

# WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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**The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> November  
Venue: 77 Carrington Blvd Thomastown.**

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

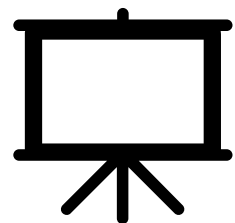
**The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The 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 when available. Members are able to submit up to 6 orchid plants for sale (plants to be well established in their pots and in a clean condition). The society deducts a 10% commission on sales. Plants should be listed on a sales form available at sales table.

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

## **This month:**

We are delighted to welcome Jeanne Dunn as our guest speaker this month. Jeanne's topic is Australian intrageneric orchids and she will help us with ideas on how best to grow them in our growing environments.



## CLUB NOTICES

### **New growers group –**

New members wishing to develop their orchid-growing skills 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 value this social time, so do not leave it to the same providers every month. Also, please help pack up chairs/tables etc prior to enjoying supper.

### **Monthly meeting – Setting up**

Help is needed to set the hall up for our meeting. The hall is open from 6.00pm. Come early and get to know other members as you help set-up.

### **Bulletin Postage**

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

### **Committee**

Any member interested in joining the committee should contact our President, Andrew Fernandez, for more information about what is involved.



## **Celebrating Christmas 2025 and the New Year 2026**



Advance notice of our Christmas events. There will be further details next newsletter, and at our October meeting.

### **CHRISTMAS BBQ**

**When:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**Where:** The Dimech's house – 77 Carrington Blvd Thomastown

**Cost:** No cost, just bring a plate to share (one that goes with a BBQ)

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**When:** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

**Where:** Watsonia Community Hall (where we have our meetings)

**Cost:** \$24.00 per head for spit roast dinner (BYO drinks and nibbles)

**Please book and pay for the dinner by November meeting – bookings are essential!**

**Put these dates in your calendar now!**

## PROGRESSIVE SCORES – September 2025

OPEN		ADVANCED NOVICE	
M. Coker	354	K Trueman	95
A. Rogers	148	Z Giavris	36
G & C. Dimech	124	A&S La Rocca	35
K Lam	54	J Kremer	20
A Magnano	51	J Wong	20
M Mally	35	Z Saleras	9
D Wain	33	G Sullivan	8
E & D Baxter	31	I Katis	4
A. Fernandez	29	F Verlaan	3
J & L Karbownik	24		
J Khoo	23	NOVICE	
S Pantelejenko	21	K Lee	69
B Duncan	20	K Sloane	38
M Bastecky	18	A Duerden	13
J Sharam	13	G Benson	13
T & A Pleitner	12	D Parry	11
G Browning	11	T Honson	9
M & N Truong	8	F Walton	6
C Krolikowski	7	A Angerossa	6
N Meggetto	7	D Tse	4
Le Tan Leip	6	R Cooper	3
H Venter	3	K Littleboy	2
		I Neary	1
		D Westhead	1
INTERMEDIATE			
P Kennedy	82		
M. Volodina	42		
S Grzinic	33		
M Grzan	24		
L Smith	12		
L & A Shepherd	8		



Derek and I have been on an overseas adventure. Who'd have thought we would find orchids within days of motoring off in Scotland! And they were plentiful.

These are Early Purple Orchids, *Orchis mascula*. They can display up to 50 light to dark purple flowers, arranged in a dense, cone-shaped cluster on a tall spike. The lower lip of each flower has three lobes and the upper petals form a hood. It is often found in habitats with non-acidic soils, such as hedgerows, banks, ancient woodland and open grassland.



