



# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

## JULY 2015 BULLETIN

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### Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015



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 Lopreiato for the supplies you are looking for, and then talk to Alex Wild 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.

### Guest Speaker

The speaker for the night will be Mr Julian Coker who will be speaking on **Cymbidiums**. Julian started growing orchids 50 years ago, and has been running Atlantis Orchids for about 25 years. He is an Emeritus Judge with the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria (OSCOV), was its first President and is their current Patron. More information can be found here on their website: <http://www.atlantisorchids.com.au>

Our guest speaker last month was Mr Grant Garrett who spoke to us on **The Awarded Orchids of 2014**. Thanks Grant for the interesting talk and slides.

### Supper Duties



Frances Wilde and Margot Lattimore are on supper duty this month. Next month our volunteers will be Mary Anne Deguera and Maria Malacria.

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

### Notice of Special Meeting

Members are notified that the Society is holding a Special Meeting, on August the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.50pm in the Maribyrnong Community Centre, prior to the normal August meeting.

The agenda for the Special meeting will be:

1. Attendance
2. Acceptance of apologies
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4. Item to consider and vote on at the meeting is the reduction of orchid shows for the society, from four to three a year commencing in 2016

Ms Patricia Edmonds  
Secretary

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### Plant of the Night - June



Judges Vote and Best in Open for the June meeting was Masdevallia Midas Touch 'Bonanza' benched by Rita Cusack.

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**NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSTE**

**NEW! NEW! NEW!**  
Our Application and renewal form  
are available on the web.  
See "Join our club now!"

For any members who have access to the internet, some of our show documents are now available from the website, to help make your entries a little easier.

Show schedule  
Show entry forms  
Show conditions of entry  
Sales consignment sheets  
Floral Art entry form and conditions

All the above documents are available as PDFs from the MOS website at <http://www.mosorchid.org/index.php>  
Only sales tickets will need to be picked up from the meeting or ring Elizabeth on 03 9689 1142.

The show flyer, which is also available on the website, closer to each show, can be downloaded, printed and distributed to friends and neighbours and maybe your local shops and businesses.

**FACEBOOK**

MOS also has a Facebook page. This is another way we can share our orchid hobby with others from all around Victoria, Australia and the world. You are welcome to use this page to share comments and photos with other Facebook users, both individuals and groups, and other club members. Why not try it?

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### 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](http://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 July 2015

Unfortunately, the last bus trip had to be cancelled. Wilma and Liz work very hard to arrange these bus trips and it is very disappointing for them to cancel the trips. They are going to have another try later this year but if this trip is cancelled as well, we will have to consider if we will run them anymore.

Our next show (Winter Show) will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July. Your club will require your help over this weekend to make the show a success.

At the June meeting we held a draw for people who entered plants in a show for the first time, and another draw for anybody who entered a plant in the show. If you would like to go in the draw for the Winter Show all you have to do is place a plant in the Winter Show and you could win a great prize. I would like to see as many members as possible placing their plants in the Winter Show.

I look forward to seeing you at our July meeting.

Tim Scerri  
President

### **BUS TRIP - IT'S ON AGAIN**

Yes our very popular trip across the bay to Australian Orchid Nursery and the Orchid Spectacular is on again on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2015.

Cost will be \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non members.

If you are a member of another orchid club the cost is \$40.00.

Departing time is 8.00am from Footscray Park Bowling Club, 1 Hoadley Court Footscray.  
Return time is 5.00pm.

This year we will be going over by ferry, having lunch at Australian Orchid Nursery and then on to the Orchid Spectacular in the afternoon. A round trip of the bay.

The cost of entry to the Orchid Spectacular should be about \$10.00.

(This not included in the \$40.00.)

We will be able to let you know closer to the trip, and you pay on the day.

Wilma will be taking names and money at the next two meetings.

Get in quickly as this is a very popular trip. Any enquiries, ring Elizabeth on 9689 1142

### SHOW CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

#### Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July 2015

Our next show is the Winter Show, which will be held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July 2015. Your club will again require your help with set up on Friday 10 July 2015, 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, if you could help it would be appreciated.

If members require a stand at the show, please contact me on 9382 6359 so I can allocate a position in the hall for you.

If you require sales tickets, please ring Elizabeth to arrange them on 9689 1142.

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 entry. However, members must have their name badge on and must show their 2015 membership ticket at the door.

Attila Kapitany from Australian Succulent Plants will be at the Winter Show to sell and give talks about Succulent Orchids.

#### **There have been a number of changes to the show please note:**

1. The ratio of plants in the show to sales plants has changed back to one plant in the show to 10 plants in the sales area.
2. Non-competitive plants can be used in the ratio of plants to be placed in the sales area. However, the plants in the show area are to only go on the show bench.
3. We will only be counting in any plants at random at the shows to make sure that the 1:10 ratio is adhered to. However, the club will no longer be paying for any missing plants in the show area.

