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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 14th June 2011

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 14th June 2011**.

The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm and will be conducted this month by John Sharam whilst Steve Stebbing is away in Adelaide. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting. The topic for this month will be "**A Mystery Topic**".

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.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for the month of June is Mr Grant Garrett, who will speak on the **Awarded Orchids of 2010**.

Grant is the Registrar of the Victorian Regional Judging Panel of the Australian Orchid Council, and leads the judges at our Maribyrnong meeting nights and the AOC Orchid Shows around Melbourne and Victoria.

Thank you to last month's guest speaker, Mr David Cannon for sharing some history with us.

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show Autumn Show May 2011



**Grand Champion Orchid of the Show
Masdevallia lehmannii 'Casablanca'
Steve & Helen Randall.**

Also: Champion Masdevallia Orchid and
Champion Species Orchid: Gerald McCraith Award.



Masdevallia lehmannii was granted an AM/VIC/AOC award with 81.1 points.

Autumn Show May 2011 Awards

Major Awards

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show
Masdevallia *lehmannii* 'Casablanca' S & H Randall

Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show
 Masd Bob Hoffman 'Anya' D & V Howard



Champion Cymbidium	
Cym Starquest 'Ivory'	M Pearce
Champion Australian Native Orchid	
Den Avril's Gold 'Ray'	S & H Randall
Champion Laeliinae Orchid	
Slc Dal's Buddy 'Vaso'	D & V Howard
Reserve Champion Laeliinea Orchid	
Lc Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	J W Crawford
Champion Paphiopedilum Orchid	
Paph <i>liemianum</i> x Dalla	J W Crawford
Champion Masdevallia Orchid	
Masd <i>lehmannii</i> 'Casablanca'	S & H Randall
Champion Hybrid Orchid	
Phrag Gargoyle 'Alkoomi'	M Pearce
Champion Species Orchid: Gerald McCraith Award	
Masd <i>lehmannii</i> 'Casablanca'	S & H Randall
Champion exhibit by an Intermediate Grower	
<i>Onc longipes</i>	J & L Karbownik
Champion exhibit by a Novice Grower	
<i>Onc Kaiulani</i>	T Nguyen
Champion Specimen Orchid	
Phal Heiroglyphica 'Alba'	J & M Lattimore
Champion Stand (Predominately Orchids)	
Stand F	S & H Randall
Champion Basket of Orchids	G Manna
Champion Plant (Non orchid)	E & F Wilde
Best Open Floral Art	M Lattimore
Best Intermediate Floral Art	B Carey
Best Wired Work	M Lattimore

Minor Awards

Best Cultivated Orchid	
Phrag Cardinale 'Evergreen' #173	J W Crawford
Best Seedling Orchid – 1st Flowering	
Phrag Mem Dick Clements x Jason Fisher	J W Crawford
Best Bromeliad Exhibit	E & F Wilde
Best Fern Exhibit	G Ragg
Best Foliage Exhibit	E & F Wilde
Best Flowering Exhibit (Non orchid)	J & M Marshall

Thank you to everyone who assisted and exhibited

Supper Duties June 14th 2011

Robert Watt will be on supper duties for the June meeting. If we could have another volunteer to help out that would be great.

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

Guest Speakers for 2011

July 12th	Julian Coker Cymbidium Orchids
Aug 9 th	Neil Anderton Growing Terrestrial Orchids for Conservation
Sept 13th	Gary Backhouse Terrestrial Orchids in Crete
Oct 11th	TBC
Nov 8 th	TBC
Dec 12 th	No Speaker: Christmas Dinner

2nd Bus Trip - Saturday 18th June

The second bus trip for this year is on **SATURDAY the 18th June 2011**. The bus will be travelling to Castle Creek Orchids in Merrigum, near Shepparton, then on to the picturesque Tahbilk Winery, near Nagambie.

A lovely barbecue lunch will be provided, but it is recommended that you bring your own drinks and chairs. The bus will be leaving the centre in Randall Street at the earlier time of 8.00am sharp and returning between 5 and 5.30pm.

The cost is \$30 per person. Get in quickly, just a few seats remaining.

Bus Trip Report

The first bus trip to B & T Ferns and Orchids in Silvan, then on to Clive Hall's orchid nursery at Mt Beenak was a great success. Everyone on board the bus had a wonderful time and the weather did not disappoint. A lovely barbecue lunch was provided at Silvan.

Thanks once again to Mark and his team at B & T, and to Clive and Agi at Mt Beenak for their hospitality. Thanks also to everyone who donated food for lunch, and the plants for the raffle.

