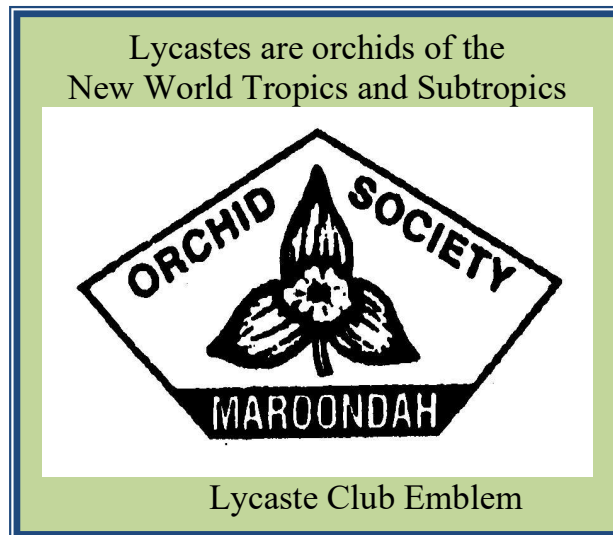


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Meetings cancelled until further notice.

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President's Report

Welcome to your September Newsletter. Spring certainly has arrived, longer warmer days and lots of our orchids in flower to enjoy.

Another month has passed with all of us finding it very different in these difficult uncertain times.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our AGM would normally be held in October and due to not being able to have a meeting your committee is working on how to have our AGM electronically as our Rules of Incorporation states we have until end November to hold our AGM.

Once we are able to confirm how our AGM meeting will be, nominations for all executive and committee positions will be called for.

As mentioned last month, my term as President for 3 years ends this year and we have not had any Vice Presidents for the past year it is imperative that nominations are received for positions so our Society can continue to operate.

I trust you and your family are keeping safe and well.

Best regards and take care,

David

New OSCOV President and Executive Committee Announced

Terry Stiles takes over as President, and the other members are: Michael J. Coker (Immediate Past President), Barry Larkin (Vice President), Elena Stiles (Secretary), Alan Baker (Treasurer), Marita Anderson (Assistant Secretary), Gordon Young (Liaison Officer), Andre Cleghorn (Conservation Officer), and General Committee members Stephen Early, Karin Balogh, Denis Oliver & Murray Harding. Julian Coker is the Patron, and Glenda Coutts is our ex officio Registrar.

Thank you to members who have contributed to pictures which are included in this newsletter. And remember please feel free to send me any images of your orchids in flower. Please include a close-up of the flower and make sure you include the name of the orchid. Also if you have an article you would like to share with members please send it to me. Please send me your photos or article by Monday October 12.

With much thanks

Leo Orland

Can You Identify This Orchid?

In the August edition this unidentified orchid was given the fun name of “Pineapple”.



Thankfully, David Cannon was able to identify it.

This was the stem...



And now the big reveal...



Daa daa – speciosum ‘Hilli’ x windermere

If you have a plant and you have lost its label please email a photo of the plant to me, especially if it’s in flower and I will put it in the newsletter and maybe one our members could identify it.

Dieter Weise's Plants in Flower Now



Stenorrhynchos glicenstienii - cool growing terrestrial species from sth. Mexico



Stenorrhynchos glicenstienii
Close up



Cattleya jongheana - cool growing species from Brazil



Lycaste skinneri - cool grower from Guatemala (this is also the national flower)



Masdevallia Tuakau Candy



Dendrobium Colonial Falcon
'Party Time'



Oncidium Midnight Miracles
'Massai'



Oncidium Midnight Miracles
'Massai'
Close up



Oncidium Cherry Fudge
'Carmela'

David Cannon's Plants in Flower Now



Dendrobium
Speckles Sunset



Dendrobium
Wayne Turville (Flinders x
falcolostrum 'Pinkie')



Dendrobium
Issy's Snow 'Sofala'
(Issy's Delight x speciosum)



Dendrobium
Golden Angel



Dendrobium
Jesmond Sparkler x Tweed (2)



Dendrobium Hewitt Bride



Cymbidium
Devonianum x dayanum



Zygopetalum
crinitum

Leanne Le's Plants in Flower Now



Dendrobium Australian Artist



Rossioglossum Grande



Dendrobium Memoria Gary Gregory



Dendrobium Speciosum herbmere x Karsun 'Kylie' HCC ANOS



Bulbophyllum guttulatum



Cymbidium Winter Fire 'Frosty Lips'

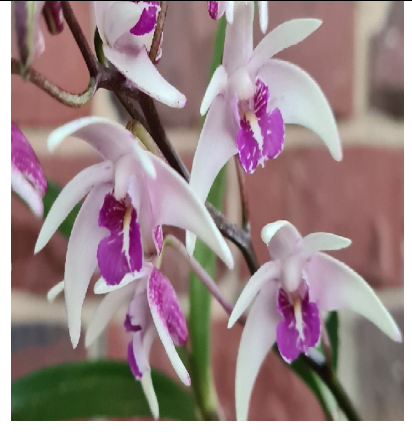
Members' Plants in Flower Now



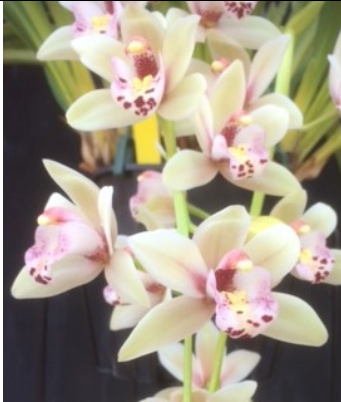
James Harnetty's
Paphiopedulum
Chuvetti 'Van Dyke'



