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New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

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Next Meeting: Friday – 17 March 2023

Venue: NEW Venue (Please see map below)
St. Timothy's
21 Stevens Road, Vermont.
(Melway, Map 62 Ref.G3)

ITEM OF THE EVENING: Phil Spence (video) Dendrobium sect. Latouria.

Phil Spence, an orchid grower, researcher and hybridizer from the northern Sydney suburbs. He has produced a vast range of cold growing Australian Dendrobiums being Dendrobium Aussie hybrids from 1980's – 2000's and Dendrobium Colonial hybrids from 1990's -2000's.

He is also a world expert on New Guinea orchids and Latouria Dendrobiums. Phil will share his knowledge of Latouria Dendrobiums via a video presentation.

Time:	8.00PM
Venue:	New venue at St Timothy's (see map below).
Topical Chat:	Autumn Jobs – Potting and repotting
Supper:	Please bring a plate
Special Effort:	Tickets at door \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00
Sales Table:	Pots, stakes, labels and hangers – C. Luth

President's Report

We kicked off the new year in a new premises at St Timothy's Primary School. We are grateful that the school has been so generous in providing us with a storage area, at no charge, for our equipment. We had some teething problems at our February meeting with the way we set up the room. For the March meeting we will reverse the arrangement of the seating and plant benches.

Apart from the teething issues, we had a successful February meeting with Terry Poulton providing a great talk on the conditions in which he grows his Cymbidium orchids.

We have some great things planned for meetings in the coming months starting this month with a good video presentation, featuring Phil Spence from Sydney, on the culture of a specific section of Dendrobium orchids (there is more detail on this later in the Newsletter).

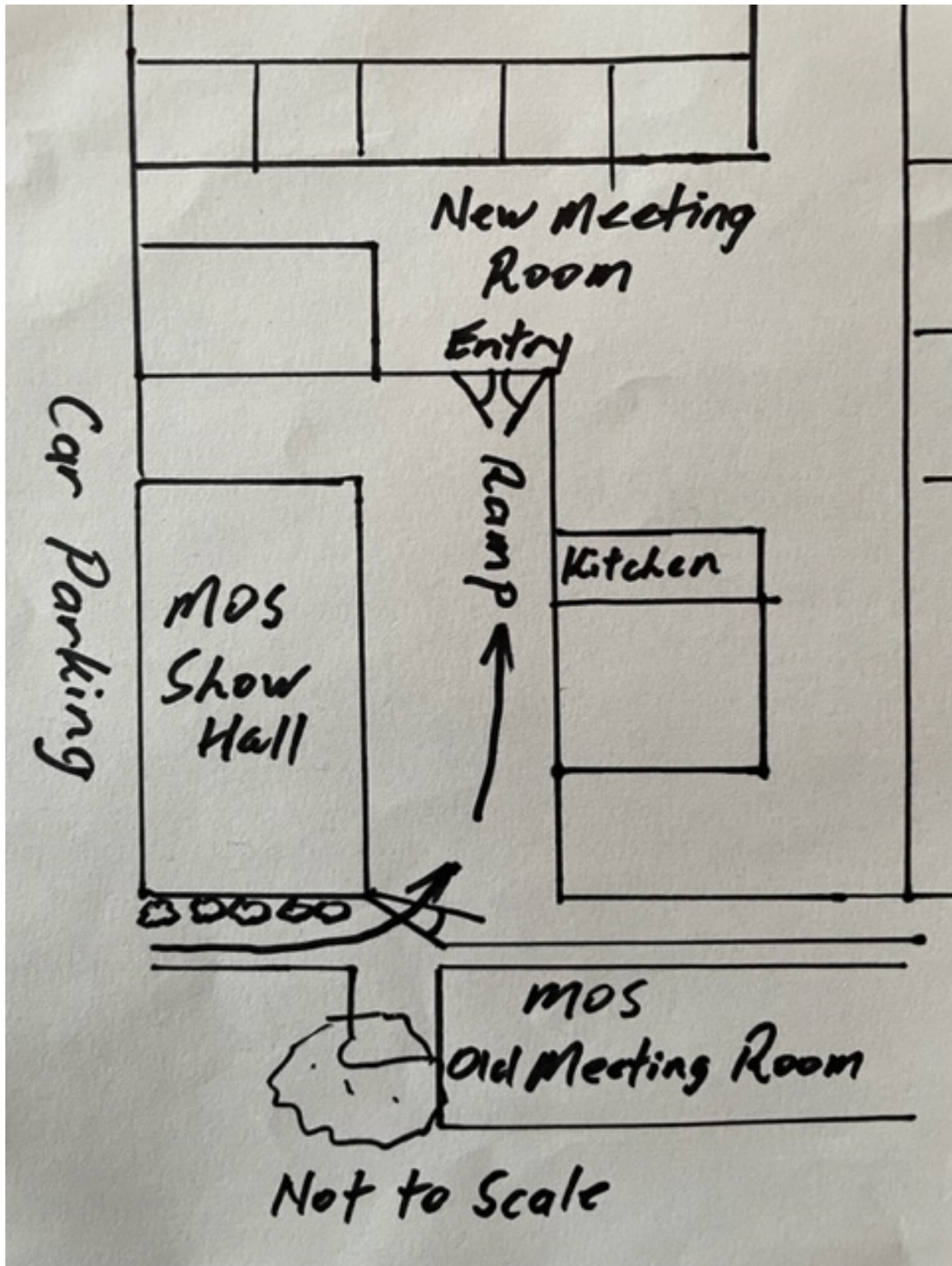
We welcome you if you still wish to sanitise your hands and wear a mask for Covid safety. For members who have not been in the best of health over recent months I wish you a speedy recovery. I look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Club Meetings.

