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Our **February** meeting will be on **Wednesday 16/2/2022**  
at the Senior Citizens Hall in Hawdon Street, Heidelberg.

**COVID restrictions apply.**

The hall will be open from 6.00pm. Please come early to help set-up. You are welcome to bench plants for judging and to socialise with other members. A sales table operates with pots and other orchid accessories for your convenience. Members are able to submit up to 6 orchid plants for sale, the Society deducts a 10% commission. Plants to be listed on the sales forms available at the sales table.

Please help to tidy the hall after the meeting.

**Hall Entry Notice**

We suggest you download the Service Vic app to your smart phone for ease of entry,



This will show your proof of vaccinations.  
Jump on line or ask your family to help with this easy option.

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- **Do not enter if you are feeling unwell.**
- **Proof of Double Vaccination must be provided by phone or hard copy or no entry.**
- **On entry, sign in.**
- **Masks must be worn inside.**
  
- **Tea & coffee only, No food for supper until further notice.**

**The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 via Zoom.**

## Presidents Message.

Welcome To All WOS Members,

I would like to wish you, your families & friends a Happy New Year for 2022. The past 2 years have certainly been challenging for all of us in many ways so it will be great to have some normality back at WOS with our monthly meetings & our Winter & Spring Shows to look forward too.

Thank you to all of the members who participated in the December end of year meeting and supper.

All the best,  
Andrew Fernandez.

## Dates to Remember for 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from February to December – Committee meetings at 7.30pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from February to November – Monthly meetings from 7.00pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Membership fees are due.
- 5<sup>th</sup> August Winter Show- Set-up.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August Winter Show.
- 17<sup>th</sup> August AGM.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September Spring Show Set-up.
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September Spring Show.
- 20<sup>th</sup> November Xmas BBQ (TBA).
- 14<sup>th</sup> December Xmas Dinner (TBA).

## Xmas Facebook Orchid Photo Appreciation Winner.

Helen Robinson

*Stanhopea tigrina* var. *nigroviolacea* (The up-side down flowering orchid.)

I purchased this plant around the end of 2018. It sat and did very little for a year then slowly it came good with one inflorescence then a couple more in years to come but this year it has been an exception to the rule. There were 21 inflorescences and around forty-five flowers. The flowers are very large and extremely fragrant. Luckily not all flowers open together so I was able to enjoy them for about a week. This plant grows out in the open, with a little shade from a neighbouring tree, it is exposed to all the elements, sun, rain, hail but I am careful with frost and cover with a few layers of newspaper. I keep the plant moist year around and in summer watering every day.





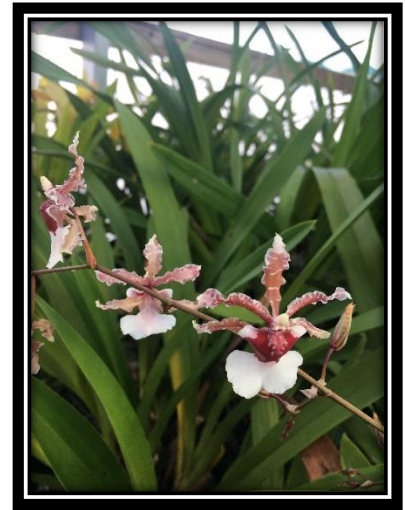
Guest speaker for February will be George Dimech talking about Species Coelogyne



Den. – Hilda Poxon  
Grown by Chris & Cheryl Krol



Den. – Sulphurea x hepaticata  
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Onc. -Rex Van Delden 'Pink Bees'  
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Sarc. – cecilia  
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Sartylis 'Blue Knob'  
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Cym. - Unknown  
Grown by Gary Sullivan



Cat. – purpurata var carnea  
Grown by Kerri Ridgway



Cym. – Willunga Regal 'Princess'  
Grown by Kerri Ridgway



Pap. – Blagrose x delenatii 'Tenderness'  
Grown by Kerri Ridgway





Epidendrum cochleatum  
Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



Den. Roy Tokungga  
Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



Den. moschatum  
Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



EPC. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'  
Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



