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The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th August 2020 via Zoom.

The Warringal Orchid society meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Senior Citizens Hall in Hawdon Street Heidelberg.

Due to government regulations (COVID-19), the July Meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM on Wednesday 15th July 2020 @8:00 PM – Log on from 7:45 PM.

Details of Zoom Meeting

ID: 822 1733 1958

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Notice: August meeting is our Annual General Meeting

Until further notice and changes to Government restrictions all future meetings will be via Zoom

Orchid Bark Order

Indicate your Interest in terms of number of bags, Size of Bags – 25Lt or 50 Lt (the preference will be for 25Ltr bags for ease of Handling) and by bark size, Mini, Small, Medium or Large.

You need to Communicate this to:

Alf Magnano – email: alf_magnano@cpartners.com.au; mobile 0403 006 104 or

David Baxter – kneebo@bigpond.net.au.

Once we have your orders I will issue an invoice via Square for you to pay (We want to minimise the amount of Cash Handling – if you have concerns please contact me(Alf) directly).

Our expectation is that prices will be as per the last Spring Show but we will confirm this, once you make your order.

We will only order Bark if we get enough interest – that is at least 1 – 2 pallets (each Pallet is dependent on bag size) 25 litres – 60 bags to a pallet or 50 Litres – 40 Bags to a pallet)

Once Ordered and Delivered David will then co-ordinate for you to collect your bark from a designated location – there will be no deliveries. (Thanks Alf and David)

Zoom Meeting



(Picture taken by Andrew Fernandez)

Australia's federal, state and territory governments have put restrictions in place to slow the spread of COVID-19. WOS monthly meeting conducted its first zoom meeting in club history.

Andrew Fernandez talked about unusual orchids he found during his hiking trips to Borneo island.



(picture taken by Andrew Fernandez. Coelogyne pandurata)



(Picture taken by Andrew Fernandez. Bulbophyllum fascinator)



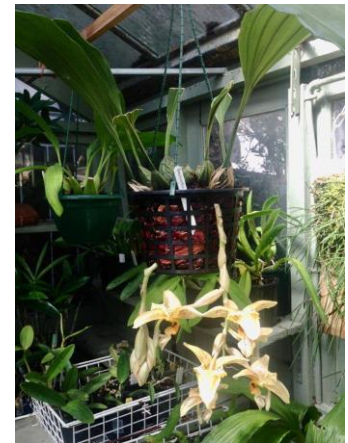
(Picture taken by Andrew Fernandez. Bulbophyllum. Corybus pictus.)

Other members were also able to show their orchids including Netty, Barbara, George & Christine, Alf, Illias, Margaret, Helen. Brian & I.

There were some discussions about plants, fortunately Barbara Duncan was there, her presence greatly appreciated. We hope she does not mind when members bombard her with many questions and points for clarification.

Stanhopea

Stanhopea is a genus of the orchid family from Central and South America. This genus has more than 50 species and 5 natural hybrids. Stanhopeas require a well-drained open mix, and do particularly well in a hanging baskets, lined with sphagnum moss or coconut fibre, which allows the flowers to burst through the bottom. Don't grow them in ordinary pots or you'll never see the flowers! A shady position is best, with plenty of air movement around the plant. Don't allow the plant to dry out in hot weather, but do cut back watering in the winter months. In Australia, the green colour on the map shows where Stanhopeas grow best.

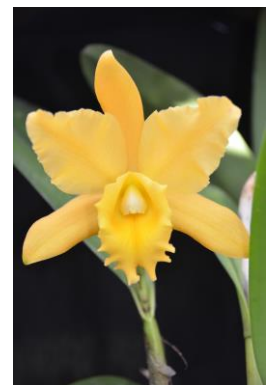


(Grown by Frank Whillans. Stanhopea jenischiana)

Cattleya

Cattleya are very prone to rot if grown outdoors in Melbourne. Generally cattleya require a minimal watering regime during winter time. Hybridation of cattleya have enabled the orchid grower to enjoy flowering all year long.

Some cattleya flowering in July:



(Grown by G & C Dimech. BLC. Kinza 'Southern Cross' is growing cool)



(Grown by Mohammad Bisri & Brian O'Reilly. Laelia anceps var Chambelainis Flowering in July)

Australian Native and hybrid Dendrobiums

Winter is an important stage of growing for Australian orchids, with Dendrobium speciosum's forming flowering buds. By now you might see some of them showing.



