



# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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## Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012**.

The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm and will be conducted by Stephen 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.

## Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Dick Thompson and the topic will be "Growing Terrestrial Orchids and Their Culture."

## Supper Duties 14<sup>th</sup> February

We will need a couple of volunteers to help with supper at the February meeting. All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

Please put your name down on the supper roster when it is passed around at the meeting. If you'd like to help out, it is a very easy job to do.

## Welcome to 2012

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.

Again, we're looking forward to a wonderful year, full of participation and interest. Please remember to bring in your plants to bench. It does make the meetings so much more interesting for everyone to be able to see the successes our members are having in flowering their plants. It also gives us the opportunity to see some genera that we don't always see, and may entice us to expand our collections by trying something new.

## Christmas Dinner 2011

The Christmas dinner was well-attended and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped out with setting up the new venue and packing up after the night. Thanks also to the caterers who provided a wonderful meal.



See inside for more.....

### President's Message February 2012

January is over and summer is well and truly upon us. Many of us enjoy this weather but we must remember to keep ourselves hydrated and this goes for our orchids too. I have noticed how quickly they are drying out, and have been around today checking and dunking if they are too dry. Also I have been pulling out bits of fern that seem to grow and take over the pot before you know it. {Yes I have been potting on the fern bits.}

The committee has had its first meeting for 2012 and once again it will be a busy year for us. Our first bus trip is being organised and as soon as the date is confirmed I will let everybody know. Our first show is 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May and it will be around before we know it. Now is the time to start preparing your orchids for this show.

Speaking of bus trips, we are hoping to get up to David Keneally's later this year. For those of you who don't know, David grows some lovely cymbidiums and I am sure the display will be spectacular. Keep an eye out for the date.

Well short message this time. Looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Bye for now  
Elizabeth

### Show Coordinator's Report

I would like to wish everybody all the best for the New Year.

Our show dates for 2012 are:

#### Autumn Show:

Set up Friday 25 May 2012

Show dates - Sat 26 & Sun 27 May 2012

#### Winter Show:

Set up Friday 13 July 2012

Show dates - Sat 14 & Sun 15 July 2012

#### Spring Show:

Set up Friday 7 September 2012

Show dates - Sat 8 & Sun 9 September 2012

#### Sarcochilus Festival:

Set up Friday 9 November 2012

Show dates - Sat 10 & Sun 11 November 2012

This year in order to get free entry into the show members will be required to have their current membership card with them, as well as having their name badge on. Membership card this year will be on coloured paper and the colour will change each year.

All the best to you all and have a great year growing your orchids.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

### From the Committee February 2012

Our seedling plant for the year 2012 is a cymbidium that will show great promise. The plants are a crossing of KHAN FLAME 'Tuscany' and RED NELLY 'Devil'.



KHAN FLAME



RED NELLY

Both parents are erect standards, and very well credentialed, having both been awarded and I believe featured in the OSCOV plant of the year awards.

The plants have been "resting" at Little River for almost 2 months. They have almost doubled their size in this time, some of them are now 30 cm tall, the shortest are 25cm. So, their growth habit is very promising, and their continued growth will be "up to you".

Well that's all folks, see you about.  
Eric

### Seedling Competition

It is that time again, the seedling competition. This year we have cymbidiums:

(KHAN FLAME 'Tuscany' x RED NELLY 'Devil') which will grow cold, please read Eric's article for more details on the breeding and growing.

There are only **50 plants** available for **\$5.00 each**.

**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.

**One seedling per membership.**

An important part of the competition is that the plants are returned each meeting so we can all see their progress under different growing conditions. 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 whose plant produces a flower. If you can't attend any particular monthly meeting, you may arrange for another member to return them for you.

Good luck and happy growing,

Joanne Hastewell – Coordinator.



## Guest Speakers for 2012

14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dick Thomson Growing Terrestrial Orchids and their Culture
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Michael Mathews Slide Night on Orchids
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Andrew Francis TBC
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Chloe Hynes NEUTROG Australia
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Grant Garrett Awarded Orchids 2011
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Hendrik Venter TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> August	John Sharam Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Gary Backhouse TBC
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Anthony Scerri 19 <sup>th</sup> AOC conference in Perth
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Murray Harding Australian Native Cymbidiums
11 <sup>th</sup> December	No Speaker Christmas Function

## MOS Orchid Show Calendar

### Maribyrnong 2012 Orchid Shows

**Autumn Show: May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter Show: July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring Show: September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sarcophilus Festival: November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## Wanted to Buy

Nicky Huynh is looking for the following STANHOPEA ORCHIDS:

Stan Embreei, Stan Saccata 'Rene', Stan Graveolens  
Phone 9748 7345 if you want to help Nic and I will pass on your message.

To request anything orchid-related through this column please phone 9748 7345, fax 9748 6933, email [Jenny.Dark@darteks.com.au](mailto: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.