LC. Aussie Sunset "cosmic fire" x self  
Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



Lyc. Lycaste x Grogunii  
Grown by George & Chris Dimech



Den. Mousmee  
Grown by George & Chris Dimech



Cym. Black Beauty  
Grown by George & Chris Dimech



Van. Rothchildiana  
Grown by George & Chris Dimech



Paph. Bengal Lancers  
Grown by George & Chris Dimech

### Club Seedlings

Sarcochilus - Orchid Seedling. Kulnura Mischief 'orange gold' x Kulnura Kaliedescope 'Blazing Gold AD/AOC'  
We have purchased a limited supply of these Sarcs that will be available at the Feb meeting for sale @ \$12.00 each. (This Sarc is supposed to be yellow/gold but may present as white so there are no guarantees.)



### **Dr Julian David Coker**

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Dr Julian Coker. Julian was a much-respected and loved member of the Warringal Orchid Society Inc. An avid orchid lover who will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

WOS Inc. members who wish to purchase medium bark in approx. 25lt bags @ \$15.00 per bag please place your order with Alf for payment & collect via David on the below details: We only have a few bags left. We can issue invoices for card payments via our square payment system.

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**Past bulletins:** Can be accessed on the website for your convenience. If you have any queries please call Andrew.



This article was kindly provided by Alan Pleitner.

I thought I would tell you about the beautiful *Dendrobium teretifolium* because mine are starting to get buds and most are showing potential for a good display in a couple of months. This plant has a number of colloquial names including the Bridal Veil orchid, Pencil orchid and Rat's tail orchid.

Its range is from south eastern New South Wales to southern Queensland and it often grows on Swamp Oaks (*Casuarina glauca*) and sometimes on River Oaks (*Casuarina cunninghamiana*) but in the right environment it will grow on almost any host including occasionally on rocks but always at low altitudes. Len Field reports seeing dozens of plants growing on the rock faces overlooking the Myall Lakes in New South Wales. Its growth habit is pendulous and its leaves are pencil shaped and may be between 10 cms and 60 cms in length. Dockrill describes it as growing "in chandelier-like form up to 3 mt. in length but usually much shorter".

The flowers which appear in late winter to early spring are variable in size being 2-4 cms. in length, very slender and spidery. They are generally white, cream or pale yellow with a few short red or purple striations near the base on the outside of the sepals. The labellum has reddish or purple dots and is curved so that it appears to be only about half to one third of the length of the petals when in fact it is usually longer when flattened. A large plant may have numerous racemes bearing between 4 and 15 flowers.

Plants require a host which is reasonably permanent such as a slab of weathered hardwood. Allow plenty of room for the extensive root system and fix the plant a little above the centre of the host so as to allow for the tendency of the roots growing downwards. A protected shade house position is ideal, provided the plant is given good light and has good air movement and protection from the hot dry north westerly winds.

I have been fortunate to have been taken to a low-lying piece of forest near Newcastle, NSW, where the plants were so prolific that one could not walk more than 3 metres in any direction without walking into the plants hanging from the branches of the *Casuarinas*. Most of the plants there were probably about 2 metres in length. Unfortunately, it was after flowering time; I'll see if I'm back at the right time in the future with my guides.

This orchid in full bloom is truly a beautiful sight. If you have the chance to get one and have the room to hang it, you will be rewarded, not only with the sight but the very strong and beautiful perfume.

Just a reminder that each grower's conditions may vary and you may need to adjust to your conditions.

References: - *Australian Indigenous Orchids*, A.W Dockrill ; *Australian Native Orchids – Description and Culture Notes*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Len Field; *Cultivation of Australian Native Orchids*, Australian Native Orchid Society Victorian Group Inc.; *Native Orchids of Australia*, Jones. D.L.

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