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# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

The Early 'new growers' group starts at 7.15pm and is conducted by the informative Steve Stebbing. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting. We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plant sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring 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 labeled 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

Our guest speaker this month is Mr Richard Austin and he will be talking about Orchids in the Baluk William Reserve located within the Dandenong Ranges.

Last month Mr Glen Brown from Oasis Australia presented a very informative talk. Glen also brought along seedling give-aways, which were distributed at the end of the night.

## Supper Roster

For the September meeting we kindly have Alma Bevan and Marge Paul on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the Evening's Speaker has finished their presentation.

## AUGUST 2008 COMPETITION RESULTS

As per judges sheets

### OPEN SECTION

#### **Cymbidium - Large**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Royal Fare V Ryant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Conulla 'The Khan' x Penorc  
Reality 'Masterpiece' J&Y McIntyre

#### **Cymbidium - Medium**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Wilpena S Panagiotou  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Wilpena x Camden S Panagiotou

#### **Cymbidium - Small**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Gene Siskel 'Templestowe' V Dinh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Puliman 'Alfa' S Panagiotou

#### **Dendrobium – Australian Hybrid Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den Class x Intense 'Musky' x  
Australian Rose Beauty J Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Bimbank 'You Beauty' H Deiter Brewer

#### **Terrestrials – Australian Native**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pterostylis curta K & P Pittock

#### **Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Burgundy on Ice N & J Walsh

#### **Paphiopedilum - Exhibition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph Gigi x Nowra 'Banksia' J Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Pavoriotte 'Papa aroha' A Evans

#### **Paphiopedilum – Maudiae/Callosum type**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph Maudiae J Crawford

#### **Cattleya – Novelty**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pot Luna Juane 'Vi Akko' J & M Lattimore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blc Fuch's Orange Nugget J & M Lattimore

#### **Vanda**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vasco Crown Fox Magic 'Gigi Magic' J & M Lattimore

#### **Phalaenopsis – Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dtps Minho Princess 'Flying' J & M Lattimore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dtps Minho Princess 'Flying' J & M Lattimore

#### **Masdevallia – Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Masd Kimballiana 'Charmer' N & J Walsh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Rein Sun 'Big & Bold' N & J Walsh

#### **Masdevallia – Species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Masd ignea 'Wylde' B Duncan

#### **Any other Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phrag L'Unique J Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Encyclia Vitelina Radiata M Condon

#### **Species Any Genera**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phal amabilis J & M Lattimore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Angraceum sesquedale H Deiter-Brewer

#### **Best in Section**

- Phal amabilis J & M Lattimore**

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Culpaulin 'White Glory' G Bourtzis

#### **Cymbidium – Medium**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Scott's Sunrise 'Aurora' G Bourtzis

#### **Cymbidium – Small**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Morialta Falls A Scerri

#### **Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Jean 'Helen' G Bourtzis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jessie Blakston 'April Love' A Scerri

#### **Dendrobium – Australian Hybrid Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emma 'Suzy' A Scerri

#### **Terrestrials – Australian Native**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pt Dusky Duke ?

#### **Any other Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Odontocidium 'Bitter Sweet' A Scerri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sl Orpetti A Scerri

#### **Best in Section**

- Cym Scott's Sunrise 'Aurora' G Bourtzis**

### ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium - Large**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kakadu 'Lemon' M Mally  
2<sup>nd</sup> Doris M Mally

#### **Cymbidium - Medium**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Little Battler R Ryan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pure Sarah M Mally

#### **Cymbidium – Small**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Hudlow x Tom Thumb C Voltolina  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mini Mint G & C Cunliffe

#### **Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Gillean Leaney x Zip) x Aussie Victory  
H Milburn  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Unknown P & H Halil

#### **Paphiopedilum – Exhibition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' S & M Hurwood

#### **Any other Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Milt Estrelita 'Bolero' J & T Dark

#### **Species any Genera**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Restripia humsleyant S & M Hurwood

#### **Best in Section**

- Restripia humsleyant S & M Hurwood**

### NOVICE SECTION

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den Class x Intense K Moyses  
1<sup>st</sup> Cym White Valley x Valley Regent K & C McDonald

There is usually only one winner in the Novice Section. But this month there were two winners. K Moyses and K & C McDonald who have now been promoted to Advanced Novice Section for Competition.

