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Dendrobium banksii

Grown by C. Krolkowski Open Grower
Australian native along the east coast from
N.S.W, Victoria and Tasmania. White to
yellow with red or brown strips on flower.
One flower on small spike. Winter/spring
Flowering to spring, cool grower, outside or
shade house.

Best in Section - Intermediate

Best in Section - Open

Judges Vote

**Cymbidium Memoria Marvin Gaye
'Royale' Hybrid**

Grown by J. Stanley intermediate Grower
Cymbidium Brook Street x Cym. Tom
Thumb Parents. First registered 1994
Geyserland Orchids New Zealand. Yellow
flower with brown lip. 15 flowers per
spike, pendulous plant. Cold grower,
shade cloth or outside protection.



The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th. December, 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 20th. NOVEMBER

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 meeting to commence at 8.00pm.

This month's speaker will be: Andrew Fernandez

Andrew will be presenting his recent trip to Borneo searching for orchids insitu.

I am sure we will be most entertained with his commentary and photos.



BEST IN SECTION

OPEN

Dock/D banksii C. Krolkowski

INTERMEDIATE

Cym. Marvin Gaye 'Royal' J. Stanley

ADVANCED NOVICE

Cym. Lowianum N. Levett

NOVICE

D. Kingianum P. Kennedy

Progressive Points Total 2019

OPEN

M & B O'Reilly	370
G & C Dimech	309
K. Lam	89
J. Crawford	84
D. Wain	76
E & D Baxter	63
G. Garrett	61
B. Duncan	59
J & L Karbownik	57
C. Krolkowski	41
A. Fernandez	38
J. Khoo	32
S. Pantelejenko	31
N. Maggetto	30
M. Borstelj	22
J. Sharam	21
G. Browning	13
M. Mally	12
Le Tan Leip	8
V&N	6
Kluchkovski	
G. Backhouse	4
W. Garner	4
T. Philippou	4
M. Kovacevic	3
F&T Nguyen	2

INTERMEDIATE

A. Magnano	64
L. Smith	57
M. Volondina	40
S. Grzinic	29
M. Grzan	24
J. Stanley	16
L. Balazinec	15
J. Guario	13
J & H Prosser	8
G. Pezzin	2

ADVANCED NOVICE

M. Bastecky	68
J. Jenkins	59
N. Levett	45
F. Penman	30
Z. Giavris	10
F. Verlaan	4
W. O'Callaghan	1

NOVICE

K. Ridgway	55
H. Robinson	35
P. Kennedy	22
K. Sloan	19
R & T Burroughs	17
G. Sullivan	15
P. Chai	14
B O'Callaghan	8
D. Hettiarachchi	6
D. Westhead	3

NOTICES

BULLETIN EDITOR

Thank you to Mohammad Bisri who has offered to take on the role of bulletin editor.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

Members supplying an email address will receive their monthly bulletin free of charge.

Those members wishing for a hard copy to be posted will have to pay the \$11 annual postage fee.

You can also download the bulletin from our web-site www.warringalorchidsociety.com.au

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 bulletin, please contact: The Editor

Members wishing to hear speakers on particular subjects or to propose direction in which they wish the society to go, contact Secretary or 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.

Please help pack up the hall prior to partaking.

HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed to help set up the hall for our monthly meeting. The hall is available from 6.0pm. It is unfair that the set-up be left to 1-2 people so if you can help it would be much appreciated.



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP DINNER

Please book and pay for your Christmas dinner at the November meeting. We need final numbers to place with caterer.



