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# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. The hall opens at 7.00 pm and the Society meeting begins at 8.00 pm.

The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm and is conducted by the informative Steve Stebbing. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting. We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring up to 10 orchids to be sold on the sales table each month. The Society deducts 15% commission on the sale of all plants. Please note that all plants must be labelled correctly and state whether they are hot/cold growing and expected floral colour, if not in flower. Plants are also to be listed on a sales form, available from members on the Sales table, to be filled out by the selling member.

## Annual General Meeting

At the next meeting - April 13<sup>th</sup> - we will be holding our A.G.M. All committee members will stand down and a new committee will be elected. We are hoping that all members will attend this important evening.

## Guest Speaker this month

The guest speaker this month will be Mr. Andrew Francis, who will be giving a presentation on Castle Creek Orchids and Cattleyas.

## Attention All Club Members!

Recently your committee has been discussing the idea of holding three shows a year instead of four. This would mean that the first two shows held in May and July would be incorporated into one, probably about the third weekend in June. What we would like is some feedback from you the members about your thoughts on this. If you visited our first two shows last year you would have noticed that there were not as many exhibits as in the past, and also not as many sales plants.

To run four shows a year is a lot of work for a very few people. We all enjoy putting on the shows but none of us are getting any younger. Now you may ask "did we make money at these two shows?" The answer is yes, we did, but not as much as we have in the past. Of course the weather last year was all over the place, with orchids flowering out of season. I know that many of us had beautiful flowers but not at show times.

If you have any queries please feel free to ring me on (03) 9689 1142 and I will attempt to answer your questions.  
Elizabeth Walker.

## President's Report April 2010

I have now completed 3 years as president of the club and must step down from the position. It has been a very exciting 3 years and I would like to first thank you all for the honour given me of being president over this time.

In 2009/2010 the club has held 3 successful shows, 9 meeting nights with very good speakers and early segments, 3 bus trips and had 10 great Newsletters.

On and before meeting nights, members work hard in setting up chairs and tables, the sales area, pots and ferts, library, placing out plant names, on the membership table, selling raffle tickets, removing tables, running the early grower's segment, helping out in the kitchen and making up and sending out Newsletters. At our shows we have members working hard as stewards, in the kitchen area, sales area, pots and ferts, on the door, selling raffle tickets, potting demonstration, advertising, setting up the stands, etc.

There are a number of committee members stepping down from positions. Frances is not going to be on committee any more, Ron has given up the Show coordinators job and Lee is not doing the Newsletter Editor's job. They will all be missed from these positions. I would like to thank the three of you for all the hard work you have done and I hope that you will still be around to help with the club.

Not to forget the great web site, which you should have all seen by now. Thank you to Jenny and Terry Dark for their work on the web site and taking over the Newsletter Editor's position.

Without all these members putting in their time and effort, the club would not be as great and successful as we have been. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your great efforts throughout the year.

Not to forget that last September the club ran the 18<sup>th</sup> AOC conference and Show, which was a great success, and of course, I would like to thank the conference committee for all their hard work.

I would especially also like to thank the present Committee for all the hard work they have done over the last year, for without these people putting in their time and effort, we would not have the great club that we have.

Once again, thank you for all your help over the last 3 years.

Regards,  
Anthony Scerri  
President

## New Members

The Committee would like to welcome Tien Nguyen to our club. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, where you will be presented with your name tag and complimentary orchid.

## Membership Fees

Membership fees can be paid at the next meeting. Fees remain unchanged:

Junior \$ 8.00 (under 16 yrs)

Single \$12.00

Family \$15.00

It will be greatly appreciated if members have the correct money on hand.

This Newsletter will be the last newsletter you will receive unless membership fees are paid.

## Supper Roster

### Help needed for the April meeting!

Geoff Ragg is on Supper Duties, but it would be great if another member would be able to volunteer to help Geoff on the night. All members are welcome to bring in a plate for supper to be enjoyed in the evening, after the guest speaker has finished his presentation.

