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Bulletin Editor

We need a new Editor to take over the reins. If you would like to volunteer to do the job, please contact the Secretary George Dimech. Basic computer skills required and help with layout is available.

The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th. JUNE, 2024
Venue to be decided.

**The Warringal Orchid Society meets at the Watsonia Community Hall
35 Lambourn Road Watsonia**

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 15, MAY

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, plants to be well established in pots and in a clean condition. The society deducts a 10% commission on sales. Plants to be listed on sales form available at sales table.

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

This month's speaker will be: Murray Harding
Subject of talk is: Garden of sleeping Giants
Murray has given us some interesting and informative talks.
Do not miss out.



NOTICES

New growers Group

Attention Jason gives his apologies; there will not be a New Growers Group meeting this month

New members wishing to get some extra instruction are welcome to join the New Growers Group conducted by Jason Khoo. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.

Monthly meeting Supper

All members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share at the end of our meeting. We all enjoy this time, so do not leave it to the same ones every month. Help pack up prior to having supper.

Set- up

Help is needed to set the hall up for our meeting. Hall is open from 6.00pm, Come early and help set-up.

Committee

Due to several resignations from committee and to maintain our stability we are asking for members to join the committee. This is your society, support it and have a go.

The position of President is still vacant. Please think about Volunteering

PROGRESSIVE POINT SCORE

OPEN

M. Coker	88
G & C. Dimech	45
A. Rogers	20
J. Khoo	12
J & L Karbownik	8
T & A Pleitner	8
K. Lam	5
S. Pantelejenko	2
M. Bastecky	1

INTERMEDIATE

L & A Shepherd	20
M. Volodina	12
M. Grzan	12
S. Grinzic	8

ADVANCED NOVICE

A. La Rocca	16
I. Katis	11
F. Verlaan	7
G. Spiteri	4

NOVICE

J. Wong	18
K. Sloane	11
F. Walton	6
D. Parry	1

Presidents Choice



Vanda Ken Kone x Yip Sun Wah

Grown by M. Coker

Vanda Ken Kone is an orchid hybrid originated by R.F.Orchids in 1997. It is a cross of [V. merrillii](#) x [V. Guo Chia Long](#).

Vanda Yip Sum Wah is an orchid hybrid originated by Roy T. Fukumura in 1965. It is a cross of [V. Pukele](#) x [V. curvifolia](#).

JUDGING RESULTS – APRIL 2024

OPEN

Novelty Paphiopedilum

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| 1 st . Paph. Amarillo Star | M. Coker |
| 2 nd . Paph. Star Stonex x Elfstone | M. Coker |

Maudiae Paphiopedilum

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| 1 st . Paph. Maudiae 'The Queen' | M. Coker |
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Novelty Paphiopedilum

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| 1 st . Charlesworthii x Macabre Leap | M. Coker |
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Species Paphiopedilum

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| 1 st . Henryanum | M. Coker |
| 2 nd . Charlesworthii | M. Coker |
| 3 rd . Villosum V Anreum | M. Coker |

Oncidium

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| 1 st . Rhynclonia Pacific Paranoia | M. Coker |
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Miltonia

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| 1 st . Honolulu 'Warnes Best' | J & L karbownik |
| 2 nd . Honolulu 'Warnes Best' | G & C Dimech |

Lycaste

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| 1 st . Abon Sunset | M. Coker |
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Novelty Catleya

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| 1 st . C. Dendis Jungle | M. Coker |
| 2 nd . Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight' | G & C Dimech |
| 3 rd . C. Seagulls Mini Cat x Dendis Spirit | M. Coker |

Vanda

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| 1 st . Kenkone x Yip Sun Wah | M. Coker |
| 2 nd . Holcostylis MS Sunlight | M. Coker |

Masdevallia Hybrid

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| M. Turville | G & C Dimech |
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Minuture Cynbidium

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| 1 st . Cym. Mountain Mist | A. Rogers |
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Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 st . Phrag. Fitz Schomburg | M. Coker |
| 2 nd . Fdk. After Dark | M. Coker |
| 3 rd . Phrag. Inca Rose | M. Coker |

Species- Any Genera

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| 1 st . Schomburgkeires Splendidum | M. Coker |
| 2 nd . Phrag. Longifolium | M. Coker |
| 3 rd . Epi Porpax | J & L Karbownik |

BEST IN SECTION

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| Phrag. Fitz Schomburg | M. Coker |
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INTERMEDIATE

Miltonia

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| 1 st . Milt. Cogniauxiae | S. Grzinic |
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Minature cymbidium

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| 1 st . Ivy Fong Rastanoe | M. Grzan |
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Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 st . Zygo. Arture elle Essendon | M. Grzan |
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Species- Any Genera

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| 1 st . Cym. Erythrostylum | M. Volodina |
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BEST IN SECTION

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| Cym. Erythrostylum | M. Volodina |
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ADVANCED NOVICE

Oncidium

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| 1 st . Onc. Kilauea | A. LaRocca |
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Any Other Hybrid

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| 1 st . Bulb. Rothschildianum | A. LaRocca |
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Species- Any Genera

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| 1 st . Milt. Clowesii | A. LaRocca |
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BEST IN SECTION