Judging Results for October 2019

OPEN

Standard Cymbidium

1 st . Cym. Valley Splash	G & C Dimech
2 nd . Cym. Dulcet	M & B O'Reilly
3 rd . Cym. Ceres	M & B O'Reilly

Intermediate Cymbidium

1 st . Cym. Tethys x Bega	M. Mally
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Miniature Cymbidium

1 st . Cym. Doctor Len	M & B O'Reilly
2 nd . Cym. Eye of Tiger	G & C Dimech
3 rd . Cym. Mary Green	M & B O'Reilly

Dendrobium

1 st . Den. Renowan x Permer	M & B O'Reilly
2 nd . Den. Kumiyo	M & B O'Reilly
3 rd . Den. Unknown	M & B O'Reilly

Paphiopedilum

1 st . P. Paymaster	E & D Baxter
2 nd . P. Paymaster	J. Crawford
3 rd . P. Colonist Flightpath x Small World	J. Crawford

Maudiae Paphiopedilum

1 st . Aloha x P. Maudaie	G & C Dimech
2 nd . (Red Pepper x Valentine Viola) x Black Spider	M & B O'Reilly

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1 st . Duo de Citron	J. Sharam
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Oncidium

1 st . ONC Karfunkel x maculate	J. Khoo
2 nd . Wils Hilda Plumtree 'Purple wings'	G & C Dimech
3 rd . Oda Golden Parade	M & B O'Reilly

Odontoglossum/Brassia

1 st . Maclellanara Pagon Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'	C. Krolkowski
2 nd . Oncostele 'Midnight Miracle'	G & C Dimech
3 rd . Colm. Wildcat 'Masai	J & L Karbownik

Lycaste

1 st . Lyc. Aquila Detente	J. Sharam
2 nd . Lyc. Aquila Detente	J. Sharam
3 rd . Lyc. Skinnerii x Aquila	M & B O'Reilly

Australian Native Species

1 st . Den. banksii	C. Krolkowski
2 nd . D.kingianum 'Frosty' x Lilac frost	M & B O'Reilly
3 rd . D. linguiforme	J & L Karbownik

Australian Native Hybrid

1 st . S. Melba	K. Lam
2 nd . D. Cheryl's Glory 'Amy'	J. Khoo
3 rd . D. Stephens	K. Lam

Cattleya

1 st . C. Gold Digger 'Orchidglade'	G & C Dimech
2 nd . C. Gold Green 'Hairy Pig'	M & B O'Reilly

Novelty Cattleya

1 st . C. Tiny Titan 'Shirley' X Tokyo Magic Lea	M & B O'Reilly
2 nd . C. MiniPurple x Corulea	M & B O'Reilly
3 rd . C. Urpetti Bella Vista X Minipet Flo's Ruby	M & B O'Reilly

Masdevallia Species

1 st . M. coccinea alba	D. Wain
2 nd . M. coccinea	J & L Karbownik
3 rd . M. coccinea	K. Lam

Masdevallia Hybrid

1 st . M. Falcata 'El Globo'	J & L Karbownik
2 nd . M. Larissa	K. Lam
3 rd . M. Honnie Foster Johnson	B. Duncan

Any Other Hybrid

1 st . Disa Coromandel Valley X Dioreas	M & B O'Reilly
2 nd . Epi. Ekexuosum x Veitchii	G & C Dimech

Species- Any Genera

1 st . Cym Pumilum floribundum	M & B O'Reilly
2 nd . Brassia Keiliana	G & C Dimech
3 rd . Max juergensii	G & C Dimech

BEST IN SECTION

Den. banksii	C. Krolkowski
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INTERMEDIATE

Novelty Cattleya

1 st . SLC Unknown	L. Smith
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Miniature Cymbidium

1 st . C. Marvin Gaye	J. Stanley
2 nd . Sacramento	M. Grzan
3 rd . Main Stem	M. Grzan

Lycaste

1 st . Lyc. Cherish x Shonan	A. Magnano
2 nd . Lyc. Wyong	A. Magnano

BEST IN SECTION

Cym. Marvin Gaye 'Royal'	J. Stanley
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ADVANCED NOVICE

Australian Native Species

1 st . D. linguiforme	N. Levett
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Australian Native Hybrid

1 st . D. Ella Victoria x Red baron	F. Penman
2 nd . D. Bicent rose x Speciosum	F. Penman
3 rd . D. Bardo Rose	F. Penman

Any Other Hybrid

1 st . Coel. Unchain melody	Z. Giavris
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Species Any Genera

