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Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 11th March 2014

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 11th March 2014**.



The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.



The 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operate 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 11th March

No-one has volunteered to help with supper for the March meeting. If you are able to help out, please let us know when you get to the meeting. There are vacancies for other months too, so if you can please spare some time, put your name down on the list at the next meeting. All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening, but we still need someone to set up and clear away. Joyce Spiteri and Geoff Ragg are rostered for April.

Guest Speaker

The speaker for the night will be Mr Alex Wild who will be speaking on Dockrillia species and hybrids. Alex is a member of MOS and ANOS Vic, and has been growing orchids for many years.

Thank you to Mr Neil Anderton who spoke last month on Growing Terrestrial Orchids and their Culture.

February Plant of the Night



Best in the Open Section and Judges' Choice was Phalaenopsis Hsin White Snow grown by Malcolm Pearce.

From the Committee 18th February 2014

The committee meeting held on the 18th of February, seems a little sad (now)..... The trial period of paying \$5 and \$2 for first and second prizes at the last two shows has come to a close, the committee thought that the advantage was not there. The Gerald McCraith Award for the champion species of the show was discussed and it was decided to leave it at its current level, \$100. The show entrance fee was discussed and it was decided to increase admittance to \$5. There was much discussion of the topic, however, it seems that for good economics the entrance fee should cover the hall rental cost, and it has not done this for a while. With attendance (paid) at our shows seldom over 300 for the weekend, at the new fee and average attendance, this should be achieved.

47 seedling competition plants were sold at the meeting, leaving 3 left. Joanne will bring the remaining plants in to the meeting, first 3 get them at \$8. At the March meeting we are expecting to see your seedlings, healthy, repotted and roaring away?

With the changing of our membership rates, a little tinkering can cause major problems. Recently, we introduced a \$5 cost for the postage of a hard copy of the bulletin, email delivery is free. Our past policy was that Life Members got their bulletin and membership complimentary. MOS have never been lacking in Life Members, currently 15. Nobody doubts the worthiness of each of these awards, the members have worked hard for the society. The committee have decided that "if Life Members wish to have a hard copy of the bulletin posted, they will need to pay the \$5", email delivery is still free. This decision was not unanimous and has caused a little ripple in our normally happy little group. The committee had further discussion on just what "Life Membership" means? Yes, we all know what LIFE means..... 85 years usually, 15 years if you are a convicted murderer, etc. So what does **Life Membership** mean when talking about MOS? Do you have an opinion? Why don't you speak to your friendly MOS committee person? Have we done right?

Speaking about the committee.....it's the end of the financial year, so your fees are due, the annual general meeting is upon us, all committee places are about to be declared vacant, do you care (?) No committee, no club. Nomination forms are available in this bulletin.

Eric

Membership

A reminder that membership fees are due at the end of the month.

New fees: Single \$12 Household/family \$15 and if you want a printed newsletter \$5.

I would really appreciate it if you could please complete the membership form from the last newsletter and return to me at the meetings, by email julez61@hotmail.com.au or PO BOX 193 Laverton 3028.

Thank you to those who have returned their forms already.

Show Coordinators Report March 2014

Maribyrnong Orchid Society
Autumn Show
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May 2014

Yes, we are already in March and the Autumn Show is not far away. It will be held on Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May 2014 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 the show this year has increased to \$5.00.

This year we are still be permitting free entrance into our shows for our members that have their name badge on and as per last year, you will be required to show your 2014 membership card.

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

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

Seedling Report

Out of the 50 seedlings available, 47 were sold, with only 3 remaining. The remaining plants will be sold at the March meeting, first in gets them, so come to the seedling table. They plants are \$8 each.

This year we have Sarc Amber which will grow cold.

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.

Good luck and happy growing,
Joanne

Supper Roster

March
April	Joyce Spiteri	Geoff Ragg
May	Rita Grima
June	Maryanne Deguara
July
August	Rita Grima
September	Tony Lopreiato
October	Denise Colquhoun	Judy Marshall
November	Chris Kozlowski

Speakers for 2014

March	Mr Alex Wild	
	Dockrillia species and hybrids	
April	Mr John Varigos	
	Orchids with Beards: Orchids, Wildflowers and	
	Highlights of the Holy Lands	
May	Mr Vince Davey	
	Neutrog Australia	
June	Mr Grant Garrett	
	Awarded Orchids 2013	
July	Mr Geoffrey Bailey	
	Cymbidium Orchids	
August	Mr Ron Neyenhuis	
	Rooftop and Vertical Gardens	
September	Mr Andre Cleghorn (Flora Laboratory)	
	Seeding and Mericloneing of Orchids	
October	Mr Murray Harding	
	Species Orchids	
November	Mr Kevin Western	TBC
December	No Speaker	Christmas Dinner

2014 BUS TRIPS

Once again Maribyrnong Orchid Society is offering three bus trips for the year.