(Picture taken by Mohammad Bisri. Dendrobium speciosum)

However, with cross hybridation and years of hard work from orchid breeders, we can enjoy some early bloom dendrobiums. Last month Quite a few dendrobiums were in bloom. For example, Dendrobium Avril gold 'Ray', Dend. Elegant Heart 'Blue Lip' x Pinterry #1), Dend. Star of Gold, Dend Brinawa x tetragonum).

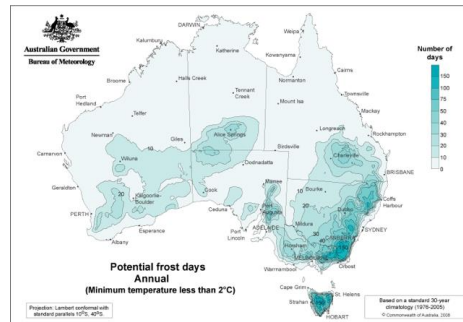


(Grown by Mohammad Bisri & Brian Oreilly)

Winter Season in Australia

We are currently in the middle of the winter. This can be a challenge for orchid growers who do not have a greenhouse. Frost and cold temperature will cause damage to certain orchids originating from warmer areas.

The map below shows the potential number of frost days in Australia.



As shown on the map above, Melbourne has less than 30 frost days in a year. However, one heavy frost day is enough to kill a plant or to cold burn flower spikes. Early bloom orchids are at risk if grown in open air in Melbourne.

Selecting and manipulating growing conditions enable orchid growers to have a greater variety of orchids. However, Some growers are able to find micro climates in their growing conditions which enable them to grow particular orchids that require heat. This requires years of experience and failures (killing the plants).

Most cymbidium orchids able to grow in Melbourne with minimal protection. Cymbidiums can be grown well undershade cloth, under the tree canopy on a verandah or near a fence.



(grown by Mohammad Bisri & Brian O'Reilly, cymbidium orchids grown in open space)

Asian cymbidiums, for example Cymb. Erythrostylum originally distributed in highland country about 1500m above sea level in Vietnam. This cymbidium can grow in Melbourne very well with minimal protection.



(Grown By Helen Robinson. Cymb. Erythrostylum is flowering with minimal protection in Melbourne)

However, certain cymbidiums require specific growing media and certain watering regimes. Australian native cymbidium (cannaliculatum) requires minimal watering and full sun exposure. During the winter season in Melbourne, Cymbidium cannaliculatum is very prone to rot, due to over watering, if we leave the plant exposed to rain.



(Grown by Mohammad Bisri & Brian O'Reilly)

Australian dendrobiums generally tolerate the Melbourne winter with

minimal protection. The picture below is taken in the beginning of July. This type of orchid able to grow well in open air in Melbourne area.



(Picture taken by Mohammad Bisri. Australian dendrobium hybrid)

A greenhouse with heat is ideal for growers who want to have tropical orchids in their collection. However, this might result in high cost to maintain the orchids.



(Picture by Mohammad Bisri. An example of greenhouse available on the market)

Some WOS members are growing varieties of orchids in their unheated greenhouse. They shared some orchid blooms this month.



(Grown by G&C Dimech, Wils. Pui Chin 'Flying Tiger' is flowering in unheated glasshouse)



(Grown by G & C Dimech. Paph. Insigne Var. Harefield Hall is flowering in unheated glasshouse)



(Grown by G & C Dimech. Aerangis Elro is flowering in unheated glasshouse)



(Grown by G & C Dimech. Max. Nigrescence is flowering in unheated glasshouse)



(Grown by G & C Dimech. Paph. Mem. Heinie Christ is flowering in unheated greenhouse)



(Grown by Mohammad Bisri & Brian O'Reilly. Mediocalcium decoratum is flowering in unheated greenhou)

NOTIFICATIONS:

1. Unfortunately, the winter show has been cancelled, but we are still hope-full the spring show will go ahead as planned.
2. Membership fees are due by end of June and committee are reviewing various options as to how members can pay. If you have any questions, please contact Alf or Lenore.

Thank You

To everyone who has supplied photos for the July Bulletin, we appreciate your participation. We would like to see more pictures of your flowering plants continue to be uploaded to our website.

The Warringal Orchid Society will hold its AGM on Wednesday August 19th 2020 at 8pm.

Only financial members are eligible to stand for positions on the committee and to vote at the AGM.

AGM Agenda

- To receive and confirm the minutes of the last preceding AGM.
- To receive and confirm the Presidents annual report.
- To receive and confirm the Treasurers annual report.
- To transact any business notified to the secretary in writing prior to the meeting date.
- To elect officers and ordinary members of the committee. (President, two Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and three committee members).

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I wish to nominate _____

for the position of _____

Moved: _____

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Signature of Nominee Date:

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