### NON SECTIONAL

#### **Seedling Flowering for 1<sup>st</sup> time**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph Captain Cook x (Gigi x Amanda Hill)  
J Crawford

**Best Cultivated**

Phal amabilis J &amp; M Lattimore

**Popular Vote**

Cym Sarah Jean Wondabah R Ryan

**Judges Vote**

Phal amabilis J &amp; M Lattimore

**On the night Michael Breuer's Dendrobium Eclipse was awarded an AM with 80.7 points.**

<b>ORCHID SHOW CALENDAR</b>
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**Maribyrnong 2008 Orchid Shows**Spring Show: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> SeptemberSarcochilus Festival: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November

All Maribyrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.

**Other 2008 Orchid Club Show Dates:-**

1. Werribee Orchid Society  
20th - 21st September  
Werribee Racecourse
2. Warringal Orchid Society - Spring Show  
St Sava Community Centre  
212 Diamond Ck Rd Greensborough  
Oct 11<sup>th</sup> -12th

**Bus Trip**

The next bus trip is on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> October. It will be traveling to Jan & Bill Miles Nursery in Kingston. The trip will also include a visit to a winery in the area or another venue to be decided. The bus will depart from the Maribyrnong Club room at 8am sharp.

The cost of the trip is \$25. Wilma will be taking money and bookings at the September meeting.

**Sales Assistant**

George Downie has decided he wants to hand over his 'Pots and Ferts' table at the end of the year. George has graciously been doing this task for our club for many years and is finding it hard to continue. George is looking for another member who will take over his position. If you think you would like to take over George's task, please see him at the next meeting and he can explain what is needed. Sales to members in 'Pots and Ferts' and at the monthly shows, is an important part of our club.

<b><u>Accumulated Points from December 2007 to August 2008</u></b>	
<b><u>Open</u></b>	
J & M Lattimore	189
J Crawford	168
Francis/Martin	88
M Pearce	85
<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	
G Bourtzis	63
A Scerri	60
E Walker	51
K Weyers	34
<b><u>Adv Novice</u></b>	
G & H Hardingham	47
R Ryan	37
S Hurwood	22
L Halil	19

**New Chairs**

Did the members notice anything different last meeting? We were all sitting on new chairs, which I hope you will appreciate. Last meeting a member put a coffee cup on one chair leaving a coffee stain on the seat. Please respect and look after our chairs.

**Help Required**

To date a student has been setting up the hall before and after our monthly meetings. Due to his VCE studies he is giving up this little job.

Our Club is willing to pay \$60 per night for an hour to twos work to any member who would like to take over this position. If you think you could do this each month and also make a bit of pocket money, please phone Anthony. The other alternative is for everyone to get there early and do their bit.

<p>We would like to thank the following Major sponsors for their financial support for the 18th AOC Orchid Conference in 2009 being held in Werribee.</p>
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<p>Australian Orchid Council, Orchids Australia, Retire Invest Werribee, Italian Sports Club Werribee, Wyndham City Council, J &amp; B Scott, Multicrop (Aust) Pty Ltd, and the Australian Orchid Nursery.</p>
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<p>Their support is very much appreciated.</p>
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## President Report September 2008

The next bust trip will be on Sunday 19th October 2008. The trip will be to Ballarat area, so you will be required to place your name and pay your \$25.00 at the September meeting if you would like to go. Remember that we leave at 8.00am on the day.

I think our Winter Show was great and I would like to thank all those who helped and participated in the show over the weekend.

At the August meeting we had a draw for the winners of a \$30.00 voucher to be used in the Pots and Ferts sales area. There were no new entrants in the Winter Show therefore no prize was given out for this section. So for a chance to win, all you need to do is just enter a plant in the Spring Show.

The Spring Show will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2008. We will again be requiring assistance through out the weekend to run the show.

Don't forget that if members wear their name badge to a show you will receive FREE entry.

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Anthony Scerri  
President

## Maribyrnong Orchid Spring Show – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September

I wish to remind all members who are selling plants at the Spring Show that the Hall set up is from 12.30pm on the Friday preceding the show.

Members are asked not to bring their plants into the hall on the set up day for shows until the tables and chairs have all been re-organized. It usually takes an hour to do this. It will be around 1.30pm before it is safe to do so, or until the Show co-ordinator declares it is safe to do so.

This is a matter for occupational health and safety. For members who are coming early to help with the set up, we are providing a table outside the kitchen in a shaded area to leave your plants until they can be moved inside.

All Orchid entries are from 1.30pm - 6.30pm.

Show entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangement are made.

