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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 9th August 2011

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 9th August 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 "**Coelogynes and Poor Culture**".

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 August is Mr Neil Anderton who will speak on Growing Terrestrial Orchids for Conservation.

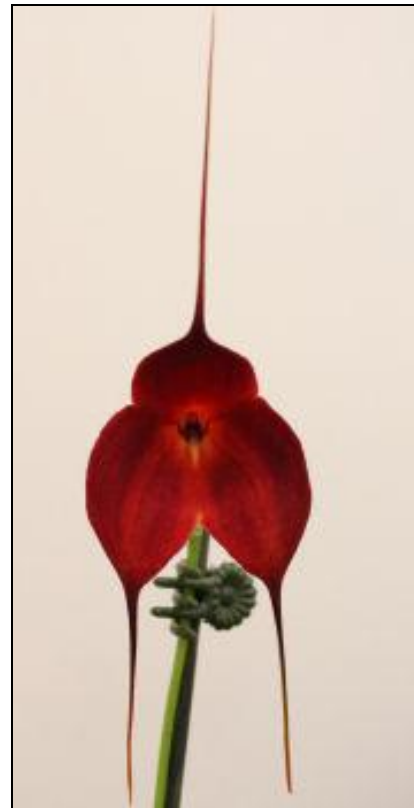
Thank you to last month's guest speaker Mr Julian Coker who spoke on Cymbidium Orchids.

Supper Duties 9th August

Doris and Jeff Walker 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

July Plant of the Night



Plant of the Night for the July meeting was Masdevallia Burning Crimson 'Alkoomi' grown by Malcolm Pearce.

Masdevallia Burning Crimson 'Alkoomi' received an AM/VIC/AOC (Award of Merit) on the night with a score of 82 pts.

Congratulations Malcolm.

From the Committee July 2011

Jenny Dark has advised that for the September meeting the "Darks" will not be available to set up the hall for our meeting, due to their daughter, Erryn, getting married. Gracious me, Jenny and Terry, the days keep slipping by. We wish them the very best in their future. But it does bring up how much we have begun to depend upon the "Darks" for their work behind the scenes. From setting up and cleaning up the hall for us, to their great work on the website (www.mosorchid.org). They are also doing Judging training, to augment our Judging Panel, and of course editing and producing this bulletin. I know also that Maribyrrong is not the only benefactor of their work, they have become quite active in many of the Orchid Clubs about Victoria. So ladies and gentlemen of the society, so that Terry and Jenny can have a marvellous night off...we will need your help to set up the hall at 6-00pm and to remain behind after the meeting to clean up the hall (in September. I will remind you again next month).

It seems last month that poor Stevie was left with processing the raffle tickets (folding) last month, delaying the raffle draw? There are lots of little jobs about that anyone can help with. If you see someone struggling why not step up and give a hand. **I keep forgetting it is your Society**, why not take a bit of pride in it.

Anthony gave a brief report on the recent show. I am sure that he will have written a report for the bulletin. It was a nice little show. At the committee meeting, the format of the early shows was discussed, "like", should the show be 1 or 2 days?, should the show open at 10-am on Sunday?, etc. **The decision was: to continue as status quo, for now.** I wonder how many of the members do not know that the format of the shows is not worked out on the Friday night prior... The shows are planned more than a year ahead, the dates are historical, so that it fits not only into the calendar of Maribyrrong Orchid Society and its members but also for all Victorian Orchid Societies, so that we do not get many clashes. Many of our members are members of other societies as well. We also need to make sure that the Judging panel can plan their syllabus for the year. The advertising program must be clearly understood, as many of the journal-type magazines need months of warning to have the adverts placed. The loss or change of one of our dates for a show could be quite traumatic. There are nearly 30 Orchid Clubs in Victoria all vying for quite limited times. **Discussion is good. Change is good. Provided you have all the facts before you, and are making decisions to make the group better.**

An interesting question arose. "If a member enters a floral art exhibit, can they also enter sales plants?" The answer is, of course "Yes". An exhibit is an exhibit, so the member may enter sales plants (or items) for sale. In fact they may enter 8 items for each exhibit.

Another question that arose was "are our shows advertised in other club's bulletins?" The answer is "sometimes". We do not have the power to get other societies to advertise our shows. However we do send out bulletins to every other club in Victoria, to advise the other clubs of our comings and goings. We do advertise other clubs shows in our bulletin (editor's choice); we do have a list of other society's shows on our website. The

bulletins of all other societies (that we receive) are placed on the stage every meeting night, for member's info.

What about the sound system? Have we got something right?

