



Maribyrnong Orchid Society

MARCH 2013 BULLETIN

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 12th March 2013

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

Denise Colquhoun and Judy Marshall have volunteered to help with supper at the March 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. There are only three more helpers required. If you'd like to help out, it is a very easy job to do.

February Plant of the Night

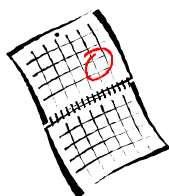


Judges Vote for February meeting went to *Disa* Helmut Meyer benched by Malcolm Pearce. The orchid genus ***Disa*** consists of 169 terrestrial orchid species in tropical and South Africa, Madagascar and along the Western Indian Ocean. Its members are primarily from South Africa. *Disa* grow near waterfalls & moist places with plenty of fresh air. Grow this hybrid in bright indirect light conditions.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Milton Dyer from Maxicrop. Thank you to Ms Helen Richards for her talk last month on "Growing Terrestrial Orchids and Their Culture."

Dates to Remember For 2013



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 May 25 th & 26 th	Show set up 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	Eric Wilde	Preparing Plants for the Show Bench
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	Denise Colquhoun	Judy Marshall
April	Geoff Ragg	K Cooke
May	Maryanne Deguan	Rose Brooks
June	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly
July	Mila Jurjevic	Joyce Spiteri
August	Tony Lopreiato	
September	Margaret Gatt	Carmen Ellul
October	Rita Grima	May Sciberras
November		



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President's Message March

Hi there everyone. Here we are again getting ready for another busy year with the orchids. Some rain would be nice, my tanks are still empty and we need a good downpour to fill them up. I am sure yours are the same.

Our first speaker this year was Helen Richards who spoke on terrestrials and their management. If you were unable to attend then you missed a good night. I hope that we will see more terrestrials on the show bench in the future thanks to Helen.

Speaking of shows, how are you going with your show plants? Don't forget to keep the water up to them especially on these windy days. My green house gets very hot and I have to turn the spray on at least twice a day. The little geckos love it.

I have noticed that the cicadas are back again this year. I read an article about why there weren't any last year and if I can find it I will try to get it in the bulletin.

Not much to tell you this month. Wilma and I are still trying to organise bus trips for this year. As I said last month, will let you know when and where as soon as possible.

Bye for now.
Elizabeth

From the Committee 19th Feb 2013

Well the 2012/13 year is coming to a close. You will find in this bulletin your notification of the Annual General Meeting (on the 9th of April). With the ending of this period, so we need to make our new start for the 2013/14 period.

At the AGM we will receive reports from all of the hard working members of committee and also say thank you for their work, we will also call for the renewal process to begin with a new committee, as all positions will be declared vacant. It is not all doom and gloom of course because under our constitution, any member can apply for any position on the committee, with the exception that Elizabeth cannot reapply for her position as President as she has served 3 consecutive years in that office. So Elizabeth from myself and the committee thank you for your efforts, I am sure that the membership at an appropriate time will also congratulate you on your efforts. To the other members of committee, thank you for your wisdom and labour and I do hope to see some of you again (on the committee).

The committee is made up of an executive of 5, a President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary and the Treasurer, they are augmented by 10 committee members. The committee meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7-00pm, the meeting usually takes about 2 hours. **I wonder if our society is worth spending 2 hours a month to help guide and manage it.** I guess I and the other members of our association will soon find out when **all** of those applications, to fill the above

positions, flood into my mail box. Want more information? Give me a call.

A reminder that your membership payments are due at the end of February. A point of clarification re voting at the AGM, "If you were a financial member in 2012, or a life member you are considered eligible to vote at this AGM." If you are not financial by the 30th of April, you will no longer receive a bulletin, nor be able participate in shows etc, until your membership is re-established.

Consumer affairs have changed the requirements of our association, for us to be incorporated, the change needed is to our constitution, or as they put it "our Rules of Association", the committee is working on the redrafting of our constitution to fit these model rules. It is not an easy task. When the committee, or more correctly, when the new committee thinks that the document is ready, we will need to hold a Special General Meeting for the membership to approve or otherwise the document, prior to it being sent off for the Registrars approval (Consumer Affairs), but there is still a lot of water to flow under the bridge yet.

The committee have approved that the society will run an auction for the dispersal of Ron Glovers plants. The plants have been catalogued and it consists of many great Dendrobium Delicatum, many of these plants have been in high demand in the past, but not available, so here is your chance. Ron's collection also included many classy Laelias and of course a collection of pleiones. It will be worth the trip to the auction just to see how he grew his pleiones..... Wonderful poly boxes full of very large bulbs, save up your pennies er dollars. The auction will be held on the 6th April at 10-00am, cash only. Catalogues are available through me, or hopefully on the web (oops sorry Jenny you don't know about that yet)

I have just been notified that we have lost another long time member John (Jack) Williams. Jack and his dear wife Betty used to grow wonderful cymbidiums, they were members of several other clubs. Jack had not been a member of ours for 4/5 years as the ravages of time caught up with him. A nice old bloke from the past, rest in peace Jack.