As mentioned at the June meeting, the committee is considering reducing the number of shows down from 4 to 3 and not having an Autumn Show from next year. We are going to have a special meeting 10 minutes before the August meeting, to consider and vote on this proposal.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Show and the July meeting.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

Much has been happening in our club lately. There is the five hundred dollar sponsorship from Bendigo Bank that was a nice surprise. We have been invited to apply next year for some more sponsorship and it looks like we will.

Seddon  
Community Bank® Branch  Bendigo Bank

There is also the sad fact that we may have to drop our first show. Why, you may ask? Unfortunately the club does not have the members with the big collections now. This means less flowering orchids at different times of the year, less plants to exhibit and of course less sales plants. Most Orchid clubs rely heavily on the sales plant commission, and we are no different. The numbers were down all over for the last show and our losses cannot be easily covered. This show is now a lot of work, from a few people, for no financial benefit to the club. There will be a notice in the bulletin about a special meeting in August to decide on this issue. It is important for you to attend and have your vote count either way.

On a lighter note, Tony, our Pots & Ferts man, has suggested we hold a Plant Sales Day. He was thinking about late August perhaps next year. This day will be open to anyone who wants to sell plants, with the club getting the usual 15% commission. If you are interested let Tony or one of the committee know. If there is enough interest we will take it further.

“HELP.” Do you have some spare space at home to house some cymbidiums for the club prizes? Eric is unable to look after these plants anymore and we are looking for homes for about 100 plants. If you can house ten, that would be appreciated. We can work out a roster system where you might not need to “plant sit” for that long. If you can help let one of the committee know. You will definitely get a smile and a look of gratitude.

For those who don't know, the plant sales ratio for the shows is back to one exhibit for ten sales. Also any non competitive grower can now sell plants at the same ratio. Non competitive plants are now to be benched on the club stands. Plants are no longer being counted in, but there will be random spot counts. Lost plants will not be paid for by the club in the future so make sure you check your sales plants before the show. If you are unsure about any of this, see Anthony at the next show.

That is all for this month. Don't forget, the special meeting in August, the plant sales day, housing a few orchids and the plant sales ratio. Just a few things for all of us to think about.

Bye for Now  
Elizabeth

## POTS'n'FERTS

Also, remember our Pots'n'Ferts table that runs at most monthly meetings and at the shows. This is a great opportunity provided by the club for members to pick up all your potting needs. The club carries pots of all shapes and sizes, fertiliser, stakes, ties, labels and many other accessories at very reasonable prices.



## Plant Awarded at the June Meeting

Masdevallia Eye of the Tiger HCC/AOC 2015 (Vic)  
Benched by Grant Garrett  
The parentage of this masdevallia is (King of Kings x Tiger Kiss)



The following are the AOC Award categories:

<b>FCC</b>	First Class Certificate	85 points or more of possible 100
<b>AM</b>	Award of Merit	80 to 85 points
<b>HCC</b>	Highly Commended Certificate	75 to 80 points
<b>AD</b>	Award of Distinction	awarded for distinctive attributes e.g. colour
<b>CBM</b>	Certificate of Botanical Merit	
<b>ACE</b>	Award of Cultural Excellence	85 points or more of possible 100
<b>ACM</b>	Award of Cultural Merit	80 to 85 points
<b>ACC</b>	Award of Cultural Commendation	75 to 80 points
<b>ASR</b>	Award of Special Recognition	

There is more information here  
[http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/aoc\\_judging.html](http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/aoc_judging.html)



Competition Results June  
As per judging sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Avril's Gold 'Ray' Le Tan Liep  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Hilda Poxon 'Spots' A Scerri

**Australian Native Terrestrials**

1<sup>st</sup> Pts pedunculatum A Scerri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Diplodium acubatum A Scerri

**Novelty Type Paphiopedilum**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph *wolterianum* x Dalla J W Crawford

**Species Paphiopedilum**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph *villosum* J W Crawford

**Cattleya Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Sl Orpetii A Wild  
2<sup>nd</sup> C Dream Cloud 'Diane' x Lana Coryell G Ragg

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Phyllis Wells x Palmyre J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Onc Kulnara Gold x Dark Son G Garrett

**Masdevallia**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Midas Touch 'Bonanza' R Cusack  
2<sup>nd</sup> Masd King of Kings x Tiger Kiss G Garrett

**Masdevallia Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd *macrura* R Cusack/C Hayman

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag St Ouen 'Maribyrrong' J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Miltassia Estrelita G Ragg

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym *tracyanum* E & F Wilde  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coel *mooreana* 'Westonbirt' J W Crawford

**Best in Section**



Masd Midas Touch 'Bonanza'

R Cusack

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Large Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Khan Flame 'Tuscany' T Lopreiato

**Medium Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Bacano 'Vesuvius' T Lopreiato

**Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Colonial Surprise x Autumn T Lopreiato  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Unknown H Nyssen

**Cattleya Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> C (Vaupe's Sunrise x *guttata*) x L *splendida* D Nguyen

