



Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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Next Meeting – 10th February 2015

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 10th February**.



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 group will be led by Anthony Scerri and Eric Wilde.



The pots'n'ferts and plant sales table operate at every meeting. See Tony for the supplies you are looking for, and then talk to Alex about the sales plants.

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



We need two volunteers on Tuesday night to be on supper duty this month.

All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

A list will be circulated at the meeting. Please fill in your name on a date that suits you to help out some time this year.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Milton Dyer from Maxicrop.

Membership Fees

Fees are due on March 1st and are payable at the next meeting. See page 5 for details and Renewal Form.

Plant of the Night - December



Judges Vote and Best in Open for the December meeting was Masdevallia Stripendous "Beenak" x Midas Touch 'Beenak' benched by Malcolm Pearce.

BUS TRIP TO CASTLE CREEK

Once again Maribyrnong Orchid Society is running one of its great bus trips to Merrigum and Castle Creek Orchids on Sunday 7th June. This will be an 8.00am start and a returning time of 5.00pm. Wilma will be taking names of interested persons at the March meeting.

A deposit of \$10.00 can be left which is non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the club.

Full payment has to be finalized by the May Meeting.

How much, you may ask? \$30.00 for club members, and \$35.00 for non-members.

If there is enough interest we could run the trip on the Monday instead as it is a public holiday.

Unfortunately we cannot visit Steven Stebbing as he will be in Adelaide that weekend.

Maybe later in the year.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I will do my best to answer them. 9689 1142

Looking forward to seeing you on the bus.

Elizabeth Walker.

Maribyrnong Orchid Society Contacts

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Valé Joe Beggs

It is with regret that the society notes the passing of one of our members who put his heart and soul into our Society.

“Joey” Beggs joined the society in August 1989, a wonderful gentleman, with a penchant for Australian Native Orchids. He came from the “old country”, with his wife Peggy (deceased) and worked as an airframe inspector at Fisherman’s Bend. They were a great gain for the country and Maribyrnong Orchid Society.

Joey joined the committee in 1995 and served until 2003. He resigned from committee to care for his wife Peggy who had become ill and needed care. Joe also served on the show committee and was seedling coordinator for some time (prior to Joanne) and also did the annual plant competition. He was an excellent member of the society. He was granted Life Membership on the 8th of July 2003. In recent years he was unable to attend meetings due to health problems, but his daughters brought him to all the orchid shows when he was able to do so.

At peace with Peggy

Sincere condolences to his family

Eric Wilde

Get well soon Ernie Bevan

I am very pleased to notify the membership that Ernie Bevan has had Brain Surgery to stem a bleed on his brain. Prior to his operation, the prognosis was very poor. I have been notified this morning (Sunday 1st Feb) that after the surgery he is doing well. The surgeons have managed to stop the bleeding and his prognosis is improving. It was told to me that God said “Ernie Bevan, we have no space for him here” and so he has been sent back to us. Good luck Ern, get better, and get into those cymbids they need attention. There is a show in a couple of months.

Eric Wilde

20th Australian Orchid Council and 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show



“Orchids in Paradise” is a combined 20th Australian Orchid Council and 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council conference and show. The AOC conference provides an opportunity for orchid lovers from all parts of Australia to meet and enjoy spectacular orchid displays and learn from world-leaders in orchid breeding and culture.

The AOC conference is a triennial event, held in a different state of Australia every three years. It will be the first time that the AOC conference has been held in Mackay and only the second time that a conference has been held in tropical Queensland. The 2015 event will also be the first time that the AOC conference has been combined with a major regional Orchid Conference. Additionally, foliage and allied plants will be included in the show schedule for the first time.

The Orchid Conference will be held at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) on Friday the 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2015.

For more information:

www.orchidsinparadise.com.au | for our full schedule | on line registration form

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Orchids-in-Paradise/682457278534230?ref=ts&fref=ts> | latest news

Some forms will be available at the next meeting

President's Report February 2015

I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's. We start 2015 with our February meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th Feb. I would like to wish you and your families all the best for 2015 and all the best with growing your orchids this year.

