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MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 9th March, 2010. The hall opens at 7.00 pm and the Society meeting begins at 8.00 pm.

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 plants sales tables operating at every meeting. 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.

Committee Nominations

At the April meeting we will be holding our A.G.M. We are hoping that some members may like to be part of the Maribyrnong Orchid Club Committee. The committee is always looking for members willing to put in new ideas. Please give it careful consideration as this month's newsletter includes Nomination forms for those interested in becoming part of this committee. Remember: AGM 13th April 2010.

Guest Speaker this month

The guest speaker this month will be Mr Alex Wild and he will be talking and doing a presentation on Australasian Dockrillia.

Supper Roster

For the March meeting we kindly have Frances Wilde with Margot and Jim Lattimore on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring in a plate for supper to be enjoyed in the evening, after the guest speaker has finished his presentation.

We have the following members on supper duty for the months listed below, but a few more helpers would be appreciated:-

April	Geoff Ragg		August	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
May	Denise Colquhoun	Judy Marshall	September	Alma Bevan	Joyce Spiteri
June	Doris Walker		October	Rita Grima	
July	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly	November	Judith Cave	

President's Report March 2010

I was very please to see at the February Club Meeting, that when the supper roster was sent around, it came back almost full. However, there are still the odd one or two places required to be filled, so if you can fill one of these places, please see me at the March meeting. I would like to thank those members who offered their time to assist with the supper at our club nights.

The seedling competition was very well supported. However, there are still seven (7) plants left to be sold at the March meeting, to members who did not buy a plant at the February meeting. Please remember that only one (1) plant is to be sold per membership. These plants are required to be returned to the club each month, so we can make the competition a great success.

The April meeting is our AGM and we will be requiring some new members to join the committee, as some of the members are resigning and/or require a break from committee. It would be great to see some new members joining committee, as there are a number of jobs to be done for the club and we require a full committee to do them.

Ron is stepping down from the Show Coordinator's position after the AGM. I would like to thank him for all his hard work over the past year. It is not easy, but I think he has done a great job.

At the AGM all committee positions are vacated and you can apply for any position. The application form is attached to this Newsletter - please fill it out and return it to the Secretary.

Please consider taking up a position on committee, as it is your club.

I look forward to seeing you all at the March Meeting.

Anthony Scerri
President

Guest Speakers for 2010

13th April	Mr. Andrew Francis	TBC
11th May	Ms. Helen Lovel	Neutrog Australia
8th June	Mr Grant Garrett	Awarded Orchids of 2009
10th July	Mr. John Varigos	Orchids of Sicily and Crete

Membership Fees

Membership fees can be paid at the next meeting. Fees remain unchanged:

Junior	\$ 8.00 (under 16 yrs)
Single	\$12.00
Family	\$15.00

It will be greatly appreciated if members have the correct money on hand.

Vale Valerie Hakainsson

The club is saddened this week after being notified of the death of a long time member Val Hakainsson.

Val joined the society on the 10th of October 1989. Val, her husband Graeme and their two children Tracy and Glen were staunch supporters of our club. For the "older" members of the club it is always exciting having a "family" about us, I have fond memories of Tracy and Glen, competing in the Junior section for many years.

Val and Graeme were members of committee for several years. Newer members may remember Val for her work in the kitchen at Shows. Her jams were in high demand at these events.

Val and Graeme moved from Deer Park to Shepparton several years ago, which curtailed their input into the club.

Val was a foundation member of our sister club, the Werribee Orchid Club and assisted this club in its development.

To Graeme, Tracy and Glen, we convey our heart felt condolences, a wonderful lady at rest.

- Eric Wilde

Orchid Show Calendar

Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd May

Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

Orchid Species Society of Victoria Open Day

Sun 14th March, 2010.

9am - 1pm Free Entry.

City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre,
Jolimont Rd, Forest Hills (Mel. Ref. 62 G4)

Show Plant/Sales plant Ratio

Members are reminded that at the August 2009 Committee Meeting the Show Plant to Sales Plant ratio was changed. The ratio is now 1/8, i.e. for every show plant that you enter, you may present 8 plants for sale, to a maximum of 50 on the first day (Saturday).

The Sales Coordinator and Show Coordinator may at their discretion allow further sales plants for Sunday.

