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# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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

### Next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> September 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

7th September	Show set up
8th & 9th September	Spring Show
11th 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"
18th September	Committee Meeting

### Supper Duties 11<sup>th</sup> September

Mila Jurjevic and Voola Eleftheriou will be on supper duties for the September 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 Gary Backhouse. Gary is one of Melbourne's leading orchid experts, an excellent presenter and co-author of the book "Wild Orchids of Victoria, Australia", among others.

Last month we held our Cymbidium Night. Congratulations to all our winners.

My apologies to all the members for the mix up regarding last month's speaker for the night. Occasionally the gremlins get in.

### Plant of the Night



Den teretifolia grown by Eric & Frances Wilde

From the committee (21 Aug 2012)

The committee at the August meeting had a need to discuss a serious problem, the problem has been with us for many years.

At the shows we suffer from "loss of plants" from the sales area. "Why" we have this loss of plants has been a constant worry for us over at least a decade (or two), this show, we were "missing" 10 plants to a value of near \$200, no big deal I hear many of you saying (or thinking). I have often said Coles and Woolies would be glad to be only missing that amount (or percentage), but we are a non profit organization, we like to think of ourselves as the friendly society, so whether the seller makes a mistake and leaves a plant home, or we put a plant on the table and forget to pay for it, or we just plain steal it..... it all means that the plants are stolen from ourselves.

Let me put the "problem" another way, near 100 members worked for 2 1/2 days (at least) each and the "profit", (sorry Barry, I mean "surplus") was just \$280, do you understand the size of the theft now. Whether the theft of the plants is by members or visitors it is a problem for the committee?

We do pay for plants that are "missing", as we believe that the plants are given to us on consignment and in good faith, so we should pay. We have/ do spot checks on the plants being bought in by our sellers. We do require selling members to check their unsold plants out of the venue. We do have sales staff and others vigilant whilst the show is open to the public. Some plants seemingly have fallen into strange places and been located, causing embarrassment not only to the person with the plant but also for the person reporting the occurrence. Then there is the ongoing concern when these people are about our society again.....

The committee is concerned that **one** of the times that our sales plants are most vulnerable, is in fact, on the Friday afternoon and evening of the show. Our response to this will be:

1. Under the control of the Show co-ordinator, sales will be permitted to exhibitors and show workers from 4-00pm till 6-00pm (Friday afternoon). The sales area will then be closed and secured.
2. The show co-ordinator will allocate a person to take charge after 6-30pm (Friday night) of the sales area for any further sales to Judges and show workers. The person responsible will make sure that the sales area is secure at all times, it is not to be left unsecure.
3. No plant is to be removed from the sales area until it is paid for.
4. There is to be no placing selected plants "on the table, I will pay later". It is to be paid for first (read 3 above)

The spot checking in of plants will continue, if staff are available.

Members, the Show and General Committee are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause, but the problem is rife, so please keep your wits about you at the show, we wish to remove these onerous conditions and go back to the friendly society as soon as possible.

If any member does see something that is suspect, **please do not challenge the person yourself**, go to a committee member and report your observations and we will take it from there. Thank you.

Also from the show committee and passed by the committee is the return of the first (\$5) and second (\$2) payments for the next two shows. Easy money.....bring em in.

Anthony is going to the conference in Perth and will be setting up a club display for us...so:

He wants all of your flowers after the spring show to take. The flowers will be harvested on the Sunday afternoon from about 1-00pm. The flowers need to be identified and labelled with plant name and owners name, examined for quarantine, placed in vials and packed in tissue paper and boxes. The cut flowers will not be deprived from the show, but will be displayed as our entry going to Perth. Be warned.... **No person except the owner of the plant can remove the flowers from the plant, this is a club by-law.** The club will recompense Anthony for the expected added cost of transport. So that we don't get a big rush at the end of the day (Sunday) would people hoping to send their blooms to Perth please come down to the hall early.....join in a bit of a club day.

I have apologised to the committee and now to the membership, last months cymbidium challenge (item of the night) did not go perhaps as we planned (or did not plan) I forgot to include the invitation in the bulletin for the members to bring in their cymbids, to compete for the \$100 on offer, again my apologies. Apart from that I think the idea of the evening is very good and the committee has agreed to **p l a n** for it again next year.

Good growing Eric

Wanted to Buy

Nicky Huynh is looking for:

Dendrochilum Williamsii  
Dendrochilum Wenzelii (red)  
Dendrochilum Wenzelii (orange)  
Dendrochilum Glumaceum

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.

## Seedling Report August

I would like to thank to Bob Rowlands for providing his comments on the seedlings. There were 31 seedlings returned, it looks very good having all the plants on the front table. Congratulations to Sienna Prokopec 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

## MARIBYRNONG SPRING 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.

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.

## Show Coordinator's Report

Maribyrnong Orchid Society  
Spring Show  
Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September 2012

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September 2012. I will again require help with set up on Friday 7 September 2012, 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, so, more hands makes light work and I could do with your help again.

As you know I will be representing Maribyrnong Orchid Society at the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Orchid Conference in Perth after the Spring Show. It would be appreciated if members could nominate, on Friday afternoon, any flower spikes that they are happy to cut off their plants and give to me to bring to the conference, on Sunday afternoon we would like the member to cut the flower spike off their plants so we can pack them away to take to the 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference.

As you would have seen at the last two shows we have a new entry and exit to the show. We require people to enter by the small door on the left of the hall and exit out the centre door; this is to ease the congestion at the front door.

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 for tickets for the Spring Show. For tickets for the Sarcochilus Festival Show please see the members at the back of the hall at the September meeting.

