

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY

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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

Lycastes are orchids of the
New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

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October Meeting Cancelled

President's Report

And the lockdown continues. Our October club meeting will still be within the COVID lockdown period and therefore cancelled.

Can you see that small glimmer in the distance? I am hoping that it gets quite a bit larger soon so we can have our November club meeting which the Committee has planned to be our AGM and annual Sarcophilus Show. Planning for the annual Christmas Dinner, to be held 17 December, 2021, is also continuing. Of course, these events can only be held if the State Government allows indoor gatherings although possibly with certain restrictions.

I was looking forward to the long-awaited auction night which we had re-scheduled several times but alas it is not to be. It has finally been deferred to 2022.

Although the AFL Grand Final was able to go ahead (outside Melbourne) on the last Saturday in September, the Club's Spring Show scheduled could not.

Continue to look after your orchid plants, especially when the season becomes a little dryer and warmer. As the flowers on my plants fade into oblivion, I will start the process of repotting as I can already see new shoots emerging prior to the setting of bulbs or canes etc. If you require bags of bark, the club can place an order for you only if we reach a total of 70 bags for a pallet. As I write we are still short of that total, so, if you need some, please contact David Cannon – see the note later in this Newsletter.

I am disappointed that since being elected President in March this year we have been able to meet face-to-face on only a further three occasions.

Please take care and keep healthy and safe until we can meet again.

Regards

Ron Coleman

M.O.S. Inc. Patron:	David Cannon
Life Members:	The late Frank Date, Jim Foster-Johnson, David Cannon, Alan & Nancy Cockram, Dieter Weise, The late Barry Robinson, Susanne Redpath, Max Bomford, Cheryl Luth, G Moffat.
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REMINDER: Membership Renewal

Fees are due.

Adult (single) \$16.00; Family \$20.00; Junior (16 years and under) \$5.00.

You can pay in person to Edith Yu-Chan Or you can pay via direct debit to the following bank account –

BSB: 063167

Account number: 10107735

Please remember to fill in the reference field with your name.





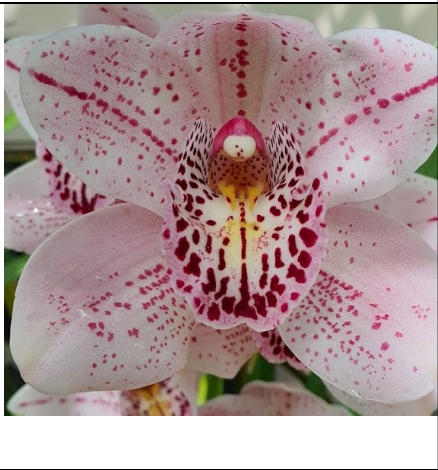
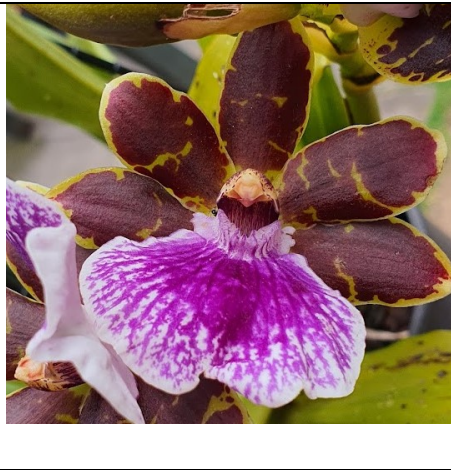

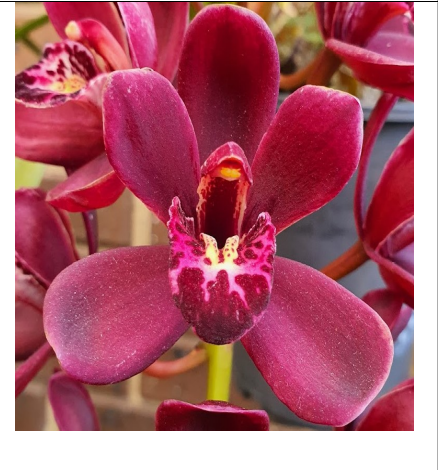
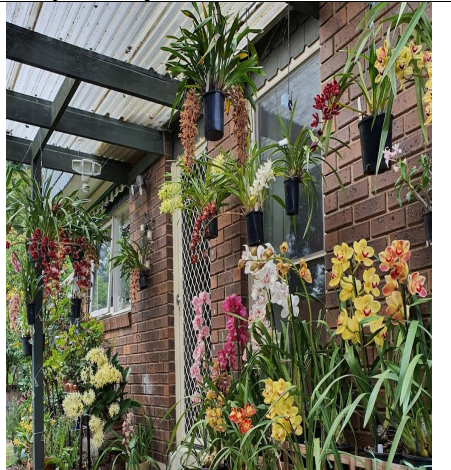
Thank you!

