales or Queensland. However all three of in New South Wales or Queensland. However all three of these species grow happily in pots in Melbourne Shade houses. Another species (*S. falcatus*) is found growing mostly on tree trunks, and is best grown on mounts, such as pieces of tree branch. Many hybrids have been made in recent years using the above four species, and also some of the other *sarcochilus* species that are less amenable to cultivation. In many instances these hybrids show hybrid vigour and are even easier to grow than their parent species.

### **POTTING**

*Sarcochilus* are best re-potted during their most active growing season, which commences in March and continues into early winter, when the plants rest until they flower, mostly in mid- to late spring. *Sarcochilus ceciliae* and some of its hybrids flower a little later, usually during summer. Most *sarcochilus* species and their hybrids are best potted in a mixture of pine bark pieces (5-10 mm diameter) and river pebbles of similar size. Approximately two parts of bark to one of pebbles gives good results. Well-drained plastic 'squat' pots are ideal. In the case of *Sarcochilus ceciliae* (and to a lesser extent its hybrids) the plant should be placed high in its pot – it seems to do best if its roots are allowed to wander over the surface of the mix rather than penetrating into the mix.

### **LIGHT, TEMPERATURE and AIR**

*Sarcochilus* orchids enjoy breezy, shaded, humid conditions and do best lower down in a shade house or fernery than other orchids, such as Australian native *dendrobiums*.

### **WATERING**

These orchids require plenty of water when in active growth but during winter, when they cease growth, watering once each week is ample.

### **FERTILISING**

Regular applications of liquid fertilisers at no more than half the concentration recommended by the manufacturer stimulate growth during summer and autumn. They should be used less often during spring and not at all in winter.

### **FLOWERING**

Care should be taken not to wet the flowers when watering, especially in dull, still weather. *Sarcochilus* flowers tend to spot very readily due to the growth of *Botrytis* (Grey Mould), which is most prevalent in damp conditions.

These cultural notes are kindly provided by the North- East Melbourne Orchid Society.



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## **Upcoming Events**

**Membership Fees** are due by the 30<sup>th</sup>. June, 2019.

Dual \$25.00 Single \$20.00 Junior \$5.00

Only financial members can bench at annual shows.

**Annual General Meeting** on 21<sup>st</sup>. August, 2019 followed by normal monthly meeting.

**Winter Show** dates: Set-up Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>. August

Show & Sales Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

St Sava's Church, Greensborough Rd, Greensborough

**Spring Show** dates: Set-up Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. September

Show & Sales Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

St Sava's Church, Greensborough Rd, Greensborough

Werribee Orchid Society Show 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2019

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