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PRESIDENT CHOICE

Best in Section - Open

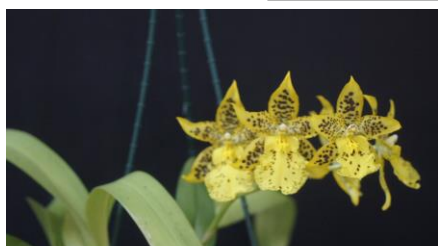
Judges Vote

Cymbidium Cricket 'Rosetta' Hybrid

Grown by D. Wain- Open grower
Cym. devonianum x Cym. madidum primary
Hybrid. First Registered in 1966 California.
Yellow to light brown dark brown lip flowers a
good plant will have over 20 flowers per spike.
The plant on display Grown by Mr. Wain has 52
spikes with more than 1200 flowers. This plant
usually flower in Spring, Cool grower, shade
house or outside under protection.



Best in Section - Intermediate



Oncidium - Unknown Hybrid

Grown by L & A. Shepherd
intermediate Grower
Yellow flower. Cold grower. Indoor
or under protection

The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th 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 will be on Wednesday 19th February 2020.**

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 a sales form available at sales table.

February meeting speaker will be:



John Varigos

An orchid collector; Member of the Orchid Species Society; Member of the Australian Native Orchid Society; The Malvern conservatory.



BEST IN SECTION

JUDGES VOTE:

CYM. Cricket 'Rosetta'	D. Wain
OPEN:	
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INTERMEDIATE:	
ONCID. Unknown	A & L Shepherd
ADVANCED NOVICE:	
CYM. Tennis 'Alpha'	N. Levett
NOVICE:	
ZYGO. Adelaide Meadows	H. Robinson

Progressive Points Total 2019

OPEN

M & B O'Reilly	426
G & C Dimech	340
J. Crawford	94
K. Lam	89
D. Wain	81
G. Garrett	77
E & D Baxter	74
J & L Karbownik	66
B. Duncan	66
C. Krolkowski	44
A. Fernandez	42
S. Pantelejenko	36
M. Borstelj	35
J. Khoo	35
N. Maggetto	30
J. Sharam	21
M. Mally	18
G. Brwning	13
Le Tan Leip	8
V&N Kluchkovski	6
G. Backhouse	4
W. Garner	4
T. Philippou	4
M Kovacevic	3
F&T Nguyen	2

INTERMEDIATE

A. Magnano	75
L. Smith	61
M. Volondina	44
S. Grzinic	32
M. Grzan	32
J. Stanley	16
L. Balazinec	15
J. Guario	13
J & H Prosser	8
A&L Shepherd	8
G. Pezzin	2

ADVANCED NOVICE

M. Bastecky	68
J. Jenkins	59
N. Levett	49
F. Penman	34
Z. Giavris	10
F. Verlaan	4
W. O'Callaghan	1

NOVICE

K. Ridgway	55
H. Robinson	39
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

REMINDER

**Christmas break-up dinner is on
Wednesday 11th. December
Please be seated by 7.00pm.**

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.

WELCOME BACK AILING MEMBERS

Hoping that you are fit and well

John Prosser, Ian Pratchett, Zac Giavaris

HELPERS NEEDED

The monthly meeting starts at 8.00 pm. New growers' group at 7.30 pm. Prior to the meeting, there are some preparations needed, including setting up the display tables and chairs for the members. We encourage members who can to help to set up the venue. George and Christine usually arrive early at 6.0 PM.

Judging Results for September 2019

OPEN

Standard Cymbidium

1st. Cym. Arafair M & B O'Reilly

Intermediate Cymbidium

1st. Cym. Betty Court M & B O'Reilly

Miniature Cymbidium

1st. Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta' D. Wain

Dendrobium

1st. Ademos 'Mountain view' M & B O'Reilly

2nd. Den. Chorus Girl 'Painted lady' M. Borstelj

3rd. Den Unknown M & B O'Reilly

Maudiae Paphiopedilum

1st. Maudiae 'The Queen' G & C Dimech

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st. P. Raisin Jack E & D Baxter

