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The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd September
Venue: Committee meets virtually on MS Teams.

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

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th August

This is also our AGM (more information overleaf).

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 **Garry French** as our guest speaker this month. Garry is well known and highly respected for his work in orchid conservation, and coordinates the ANOS Conservation Group. You may recall that Garry was featured in the newsletter article in April this year. This presentation is not to be missed!



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.

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.

Welcome new members

Each month we will make space here to welcome new members to our club. Please make yourself known to our newest members, who are:

- Antoinette Vlassopoulos
- Tina Horton
- Laura Dobson
- Margaret Browning
- John and Stephanie Kiric
- Mansimranjit Sandhu
- Steven Nguyen and Bichthly Le
- Huy Tran
- Tracy Goodman
- Gerard De Leon
- Lucy Leviska and Andrew Czerwik
- Victoria Costin

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 19 August 2026 at 8.00 pm, preceding our regular monthly meeting.

As noted in our last newsletter, all current committee members are standing down, so **your club needs you! I am sure you would make a great President, or maybe Secretary or Treasurer or general Committee Member. Please nominate, so that our club remains strong and vibrant.** You can self-nominate. Talk to some of your friends in the club and nominate together. Remember, you must be a financial member to nominate for a position, and to vote in the election. Nominations must be returned to George Dimech by Wed 12th August. The Nomination form is attached to this newsletter.

As the committee now meets using Teams, you can be a committee member/official from the comfort of your own living room!

AGM Agenda – Warringal Orchid Society

1. Presentation and confirmation of the minutes of the last preceding AGM.
2. Presentation and confirmation of the Presidents annual report.
3. Presentation and confirmation of the Treasurers annual report.
4. Any business notified to the secretary in writing prior to the meeting date.
5. Election of officers and ordinary members of the committee. (President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and three committee members).

PROGRESSIVE SCORES – July 2026

OPEN		ADVANCED NOVICE	
M. Coker	275	K Lee	53
A. Rogers	77	K Trueman	50
G & C. Dimech	72	J Wong	31
M Mally	25	A&S La Rocca	29
A Magnano	21	I Katis	18
A. Fernandez	21	F Verlaan	7
M Bastecky	15	G Sullivan	3
J & L Karbownik	13		
B Duncan	8	NOVICE	
K Lam	7	A Duerden	16
J Khoo	1	D Parry	15
T & A Pleitner	1	A Angerossa	7
		I Neary	6
		T Norton	4
INTERMEDIATE		L Dobson	3
S Grzinic	34	M Dixon	3
M. Volodina	24		
P Kennedy	11		
M Grzan	9		

Club calendar

Date	Event (events in blue are sponsored by other organisations/clubs)
30 June	Membership Subscriptions are now overdue. If you have forgotten to do so, please renew now!
15 August	OSCOV Annual Dinner – see attached letter for more information
19 August	Monthly meeting - speaker is Garry French
28 – 30 August	2026 OSCOV Victorian Orchid Spectacular; Hours: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm daily Venue: KCC Park, 655 Western Port Highway, Skye <i>A great place to grow your orchid collection! Get your wish list together.</i>
16 September	Monthly meeting – speaker is Hendrick Ventor
19-20 September	NEMOS Spring Show; Hours: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm daily Venue: Bulleen Heights Secondary School, 221 Manningham Road, Lower Templestowe
2 October	Set-up day for our Spring Show
3-4 October	Our spectacular Spring Show
21 October	Monthly meeting – speaker is Andrew Fernandez
18 November	Monthly meeting – speaker is Michael Coker
16 December	Another wonderful Christmas / End of year dinner (note it's a different date to our usual function)

JUDGING RESULTS - JULY 2026 meeting

OPEN

Aust. Native Hybrid

1st D. Australian Tiger A. Rogers

2nd D. Brimbank Cosmic 'Uluru' A. Rogers

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Ptero. Richard Thomson A. Rogers

Minature Cymbidium

1st April Love x Flaming Vulcan G & C Dimech

Phalaenopsis

1st Phal. Unknown M. Bastecky

Paphiopedilum

1st Paph. Dianella 'Chilton' G & C Dimech

Species Paphiopedilum

1st Paph. Spicerianum A. Rogers

Miltonia

1st Bratonia Estrelita 'SF' A. Rogers

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag. Noirmont 'Aiden' G & C Dimech

