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# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

## JULY 2012 BULLETIN

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

#### Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 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

10th July	Meeting
13th July	Show set up
14th & 15th July	Winter Show
17th July	Committee Meeting

#### Supper Duties 10<sup>th</sup> July

Geoff Ragg and Peter 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.

#### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Hendrik Venter who will speak on the "Orchids of the Botanic Society".

Last month's speaker was Grant Garrett who spoke on the AOC Awarded Orchids 2011. Thanks, Grant.

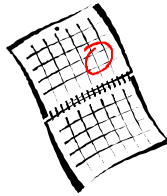
#### Plant of the Night June Meeting

Judge's Vote for the night was Masdevallia King of Kings 'Royale' grown by Malcolm Pearce.



Masdevallia King of Kings 'Royale' was nominated for, and subsequently awarded, an AM/AOC 2012 (Vic) (Award of Merit) on the night with 82.6 points. Congratulations Malcolm.

## 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	19th 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
	Orchids of the Botanic Society
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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### President's Message

Welcome everybody to this issue of our bulletin. Well, the shortest day is now behind us, but the weather will still be cold for a while yet. Don't forget to keep the water and fertiliser up to your orchids. With all the wind we have been having, pots can dry out quickly.

We had a lovely autumn show and if you missed it, then try to get to the winter show on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July. Of course if you have something out in flower, then we would love to see you bring it along and put it on the bench.

If you have ever thought of trying floral art, then come along on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. Our floral art judge will be sending in some flowers to help out with displays. All you have to bring is a container, any greenery that you might need and a piece of oasis to set your flowers in. Oasis is available at Spotlight, Lincraft and florists. If you are in the intermediate or open section for the shows, but want to enter the floral art, you can start in the novice section. Liz, our judge, also holds workshops, and if you are interested then she can be contacted on 9663-3022 for further information.

Not much else to tell you this month. I am still knitting and Tracey is still pregnant. She is getting sick of herself and can't wait for it to be over. {Sorry Andrew, can't help myself}.

Hope to see you at the next meeting and at the show.

Bye for now.  
Liz.

### Vale Ken Pittock

The committee and members of the Society are saddened by the passing of Kenny Pittock. Ken passed away on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. He leaves a wife, Peggy, and their children. Ken and Peg seemed inseparable. Together they have been such fine members of our Club.

Ken (and Peg) have been members from the early 80's and attended our very early meetings in the "old" Keilor Shire Hall. They have both been on committee, they have both served the Club night sales bench for I don't know how long, it seems forever. They have both been given Life Membership.

My finest memories of them both was, when Frances and I were more involved with the production of the Bulletin, it was printed on a spirit duplicator and then a Gestetna (?) barrel printer .... no photocopier like now. Anyhow, neither of these devices enjoyed sitting for 29 days of the month "waiting to do their thing" and they particularly hated the Christmas break. Ken's occupation was as a small appliance technician (fixer in those days). So when Eric was in trouble..... Kenny would be there to caress the blooming thing into doing its thing. I have not forgotten those days and never will. Thank you, Ken.

To Peg and Ken's family, please accept the Society's heartfelt sympathy in your loss.

A wonderful little man at rest.

### Show Coordinator's Report

Maribyrnong Orchid Society  
Winter Show  
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 July 2012

Our Winter Show is on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Yes only a month away. I will again require help with setup on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July after 12.30pm. There will be a number of jobs over the weekend that require help if you have some time. 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. Many hands make light work so if you could help, it would be appreciated.

If members require a stand at the show please contact me so I can allocate a position in the hall for you.

If you require sales tickets, please ring Elizabeth or see Frances at the July meeting to arrange them.

Please note that on the Friday of the show **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**.

**At all shows this year 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 July meeting and at our Winter Show.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

### MARIBYRNONG WINTER SHOW 2012 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, ferns, 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 sales plants to one exhibit.

### Bark Sales

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

Contact Ron Ryan on 9311 2239 or 0438 098 267

Progressive Points 2012

**Open**

Joe Crawford	95
Malcolm Pearce	77
Barbara Duncan	54
Jim & Margot Lattimore	44

**Intermediate**

Maria Mally	29
Geoff Ragg	29
Len & Evonka Johnstone	18

**Advanced Novice**

Fay Penman	23
Hubert Nyssen	11
Keith Stringer	10
Rita & Mobbli Grima	10

Competition Results June  
As per judging sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Small Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> *Cym pumilum* x Temple Court B Rowlands

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend Colonial Surprise x Autumn Sharon  
J & N Marshall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dend Brolga x Aussie Victory A Scerri

**Aust Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> *Taurantha aff tenuicauda* A Scerri  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Taurantha concinna* A Scerri