# JUDGING RESULTS - September 2025 meeting

## OPEN

### Aust. Native Species

1 <sup>st</sup> Den. teretifolium	G&C Dimech
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den. falcorostrum	M Mally
3 <sup>rd</sup> Den. falcorostrum	G&C Dimech

### Aust. Native Hybrid

1 <sup>st</sup> Plectochilus Kilgra	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den. schoenina x (Duffy x mantil)	T&A Pleitner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Den. Tamara	C Krolkowski

### Aust. Native Terrestrial

1 <sup>st</sup> Ptero. Russellii	G&C Dimech
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### Novelty Cattleya

1 <sup>st</sup> C. Dal's Choice 'Merrigum'	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> C. Lakehaven Jewel	M Coker
3 <sup>rd</sup> C. Seagull's Mini-Cat Heaven x Dendi's Spirit	M Coker

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1 <sup>st</sup> Van. Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle	M Coker
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### Masdevallia Species

1 <sup>st</sup> Masd. Ignea 'Frances'	M Coker
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### Masdevallia Hybrid

1 <sup>st</sup> Masd. Red Hot Chilli x John Tomaschke	M Coker
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### Phalaenopsis

1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. Zheng Min Smaragdine	M Coker
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### Dendrobium

1 <sup>st</sup> Den. Yukidaruma 'The King'	M Coker
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### Paphiopedilum

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph. Titan's Gold x Pacific Glory	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph. Amarillo Star	M Coker

### Maudiae Paphiopedilum

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph. Green Luna x Fleuret Isles	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph. Dot's Delight x Wood Wonder	M Coker

### Novelty Paphiopedilum

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph. Norito Hasegawa x Shun-Fa Golden	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph. Hsinying Lake x adductum	M Coker

### Species Paphiopedilum

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph. henryanum	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph. sukhakulii	M Coker

### Oncidium

1 <sup>st</sup> Onc. Bakerara Sea Snake	M Coker
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### Miltonia

1 <sup>st</sup> Mtps. Bertfield 'Dolores'	M Coker
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### Odontoglossum

1 <sup>st</sup> Ost Violetta von Holm	M Coker
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### Lycaste

1 <sup>st</sup> Lyc. Spring Performer	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lyc. Macama x Angulocaste Nowra	M Coker

### Any Other Hybrid

1 <sup>st</sup> Phrag. Jason Fischer	M Coker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coel. Linda Buckley	A Rogers

### Species - Any Genera

1 <sup>st</sup> Dryadella zebrina	A Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Porroglossum muscosum	M Coker

## Best in Section – Open and President's Choice

Plectochilus Kilgra  
grown by M Coker



Plectochilus Kilgra is an orchid hybrid originated by S.Penman in 1988. It is a cross of Sarco. falcatus x



Plrhz. tridentata. It is considered a "primary hybrid" because it is a cross between two species. It needs high humidity (around 80%) and good air movement, along with intermediate to cool growing temperatures between 9-25°C. Grow it mounted on tree fern or in a small pot with excellent drainage, using a loose, airy medium like orchid bark or sphagnum moss. Water moderately, allowing the medium to dry slightly between waterings, and use filtered water or rainwater. Provide bright, indirect light, and fertilize lightly during the growing season. *(growing information comes from SSOS, 2018)*



#### Seedling Flowering First Time

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Oriental Magic x Atlantic Carat  
A Rogers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Donovan 'Jessica' x Auscobber 'Dark Cherry'  
A Rogers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Tetragonum var melaleucaphilum 'Grayling x Babylon'  
A Rogers

#### Seedling Flowering for the first time

Cym. Oriental Magic x Atlantic Carat  
Grown by A Rogers



### INTERMEDIATE

#### **Aust. Native Species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den. kingianum 'Corrigan's Red' P Kennedy

#### **Aust. Native Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den. Brimbank You Beauty x TyabbP Kennedy

#### **Cattleya**

- 1<sup>st</sup> C. Love Heart L Smtih

#### **Standard Cymbidium**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Unknown M Grzan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cym. Vanity Fair 'Hollywood' x Blushing 'Perfection' P Kennedy

#### **Lycaste**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lyc. Koolena x Virginalis P Kennedy

#### **Any Other Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Coel. Unchained Melody 'Alba' form P Kennedy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pleione Tongariro L Smith

#### **Species - Any Genera**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Max. porphyrostele M Volodina
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cym. lowianum S Grzinic
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Max. porphyrostele P Kennedy