Seedling Competition

It is time to bring your seedlings in again. I hope they have been growing well over the last couple of months. Remember to bring your seedling in each month to be in the end of year prize draw.

- Joanne Hastewell

Supper Roster

July	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly
August	Doris Walker	Jeff Walker
September	Hubert Nyssen	Alex Wild
October	Mila Jurjevic	Voola Eleftheriou
November	Tien Nguyen	Quynh Nguyen

New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members:

George Bartlett and Lyn Harnden, Fay Penman, John Haniver and Len Tran, Loan Tran and David Tran.

May your stay with us be as pleasurable and fulfilling as it has to me.....

Eric Wilde (Membership Secretary)

PRESIDENTS REPORT JUNE 2011

Hi there all orchid growers. Winter is nearly upon us and the days are getting shorter. This means that when we water, it has to be earlier in the day. I am lucky that I can run warm water through the hose and not freeze my plants.

Did you attend our 30th Anniversary in May? I have had great feedback and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The meal was delicious and we have booked the same caterer for our Christmas break up.

By the time you read this bulletin our first show will be over. If you have missed it then the next one is July 9th and 10th. We are always looking for exhibits and especially from the new growers. If you would like to exhibit a plant but do not know how to go about it, then just see any one of the committee and we would love to help you get started.

Don't have much to tell you this month. Ian and I are doing extensions to our house and the place is continually in an uproar, with mud everywhere. Some of my cymbidiums have been moved more times than I can count but they still seem to survive. I can only hope that they are not put back too much.

I had better sign off now. I have to water the plants before it gets too cold.

Bye for now.
Elizabeth

VALE Tarcy Scerri

It is very sad that we must inform our members that Tarcy Scerri passed away on the 24th of May.

Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife Ann, and his family. Tarcy was the father of Anthony, our Show Coordinator and Past President.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

VALE

Hilda Caly's father sadly passed away at the end of May. We extend the societies sincere condolences to Hilda and Peter.

30th Anniversary Commemorative Glasses

A few people have expressed interest in buying the commemorative glass for our 30th anniversary.

If you are interested then please contact Elizabeth Walker on 9689 1142. If I get enough orders, I will order some more.

Lost Book

During our last show Mick Condon misplaced his little reference book called **McDonalds Encyclopaedia of Orchids**.

This book has a purple cover and Micks name is printed on the inside. It was left in the small kitchen area and perhaps could have been mistaken for a library book.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

As a result of the A.G.M. held in April, the following members have been nominated onto the Committee:

President: Mrs Elizabeth Walker
Vice Presidents: Mr Neil Marshall
Ms Wilma Carlesso
Secretary: Mr Eric Wilde
Treasurer: Mr Barry Harrison
Past President: Anthony Scerri

Other committee members are:

Ray Austin (new)
Peter Carlesso
Peter Caly
Julianne Diwell (new)
George Downie
Judith Marshall
Steve Panagiotou

Other Officers include:

Bulletin Editor: Jenny Dark
Membership Secretary: Eric Wilde
Show Co-ordinator: Anthony Scerri
Librarian: Wilma Carlesso
Publicity Officer: Peter Caly
Website: Terry Dark
Meeting plant sales: Peg & Ken Pittock
'Pots & Ferts' sales: **Vacant**

Also, we extend a special thank you to those members who are not on the Society Committee, but kindly help our club on meeting nights and during the Orchid Shows. Thank you also to members who bring supper along each month.

News from the Committee May 17th 2011

Well very little news this month, but on behalf of the Clubs Life Members, thank you, it was a most enjoyable evening on the 10th of May, our thirtieth birthday. Congratulations were given to those who were principally behind the evening, but I must single out the work and organization of Barry Harrison, thank you Barry. It was a magnificent effort, table clothes, champagne glasses, flowersblinking marvellous. Bazza. I will even put up with your shorts.

The caterers were new to us, and they did a great job too. They have even scored more work as our caterers for the Christmas party.

Wilma said that there is a few seats vacant for the next bus trip, perhaps she has a note somewhere in the bulletin?

Well that's all from the committee meeting.

On a sadder note, this week, Anthony's father Tarcy passed away, he was a lovely man so happy and proud of his family, many of you will remember him at the Christmas parties. Rest in peace, Tarcy.

Regards Eric

Lost Folding Chair

There was a mixup on the last bus trip and one of our members has been left with a folding chair that does not belong to them. If you have taken the wrong chair by mistake, please bring it in to the next meeting so that the chairs can be swapped over. If you can't make it, please contact Elizabeth Walker on 9689 1142 to make alternative arrangements.

