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MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 8th February 2011

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 8th February 2011**.

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. The topic for this month will be "**General Care and Problems with Summer, Pests and Growing**".

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.

Welcome to 2011

Welcome all members, new and old, to the 2011 Orchid year. We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe festive season and look forward to seeing you all at the Club meetings.

Our guest speaker for the month of February is Mr John Varigos. The topic is "**4 days in Paradise - A quick trip to Costa Rica**".

December 2010 Meeting and Presentation Night



The December Presentation Night was very successful. Santa was in attendance and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all the organisers and attendees and congratulations to everyone who received awards.

Supper Roster

The Supper Roster will be passed around at the February meeting so members can select a month to help with supper duties.

Meanwhile the Club needs two members to help with the supper duties for the February meeting. If you can help it would be much appreciated.

All members are welcome to bring in a plate for supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

AGM MAY 2011

The Maribyrnong Orchid Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the meeting on May 10th.

Please consider becoming a committee member as all positions need to be filled at the meeting.

Guest Speakers for 2011

March 8 th	Milton Dyer Maxi Crop
April 12 th	Stephen Stebbings TBC
May 10 th	Maribyrnong Orchid Society 30 th Anniversary
June 14 th	Grant Garrett Awarded Orchids 2010
July 12 th	Julian Coker Cymbidiums Orchids
Aug 9 th	Neil Anderton Growing Terrestrial Orchids for Conservation
Sept 13 th	Gary Backhouse Terrestrial Orchids in Crete
Oct 11 th	TBC
Nov 8 th	George Abell Sarcophilus

Seedling Competition

It is that time again, the seedling completion. This year we have Dendrobiums which will grow cold with your cymbidiums.

There are only **50 plants** available for **\$7.00 each**.
One seedling per membership.

Plants will be issued by draw, so when you arrive at the meeting:

- 1. Draw a number from the box on the Competition table.**
- 2. Make sure it is entered in the register.**

Any latecomers can draw their seedling after the meeting. Good luck and happy growing; the plants are to be returned each meeting; this will also guarantee you a place in the draw at the end of the year. There is also an award for the first member to produce a flower. If you can't attend any particular monthly meeting, you can arrange for another member to return them for you.

Joanne Hastewell – Coordinator.

Wanted to Buy

To request anything orchid-related through this column please phone 9748 7345, fax 9748 6933, email Jenny.Dark@darteks.com.au or see me at one of the meetings where I will have a sheet you can fill in with your request.

Sarc. Melody "Pink Spots"
Sarc. Olive Grace
Sarc. Weinhart "Magenta Magic"
Sarc. Weinhart "Purple Pepper"
Contact Elizabeth Walker on 9689-1142

World Orchid Conference 2011

**"Where new and old world orchids meet."
20th World Orchid Conference**



Singapore is pleased to host the 20th World Orchid Conference (WOC) from 13 to 20 November 2011 at the Marina Bay.

The WOC has the support of The World Orchid Conference Trust, Singapore Orchid Society, National Parks Board of Singapore, and the Singapore Exhibition and Convention Bureau.

Themed "Where New and Old World Orchids Meet", the Conference will feature a strong scientific programme, complemented by a series of symposia and forums that will meet the needs of both commercial growers and hobbyists. Organised alongside the Conference is the Orchid Show.

The Exhibition promises to be a spectacular showcase of the finest species and hybrids from the region and beyond.

For more information go to: <http://www.20woc.com.sg>

AOC Conference 2012

**19th AOC Conference & Show
Perth, Western Australia
11th to 16th September 2012
"Wild About Orchids"**

The Australian Orchid Conference, held every three years, will return to Perth for the first time since 1991 and promises to be even more spectacular than all previous conference successes.

Expressions of interest in attending what will be a truly wonderful event, and to ensure regular and up-to-date developments of the event, are invited.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT FEBRUARY 2011

Happy New Year to all orchid club members and families. I hope that your Christmas and New Year was everything you hoped for, I know mine was.

This time last year we needed rain badly and now we have it in abundance. My orchids are loving the rain and they all look lovely and green. I'm sure that you agree that the poor people in Queensland have had enough. It is distressing to see how homes have been washed away. Of course gardens go too, and many orchid growers have lost their entire collections. I believe that Woolf orchids, who are in Toowoomba, have not been affected as they are on a hill. Unfortunately the president of the Toowoomba Orchid Society had lost his entire Vanda collection and his orchid houses. The whole lot just disappeared in the floods leaving about twelve inches of smelly silt.