Our April meeting is our AGM; this will be my last year as president (unless I am replaced by another committee member at the AGM, Ha Ha). It would be great to have some new members on the committee, some of the old committee members have been on committee for a long time, and would like to have a rest. (Please think about giving some of your time to your club and become a committee member in 2015).

This year's seedling competition plant will be a Dockrillia and they will be sold at the February meeting at a cost of \$10.00 each.

This year the 20th AOC Conference and Show will be held in Mackay, Queensland, between the 16th and the 23rd of September, in conjunction with the 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show. Anthony and I will be attending the Conference and Show and putting up a stand for the club.

I look forward to seeing you all back at the club with your orchids at our February meeting.

Timothy Scerri
President

ORCHID SPECIES SOCIETY OF VICTORIA OPEN DAY Orchid Sale & Display

**Sunday 15th March 2015
9:00 am to 2pm**

**City of Whitehorse
Horticultural Centre
Jolimont Road, Forest Hill VIC
(Adjacent to Parkmore Primary School)
Melways MAP 62 REF G4**

**ENTRY FEE \$4 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
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.

The Orchid Species Society meets at this venue 8pm on the second Monday of each month.
Membership enquiries contact Allison at
info.ossv@gmail.com

SHOW CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

It is the start of a New Year and the time goes so fast. I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and all the best with growing your orchids in 2015.

The Maribyrnong Orchid Society Show Dates for 2015:

Autumn Show

Set up Friday 22 May 2015

Show dates - Sat 23 & Sun 24 May 2015

Winter Show

Set up Friday 10 July 2015

Show dates - Sat 11 & Sun 12 July 2015

Spring Show

Set up Friday 11 September 2015

Show dates - Sat 12 & Sun 13 September 2015

Sarcophilus Show

Set up Friday 13 November 2015

Show dates - Sat 14 & Sun 15 November 2015

The club requires your assistance with setting up the shows and if you could give two or three hours to help during the show, it would be very much appreciated. At the least, keep the dates clear to attend each of the shows.

The 20th AOC Conference and show will be held in Mackay Queensland between the 16th and the 23rd of September this year (just over 200 days to go). This will be in conjunction with the 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and show. Tim and I will be attending the conference and show this year and, like three years ago, we will be taking any member's cut flowers, after the Spring Show, to place in the Conference Show.

I look forward to see you all at the February meeting

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

SPEAKER PROGRAM for 2015

February	Mr Milton Dyer Maxi Crop
March	Mr Michael Coker Species Orchids
April	Dr Randall Robinson Santa Barbara Show in California
May	Mr Attila Kapitany Australian Succulent Orchids
June	Mr Grant Garrett Awarded Orchids 2014
July	Mr Julian Coker Cymbidium Orchids
August	Mr Geoffrey Bailey Cymbidium Orchids
September	Mr Hendrik Venter TBA
October	Ms Lois Williams & Ms Joy Scott Displays
November	Mr Murray Harding Speciosum Orchids and all of its forms
December	Presentation Night No Speaker

Filling in benching cards - Julianne Diwell

I found over the past year that some members did not fill in a card or complete the back of the entry card for the Club Competition at the monthly meetings, so sadly I was unable to allocate points. For the New Members (and those who should do a refresher course);

Novice - a person who has not won a first ribbon in an orchid show or club night

Advanced Novice - a person who has won a first ribbon in an orchid show

Here is what you need to do:

Choose your card,

Advanced Novice is Pink and Novice is Green.

On the front of your card you write,

1. The name of the plant eg: *Sarcochilus falcatus*
2. Class, which section you're putting your plant in e.g. Native Species

3. Circle how its grown, Cool/Inter/ Warm

Cool- grown without protection eg: bush-house or shadehouse

Inter- grown with protection but no artificial heating eg: polyhouse

Warm - grown with protection and heating eg: hothouse with external heat source.