Species - Any Genera

1st Dinema Polybulbon 'Pender' A. Rogers

2nd Lycaste Lasigglossa A. Rogers

3rd Dendro. Javieri G & C Dimech

Best in Section – Open

Dinema Polybulbon 'Pender' A. Rogers

INTERMEDIATE

Any Other Hybrid

1st Zgo. Artur Elle M. Volodina

Species Any Genera

1st Cym. Tracyanum S. Grzinic

Best in Section – Intermediate

Zgo. Artur Elle M. Volodina

ADVANCED NOVICE

Aust. Native Hybrid

1st D. Aust. Botanic Sparkler F. Verlaan

2nd D. Hilda Poxon F. Verlaan

Cattleya

1st Cat. Pink Pearl K. Lee

Oncidium

1st Onc. Hawaiian Sunset On Verdi K. Lee

Standard Cymbidium

1st C. Pearwish 'Speckled Spectre' I. Katis

Minature Cymbidium

1st C. My Sweet Amy K. Lee

2nd C. Templestowe Opal S & A La Rocca

3rd C. Ice Cascade 'Karen' S & A La Rocca

Paphiopedilum

1st Paph. Unknown K. Lee

2nd Paph. Eastern Monarch K. Lee

Species - Any Genera

1st Laelia Anceps Alba K. Trueman

2nd Max. Picta I. Katis

Best in Section – Advanced Novice

Cat. Pink Pearl K. Lee

NOVICE

Standard Cymbidium

1st C. Edward Marshall 'Mali' T. Horton

2nd C. tracyanum Pywacket L. Dobson

Any Other Hybrid

1st Paph. Unknown A. Angerosa

Australian Native Species or Hybrid

1st D. Dolichophylla 'Gigantor' D. Pary

X Aust. Ginger Megs

Best in Section – Novice

Edward Marshall 'Mali' T. Horton

President's Choice

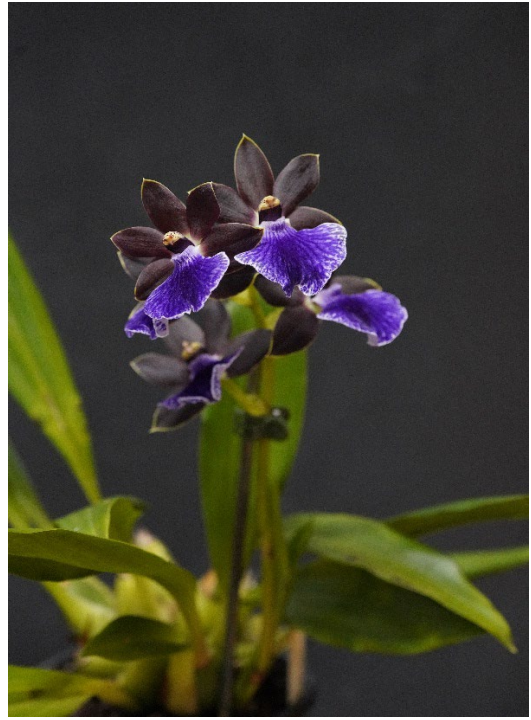
Cat. Pink Pearl K. Lee.

**Best in Section
OPEN**



Din. Polybulbon 'Pender'
Grown by A Rogers

**Best in section
INTERMEDIATE**



Z. Artur Elle
Grown by M Volodina

**Best in section
ADVANCED NOVICE**



C. Pink Pearl
Grown by K Lee

**Best in section
NOVICE**



Cym. Edward Marshall 'Mali'
Grown by T Horton

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE



C. Pink Pearl grown by K Lee

Parents of C. Pink Pearl



C. alaorii



C. wittigiana

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The Orchid Societies Council of Victoria Inc.'s

2026 VICTORIAN ORCHID SPECTACULAR

Venue:
Boxhall Pavilion, KCC Park,
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Friday 28 August 2026, Saturday 29 August 2026 &
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A quick reflection on our Winter Show

Our show was small but sensational, with a lovely display of high-quality orchids. Special mention to our new members from July, all of whom had plants in the show (and some taking a sash at their first show – what a blast!)

Ultimately, it cannot happen without lots of time and effort from those members who gave their days to make it happen – pre-show workup, set up and break down, front of house, show marshals/stewards, showcasing results and sashes/placegetters, sales of plants, bark and supplies, all-day café, managing finances and new members and more.

A huge thank you to our

What's On at the Gardens

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria have many interesting events across the year; this one may especially appeal to club members!



Orchid Conservation Tours

Saturday 5 September - Thursday 1 October

Tickets are now on sale for your only chance to see some of Australia's most threatened orchid species up close!

See the world's largest endangered Orchid Conservation Program with a behind-the-scenes tour of its shade houses at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.

Orchids are among our most beautiful and intriguing native wildflowers, with Victoria home to over 400 species, most of which grow nowhere else in the world. Sadly, however, half of our native orchid species are threatened with extinction in the wild.

Tours are being run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for a limited time, so get in quick to secure your preferred time before it's sold out.

Bookings are essential. See the website for details.

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Coming up next month in the newsletter

All the news and photos from our successful Winter Show.

Preparing for a bumper Spring Show on 3-4 October.

How to become a citizen scientist for native orchids.

Invitation to OSSV meeting by Zoom

From John Varigos, Editor, Orchid Species Society of Victoria.

