



Spring has sprung with a selection of spectacular specimens plants



Dendrobium Class 'Pauline' – T & P

← *Den.* Class was bred by David Butler. T & P bought it as a seedling & in later years were able to give David a piece of it back - he also named the clone as variety 'Pauline'. Years ago this one won Grand Champion at the St. Ives Fair.



Dendrochilum tenellum – Kitt & Tony Reyes



This month sees Janet Snodgrass' first entries into the VB with a number of fantastic plants including this amazing ← *Den.* Hybrid. Janet had some issues

with her orchids when she first moved into her new home but she has certainly found their happy place now, they are thriving! 🤔



Den. aemulm x
Den. speciosum 'Foxytail'
T & P



Janet Snodgrass



Lisa Harris

Two beautiful specimens of *Dendrobium speciosum*, imagine the fragrance from these in the warmth of the day



◀◀ *Calanthe Koze* (*Calanthe izu-insularis* x *Calanthe discolor*), a Japanese hybrid grown by **John Chang** who says this has a slight sweet fragrance.

Calanthe vestita – **John Chang**, from tropical Asia →

The *Calanthe* genus contains about 200 species, mostly native to tropical & sub-tropical parts of Asia and South Africa with a few Australian, Central American and West Indian species, also found on various islands of the Pacific & Indian Oceans. This orchid family is very popular in Japan as they are considered sacred flowers & have one of the longest flowering periods.

For all of us who enjoy the wonders of the magnificent hybrids that can be created through artificial pollination, the genus *Calanthe* is famous because John Dominy, a horticulturist working at an English orchid firm called Veitch & Sons, flowered the first

known manmade orchid hybrid in Oct 1856 from seeds obtained in 1854 from a cross of *Calanthe masuca* and *Calanthe triplicata* (syn *Calanthe furcata*). Dominy named this hybrid *Calanthe Domini* meaning, Dominy's beautiful flower.



◀◀ Beautiful presentation of **John Chang's** *Den. Colonial Gem*. It has a nice fragrance under the light.

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Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Red Beauty' - **Jenny Richardson**, my photography never does the colour justice



Cattleya 'Bette' – **K&T Reyes**



Ohd. Cherry Fudge - **Jenny Richardson**



Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' - **L Harris**



Paph. Sophie Trigona
Jenny Richardson



Cattleya coccinea
T & P



Cym. Ruby Eyes x Julia Holmes
Jessie Koh



Clowesia Rebecca Northern x rosea.
G&J Fulcher. Although not evident in the picture, the labellum has very faint pink blush underneath the fimbriations.



McClellanara Pagan Lovesong
 'Aussie' - **G&J Fulcher** This clone and 'Ruby Charles' are both vigorous growers in our bush house.



Restrepia muscifera - **G&J Fulcher**
 A cool grower from moderately high altitudes in the Andes. Needs protection from our summer heat. *FS 2.3cm



← Some of the *Phalaenopsis* hard at work at Geoff & Jean Fulcher's home.

An interesting peak into the set up at **Geoff & Jean's** place - looking lovely & neat!

↓ *Aerangis hyaloides*
Geoff & Jean Fulcher

Comes from Madagascar in shady locations from sea level to 1,000 metres. We grow it in the heated glasshouse with the *Phalaenopsis* **GF**
 *FS 1 – 1.85cm



Phal. amboinensis

Geoff & Jean Fulcher



Maxillaria sanguinea **Peter & Jane D'Olier** *FS 1.5cm



Den. White Pony 'Akimoto' **P&J D'Olier**



*FS = Flower size reference <http://www.orchidspecies.com/> or <http://therocklilyman.com/>



Aerangis fastuosa



Aeridovanda Mundyi



Ascocenda Carolaine 'Kathleen'



Bletilla striata



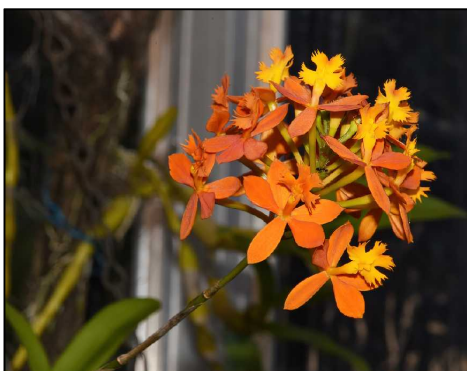
Den. Bardo Rose 'Tetra'

Bulbophyllum elisae is a species of epiphytic or lithophytic orchid that is endemic to eastern Australia. It grows on the highest branches of rainforest trees, sometimes on cliff faces & boulders at elevations of 610 to 1300 meters. It occurs between the Bunya Mountains in Queensland and the Blue Mountains in NSW.

