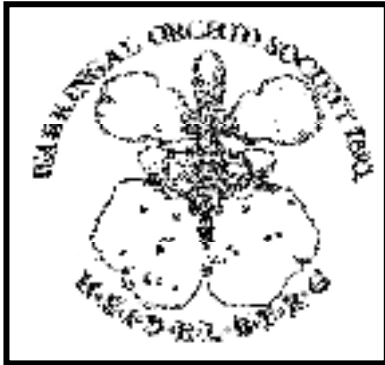


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The next committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of APRIL at the Bellfield Community Hall.

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 20<sup>TH</sup> of MARCH. 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 Alex Wilde, he needs no introduction as he is a first class grower of Orchids and he is in great demand as a speaker and presenter, his wealth of knowledge is something not surpassed so come along and enjoy this wonderful speaker. Alex will talk on *Sarcochilus ceciliae* a wonderful Australian native orchid, we all should be educated in growing this great plant. Alex will also bring along some plants for sale before his talk so come along early and don't miss out.**

## Judging Results for FEBRUARY

### OPEN

#### Australian Native Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> D.Limestone x Cucumberium C.Krolikowski

#### Novelty Cattleya

1<sup>st</sup> Unknown E&D.Baxter

#### Vanda

1<sup>st</sup> Vandacostylis Lou Scary K.Lam

2<sup>nd</sup> Rothchildiana G&C.Dimech

#### Novety Paphiopedilum

1<sup>st</sup> Bengal Lancers G&C.Dimech

2<sup>nd</sup> Delematii x Pine Glow G&C.Dimech

#### Any Other Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Epi Seta Raspberry G&C.Dimech

#### Species Any Genera

1<sup>st</sup> Lyc Triofoliata K.Lam

2<sup>nd</sup> Gomesa Gardenri J.Khoo

3<sup>rd</sup> Psychopsis Papilio G.Garrett

#### Best In Section

Lycaste Triofoliota K.Lam

### INTERMEDIATE

#### Lycaste

1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Dragon Lady A.Magnano

#### Species Any Genera

1<sup>st</sup> NeoffintiaFalcata M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

#### Cattleya

1<sup>st</sup> Dendis Toy M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

2<sup>nd</sup> Netrsin Waxy M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

#### Vanda

1<sup>st</sup> Tokyo Blue M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

#### Masdevallia Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Candycane Tuakucandy A.Magnano

#### Best In Section

Vanda Tokyo Blue M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly

## ADVANCED NOVICE

### Phalanopsis

1<sup>st</sup> Unknown Yellow N.Levett

### Oncidium

1<sup>st</sup> Wildcat Leopard F.Verlaan

#### Best In Section

Onc Wildcat Leopard F.Verlaan

### NOVICE

#### Any Other Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Heaven Sent D.Lanthie

#### Species Any Genera

1<sup>st</sup> C.Walkeriana Alba H.Robinson

#### Australian Native Species or Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> S.Velvet Dark Red x Fitzhart Dark Red

K.Ridgway

#### Best In Section

C. Walkeriana Alba H.Robinson

## PROGRESSIVE POINTS 2019

### OPEN

G&C.Dimech 14

K.Lam 8

E&D.Baxter 4

C.Krolikoski 4

J.Khoo 3

G.Garrett 2

B.Duncan 1

### INTERMEDIATE

M.Brisi&B.O'Reilly 19

A.Magnano 8

### ADVANCED NOVICE

F.Verlaan 4

N.Levett 3

### NOVICE

D.Lanthie 4

K.Ridgway 4

H.Robinson 4

**Our smiling tea lady Chris had major foot surgery and will be out of action for 6/8 weeks.**

**Get Well Chris, in the meantime if you can help in the canteen you'll be much appreciated.**

#### **SPECIES for MARCH and APRIL by Brian Milligan**

Unfortunately there seem to be fewer species orchids in flower at this time of year than any other. As in the preceding article, those species that I grow in my heated glasshouse (minimum temperature of 12°C) are marked with an asterisk. *Laelia pumila* and *Rossioglossum grande* are the only species mentioned that I have grown in a shade house for several years, although *Oncidium uniflorum* has survived one winter under these conditions.

***Barkeria scandens*\*** and ***Barkeria skinneri*\*** are two Mexican species that I highly recommend. *Barkerias* have an undeserved reputation of being difficult to maintain in cultivation but only by those who insist in trying to grow them in pots. When mounted on cork or pieces of rough bark and allowed a long resting period during winter, they grow well and flower every year in my heated glasshouse. Because of their winter dormancy, I feel sure that they could be grown under shade-house conditions, provided that they were kept dry during winter. They are closely related to the reed-stem epidendrums and resemble smaller versions of those plants quite closely. As soon as the new growths make an appearance in October I try to dip my mounted plants in a weak solution of liquid fertiliser at least once every sunny day until the active (green) root tips seal over in late autumn. The terminal inflorescences begin to develop in mid-summer and by late April bear about 15 magenta-red flowers, which last in good condition for several months if kept dry.

***Laelia pumila*** (syn. *Sophronitis pumila*) has the smallest plant of all the Brazilian laelias but its flowers are quite large (about 100 mm across). My plants grow happily suspended beside the Australian native dendrobiums. They are re-potted in pine bark in small pots every two years. The inflorescences of well-grown plants bear two attractive pink flowers every April. If grown in the heated glasshouse, they flower much earlier, usually in November.

***Oncidium longipes*\*** and ***Oncidium uniflorum*\*** are often confused, because their flowers are quite similar. However, the inflorescences of *Oncidium longipes* usually carry four or five flowers, whereas those of *Oncidium uniflorum* bear only two (not one, despite its name). Also, *O. longipes* flowers about a month earlier than *O. uniflorum*. The sepals and petals of both species are yellow with greenish brown bars; the lip is yellow with white calli. The plants branch readily, yielding attractive specimen plants within ten years.

***Ornithophora radicans*\*** is a miniature, monotypic species from Brazil that may be accommodated either on a mount or in a pot. It should be kept moist all year. The inflorescences carry up to ten small flowers with yellowish green petals and sepals and a white labellum. It needs to be grown into a specimen plant before it makes an impact.

***Pleurothallis sclerophylla*\*** is one of the larger growing species in the genus *Pleurothallis*. As its specific name implies, it has thick, tough leaves. Each recently matured growth produces a long inflorescence bearing many spidery, yellow-green flowers.

***Rossioglossum grande*** is one of six species in the genus. All grow in Central America at moderate to high altitudes, and can therefore be grown under shade-house conditions in Melbourne. *Rossioglossum grande* needs an open mix with free drainage and must be provided with good light. Plants should be watered very sparingly during winter, and allowed a brief resting period after the pseudo-bulbs have matured. Inflorescences carry up to eight waxy, long-lasting flowers (100-150 mm across). The petals are bright yellow at their tips and chestnut brown at the base, while the paler sepals have transverse chestnut brown bars.

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**VALE**

Hello All, it is with regret I inform of the passing of our Esteemed Life Member Ken Box, he loved our society and he served in a number of positions over the years with dedication and always with the Warringal Orchid Society at the for front of his mind. Ken especially loved show time and he was Show Marshall for years in which he served until he passed the baton on.

Ken loved to meet new members and always asked what they grew and what they liked and nearly always had an orchid to give them next time he saw them.

The President, Committee and Members wish to pass on their sympathy to Ken's family.



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