

# WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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## WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY ZOOM MEETING

Our upcoming ZOOM meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @08:00 PM. Members can log on from 7.45 so we are ready to go at 8.00 PM.

Details of Zoom Meeting

ID: 822 1733 1958

Password: 097621

The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 via Zoom.

The Warringal Orchid society Christmas break up usually held on second week of December at the Senior Citizens Hall in Hawdon Street Heidelberg. **Due to government regulations (COVID-19), the Christmas breakup/dinner will be held virtually via ZOOM. Dress code: festive.**

## Facebook Photo Competition

WOS continues to run the Facebook photo competition for December and January as previously. Andrew Fernandez will run the program. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/warringalorchidsociety/>. The detail of how to enter the competition is at page 8.

For those who are not familiar with Facebook. Please feel free to contact Andrew Fernandez with detail above.

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The Warringal orchid society would like to acknowledge the generous donation of \$5000 bequeathed to our society by the late **Trevor Myers**.

Trevor was a long-time member of our society an avid orchid grower and Australian Orchid Council Judge, involved in judging at our meetings and shows over many years.

Trevor passed away on the 31st. August 2019, aged 78.

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## Zoom Meeting

2020 Has been a difficult year due to Covid-19 and government closedown we have had to cancel our monthly meetings and both our winter and spring shows. The committee have maintained their monthly meetings using Zoom and we have also continued monthly meetings using the Zoom format allowing members to be involved, hearing speakers and displays of plants that are in flower.

The committee are confident that by years end, we will be back to a situation as normal as possible. We are planning to commence general monthly meetings for 2021.

At our 17th. February 2021 meeting all members who had paid their dues in July – August 2020 will receive a complimentary club seedling plant. Financial members who do not attend will unfortunately forfeit this plant.

Our monthly club meeting will be held via Zoom for November (as above). Our Speaker this month will be **MURRAY HARDING**. He will talk about the species dendrobium x kestevenii.

All members are invited to show orchids currently in bloom from their collection on zoom too (Power point preferable as colour is better).

## Photo Appreciation

As we approach the end of springtime, most orchids in people's collections are near the end of flowering time. Photo appreciation gives us a chance to see what members are growing.

I gather orchid pictures from the Facebook photo appreciation, the Zoom meeting and emails directly to me.

### Cattleya

Slc. Charming jewel x (slc. Aussie sunset x sc. Beaufort)



Grown by Ilias Katis

LC. Gold digger "Orchidglade "  
Mario grows this orchid in the glass house.



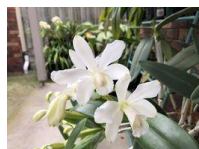
Grown by Mario Borstelj

SLC. Young min "golden satisfaction "  
Mario grows this orchid in his glass house.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Cattleya loddigesii 'alba'  
Alf grows under cover but growing cold.



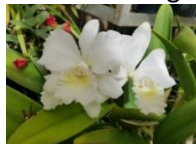
Grown by Alf Magnano

Cattleya Pink Empress  
This plant flowering for the second time this year for Mario. Well done.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Hawaiian wedding song



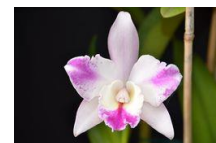
Grown by M. Bisri and B O'Reilly

LC. Tsiku Camelia Princess  
The plant is grown cool under cover.



Grown by G & C Dimech

C. Angel Heart  
The plant is grown cool under cover.



Grown by G & C Dimech

BLC Hawaiian star 'only one'  
This plant is grown in the greenhouse.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

SLC. Hazel Boyd Red Stone  
The plant is grown cool under cover.