We have the following members on supper duty for the months listed below, but two more helpers would be appreciated to help lighten the load for the person who has already volunteered their time in October and November:-

<b>May</b>	Denise Colquhoun	Judy Marshall
<b>June</b>	Doris Walker	Barry Harrison
<b>July</b>	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly
<b>August</b>	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
<b>September</b>	Alma Bevan	Joyce Spiteri
<b>October</b>	Rita Grima	
<b>November</b>	Judith Cave	

## Seeding Competition

Please don't forget to bring your Cattleya seedling along to the meeting each month.

It's interesting to compare the progress of the seedlings under lots of different growing conditions and by bringing your seedling to all of the meetings, you will be eligible to win a prize at the end of the year.

## Library

I would encourage everyone, especially newer members, to make use of our extensive library. Books and magazines on a large range of genera are available for members to borrow. Please feel free to browse the selection before each meeting. Library books and magazines may be borrowed for 1 month. If you need any help with using the library, please see Wilma Carlesso, our Librarian.

## Orchid Show Calendar

### Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Winter Show: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Spring Show: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Sarcophilus Festival: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November

All Maribyrnong Orchid Society Shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Check further bulletins for opening times.

### Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

#### Geelong Orchid & Indoor Plant Club Winter Show

Sat Apr 26th/Sun June 27th 10am – 4pm  
Christ Church Hall  
cnr Moorabool & McKillop Sts, Geelong

#### 2010 Victorian Country Orchid Club Challenge

Stawell Orchid Society, 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> July  
The Stawell Entertainment Centre  
Main St, Stawell, Victoria.

#### Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show & Sales

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010 9am - 4pm,  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 9am - 3pm  
Admission \$3.00  
Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park, Synott  
Street, Werribee, 3030 (Mel.Ref. 205 K9)

#### Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & International Orchid Fair

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> August – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham  
Road, Keysborough (Mel. Ref. 89 A10)

#### Stawell Orchid Society Annual Spring Show

24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
The Stawell Entertainment Centre  
Main St, Stawell, Victoria.

#### 6th Australasian National Orchid Conference and Show 2010

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Newcastle Panthers Club, Newcastle, NSW

#### ANOS Victoria Spring Show

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
9:00am to 4:00pm  
Mount Waverley Community Centre.  
Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley, Victoria  
(Opposite Mount Waverley Station)  
(Mel.Ref. 70 E1)

#### ANOS Eastern Suburbs Group

Sat 2 October 2010 10am - 4:30pm  
Sun 3 October 2010 9am - 4:00pm  
Lilydale Lake Community Hall  
Lilydale Victoria 3140  
(Mel.Ref. 38 F6)

## Guest Speakers for 2010

11th May **Ms. Helen Lovel**  
Neutrog Australia  
8th June **Mr. Grant Garrett**  
Awarded Orchids of 2009  
10th July **Mr. John Varigos**  
Orchids of Sicily and Crete

## Social Trip

The bus trip on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> May has been fully booked. If you booked a seat on this trip you must pay at the April meeting or your seat will be passed on to one of the members on the waiting list. The cost is \$20 per person. Members are reminded to please wear their name badges.

## Next Bus Trip in June

Our next trip will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. This trip will include Castle Creek Orchids, near Shepparton. Bookings will be taken at the next meeting and the cost will be \$25 per person, including lunch. It is recommended that you bring your own chairs.

