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# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

## APRIL 2016 BULLETIN

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### Next Meeting – AGM 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016



The Early 'New Growers' Group is led by Anthony Scerri and Eric Wilde. The group will not run this month due to the AGM being held at 7.45 prior to the general meeting. It will be back next month.



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

Our April speaker will be Mrs Helene Wild, whose topic will be "Orchids in Art". Helene is a well-respected artist and, among other things, has a regular stand at most of our shows. She has been the editor of the ANOS (Vic) Bulletin for many years

We thank Mr Stephen Early for his talk last month on "Species Orchids".

### Supper Duties



Mila Jurjevic and Voula Eleftheriou are rostered to help out with supper for our April meeting. All members are encouraged to bring in a plate of supper

to be enjoyed at the end of the evening, along with your cuppa. Stay a while and have a chat.

Our volunteers for next month, May, are Margaret Gatt and Carmen Ellul.

OOPS!! Did you forget? Membership Subscriptions were due on the 1st March. If you have not renewed your membership then sadly this is your last newsletter.

### Plant of the Night – March 2016



**Best in Open and Judges Vote  
*Encyclia radiata* by Anthony Scerri**



**Best Cultivated  
*Ornithophora radicans*, John & Dianne Sharam**

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### NOTICE OF AUCTION

Conducted by the A.O.C.  
Victorian Regional Judging Panel

SUNDAY 1st May, 2016

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  
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### FROM THE COMMITTEE March 2016

Hello there members. I hope that you are still keeping the water up to your orchids during this sultry weather. The wind still hasn't left us and they dry out very quickly.

A bus trip has been organized to Steven Stebbing's nursery at Stanhope on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. See article in bulletin for more information.

Thank you to all the committee and the one family who donated to the Easter raffle. It is a shame that more members could not get into the spirit. We will try again next year.

There are still five seedlings left in the seedling competition. See Maureen at the next meeting if you want one or another one.

Don't forget the pop up sale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. More information can be obtained from Tony our Pots & Ferts man or keep checking the bulletin for updates.

The clubs A.G.M. will be in April. We would like to see you there to cast your vote. Membership must be paid before 7.30pm for your chance to vote at the A.G.M. See Julianne, our Membership Secretary, she will be happy to take your money.

Just a short one this month.

Catch up soon.  
Elizabeth

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are notified that the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on April the 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.45pm 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 from the AGM held 12 April
5. Minutes from Special meeting held on 9th June 2015
6. Reports:
  - a. President's Report
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Available on request Social Officer's report, Show Coordinator's report and Membership Secretary's Report
7. Election of office bearers
8. Election of other society officers
9. Any other business
10. Close of AGM

Patricia Edmonds  
Secretary

### A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Hello everyone.

A few of the members have commented to me about the rise in membership. I have been asked by the committee to let you all know what you get for your \$18.00 single or \$25.00 Household membership.

The club sends out 11 bulletins per year at \$2.00 per bulletin if it comes to you by regular post, that is a cost of \$22.00. Entry into the show is \$5.00, so if you come to all three shows you will be saving \$15.00. The Christmas Dinner is usually subsidised one or two dollars per member and the club gift of an orchid is also another expense. So you can see that if you are a household with three or four members you would be making a considerable saving.

Added to all this is the fact that Australia Post has now raised the postage costs. If you have email access, but still get hard copy bulletins, perhaps you might like to change how you receive your bulletin. If so, pop over and see Julianne and let her know.

Finally, if members could take some fliers, at show times, and display them at their local library, shopping centre, community notice board or anywhere else they can easily be seen, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bye for now.  
Elizabeth

### Maribyrnong Orchid Society April and AGM 2015/2016 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have been president of this great orchid society for the past three years. In accordance with the constitution; I can only be president for three consecutive years, so I will be stepping down as the president (no you are not that lucky, I will still be on the committee).

At the March meeting we sold 15 seedling to the members who did not buy one at the February meeting. At the April meeting you can buy one of the remaining 5 seedlings that are leftover, but you will have to be quick. This will bring the total number of seedlings sold in this year's competition to 70. Don't forget if you buy a seedling you are required to bring it back to the meeting each month.

In 2015/2016 the club has held four (4) successful shows, ten (10) meeting nights with some very good speakers, early segments, a number of great bus trips and had eleven (11) fantastic newsletters.

On and before meeting nights, a number of members work very hard in setting up, sending out newsletters, the sales area, pots and ferts, library, placing out plant names and numbers, on the membership table, selling raffle tickets, removing tables, running the early segment and helping out in the kitchen.

At our shows we have members working hard as stewards, in the kitchen area, sales area, pots and ferts, on the door, selling raffle tickets, potting demonstrations, advertising, setting up the stands, etc.

The club is lucky to have a very good web site.

All the people that work hard for the club know who they are and without all these members putting time and effort into your club, the club would not be as great and successful as it is. I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your great effects and your help throughout the year and over the last three years.

Once again, thank you for all your help.

Regards

Timothy Scerri  
President

### Maribyrnong Orchid Society April and AGM 2015/2016 Show Coordinators Report

Over the last year, we ran four Orchid Shows, which have been very successful. These have given members the opportunity to display their plants.

