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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 12th February 2013

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 12th February 2013.**

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.

Supper Duties 12th 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 2013

Welcome all members, new and old, to the 2013 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

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Ms Helen Richards and the topic will be "Growing Terrestrial Orchids and Their Culture."

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..

President's Message February 2013

Happy New Year to all. I hope that you had a safe festive season.

Well it is time to get back into the swing of things. Our first meeting on 12th February will be here before we know it and as usual the club will have a busy year.

The show dates for this year are May 25th & 26th, July 13th & 14th, September 14th & 15th and November 9th & 10th. Now is the time to start looking at those plants you would like to show. Yes I can hear all you newer members saying that your plants are now good enough. How do you know? I can still remember the first blue ribbon I won. I got such a buzz and I knew I had to show some more. Just remember that some of our more experienced growers still think that they have a plant that is not good enough, but it is put in to fill up a space. And guess what, it walks away with Champion Orchid. You just have to show that first plant.

The club will be running bus trips again this year. I am still in the process of organising them and will let you know where and when as soon as possible.

Don't forget that the Annual General Meeting will be held in April. We will be looking for committee members, so if you have something to offer to the club then come along and join the team. Our committee have one goal and that is the successful running of our club. It is hard but worthwhile work.

Well that is all for now. Oh, by the way, my granddaughter is four and a half months old now and she is starting to get a bit more interested in what is going on around her. She loves to go shopping and takes in everything she sees, just like her mother and grandmother.

Bye for now.
Elizabeth.

Annual General Meeting APRIL 2013

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.

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.

Well Happy New Year from the committee and yes, we are back in the saddle for another year. It has been a little hot over the Christmas break and my major problem has been the lack of rain. Not that I have run out of tank water, but the tanks are beginning to empty.

The committee on your behalf lodged bereavement notices in the Herald Sun for our two much loved members George Downie and Ron Glover, their passing is quite sad. The society sent cards to their widows and family. Both members were fine clubmen and had been with us for years. Rest in peace both of you.

The show committee presented the recommendation of raising the cost of admission to the shows from \$3 to \$4 this year and the committee has accepted this. Members of course will not be affected as, provided you are financial and are wearing your badge your admission is (still) free. Four shows, \$4 per show. Is membership in this society a bargain or what? \$4 x 4 = \$16 (single membership \$12), 2x 4x 4 = \$32 (family membership \$15)

Consumer Affairs have advised the Society that we will need to look at our Constitution (and all other incorporated bodies also). We must amend our constitution or they will impose their model rules upon us. We have about 18 months to either amend our rules or be subjected to the automatic changes. The committee formed a sub-committee to look at our constitution and the model rules, and present to committee a recommendation. When the committee is happy with our new rules, they will be presented to an AGM or special general meeting of the membership for approval. If you are interested or wish to make an input into the preparation of the document please speak to a member of the committee. As there is only 2½ months to the AGM, the new document may not be available for decision at this meeting (AGM) and hence a special meeting may have to be called in the future.

Speaking of the AGM, 21/2 months to go, all committee positions will be declared vacant, **what are you going to do about it?**

Well it's lovely to be back, see you at the meeting on the 12th Feb.

Eric



Seedling Competition

Vale George Downie

George passed away just short of Christmas after a very short illness. A wonderful clubman, George had spent years on the committee and was a Life Member of our Society. He loved his orchids and his family. Many club members attended his funeral. He was also a member and I think, a Life Member of the Keilor Garden Club, so he did share himself about. At his funeral reference was made to these aspects of his life and also to his long term employment in the Airline Industry. Thank you George, it was certainly a pleasure for me, and I am sure to many other members of the Society, to have known you.

Vale Ron Glover

Ron, passed away on the 28th December, aged 89 years He was a long term member of our Society, I think almost from the beginning. He was one of our beloved "Sunshine Boys". The Sunshine boys have been known to walk up to visitors to our shows and from their pockets, produce a kiki as a present. Ronnie was the person who bought in those thousands of Pleione bulbs that we have all received (and killed?). The Sunshine boys consisted of Ken Clarke, Les Eagland, and Ron Glover. All of these guys have gone to the big garden, except one. Take care, Mick. Ron's orchid passions were natives and species, he was a very good knowledgeable grower.