## AOF Workshop

The Australian Orchid Foundation proudly presents a back-to-basics 2 day workshop on how to select and grow your orchids.  
When: May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2010.  
Where: Holmsglen Conference Centre,  
Cnr Warrigal & Batesford Rds  
Chadstone. (Melways Map 69, F1)  
2 day registration: Single \$50.00, Couple \$90.00 or 1 day registration: \$30 per person.  
More information: Nette Meggetto 03 5627 6303 or Shirley Hall 03 9772 2187.  
Day entrance (to vendors only): \$5.00

## 6th Australasian National Orchid Conference and Show 2010

To be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010 in Newcastle, NSW. This event is hosted by the ANOS Newcastle Group at the Newcastle Panthers Club.  
For more information, phone: 02 4975 3729 or mail to PO Box 4021, Rathmines, NSW, 2283. Further information can be found on their website at [www.anos.org.au/conference/](http://www.anos.org.au/conference/)

## Ira Butler Trophy

Congratulations are extended to our club member Michael Drobski.  
His **Dendrobium Flinders 'Sydenham'** has been announced as the winner of the Gold Ira Butler Trophy for 2009.  
The Ira Butler Trophy is awarded by ANOS (the Australian Native Orchid Society) for the Champion Australian Native Orchid Hybrid of the Year.  
Den. Flinders 'Sydenham' was also awarded an HCC at the AOC Conference held last year.

**2010 Victorian Country Orchid Club  
Challenge**

Hosted by Stawell Orchid Society on July 3-4.  
Forward your interest to:  
Mrs Pauline Coppin, 20 Scotland Place,  
Stawell 3380 - no later than June 4th 2010.

**March 2010 Competition Results**  
As per judges sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Dendrobium - Australian Native Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Dock cucumerinum A Wild

**Sarcophilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarc Jill B Duncan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarc ceciliae J & D Sharam

**Paphiopedilum – Maudiae Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Niverose x maudiae 4N J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> P maudiae x belatulum J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Primechild J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> P Spectral Frieze x fairianum J W Crawford

**Cattleya – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Sc Dianne Diehm D & V Howard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sc Cherry Bee J & Y McIntyre

**Miltonia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Milt Good Dale Moir J & D Sharam

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Mas coccinea x infracta M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mas Funky Beenak x Takau Candy  
M Pearce

**Lycaste**

1<sup>st</sup> Lyc Aquila de Tente J & D Sharam

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Gargoyle M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Colmanara Wildcat J & D Sharam

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Dendrochilum longifolium J & D Sharam  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cattleya loddigessii J & D Sharam

**Best in Section**

**Phrag Gargoyle M Pearce**

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Epidendrum B Whearem  
2<sup>nd</sup> Zygo Unknown A Phillipou

**Best in Section**

**Epidendrum B Whearem**

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Cymbidium – Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Peter Pan x Unknown G Ragg

**Cattleya – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Sc Mem Ken Martin 'Dot' M Mally

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Mas Copper Angel x (triangularis x veitchiana)  
R Brooks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mas Sundancer 'Yellow Doll' x triangularis  
R Brooks

**Best in Section**

**Sc Mem Ken Martin 'Dot' M Mally**

**NOVICE SECTION**

1<sup>st</sup> Masdevallia Unknown B Carey

Barbara Carey has now been promoted to  
Advanced Novice Section for Competition.

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Seedling Flowering for 1<sup>st</sup> time**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Dick Clements x Phrag  
warzewiczianum J W Crawford

**Best Cultivated**

Cym Peter Pan x Unknown G Ragg

**Judges Vote**

Phrag Gargoyle M Pearce

**Maribyrnong Orchid Society**  
**Autumn Show - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Our first show for the year is coming up at the  
end of next month. We would like to put on the  
best show possible for the public, so it's time  
to look at your collection and start preparing  
any of your plants that you would like to bring  
along and enter into the show.

We would like to aim to fill the hall with flowers.  
By making the display as beautiful as we  
possibly can, maybe we can attract some  
valuable new members, who may go on to  
take up some of the important positions in the  
club

**Look out next month for Eric Wilde's article  
on: Entering Plants in the Autumn Show**

**Show Plant/Sales plant Ratio**

Members are reminded that at the August  
2009 Committee Meeting the Show Plant to  
Sales Plant ratio was changed. The ratio is  
now 1:8, i.e. for every 1 show plant that you  
enter, you may present 8 plants for sale, to a  
maximum of 50 on the first day (Saturday).