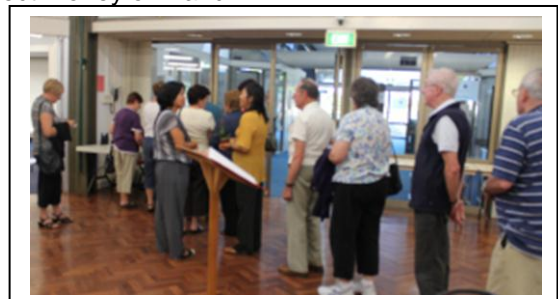
Good growing
Eric

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..



To all members and orchid clubs, I hope that you enjoyed Christmas and New Year and that all that is going well.

In my travels around, I find that one of the most often asked questions is "What does the AOC do for us?" Remember that the AOC is owned by the membership of orchid growers, but here are some things that the AOC does for all growers and clubs.

The AOC is the national forum for the coordination of orchid growing across Australia and for the resolution of issues brought to it by the personal members or societies, often through the Area Representative Organisations (AROs).

The AOC publishes the magazine 'Orchids Australia' which provides a wealth of information on aspects of orchid growing, historical articles, awards, and what is happening at club level. The publication committee welcomes relevant contributions from personal members – for example on culture, show reports and any other articles of interest to orchid growers not only in Australia but overseas as well. May I encourage people to become personal members of the AOC by subscribing to 'Orchids Australia.'

The AOC provides a comprehensive program library for AOC-affiliated clubs free of charge except for return postage. The complete catalogue may be downloaded from the AOC website which is another service to orchid growers in general. The current AOC Secretary can also email it to you as she is also the Program Librarian.

We also provide a unified national judging system, granting awards of excellence to growers. Over many years the system has been developed, headed by the Registrar General in conjunction with the Registrar from each State who train judges to a high standard so that they are able to judge at orchid shows wherever they may be required.

During my tenure as President I encourage personal members and clubs to share ideas that they have had success with, either at a personal level or at club level. For example, you may have a successful way of attracting new members to your club, or a member may have done something different that resulted in growing his/her orchids better. You can email or post your suggestions to me which I will share in future newsletters. (Please let me know whether you want your name/club mentioned.) I don't care if I am overwhelmed with emails! If you have any articles that could be printed in 'Orchids Australia' I would also be pleased to receive them.

As many of you are aware, there have been horrific fires and floods in Australia in the last month or so, and I would assume that there are orchid growers who have been affected by these disasters. I believe, that as orchid growers, we need to support such people. I suggest that if clubs in the affected areas could let me know, we may be able to put out an appeal for growers who have surplus plants to donate them to those

affected so that they may be able to continue their interest in the hobby that we all enjoy so much.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the clubs and personal members for the support and encouraging comments that I have received whilst making contact by email, phone or personally. As a result of these contacts we are now able to be in touch with most clubs via the internet which will help immensely to cut the operating costs of the Council.

Until the next newsletter, goodbye for now.
Jim Shaughnessy, AOC President

Annual General Meeting 9th 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.

Maribyrnong Orchid Society
Autumn Show
Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May 2013

Yes, we are already in March and the Autumn Show is not far away. It will be held on Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May 2013 and I will require help with set up on Friday 24 May after 1.00pm. Please book this in your diaries.

At our shows, there are a number of jobs that I will require help with on both days and 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.

Please contact me if you can give your club some of your time during the shows so I can book you in, or just turn up and help.

Any members that require a stand at the show please ring me so I can arrange a position for you.

If you require sales tickets please see Liz at the April or May meetings to arrange your sales tickets in advance.

Please note that NO plants are permitted in the hall till after 1.30pm on Friday and that NO sales plants are permitted into the sales area, till after 3.30pm on the Friday.

The cost to enter show this year has increased to \$4.00.

This year we are still permitting free entrance into our shows for our members who have their name badge on. You will be required to show your 2013 membership ticket at the door as well. (No 2013 membership ticket and you will have to pay).

I look forward to seeing you all at the March meeting and at our Autumn Show.

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

Competition Results February
As per judging sheets

OPEN SECTION

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

- 1st Sarc Velvet 'Chocolate' x Velvet 'Solid' E & F Wilde
2nd Sarc Velvet 'Chocolate' x Velvet 'Splash'E & F Wilde

Cattleya Novelty Type

- 1st Blc Tribute 'Independence Day' x C *Ioddigesii* R Austin
2nd Lc Hwa Yuan 'Angel' R Austin

Oncidium Hybrid

- 1st Onc Makalii 'Gotoh' G Campbell
2nd Onc Unknown A Philippou

Vanda

- 1st Ascda Udomchai Delight J & M Lattimore

Phalaenopsis Hybrid

- 1st Phal Taisuco Wonder J & M Lattimore
2nd Dtps Livis Berry 'Orchid House' J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Hybrid

- 1st Masd Beefy M Pearce
2nd Masd Rosemary (*coccinea* x *glandulosa*) J Haniver