2nd. P. Paymaster E & D Baxter

3rd. P. Copper Spice J. Crawford

Oncidium

1st. Hamburhen Stern M & B O'Reilly

2nd. Rex Van Delden A. Fernandez

3rd. Golden Parade M & B O'Reilly

Lycaste

1st. Lyc. Sunset Gem G & C Dimech

2nd. Lyc. Skinnerii x Aquila M. Mally

Australian Native Species

1st. Sarc. hartmanii G. Garrett

2nd. Cym. suave (2) M & B O'Reilly

3rd. Sym. suave M & B O'Reilly

Australian Native Hybrid

1st. Sarc. Allice G. Garrett

2nd. Sarc. Magenta x hartmanii G. Garrett

3rd. Sarc. Ruby Snow 'Crown Vista' G. Garrett

Cattleya

1st. C. Golf Green 'Hairy Pig' M & B O'Reilly

2nd. C. Hawaian Wedding Song M & B O'Reilly

Novelty Cattleya

1st. BLC Fuchs Orange Nuggett Algester G & C Dimech

2nd. BLC Fuchs Orange Nuggett x SC Beau yellowlip E & D Baxter

3rd. Dals Paradise x Rosella Jewel J. Crawford

Masdevalia Species

1st. M. veitchiana J & L Karbownik

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st. M. Triangularis x valcata G & C Dimech

2nd. M. Macchu Pichu M & B O'Reilly

3rd. M. Bob Hoffman G & C Dimech

Any Other Hybrid

1st. NPP Adelaide x NPP Beverly Lou B. Duncan

2nd. NPP Adelaide x NPP Beverly Oval B. Duncan

3rd. Epi. Serene O'Neil 'Hsinying' M & B O'Reilly

Species- Any Genera

1st. Cuitlauzina peduta G & C Dimech

2nd. Den. trigonopus M. Borstelj

3rd. Den. lindlii M. Borstelj

BEST IN SECTION

Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta' D. Wain

INTERMEDIATE

Oncidium

1st. Unknown A & L Shepherd

Australian native Hybrid

1st. Plectorrhizo Ruwil x Sarc. australis A & L Shepherd

Cattleya

1st. Hawaian wedding song M. Grzan

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st. Bella Donna 'Prince' A. Magnano

Minature Cymbidium

1st. C. Memoria Eleanor Herrman no.5 L. Smith

Lycaste

1st. Lyc. Wyong Bicolor A. Magnano

2nd. Lyc. Caroline A. Magnano

Dendrobium

1st. Lucky Seven M. Grzan

Species any Genera

1st. Cym. Devonianum M. Volodina

2nd. Zygo. Intermedium S. Grzinic

BEST IN SECTION

Oncidium Unknown A & L Shepherd

ADVANCED NOVICE

Novelty Cattleya

1st. LC. Pecking Duck 'Orange Glow' F. penman

Minature Cymbidium

1st. Cym. Tennis 'Alpha' N. Levett

BEST IN SECTION

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NOVICE

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Zygo. Adelaide Meadows H. Robinson

BEST IN SECTION

Zygo. Adelaide Meadows H. Robinson

SEEDLING FLOWERING 1st. TIME

1st. Sarc. magic S. Pantelejenko

2nd. Sarc. Wizz Fizz J & L Karbownik

3rd. Srac. Sandaanis Hart J & L Karbownik

BEST IN SECTION – NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVICE



Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows hybrid

Grown by H. Robinson Novice Grower

Zygopetalum Titanic x Zygoneria Dynamo .

First cross 1993 in Adelaide. Yellow light green white and purple flowers. 4 to 5 flowers per spike

Cool grower shade house or outside.

Cymbidium Tennis 'Alpha' hybrid

Grown by N. Levett Advance Novice

Cym. Cricket x Cym. suave.

First cross 1995 in NSW.

Brown colour 30 or more flowers per spike. Cool grower, shade house or outside.

ADV. NOVICE



Annual BBQ with George and Christine



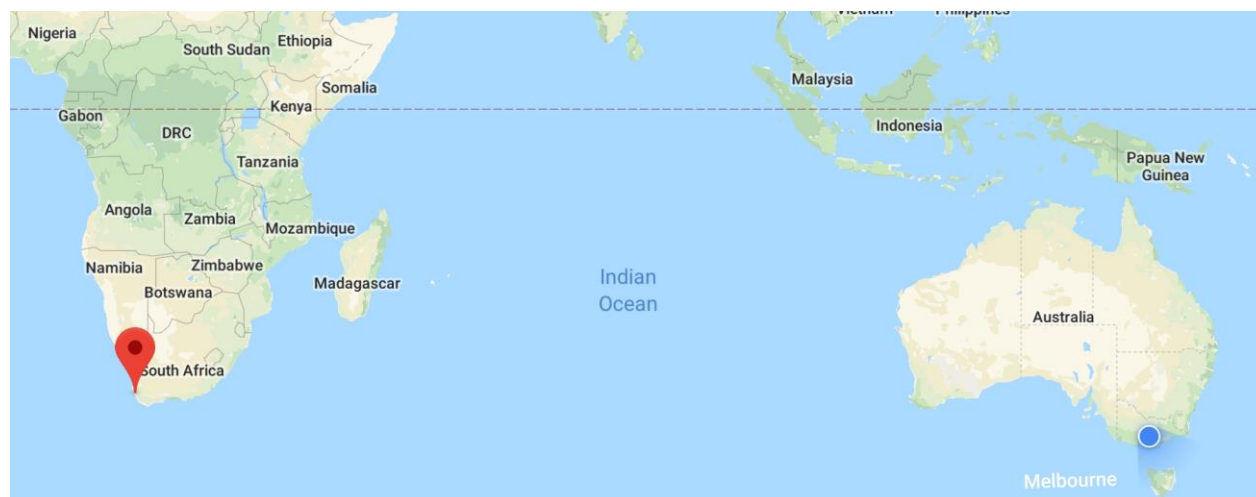
We would like to thank George and Christine for opening up their home for our end of year BBQ on Sunday 24th. The weather was picture perfect mild and sunny, the BBQ was well attended by 30 members both old and new who brought a much-varied selection of platters to complement our meal. The afternoon was most enjoyable with good conversations covering a range of topics, questions and laughter.