The Sales Coordinator and Show Coordinator  
may at their discretion allow further sales  
plants for Sunday.

**A point of clarification**, some members have  
in fact asked for, and received, 100 sales  
tickets, prior to the show (in anticipation of the  
Sunday plants), this infers that they will enter  
13 (can't have 12.5 plants) in the show.

Members please respect that we are putting  
on a "show" for the public and our falling  
show entries need bolstering. A decent show  
(number of plants) is important to us all.

Anthony Scerri (Show Coordinator)

### Can anyone help with this query?

If anyone has a response to this query, please get in touch with the writer, or send a reply to the Editor and we will print it next month (space permitting).

If you have a question you would like to ask, send it to the Editor and we may be able to make it a regular feature of the Bulletin.

Whilst re-potting my mother's cymbidium orchids I noticed that many pots had scrub worms, the potting mix had decomposed into soil and I suspect that this was what had attracted the worms and they must have further contributed to the composting.

I understand that as epiphytes grow on hosts, usually tree branches, this would not be the natural environment for worms; therefore I don't see what benefit epiphytes could derive from worms in the pot.

However, would the situation with terrestrials be different? Could the tunnels created by the worms in the soil be a conduit for the dissipation of nutrients and fungi that would contribute to the growth of the tubers?

I have done a rudimentary search of the literature and, although there is a lot on orchid pests and disease, there was nothing specific on the effect of worms on tubers,

Can any member shed light on the matter?

- Peter Caly

### Bulletin Contributions

The society greatly values the opinions of its members and the wealth of knowledge contained within the group. Some of our members have been growing orchids for many years and their experience is invaluable.

If you have an opinion about the bulletin or suggestions and contributions for the bulletin content please contact the new editor at [jenny.dark@darteks.com.au](mailto:jenny.dark@darteks.com.au) or phone me on 9748 7345.

### Bulletin by Email

Did you know that future newsletters could be either emailed or mailed to you? If you would like your newsletter emailed, that will mean that you will receive your newsletter earlier. It also means that the club will save on postage costs. The environment will benefit if you also choose to read the newsletter online and not print it out. ☺

Should you like to have your newsletter emailed, please drop a quick line to my email address: [jenny.dark@darteks.com.au](mailto:jenny.dark@darteks.com.au)

Thanks to all the members who have responded already. We now have just over 10% of our bulletins being sent by email.

### How to Fill in Cards for Benched Plants at our Monthly Meetings

Last month Eric's article "**Our Plant Competition**" taught us 'How do I enter a plant in the monthly competition or show?' Now that we know how to correctly identify our plants, we need to be able to fill in that information on the benching cards supplied by the club each month.

A card needs to be filled in for each plant benched on meeting nights. If you don't fill out your card correctly, you may not receive the points to which you are entitled, and your plant may not be judged in its correct class.

Select the correct colour card for your level. If you don't know which level you should be entering, check with Eric at the Membership desk:

Novice:	GREEN
Advanced Novice:	PINK
Intermediate:	BLUE
Open:	YELLOW

Susan Black ←  
(Exhibitor)  
12/12/2010 ←  
(Date)

1. On the back of the card, fill in your name.
2. Next fill in the date of the meeting.

den. nobile 'alba' ←  
(Plant Name)  
Species Any Genera ←  
(Class)  
Grown Cool / Inter / Warm ←

1. On the front, write in the plant name eg: den. *nobile* 'alba'
2. Then the Class eg: Species Any Genera
3. Then show how the plant is grown by circling either: Cool, Inter or Warm

For more information and examples about filling in the cards, see the article on the website: [www.mosorchid.org/monthcompcard.php](http://www.mosorchid.org/monthcompcard.php)

Next month we will feature an article by Eric Wilde on **Entering Plants in the Autumn Show**