There have been over 800 people through the door and about 70 different members, displaying their plants.

At the special meeting in August 2015, the members voted to reduce the number of orchid shows that the club has, from four to three and not have any Autumn Show.

Our first show for 2016 will be the Winter Show which will be held on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July.

I look forward to seeing you all at the April meeting.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

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## Would you like to win?

We are holding a NEW competition

All you have to do is write an article and have it published in our bulletin this year. This entitles you to be in the running for a \$30 Pots and Ferts Voucher to be presented at the December meeting.

That's all you need to do.

It doesn't need to be long and you don't need to be an expert. Have you been to a recent show? Have you had some success with your orchids? Are you perplexed about your orchids? Can you recommend a great orchid book? These are just a few ideas. Novice growers are encouraged to submit an article.

All entries should be submitted to the editor. If you have any queries at all about this, contact the editor. Jenny Dark [mosbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:mosbulletin@gmail.com) or 0418 135 819

## BUS TRIP 5<sup>TH</sup> June 2016

Where? Steven Stebbing at Stanhope and then on to Castle Creek in the afternoon.

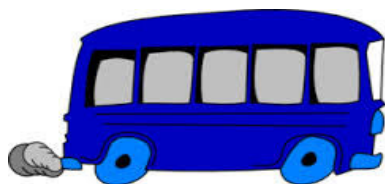
Yes we are off again {hopefully} for this year's first bus trip. Steven Stebbing has moved from Craigieburn to Stanhope just west of Shepparton and just up the road from Castle Creek Orchids. A barbeque lunch will be available and all we ask members to bring is their own chair. Steven has a vast selection of orchids for sale and Castle Creek have their beautiful Catts, Mini Catts, and Natives.

Cost for the trip will be \$35.00 and leaving time will be 8.00am and returning at 5.00pm .

Coach will be leaving from Footscray Park Bowling Club corner of Hoadley Court and Ballarat Road, Footscray. (Opposite V.U.T.)

Wilma or Elizabeth will be taking names and monies at the next two meetings {April and May}.

Looking forward to seeing you.



Elizabeth

### Information about special orders of BARK from the Show Coordinator

I will be placing an order for bark for the Winter Show in the first week of May and if any members would like to place a special order for a large amount of bark please see me at the April meeting.

All special orders are to be paid for in advance and they will be put away at the show for you to pick up when you come in.

I look forward to see you all at the April meeting

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

### Competition Results February As per judging sheets

#### OPEN SECTION

##### Australian Native species Dendrobium

1<sup>st</sup> Den *bowmannii* J & D Sharam

##### Cattleya Novelty Type

1<sup>st</sup> Lc Mini Purple 'Tanami' J Haniver

2<sup>nd</sup> C Dream Cloud x Lana Coryell G Ragg

##### Any Other Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Zygo Artur Elle 'Essendon' T Loprieato

2<sup>nd</sup> Zygo Rakallay Disertum A Scerri

##### Species Any Genera

1<sup>st</sup> *Encyclia radiata* A Scerri

2<sup>nd</sup> *Ornithophora radicans* J & D Sharam

#### Best in Section

*Encyclia radiata* A Scerri

#### Intermediate Section

##### Medium Cymbidium

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Peter Pan x H Nyssen

##### Small Cymbidium

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Zig Zag A Christou

##### Cattleya Cluster Type

1<sup>st</sup> C Minerva A Christou

##### Cattleya Novelty Type

1<sup>st</sup> C Unknown K Stringer

##### Oncidium Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Kalihi Dau Nguyen

##### Species any Genera

1<sup>st</sup> Cym *dayanum* Dau Nguyen

#### Best in Section

Cym *dayanum* Dau Nguyen

#### ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

##### Cattleya Cluster Type

1<sup>st</sup> Epi Topaz 'Prolific' x Topaz 'Glory' S Chenh

##### Cattleya Novelty Type

1<sup>st</sup> C Chocolate Drop 'Clifton Yellow' T Nguyen & Family

##### Dendrobium Hybrid/Species (not Aust Native)

1<sup>st</sup> Den Gerald McCraith 'Annetta' S Chenh

##### Phalaenopsis Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Phal Unknown T Nguyen & Family

##### Any Other Hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> Brassia Rex P & H Halil

##### Species Any Genera

1<sup>st</sup> *Neobenthamia gracilis* T Nguyen & Family

#### Best in Section

*Neobenthamia gracilis* T Nguyen & Family

#### NON SECTIONAL

##### Seedling First Flowering

*Vanda falcata* L Palmer

##### Best Cultivated

*Ornithophora radicans* J & D Sharam

##### Judges Vote

*Encyclia radiata* A Scerri

It would be great to see more plants on the benches on meeting nights. Got something flowering? Give it a spruce up and bring it in

# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

## Membership Application and Renewal Form 2016

All membership fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March each year.

Household membership: \$25

Single membership: \$18

Junior membership: \$8

All correspondence should be addressed to

MOS Membership Secretary PO Box 148 Highpoint City 3032.

Enquiries to Julianne 0419112377 or [mosmembership@bigpond.com](mailto:mosmembership@bigpond.com)

New Member/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)

### 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)

\*Household membership replaces Family membership.

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