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## BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

### Next Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January). The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> May 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.

### Coming Events

Next meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> May
Committee Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May
Judges' Auction	20 <sup>th</sup> May
Autumn Show Setup	Friday 25th May
Autumn Show	Sat 26th & Sun 27th May

### Supper Duties 8<sup>th</sup> May

Dawn Carroll, Pam Hulls, Betty Nedelkova, and Kylie Gusset will be on supper duties for the April meeting. All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Ms Chloe Hynes from Neutrog Australia.

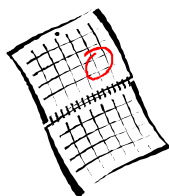
Last month's speaker was Mr Andrew Francis who gave us an insight into how he grows his orchids at Castle Creek Orchids.

### Plant of the Month April 2012

The Judges Vote and Best in the Open Section for the month of April was Phragmepedium Noirmont grown by Joe Crawford. Well done!



## Dates to Remember For 2012



14 <sup>th</sup> February	Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Committee Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> April	AGM & Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Committee Meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Bus Trip to "Orchid Species Plus"
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Committee Meeting
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Show set up
May 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Show
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Committee Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2nd Bus Trip to "Castle Creek Orchids"
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Show set up
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Winter Show
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Committee Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Committee Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Show set up
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Spring Show
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> September	19 <sup>th</sup> AOC Conference
16 <sup>th</sup> September	3rd Bus Trip to "David Keanelly Orchids"
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Committee Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Committee Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Show set up
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Sarcophilus Festival
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Dinner & Meeting



## MOS 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 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>

Opening times: Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm  
 Maribyrnong Community Centre,  
 Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Mel Ref 28 A7.

## Guest Speakers



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
	How we grow our orchids at Castle Creek Orchids
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



## Supper Roster

March	Joyce Spiteri	Rita Grima
April	Carmen Ellul	Margaret Gatt
May	Dawn Carroll	Pam Hulls
	Betty Nedelkova	Kylie Gusset
June	Lisa Conti	Kathleen Thompson
July	Geoff Ragg	Peter Caly
August	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
September	Mila Jurjevic	Voola Eleftheriou
October	Denise Colquhoun	Fay Penman
November	Collette Whittaker	Jeff Walker

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Show Coordinator:	Anthony Scerri	9382 6359
Bulletin Editor:	Jenny Dark	9748 7345

### President's Message

Well here we are again getting ready for another big year for our club. I have spent some time this morning out in the greenhouse looking to see what is coming into flower and I managed to find a few things. Of course there is always that one right at the back that you miss when staking, and I found mine this morning. It is a cymbid and it is growing in the strangest way. I am not even going to try and stake it as I am sure I will snap the stem.

Have you checked out your plants yet for the show? It is rushing towards us quite quickly, only three weeks to go. I enjoy our shows as it is a chance to talk to other interested people about our hobby, (more like obsession) and see what other members of our club are growing. If you can't exhibit then make sure that you come along and have a look. You never know, you might find that plant that you have been looking for.

Not much to tell you this month. If you are a new member, do come up and say hello to me at the meetings. I try to greet as many as I can but I always seem to be running around doing something.

Bye for now,  
Elizabeth.

### Show Coordinator's Report

Maribyrnong Orchid Society  
Autumn Show  
Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May 2012

Our Autumn Show is on this month, it will be held on Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May 2012, I will require help with set up **on Friday 25 May** after 12.30pm. There will be a number of jobs over the weekend that I could do with help on, and also 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 the hall, so more help will be required again.

Any members who require a stand at the show should contact me so I can allocate a position in the hall for you.

If you require sales tickets, please see Frances at the May meeting to arrange the sales tickets.

Please note that on Friday 25 May **NO** plants are permitted in the hall till after 1.30pm and that **NO** sales plants will be permitted into the sales area till after **3.30pm**.