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 enter. However, they must have their name badge on and MUST show their yellow 2012 membership ticket at the door**

I look forward to see you all at the Spring Show. However, I will not be at the September meeting, as I will be in Perth for the 19 AOC Conference.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

## Bark Sales

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

Contact Ron Ryan on 9311 2239 or 0438 098 267

## Cymbidium Night

**Champion Cymbidium of the Night  
Cym Mem Joan Rowlands 'Debonair'  
Bob Rowlands**



### Small Cymbidium

Cym Sarah Jean 'Karen'

B Rowlands

### Medium Cymbidium

Cym Mem Joan Rowlands 'Debonair'

B Rowlands

### Large Cymbidium

Cym Wallamurra 'Jupiter'

E & F Wilde

**Competition Results August**  
As per judging sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Aust Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend x Aussie Victory A Phlippou

**Aust Native Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Den *teretifolia* E & F Wilde

2<sup>nd</sup> Den *teretifolia* A Wild

**Aust Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> Pterostylus *ereata* A Scerri

2<sup>nd</sup> Pterostylus *ereata* A Scerri

**Sarcochilus species/hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco *falcatus* ?

**Paphiopedilum - Exhibition Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Highland Beauty x Neridah J W Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Sheeling 'Rondo' J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum - Maudiae Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph *maudiae* 'Lososos' x *maudiae* 'Clear Vision' J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum - Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Raisin Eyes x J W Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Chouvetii 'VanDyke' S & M Hurwood

**Paphiopedilum – Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph *insigne* 'Harefield Hall' D Colquhoun

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Snowflake D Howard

2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Reggae 'Idlewilde' S & M Hurwood

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Rosalie Dixler 'Queenscliff' J W Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Dock (*dolichophylla* x *fuliginosa*) x *striolata* ?

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Encyclia *polybulbon* M Condon

2<sup>nd</sup> Laelia *anceps* M Condon

**Best in Section**

Den *teretifolia* E & F Wilde

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend Avril's Gold 'Louanne' Le Tan Liep

1<sup>st</sup> Dend rutherford 'Starburst' F & J Spiteri

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Rein Sun 'Big & Bold' Le Tan Liep

2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Pixie Leopard x Kimballs Sun Le Tan Liep

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zygo Redvale G Ragg

**Best in Section**

Masd Rein Sun 'Big & Bold' Le Tan Liep



**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Dend *schneiderae* x *monophyllum* J Diwell

2<sup>nd</sup> Dend Delicatum J Hastewell

**Aust Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> Pterostylus *curta* Pendulata K Stringer

2<sup>nd</sup> Chiloglottis *forficifira* K Stringer

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco *hartmanii* J Diwell

**Odontoglossum Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Odo Unknown Loan Do

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Mediocalcar *decoratum* Tien Nguyen

2<sup>nd</sup> Mediocalcar *agathodaemonis* Dau Nguyen

**Best in Section**

Mediocalcar *decoratum* Tien Nguyen



**NON SECTIONAL**

**Seedling Flowering 1st Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Pathfinder x Personell J W Crawford

**Judges Vote**

Den *teretifolia* E & F Wilde

**Best Cultivated**

Den *teretifolia* E & F Wilde

**Other Shows**

**Cymbidium Orchid Society Vic**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> September 9am-5pm

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> September 9am-4pm

Hungarian Community Centre

760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna

**Werribee Orchid Club**

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> & Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am – 4pm

Italian Sports Club,

601 Heaths Road, Werribee

Mel Ref 205 F3

**Victorian Orchid Club Spring Show**

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am – 4pm

Heidelberg Repatriation Hosp

Entry through Gate 8,

300 Waterdale Road Heidelberg

Mel. Ref. 31 F4

**ANOS Victoria Annual Spring Show**

**Mount Waverley Community Centre**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am-4pm

(Opposite Mount Waverley Station)

Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

Mel. Ref. 70 E1

## The "olden days"

"Everyone" has a story about the "olden days", today's story is about Maribyrnong Orchid Society and one of our greatest members, Gerald McCraith AM.

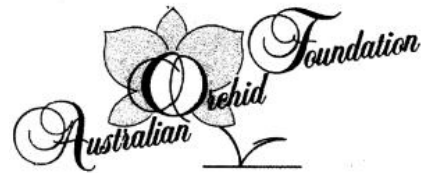
Gerald has departed to the very large orchid garden in the sky, many will remember him, those of you that were not privileged to, you may have heard many people speak of him, or have read about him. Why do we, the older members still left, speak with such reverence about this man?

Gerald was a well travelled man, he collected many orchids from all over the world, he had a very large collection, a collection that was well known in Australia, in fact the world. You knew that you had a chance of making it in the Orchid world if Gerald gave you an invite to visit 107 Roberts Street to view his collection. This would not be a minor task, it would take at least half a day.

Today I received an old picture from his daughter Lois, of one of his last **major stands** that he built for us, I think it was the winter show of 1989..... I attach it for your interest..... Gerald was relatively young then at 80.

Gerald's love was *Odontoglossums* (especially), have you seen a better stand at Maribyrnong in the last ten years?

- Eric Wilde



Members and visitors are invited to attend the

### 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

of the

### Australian Orchid Foundation

At the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre,  
82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill (Melways Ref:62 F4)

on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 2:00pm**

**Immediately followed by presentation by**

**Dr. Ben Wallace**

### "In China looking for orchids"

Ben is a well-respected orchid researcher, avid photographer of orchids both in culture and the wild. He is a frequent presenter of lectures on various aspects of orchids. He operates Eco tours to China and Malesia.

**Entry is free and after the talk you can share afternoon tea.**



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