Grown by G & C Dimech

C. Hawian Wedding Song Virgin  
The plant is grown cool under cover.



Grown by G & C Dimech

### Australian Native Dendrobium

Dendrobium linguiforme



Grown by Ilias Katis

Dendrobium speciosum "Whitby"  
Alf Magnano grows outside no protection.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Den. linguiforme  
Mario grows this orchid under shade cloth. No heating required.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Dendrobium Ella v leony 'red rocket'



Grown by Ilias Katis

Den. Fluro King



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Den. Schoeninum

Mario grows this orchid under shade cloth.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Den Stardust

This plant is grown cool under cover.



Grown by G & C Dimech

### Other Native Australian Orchids

Sarc. Moonlight

This orchid is grown under polycarbonate roof with 1 layer of shade cloth. Growing in well drained media. This orchid tolerates dry and windy condition.



Grown by M. Bisri and B O'Reilly

Sarc. Roberta x Cliana 'Rich Yellow'



Grown by M. Bisri and B O'Reilly

Collection of sarcs



Grown by M. Bisri and B O'Reilly

Dendrobium bigibbum var alba

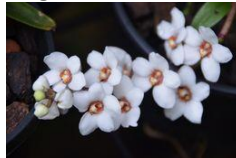
Alf Magnano grows this orchid indoors. This orchid is native Queensland.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Sarc. Hartmannii Blue knob x Sarc Hartmannii Red Snow

The plant is grown cool in shadehouse



Grown by G & C Dimech

Sarc. hillii (sp)

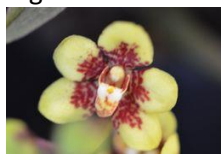
an Australian species, very small flowers,had it for 5 years, growing in the shadehouse growing on the original log



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Sarc. Galaxy Pineapple

The plant is grown cool in shadehouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Sarc. Dove good x Hartmanii 'ginger snow



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Sarc. Lois (Ceciliae x Hartmanii )  
Mario attached the plant into a piece of hardwood in his greenhouse.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

Sarc. Allana x Sarc. Madge

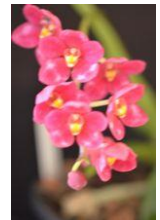
This plant is grown cool in shadehouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Sarc. Cherrie

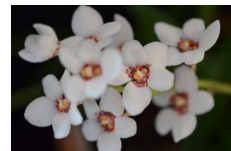
This plant is grown cool in shadehouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Sarc. Hartmannii x Sarc. Heartlight

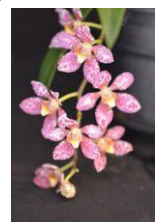
This plant is grown cool in shadehouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Sarc. Veronica

This plant is grown cool in shadehouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

### Cymbidium

Cymb. ( first dance) Tethys black magic x last tango 'geyserland'



Grown by Ilias Katis

Cym. Unknown



Grown by Sylvia Zorbas

Cym. Mary Green 'Little annie'  
Cascading type of cymbidium. Suitable for hanging ornament plant.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

C. Kiwi Midnight Geyserland



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cymbidium lowianum  
Alf grows this orchid under shade cloth outdoors.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Cym. Ken Gorey



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cym. Arafair

This plant is grown outdoor, full sun. no protection.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cym. Red Planet 'Running late'



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

C. Francis Porter 'Enid'



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cym. Lowianum (sp)



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cym. pumilum (sp)



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cym. Sweet Devon



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Cym. pumilum 'alba' (sp)



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

### Masdevalia

Masdevallia Copper Wing X wellischii  
Alf grows in shade house cold.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Masdevallia ignea

Alf Magnano grows this orchid in shade house without heater required.



Grown by Alf Magnano

### Any Other Orchids

Bletilla striata (sp)

This terrestrial species from the eastern Himalayas, China and Japan grows in full sun or light shade at moderate to high altitudes. This is one of the first species to be mentioned in early Chinese writings and is known as a Chinese ground orchid. I grow it in a large deep pot of fine bark and easy draining soil, the pot is out in the open. It loses its leaves during winter.