Disa

Pronunciation: DYE-sa or DEE-sa. This is primarily a South African genus. Disa may have a reputation for being difficult to grow, but they thrive under cool damp conditions that mimic the environment near the streams and waterfalls of their natural habitats. They are terrestrial found growing along the sides of stream banks and other wet areas at altitudes between 100m to 1200 m. One of the most popular Disa species is *Disa uniflora*, the floral symbol of the Western Cape province of South Africa. Disa collections have appeared in botanical journals as early as 1704 (Gardiner & Cribb, 2018). Disa flowers may be red, pink, occasionally white or yellow.



How to grow

Disa can grow well in Melbourne as the origin of Disa is relatively similar as shown on the map above. Some growers in Melbourne successfully grow Disa and have developed new crosses. I can say one successful Disa grower in Melbourne is Gabor Szep, a member of Bayside Orchid Society and OSSV. Our club members Anna and Lawrie Christensen also able to grow Disa. In this article I would like to share Gabor's way or technique. He kindly shared his knowledge to me and I would like to share this knowledge with his permission. I have tried and succeed.

Conditions

Disa can tolerate temperatures near freezing, However protect it from the heat. They can be grown outside under the protection of shady bushes. If grown in a shade house or veranda, provide ample air movement and humidity.

Potting Mix

Sphagnum moss is ideal growing media. I observed some growers using small bark mixed with perlite, the result is not as good as using moss media. The drawback of this media is it does not last long compared to mix of bark and perlite that can last 2-3 years. Placing pebbles or clay balls on the top sphagnum moss can prolong optimum condition.

Watering

Disa require more water than most orchids. Keep wet at all times. Gabor places the pots in the Styrofoam box that he places minimum two drainage holes (located 2-2.5 cm above the base of the box). Rain water is preferable, if no rain water is available fill a container with tap water and let sit for a day. Change the water in monthly bases, or earlier when you start seeing algae changed the water colour to green.

Fertiliser

Sphagnum moss media provide significant nutrient for the plant. However, Applying very weak soluble fertilisers can be used to boost the growth. It is best to under feed rather over feed.

Flowering

Flowers appear during late spring until midsummer. They flower off last year's growth which grows from a tuber. This growth will die after flowering. During the flowering time, small plants will appear and become the future flowering growths.

Re-potting

After the flowering growth dies, gently divide the new growths. The roots are very brittle. If in sphagnum moss re pot yearly, allow several years between other mixes.

Problems

White mealy bugs and aphids can be a problem. Treat with a commercial product such as eco oil. Slugs and snails should be treated with snail bait. Drying out in hot weather as well as becoming water logged over a long period of time will also place stress on the plant.

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Upcoming Events

END OF YEAR BREAK-UP DINNER

Held on the **Second Wednesday, 11th. December**. Please be seated by 07:00 PM. BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. This is a great night and a wonderful way to celebrate our successful year, enjoyed by all who attend.

Other event

Mario Borstelj is downsizing his orchid collection. Anybody interested in getting some of his orchids, please ring him on **0422 409 240** to arrange a visit. He lives in Mernda. The collection includes Sarchochillus, Australian Dendrobiums, Cymbidiums, Epidendrums, Oncidium, and Stanhopeas.

Vale Norma McKay

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Norma McKay at age 91.

Norma was a life member and served for many years on our committee, she was also a keen helper in the kitchen at all of our annual shows where she also took out many prizes in the floral art section. We will miss her ever-present smile and good humour. Our condolences go out to her family.

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