### Please remember the following rules:-

- Members can only exhibit and sell orchids only at the Spring Show.
- All plant entries that are exhibited at any show, must have been owned and grown by the exhibiting member, for a minimum of six months.
- The only person that can move plants from one room to another in the sales area is the Show Co-ordinator. So members please do not re-arrange plants.
- Plant sales on the Friday before a show, is strictly reserved for those members who are exhibiting plants in the Show, Judges and those members working setting up the show.

**The Show now closes at 4pm on both the Saturday and Sunday.**

### **Please Note:**

The Sales area closes at the new time of **3.30pm on Sunday** to enable members in this area to start the clean up. **You are therefore required to collect your unsold plants at 3.30pm.** Sales tickets must be removed and checked off on your sales sheet before taking plants away.

The Show area stays open till 4pm. The show area is cleaned up after that time.

### **Conference Stamps**

The following members ordered the special issue of the conference stamps. Payment for these stamps is due at the September meeting. This cost is \$25.00 per sheet.

Peter Keirnan	2 Sheets
Lois Dixon-Ward	5 Sheets
Elizabeth Walker	1 Sheet
Hubert Nyssen	1 Sheet
George Downie	1 Sheet
Anthony Scerri	1 Sheet

Your support of this Stamp issue is greatly appreciated.

**18<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference and Show**  
**8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
**Werribee Events & Leisure Centre**

Registrations for the AOC Conference are now being accepted.

Registration covers the lecture program running over two days, admittance to the show every day and admittance to the Cocktail party on the Wednesday evening. Registrants also receive a 'Conference Bag' which will contain all the tickets for the events you have registered for and other goodies.

Early Bird Registrations run from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Members registering within this time period will be eligible for Early Bird discount. After that date full fee is payable.

Members who have the internet may go to our club website and download the relevant form.

<http://www.mosorchid.org/AOCCConf2009.php>

Alternatively members can phone or write to:

Conference Secretary

15 William Road

Little River 3211

Or phone (03) 5282 1364

Members who do not wish to register will be very welcome to attend the show but there will be an admittance charge.

### **Downtown lust for orchids leaves forests flowerless**

(07-08-2008)

THAI NGUYEN — Doi Can Road in the centre of Thai Nguyen gets more and more crowded every weekend, as city dwellers head out to pick up popular forest orchids.

While the growing adoration of orchids is great for mountain dwellers who make a living off collecting the flowers, the movement is proving devastating for the health of orchids in the wild.

According to the locals, the orchid trend sprung up rather spontaneously. The market started just 10 years ago but has grown enormously as people have become increasingly interested in forest orchids.

On weekends, hundreds of species of forest orchids are brought from different mountainous regions including Cao Bang, Bac Kan and Thai Nguyen. The rough-looking sellers are on hand to answer questions, usually knowing first hand where the orchids came from.

### **Orchids' sad destiny**

With orchids not growing very well in the city, city dwellers are dependant on the Doi Can market, counting on hard-working farmers willing to make the trek into the city to sell the flowers.

For 10 years Tran Thi Tham from the small town of Du, nearly 12km from Thai Nguyen centre, has been bringing orchids to sell in the city.

"The flowers that I sell here are collected by my husband" said Tham, noting that the Ba Be National Park is a great place to hunt for flowers.

"There are times that my husband finds a precious orchid worth millions of dong."

Since its prohibited to collect flowers from Ba Be, Tham's husband has to hunt for the flowers at night. With their growing popularity, collecting orchids has become an occupation for many mountainous region inhabitants.

The Voi forest, in Dong Hy, Thai Nguyen, was once famous for its many kinds of precious orchids. It is now nearly empty as the precious forest orchids have disappeared.

According to Hoang Thi Yen from Dong Hy, those who survive on selling orchids now have to travel to remote mountainous regions. "The job is much more difficult than it was 10 years ago because the source of orchids has been exhausted."

"If forest orchids continue to be sold on the streets so much, in 10 years our children will only be able to see forest orchids on television or in pictures," said Ngo Thanh Huong, one customer.

### **Preserving the flowers**

To preserve the Vietnamese orchids, a web site was recently set up to unite all orchid lovers [www.hoalanvietnam.org](http://www.hoalanvietnam.org). The site hosts a number of articles explaining how to plant orchids, provides information on orchids festivals in the world, and displays various pictures of orchids.

The movement to harvest orchids is now flourishing throughout provinces and cities in Viet Nam, with thousands of people taking part. Most provinces and cities have even formed their own orchid associations. The Ha Noi Orchid Association alone has around five clubs with hundreds of members. –VNS

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