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The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th. AUGUST, 2024
Venue: 77 Carrington Blvd. Thomastown.

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

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th. JULY

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.

NOTE: AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st. August

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

This month's speaker will be: David Cannon

**Subject: Brief history of cold growing Australian native Dendrobiums &
Australian native Cymbidium hybridising.**

David will also have new Dendrobium hybrid seedlings available



NOTICES

New growers Group

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. Please 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.

Nomination forms for the position of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee to be submitted 1 week prior to AGM in August.

PROGRESSIVE SCORES

OPEN

M. Coker	180
G & C. Dimech	83
A. Rogers	51
J & L Karbownik	19
K. Lam	19
M. Bastecky	18
M. Mally	13
J. Khoo	12
T & A Pleitner	8
S. Pantelejenko	6
A. Magnano	5
a. Fernandez	4
B. Duncan	4

INTERMEDIATE

L & A Shepherd	23
M. Volodina	16
S. Grinzic	15
M. Grzan	12

ADVANCED NOVICE

P. Kennedy	36
F. Verlaan	21
A. La Rocca	20
I. Katis	11
G. Spiteri	4

NOVICE

K. Sloane	19
J. Wong	18
F. Walton	9
A. Duerden	7
G. Benson	7
D. Westhead	6
K. Littleboy	4
D. Parry	1

Presidents Choice



Vanda Rothschildianum

Grown by G & C Dimech



Now that I've gotten older,
everything's finally starting to
click for me. My knees, my back,
my neck ...

Most Vandas grow on treetops on ridges
along rivers, where they have adapted to
bright light conditions. When growing
indoors, a south window exposure is best.

JUDGING RESULTS JUNE 2024

OPEN

Intermediate Cymbidium

1st. Jungle Odyssey 'Tiger Stripe' M. Coker

Minature Cymbidium

1st. Culpaulin x Dolly Featherhill G & C Dimech

Phalaenopsis

1st. Phal. Hawaii dragon Girl M..Coker

Dendrobium

1st. Den. Durava Velvet M. Coker

Exhibition Paphiopedilum

1st. Paph. Golden Moon M. Coker

Maudiae Paphiopedilum

1st. Paph. Green Coral M. Coker

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st. Cenco Bellatulum x rothchildianum M. Coker

2nd. Sukhakullii x Red Maude M. Coker

Species Paphiopedilum

1st. Paph. Villosum V Annamence G & C Dimech

2nd. Paph. Henryanum M. Coker

3rd. Paph. Gratrixianum M. Mally

Oncidium

1st. Onc. Spring Sunset x Golden Drops G & C Dimech

2nd. Twinkle M. Coker

3rd. Dark Sun x Golden Drops G & C Dimech

Miltonia

1st. Bratonia Purple Dragon 'Spit Fire' A. Rogers

Lycaste

1st. Aba Sunset #1 M. Coker

2nd. Abou RTS M. Coker

3rd. Aba Sunset #21 M. Coker

Australian Native Hybrid

1st. Den. Melb. Robbie McInnes A. Rogers

2nd. Den. Colonial Suprise M. Mally

3rd. Den. Chordiforme x Linguifomis A. Fernandez

Exhibition Cattleya

1st. Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty' A. Rogers

Novelty Cattleya

1st. C. Mini Purple 'Tamami' A. Rogers

2nd. Rth. Seagulls Mini Cat x Dendis Spirit M. Coker

Vanda

1st. V Rothchildiana G & C Dimech

Masdevallia Species

1st. Masd. Decumana K. Lam

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st. Masd. Sugar Frost 'Sweetie' B. Duncan

2nd. Masd. Rein Staal xMmidas Touch G & C Dimech

3rd. Masd. Partizan Autumn Stripe G & C Dimech

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Zygo Holdfast Meadows M. Coker

2nd. Zygo. Kiwi Choice 'Kay Bee' G & C Dimech

3rd. Coel. Kirribilli 'Stephanie' A. Rogers

Species- Any Genera

1st. Cat. Percivaliana M. Coker

2nd. Onc. Satoanum M. Coker

3rd. Restrepia Seckettii G & C Dimech

BEST IN SECTION

Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty' A. Rogers

INTERMEDIATE

Species Any Genera

1st. Rossioglossum Grande M. Volodina

2nd. Miltonia Regnellii S. Grzinic

3rd. Onc. Longipes L. Shepherd

BEST IN SECTION

Rossioglossum Grande M. Volodina

ADVANCED NOVICE

Intermediate Cymbidium

1st. Cym. Tracyanum 'Ken Siew' P. Kennedy

Minature Cymbidium

1st. Cym. Westholme P. Kennedy

Australian Native Hybrid

1st. Den. Hilda Poxon F. Verlaan

2nd. Den. Botannic Sparkler F. Verlaan

Masdevallia Species

1st. Masd. Veitchiana Orange a. La rocca

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Lycaste Caroline 'dragon Lady' P. Kennedy