Now flip your card over put your name and the date

Open is a Yellow card, Intermediate is a blue card.

JUDGES AUCTION

Conducted by the A.O.C.

Victorian Regional Judging Panel

SUNDAY 3RD May, 2015

At the ACACIA & WATTLE ROOMS

REPATRIATION HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Entry is through GATE 8 and

follow the parking signs

VEIWING FROM 9.00AM WITH THE AUCTION STARTING AT 10.00AM.

Approximately 500 plants for sale.

Bids will be recorded by BIDDERS NUMBER ONLY.

Bidders must register and be given a number before the start of the auction.

PAYMENT

Payment is by cash only.

No credit card facilities available.

BYO LUNCH

Tea and coffee will be available

For further information, please contact

Stephen Hauser on 0429 367 902

Email. stephenhauser@bigpond.com

Catalogue also available on the web on

www.orchidsaustralia.com

Presentation Night & Christmas Dinner

Who enjoyed the Christmas dinner and Awards night? Can we do something different at our meetings, shows, bus trips? You can have your say by sending your feedback to mosmembership@bigpond.com or speak to a member of the committee. Their details are in the newsletter.

Well, for those of you who did not attend the Christmas dinner and Awards night, you missed out on a lovely meal and those desserts were to die for. A big thank you to Santa, who stopped by for a quick visit. I am happy to report that nobody received a lump of coal for being naughty.



The winners for the 2014 Club Competition are:

Open: Eric and Frances Wilde

Intermediate: Geoff Ragg and is now duly promoted to Open

Advanced Novice. Tony Lopreiato and is now duly promoted to Intermediate.

As announced during the year the top four highest scores of Advanced Novice Section would be asked to join Intermediate. The following members have elected to be promoted.

Richard Mills, Tim Scerri and Vera Vika.

Congratulations to all the winners and here is the points table for 2014.

Open	Intermediate	Advanced Novice
E & F Wilde 227	G Ragg 133	T Lopreiato 205
J Crawford 182	Dau Nguyen 91	Anh T Tieu 75
M Pearce 175	K Stringer 78	R Mills 58
A Scerri 121	G Pezzin 56	T Scerri 56

Seedling Competition

This year's seedling competition plant will be a Dockrillia and they will be sold at the February meeting at a cost of \$10.00 each. More details on the night. Welcome to Kristina Forbes who will be the Seedling Comp Co-ordinator this year. Thank you to Joanne.

Membership Application and Renewal Form 2015

All membership fees are due on the 1st of March each year. The fee increase was passed at the 2014 AGM. A "Family membership" now becomes a "Household membership". This covers all persons living at the same address.

You will no longer receive a discount if you have your newsletter emailed nor is there the \$5 levy if it was posted. It is now a flat fee.

Household membership: \$25
Single membership: \$18
Junior membership: \$ 8

The form below must be returned whether you are a Life Member, paying in person or sending it by post please.

All correspondence should be addressed to:
MOS Membership Secretary PO Box 148 Highpoint City 3032.

Household / Single / Life Member (please circle).
Newsletter: Yes / No Email /Post

Full Name:.....

Address:.....

.....Postcode:.....

Email:.....

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Phone:.....Mobile:.....

Private phone number Yes/ No. (Private numbers will not be made available to anyone outside of the committee however the society must have a contact number as per the rules)

Household members only

Please list all persons who are to be covered under this membership.

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(*It should be noted that household memberships can only compete in one section. If one person is in the open section then everyone at the same address is open *except Juniors)

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Bulletin by Email

Should you decide to have your bulletin emailed, please see Julianne Diwell, the society Membership Secretary, at one of the meetings, or send her a message at mosmembership@bigpond.com

Email saves the club money on postage costs, and we help save the trees if we don't use so much paper printing unnecessary copies.

If you receive your copy by email, please think before you print.

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

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