## Please Read

### VICTORIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEIVAL OF PLANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM QUEENSLAND

Victorian legislation requires that all plants and related materials that are consigned from Queensland, and are a host of prohibited pests, must meet Victorian quarantine conditions before entering Victoria. Red imported fire ant and spiralling whitefly are two pests found in Queensland that are prohibited in Victoria. Any materials that are a host or potential host to these pests will require certification. For more information contact DPI by phone on 136 186 or visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au)

## Life Membership

At the Christmas meeting, the members present were asked to consider Mrs **Elizabeth Walker for life membership**. This was greeted with acclaim.



*Liz Walker receives her Life Membership from Past President, Anthony Scerri at the December meeting.  
Photo courtesy of Bob Rowlands*

Elizabeth joined the Society at the Spring Show of 2002. In April of 2003 she nominated for and was elected to the committee. She was President for the period 2004/05/06, replacing Anthony. During this time Elizabeth began assisting Anthony with the very successful bus trips. Elizabeth became a prominent member of the AOC Conference Committee.

Elizabeth also began to exhibit her orchids. I could not find when she entered and won the Novice section, hence being promoted to Advanced Novice, but I did find that in June of 2004 she won in the Advanced Novice section with a paph species (insigne) **and** a hybrid and specie masdevallia.

At the conclusion of her Presidency, Elizabeth did not walk away, job done. In 2007/08/09 she nominated for the Senior Vice Presidents position. Again, at the conclusion of Anthony's term of Presidency (2007/08/09), Elizabeth was elected to her second term of being President in 2010. Our society is very lucky to have not only Elizabeth as a member but also Anthony, they do more for our Society than most members understand. I thank you both.

But at the Christmas meeting it was Elizabeth's night, well done Elizabeth, the tears were wonderful, the statement (your statement) that you were not worthy of the honour was out of order, I hope that the many members that have congratulated you since the awards granting have taken away any thought that the award was too early or not justified.....just more time to do more work.....

Eric

## Welcome to the 2012 Orchid year everyone

We hope everyone has a successful growing year and that you achieve your goals, whatever they may be.

We would also like to send our thoughts and good wishes to all those members, and their families, who are, or have been, ill in recent times.

## Display Bench Etiquette



Please remember that plants displayed at monthly meetings and shows are private property. As such, you may not touch a plant belonging to another member.

If you want a piece of a plant, including keikis,

flowers, pollen, etc., permission must be obtained from the owner and he or she must hand it to you personally.

## Annual General Meeting APRIL 2012

The Maribyrnong Orchid Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the meeting on April 9th.

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

## 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.

## Other Orchid Shows 2012

### Orchid Species Society of Victoria Open Day

#### Free entry

Sun 18th March 9am-1pm  
City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre  
Jolimont Road Forest Hills  
Mel. Ref. 62 F4

### Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show

#### Entry \$3.00

21st July 9am-4pm & 22nd July 9am-3pm Senior  
Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park,  
Synott Street Werribee  
Mel. Ref. 205 K9

### Werribee Orchid Club Spring Show

Sat 15th & Sun 16th September  
Italian Sports Club

601 Heaths Road Werribee  
Mel. Ref. 205 F3

### ANOS Victoria Annual Spring Show

Sat 29th & Sun 30th September  
9am-4pm

Mount Waverley Community Centre  
(Opposite Mount Waverley Station)  
Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley  
Mel. Ref. 70 E1

### OSCOV's Melbourne Orchid Spectacular 2012

Springers Leisure Centre

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 9am-5pm

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 9am-5pm

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 9am-4pm

400 Cheltenham Rd, Keysborough, VIC  
Mel Ref 89, A10

## Orchid Species Society of Victoria

Free Entry

### OPEN DAY

Sunday 18th March

9am - 2pm

Horticultural Centre  
Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill  
(next to Parkmore Primary School)  
Mel Map 62 G 4

#### Specialist growers to sell & display quality plants and seedlings

Large display of rare and uncommon plants

**ORCHIDS FOR SALE**

Good parking

Cool & warm growing orchids to suit all growing conditions

**ORCHIDS ON DISPLAY**

Great Sausage Sizzle

Tea & Coffee available

Free advice on growing and caring for orchids

Raffle Prizes for lucky ticket purchasers

#### Free Plants for Children

The Orchid Species Club meets at this venue at 8pm on the 2nd Monday of each month  
Membership enquiries ph 03 5998 2270

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## 19th AOC Conference Perth 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.

For further information, please contact:  
the Chairman at +61 (0) 0417 903 280  
or the Secretary at +61 (0) 0415 116 960  
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The Secretary, 19th Australian Orchid Conference  
P O Box 576, MORLEY, Western Australia, 6062  
Or visit the website at  
[www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)

Christmas Celebration 2011



The Christmas tree and hampers add a festive touch to the new setting for the Dinner and meeting.



Everyone enjoys a pre-dinner chat, nibbles, drinks and a catch-up before the Christmas break.



Dinner is served and it seems everyone is very happy with the roast meats, vegies and salads. Deserts too, of course.



Santa found the new venue much to the excitement of our young guests and the relief of the organisers.



Photo courtesy of Bob Rowlands

A special treat for the President. Hope you've been good, Liz.



And another special moment for Liz as she receives her Life Membership badge from former President, Anthony Scerri. Congratulations Liz from all the members.

### Photographs

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