



Maribyrnong Orchid Society

JULY 2016 BULLETIN

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Next Meeting 12th July 2016



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

This month we have Ms Helen Lovel from Neutrog who will speak about the Neutrog range of products.

We thank Grant Garrett for speaking on "The Orchids of the Year 2015" last month.

Supper Duties



Maria Malacria and Maureen Gleeson are rostered to help out with supper for our July 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, August, are Rita Grima and Joyce Spiteri.

If you find you are unable to carry out your supper duties please let us know in advance so we can recruit someone else, or arrange a replacement. Thanks



Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show

Set up Friday 8th July
after 12.30pm

Sat 9th & Sun 10th July
Maribyrnong Community
Centre, Randall Street,
Maribyrnong

\$5 entry non members
Free for members - please bring
current membership card

Plant of the Night June



Best in Open, Judges Vote & Best Cultivated
Onc longipes, Grant Garrett

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Coming Orchid Shows

Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show
Sat 9th & Sun 10th July
Maribyrnong Community Centre
Randall Street, Maribyrnong

Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show
Sat 16th & Sun 17th July
Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
300 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg

Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show
Sat 23rd & Sun 24th July
Italian Sports Club Werribee
601 Heaths Road, Werribee

Warringal Orchid Society Winter Show
Sat 6th & Sun 7th August
St Sava Community Centre
212 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough

Stawell Orchid Society Winter Show
Sat 6th August
Centenary Hall, Stawell

Geelong Regional Orchid Workshop GROW
Orchid Display and Sales
Saturday 13th August
Christ Church Hall
Cnr Moorabool and McKillop Streets, Geelong

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & Victorian International Orchid Fair
Fri 26th - Sun 28th August
Boxhall Pavillion, KCC Park
655 Western Port Highway, Skye

Maribyrnong Orchid Society Spring Show
Sat 10th & Sun 11th Sept
Maribyrnong Community Centre
Randall Street, Maribyrnong

Wangaratta Orchid Club Spring show
Sat 10th & Sun 11th Sept

Victorian Orchid Club Spring Show
Sat 17th & Sun 18th Sept
Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
300 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg

President's Report July 2016

Hi everyone,

At the August meeting we will be having the Cymbidium of the Year night. There will be some great prizes, so don't forget to bring in your Cymbidiums orchids along on the night. The judges will be telling us what they look for in the Cymbidium flowers.

The Winter Show will be our first show for this year and will be held on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th July 9am – 4pm. **YOUR** Club needs your help over this weekend. For set up on Friday 8th July from 12.30 on. Also on Sunday after the show to take down the displays and clean up. Please give a few hours of your time in order to make the show a success. We all benefit from the proceeds of the shows and your support is greatly appreciated. Help our club to grow.

At the July meeting we will be holding 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 in 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. Don't think that your plants aren't good enough. We all have to start somewhere. I'm planning to put a couple in myself!!

I look forward to seeing you at our July meeting.

Maria Malacria
President

FROM THE COMMITTEE June 2016

Not much is happening this month. Of course there is the Winter show on the 8th, 9th and 10th of July. This is the show where you can display and sell other plants besides orchids. If you have a few hours to spare on the Friday, I know the club would appreciate some help in setting up for the show.

Don't forget the pop up sale on Saturday the 3rd September. If you are interested in getting a stall or just helping out, see Tony our Pots and Ferts man for further information.

I am happy to announce that once again this year the Bendigo Bank, Seddon Branch, had given the club a sponsorship of \$500.00. The committee decided to give the bank a lovely cymbidium after the spring show as a thank you.

There is a bus trip going across the bay again if we can get enough interested people. See further information in bulletin for date, time and costs. Wilma will be taking names at the next meeting.

Well that is it for this month.
As I said, not much happening.

Bye for now.
Elizabeth

Show Coordinator's Report

Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 July 2016

Our Winter Show will be held on the 9 and 10 July 2016, before our July meeting. Your club will again require help with set up on Friday 8 July 2016, after 12.30pm. There will be a number of jobs over the weekend that the club will require help with, if you can spare some time between 9.00am and 12.00noon on Saturday 9, it would be great, as this is when we have the most people through the doors. 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 the more members that can help at this time, the quicker the work will get completed, and we can all go home, so if you could help out your club over the weekend it would be very much appreciated.

Bring a friend to the Winter Show and you can show off your lovely plants.