James Harnetty's
Cymbidium
Persuasive Touch 'Dark Eyes'



James Harnetty's
Dendrobium
Victorian Splendour



Ron and Heather Coleman's
Cymbidium
Valley Cascade



Ron and Heather Coleman's
Dendrobium
Bardo Rose



Ron and Heather Coleman's
Dendrobium
Tooradin



Leo Orland's
Pleione Formosa



Leo Orland's
Cymbidium
Wallacia 'Burnt Gold' x Uluru
'Orange Delight'



Leo Orland's
Cymbidium
Cronulla 'The Khan' x
Cinnamon Wall 'Cinnamon'

COMPANION PLANTS FOR CYMBIDIUMS

by Brian Milligan

After a few years, new orchid growers generally begin to seek other genera to broaden the variety and flowering season of their collections. There are many possibilities, especially if the cymbidiums are being grown in a shadehouse fitted with a fibreglass or polycarbonate roof, which protects the plants from mild frosts and allows control over the amount of water that the plants receive, regardless of weather. Those with a shadehouse without a solid roof can still provide their plants with protection from frost and frequent rain by fitting a temporary cover of plastic sheeting, such as Solarweave®, in winter.

If you simply intend to fill in the spaces between your cymbidium pots with companion plants, think again. Cramming the plants together causes overshadowing of one plant by its neighbours, and the resulting reduction in air movement produces ideal conditions for the development and spread of spider mite (red spider) and scale infestations. If you cannot insert a pot (of the same size) between each of your cymbidium pots, then you don't need any companion plants, you need another shadehouse!

Zygopetalums are often the first choice. These South American species and their hybrids have mature plants of similar size to cymbidiums and often flower twice each year, once in autumn and then again in spring. The flowers are usually characterised by attractive purple or purplish blue labellums and a delightful fragrance. Mostly the petals and sepals (collectively known as tepals) are green with brown bars but there are albino forms where the darker colouration is reduced or absent. Zygopetalums most commonly grown are the species *Zygopetalum intermedium* and hybrids such as *Z. E.G. White*, *Z. John Banks*, *Z. Titanic*, *Z. Blue Eyes*, and the intergeneric hybrid *Zygocholax Elfin Jade*. Sometimes the foliage of zygopetalum plants suffer from unsightly spotting, which is generally attributed to cold, wet conditions during winter. By providing better air circulation and ensuring that the foliage is dry by nightfall, this spotting can be reduced.

Pleiones may also be grown with cymbidiums, although their pots will have to be moved to a sheltered spot during the dormant season (winter) and ensuing flowering season (early spring). Pleione bulbs are best kept dry during winter and the flowers last much longer if kept dry when watering the plants in spring. But for the rest of the year they may be grown as companion plants for cymbidiums. Various cultivars of *Pleione formosana* with mauve, pink and white flowers are readily available and hybrids such as *P. Versailles*, *P. Tongariro*, *P. Alishan* etc. with pink, even purplish, flowers sometimes appear on the sales bench at flowering time. Hybrids with yellow flowers (e.g. *P. Shantung*) are still expensive.

Lycaste hybrids, particularly those bred from *Lycaste skinneri*, also grow and flower well together with cymbidiums, and benefit from a similar routine of watering and fertilising (frequent in summer, much less in winter). Well-grown hybrids may have plants as large as or larger than those of standard cymbidiums.

I suspend many different orchids in pot hangers from the roof of my cymbidium shadehouse but you must consider the consequences for the plants below. If plants can be hung above the walkways they can do little harm beyond the occasional bumped head (if hung too low). But when hung above the cymbidiums they may unduly shade the plants below, damage tall flowering spikes and perhaps transfer fungal infections via water dripping on the plants below. Orchids that do well for me suspended below the shadehouse roof include *Stanhopea nigroviolacea*, *Laelia anceps*, *Laelia gouldiana*, *Maxillaria porphyrostele*, *Arpophyllum spicatum* and many oncidiums. Last but not least are a large number of Australian native dendrobiums, which seem to grow so much better when their pots are suspended rather than placed on a bench. So go ahead and expand your orchid collection – it's the best way to broaden the appeal of our great hobby.

A FEW LAST THOUGHTS:

So, I wanted to buy my wife a nice yellow orchid for her birthday, but then I swapped it for a red rose in the last second...You could say it was a quick *change of plants*.

A guy gives flowers to all of his family. To his wife he gives roses, to his parents he gives orchids, to his daughters he gives daisies. And to his sons he gives sunflowers.

Wife: What are some names of orchids?

Husband: Free Willy

Wife: I said "ORCHIDS"

Husband: Baby Free Willy?

Wife: Shame on you

Husband: No, but Shamu would work.

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