**This year at our shows, members will still receive free entry. However, you must have your name badge on and MUST show your yellow 2012 membership ticket at the door.**

I look forward to see you all at the May meeting and at our Autumn Show.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

### From the Committee

It was a very short meeting this month. Peter Caly had sent an email advising us that he would like to increase the coverage of the Show advertising to another 3 areas, this has been agreed to. The advertising budget for each Show has now been increased to \$1000, with advertising in 8/9 papers, we hope that a difference is noticed in the Show attendance. The amount of work that we **all** do to make each Show a success is considerable, and we do a grand job, our aim is not to make a profit per say, but to show the general public the enjoyment that can be had in growing our magnificent plants. Let's hope the Autumn Show continues to be a great success.

On the topic of the Autumn Show, the Membership Secretary has completed the 2012 membership dues/database and some old members and a couple of newer ones will have dropped by the wayside..... i.e. they will have been denied their Bulletin in May. **It can be restored simply by paying your membership.** As you have been reminded several times, all financial members will have received your new (coloured) membership card, this will be needed to be shown at the door for your free entry to the Show.... all except the Life Members that is....I am still catching up, Anthony knows who you are anyway and it will make him feel good to let you sneak in.

Wilma's report on the next bus trip indicated that it was full, and had emergencies, so enjoy. Wilma, Peter and Elizabeth do great work to arrange these trips for us.

The committee acknowledged the great talk by Andrew Frances of Castle Creek Orchids (and goats?) Andrew presents his talks in a most matter of fact way, everybody can gain something from them. Well done Andrew, and thank you John for his leave pass.

The meeting finished with a rousing Happy Birthday for an aged member..... I did not know that people could live that long. Oh, and the Lodge room, we may not be allowed back, as we woke up several of their older members also.

Well it's getting late... May.... Your shade cloth has been removed to the bare minimum.... your hands are covered in the green dye from all of the stakes, bloody marvellous ain't it?

Eric



Dend biggibum – Malcolm Pearce

## YOUR NEW COMMITTEE .2012-13

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

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

General committee members are:

Peter Carlesso  
Julianne Diwell  
George Downie  
Judith Marshall  
Steve Panagiotou  
Ron Ryan  
Tim Scerri (new)

Other Officers include:

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

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.

## Seedling Competition

I would like to thank to Andrew Francis from Castle Creek Orchids for providing his insight into the seedlings. For those of you who could make it to the April meeting you may be happy to hear that none of the orchids were used as goat fodder. Congratulations to Bob Rowlands who was the winner of the monthly prize.

REMEMBER the plants are to be returned each meeting; we all like to see how the plants are going. This also guarantees you a place in the draw at the end of the year. If you can't attend any particular monthly meeting, you may arrange for another member to return them for you.

Joanne Hastewell

## Wanted to Buy

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 remember that the transaction is between the buyer and seller. Neither Jenny nor the Maribyrnong Orchid Club are responsible for any goods advertised through this service.

Large Speciosum for sale \$50 Ring Mick 9311 2177

## Best wishes to Mrs May Deeble

We have been notified that May Deeble has been placed in care with aggressive dementia. We have contacted Kathy, her daughter, with the society's best wishes.

May and her late husband, Stan were great members of our society. They used to always have a supply of gemstones that were raffled at Christmas, for many years. Since Stan's death Kathy has been a great support to her mother, she would bring May to our meetings and Shows. I am sure that if any member would like to keep in touch with May, I would be able to get you in contact, perhaps firstly through Kathy. We all wish May the best.



Rossioglossum grande

## Bark Sales

FOR SALE

Coco Peat \$14.00 per block  
Perlite \$24.00 per bag

Contact Ron Ryan on 9311 2239 or 0438 098 267

## Membership Fees Are Now Overdue

Membership fees are now overdue. If fees are not paid all member benefits will cease. You will no longer receive the Bulletin or free entry to our shows.

Fees remain unchanged:

Junior (under 16 yrs) \$ 8.00

Single \$ 12.00

Family \$ 15.00

It will be greatly appreciated if members have the correct money on hand.

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

## Please respect our Speakers

It has been noticed that some members are leaving the meeting during the speaker's talk.

Many of our speakers travel long distances and go to a great deal of effort to produce their talks for us, the least we can do is pay them the courtesy of listening. If you must leave, it would be preferable for you to do so before the talk begins.