If members require a stand at the show please contact me, so I will be able to allocate a position in the hall.

If you require sales tickets, please contact Elizabeth.

Don't forget the Plant Sales Day on the 3 September this year at the FOOTSCRAY PARK BOWLING CLUB, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Tony is taking booking for stands now.

The committee are trying to run a bus trip on Sunday 28 August 2016, this bus trip will be to the Australian Orchid Nursery and the Orchid Spectacular. We will be going across the bay on the ferry, so book in at the Winter Show or at the July meeting

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

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

From the Social Officer

It is very disheartening to once again have to cancel the bus trip. Yes we do seem to go to the same places quite often but members must remember that we are limited by where we can go in a day, the amount of orchid growers that are in Victoria and when most orchids are in flower. This is usually early spring.

We can go to the Nurseries during the year but who wants to see green leaves. We can stay at home and see those.

It is not only the orchids but the day is a very social one where you do not have to drive and the ladies do a great barbeque lunch with good company to chat with while you eat.

There is group of regulars who come on most of the trips, but unfortunately some of them have moved on and the numbers have declined.

If the Bay trip has to be cancelled then we will look at suspending trips for at least 12 months. We need at least 35 for this trip to run and pay for itself.

If you are a new member, please give some thought to coming on a bus trip. If you are not sure then have a talk to one of the committee members and they will tell you all about it and if they can't then they will direct you to someone who can.

Hope to see you on the bus.

CATALOGUE OF ORCHID AUCTION

By The Deceased Estate of Malcolm Pearce
SUNDAY 31st July, 2016
At 10 Alkoomi Street
Hamlyn Heights
Victoria, Australia 3215

VEIHING starts at 8.00 am
WITH THE AUCTION STARTING AT 9.30 am.

Approximately 1,055 lots 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 and CHAIRS.
Tea and coffee will be available

For further information, please contact Stephen
Hauser on 0429 367 902

Email: stephenhauser@bigpond.com

Auction conducted by the Victorian Regional Judging
Panel (AOC)

Catalogue also available on the web at
www.orchidsaustralia.com



Zygopetalum mackayi

Werribee Orchid Club

Winter Orchid Show & Sales

Sat 23rd July 9am-4pm

Sun 24th July 9am-3pm

Entry \$4.00

Italian Sports Club

60I Heaths Road, Werribee

Mel Ref 205 F3

Winter Show Documents

NEW! NEW! NEW!

The documents for the Winter Show are available from
Dropbox through our Facebook page for anyone who
would like to access them in that way.

www.facebook.com/MaribyrrongOrchidSociety

You do not need to have a personal Facebook account
or a Dropbox account to access these documents.

Or, if you are receiving this bulletin via email, you can
click on this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s7dytqmpcuaagpp/AAA8IAIIV7KIDPkRB9iqpnica?dl=0>

As this is new to the club, if you have any feedback
about this, I would be interested to hear.

Contact Jenny on 0418 135 819 or email me on
jenny.dark@darteks.com.au

The documents can also be accessed through the
website



Keep up with all the club news by visiting
and liking us on Facebook. While you are
there check out the many interesting
orchid groups.



Geelong Regional Orchid Workshop Inc

ORCHID DISPLAY and PLANT SALES Saturday Aug 13th 2016 10am - 4pm

Christ Church Hall

Cnr Moorabool & McKillop Streets, Geelong

Entry \$3.00

Orchid Plant Sales Information Raffle
Other Plant Sales Tea, Coffee, Cakes

1 free tea/coffee & cake with entry

www.grow-orchids.org

www.facebook.com/GROW - Geelong Regional Orchid Workshop

For more information phone the secretary
Jenny Dark on 03 9748 7345

**W.A. Orchid
Spectacular
Conference & Show
Perth, Western
Australia
5th & 6th August 2017**



http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Expressions_of_Interest.htm

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 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 or 0418 135 819



Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids

Coming August 9th

Club Cymbidium Competition is on again this year so start cleaning those pots, stake those spikes, feed those plants, tidy up those bulbs and polish those leaves.

Bus Trip 28th August 2016

WHERE- Across the bay on the ferry and then off to Wayne Turville's AUSTRALIAN ORCHID NURSERY at Tyabb and then to the OSCOV Melbourne Orchid Spectacular at Skye.

Yes members we are going to run the bay trip again this year. It seems to be the most popular. We will be taking names as of the next meeting but payments are not due till the August meeting. We need 35 members for this trip to pay for its self. Cost is \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non members.