1 st . Cym. lowianum	N. Levett
2 nd . Coel. flaccida	F. Penman

Standard Cymbidium

1 st . Cym. Lowianum x hokerianum	F. Penman
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Intermediate Cymbidium

1 st . Cym. Oriental Legend	F. Penman
2 nd . Unknown	F. Penman

Miniature Cymbidium

1 st . Sunshine Butterball	Z. Giavris
2 nd . Miss Muffet	F. Penman
3 rd . Unknown	Z. Giavris

Paphiopedilum

1 st . Paph. Chouvet Van Dyke	F. Penman
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BEST IN SECTION

Cym. Lowianum	N. Levett
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NOVICE

Any Other Hybrid

1 st . D. Grumpy fuliginosa	P. Kennedy
2 nd . Pap. Jean Herbert x xVia Boulder	D. Westhead
3 rd . Unchained Melody	P. Kennedy

Species any Genera

1 st . Coel. flaccida	P. Kennedy
2 nd . Max. skunkeana	P. Kennedy

Australian Native Species or Hybrid

1 st . D. kinghnaum	P. Kennedy
2 nd . D. tetragonum	P. Kennedy
3 rd . D. kingianum Dk Dragon	P. Kennedy

BEST IN SECTION

Den. Kingianumi	P. Kennedy
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SEEDLING FLOWERING 1st. TIME

1 st . D. Duffy x striolata	M & B O'Reilly
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BEST IN SECTION – NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVICE



Dendrobium kingianum species

Grown by P. Kennedy Novice
Australian native plant Hunter Valley region to Tropic of Capricorn.
White, pink and purple but mainly pink.
One flower per spike
Cool grower shade house or outside.

Cymbidium lowianum species

Grown by N. Levett
Plant originally Burma, Thailand and Yunnan province in China.
Apple green to Yellow flowers with red v shape lip, 15 to 20 flowers per spike
Cool grower, shade house or outside.

ADV. NOVICE



PRESIDENT CHOICE

Masdevallia Falcata 'El Globo' Hybrid

Grown by J & L. Karbownik Open grower
Masdevallia coccinea x Masd. veitchiana Primary Hybrid. First Registered in 1899 California America
Yellow to Orange flower with 1 per spike 20 mm.
Spring flower, Cool grower, shade house or outside under protection.



Vale Gordon (Mick) Prouse

9 December 1929 – October 2019

It is with sadness we announce the sudden passing of Gordon Prouse. Gordon got the nick name of Mick while courting his then to be wife Josie. The name stuck and all at Warringal Orchid Society only knew him by this name. Mick was a life member and an experienced grower of orchids receiving many show award sashes over the years and several of his plants were also awarded. We will miss his banter and expertise. Our condolences go out to his family.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER - SPECIAL EFFORT.

To be drawn at our Christmas Break-up dinner

Tickets \$1.00 each



PLEIONE CULTURE

There are two sections in the Genus Pleione, the Spring flowering Pleione - characterized with only one leaf and the Autumn flowering Pleione- characterized with two leaves. This article will discuss only the culture of the Spring-flowering, relevant to Melbourne and Southern Victoria, Australia.

June, July and August.

During these months Pleione bulbs are dormant, so now is the time to purchase them. When you buy your bulbs, try to get bulbs that are 3 to 4 cm in diameter, are a good green colour, (or purplish black in some clones), and are not damaged in anyway. The bulbs should have at least one visible new growth enclosed in a brown sheath. Well grown bulbs can produce up to three new growths from the base each season. If an old shrivelled bulb is still attached, separate it carefully from the healthy bulb. Trim the roots on the new bulbs back to about 4 cm. The shortened roots will help to anchor the bulb in the mix as they tend to be forced up out of the mix as the new roots push down into the growing media.

Most people grow Pleione's in shallow containers at least 7 cm deep, but they do better in a deeper compost of about 10cm deep. The shallower pots tend to dry out too quickly in Melbourne's hot, dry summer.