On a lighter note our first meeting is 8th February, so if you have anything in flower, bring it along. Meeting nights are a good way to learn all about your orchids. Judges are very approachable if you have any questions about your plants.

Well not much to report this month.
Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Elizabeth Walker.
President

P.S. Not watching T.V. at the moment.

Committee News from the 18th January 2011 Report from Eric Wilde

Well the holidays are over and it is back to the enjoyment of our orchids and our orchid club.

Many of you have shown an interest in "Eric's Knees". Well the new knees are progressing well, all of the professionals are very happy with their work. I am walking unaided, and have been for several weeks, I am allowed to drive again and I am observing the orchids. So, Eric is fine and back on task. I thank the many members who took the trouble to ring Frances to inquire about my progress....I am great. The only little problem that I am having is that the old knees did love to sleep, the new ones are suffering a little bit of restless leg symptom of a night. I hope that this will soon pass.

Now to the committee meeting. Most members remembered, a good sign as our average age is probably 80+ (only kidding). The meeting went fairly well with a little bit of banter and camaraderie present.

The cost of the club outings unfortunately will have to rise. The increase will be +\$5 for each of the trips.

We have decided not to do the sausage sizzles at Bunnings this year, because of the amount of work falling on the same backs (see above 80+). Hence for those puzzled by the increase in bus trip price.... Please put 1+1 together, get it.

A letter was received from the Judging Panel, complementing us upon our Shows this year (take a bow), they also requested (reminded) us that during Judging, the judging area is to be clear of spectators (only those employed to carry out tasks are to be within the area). It is not so much they wish to deny you the enjoyment (?) of watching them do their thing, but they wish to be able to discuss their decisions, perhaps, in a way that could be taken as being offensive by some. When reading this letter I thought to myself....if members are so interested in the Judging process **why not join them?** See Grant at the next meeting.... He will be very pleased to see you.

We are in the process of examining our "standard photocopying" demand, we think that by getting printers to print our sales, entry, etc, sheets, it will be a way of lowering our photocopying costs. Got any ideas? See Elizabeth.

Wilma said that the Christmas function was enjoyable. Did you thank her and the others that went to the trouble to organise it? I have written a letter to Santa, c/- South Pole hoping that he will place us on his calling list for the next Christmas do. Grouches will be suitably notified and can go out for a smoke (or whatever you do out there). Anthony's grandchildren certainly enjoyed his company (when Ron eventually got off his knee).

The Show committee's first meeting will be on the 22nd of Feb at 7-00pm (see Anthony). For those of you that are interested... this is the way that you make the shows better, to change what we do, etc.... not the other way of grumbling in the car park "why don't they....., etc". The tele isn't that interesting.... Get out, get a life, do something.....Join the Show Committee and get your grey matter working before it goes in the box. It may be **fun**.

The seedling comp is still a little unsure.... But I believe that it will be a Dendrobium from Wayne and will cost \$7. So again...bring your money, get a seedling.... It may also be **fun**. Remember only 50 seedlings, correct money please, only 1 per membership. And to win the comp you must bring them back every month.

The 30th Anniversary Dinner, is still progressing, 3 steps up, 2 down. It will be on the May meeting, starting at 6.00 pm with a sit down dinner (I believe like our Christmas dinner, but without Santa). The cost will be approximately \$15 unless the caterers have increased their prices. All present will be "given" a suitably engraved wine glass or coffee mug to remember the occasion. Your money will be collected at the April meeting. Mr David Cannon (present at the first meeting of our society, 30 years ago) has been invited to speak to the members at the dinner.

Well another committee meeting done, ten to go. I would like to repeat my comments above re fun, etc, even the "committee" may be fun. Again...this is the way that our service to the membership changes, by joining the committees not from grumping "someone" should do..... In 2011 make that "someone" you. Say "I will....", "Can I help?....", "What else can I do?....",etc ?

Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due and Eric will be taking renewal fees from members from 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.

