

Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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Next Meeting 13th June 2017



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

Our guest speaker will be Mr Grant Garrett who will be speaking on "The Awarded Orchids 2016" (AOC).

Thanks to Mr Michael Coker who spoke last month on "Slipper Orchids (the Cypripedioideae Sub-family)" and to Julien Coker who enticed a lot of our members with his wide selection of sales plants.

Supper



Supper will be served in June by Joyce Spiteri and Carmen Ellul.

We will be passing around the supper roster **AGAIN, still a few spots left!**

If you can offer to help throughout the year, it will

be much appreciated.

All of our 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, it's a great way to get to know everyone.

Plant of the Night - May



Best in Novice,
Paphiopedilum spicerianum Paz Aptimes



Best in Intermediate,
Cymbidium dayanum Dau Nguyen

Club Cultural Certificate Awarded



Club Cultural Certificate Awarded to:
Dendrochilum macranthum 'Golden Rod', Anita Evans

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The new website address is:
<http://www.mosorchids.org>

Please make sure you change your favourites or bookmarks.

Show documents and other information is available through the website so please go have a look soon.

Facebook

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.



Coming Shows

Geelong Orchid & Indoor Plant Club Winter Show

Sat 24th June & Sun 25th June

Christ Church Hall,

Cnr Moorabool Street and McKillop Street

Geelong

Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show

Sat 8th July & Sun 9th July

Maribyrnong Community Centre

Randall Street

Maribyrnong Mel. Ref. 28 A8

Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show

15th July 9am-4pm & 16th July 9am-3pm

Italian Sports Club Werribee

601 Heaths Road

Werribee Mel. Ref. 205 F3

Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show

Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd July

300 Waterdale Road

Heidelberg Mel. Ref. 31 F4

President's Report June 2017

Hi everyone, as I was unable to attend the May meeting I hope that Timothy and Anthony behaved themselves and entertained you half as much as I hope I do. I'd like to touch on the topic of bus trips. As you are all aware, the last few trips were cancelled due to lack of interest. Maureen Gleeson and I are working diligently to find various venues for us to visit which we hope will be of interest and enjoyment to all.

In the next bulletin we will attach a survey where we have nominated a few places we think will be worth visiting. We ask that you fill in the survey with your order of preference. I stress again, these are only ideas, if you have anywhere you think would be worth going to PLEASE, PLEASE! add YOUR ideas to the survey. Place your completed survey in the ideas box or hand it to Maureen or me.

It takes time and effort to organise these bus tips, without your support they can't be run. If we as a club don't band together, sadly I fear our club morale and member participation will dwindle down. We need these outings to maintain enthusiasm and socialize with one another and also to entice new members. We need to show people we have a strong social network, a club that is giving to their members, a club that strives to come up with new ideas.

AGAIN, WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, ANY FORM OF PLANNING IS TO NO AVAIL. HELP US HELP YOU.... If we don't receive your feedback, we will be forced to abandon further planning.

Maria Malacria
President

News from the Committee

The treasurer wants to advise our club members who haven't presented their cheques and need to have them rewritten, it will incur a \$20 fee which is what the banks charge.

Patricia Edwards is to be the contact for the Show tickets for those wishing to put plants in, as well as being the Membership Secretary's assistant for when Julianne is not available.

A set of guidelines of criteria for Life Membership has been supplied by Tony Lopreiato for the Committee to discuss and work on. Likewise, a list of benefits of being a club member has been compiled. This will be promoted at club shows to entice visitors to join up.

Will be inserting a survey in the next bulletin re bus trips. We need more socialising as a club to show our support. We need everyone to think about the options provided, so please we ask everyone to take time to read them, talk about them with other members, and most importantly give us your feedback.

Maureen Gleeson
Secretary

Seedling Competition



Dendrobium seedlings

What a wonderful showing of competition seedlings. 48 out of 69 were brought back to the club meeting this month. The speaker for the night, Michael Coker, was quite impressed with the seedlings and pointed out how interesting it was to see everyone had a different take on an effective potting mix. He was all for experimenting with different mediums to see what worked for them. Michael was amazed that all the Dendrobium seedlings came out of the same batch. Congratulations to Joyce Spiteri who won 'Seedling of the Month, when seedling number 37 was drawn.

Pterostylis curta Tubers

Anthony Scerri asked those members who took some of the Pterostylis Curta Tubers from Helen Richards a couple of months ago, to bring their pots in to see how they were progressing.

Nine members brought them back and most of the pots of tubers had sprouted as pictured. I am embarrassed to admit mine was sadly bare. However, Anthony was very encouraging and advised me to be patient. Sure enough, in the next couple of days, little tufts of green appeared.

Anthony reminded us of the importance to water the Curta seedlings well. Hopefully we can watch all the seedlings develop in the next few months. I am sure it will be very interesting



Pictured: Anthony Scerri's Pterostylis Curta has successfully sprouted.



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

Under the Auspices of
Western Australian Regional Orchid Organisation
Hosted by the Wanneroo/Joondalup Orchid Society

What? WA Orchid Spectacular & Conference 2017
Where? Rendezvous Hotel Perth, Scarborough
When? Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August 2017

http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm

**Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show
Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July 2017**

Our Winter Show will be held on the 8 and 9 July 2017, before our July meeting. Your club will again require help with set up on Friday 7 July 2016, after 12.30pm. No plants will be permitted into the show area till after 1.30pm. Sales plants will be permitted in after 3.30pm and will be placed in the area were the judges judge the plants at the meeting. We can't set up the sales area till after 6.00pm. There will be a number of jobs over the weekend that the club will require help with, if you can spare some time, after 6.00pm on Friday night, to set up the sales area, between 9.00am and 12.00noon on Saturday 8, as this is when we have the most people through the doors and also of cause 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 with 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 for you.