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zygo Artur Elle 'Essendon' x Kiwi Choice T Lopreiato  
2<sup>nd</sup> Zygo Titanic x *mackayi* x BG White T Lopreiato

**Best in Section**

Cym Bacano 'Vesuvius' T Lopreiato

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Cattleya**

1<sup>st</sup> C *Browniae* A Christou  
2<sup>nd</sup> C Armonia de Suenos x Mark Jones A Christou

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zygo John Banks x *mackayi* K Dapiran



**Best in Section (above)**

Zygo John Banks x *mackayi* K Dapiran

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Seedling Flowering 1<sup>st</sup> Time**

Den Aussie Child x Jazz G Garrett

**Judges Vote**

Masd Midas Touch 'Bonanza' R Cusack



**Best Cultivated (above)**

Masd Mary Staal 'Laurie Jeanne' R Cusack/C Hayman

**Awarded on the Night**

Masdevallia Eye of the Tiger HCC/AOC/2015 Vic  
Grant Garrett

## Starting an occasional series

## Introducing Tony Lopreiato



Hello. Tony Lopreiato is my name. Otherwise known as the 'Pots and Ferts' bloke and recognised by the Greek fishing cap with the dolphins. I have been with MOS for the last 3 years and joined because I was keen to learn about orchids. I have spent most of the last 30 years teaching mathematics and science to teenagers and fifteen years ago, my school Williamstown High, gave me the opportunity to introduce horticulture as a subject in the technology curriculum.

Like most people I developed my interest in plants as a teenager. My first plant I can still remember was a little hairy cactus which I kept on my window sill in my bedroom. I remember being told you can't kill these things they are very hardy. It didn't take me long to exterminate my cactus with 'kindness'. Lesson number one Tony: 'Do not give your plants too much water'. This is still a lesson I am learning today with my orchids.

I have gone through my plant group passions over the years starting with cacti and succulents, to ferns and now orchids. I never realised how big the orchidaceae group was until I joined MOS, something like 35,000 different species. Prior to joining I was growing a few Australian species of dendrobium. Now over the last couple of years I have been truly bitten by the orchid bug and my backyard like many MOS members has been taken over by orchids.

I grow all my orchids cold under shade cloth. I generally grow cymbidiums and native dendrobiums. In the last two years I have started collecting zygotepalums, sarcochilus and a few terrestrials. In that time I have introduced a solid roof for the zygotepalums and this has significantly reduced the unsightly black spots on their foliage.

Twelve months ago I was given the opportunity to take on the 'Pots and Ferts' job at MOS and in the process joined the committee. I thought this would give me an opportunity to support this good society and learn more about cultivating orchids. I have come to learn that there are plenty of ways to growing orchids and what works for one person does not necessarily work for another. A lot of experimentation takes place in the back yards of orchid growers. The members of MOS have always been friendly, but as we are in competition it is understandable and not always easy to prise out the knowledge and little tricks that come with successful

cultivating of a beautiful flower. This is the challenge to many newcomers to MOS.

At the 'Pots and Ferts' table I am selling a large variety of black plastic pots, squat pots, mesh baskets, carry trays, flowering sticks, hanging baskets, hangers, plant labels, label pens, clips, sphagnum moss, perlite and various fertilisers. I am always open to accessing new products for members and am happy to source them. I try to buy in bulk so as to keep prices down and earn some money for MOS's expenses. So remember if you buy from my table you are earning money for our society. Since I am confined to the table at most society nights, feel free to come up and say 'hello' and talk orchids if you see me idle.

Enjoy your orchid growing and showing!

← (left) Tony hard at work at the pots'n'ferts table

## Some Coming Orchid Shows

### Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show

Sat 11th July & Sun 12th July  
Maribyrnong Community Centre  
Randall Street  
Maribyrnong Mel. Ref. 28 A8

### Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show

**Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital**  
Sat 25th July & Sun 26th July  
300 Waterdale Road  
Heidelberg Mel. Ref. 31 F4

### Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show

25th July 9am-4pm & 26th July 9am-3pm  
Italian Sports Club Werribee  
601 Heaths Road  
Werribee Mel. Ref. 205 F3

### Warringal Winter Show

**St Sava Community Centre**  
Sat 1st & Sun 2nd August  
212 Diamond Creek Rd  
Greensborough

### Stawell Orchid Society

Sun 9th August  
Centenary Hall, Main Street, Hall's Gap

### Geelong Regional Orchid Workshop GROW

#### Orchid Display and Sales

Saturday 15th August  
Christ Church Hall  
Cnr Moorabool and McKillop Streets  
Geelong Mel. Ref. 401 G7

### Melbourne Orchid Spectacular

#### & Victorian International Orchid Fair

Fri 28th - Sun 30th August  
'KCC Park'  
655 Western Port Highway, Skye



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**MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC  
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

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

I, ..... of

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

..... of  
.....

Being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the special Meeting of the Association to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 and any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed ..... Date .....

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**Autumn  
Show  
May 2015**



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