Bulb. elisae is otherwise known as the pineapple orchid - why you might ask, the gorgeous little flowers (2.5cm long, only opening to about 1cm wide), look more like an impish child, arms outstretched, sticking out his tongue. If you want to see where the pineapple analogy comes from click on this link

<https://www.ourshopfront.com/kabi/html/Natives/Bulbophyllum%20elisae.php>

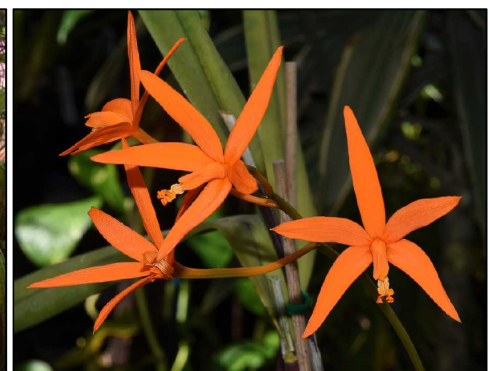
To date, the only Australian native orchid I have managed to identify *in situ*, whilst not in flower is *Cym. suave*. I think I could now manage *Den. teretifolium* but I've never seen this in the wild. On the rare occasions I have been in the bush with experienced orchid growers, I remain in awe that they can stop at some non-descript clump of leaves & announce that it is a such & such orchid – really? However, I think even I would be able to identify *Bulb. elisae* based on the unique & rather amusing shape of the crowded, clump-forming pseudobulbs, 3cm long x 2cm wide near the base, spaced <2cm apart along the rhizome. Makes you wonder what evolutionary requirement could possibly result in these ovoid, deeply longitudinally grooved, lumpy creations that remind me a little of a muted medieval flail (or like a pineapple to some).



Epidendrum hybrid



Laelia harpophylla 'Veronica'





Den. kingianum Back Beauty x self



Den. kingianum alba



Angraecum leonis



Doc. Hybrid (Unknown)



↑ *Den. calamiforme* x *erythraem* ↓



↑ *Doc. Mortii* ↓ *FS 2 to 2.5cm



↑ *Den. schoeninum*
*FS 2.5 to 3.5cm



→
Doc. striolata
'Granny Smith Green' x self



Far right →→
Den. gracilicaule
var. *howeanum*





More stunning specimen plants, this time from **Chris Wilson's** garden.

← Chris used *Doc. linguiformis* as the pod parent and pollinated with a stout form of *Doc. Schoenina* to produce this gorgeous *Dockrillia* Michael Jupp. Chris is growing this one using a piece of Pymont Power Station where he has a section of stainless steel wire cylinder filled with very coarse bark. Chris is currently working on a sibling cross in an endeavour to get wide leaves as in *linguiformis* in a proportion of the seedlings.

However, if the developing pods fall off again he will regard the cross as an infertile triploid.



Chris Wilson has this *Dendrobium falcorostrum* growing on a tree fern outside the kitchen window – what a wonderful sight that must be every morning!



Den. Andrew Persson - **C Wilson**



Dockrillia dolichophylla - **C Wilson**



Dendrobium delicatum - **Chris Wilson**



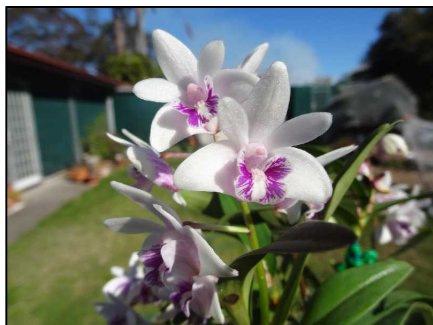
Oncidesa Taka
Chris Wilson



Dendrobium Susan – **Chris Wilson**
The yellow colour is from the pod parent *Den. gracilicaule* **CW**