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| Bulb. Rothschildianum | A. LaRocca Phal. |
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SEEDLING FLOWERING FIRST TIME

NOVICE

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| 1 st . Paph Doya Heart | J. Wong |
| 2 nd . Aerdv. Suzuka Pearl | J. Wong |

BEST IN SECTION

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| Paph Doya Heart | J. Wong |
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PRESIDENTS CHOICE

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| Kenkone x Yip Sun Wah | M. Coker |
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Best in Section – Open



Phrag. Fritz Schomburg

Grown by M. Coker

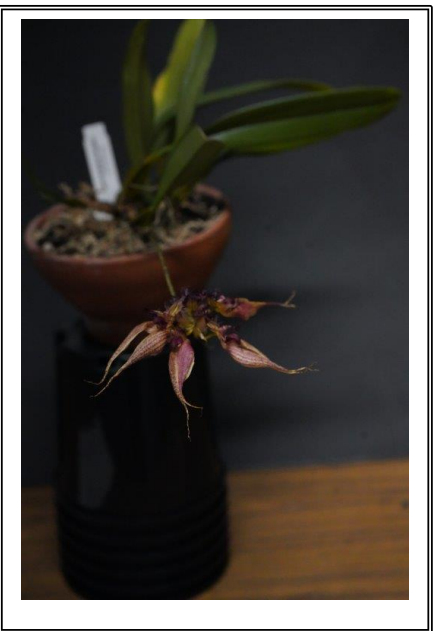
Best in Section – Int.



Cym. Erythrostylum

Grown by M. Volodina

Best in Section – Adv. Nov.



Bulb. Rothschildianum

Grown by A. LaRocca

Best in Section - Novice

No Benching

Mounting Orchids

Mounting orchids on slabs of bark or twigs is a very natural way to grow [epiphytic orchids](#). Cork bark is most common. Not only does this presentation look nice, many plants appreciate it: their [roots](#) will get plenty of air, and for [orchid types](#) that care about drying quickly, this need can be easily accommodated too.



[*Dendrobium loddigesii*](#)

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Mounted orchids typically need to be [watered](#) frequently. Most often, you'll need to water daily, though frequent misting may allow you to water a bit less often. If you're growing them in a greenhouse, or an [under-lights setup](#) with a drain in the floor, you can water them easily with a hose. Otherwise, dunking the plant in a bucket of water is the easiest way to water. I like to leave them in there to soak for several minutes a couple times a week. [Fertilizing mounted orchids](#) is most easily done with the bucket method, unless you have the ability to inject fertilizer into a hose system.

If growing orchids mounted, you need to make sure the humidity is high enough, so that the roots' [velamen](#) can absorb moisture from the air. I suggest 70% humidity for most orchids; 50% is a reasonable minimum for plants with very exposed roots.

Sometimes, a wad of [sphagnum moss](#) is placed around the plants' roots to retain moisture somewhat longer. Do this with orchids that like to remain moist, such as [pleurothallids](#) and [Odontoglossums](#). Plants that want to dry quickly, such as [Ascocentrums](#) and [Brassavolas](#), should have their roots more exposed.

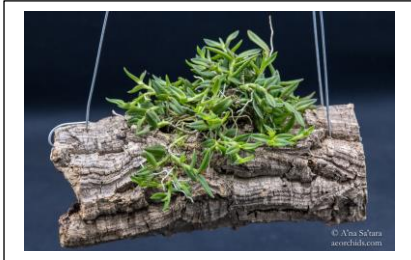
The classic mount for orchids is cork which is available in varying sizes. Some orchids, particularly those with thin roots such as Oncidiums and Tolumnias are fond of [tree fern mounts](#) and we see their roots growing all the way through them.

Pieces of tree fern are often used as an alternative to bark; they retain more moisture and so will dry a bit more slowly. They can also be set in a very shallow tray of water and will slowly wick water to the plant's roots (desirable for plants that like to stay moist, such as [Bulbophyllums](#)). Of course, you can

grow orchids on almost anything that doesn't rot or leach harmful chemicals. Be creative with your plant's presentation!

Repotting mounted orchids can be difficult, as you'd pretty much have to destroy the root system to detach it. Instead, tie the old slab to a new one with fishing line. If you're moving a plant from a pot to a slab, spread the roots out, add any moss you intend to use, then tie it all down with fishing line wrapped around the slab. Once the plant has grown firmly in place, the fishing line can be removed if you choose to do so.

Mounted plants are usually grown with the slab of bark hung vertically. This can save space if you place them all on the same wall of your growing space, but if you place the mount horizontally instead, [fertilizer](#) will be retained better when you water. Experiment with both orientations and see what works best for you.



SHOW DATES – 2024

**Winter Show : Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August
set-up on Friday 2nd August**

**Spring show: Saturday 5th And Sunday 6th October
set-up Friday 4th October**

**At St. Sava Community Hall 212 Diamond Creek Rd.
Greensborough**



Angela LaRocca is raising funds for the Cancer Council.

She has available gift packs consisting of a mug, tea towel and oven mitts for \$35.00

If anyone would like to purchase a pack see Angela at our next meeting

One benefit of old age is that your secrets are always safe with your friends ... because they can't remember them!



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