Ron Coleman

Please note: If you have changed your contact details such as phone, email address or home address can you please contact Edith Yu-Chan (M) 0411 378 096 so we can update our records.

Thank you!

New Location at St. Timothy's




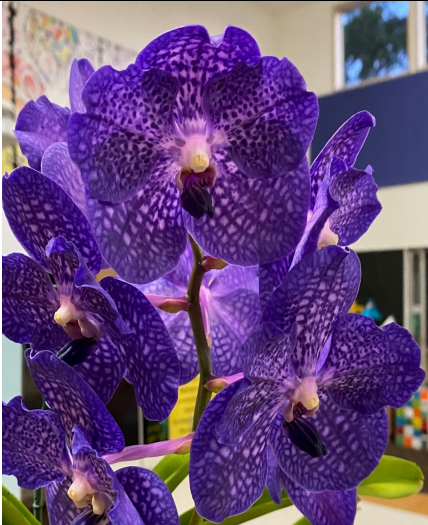

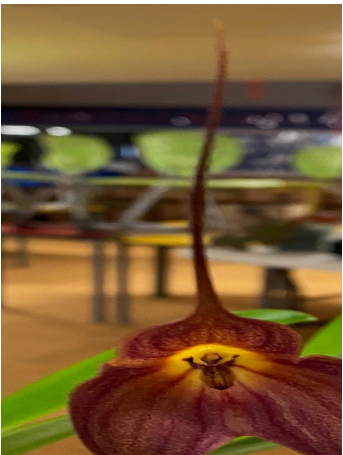




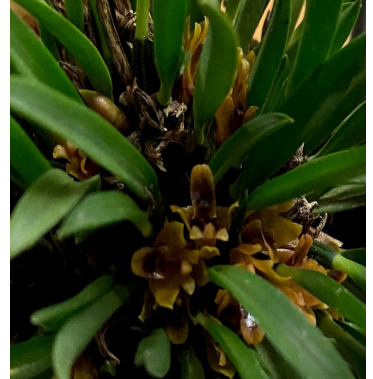
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Interesting Plants from the February Meeting

		
<p>D. Weise's Sarc. ceciliae</p>	<p>J. Wong's Vanda Pachara Delight</p>	<p>L. Le's Cat. Regal Gold</p>
		
<p>J. Foster-Johnson's Masd. Rein Sun 'Burnt Red'</p>	<p>S. Kappl's Sarc. Velvet</p>	<p>G. & M. Moffat's Den. thyrsiflorum</p>
		
<p>C. Luth's Vanda falcata</p>	<p>D. Cannon's Sartylis Blue Knob</p>	<p>D. Wiese's Maxillaria pumila</p>

BENCH COMPETITION February 2023

JUDGES VOTE	Sarcochilus ceciliae	c	D. Weise
POPULAR VOTE	Vanda Pachara Delight	c	J. Wong
BEST IN SECTION			
Open	Sarcochilus ceciliae	c	D. Weise
Intermediate	Vanda Pachara Delight	c	J. Wong
Novice	Prosthechea cochliata	c	T. Le
	Open Section		
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Rein Sun 'Burnt Red'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Gold Monarch 'Alice'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 rd Kingpin 'Beenak'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Australian Native Hybrid	1 st Den. Limestone	c	S. Kappl
Australian Native – Sarcochilus Species	1 st ceciliae	c	D. Weise
	2 nd hirticalcar	c	S. Kappl
	3 rd eriochilus	c	S. Kappl
Australian Native – Sarcochilus Hybrid	1 st Velvet	c	S. Kappl
Laelinae Intermediate	1 st Cat. Mahalo Jack 'Castle Creek'	c	C. Luth
Laelinae Miniature	1 st Cat. Regal Gold	c	L. Le
Any Other Hybrid	1 st Sartylis 'Blue Knob'	c	D. Cannon

Species Any Genera – The America's	1 st Maxillaria pumila	c	D. Weise
	2 nd Phymatidium tillandsioides	c	D. Weise
	3 rd Prosthechea cochliata	c	C. Luth
Species Any Genera – Asia	1 st Vanda falcata	c	C. luth
	2 nd Den. thyrsiflorum	c	G. & M. Moffat
Species Any Genera - Other	1 st Stenoglottis woodii	c	L. Orland
	Intermediate Section		
Any Other Hybrid	1 st Vanda Pachara Delight	c	J. Wong
Species Any Genera - Asia	1 st Vanda falcata	c	J. Wong
	Novice Section		
Phalaenopsis	1 st Phal. Joyride	c	S. Liu
Species Any Genera – The America's	1 st Prosthechea cochliata	c	T. Le
Seedling Flowering For The First Time			
Open	1 st Vanda falcata	c	S. Kappl

David Cannon's Plants Flowering Now



Cym. Little Black Sambo



Cym. Black Stump 2



Porterara Blue Boy 'Jill'



Cym. Little Beauty 'Spotty'
(Flowering for the First Time)



Cym, Little Beauty 'Leopard'
(Flowering for the First Time)



Coelogyne Janine Banks



Cym. madidium Yellow



Cym. Aussie Trio

POTTING ON / RE POTTING

David Cannon

Autumn is an ideal time to pot on or repot your orchids.

