

## CULTURE NOTES FOR AUSTRALIAN NATIVE DENDROBIUM'S.

There are over 1,200 species in the Dendrobium family, a wide variety of plant habitats, also flower forms ,and colour.

These culture notes are specific for native Dendrobiums and hybrids grown in N.S.W.

### HOUSING

If you are lucky enough to have a shade house the covering should be 50%-70% shade, if you want to grow Warm-Cool Dendrobiums you will need a glass or polycarbonate roof over your growing area, Warm-Cool plants have Den. Bigibbum in their breeding back ground or Den. Bigibbum itself.

### WATERING

The frequency of water is related to the amount of rain that falls on your growing area, if there is no rain then once a week in winter and twice a week in summer.

### REPOTTING

Repot Den's. Soon after flowering, this eliminates the risk of braking off the new growth.

### COMPOST

Seedlings---use small bark with 10-20% river gravel added.

Larger Plants---Medium bark with 10-20% river gravel added.

### FERTILISER

Use any of the following at ½ strength, Aquasol, Fish Emulsion, Nitrosol, Maxicrop, Etc. **in the growing season** Spring to Autumn.

### PEST AND DISEASE

Use Confidor for Aphids and Mealy Bug.

Use Eco-Oil for Scale.

Keep a look out for slugs and snails.