We will be leaving from the Bowls club at 8.00am travelling to Queenscliff where we get on the ferry for a 45 minute run across the bay. Disembark at Sorrento and then a 30 minute drive up to Wayne Turville's Nursery for a delicious BBQ lunch. After lunch and the purchase of some goodies it is off to the Orchid Spectacular, about 15 minutes up the road. 3.15pm sees us leave the Orchid Spectacular for our trip home arriving at approximately 5.00pm.

This is a great trip around Port Phillip Bay. Hope to see you there.



The Pop-Up Orchid and Related Plants Sale Saturday September 3rd

Hi members. You may recall a few meetings ago I mentioned that I was interested in organising a plant sale as a fundraiser for MOS. In the mean time we have moved from four to three shows a year which means one show less to sell plants. It was suggested to have a plant sale in the spring when most orchids are in bloom and therefore members could market their plants at their best. I have looked at dates when other shows are on and have suggested to committee **Saturday September 3rd** as it does not clash with any other metropolitan orchid show. We are looking at **Footscray Park Bowls Club** (thanks to Elizabeth) as a venue and looking to hold it **between 9:00 am and 4:00pm**.

To be more precise: **Setup 9-10am Sales 10-3:30pm Pack up 3:30-4:00pm Go Home 4:00pm**

There will be no limit on the number of plants you can sell. I am intending to set up two types of stands. **Growers can set up their own stand (a 2m x 1m table space)** and sell as many plants as they want in that space for a donation of **\$50 per table to MOS**. If we have to supply the table then there will be an **extra cost of \$20 per table for table hire**. Growers will be expected to sit with their stand for security and spruik and sell their own plants. **There will also be a club stand** which will run much the same as we do our normal sales at our shows. On this stand all plants will be ticketed and plants will be sold by the club less 15% commission. Maribyrnong Orchid Society will not be paying for any plants that go missing.

I am intending for us all to be undercover and indoors (in case of rain) but depending on the response we get for the day and weather permitting there may be some stands being set up under the veranda.

There will be a barbeque set up for the day so lunch or snags can be purchased for \$2.50 if needed. I am informed the bar will be open on the day.

Tea and coffee facilities will also be provided.

If you don't have many plants to sell, may I recommend joining up with other members to set up a stand and share any costs.

Members, here is an opportunity to be involved with something a little different. It is an opportunity to reduce your collection of excess plants without the restrictions of a show and hopefully make some money for yourself as well as the society.

With your input this could be a fun day!

For any enquiries and booking of stands call Tony on 0425 771 930.



Competition Results June
As per judging sheets

OPEN SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Pioneer Boutique x Shooting Star G Ragg
Cym Peter Pan x G Ragg

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Mary Green 'Nifty Guy' G Ragg
2nd Cym Jessie Blakiston J W Crawford

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Hilda Poxon Le Tan Liep
2nd Den Avril's Gold 'Ray' Le Tan Liep

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Pterostylis *concinna* A Scerri
2nd Pterostylis *obtusata* A Scerri

Maudiae/Callosum Type Paphiopedilum

1st Paph (*niveum* x *mastersii*) x *maudiae* J W Crawford

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st Paph *insigne* v *sanderiae* x Battersea 'Corn silk' J W Crawford

Species Paphiopedilum

1st Paph *villosum* J W Crawford

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st Slc Beaufort 'South River' J W Crawford

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Onc Phyllis Wells x (Palmyer x Gardnerii) J W Crawford
2nd Onc Kulnara Radiance x Dark Sun 'Flare' G Garrett

Zygopetalum

1st Zygo Kiwi Choice 'Highclere' G Garrett
2nd Zygo Adelaide Meadows 'Winter Green' G Garrett

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Falcon Sunrise 'Lava Flow' G Garrett
2nd Masd Orinoco 'Sunset' J Haniver

Species Any Genera

1st Onc *longipes* G Garrett
2nd Encyclia *cochleata* G Ragg



Best in Section

Onc *longipes* G Garrett

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym (Hove x Red Valley) x Lunar Flame A Christou
2nd Cym Viva Las Vegas x *tracyanum* A Christou

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Francis A Christou

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Moondarra x Aussie Victory M Mally
2nd Den Colonial Surprise x Aussie (Springtime x Kim) M Mally