Orchid Show Calendar

Maribyrnong 2011 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: May 28th & 29th
Winter Show: July 9th & 10th
Spring Show: September 10th & 11th
Sarcophilus Festival: November 12th & 13th

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

December Competition Results

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Hugh Gordon Freckles B Rowlands

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Tennis A Scerri
2nd Cym Cricket F & J Spiteri

Australian Native Species Cymbidium

1st Cym *suave* J & D Sharam
2nd Cym *suave* J & D Sharam

Sarcophilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc Velvet 'Sydenham' M Drobski
2nd Sarc Elise x *hartmanii* J & Y McIntyre

Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type

1st Paph *primulinum* x (*purpurascens* x *delenatii*) J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Species

1st Paph *delenatii* J W Crawford

Cattleya – Novelty Type

1st Slc Dals Jet x Free Spirit J & Y McIntyre
2nd Sl Cosmic Delight M Drobski

Miltonia Hybrid

1st Onc Herman Sweet 'Bonfire' R Austin

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Mem Ellen Williams J & D Sharam

Odontoglossum Hybrid

1st Colmanara Wildcat J & Y McIntyre
2nd Odo Red Nugget A Evans

Vanda

1st Ascda Ken Kone Conference No Name

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd *angulata* x *heathii* A Evans
2nd Masd Latin Bride A Evans

Masdevallia Species

2nd Masd *collinea* D & V Howard

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Living Fire 'Queenscliff' M Pearce
2nd Phrag Green Hornet J W Crawford

Species Any Genera

1st Pleuro *viduata* D & V Howard
2nd Poroglossum *echidivora* A Evans

Best in Section

Phrag Living Fire 'Queenscliff' M Pearce

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Cricket Ron Ryan

Australian Native Species

1st Cym *suave* B Whearam
2nd Cym *canaliculatum* B Whearam

Species Any Genera

Odo Red Nugget M Mally

Best in Section

Cym *suave* B Whearam

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' P & W Carlesso
2nd Den Grumpy P & H Halil

Sarcophilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc Kate Border x Hot Ice G Ragg
2nd Sarc Fitzhart x Fitzhart P Caly

Best in Section

Cym Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' P & W Carlesso

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Phrag Autumn Fire J W Crawford
2nd Sc Joanne J W Crawford

Best Cultivated

Cym Cricket F & J Spiteri

Judges Vote

Phrag Autumn Fire J W Crawford

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Bulletin Contributions

If you would like to contribute, help is available to write or proofread articles.

If you have an opinion about the bulletin or suggestions and contributions for the bulletin content please contact jenny.dark@darteks.com.au or phone 9748 7345.

Please note that the BULLETIN contribution deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month.

How does the point system work for benching plants at our meetings and shows?

Every member of the society can earn points by benching plants at the monthly meetings and at shows. Points accumulate over the whole year (from December to November). The points are awarded to the membership eg: a Single membership, or a Family membership.

Each member who joins the society can bring along plants to be “benched” on meeting nights.

Plants are judged in classes (different orchid types) at each Level.

Members begin benching at the Novice Level (unless the member is a Junior) and may progress through to Advanced Novice, then to Intermediate and finally on to Open.

Members receive points for all plants benching:

1 point for benching on the night (total of 1 point)

Plus 1 point for 2nd place in class

Plus 2 points for 1st place in class

All first prize winners at Novice Level are progressed immediately to Advanced Novice Level.

At the end of the year, the winners of Advanced Novice and Intermediate Levels may be invited to move up to the next level for competition.

Points can also be earned at Shows – double the number for meeting nights:

2 points for entering plants in the show (total of 2)

Plus 2 points for 2nd place in class

Plus 4 points for 1st place in class

Next we will talk about how to enter fill in the cards correctly.

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

A card needs to be filled in for each plant benching 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.

The class labels are distributed around the hall on the benches, grouped in the various levels. Your plant needs to be placed next to the correct label for its level, and class. If you are not sure where to place your plant, please ask one of the judges to help.

The **classes** listed below are those you will find on monthly meeting nights at Maribyrnong:

Cymbidium - Large
Cymbidium - Intermediate
Cymbidium – Mini
Dendrobiums
Phalaenopsis
Paphiopedilum
Maudiae Paphs
Species Paphs

Oncidiums
Miltonias
Odontoglossums
Masdevallia
Native Terrestrials
Native Species
Native Hybrids
Cattleya Novelty

Cattleyas
Vandaceous
Lycastes

Species Any Genera
Any Other Hybrid

Seeding Flowering 1st Time

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

The following is an example of both the front and back of a card:

<i>Susan Black</i>	←
(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.

<i>den. nobile 'alba'</i>	←
(Plant Name)	
<i>Species Any Genera</i>	←
(Class)	
Grown Cool <input checked="" type="radio"/> Inter <input type="radio"/> Warm	←

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