Orchiata Orchid Bark Orders

Many thanks to members who have sent in their order. Subject to Covid allowing us to have our November meeting you order for Bark will be available to be picked-up at the November meeting.

The cost of the bark to members who pre-order is \$22.00. Payment on pick up.

Claudia Ng's Plants Flowering Now

		
<p>Den. Aussie Parade 'Carrot Splash' x Windemere</p>	<p>Cym. Kimberly Lady x Kirby Lesh</p>	<p>Cym. Pumisan 'Orange'</p>
		
<p>Den. Windemere</p>	<p>Cym. Forest Place 'Queen's Jewel'</p>	<p>Zygo. Advance Australia x Wilpena 'Lyttle Star' x Self</p>
		
<p>Cym. Tethy's 'Black Magic' x Last Tango 'Geyserland'</p>	<p>Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'</p>	<p>Claudia's Plants on show</p>

James Harnetty's Plants Flowering Now



Cym. Bulburrow 'Lazy Possum'



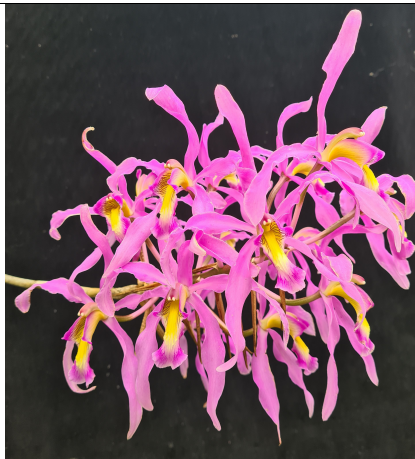
Cattleya Pale Pink



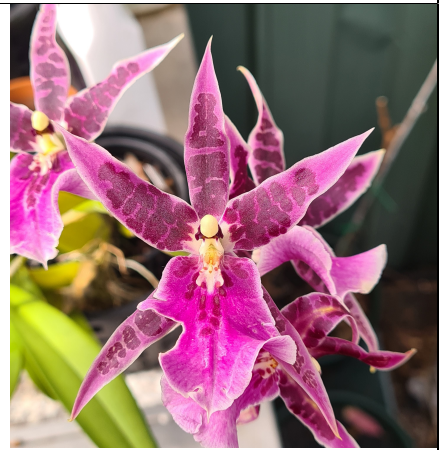
Cym. Coraki Gold x Kimberley



Den. Gracious Cascade x
Ped Woolfe x Gracilium



Schromburgkia Superbiens



Miltassia Aztec Toni



SLC California Apricot 'Orange
Circle' x Yellow Doll Mini



Den. Australian Rhubarb Pie








Den. Rutherford Surprise

David Cannon's Plants Flowering Now

		
<p>Cym. Mary Green (Sarah Jean x devonianum) First time flowering</p>	<p>Cym. Mary Green x pumulum First time flowering</p>	<p>Den. Avril's Gold 'Fatty Cream' x Cobber 'Yibba Yibba' First time flowering</p>
		
<p>Den. Brinawa Charm x Cara wonga</p>	<p>Den. Intise 'Dungog' x Dunokayla 'WAP'</p>	<p>Den. Bob Mason Very large flowers; 4cm wide and 8cm high</p>
		
<p>Den. Dung Bruce Lee (Cobber x Valley Delight)</p>	<p>Den. Glencobb</p>	<p>Den. speciosum (Hilii x windermere)</p>

Leanne Le's Plants Flowering Now

		
<p>Cym. madidium x Borough Green Conference</p>	<p>Den. Jayden</p>	<p>Sarc. falcatus</p>
		
