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(The FRIENDLY Society)

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 12th July 2011

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 12th July 2011**.

The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm and is conducted by Steve Stebbing. 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 July is Mr Julian Coker who will speak on Cymbidium Orchids.

Julian is a well known cymbidium grower and owner of Atlantis Orchids.

Thank you to last month's guest speaker, Mr Grant Garrett for showing us the AOC Awarded Orchids of 2010.

Supper Duties July 12th

Peter and Hilda Caly will be on supper duties for the July meeting

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

June Plant of the Night



Plant of the Night for the June meeting was Masdevallia Rein Sun grown by Darren and Vaso Howard.

Masdevallia Rein Sun received a HCC/VIC/AOC on the night with a score of 79.9pts.
Congratulations Darren and Vaso.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT
JULY 2011**

Hello all orchid growers. Winter is upon us with a vengeance. We have been lucky so far with nice days and cold nights but rain is still needed. Of course Ian and I are still building and are hoping that the rain will hold off for a few more days. Yes we have had leaks when it does rain but buckets do catch most of it, and towels are draped everywhere.

When we are finished I will have double the size that I had for my orchids and I am already planning what goes where. Tracey is quite keen to grow some Draculas in the stairwell area that is quite dark and cool, so it looks like we will be doing a trip up to Mt. Beenak in the future.

Our next show is the 9th and 10th of July. If you have anything in flower please bring it along and let us enjoy it with you. We had a lovely display at our first show and are looking forward to something just as good for the next.

Cymbidiums are now coming into spike so don't forget to stake as soon as possible. There is nothing worse than trying to stake a spike and hearing that awful snap when one breaks. I have spikes coming out everywhere but so much needs repotting that I am not sure I want anyone to see them at the moment.

Our next bus trip will be to Wayne Turville down at Tyabb on the 4th September. We will be going across the bay on the ferry in the morning, with a bar-b-que lunch at the nursery and travelling home by road. The cost of this trip is \$35 and will be an 8.00am start with a return time of 5.00pm.

Not much more to tell you this month. Hope to see you at the show.

Bye for now.
Elizabeth

NEXT BUS TRIP

Our last bus trip for this year will be to Australian Orchid Nursery at Tyabb on September 4th. We will be leaving Randall Street at 8.am and travelling down to Queenscliff to catch the ferry across the bay to Sorrento and then on to the nursery for a bar-b-que lunch and some time to browse through the orchids. Wayne says that this will be the best time to see some beautiful blooms.

The cost of this trip will be \$35. The club ran the same trip for the conference and it was very successful. We have been talking about doing it again for the last two years so here it is. See Wilma at the show or the club meeting to book you place.

Elizabeth

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

Ron Ryan is also one of our general committee members for the next year. My apologies to Ron for inadvertently leaving him off our list last month.

From the Committee June 2011

A nice quick, quiet committee meeting was held this month. We welcomed Julianne, I think for her first committee meeting, having moved from Bendigo. Welcome Julianne, I hope you find the task enjoyable. Ray was not with us, a little off colour, I hope you are on the mend Ray.

The good news first: we have had an audio technician in to look at the Centre's audio system. Some of you may have noticed that it has not been working all that good!!! Well the quote to fix the thing is in and has been accepted. It is quite expensive, but we must have a good system. It has been frustrating to bring guest speakers to our meeting and the people at the back can't hear (nothing to do with our ages, just the blinking machine). John Watt, the technician had a good look at it.... The feedback (the hum in the background) was caused by a wire being connected to the amplifier that went nowhere (it probably did, but we could not find where). This was disconnected and the hum was gone. The Centre manager has also allowed us to install a fixed pickup for the signal from the mike, to be placed in the cupboard (thank you, Cheryl), so now we "should be able to walk in, turn it on and start speaking". Fingers crossed.

Now a bit of a complaint.... The sales bench at the last show held many plants that were not up to our standard. This included: plants without root systems, jammed in pots, falling all over the place. **If you must sell these poor types of plants**, why not put them into a plastic bag...showing the buyer that this plant is in strife???? and will need care. The "plant police" will be out in force this show....so be warned. Loose, diseased, over-expensive plants will be removed from the bench, no ifs, no buts. We have worked very hard over 30 years to build up our reputation of having a good sales bench, we will not stand idly by while a few "shonksters", rip off a few bucks from the unwary OK?

