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WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY ZOOM MEETING

Our upcoming ZOOM meeting will be on August 19th, 2020 @08:00 PM. (log on from 7.45 so we are ready to go at 8.00)

Details of Zoom Meeting

ID: 822 1733 1958

Password: 097621

The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd September 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 August Meeting will also be held virtually via ZOOM.**

Spring Show 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Warringal Orchid Society Spring Show 2020 has been cancelled. The committee is moving forward to plan for next year's Winter Show 2021.

Orchid bark

Due to the introduction of level 4 COVID-19 restriction, orchid bark orders may not be able to be picked up as per plan. It is likely we will have to wait until after restrictions have been eased. Please contact Alf or David to arrange pick up.

AGM

As our AGM physical meeting cannot be held a special AGM report containing the president report, Treasures financial statement and voting results for society positions and committee members is being sent to all members.

Zoom Meeting

The Victorian Government has announced further restrictions to Stage 4 lockdown. Which means WOS is unable to hold meetings until further notice. A Zoom meeting was conducted in July and we will continue in this format until further notice. We hope as many as possible are able to join in.

For the upcoming Zoom meeting, Henk and Nette will give presentations. Feel free to contact Alf or Mohammad if WOS members have any issues with participating in the Zoom meeting.

For members who have apple/Mac computer products / the system requires you to download the Zoom application. For non Mac/Apple users you can go straight to the website www.zoom.us. Enter the ID and Password as above.

Facebook Photo Appreciation

WOS continues to run the Facebook photo appreciation. This platform is to enable members to share their flowering orchids and growing conditions. Hopefully this will enable other members to get ideas and see what can be grown in Melbourne under their conditions. If members are interested in particular orchids, please feel free to ask the grower during monthly meetings, unfortunately we have to do it via Zoom at this stage.

We are in the middle of winter, some WOS members have some flowering orchids at this time of the year. I will group them based on their genus.

Cattleya

The orchid is spread across the Americas from Mexico, Colombia, Guatamala and Brazil. Usually this plant grows on mountain areas with an altitude of 600-1,500 meters above sea level. Cattleya can grow well in Melbourne with minimal protection from winter months. Cattleya orchid name taken from the name of a farmer of orchids and other plants named William Cattley.

Cat. Ruby Royale

Growing condition: under polycarbonate and shade cloth roof. Growing cold.



Grown by Mohammad & Brian

Cat. coccinea aurea 'Tokyo Yellow'

Growing condition: plant is growing in unheated greenhouse



Grown by Mohammad and Brian

Cattleya sophronitis

Growing condition: growing under polycarbonate roof and shade cloth. Tolerate cold. Requires good wind flow.



Grower: Mohammad & Brian

Australian Native and hybrid Dendrobiums

Brimbank Fire

Growing condition: tolerate cold weather, similar with other native dendrobiums.



Grower Nam Truong

Den. Elegant Heart 'Blue Lip' x Pinterry #1

Growing condition: The plant is grown cold in a shade house.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Dendrobium Jayden 'Sheen' FCC

Growing condition: similar with others native dendrobium.



Grower Nam Truong

Dend. Aemulum

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Cymbidium

The cymbidium genus is primarily distributed in Asia and some parts of Australia. In Melbourne, generally plants are in full bloom in Spring time, usually September and October. However, with hybridising now available early bloom cymbidiums (mostly from Asian region) or late bloom cymbidiums (Australian region) are possible.

Some WOS member shared their cymbidiums flowering in July.

Cymb. Jubilation 'Geronimo'

Growing Condition: Plant is growing cold in shade house, no heating required.



Grown By G & C Dimech

Cymb. Edward Marshall 'Alice'

Growing condition: Plant is growing outdoor with full sun. No protection. Tolerate cold weather.



Grower: mohammad & Brian

Cymb. Unknown

Growing condition: Tolerate cold weather.



Grown by Kerri Ridgway

Cymb. Grand Monarch 'Exquisitum'

Growing condition: outdoor. Full sun. No protection. Tolerate cold weather



Grower: mohammad & Brian

Cymb. Stargate Stunner x Cymb erythraeum

Growing condition: outdoor. Full sun. No protection. Tolerate cold weather.



Grower: mohammad & Brian

Paphiopedilum

Geographical distribution of origin.



reff: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paphiopedilum#/media/File:Paphiopedilum_distribution_map.png

Queenanna x Gigi



Grown by Kerri Ridgway

Paph. Insigne

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse



Grown by G & C Dimech

Paph. Villosum Var. Annamence

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Any Other Orchids

Arpophyllum spicatum

Growing condition: in unheated greenhouse.