Preparation is most important before you start.

Firstly prepare your mix. Like all recipes, the mix you use is one that suits your growing conditions. Remember your growing conditions are unique to your place. No two growing conditions are the same, even if you are neighbours to another orchid grower. Growing conditions can be under shade cloth, fixed roof, full sun, part sun/ shady etc.

The most important factor for your mix is that it drains freely. Water should come out of your pot as fast as it goes in.

Under my conditions, which are both shade cloth and fixed roof, the basic mix I use consists of bark, charcoal and scoria.

Depending on the plant size, For Cymbidiums and small Australian Native Dendrobium's I use mainly 9mm/12mm for smaller pots, and 12-15mm for larger pots but if it is a large Den.speciosum that needs potting on or dividing I use a mixture of 12-15mm and the 20mm bark..

You can also use the 20mm in the bottom of your pots with 12-15mm mix as the larger size helps with drainage.

Once your mix is ready, time to select plants that need repotting or dividing and select pot type and size.

For Cymbidiums, normal standard pots are best. For Australian Dendrobium's I prefer squat, shallow pots as natives do not have deep root systems, they have a spreading root system. If you only have standard pots, you can use them for natives. A way to keep roots shallow in standard pots is to use small pots, upside down in the bottom of pot. This helps greatly with drainage and uses much less mix.

TOOLS Have your secateurs and whatever else you will need all ready. Soak your secateurs in mentholated spirits before your start. If you are using a knife or small saw, treat them the same way by soaking.

FERTILISER Have a slow release ready to use. Place a small quantity of the slow release approx. one third from bottom of pot as you put your potting mix in. This will encourage new roots to come down in your mix.

REPOTTING This is when you just remove the plant from its pot and place into a larger pot without disturbing the roots.

If the plant is growing well, has healthy growth and fills the pot completely, then all you need to do is to remove the plant from its pot, then put plant into larger pot allowing for 2 years growth. Particularly with Cymbidiums, if the pot is out of shape due to root growth pressure, then you may need something to help get the plant out of the pot. I use either a small piece of wood or hammer and knock the side of the pot all way around and then on the rim until the plant comes loose and out.

With Australian Dendrobiums, if roots are over the edge and or out of the bottom of the pot, then you need to remove these excess roots with either a knife or secateurs and then remove the plant as described above for Cymbidiums.

DIVIDING AUSTRALIAN DENDROBIUMS

Australian Dendrobiums have a rhizome growth pattern and as such they can and do grow in different directions as the new growth comes each year.

Once the pot is filled to edge and sometimes growing over the edge with new growths with very small original growths in the middle, it's time to divide.

Once you decide on the division parts, which should contain at least 3-4 mature growths, remove plant from pot and divide by cutting where the growths join. Trim some of the old roots off so that you do not have a tight root ball.

For Dendrobium's, you can take up to 60% of the old roots off as once potted up, new roots will come from new growths as they appear and trimmed active roots .

PLACING INTO POTS Repotted or divided plant.

Hold the plant in the pot to check depth and division. For Cymbidiums and Dendrobiums being potted on, they mainly will go into the centre of the pots. If it is a division of Australian Dendrobium or a Cymbidium, see which direction the plant is growing and keep it closer to the opposite side so that the new growth has more room to grow.

Put mix in the bottom of the pot so that when the plant is place on the mix, the base of the bulbs is level or slightly higher than the rim of pot. Add slow release fertiliser to the mix at this stage. Hold plant upright in position and add mix all way around and firm down.

Your plant should stand upright on its own now. Ensure you put label in pot.

Place plant in shaded area and water thoroughly.

It is most important to keep mix moist at this time to encourage new roots and to keep all growths active.

Depending on temperate/weather conditions, you may need to water lightly, daily to keep mix moist. **DO NOT LET MIX DRY OUT!**

For a *Dendrobium speciosum* division, you can take off the bulk of the roots, as per photo, and once potted, stand the plant in a saucer of water to keep mix wet.



Happy Growing.

LAST THOUGHTs

Q: What did the oak tree say when autumn came around?

A: Leaf me alone.

Q: What did one autumn leaf say to the other?

A: I'm falling for you.

Q: Why do trees try new things so often?

A: Because every autumn, then turn over a new leaf.

Q: What is the cutest season of the year?

A: Awwwtumn.

Q: What do you call a large, colourful pile of leaves in Australia?

A: The Great Barrier Leaf.

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