Different growers use different potting mixes but the common factor is that they are all free-draining; one example: 6 parts medium bark, 1-part perlite or gravel, 2 parts of sphagnum moss chopped into 6 mm lengths, (sphagnum moss can be replaced with well-rotted oak or beech leaves). To each bucketful of this mix, add 2 handfuls of poultry or sheep manure as Pleione's are heavy feeders.

Fill the container up to within 2.5 cm of the top, and then thoroughly soak the mixture to prevent the manure from 'burning' the tips of the tender new roots as they commence to grow. Place the bulbs on the top of this mix and fill around to $\frac{3}{4}$ of their depth. The bulbs seem to better if planted closer together, approximately as close as 1 cm. Place the pot in a cool place, under 70% shade. In Melbourne, in July and August, pots can be left out in the weather as long as they have some protection from severe frost and hail. They also need some snail bait sprinkled around them.

September – October

As the temperature rises to about 14-15 C, and the days lengthen from 10 to 12 hours, the flower buds and new growths will commence to push up. Once the buds are visible, move the pots under cover to protect the emerging flowers. At the same time, new roots are commencing to move but these will brown off and die if they are watered when the temperature is too warm. Once Pleione roots are damaged, they will stop growing. It is better to water the plants by lightly misting at night when the day cools down and keeping the mix constantly moist.

After the flowers have died, the leaves will commence to make rapid growth and this is the time to gradually increase the watering and weak fertilising. Any balanced foliar fertiliser (where the Nitrogen is not over 20%) and applied regularly but preferably 'weekly, weakly' (1/4 strength) will do.

November – December

By late November or early December, the new growths will have developed well and the new bulbs will commence to swell at the base of growing leaves. At the same time, tiny new growths will become visible at the base of the new swelling bulbs; they will be whitish to very pale green in colour. These are the start of next year's flowers. During these months, the hot, dry summer period is approaching, so try to keep the humidity up to prevent the plants from drying out. Do not water during the hot day time. Water or mist the plants heavily at night and continue feeding.

January, February and March

In these months, the new flower growths at the base of the flowering bulbs will continue to grow until they are 2 to 2.5 cm long. Some tiny bulbils will also form at the base of the original bulb. Up to 4 of these bulbils can form on the one bulb and they will continue to grow throughout this period. Some will form small roots. Be careful when handling the plants as these bulbils can be knocked off very easily. If this happens, let them lie on the surface of the mix until next season, when they can be planted out and eventually form new flowering bulbs.

April – May

In early April, the sheath on the new flower shoot at the base of the still growing bulbs will commence to brown off, which indicates that the plants are entering their dormant period. This brown sheath will protect the new shoot from the cold of winter. The leaves of the plants will also commence to turn brown at the tips during April and this browning will continue until the leaves drop off in late April and early May. Once the leaves drop, watering should cease and the roots will die about 2-3 weeks later. The bulbs are once again completely dormant. The old original bulbs will have withered and if you are growing your plants outdoors just under shade cloth, it is advisable not to leave it too long before you lift the bulbs and separate off the old bulbs. In winter conditions, rot can set into the withered bulb and travel into the newly formed growths.

You can leave the bulbs undisturbed in their pots to be grown on again in the following year, although, under these circumstances, it is advisable to repot at least every 2 years in order to refresh the mix. The pots of dormant bulbs should be placed under cover for the winter in a very cool place and kept almost dry as they seem to need a period of down to 3 C during winter to help flowering.

Adapted from the Maroondah Orchid Society Bulletin printed in June 1990.

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Upcoming Events



END OF YEAR BREAK-UP DINNER

Delicious 2 course buffet style meal, held on the **Second Wednesday, 11th. December**, members \$25 and non-members \$28, bookings and payments to be made by **November** meeting, BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. This is a great night and a wonderful way to celebrate our successful year, enjoyed by all who attend.

CLUB SOCIAL BBQ

Will again be held on 24th. November, at George and Chris's home: 77 Carrington Blvd. Thomastown, starting 11am. BYO drinks and please bring a plate to compliment the meal.

This is another event not to be missed especially by new members as they can look over George and Chris's collection and their growing conditions. A great day that lasts well into the afternoon.

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