Phalaenopsis Hybrid

1st Phal Unknown Dau Nguyen

Species Any Genera

1st Taurantha var *tenuicauda* H Nyssen
2nd Laelia var *gouldiana* K Stringer

Any Other Hybrid

1st Zygo John Banks x *crinitum* H Nyssen
2nd Laelia *anceps* v *alba* x Laelia *rubescens* v *alba* H Nyssen



Best in Section

Den Moondarra x Aussie Victory M Mally

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Unknown K Forbes
2nd Cym Unknown K Forbes

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Cochlioda Sat A Chenh
2nd Den Unknown D Woods

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st Paph Unknown K Forbes

Miltonia Hybrid

Milt Unknown D Matthews

Oncidium Hybrid

Milt Unknown D Matthews

Species Any Genera

1st Cym *tracyanum* B Gleeson
2nd Stenoglottis *longifolia* Anh T Tieu



Best in Section

Cym *tracyanum* B Gleeson

NON SECTIONAL

Best Cultivated

Onc *longipes* G Garrett

Judges Vote

Onc *longipes* G Garrett

My Orchid Journey

by Malcolm Pearce

I would like to tell you a bit about my journey in Orchids.

It started in 1997, when I came back to Geelong to live in Hamlyn Heights. I went for a few days holiday in Bendigo, and came across an Orchid Nursery; Manderang Orchids.

I went in and was totally taken in by the beautiful flowers. I decided to buy a few, and take them home.

I put up a bit of shade cloth and waited for them to grow. Around that time a friend who had a lot of orchids passed away. I bought all of his orchids from his wife, who needed to get rid of them.

More shade cloth, more building and I was hooked.

I joined the GOIPC in the last year that Rita Cusack was the president. I was invited by Rita to join the AOC judging panel, and I accepted. That was the end of me being a novice grower, so I embarked on a mission to purchase good quality show orchids.

I built a hot house, and a LARGE green house, with 70% shade cloth that still survives, and a flowering house. Now the whole area is full of orchid plants.

Now, on to the growing of the plants. I will concentrate on Cymbidiums.

The medium I use at the moment is Coconut Chips, 8 to 12 mm. I am giving serious consideration to changing to perlite because the perlite does not degenerate, and can be used every time I repot.

I buy flasks, and pot up to compots, then into 90mm tubes. From the tubes into 7 inch pots, then 8 inch and 10 inch pots.

I also go to Sydney often, and buy plants from Gordon Giles, Royale Orchids, and Neville Schaefer, as well as several commercial grower in Victoria: David Keanelly, Peter Sunderland, and Colin Gillespie.

In the summer, I water most days, and in other seasons I endeavour to keep the medium damp.

For all the small plants that will not flower in the current season I fertilise with Magnesium Sulphate, Chelated Iron and Urea.

For all the plants I reasonably assume will flower in the season I fertilise with a mixture that I make up. I have a Mini Dos fertilizing system and I fertilise with every watering, by hand, at a rate of between 800 and 900 parts per million. This allows me to keep a careful eye on the plants and check for any problems. I do not fertilise if the temperature is going to be 30C or more.

For the months of October and November I don't use any fertilizer on the flowering size plants, but I resume in December and continue for the rest of the year.

All the non-flowering plants continue to be fertilized 12 months of the year.

I try to keep up with a regular spraying program for pests. Scale, Red Spider mite in particular can present problems and need to be sprayed. I have had very limited success with nontoxic sprays, but the one that Terry and Jenny Dark get for me is quite good, and I use it in my hot house.

You should be seeing spikes on your Cyms now and it is wise to sprinkle powdered snail bait over the top of the pots. The powdered bait gets the Garlic Snails and the small slugs that can ruin a flower.

I put stakes in the pot beside the new spikes, so I don't break them off.

As the spikes grow it is most important to tie up, so that the flowers point in the direction you wish.

Pendulous spikes can be weighted down to make them conform.

A few things worth remembering: Keep plants well-spaced up to spike initiation and make sure they have plenty of air movement. Once spikes are visible it's OK to push them closer together. Fans are good for air movement, but I don't use them on very hot days other than in conjunction with misters. On extremely hot days I water in the early morning, and late in the evening. I wet all the leaves to cool the plants down.

Watch out for damage caused by rats. At the first sign of rats, take action as they can devastate your plants.

Mice too can be a problem; they eat the pollen cap and spoil the flower. Traps are OK but poison works the best. Be careful where there are pets.

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