Eric

Supper Roster

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| September | Hubert Nyssen | Alex Wild |
| October | Mila Jurjevic | Voola Eleftheriou |
| November | Tien Nguyen | Quynh Nguyen |

Seedling Competition

Many plants were returned, two less than last month. The seedlings that were returned are looking good with many having new growth with new thicker canes. I would like to thank Julian Coker from Atlantis Orchids for his comments on the seedling progress and congratulations to Pat Edmonds who was the winner of the monthly prize. If your plant is no longer in the land of the living please let me know. It would be interesting to see how all of the seedlings fared over the year.

Joanne Hastewell

Orchid Show Calendar

Maribyrrong 2011 Orchid Shows

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| Spring Show: | September 10 th & 11 th |
| Sarcochilus Festival: | November 12 th & 13 th |

All Maribyrrong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrrong Community Centre in Randall Street, Maribyrrong. Mel Ref 28 A7. Check further bulletins for opening times.

Guest Speakers for 2011

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| Sept 13th | Gary Backhouse Terrestrial Orchids in Crete |
| Oct 11th | 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 |

For Sale

Coco Bark \$14 block
Perlite \$24 100 litre bag
Please contact Ron Ryan if you are interested.
9311 2239 or 0438 098 267

Pine Bark \$23 bag Mini or Small.
Contact Mick Condon on 9311 2177

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.

MARIBYRNONG WINTER SHOW RESULTS
July 9th & 10th

MAJOR AWARDS

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show

Dtps Leopard Princess J & M Lattimore
Awarded HCC/VIC/AOC with 78 points



Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show

Paph Raisin Eyes x *sukhakulii* J W Crawford

Champion Cymbidium

Cym Little Miss Jess D Wain

Champion Australian Native Orchid

Den Brolga 'Draton' x Autumn 'Sharon' J & N Marshall

Champion Laeliinae Orchid

Lc Tokyo Magic x Lc Melody Fair J & M Lattimore

Champion Paphiopedilum Hybrid

Paph Raisin Eyes x *sukhakulii* J W Crawford

Champion Paphiopedilum Species

Paph *insigne* J & N Marshall

Champion Masdevallia Orchid

Masd Flight of Fancy 'Beenak' S & H Randall

Champion Hybrid Orchid

Dtps Leopard Princess J & M Lattimore

Champion Species Orchid: Gerald McCraith AM Award

Sophronites *coccinea* A Wild

Champion Specimen Orchid

Sophronites *coccinea* A Wild
Recommended for a MOS Club Cultural Certificate



Champion Stand (Predominately Orchids)

Stand 'D' J & M Lattimore

Champion Basket of Orchids

Basket 1 A Evans

Champion Orchid by an Intermediate Grower

Zygo Conway's Choice x Iron Baron L & E Johnstone
Awarded HCC/VIC/AOC with 78 points



Champion Orchid by a Novice Grower

Encyclia *polybulbon* T Nguyen

Champion Plant (Non orchid)

Succulent D Colquhoun

Best Open Floral Art

M Lattimore



Best Intermediate Floral Art

B Carey

Best Novice Floral Art

R Austin

Best Wired Work

M Lattimore

MINOR AWARDS (Rosette)

Best Cultivated Orchid

Phal Heiroglyphica J & M Lattimore

Best Seedling Orchid - 1st Flowering

Zygo Conway's Choice x Iron Baron L & E Johnstone

Best Bromeliad Exhibit

Bromeliad Collection M Breuer

Best Cacti/Succulent Exhibit

Succulent D Colquhoun

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 8am 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 your place.

Elizabeth

Maribyrnong Orchid Society Spring Show September 10th & 11th 2011

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September 2011 and I will require help again with set up on Friday 9 September after 12.30pm. On Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 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 permitted in to the sales area till after **3.30pm** on Friday.

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

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

MARIBYRNONG SPRING SHOW 2011 General Notes

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench - the allowance is 8 sales plants to one exhibit.
- ❖ Members helping with the set up should be there by 12.30pm on the Friday.
- ❖ Orchid entry times are from 1.30pm - 6.30pm. Entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangements are made.
- ❖ Members are asked not to bring their plants into the hall until the tables and chairs have all been reorganised, or until the Show Coordinator declares it is safe to do so.

- ❖ Sales plants cannot be brought in until 3.30pm on the Friday preceding the show.
- ❖ The Show is open 9am – 4pm on Saturday.
- ❖ 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 on Sunday and is cleaned up after that time.

Other Orchid Shows 2011

This is a list of shows that I have collated from numerous sources. These clubs need support as much as we do, so go along, and invite their members to our shows. As a bonus, you never know what you might see, maybe some genera you have never seen before.
- Ed.

