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This month's speaker will be:

Craig Miles

An orchid collector; Member of the Orchid Species Society; Orchid Species Plus; Orchids of Distinction. Craig will talk about Lycaste and Anguola culture.



The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st 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 will be on Wednesday 18th March.**

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 are to be listed on the sales form available at sales table.

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

Club seedling 2020: Dendrobium Ray's Jaffa x Dendrobium Jazz 'Windsor Down'.

The club seedling is made available to enable all members to try and grow in a friendly competitive spirit. As everyone has different growing conditions those who have the best growth can pass on their information to the rest of us who may be having some difficulty. The seedlings can be purchased for \$10 at the meeting. Only 26 plants available in stock.



February 2020 Meeting

President's Choice



**Promenaea
ovatiloba Species**

Grown by **G & C.
Dimech** - open
grower

Originates South East Brazil. Yellow flower one per spike flower are 4 cm wide plant can be covered in flower if grown well. Autumn and Spring flower, Cool grower, shade house or outside under protection. Keep plant moist to grow well.

Best Open section



**Paphiopedilum
Prime Child Hybrid**
Grown by **J.
Crawford**
Primary Hybrid cross
Paphiopedilum
rothschildianum x
Paphiopedilum
primulinum

An autumn flowering plant, flower is green with brown marks and a red lip. One flower opens at a time but it may have up to 3 flowers on spikes.

Plants need protection.

Best Intermediate Section



**Lycaste Caroline
'Dragon Lady'
Hybrid (Lycaste
Rachel x Lycaste
luminosa)**
Grown by **A.
Magnano**

Has a large red flower, first crossed in 1999 in Great Britain. Cold grower, indoor or under protection. Keep growing media moist.

Best Advance Novice Section



Gongora galeata species
Grown by **N. Levett**

Originates Southern Mexico. Yellow to Brown colour. 11 to 13 flowers per spike. Flowers hanging down. Cool grower, shade house or outside. Moist media.

Best Novice Section



**Coeloglyne mooreana
species**
Grown by **I. Ketis**

Originates from Vietnam. White flower with yellow labellum on tall spike with 3 to 5 flowers. Cold grower. Can be grown outside or shade house.

Progressive Points Total 2020

OPEN	
G & C Dimech	29
C krolikowski	13
J Crawford	12
M Borstelj	4
B Duncan	3
INTERMEDIATE	
M Bastecky	15
A Magnano	10
M Volodina	3
ADVANCED NOVICE	
J Jenkins	4
N Levett	4
NOVICE	
K Sloan	4
I Ketis	4

Point description details:

1st : 3 points

2nd : 2 points

3rd : 1 point

Each plant 1 point (Max 6 points/meeting)

Butterfly Orchid

Psychopsis papilio

Psychopsis derived from Ancient Greek word *psyche*, means butterfly. This species was under genus *Oncidium* from 1836 and changed to genus *Psychopsis* in 1982 (Gardiner & Cribb, 2018). Some taxonomists and growers still use the earlier name *Oncidium papilio*. *P. papilio* has small pseudobulbs that carry single leaf, often with red mottling on its upper surface, and its large flowers with linear spatulate sepals and petals, and large flat lip with a small callus at the base. The flower spikes can bloom for several years, up to 15 years continuously, each flower last about 10 days and 3 weeks later a new flower will develop.



Reff: <https://www.orchid-idea.com/en/product/?s=5218&p=84399>



Reff: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rstickn/8537783667>



REff: <https://www.orchidsbyhausermann.com/psychopsis-papilio.html>

Habitat

The genus is found in Central and northern South America, including Trinidad, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. This species is generally widespread at elevation 447 – 1200 m above sea level. The habitat growing temperature range 7 -34 C.



Reff: <https://www.dreamstime.com/north-south-america-political-map-north-south-america-political-map-vector-illustration-image100370777>

Cultural recommendation by C & M Baker retrieved in 2020 from <https://orchidculture.com/COD/FREE/FS248.html> :

Light/humidity/air movement

tolerated high level of light and humidity (75-80 % during growing season) with strong air movement.

Water

moderate to heavy watering during late spring through early autumn. Minimal watering in winter time (resting period). In hot summer might requires frequent watering, especially for mounted plants. Plants should be kept adequately moist.

Fertilizer:

quarter to half recommended strength. Some successful growers utilise low nitrogen and higher phosphorus in autumn.

Growing Media

Plants can be mounted on tree-fern or cork slabs. this method might require more regular watering than growing in a pot or basket. Potting media advised is to use a fast-draining medium which contains material that retains some moisture (i.e. sphagnum, perlite, bark). Interestingly, this plant does not like to be re-potted, therefore repotting should be done only when necessary. Each grower should experiment to find which combination of containers and medium work best with their growing condition and watering regime.

Reference:

Gardiner, L & Cribb, P. (2018). The Orchids: Celebrating 40 of the world's most charismatic orchids through rare prints and classic texts. Royal Botanic Garden's Kew, London, United Kingdom

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