**Competition Results April**  
As per judging sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Large Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Valley cauldron 'Golden Delight' A Scerri

**Medium Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Play Misty 'Cherry Pink' A Scerri

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend Hilda Poxon A Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> Dend Colonial Kim S & M Hurwood

**Aust Native Species Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend *biggibum* M Pearce

2<sup>nd</sup> Dend *biggibum* J & D Sharam

**Aust Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> Diplodium *alveatum* A Scerri

2<sup>nd</sup> Chiloglottis *Diphylla* A Scerri

**Sarcochilus Hybrid/Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarc River Song 'Harlequin' G Garrett

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarc Bonza x Velvet A Evans

**Paphiopedilum - Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph *sukhakulii* x Dalla J W Crawford

**Cattleya – Exhibition Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Slc Wedding song 'Virgin' J W Crawford

**Cattleya – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Lc Marie's song J & Y McIntyre

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Yurla J W Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Unknown A Scerri

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Pixie Leopard x Kimbal's Sun G Garrett

2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Rainbow Tiger 'Royale' M Pearce

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Noirmont J W Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Jason Fisher 'Alkoomi' M Pearce

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Rossioglossum *grande* J W Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Cym *layanum* D Colquhoun

**Lycaste**

1<sup>st</sup> Lycaste 'Aquila Detente' A Evans

**Best in Section**

Phrag Noirmont J W Crawford



Phrag Noirmont - Joe Crawford

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Medium Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Mimi 'Mary Bea' G Ragg

**Cattleya Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Sc Orpetii x Ken Dream x Mem Ken Martin  
G & A Hardingham

2nd Slc Dream Cloud x Lana Coryell G Ragg

**Miltonia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Milt Guanabara G Ragg

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Odont Bitter Sweet G & A Hardingham

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Epicat Lime Sherbert M Mally

**Species Any Genera**

1st Neolehmannia *porpax* K Weyers

2nd Onc *biltoniense* Tien Nguyen

**Best in Section**

Epicat Lime Sherbert M Mally



Epicat Lime Sherbert - Maria Mally

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Medium Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Unknown P Carlesso

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend Stunning x Dend *speciosum* F Penman

2<sup>nd</sup> Dend Colonial Surprise x Yondi Star F Penman

**Aust Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> Diplodium *coccinum* 'Red' K Stringer

2<sup>nd</sup> Diplodium *abruptum* K Stringer

**Odontoglossum Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Colmanara Massai Splash K Stringer

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Yellow Doll x *triangularis* R Brooks

2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Peach Fuzz x *igneae* R Brooks

**Best in Section**

Diplodium *coccinum* 'Red' K Stringer

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Seedling Flowering 1st Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Sc Joanne x self J W Crawford

**Judges Vote**

Phrag Noirmont J W Crawford

**Best Cultivated**

Cym erythrostylum A Evans



Cym erythrostylum - Anita Evans

## Other Orchid Shows 2012

### Judges Auction

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg.  
Entry through Gate 9, Waterdale Road.  
Mel Ref 401 G7

### Melbourne Eastern Orchid Society

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 4.30pm  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 4.30pm  
Uniting Church,  
Cnr Burwood Hwy & Blackburn Rd  
East Burwood  
Mel Ref 61 K7

### North-East Melbourne Orchid Society Winter Show

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9am – 4pm  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 4pm  
Bulleen Heights School,  
Pleasant Road, Bulleen  
Mel Ref 32 G6

### Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show

Sat 14th & Sun 15th July 9am – 4pm  
Maribyrnong Community Centre  
Randall Street, Maribyrnong  
Mel Ref 28 A8

### 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

### Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd July  
10am – 4pm  
The Arcacia and Wattle Rooms  
Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg.  
Entry through Gate 9, Waterdale Road.  
Mel Ref 401 G7

### Warringal Orchid Society Winter Show

St Sava Community Centre  
Sat 4th & Sun 5th August  
212 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough  
Mel Ref 11 C8

### 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

### 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

## JUDGES AUCTION

*Being conducted by the  
A.O.C. Victorian Regional Judging Panel*

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2012**

**At The Arcacia and Wattle Rooms  
Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg**  
Entry through Gate 9, Waterdale Road  
and follow parking signs.  
Free Parking

**VIEWING FROM 9.00 AM WITH  
AUCTION COMMENCING AT 10.00AM.**

Approximately 350 plus lots for auction

### TERMS OF SALE

Bids shall be recorded by Bidders Number **ONLY**  
Bidders shall register and be given a number prior  
to start of auction.