Other Orchid Shows 2013

Orchid Species Society of Victoria Open Day Free entry

Sun 17th March 9am-1pm
City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre
Jolimont Road Forest Hills
Mel. Ref. 62 F4



It is that time again, the seedling completion is back.

This year we have Propetalum Kiwi Leopard x Zygopetalum (Jumpin Jack x Syd Monkhouse) which will grow cold, please read Eric's article for more details on the breeding and growing.

There are only **50 plants** available for **\$10.00 each**.

Plants will be issued by draw, so when you arrive at the meeting:

- 1. Come to the competition table**
- 2. Draw a number.**
- 3. Make sure it is entered in the register.**

One seedling per member.

During the year if any plant does not make it (eg. dies) I would like to know, as it interesting to see how many don't make as well as seeing how they are growing.

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.

Reduction of Orchid Collection.

CATALOGUE OF AUCTION

Being conducted by The Victorian Orchid Club Inc.

On behalf of Mr. Steve Bato

SUNDAY 3rd March, 2013

At No.1 Brumbys Road
Carrum Downs

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

Approximately 200 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
B.Y.O. LUNCH AND CHAIR**

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The 2013 seedling competition plant

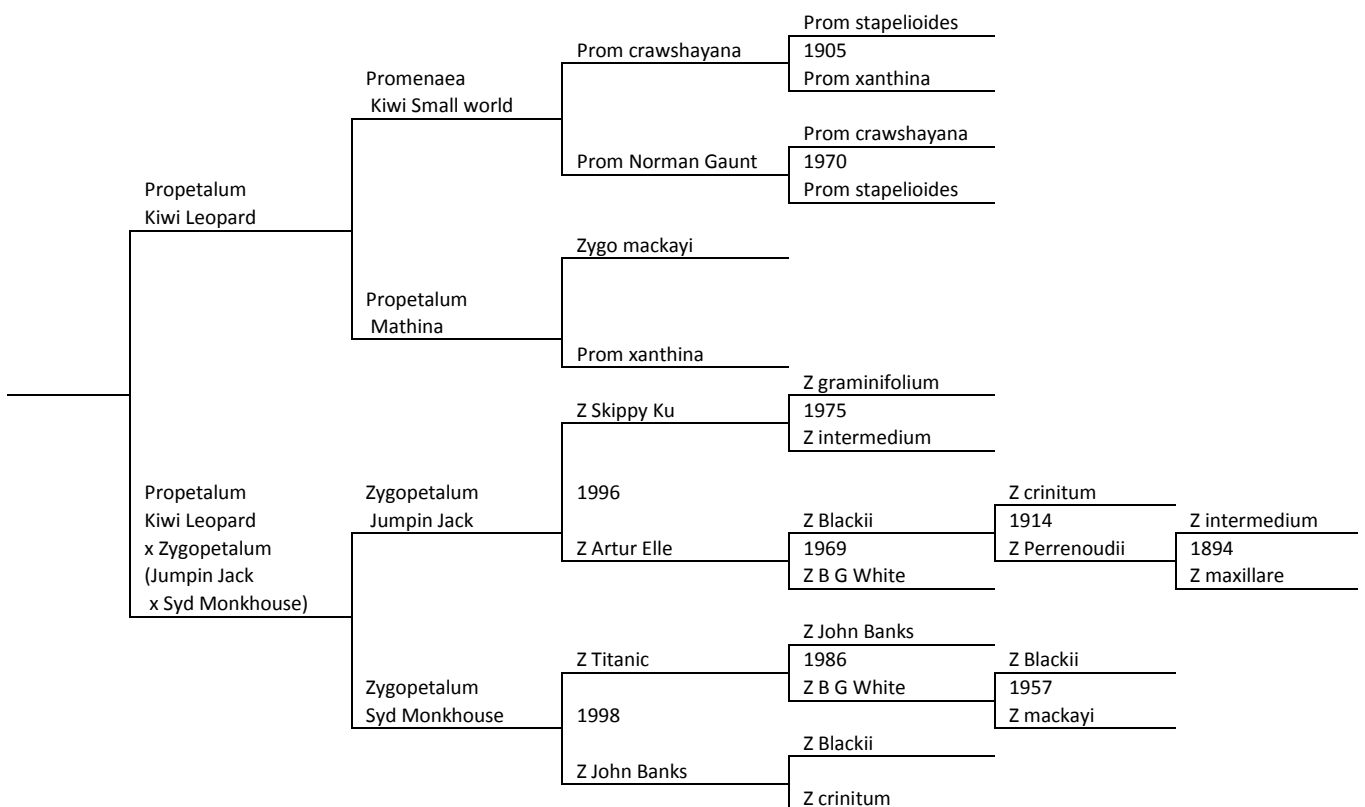
The 2013 seedling competition will start with the sale of the plants on the 12th of February. The seedling is from John Woolf of Toowoomba and is Propetalum Kiwi Leopard x Zygopetalum (Jumpin Jack x Syd Monkhouse).