Grown by Helen Robinson

Renown x Parmer x Snowflake

This plant is grown cool under cover.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Den. Yukidaruma 'The King' grown cool under cover



Grown by G & C Dimech

Epi Topaz Delight ' Light Pink'



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Max. juergensii

The plant is grown in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Coelogyne Unchained Melody

Helen grows this in the shade house. The flowers are quite large and very eye catching.



Grown by Helen Robinson

**Pleione Versailles Buckle Berry**  
Desiduous orchid. Be careful not to throw away dormant plant.



Grown by Helen Robinson

**Maxillaria densa (sp)**  
This plant is grown under shade cloth. Tolerate cold well. Can be grown without heating in Melbourne.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Vanda Ascda. Lenakamolphon x Vilas Orange**  
This plant is grown in unheated glass house and under polycarbonate roof with one layer of shade cloth. Keep minimal watering during wintertime. Prefer to be grown hanging and well drained media.



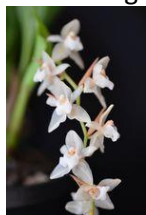
Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Vanda Rothchildianum**  
The plant is grown in Unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

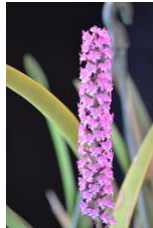
**Pholidota Chinensis**  
grown in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

**Arpophyllum gigantum**

The plant is grown cool in shade house.



Grown by G & C Dimech

**Cuitlauzina penduta**

This plant grown in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

**Zygo Artur Elle 'Essendon'**

Growing condition: Helen grows this orchid in her shade house covered with a fifty percent shade mesh and faces the north, it needs to have a mix that drains well but watering must be kept up to it through the growing season. The inflorescence arises from the base of the pseudobulb and bears several very fragrant, long lasting flowers. The flowers are moderately large and showy.



Grown by Helen Robinson

**Stelis porschiana**

Prolific flowering orchids. We grow this orchid in an unheated green house. The growing media is kept moist as much as possible. However, it will tolerate missing watering a day here and there.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Dendrobium Nobile**



Grown by Kerri Ridgway

**Dend. unicum (sp)**

This plant is grown under unheated green house. No heating required during winter time. Prefer well drained media.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Leptotes pohlitinocoi (sp)**

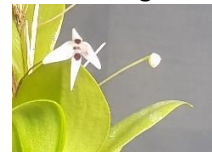
This plant is grown under unheated green house. Keep minimal watering during wintertime. Prefer very well drained media.



Grown by M. Bisri and B O'Reilly

**Pleurothallis viduata (sp)**

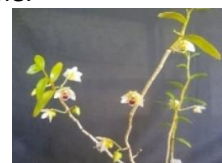
Very intriguing small flower. This plant is grown in unheated greenhouse.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Dend. guangxiense (sp)**

This plant is grown in unheated greenhouse. Minimal watering during winter time.



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Onc Wils. Hamburhen Stern**



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

**Brassia Aurantiaca**

The plant is grown cool under cover.



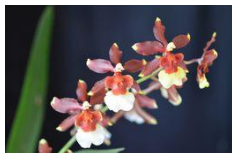
Grown by G & C Dimech

Bras. Keiliana Wylde one  
The plant is grown in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Onc. Kilauea  
This plant is grown in unheated glasshouse.



Grown by G & C Dimech

Disa (Coramandel Valley x Diores) x Diores



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows  
This is a relatively easy to grow epiphyte. One genus that has been of importance is Neogardeneria. Hybrids made with this genus and Zygopetalum are known as Zygoneria (Zga) I grow it cold in the shade house, it is very adaptable, kept well watered and it rewards with many flower spikes usually twice a year (10 spikes at present).



Grown by Helen Robinson

### Lycaste

This genus of 45 species occurs from Mexico to Peru at altitudes from sea level to about 2500m. They are epiphytic or lithophytic and are related to Maxillaria. The growing medium should be well drained, plants watered freely when in active growth, they like shade to grow in.