Any Other Hybrid

- 1st Disa Helmet Meyer M Pearce
1st Phrag Calurum M Pearce

Species Any Genera

- 1st Den *tapiniense* G Campbell
2nd Coel *pandurata* G Campbell



Best in Section

Disa Helmet Meyer M Pearce

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Species Any Genera

- 1st Epidendrum *floribundum* M Mally
2nd Maxillaria *cuculata* M Mally



Best in Section

Epidendrum *floribundum* M Mally

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Oncidium Hybrid

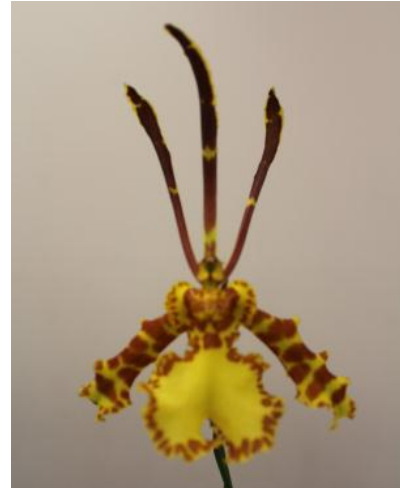
- 1st Colmanara Wildcat 'Red Star' D Brus
2nd Colmanara Wildcat 'Red Star' M Grima

Vanda

- 1st Unknown D Brus

Species Any Genera

- 1st Onc *papilio* D Nguyen
2nd Gongora *galeata* J & C Ellul



Best in Section

Onc *papilio* D Nguyen

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering 1st Time



1st Paph Goldollar x *drurii*

J W Crawford

Judges Vote

Disa Helmet Meyer M Pearce



Best Cultivated

Ascda Udomchai Delight J & M Lattimore

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

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Autumn Show

Sat 25th & Sun 26th May 9am – 4pm
Maribyrnong Community Centre
Randall Street, Maribyrnong
Mel Ref 28 A8

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Winter Show

Sat 13th & Sun 14th July 9am – 4pm
Maribyrnong Community Centre
Randall Street, Maribyrnong
Mel Ref 28 A8

Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show

Sat 20th & Sun 21st July
10am – 4pm
The Arcacia and Wattle Rooms
Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg.
Entry through Gate 9, Waterdale Road.
Mel Ref 401 G7

Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show

27th July 9am-4pm & 28th July 9am-3pm
Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park,
Synott Street Werribee
Mel. Ref. 205 K9

Seedling Competition

There are only **9 plants** left for purchase for **\$10.00 each**.

The remaining plants will be allocated the same way as at the February meeting, by draw, so if you would like one or another come to the seedling table:

Just a reminder; 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.

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

Good luck and happy growing,
Joanne Hastewell – Coordinator.



Only six months away!



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**Register to come to the
7th Australasian Native Orchid Society
Conference & Show.**

Held at Strathpine (Queensland, Australia).

Hosted by Kabi Group(Inc).

Full Conference - 22-25th August 2013

Public show days - 23-25th August

NOTE: Programme update

**ANOS Gen. Meeting for affiliated members
23rd Aug**

For fuller details see

www.ourshopfront.com/kabi

and follow the Conference link

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC. AUCTION OF PLANTS ON BEHALF OF THE LATE RON GLOVER

**FEATURES A WONDERFUL COLLECTION OF THE
BEST DELICATUMS AND LAELIAS &
AN UNUSUAL COLLECTION OF PLEIONES**

06 APRIL 2013

9 AM Viewing time

10 AM Auction starts

AT 138 BALLARAT ROAD MAIDSTONE

TERMS OF SALE

**BIDDERS SHALL REGISTER AND BE GIVEN A
NUMBER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE AUCTION
PAYMENT IS BY CASH ONLY NO CREDIT CARD
FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE
TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE
B.Y.O.LUNCH AND CHAIR**

**BIDS SHALL BE RECORDED BY BIDDERS NUMBER
ONLY**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Eric or Frances Wilde on (03) 52831364**

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are notified that the Societies Annual General Meeting will be held on April the 9th at 8-00pm in the Maribyrong Community Centre, prior to the normal April meeting.

The agenda for the AGM will be:

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Acceptance of apologies
- 3. Acceptance of proxies
- 4. Reports
 - a. Treasurers Report
 - b. Presidents Report
- 5. Election of office bearers
- 6. Election of other society offices
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Close of AGM

Eric Wilde
Secretary

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NOMINATION FORM

I..... nominate.....

for the position of.....

In the forthcoming elections for the committee of the Maribyrong Orchid Society Inc for the 2012/13 year.

Signed..... Date

Seconded..... Date

I accept the nomination for the above position

Signed Date

(Nominations to be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 2nd April 2013)

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,

of

Being a member of the Maribyrong Orchid Society Inc, hereby appoint

.....

of

Being a member of that Incorporated Assosiation, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 9th day of April 2013 and any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed

Date

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

Membership Secretary
Maribyrong Orchid Society Inc
PO Box 148
HIGHPOINT CITY 3032

Type of Membership	Junior (under 16)	\$ 8.00
(Please circle)	Single	\$12.00
	Family	\$15.00

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Email Address.....

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Website

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Please note that the BULLETIN contribution deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month