The plants are quite well established, however there is some difference in each plant's size. Sorry, but it is impossible to get plants all the same size, they are growing things. The plants will be sold at \$10 each. For the first sales, only one per membership (so that as many members as possible can "play"). After the item of the evening any remaining plants will be sold on a first come first served basis. If you cannot make it to the evening, please contact Joanne and give her your money.

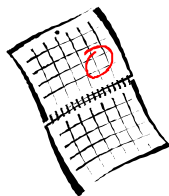
We want everyone to have a go at this. The cost of your plant is covering the growing competition, remember that each club night (when you bring in your plant) there will be a prize. Not for the best plant, but a draw from all plants returned (even dead ones?), so that is a chance to win up to 10 more plants for the year. There is also the prize at the end of the year for the member bringing in his plant the most times (max 10). If there is more than one member eligible to win the competition, there will be another draw for the winner. Finally, we give a prize to the member whose seedling flowers first. The seedling comp is about fun..... but also it allows us all to gauge how we are growing our plant(s).

The plant is quite complex in its breeding having five species of Zygopetalums in its parentage and two Promenaeas, in lots of combinations. I have given Jenny a genealogy table for it. It is a bit rough, however, if she is running a bit short of items she may put it into the bulletin for you to look at. I will also bring it with me on club night, for the students of "why is it so".

The plant has so many mighty Zygos in it: Z. Artur Elle, Z. Syd Monkhouse and Z. Titanic to name a few, all of these hybrids have featured on our show benches over the past years. These Zygos are all large flowered varieties. The Promenaeas will reduce the size of the plant. Growing conditions that I would be looking for are: more sheltered than a cymbidium or a straight Zygo, not quite as much sun as a cymbid, those large, quite thin leaves are too good a collector of sunlight to be in too much sun, a mix that is quite light and fluffy (look at the mix that John has been growing them in (always a good guide)). Remember it is a growing competition, your reputation is at stake here, only kidding, but be in the fun and good growing.
Eric



Dates to Remember For 2012



12 th February	Meeting
19 th February	Committee Meeting
12 th March	Meeting
19 th March	Committee Meeting
9 th April	AGM & Meeting
16 th April	Committee Meeting
14 th May	Meeting
21 st May	Committee Meeting
May 24 th	Show set up
May 25 th & 26 th	Autumn Show
11 th June	Meeting
18 th June	Committee Meeting
9 th July	Meeting
12 th July	Show set up
13 th & 14 th July	Winter Show
16 th July	Committee Meeting
13 th August	Meeting
20 th August	Committee Meeting
10 th September	Meeting
13 th September	Show set up
14 th & 15 th September	Spring Show
17 th September	Committee Meeting
8 th October	Meeting
15 th October	Committee Meeting
8 th November	Show set up
9 th & 10 th November	Sarcophilus Festival
12 th November	Meeting
19 th November	Committee Meeting
10 th December	Dinner & Meeting



MOS Orchid Shows

Autumn Show:	May 25 th & 26 th
Winter Show	July 13 th & 14 th
Spring Show	Sept 14 th & 15 th
Sarcophilus Festival	Nov 9 th & 10 th

Maribyrnong Community Centre,
Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Mel Ref 28 A7.

Guest Speakers



12 th Feb	Ms Helen Richards
	Growing Terrestrial Orchids and their Culture
12 th March	Mr Milton Dyer
	Maxicrop
9 th April	Stephen Stebbing
	TBC
14 th May	Peter Miller
	Mounting Australian Native Orchids
11 th June	Grant Garrett
	Awarded Orchids 2012
9 th July	TBC
13 th August	TBC
10 th September	TBC
8 th October	TBC
12 th November	TBC
10 th December	No Speaker - Christmas Function



Supper Roster

March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November

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