This is advance notice of our guest speaker for the **Monday 10th August** meeting of OSSV.

It has been sent to all orchid societies in VIC, TAS, NSW & QLD inviting their members to join us.

If you are unable to attend on the night (Monday 10th August) and wish to zoom in please let me know so that I can send you the Zoom link closer to the meeting date.

Please circulate this invitation to your members, some of whom may be interested in finding out why so many orchid genera (including *Dendrochilum*) were subsumed into the genus *Coelogyne*.

In 2021, a paper was published in *Phytotaxa* Vol 510 (2) which created an enormous amount of discussion, disagreement and consternation in the orchid world which persists in 2026.

The title of the paper is, "Expansion of the orchid genus *Coelogyne* (Arethuseae; Epidendroideae) to include *Bracisepalum*, *Bulleyia*, *Chelonistele*, *Dendrochilum*, *Dickasonia*, *Entomophobia*, *Geesinkorchis*, *Gynoglottis*, *Ischnogyne*, *Nabaluia*, *Neogyna*, *Otochilus*, *Panisea* and *Pholidota*.

The paper was co-authored by Prof. Mark Chase, Honorary Research Associate, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, UK; Dr. Barbara Gravendeel, Professor at Naturalis Biodiversity Center & Radboud University, Netherlands; Bobby P. Sulstyo, PhD Student at Ghent University, Gent, Belgium; Dr. Richa Kusuma Wati, Researcher at Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Indonesia and Dr. André Schuiteman, Research Leader at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, UK

OSSV has secured Dr. André Schuiteman to give a Zoom talk to address this topic.

The title of his talk is:

"Are they mad? Why do taxonomists keep changing genus names and will it never stop?"

This talk will be of interest to all orchid growers who want to know why this change has been suggested and it will address all the concerns, objections and misunderstanding which persist today.

The Zoom meeting is scheduled for

Monday 10th August at 8.30 pm Eastern Standard Time (East Coast of Australia)

To join the Zoom meeting, you will need to register with John Varigos so that he can send you the Zoom link prior to the meeting.

You will be asked to turn off your microphone and video camera during the presentation, and all questions will be asked via the Chat function to manage the meeting. As we don't know how many people may be interested in attending, we have done this to ensure that our bandwidth is not overwhelmed. Depending on the number of attendees we may open the Zoom to a verbal discussion as long as we can control the flow.

To register please send to: john.varigos3@bigpond.com

Your name, email address and orchid society to which you belong

Kind regards

John Varigos
Past President

OSSV

This Month's article

Alan Roger's stunning *Dinema polybulbon* 'Pender', which starred in our Winter Show, received a cultural award by the AOC at the July meeting, and also awarded by OSCOV at the July NEMOS meeting. Alan has very kindly written this article for us.



Origin

This species can be found from Mexico to Nicaragua and also in Jamaica and Cuba, in humid mixed forests, mainly on oaks, as a miniature-sized, warm to cold-growing epiphyte or lithophyte, at elevations of 600-3200 metres. It was originally known as *Encyclia polybulbon*. Whilst classified as miniature, this orchid can rapidly cover a large area due to its vigorous and rambling growth habit.

Growing conditions

Alan's *Dinema polybulbon* is housed in an unheated 3m x 3m greenhouse covered in 50% **shade** cloth, which is removed between late June and early August. The greenhouse is also fitted with an evaporative cooler, which provides **air movement** and then additional humidity when the temperature rises above 23°C, as *Dinema polybulbon* thrives in a humid environment with plenty of air movement.

There are also drippers above all the mounted orchids and overhead **misting** nozzles, which operate when the humidity falls below approx. 70%. In summer, they operate at increasing frequency as the temperature rises, which keeps the greenhouse temperature to a maximum of approx. 30°C even on a 40°C outside temperature day. In winter, they might operate once on a sunny day if not watered for several days. Most new growth occurs over summer with watering and fertilising increased to facilitate this as the weather warms up.

Watering is as required, ranging from daily in summer to once every 7 to 10 days during its winter rest period.

Fertilising is at half-strength rates after every second watering, alternating between organic (seaweed-based) and inorganic liquid fertilisers.



This plant's history

When purchased on 10/11/2017 from Mike Pender, it was overflowing a 150mm saucer pot, which was then attached to the bottom of a 300mm x 100mm tree fern mount, with the overflowing rhizomes trained up the mount. After two years, this mount was fully covered, and on 16/11/2019, that mount was attached to the current 400mm x 400mm mount. Each summer growing season, each rhizome produces three to four new pseudobulbs with a new branch rhizome, usually only one pseudobulb, developing from the previous season's growth. That branch produces three to four pseudobulbs in the next year's growing season. Each mature pseudobulb flowers only once with a raceme of one flower that is 30mm in diameter. Any immature pseudobulbs that do not flower during the main July/August/September flowering season will flower later (up to Christmas) as the pseudobulbs mature.



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