Grown by Mohammad & Brian

Maxillaria Picta



Grown by Kerri Ridgway

Oncidium Olympia 'Jacqui Louise'

Growing condition: grown under polycarbonate roof, and shade cloth. Tolerate cold.



Grower: Mohammad & Brian

Mps Breathless 'Florence'

Growing condition: grown indoors under lights.



Grown by Henk Venter

Pterostylis Rossellii



Grown By G & C Dimech

stenorrhynchis sp.

Growing condition: unheated green house.



Grower: Mohammad & Brian.

Masdevalia Copper Angel 'Orange Sunset'

Growing condition: unheated green house. Media always kept moist.



Grower: Mohammad & Brian.

Epi. Flexuosum x Epi. Veitchii

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Dendrochilum Jayieri

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse



Grown by G & C Dimech

Coel. Lyme Bay

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Cirr. Guttulatum

Growing condition: in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Disease/Pest Management:

ALGINOX as a Disinfectant

(Jim Brydie – from Aug'11 Ringwood OS news – with thanks)

Alginox is a liquid Swimming Pool control/sanitiser, for control of algae and bacteria in swimming pools. It has the same active ingredient as a popular, but much more expensive, orchid/plant disease control product called Physan. As far as I know, the guidelines in the table below were put together by a nurseryman on the North Coast of NSW about 20 years ago.

The rates recommended are believed to be quite safe for all orchids and in fact, the experience of a few local users suggests you

might even want to slightly increase the suggested rates.

However! As with the use of any chemical, **you should proceed with caution.** Use gloves, don't drink it or get it in your eyes, keep it away from children, etc.etc. You also never know if some plants may be more sensitive than others or if it affects in some circumstances may differ. **Usage is at your own risk.** Please read all directions on the Alginox container before using it and test on samples in your own conditions before making any decision to use more widely.

If you think Alginox might be helpful to you and you would like to try it, it is currently available in most supermarkets and hardware stores in the pool chlorine section.

ALGINOX – SUGGESTED RATES AND APPLICATIONS

Usage Type – Usage rate – Application method

Dividing Plants – Usage rate: 15ml to 4 litres of water (i.e. 3.75 ml per litre) –

Application method: Remove old compost, soak plant for 5 minutes before dividing with sterilised cutters. Trim the division and its roots, soak again for 5 minutes before repotting.

Seedlings from flask. Protect from damp off – Usage rate: 7 ml to 4 litres of water (i.e. 1.75 ml per litre) – **Application method:** Soak plants including agar, in Alginox solution for 5 minutes. Remove agar, soak compost in Alginox solution. Afterwards, spray once per month or anytime disease is present.

Adult Plants – Usage rate: 50 ml to 20 litres of water (i.e. 2.5 ml per litre) –

Application method: Spray once a month or

anytime disease is evident. Soak compost when disease is evident.

Maintenance Dosage (Dendrobium cut flower growers spray) – **Usage rate:** 20 ml to 20 litres of water (i.e. 1.0 ml per litre) – **Application method:** as for adult plants. Note: For specific problems such as rots or Botrytis, use the recommended dosage until under control. Then resume this maintenance dosage spray once a month.

Disinfectant – To kill bacteria, fungus, algae on contact - **Usage rate:** 5 ml to 1 litre of water

Application method: Wipe plant sap from the cutting edge first. Submerge cutting tool in Alginox solution before using again.

Rots such as black rot, brown rot, Erwinia etc. – Usage rate: 15 ml to 4 litres of water (i.e. 3.75 ml per litre) **Application method:** Remove compost, soak entire plant 10 minutes or more. Trim all rot from plant using sterilised cutter. Soak plant wounds 10 minutes or more. Repot using compost soaked with Alginox solution.

Brown rots in Vandaceous orchids – Usage rate: 25 ml to 10 litres of water (i.e. 2.5 ml per litre) – **Application method:** Spray weekly during rainy periods. Ensure the solution gets in around the leaf bases. Do not omit spray because it is raining.

Spraying walkways and under benches – Usage rate: 15 ml to 4 litres of water (i.e. 3.75 ml per litre) – **Application method:** spray heavily under benches and walkways.

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NOTICES

Unfortunately due to Covid -19 restrictions the annual Spring show has been cancelled.

Membership fees were due by the end of June and some members who usually pay at the shows will be unable to do so this year. We are keen to maintain members during these difficult times and looking to better times ahead. If you have any questions re membership, please contact Alf or Lenore and they will assist.

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