**Maribyrnong Orchid Society
Winter Show 9th & 10th July 2011**

The Winter Show is on next month BEFORE THE JULY MEETING and help is required with set up on Friday 8th July after 1.00pm.

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May, there are a number of jobs that will require help, and of course after 4pm, we have to clean up, so more help will be required. Please contact Anthony Scerri (Show Coordinator) if you can give your club some of your time so he can book you in.

Any members that require a stand at the show please ring Anthony so he can arrange a position for you.

If you require sales tickets please ring Elizabeth Walker and she will arrange them for you, or pick them up at the June meeting.

Please note that NO plants are permitted in the hall till after 1.30pm and that the sales plants cannot come in to the sales area till after 3.30pm on Friday.

We look forward to having a great Winter Show.

**MARIBYRNONG WINTER SHOW 2011
General Notes**

Please note, you may exhibit as many orchids in flower as you want in the show. But in order to be eligible for an award the orchid must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Orchids that have been owned by you for a lesser time may be exhibited in the Non-competitive section.

At the Autumn and Winter show, members may also exhibit other plants, cacti, bromeliad, fern, etc. They too must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Awards for plants other than orchids come under a single section, meaning it is not divided up into Open, Intermediate and Novice.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench - the allowance is 8 plants to one exhibit.

A reminder to all members who are selling plants at our shows that they cannot be brought in until 3.30pm on the Friday preceding the show. Exhibits can start coming in at 1.30pm and those helping with the set up should be there by 12.30pm.

Members are asked not to bring their plants into the hall on the set up day for shows until the tables and chairs have all been reorganised, or until the Show Coordinator declares it is safe to do so.

Orchid entry times are from 1.30pm - 6.30pm. Entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangements are made.

The Show closes at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Please Note:

The Sales area closes at 3.30pm on Sunday to enable members in this area to start the clean up. You are therefore required to collect your unsold plants at 3.30pm. Sales tickets must be removed and checked off on your sales sheet before taking plants away.

The Show area stays open till 4pm. The show area is cleaned up after that time.

Wanted to Buy

Len Johnstone is looking for bulbs of the white form of the Chinese Ground Orchid, Bletilla Striolata.

If you can help, please contact Len on 9367 7593.

Accumulated Points

Open

J Crawford	80
M Pearce	77
J & Y McIntyre	41

Intermediate

A Philippou	43
M Mally	31
L & E Johnstone	24
G & A Hardingham	24

Advanced Novice

G Ragg	33
Tien Nguyen	24
B Carey	21

Can You Help?

Unfortunately, Charlie, who sells our pots and ferts, will no longer be able to continue selling as he is going overseas. This means that he will need a replacement

If you think that you would like to take over this job then please see anyone of the committee and we will lead you to Charlie and he can explain what you have to do. It is not rocket science and is a great way to meet members of the club.

Warringal Orchid Society

present their
Winter Orchid Show

**St Sava Community Centre
212 Diamond Creek Road
Greensborough**

Sat 6th August 2011 9.00am – 4.30pm

Sun 7th August 2011 9.30am – 4.30pm

The Warringal Orchid Society meets at the Warringal Community Centre, 80 Hawdon St, Heidelberg on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm.

Visitors and new members are most welcome.

Castle Creek Orchids {and Produce?}

Have you been to Castle Creek Orchids in Merrigum? Andrew and John are branching out with something new. Of course their large eggs are still available, but now the boys are getting into sausages, rissoles and sausage rolls all made with their own goat meat.

When I spoke to Andrew he was very excited about how this new product has been received. Andrew will have some sausages for tasting on the next bus trip and will take orders. If you would like to try the meat, then ring Castle Creek on 58552800 for prices and cuts of meat.

Oh but the way, the pet goats are safe so Andrew tells me.

Liz Walker

Anniversary Dinner May 10th 2011

The evening of May 10th 2011 saw the Maribyrnong Orchid Society celebrating its 30th Anniversary.



The meal was wonderful and the atmosphere was very positive and friendly. The turnout was terrific and it was great to see so many Life Members in attendance.



Society Patron, Mr Eric Wilde, introduced us to all the Life Members and gave us a short history of their individual associations with the society.



Society President, Mrs Elizabeth. Walker introduced the proceedings and kept the evening rolling along



Guest speaker, Mr David Cannon, has a great history in Orchid Hybridisation and working with Victorian Orchid Clubs. He was the guest speaker at our first meeting in March 1981. David's talk was interesting to both new and long-term growers alike, and we thank him



Thanks go to Barry Harrison and all his helpers for organising a night to remember.

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