Our first trip is to B & T Ferns and then on to Mt Beenak on Sunday 18th May, leaving from the Footscray Park Bowling Club at 9.00am. I have been asked by Clive and Agi of Mt. Beenak that if you wish to purchase particular orchids, and/or you have a list, then email them before we go and the order will be ready for you on the day. Just check the Mt. Beenak website for what is available. This will help streamline things on the day.

The second bus trip is to Merrigum (or Castle Creek Orchids) as most of know it as, on Sunday 29th June leaving from the Footscray Park Bowling Club at 8.30am.

Wilma will be taking bookings for the FIRST bus trip at the next meeting.

Our third trip is still being organised and it looks like we will be doing the Tyabb run. We will give you dates and times for that in the near future.

Hope to see you soon.

Elizabeth and Wilma



Name Badges

Member's name badges are available at a cost of: With a pin \$11.00 and with a magnet \$13.75 To order please see Julianne (Membership Secretary). (Please note: Magnetic badges should not be worn if you have a pacemaker. This advice comes from the seller and is clearly marked on the back of the badge.)

Request for help

Is there someone at the club who would like to take notes about our talk of the evening?

I would like to print a paragraph or two (with permission from the speaker) about our talks so that the information is shared amongst the members. It can be a quite short overview, not a detailed copy.

Let Jenny know if you are interested.

Show Preparation

Our Autumn Show is on for Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May, just 12 weeks away at the time of writing. The schedule can be downloaded now in PDF format from the website. Sales tickets and entry forms can be collected from Liz at the April and May meetings.

All plants entered in the show must be clean and healthy and have been owned by you for at least 6 months at the time of the show. Sales plants must also be healthy. If you are in doubt, please see the Show Co-ordinator or the Show Marshall.

ORCHID SPECIES SOCIETY OF VICTORIA OPEN DAY Orchid Sale and Display

**Sunday 16th March 2014
9:00 am to 2pm**

City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre,
Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.
(Adj. Parkmore Primary School)
Melways Map 62 Ref. G4

**ENTRY \$4
Members Free**

Featuring:

- * Specialist growers to sell and display quality plants and seedlings.
 - * Large display of rare and uncommon orchids.
 - * Cool and Warm growing plants.
 - * Advice on growing and caring for your orchids.
 - * Demonstration of mounting and repotting of orchids
- Good parking available
Great sausage sizzle
Tea and coffee available
Raffle prizes for lucky ticket purchasers.

A great opportunity to add to your collection of orchids or to start up a collection yourself.

Competition Results February
As per judging sheets

OPEN SECTION

Australian Native Species Dendrobium

1st Den *bigibbum* M Pearce

Disa

1st D uniflora x Xmas Gold M Pearce

2nd D uniflora x Amies Girl M Pearce

Dendrobium Hybrid/Species (Not Australian Native)

1st Den Aussie Pink J & D Sharam

Phalaenopsis

1st Phal Hsin White Snow M Pearce

Any Other Hybrid

1st Epi Cosmo Dream E & F Wilde

2nd Epi Pink Lady A Scerri



Species Any Genera

1st Neofinitia *falcata* J & D Sharam

2nd Neofinitia *falcata* J & D Sharam

Best in Section

Phal Hsin White Snow M Pearce

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Vanda

1st Vanda Rothschildiana D Brus

Phalaenopsis

1st Phal Unkown Amh T Tien



Best in Section

Vanda *rothschildiana* D Brus

NON SECTIONAL

Judges Vote

Phal Hsin White Snow M Pearce

Best Cultivated

Maxillaria *parahybuenensis* J & D Sharam



SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

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

Type of Membership (Please circle)	Junior (under 16)	\$ 8.00	(except, children of single and households)
	Single	\$12.00	
	Household	\$15.00	
	Hardcopy/post Bulletin	\$ 5.00	

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Email Address.....

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are notified that the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on April the 8th at 8.00pm in the Maribyrnong 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. Minutes
 - a. AGM held 9th April 2013
 - b. Special meeting held 12th November 2013
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurers Report
 - b. Presidents Report
6. Annual subscription

Currently	Household	\$15
	Single	\$12
	Junior	\$8
	Hardcopy/post	\$5
7. Election of office bearers
8. Election of other society officers
9. Any other business
10. 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 Maribyrnong Orchid Society Inc for the 2014/15 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 1st April 2014)

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

(To be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the meeting)

I, of

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

..... of

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Being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 8th day of April 2014 and any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed Date

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Website

Go to www.mosorchid.org for more information about the society, shows, etc.

Bulletin Contributions

If you would like to contribute, help is available to write or proof read articles. If you have suggestions and contributions for the bulletin content please contact jenny.dark@darteks.com.au or phone 9748 7345.

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