### Best in Section – Intermediate

Coel. Unchained Melody 'Alba' form  
grown by P Kennedy



## ADVANCED NOVICE

### **Aust. Native Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Den. teretifolium J Kremer

### **Aust. Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Den. Australian Obsession 'Purple Paddlepop' x Tyabb 'Super Star' K Trueman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Snuggle Bewar 'Bella' x Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' K Trueman

### **Cattleya**

1<sup>st</sup> C. Mini Purple 'Tamanii' K Trueman

### **Masdevallia Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd. Veitchiana K Trueman

### **Standard Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Unknown S&A La Rocca  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym. Flaming Joy 'Stars n Bars' x Kimberley Splash 'TP' S&A La Rocca

### **Intermediate Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Unknown G Sullivan

### **Miniature Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. Drouin Masterpiece 'Renae' J Kremer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym. Mary Green 'Green Gables' J Kremer

### **Species - Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Den. uncatum K Trueman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den. wenzelii K Trueman

## Best in Section – Advanced Novice

Masd. Veitchiana  
grown by K Trueman



## NOVICE

### **Any Other Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym. White Surprise D Tse

### **Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Procatavola Key Lime Stars K Lee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phal. Mini K Lee  
3<sup>rd</sup> Beallara Hawaiian Nights K Lee

### **Aust. Native Species or hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Den. Issy's Delight x speciosum yellow A Duerden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Australian Robbie McInnes R Cooper  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pterostylis curta D Parry

## Best in Section – Novice

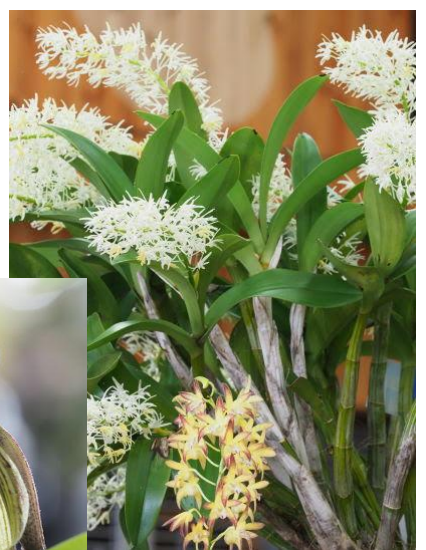
Den. Issy's Delight x speciosum yellow  
grown by A Duerden





## OUR SPRING SHOW

One of the visitors to our Spring Show took lots of lovely photos, and agreed to share them with us. Many thanks to Alf Magnano, for arranging this, and to Peter for generously providing the photos. These are just some of them.





## This Month's article

*Lots of members asked Alan Rogers for more information about his award winning **Dinema Polybulbon**, which not only won Grand Champion orchid at our Winter Show, also won Champion Miniature Growing & Flowering Specimen at the OSCOV Show. So Alan has very kindly written the following notes to help us all grow these wonderful orchids better.*

Found from Mexico to Nicaragua and also in Jamaica and Cuba, in humid mixed forests on oaks as a miniature-sized, warm to cold-growing epiphyte or lithophyte, at elevations of 600 to 3200 metres. It was originally known as *Encyclia polybulbon*.



Whilst classified as a miniature due to its flower and pseudobulb size, *Dinema polybulbon* can become a large specimen due to its vigorous and rambling growth habit. This plant was purchased in 2017 from Mike Pender as a 100mm division and then mounted on a 40cm x 50cm tree fern slab which is now almost completely covered. The main flush of 30mm diameter flowers in early spring is followed by sporadic blooming until mid-summer.



This plant is grown in an unheated greenhouse covered with 50% shade cloth mid-September to early April. The greenhouse is fitted with a humidity-controlled misting system and a fan to circulate air as *Dinema polybulbon* thrives in a humid environment with plenty of air movement. Most new growth occurs over summer with watering and fertilising increased to facilitate this as the weather warms up. During the winter rest period, watering is cut back to weekly or even once every two weeks if the weather is particularly cold and damp.

*Thanks so much Alan.*



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