Species Any Genera

1st. Laelia Anceps P. Kennedy

BEST IN SECTION

Den. Hilda Poxon F. Verlaan

NOVICE

Cymbidium

1st. Masazia Preview K. Sloane

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Den. Ya Ya Compact A Duerden

2nd. Coel. Ovalis x Harbata G. Sullivan

Species- Any Genera

1st. Cym. Tracyanum K. Sloane

2nd. Milt. Spectabilis V Moreliana A. Duerden

BEST IN SECTION

Cym. Tracyanum K. Sloane

Seedling Flowering 1st. Time

OPEN

1st. Cym. Iridioides K. Lam

2nd. Rth. Free Spirit x Lana Coryell M. Coker

BEST IN SECTION

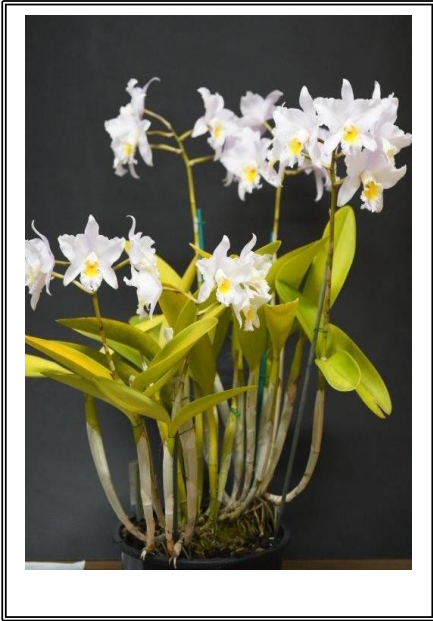
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Presidents Choice

Vanda Rothchildiana G & C Dimech

Best in Section – Open



Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'

Grown by A. Rogers

Best in Section – Int.



Rossiiglosum Grande

Grown by M. Volodina

Best in Section – Adv. Nov.



Den. Hilda Poxon

Grown by F. Verlaan

Best in Section - Novice



Cym. Tracyanum

Grown by K. Sloane

HORIZONTAL ORCHID MOUNTS: the benefits of “mini orchid logs”

We are always looking for ways to improve our orchid culture and create optimal growing conditions for our plants. Over the years, we have realized that growers sometimes attempt to simulate aspects of the natural environment while neglecting more subtle details — which make a significant difference in the long span of an orchid’s life.

Mounting orchids are one of these particular cultural areas that seems to fall prey to generalized ideas about epiphytes — that is, what growing on a tree looks like. In particular, it is popularly assumed that “growing on a tree” means attaching to a vertical surface. And, therefore, it is ideal to hang an orchid mount vertically: the proverbial orchid on a stick or slab of cork. In reality, however, epiphytic growth occurs at all angles from vertical to horizontal. If you look closely, when you see native habitat photographs of many species, larger plants are often in crooks of trees or on thick, nearly horizontal branches.

There are probably several good reason for this. First, a horizontal surface will collect more falling debris, and hence nutrients, than a vertical surface. Likewise, water will be retained longer in the nooks and crevices of horizontal bark, providing a favorable environment for new roots to establish.



The new roots seek the grooves and cracks on this slab of Cypress, where water collects from the daily misting.

Finally, a horizontal “platform” can provide an orchid more room to expand, spreading its new canes or rhizomes in many directions. More even lighting over the entire growing surface can also encourage more sustained growth. This is particularly notable for species with rhizomes that have a linear growth habit.

With these observations, we have shifted more and more to growing orchids in baskets and on horizontal mounts. Since we are not commercial growers, we are more interested in growing specimen plants than generating new divisions. This is a key distinction, since many people emulate successful commercial orchid growers, not necessarily realizing that most of their plants are intended for sale ASAP.

The economies of time, space, and rapid turnover produce a different way of thinking about orchid culture than the goals of long-term plant growth. In this regard, it is very different to consider how an orchid will grow on a mount for 5-10 years rather than 1-2 years until sale. Vertical mounts are space efficient and attractive to display.

This is a long prelude to my conclusion that while vertical mounts do work well for some species, they are limiting for others. In this article, I would like to share examples of “mini orchid logs” that we created for two species. Both tend to have “creeping” growth patterns and have taken to growing on their logs quite well this growing season. We call these mounts “mini orchid logs” since the cork tubes used are 6-8” (15-20cm) in length. While other “orchid logs” that I have seen are more veritably “log-sized” (3-15ft, 1-5m), these are the same concept but suited to smaller orchid species.

Our first mini orchid log was envisioned for an *Epidendrum maxthompsonianum*, an intermediate species from Peru. The flowers and vegetative habit are similar to the better known *Epidendrum porpax* (*peperomia*), but a smaller growing orchid overall. We have several *Epidendrum porpax* (*peperomia*) and observed how they have quickly expanded beyond their vertical mounts, with stems and roots seeking the next attachment point. In the future, we will take some trimmings from these vertical mounts and establish them on a horizontal slab or log.