Warringal Winter Show

St Sava Community Centre
Sat 6th & Sun 7th August
212 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough
Mel Ref 11 C8

Mornington Peninsula Orchid Society

Thur 11th – Sat 13th August Shopping hours
Gateway Village Shopping Centre,
Cranbourne – Frankston Rd, Langwarrin
Mel Ref 103 K4

Bayside Orchid Society

Sun 14th – Sun 21st August Shopping hours
Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre,
Heatherton Road, Endeavour Hills
Mel Ref 91 D4

Gippsland Orchid Club

Fri 19th Aug 9am – 9pm
Sat 20th Aug 9am – 4pm
Sun 21st Aug 10am – 4pm
Mid-Valley Shopping Centre,
Princes Drive, Morwell

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & Victorian International Orchid Fair

Fri 26th & Sun 27th Aug 9am -5pm
Sun 28th Aug 9am – 4pm
Springers Leisure Centre
Cheltenham Road, Keysborough,
Mel Ref 89 A10

Sale & District Orchid Club

Sat 3rd Sept 9am - 4pm
Sun 4th Sept 10am – 3pm
St Mary's Hall,
Cnr Pearson & Macalister Sts, Sale

South Gippsland Orchid Club

Fri 9th Sept 9.30am – 4.30pm
Sat 10th Sept 9.30am – 3pm
Wonthaggi Town Hall,
Baillieu Street, Wonthaggi

Cymbidium Orchid Society Victoria

Sat 10th Sept 9am - 5pm
Sun 11th Sept 9am - 4pm
Hungarian Social Club,
760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna
Mel Ref 63 F5



July Competition Results
As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Results unavailable, my apologies – Jenny (Editor)

Best in Section

Masd Burning Crimson “Alkoomi” M Pearce

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Viley Rose x Loch Lamond B Whearem

2nd Cym Unknown A Philippou

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Valley Chrystal ‘New Snow’ B Whearem

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Morialta ‘Ginger Bread’ R Ryan

Best in Section

Cym Valley Chrystal ‘New Snow’ B Whearem



ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Unknown G Ragg

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Morialta ‘Morialta Falls’ P Gatt

2nd Cym Play Misty x Valley Knight G Ragg

Species Any Genera

1st Coelogyne var speciosa J Hastewell

Best in Section

Cym Morialta ‘Morialta Falls’ P Gatt



NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Paph Highland Beauty J W Crawford

Best Cultivated

Cym Morialta ‘Morialta Falls’ P Gatt

Judges Vote

Masd Burning Crimson “Alkoomi” M Pearce

AOC Award received on the Night

Masd Burning Crimson “Alkoomi” M Pearce

82pts AM/VIC/AOC

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
Using coco fibre as a compost for growing Orchids

Coco fibre is an ideal media for growing orchids, but you must realise that it is not radiata pine bark!! It is a new media, therefore you must use it differently or else you will be growing your orchids “even” worse than you were before.

When you purchase your block of coco fibre, look at the chop through the clear plastic wrap. It should be nice and even, no trace of dirt, fines, hair, etc. A 12 -15 mm chop will be great. You will need a large garbage bin to rehydrate the media, as it has had all of the moisture removed by compression prior to packaging, so a 60/70 litre garbage bin will do well. Place the media in the bin and fill with clean water. Within 5/10 minutes a wonderful transition occurs, the bin will be full of a wonderful media; this process still amazes me after many, many times. Leave the media to soak for a day, then empty the bin, and replace the water as a wash. I have instruments that enable me to calculate the parts per million of impurities in the water (usually salt), but if you store the excess media out in the rain and weather (in large pots) the media will become better and better. If you are waiting on using the media urgently rinse it again and then use, it will be fine. For those of you who are worried by concerns of salt, seek me out, I am more than willing to discuss this with you. But first find out what the tannins in radiata bark are doing to your beloved orchids and then we will be in the required state to discuss the matter.

When I use the media I like to mix it with 25% coarse perlite. Why? Because I think it gives the mix a nicer feel and mix appearance. I also mix 1 handful of blood and bone fertiliser to every 20 litres of mix to give the plants roots something “nice” to go looking for.

And now the greatest tip that I can give you, thanks to our recent drought, **never, ever water your plants more than once a week, even under a solid roof.** Happy growing, remember you are using a new media, it is not bark, more water will stay in the pot than run on to the floor. Utilise the “extra” time you now have just looking at and admiring your plants, staking spikes, etc

Eric Wilde

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