Lycaste virginalis  
Helen have this orchid in a shade house. Their flowers are long lasting

for around six weeks which is nice in your growing area.



Grown by Helen Robinson

Lycaste Shonan Bright The plant grows cold in shade house.



Grown by Alf Magnano

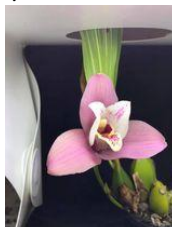
Lycaste Shoalhaven "Shonan Queen" X Lycaste Sunray.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Lycaste Hot Lips Houlihan "Cherry Creme"

Alf grows this orchid in shade house, growing cold/without heater.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Lycaste Mrs Eiko X Lycaste Shoalhaven "Kyoto"



Grown by Alf Magnano

Lycaste Abou Ritz X Shoalhaven



Grown by Alf Magnano

Lycaste Cherish "Pink Belle" X Lycaste Shonan Melody "Shirasagi" SM/JOGA  
The plant grows cold in shade house.



Grown by Alf Magnano

ALycaste Alwine Miller "Chilla" X Macama "Watermelon Wine"  
The plant grows cold in shade house.



Grown by Alf Magnano

Lycaste Rakuhoku (Auburn x Shoalhaven)



Grown by M. Bisri and B. O'Reilly

### Seedling 1<sup>st</sup> time flowering for the first time

(Pot free spirit Carmella x slc. Angels fantasy) x (slc. Fire fantasy'h&r' x slc. Bright angel)



Grown by Illias Katis

### LC. Secret love

Feb. 2015 club seedling ex. Tinonee #50.



Grown by Mario Borstelj

### Article:

### Growing orchids in Victoria

By: M. Bisri

Most of Warrigal orchid society members reside in Metropolitan Melbourne. I mentioned in earlier Bulletin this year about the number of frost days in Victoria. I will talk my experience growing orchid in Victoria.

I grew up in tropical country, Indonesia, in Java island precisely. With the rain fall over 2200 ml/year and the temperature rarely falling under 16 C or more than 35 C. Java island has 2 season: the wet season from late November right through early may and the dry from June to late October.

Deflasking is a relatively easy task in Indonesia. The best time is in December, with an abundant supply of rainwater. I usually just clean all the plants from the flask and make sure there is no residual media left. Then I placed the young plants on a tree trunk with moss support. Then I leave nature to take care most of my watering regime. Toward the end of the wet season, plants are mostly ready to be transferred to a single pot.

Dendrobium hybrids, as in the picture below, are common as part of garden ornamental plants grown in the open air with minimal care. It is like our cymbidium orchids grow in Melbourne.



Frost damage of plant suffering from low temperature rarely occurs on the island. However, there are draw back of not having cold days in some part of the year. Some orchids as we know requires low temperature to trigger flowering buds. E.g. Cymbidiums require temperature below 10 C late in the year for best flowering. As you may hear people from Queensland unable to match Victorian cymbidium quality in general.

In January 2010, I moved to Melbourne. I did not know that orchid

clubs existed in Melbourne. I went to my first orchid show in 2014 at Yarra valley orchid club show. From there I began to collect some orchids, mostly cymbidiums. Soon the collection of orchids increased in number dramatically when I joined Warrigal Orchid Society.

As beginner orchid grower in Melbourne, although I have been growing orchids since mid-90's. I still feel foreign with Melbourne climate.

The key to growing orchids is by experimenting particularly with growing conditions. We can manipulate growing conditions by finding or creating microclimates, trying different growing media, plants protections ie. Green house, shade cloth etc. Surely, I found many casualties along the way. It is part of art growing orchids and as part of an on-going learning process.

I encourage all of you to start exploring growing different kinds of orchids. I know cymbidium is mostly for orchid lovers and the point of 'love at the first sight'. Cymbidiums can produce a wide variety of colours and flower sizes. Also, extremely popular as a cut flower - you can find them at your favourite florists. Cymbidium flowers can make flower arrangements look so regal.