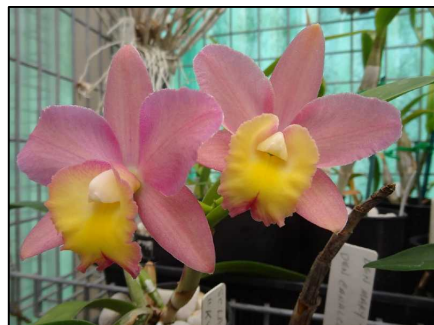
Dendrobium Bardot Rose - **Chris Wilson**
An old primary hybrid between
Den. kingianum and *Den. falcorostrum* **CW**



Den. kingianum 'Silcocki' - **T & P**



Enc. cordigera 'Hinomaru' - **T & P**



Sc. Lana Coryell - **T & P**



Den. Hybrid - Janet Snodgrass



Dendrobium kingianum - Lisa Harris



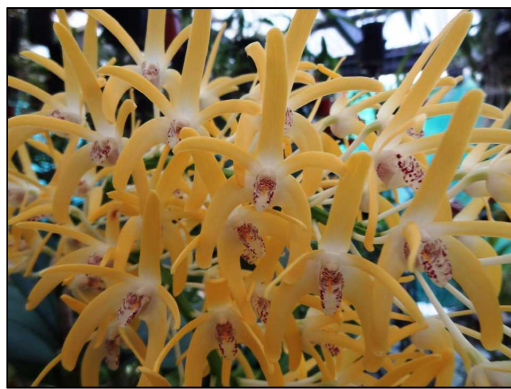
Den. Hybrid - Janet Snodgrass



Den. speciosum - Janet Snodgrass



Den. speciosum - L Harris



Den. speciosum 'Grandiflorum' - T & P



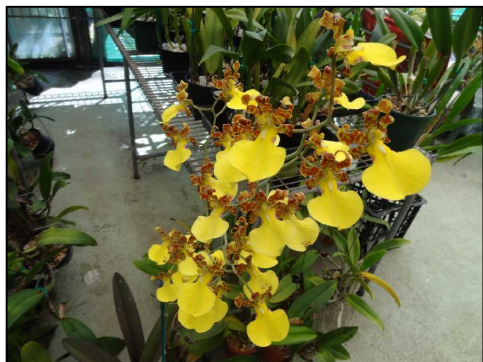
Dendrobium Unknown
Lisa Harris



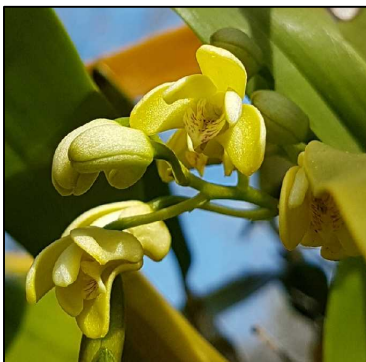
Den. kingianum (ex. Murray Corrigan)
Jenny Richardson



Dendrobium (Dockrillia) teretifolium - Lisa Harris



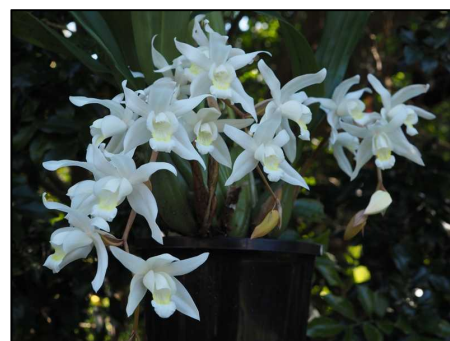
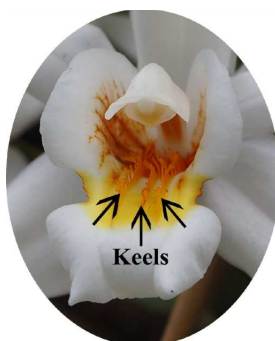
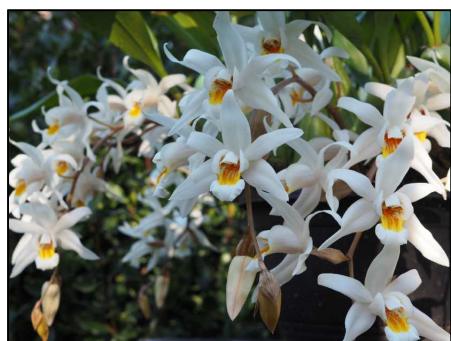
Tricho. Splendidum - T & P



Den. Unknown - J Richardson



Onc. Robsan's Gold - T & P



3 x *Coelogyne* Unchained Melody (*Coel. cristata* x *Coel. flaccida*) - Jenny Richardson