### PAYMENT

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No Credit Card Facilities available.*

**TEA & COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE  
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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  
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## WHY ISN'T MY ORCHID FLOWERING?

Cymbidiums are flowering (or in spike) all over the place. What, yours aren't flowering? You want to know why? I knew it would come to this, the old eternal question. Let's see if I can help you find the answer. You see, there are many reasons why Cymbidiums might not flower, and your particular plant/s may not be flowering for any one, or a number of these reasons. Some of the reasons are as follows:-

1. The most obvious reason that comes to mind is that the plant is just not ready to flower - most Cymbidiums will not flower off a plant that has any less than three or four *good, big* green pseudobulbs.
2. Second on the list just has to be light. Cymbidiums need good light to flower, and I believe this light is needed most when the plant is thinking about initiating its flower spike, which should be sometime between the end of September and the end of December. Now I know most growers, me included, say you should add shade to your plants around Melbourne Show day, which seems to contradict what I have just said, the point is you must use 50% or less shade. This is important, any more shade than this could mean no flowers. Much less shade than this could mean burnt plants.
3. Fertilising has to be next, but be careful here, I don't believe that lack of fertilising is a major factor in the lack of flowers. In fact I believe that one of the reasons that some people have problems is they give the plants fertiliser that has too much Nitrogen in it at the wrong time. You'll get beautiful dark green leaves, but flowering will suffer. I recommend that no High Nitrogen fertiliser should be given after about the end of November, however there are as many different fertilising programmes as there are growers. A fertilising programme that is often recommended, and works, is to add one level teaspoon each of 8-9 month Osmocote, Dolomite Lime and trace elements to the top 1" of the mix to a 6" pot in September. Naturally you will have to vary this amount if your pot is larger or smaller than 6", but don't overdo it.
4. Watering has a lot to do with the general well-being of the plant - if a plant dries out too much for too long it will not be healthy, and an unhealthy plant will not flower well, unless it's a last ditched effort to propagate itself before it dies. Similarly, if the plant is constantly wet, the roots, and maybe even the bulbs, will rot and die and you have the same problem - an unhealthy plant. Moist, but not soggy at all times is the general rule.
5. Potting mix is tied in with the above two factors, fertilising and watering. The mix must be well drained so the roots don't rot, yet it must be able to retain *some* moisture in between waterings. It must be able to support the plant physically and it must be able to provide some nutrition to the plant, or trap and supply fertilisers that are added externally. It must also be non-toxic to the roots.
6. Air movement is another essential product for a Cymbidium's well being and therefore, as outlined above, the ability to flower. Cymbidiums need a constant change of air around them to remain healthy, they will not be happy inside the house for any long period of time, nor will they be happy in a closed up glasshouse or other structure which doesn't allow this air movement.
7. Pests, diseases and the elements all effect flowering. The obvious way in which they do this is by physically eating, rotting or frosting off the flower spike, or the bulb that the spike would have come from. The not quite so obvious way is by being generally detrimental to the health of the plant, and as I have said before, an unhealthy plant will not give good results.
8. The last factor that comes to mind is the effect of a flower spike being left on the plant for too long last year, or the plant being badly disturbed when repotted late in the season, or any other factor which may have set the plant back. Remember, we must aim for a nice large healthy bulb for the plant to flower off. Anything that stops the bulb getting the nourishment that it needs is detrimental, not only to flowering, but to the health and general well being of the plant.

So there you have it in a nutshell, not all, but some of the reasons for a Cymbidium not flowering. When you think about it, it's a pretty good guide for the other often-asked question, "How do you grow orchids?" If you aren't getting results, now is the time to check out your growing conditions and habits, and improve them in preparation for a good flowering next year.

### Photographs

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### Bulletin Contributions

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