Since a picture is worth much more than words ...



Epidendrum maxthompsonianum. Immediately after mounting in April 2020. *Epidendrum*



***Epidendrum maxthompsonianum*. After a few months of growth: early August 2020.**

We were so pleased with this result — the *Epidendrum maxthompsonianum* looked quite natural and it was straightforward to mount the small division — that we decided upon a second mini-log experiment with a *Dendrobium loddigesii*. We have had several cultivars of *Dendrobium loddigesii*, greatly ranging in vegetative size. Our original *Dendrobium loddigesii* log was over 18"(0.5m) long and about half as wide. The canes were quite long, with lush leaves about 2"(2.5cm) long. This clone is tiny by comparison; the leaves are little more than 0.5"(1.2cm) long and quite narrow.

This *Dendrobium loddigesii* was originally mounted on a vertical slab, but became very leggy and unattractive, with clumps of keiki on bare stems. Last year, we decided to “dismantle” that mount, removing the keiki and cutting up the canes. We placed these pieces in an empty 5" (13cm) plastic pot so they would establish some roots before mounting. I misted the pot a couple times a week; in the humid cool room, it needed little additional moisture and no media.

The *Dendrobium loddigesii* “keiki in a cup” were ready to mount at an opportune time, so we created the second log below.



***Dendrobium loddigesii*. After a few months of growth: early August 2020.**



***Dendrobium loddigesii*. New roots expanding over the log after three months.**

We have also created “logs” by hanging cork pieces or slabs horizontally using a standard metal basket hanger attached in three places. For one thick slab of cypress bark, we added picture hanging hooks at the ends to attach the wire. In other cases, we just drilled through the cork and inserted the wire through it. Horizontal mounts have worked exceptionally well for *Dendrobium kingianum*. Our horizontal slabs have far outgrown the vertical mounts. Other Australian *Dendrobium* have also done very well mounted horizontally, particularly *Dendrobium (Dockrillia) wasselli* and *Dendrobium prenticei*.

In general, I have found that the best growers (for us) on vertical mounts are pendulous *Dendrobium* species and prhybrids. Time will tell, however, because we have observed many other *Dendrobium* run out of

mount space and stop adding new growths. The plants subsequently fade or are remounted (with varying success). Now, I think of a horizontal (or basket) first, and vertical mounts only if particularly suitable.

I hope that our perspective on horizontal orchid mounts can be helpful to re-consider and re-imagine some of your orchid growing. Sometimes a new orientation literally brings new life to a stagnant or struggling plant. As you can see, orchid “logs” do not have to be large to be successful and beautiful.



POTS



Due to storage restrictions, the need to order large quantities of stock and the closure of the Orchid Pot Company, we will be reducing the number and varieties of pots available for sale.

Some of the pots currently available will not be replaced once stock has been sold. If you require pots please check with Bob as to their availability and if they are on the runout list it is recommended that you purchase them while you can.



POTTING BARK SALES



Members are encouraged to pre-order and pay for their bark requirements prior to our show.

Bark sizes available:

LARGE – 50Ltr. Bag **MEDIUM** – 25Ltr. Bag **SMALL** – 25Ltr. Bag **MINI** – 50Ltr. Bag

NOTE: limited stock of Large, Small, & Mini bark will be available so place your order early so not as to miss out.

Cost of bags ordered and paid for prior to show: 50Ltr. - \$31.00 25Ltr. - \$18.00

Cost of bags will increase for the show to: 50Ltr. - \$33.00 25Ltr. - \$23.00

Order and pay for your bark at the June and July meetings to save.

Orders will be reserved and are to be picked up at the show.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual subscriptions are due and payable by the **1st of July**. Ref: Rule 12 (ii)

Any member wishing to bench or sell plants at the Winter and Spring shows must be financial.

Membership fees: Dual \$25.00

Single \$20.00

Bulletin Postage

Due to increased cost of postage, members wishing for Paper copy of bulletin will incur a \$20.00 annual fee added to their membership. Email copy of bulletin is free of charge.

Courtesy to Speaker

The acoustics of the new hall are such that voices are magnified and are projected throughout the hall. Members are asked not to have discussions during speakers presentation and that if any need to be had that they are done in a whisper, or taken out of the hall to other locations e.g. store room, foyer, lower meeting hall.

The Warringal Orchid Society will hold its AGM on Wednesday 21st. August, 2024 at 8.0pm

Only financial members are eligible to stand for Committee and vote at the AGM

AGM Agenda

- To receive and confirm the minutes of previous AGM
- To receive and confirm the Presidents annual report
- To receive and confirm the Secretary's annual report
- To transact any business notified to the secretary in writing prior to the meeting date
- To elect officers and ordinary members of committee, President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Three Committee members

NOMINATION FORM FOR WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

I wish to nominate _____

for the position of _____

Moved: _____

Seconded: _____

Signature of Nominee Date:

Nominations must be returned to Honorary Secretary 7 (seven) days before Annual General Meeting.

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