Eric

Orchid Show Calendar

Maribyrnong 2011 Orchid Shows

Spring Show: September 10th & 11th
Sarcochilus 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. Mel Ref 28 A7. Check further bulletins for opening times.

Guest Speakers for 2011

Aug 9 th	Neil Anderton Growing Terrestrial Orchids for Conservation
Sept 13 th	Gary Backhouse Terrestrial Orchids in Crete
Oct 11 th	Mike Duncan Around the World in 80 Orchids
Nov 8 th	Frances Wilde How I grow my Sarcochilus Orchids
Dec 12 th	No Speaker: Christmas Dinner

Supper Roster

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

Seedling Competition

Out of the 50 seedlings sold 36 were returned at the June meeting. The winner of the monthly draw was Kelly Marshall.

Thank you to Ray Austin for his comments on the progress of the seedlings.

Joanne Hastewell

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.

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.

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.

Other Orchid Shows 2011

Victorian Orchid Council Winter Show

Sat 16th & Sun 17th July

Red Cross Centre, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital

Entry through Gate 8, 300 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg
Mel. Ref. 31 F4

Yarra Valley Orchid Society

Sat July 16th 9am -5pm

Sun July 17th 9am – 4pm

B & T Ferns & Orchids,

30 Wiseman Road, Silvan

Mel Ref 33 B4

Horsham & District Orchid Society

Sat July 16th 1 - 4pm

Senior Citizen's Centre,

Cnr Roberts Ave & Urquhart St,

Werribee Orchid Club

Sat July 23rd & Sun July 24th 9am – 4pm

Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park,

Synnot Street, Werribee

Mel Ref 205 K8

Mornington Peninsula Orchid Society

Thur Aug 11th – Sat Aug 13th Shopping hours

Gateway Village Shopping Centre,

Cranbourne – Frankston Rd, Langwarrin

Mel Ref 103 K4

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

The Winter Show is on next month BEFORE THE JULY MEETING and I will require help again with set up on Friday 8 July after 1.00pm.

On Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July 2011, there are a number of jobs that I will require your help with, on both days, and of course, after 4pm on Sunday when we are all tired and most people have collected their plants and are on their way home. Yes, we have to clean up so more help will be required then.

Please contact me if you can give your club some of your time so I can book you in or just turn up and help.

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

If you require sales tickets please ring Elizabeth Walker and she will arrange them for you.

Please note that NO plants are permitted in the hall till after 1.30pm on Friday and that the sales plants are not permitted into the sales area till after **3.30pm** on Friday.

I look forward to see you all at the Winter Show.

Anthony Scerri

Show Coordinator

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.

April Competition Results
As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

- 1st Cym Hugh Gordon 'Freckles' B Rowlands
2nd Cym Meza Zia 'Preview' A Scerri

Aust Native Hybrid

- 1st Den Beranga x Mighty Mitre M Pearce
2nd Den Hilda Poxon M Condon

Australian Native Species

- 1st Oberonia *titanica* A Wild

Aust Native Terrestrials

- 1st Diplodium *robustum* B Duncan
2nd Diplodium *alleatum* A Scerri

Sarcophilus Species/Hybrid

- 2nd Sarc Velvet x Hartmanii J & Y McIntyre

Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type

- 1st Paph *insigne* x Battersea 'Cornsilk' J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Maudiae/Callosum Type

- 1st Paph Redstart x Holdenii J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type

- 1st Paph Grand Master x Valentine Voila J W Crawford
2nd Paph Linda Bell J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Species

- 1st Paph *insigne* J & N Marshall

Cattleya – Exhibition Type

- 1st Catt *walkeriana* semi alba R Austin
2nd Catt Burdekin Wonder 'Tableland' R Austin

Cattleya – Novelty Type

- 1st Slc Red Jewel x Mari's Song D & V Howard
2nd Slc Lulu x Lavender Ice "Quite Nice" J & Y McIntyre