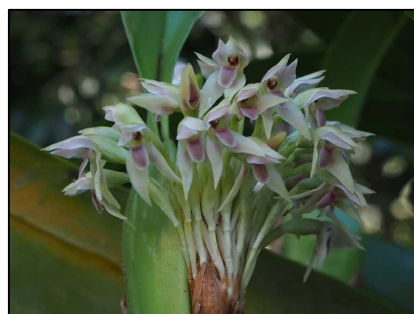
No wonder people (me) have such trouble with orchid names. *Coelogyne* Unchained Melody was the first orchid I ever bought after being convinced by a very persuasive & experienced grower that these were great orchids for a beginner & I wouldn't kill it. To my surprise it thrived & a couple of years later I bought another with very different colouring, just a touch of a delicate, pale yellow in the lip. However, my second plant was also labelled *Coel. Unchained Melody* & at the time I didn't realise the huge variation that can occur with hybrids, so I figured it must be missing something from the name. Here's where you go wrong trusting what's on the internet – I found so many, extremely similar looking flowers labelled *Coel. Unchained Melody* 'Mossiae' & others labelled as the species *Coel. mossiae*. Further investigation revealed there has been much confusion over the years by the experts (*so what hope do I have!*) which subsequently led to widespread mislabelling. The species *Coel. mossiae* was described correctly by Rolfe, and then misidentified by S Das & SK Jain in 1978, subsequently exacerbating the error.

In 2008 Christenson pointed out that plants of the artificial hybrid *Coel. Unchanged Melody* are often labelled as *Coel. mossiae* (<http://www.orchidspecies.com/coelmossiae.htm> (or *Coel. glandulosa* <http://www.orchidspecies.com/coelglandulosa.htm>. There is equal confusion regarding the identification of *Coel. glandulosa* refer to <https://www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/pdfs/publications/the-orchid-review/2011/march/coelogyne-mossiae.pdf> for further details). Unless you stumble over one of these sites that point out the errors, how are you supposed to know that the flowers which look exactly like yours on the internet are all labelled incorrectly – how very confusing!

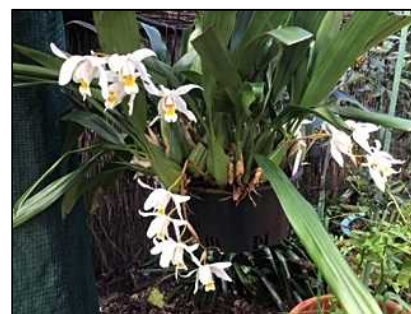
Coel. mossiae is a native of India (Kerala, Tamil Nadu), it is quite difficult to cultivate & was reported as a rare species in 1999 - so chances are, most of us don't have this species plant. So how can you tell the difference between *Coel. mossiae* & *Coel. Unchained melody*? When you find a true photo of *Coel. mossiae* it is quite different, it has relatively short, broad leaves, the inflorescence is erect, often arching at the top, the 4cm flowers are rather widely opening, fragrant, with a pure white lip with an orange or deep yellow transverse band in front of the keels. The lip has two narrow, smooth keels, sometimes with a shorter third keel in between, or with two additional very short lateral keels just below the mid-lob. In comparison, *Coel. Unchained Melody* has longer more slender leaves, pendulous inflorescences, much larger, floppier flowers about 7cm across with three deeply fringed keels on the lip. Regardless of the name, they are all extremely attractive, delightfully fragrant blooms & as promised, easy to grow.



Coel. cristata var. *lemoniana*
Jenny Richardson



Maxilaria Densa - Jenny Richardson
*FS 1.8-2cm but mine are only ~1.5cm



Coel. Unchained Melody
Jessie Koh



Den. kingianum (*Den. Wildfire*
x *Den. Inferno*) - J Richardson



Den. Elegant Glow
Jenny Richardson



Den. kingianum 'Freckles
& Speckles' - J Richardson



Den. (Ellen x Speciosum) x Den.
(*Ellen x Wonga*) - J Richardson



← A gorgeous array of blooms from Gloria & Allan Cushway. Clockwise from the top:
Rlc. Kesthin's Esther
Rlc. Dream Trader
Phal. amabilis grandiflora
Blc. Dal's Ambition
Lc. Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade'
Phal. Unknown