If you require sales tickets, see the people at the back of the hall at the June meeting or contact me so I can arrange them for you.

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

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

Wanted to Buy

A reminder also about the "Wanted to Buy" section in the bulletin. Just let the editor know, as a member may have a spare piece they are willing to let you have. Arrangements can then be made between you.

Would you like to win?

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.

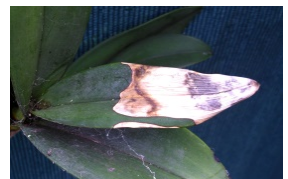
It doesn't need to be long and you don't need to be an expert. Have you been to a recent show? Have you had some success with your orchids? Are you perplexed about your orchids? Can you recommend a great orchid book? These are just a few ideas. Novice growers are encouraged to submit an article.

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 or 0418 135 819

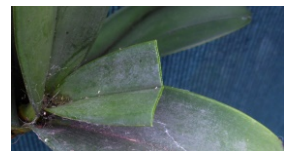
I often get asked about what to do to cure various forms of orchid leaf infections. What can I spray it with? The short answer is there is no cure just prevention or "surgery".

Many years ago I bought (I think from AOF) a copy of Handbook on Orchid Pests and Diseases by the American Orchid Society. I found this handbook very interesting in that one can use it to identify many of the diseases that afflict our orchids. This book helped me to identify some of the diseases in my orchids and most of those I found to be of fungal origin. Mostly this book recommends certain methods of control; I don't think I ever read about any cure.

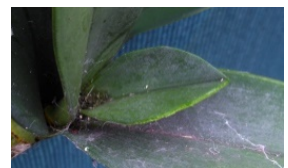
Mostly control measures involve spraying to prevent such infections and to stop the spread of any infections. But what to do when you have an unsightly infection in orchid leaves such as in Picture 1.



I find that the best is to either cut the whole leaf or at least the infected part of the leaf as in Picture 2



Cutting part of the leaf looks a little better than the site of the infected leaf. So to improve the look of the cut leaf, I shape it a bit as in 3.



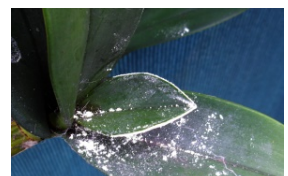
If a cut leaf or for that matter any cut part of the orchid is left untreated it is highly likely to get re-infected.



A long time orchid grower recommended that any cut part of the orchid be immediately sealed with sulphur powder to dry the cut and seal it so as to prevent re-infection. I do this by taking a pinch of sulphur powder and just dabbing it on the fresh cut leaf as in Picture 6.



The leaf sap binds some of the sulphur and there by the cut is dried and sealed as in Picture 7.



I blow or brush the excess sulphur away and the final result is as in Picture 8.



Competition Results April 2017
As per judging sheets

OPEN SECTION

Australian Native Species Dendrobium

1st Dend *bowmannii* A Wild
2nd Dend *schneideri* A Wild

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Corybas *hispidus* A Scerri
2nd Chiloglottis *diphylla* A Scerri

Maudiae Type Paphiopedilum

1st Paph *holdenii* x *superbiens* J W Crawford

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st Paph lantha Stage J W Crawford

Cattleya Exhibition Type

1st C Caudebec x Blc Dals Grace D Visser
2nd Blc Andrew Francis 'Castle Creek' J W Crawford

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st C Dream Cloud x Lana Coryell G Ragg
2nd Lc Mini Purple 'Tamami' G Ragg

Miltonia Hybrid

1st Milt Guanaburra A Evans
2nd Milt Guanaburra A Scerri

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Onc Nonamyre x Lalolo Gold J W Crawford
2nd Colmanara Wildcat 'Camera' A Evans

Dendrobium Hybrid (not Aust Native)

1st D Burran Emron M Breuer
2nd D Bangkok Fancy M Breuer

Vanda

Vanda Unknown M Breuer

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Stripe King 'Beenak' G Garrett
2nd Masd Peppermint Glow G Garrett

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Cardinale J W Crawford
2nd Z Kiwi Choice 'Highclere' D Visser

Species Any Genera

1st Dendrochilum *macranthum* 'Golden Rod' A Evans
2nd Oncidium *varicosum* J W Crawford



Best in Section

Dendrochilum *macranthum* 'Golden Rod' A Evans

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Exhibition Type Paphiopedilum

1st Paph Rosy Dawn R Mills

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st Paph Ang Thong R Mills

Species Paphiopedilum

1st Paph *charlesworthii* R Mills
1st Paph *maudiae* R Mills

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Colmanara Wildcat R Mills

Species Any Genera

1st Cymbidium *dayanum* Dau Nguyen
2nd Zygo *mackayi* J Agius

Best in Section

Cymbidium *dayanum* Dau Nguyen

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Species Paphiopedilum

1st Paph *spicerianum* P Aptimes

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st C *bowringiana* x *harrisonia* Sat A Chenh

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Onc Unknown Anh T Tien

Phalaenopsis Hybrid

1st Phal Unknown Gleeson

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Gold Monarch 'Alice' P Aptimes



Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Sedeni P Aptimes

Species Any Genera

1st C *bowringiana* Sat A Chenh

Best in Section

Paph *spicerianum* P Aptimes

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling First Flowering

Phrag Dick Clements x Twilight J W Crawford

Judges Vote

Dendrochilum *macranthum* 'Golden Rod' A Evans

Best Cultivated

Dendrochilum *macranthum* 'Golden Rod' A Evans

Club Cultural Certificate Awarded to:

Dendrochilum *macranthum* 'Golden Rod' A Evans

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