Oncidium Hybrid

- 2nd Onc River of Gold J W Crawford
2nd Colmanara Wildcatt 'Rainbow' R Austin

Dendrobium (not Aust Native)

- 1st Den Dal's Memory x Dal's Stunner J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Hybrid

- 1st Masd Rein Sun D & V Howard
2nd Masd Reggae Royal "Rebel" M Pearce

Any Other Hybrid

- 1st Phrag Acker's Superstar x *besseae* J W Crawford
2nd Onc *bictoniense* x *forbesii* J W Crawford

Species Any Genera

- 1st Laelia *anceps* 'Chamberlainianum' J & D Sharam
2nd Eria *coronaria* J W Crawford

Best in Section

- Masd Rein Sun D & V Howard

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

- 1st Cym Red Ruby Pacific F & J Spiteri

Small Cymbidium

- 1st Cym Morialty Falls B Whearem

Paphiopedilum – Species

- 1st Paph *boxallii* M Mally

Oncidium Hybrid

- 1st Onc Sharry Baby A Philipou



Best in Section
Paph *boxallii*
M Mally

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

- 1st Den Brolga Draton x Autumn Sharry V Vika
2nd Den Colonial Surprise x Yondi Star V Vika

Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type

- 1st Paph Dazzler x Gigi D Nguyen

Cattleya – Exhibition Type

- 1st Catt Unknown V Vika

Masdevallia Hybrid

- 1st Masd Margurite 'Tricksi' V Vika

Masdevallia Species

- 1st Masd *vietchiana* V Vika

Species Any Genera

- 1st Laelia *anceps* J Hastewell

Best in Section

- Paph Dazzler x Gigi D Nguyen



NOVICE SECTION

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

- 1st Den Jonathan's Glory 'DarkJoy' D & L McCoy
2nd Den Elanora Star x Aussie Victory D & L McCoy

Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type

- 1st Paph Harrisianum 'Balls Variety' K Stringer

Best in Section

- Paph Harrisianum 'Balls Variety' K Stringer

Des & Lana McCoy and Keith Stringer will now move up to Advanced Novice for competition.

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

- 1st Phrag Mem Dick Clements x Jason Fischer
J W Crawford

Best Cultivated

- Mediocalcar *decoratum* J & N Marshall

Judges Vote

- Masd Rein Sun D & V Howard

AOC Award received on the Night

- Masd Rein Sun D & V Howard 79.9pts HCC/VIC/AOC

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 Bus Trip Report

Castle Creek bus trip is always an early morning start, and this one was no different. With the promise of fair weather, we were soon loaded up and on the road. Our first stop for morning tea and amenities at Nagambie, was a good chance to have a natter and a cuppa with the other busies. After twenty minutes it was back on the bus and off to Merrigum and Castle Creek Orchid Nursery.



After Andrew explained to us where was out of bounds, we were off to find that special plant. Of course all Andrew and John's plants are special and it makes it that much harder to limit yourself to a certain number of plants.



Be that as it may, the boys were kept busy for the time that we were there and there seemed to be a lot of happy faces walking out of the sheds with armfuls of orchids.



Once again the ladies came through with some great salads for lunch and Peter manned the bar-b-que and cooked up a storm. Wilma and some of the ladies set up lunch and soon everyone was sitting around enjoying the food. I took this time to wander around the sheds and look at what was out in flower. Of course I cannot go away from Castle Creek without something, and found two lovely plants. When I mentioned later on

that I only bought two plants, I was asked how could I stop at two as there was so many to pick from.

All good things come to an end, and before we knew it we were saying goodbye to Andrew and John and heading off to Tabhilk Winery. The sun was shining when we arrived and it wasn't long before we all scattered and some of us headed towards the cellar door. Our hour at the Winery was soon over and we all boarded the bus for our ride home.



A big thank you to Wilma and all the ladies who made salads and morning tea refreshments, and to our regular cook, Peter, who does a great job on the bar-b-que. Not sure if there will be another bus trip this year, but will let you all know as soon as I do.



Till next time

Liz Walker

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