↓ *Den. Hanky Panky* - Jessie Koh



Cym. (Devon Wood x Cariga) 'Gem'
 Jessie Koh



Cym. Unknown (ex. Adel May, maybe Khan Flame?) Jenny Richardson



Cym. Little Stevie
 Jessie Koh



Zga. Adelaide Meadows
 Jessie Koh



Den Kingianum
 Jessie Koh



Zga. Adelaide Meadows 'Jerome'
 Jessie Koh



Phalaenopsis 'Unknown'
 Kitt & Tony Reyes



Phalaenopsis Unknown
 Jessie Koh



Phalaenopsis Unknown
 Jessie Koh



Laelia anceps - Lisa Harris



Epidendrum secundum - Lisa Harris



Cymbidium Unknown - Lisa Harris



Bletilla striata purple
Jessie Koh



Dendrochilum rhombophorum
Kitt & Tony Reyes



Odontocidium Bittersweet 'Roll of Honour' - Kitt & Tony Reyes



Den. kingianum hybrid - F Gorginian



Pleonie 'Noojee' - Fredrick Gorginian



Den. delicatum - Fredrick Gorginian



Den Cobber – Jenny Richardson



Coelogyne flaccida - J Koh



Dendrobium Dark Star - Jessie Koh

I have never have much luck with *Bulbophyllum* but the flowers fascinate me – check out these exquisite flowers from our resident *Bulbophyllum* experts **Geoff & Jean Fulcher**



Bulbophyllum picturatum – **Geoff & Jean Fulcher**. Note the 'Angler Fish' antennae on the dorsal sepals! Widespread in S.E. Asia at low to moderate altitudes. Keep moist in warmer weather but drier in the Winter. **GF**



Dendrobium Bardo Rose - **Dennys & Janine Angove**
What a beautiful specimen plant from D&J!



Den. Compact Gold - **D&J Angove**
Bought at SIOS 2013, first flowering **DA**



Cym. Ena Henry 'Five Star' **J Richardson**



Maxillaria Unknown - **J Richardson**



Cym. Balkis 'Luath' – **J Richardson**



Den. Unknown
Jenny Richardson



Den. kingianum & Friend
Jenny Richardson



Den. Unknown (ex David Burns) - **J Richardson**

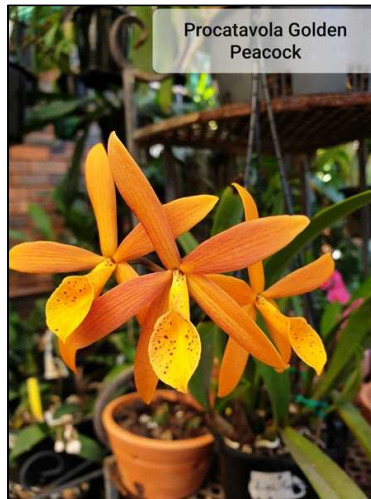


Den. Burgundy Bride 'Melbourne' x delicatum 'Tracey' **J Richardson**

A wonderful collection of blooms from [Lina Huang](#) – what spectacular colours in the Golden Peacock!



Maxillaria porphyrostele



Procatavola Golden Peacock



Cym Unknown



Den Delicatum
(kingi 'Red' x spec var grand
'Alicia's Gold')



Papilionanthe vandarium



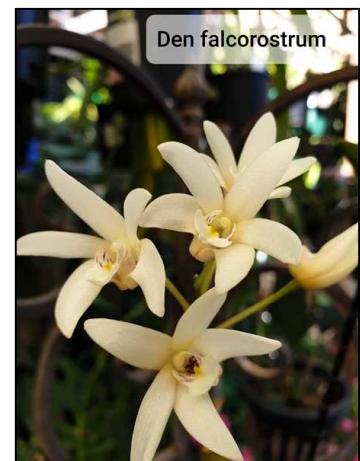
Den aemulum



Den KB White



Den delicatum



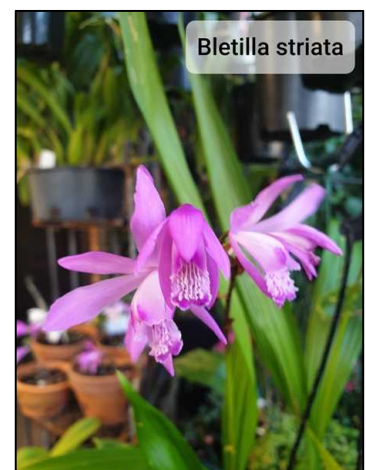
Den falcorostrum



Den kingianum



Pleione



Bletilla striata