The challenge of growing other than cymbidium for me is due to extreme weather in Melbourne. It can be extremely hot and dry in summer and the cold and chance of frost in Winter. The humidity level is generally incredibly low. Even cymbidium orchids suffer from the harsh Melbourne summer as we have most of them in the open.

Indeed, growing cymbidiums requires less of a challenge to grow in the Melbourne area compare to a tropical climate. It does not mean there are no challenges at all. I asked guidance from some orchids growers, George and Chris Dimech, David Wain, Jerry and Lara Karbownik, Anna and Laurie Christensen, Gabor Szep, Barbara Duncan, Kim Lam, Jason Khoo and

many more experienced growers I can not mention all of them, a never ending list. I do believe there is no such thing as a 'stupid question' if we are not sure about something.

Most orchid club members are happy to share their tips if you ask them. Be confident to approach them personally. We also have some great meeting presentations. Another opportunity is the president choice, it is time for you to ask questions of the grower whose plant has been highlighted. (Although due to Covid-19 restriction, we have not had monthly meeting for quite some time). Zoom meetings run very casually and have created great opportunities for members to ask questions and allow us to learn from each other as well as from the continued presentations.

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### October Zoom presentation

By Michael J. Coker

Michael talked about the background on Oscov's Victorian orchids of the year. Hope you enjoy this selection some of the winning orchids. It is nice to see what some of our Victorian orchid growers have been able to achieve.

#### Some previous winners:

**2015:** Sarcochilus Lucky Charm 'Devon'



Grown by Colin & Karen Gillespie

**2016 :**Phragmipedium caudatum 'Charlotte'



Grown by Dieter Weise

**2017:** Dendrobium Australian Rhubarb Pie 'Kahlene'



Grown by Darryl Mills

**2018: Paph. Golden Goblet 'Brian'**



Grown by Michael Coker

**OSCOV's Victorian Orchids of the Year 2019**

**Australian Native Hybrid**

**Sarcochilus Moonglow 'Luxury'**



Grown by Glenice Simmons

**Sarcochilus Roy Gill 'Beenak'**



Grown by Clive & Agi Halls

**Australian Native Species**

**Dendrobium striolatum 'Magic'**



Grown by Murray Harding & Di Lester

**Cymbidium Hybrid**

**Cym. Laramie Eagle 'Pink'**



Grown by Terry Poulton

**Laeliinae Hybrid**

**Nikki 'Precious Spots'**



Grown by Michael Murray

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

**Masdevallia Stripe King 'Sparkle'**



Grown Marita Anderson

**Oncidiinae Hybrid**

**Oncidium Donna Buang 'Beenak'**



Grown by Clive & Agi Halls

**Paphiopedilum Species**

**And**

**Harold & Florence Coker Memorial Trophy  
SEEDLING ORCHID**

**Paphiopedilum hookerae 'Distinction'**



Grown by Craig & Fiona Miles

**Paphiopedilum Hybrid**

**And**

**THE VOOTY 2019 WINNER**

**Paphiopedilum  
Peppercorn 'Alexandra'**



Grown by Michael Coker

**Any Other Hybrid**

**Angraecum Mem. Mark Aldridge  
'Madison'**



Grown Gabor & Julianna Szep

**Any Other Species**

**Sudamerlycaste dyeriana 'Green  
Magic'**



Grown by Dieter Weise

**Best Cultured  
Hybrid**

**Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin 'Julian'**



Grown by Michael Coker

Friendly reminder

**Summer Orchid Competition via  
Facebook**

How to participate:

1. Add 2 Photo one of plant and one with you next to plant.
2. Name of plant
3. Growers name

All people putting orchid photos up on Facebook page must be members of Warringal orchid society to win prize. Better the photo more likely you will win. Remember you must send two photo one with you next to plant and one of plant. The winner will be chosen by the committee on the first committee meeting in 2021.

Good luck all



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