<p>Den. (Gillian Leaney x Zip) x King Wong</p>	<p>Den. Tie-Dye x Bi-Centenial Rose</p>	

Dieter Weise's Plants Growing Now



Cattleya jongheana (cold grower)



Maxillaria chrysantha (cold grower)



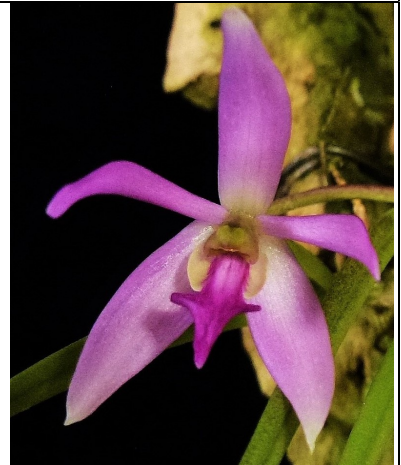
Maxillaria chrysantha



Oncidium Mayfair



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Ada keiliana



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Trichopilia suavis

Leo Orland's Plants Growing Now

		
Den. Bardo Rose	Cym. Plush Canyon 'Red Eye'	Cym. Tethy's Black Magic x Last Tango 'Gyserland'
		
Cym. Opinetta 'Pink Magic' x devonianum	Cym. Kimberly Splash 'Tee Pee'	Cym. (Devonwood x Cariga) 'Gem'
		
Cym. maddidum x Sleeping Dream	Cym. (Fifi 'Harry' x parishii) x Janis Lin 'Emily Kate'	Coel. Unchained Melody

Coelogyne cristata – AN ORCHID FOR BEGINNERS

by Brian Milligan

New growers, who have already mastered the cultivation of cymbidiums and Australian native dendrobiums, occasionally ask me what they can try next. The first two that I recommend are usually species orchids, one native to Mexico and the other to northern India, namely *Laelia anceps* and *Coelogyne cristata*, respectively. Both are able to withstand temperatures down to freezing and up to the high thirties, and also to survive prolonged dry spells. They are very forgiving orchids, withstanding more neglect than most other orchids. Of course, they grow and flower better if not subjected to such indignities.

There are well over a hundred different species in the genus *Coelogyne*, which ranges over a wide range of habitats from near sea level to an altitude of almost 3000 m. *Coelogyne cristata* is widespread in the lower Himalayas at altitudes between 1400 m and 2300 m. It was once especially abundant around Darjeeling, which is located in northern India between Bhutan and Nepal. No doubt the trees have long since been cleared for tea plantations, but Joseph Hooker, who collected orchids and other plants in 1848-1850, recorded that “On the ascent from Darjeeling the straight shafts of many of the timber trees are literally clothed with a continuous garment of white-flowered coelogynes, which bloom in a profuse manner, whitening their trunks like snow”. Hooker later succeeded his father as director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew (London) and eventually received a knighthood.

The inflorescences of *Coelogyne cristata* are pendulous, so for best effect it should be grown in a hanging basket, using pine bark, Sphagnum moss or a blend of the two as the potting medium. Once established, plants grow rapidly and after a few years the bulbs and growths are likely to cover their basket completely. Frequent repotting is neither necessary nor advisable. I have seen plants growing quite happily in the same container for ten years or more.

Coelogyne cristata should be watered every few days throughout summer, daily in very hot weather, and occasionally treated with a weak liquid fertilizer, such as Aquasol®. During winter, coelogynes need much less water. Some growers withhold water completely but I water my plants every two weeks. Good light in winter helps to promote flowering in spring. It is most important that the developing buds and flowers be kept dry. Even a few drops of water on the flowers may lead to unsightly brown spots, ruining what may otherwise be a spectacular display. Care should also be taken to avoid water lodging in the new growths, as it may cause them to rot.

Coelogyne cristata resents repotting; small divisions may sulk for months before resuming growth. So make sure that you buy a well-established division and try to keep its potting mix intact when you transfer the plant to a basket. After a few years it should develop into a specimen plant, which will often reward you with a spectacular floral display. Other species that can also be grown without heat in Melbourne include *Coelogyne elata*, *C. barbata*, *C. corymbosa* and *C. mooreana*

LAST THOUGHTS:

Did you hear about the 80 year old man who ran naked through the flower show?

...he won first place for a dried arrangement!

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