**Lycaste Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Lyc Wildfire* 'Superba' M Pearce

**Species Paphiopedilum**

1<sup>st</sup> *Paph insigne* 'Harefield Hall' J & N Marshall  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph insigne* 'Harefield Hall' B Duncan

**Phalaenopsis Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Phal Unknown* A Philippou

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Masd King of Kings* 'Royale' M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Masd King of Kings* 'Red Dragon' G Garrett

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Zygo Kiwi Choice* x Adelaide Meadows A Evans  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Zygo Kiwi Choice* 'Highclere' A Scerri

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> *Cym georingii* B Duncan  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Mediocalcar decoratum* J & N Marshall

**Best in Section**

*Masd King of Kings* 'Royale' M Pearce

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Large Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> *Cym Champagne* R Ryan

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend Avril's Gold 'Pumpkin Pie' Le Tan Liep  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dend Moondara x Aussie Victory M Mally

**Cattleya – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> *Catt Claesiana* x *L sincorana* Le Tan Liep

**Odontoglossum Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Odo Beenak Brilliance* x *Grampians*  
G & A Hardingham

**Best in Section**

Dend Avril's Gold 'Pumpkin Pie' Le Tan Liep



Best Cultivated -*Mediocalcar decoratum* - J & N Marshall

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend Barbara Tulloch 'Orange Delight' J Diwell  
1<sup>st</sup> Dend Duno 'Burgundy Sheen' x Aussie Victory  
J Diwell

**Aust Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> *Taurodium furcillatum* K Stringer  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Chiloglottis silvestris* K Stringer

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Onc Bittersweet* 'Roll of Honour' K Stringer

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Zygo Green Flash* H Nyssen

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> *Stenoglottis longifolia* K Stringer  
1<sup>st</sup> *Stenoglottis longifolia* F Penman

**Best in Section**

*Stenoglottis longifolia* K Stringer

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Seedling Flowering 1st Time**

1<sup>st</sup> *Masd Clarendon Glory* 'April' M Pearce

**Judges Vote**

*Masd King of Kings* 'Royale' M Pearce

**Best Cultivated**

*Mediocalcar decoratum* J & N Marshall



*Dendrobium Avril's Gold* 'Pumpkin Pie' - Le Tan Liep

Last year's seedling competition

We would like to see last year's seedling, *Dendrobium* (STARSHEEN x *specoicum* 'Winderemere') again to compare how they are going....

This of course is what the seedling competition is about: learning how different systems of culture and genes affect the growth and flowering of the plants.

So search them out, bring them in and we will look at them. Frances is looking for a nice prize for the lucky draw....

## Bus Trip to Castle Creek Orchids

Once again we had great weather for our trip up to Castle Creek Orchid nursery. We were on the road at 8.00am and our first stop was at Nagambie for our morning tea and rest stop.



After 30 minutes of tea and coffee and some good conversation we were back on the road. In no time at all we had arrived at the nursery. The cooks {Peter and Tim} started lunch, Wilma and some of the ladies arranged the salads and others took off to wander the sheds. There were some beautiful Catleyas in bloom, and the fragrance was overpowering.



Once again the lunch was delicious with plenty for everybody. Lots of lovely plants went into the bus and before we knew it was time to leave. A short trip back to Shepparton and we were pulling up outside the S.P.C. outlet. After 40 minutes of strolling around the outlet we loaded up our purchases {there were quite a few} and headed for home.



I must say a big thank you to all the members who bought along goodies for morning tea and lunch and to Peter, Tim and Wilma for doing such a great job at lunchtime.

Hope to see you on our next trip.

Liz.

A favourite attraction was Sasha the Maremma Sheepdog

Thanks to Bob Rowlands for the photos



## 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.

## Pots'n'Ferts

Our Pots'n'Ferts table has a new 'supervisor'. Ray Austin has taken over this role at our meetings and we all wish him well! Don't forget to go over and say hello to Ray whilst stocking up on your supplies.

Special thanks to George Downie who took over (again) when needed, but is now having a well-deserved rest.

## Other Shows

### 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

## Little more than a year to go!



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Check the calendar and register to come to the  
**7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Native Orchid Society  
Conference & Show.**

**Held at Strathpine (Queensland, Australia).  
Hosted by Kabi Group (Inc).**

**Full Conference - 22-24<sup>th</sup> August 2013  
Public show days - 23-24<sup>th</sup> August  
ANOS Gen. Meeting for affiliated members 25<sup>th</sup>  
Aug**

**For fuller details see [www.ourshopfront.com/kabi](http://www.ourshopfront.com/kabi)  
and follow the Conference link.**

## Winter Miracles, 14th Annual Orchid Show

21st-22nd July 2012

Australian Native Orchids & other orchid genera  
To be held at B & T Ferns & Orchids  
30 Wiseman Road, Sylvan.  
Melways Ref 123/E7 Free entry

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