A point of clarification, some members have in fact asked for, and received, 100 sales tickets, prior to the show (in anticipation of the Sunday plants), this infers that they will enter 13 (can't have 12.5 plants) in the show.

Members please respect that we are putting on a **"show"** for the public and our falling show entries need bolstering. A decent show (number of plants) is important to us all.

Anthony (Show Coordinator)

Seedling Competition

There are 7 seedlings still left. If there are any members who missed out at the last meeting, this will be the last time you will be able to get one. It is a quite well grown Cattleya intermedia 'Alba' x 'pink' and the price is \$8.00. We will use any unallocated plants for various prizes during the year so if you want another plant, give Steve a thrill and buy up on raffle tickets !

Social Trip

The bus trip that will be on Sunday the 16th May has been fully booked. The \$20 fee for this bus trip must be paid at the March meeting.

2010 Victorian Country Orchid Club Challenge

Hosted by Stawell Orchid Society July 3rd & 4th.
Forward your interest to:
Mrs Pauline Coppin, 20 Scotland Place, Stawell
3380 no later than June 4th 2010.
If any members are interested see Eric, he will have the details on the Membership desk.

AOF Workshop

The Australian Orchid Foundation proudly presents a back-to-basics 2 day workshop on how to select and grow your orchids.
When: May 15th & 16th 2010.
Where: Holmsglen Conference Centre,
Cnr Warrigal & Batesford Rds Chadstone.
(Melways Map 69, F1)
2 day registration Single \$50.00, Couple \$90.00 or
1 day registration \$30 per person.
More information: Nette Meggetto 03 5627 6303 or
Shirley Hall 03 9772 2187

February 2009 Competition Results

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Sarcochilus Species

1st Sarc ceciliae A Wild
2nd Sarc ceciliae J & D Sharam

Sarcochilus Hybrid

1st Sarc Velvet J & D Sharam
2nd Sarc Jill B Duncan

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st Slc Dal's Marvel x C. Little Dipper 'Sato'
J & Y McIntyre
2nd Slc Lues Angel Beau B Duncan

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Onc Schlimii H McPherson

Odontoglossum Hybrid

1st Odon Eric Young x (Moselle x Goldraush)
S & M Hurwood

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Bob Hoffman N & J Walsh
2nd Midas Touch M Pearce

Masdevallia Species

1st Masd civilis J & D Sharam

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Living Fire A Evans
2nd Phrag Gargoyle M Pearce

Species Any Genera

1st Catt forbesii J & D Sharam
2nd Maxillaria parahybuensis J & D Sharam

Best in Section

Phrag Living Fire A Evans

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st Slc Jeanne 2 G & A Hardingham
2nd Catt Ioddigesii x C. Walkeriana
G & A Hardingham

Any Other Hybrid

1st Onc Sharry Baby 'Dancing Doll' A Phillipou
2nd Onc Bittersweet G & A Hardingham

Best In Section

Slc Jeanne 2 G & A Hardingham

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Hilda Poxon x Ellen M Mally

Paphiopedilum Exhibition Type

1st World Exploit x Saturn D Brus

Cattleya

1st Penny Kuroda 'Spots' D Brus

Vanda

1st Unknown D Brus

Any Other Hybrid

1st Epiphronitis veitchii G Ragg
2nd Epiphronitis veitchii G Ragg

Species Any Genera

1st Gongora galeata F & J Spiteri

Best In Section

Catt Penny Kuroda 'Spots' D Brus

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Aeranthes grandiflora E & F Wilde
2nd Sarc Velvet E & F Wilde

Best Cultivated

Maxillaria parahybuensis J & D Sharam

Judges Vote

Phrag Living Fire A Evans

How does the point system work for benching plants at our meetings and shows?

Last month when this article was printed, the number of points awarded was incorrect. Please accept my apologies for any confusion caused by this error and take note of the corrections. Jenny (Editor)

Members receive points for benching plants:
1 point for benching on the night (total of 1 point)
Plus 2 points for each 2nd place in class
Plus 3 points for each 1st place in class

Points can also be earned at Shows – double the number for meeting nights:

2 points for entering plants in the show (total of 2)
Plus 4 points for each 2nd place in class
Plus 6 points for each 1st place in class

Website

Go to www.mosorchid.org for more information about the society, shows, etc..

One of the most complicated parts of belonging to our Orchid Society is

"How do I enter a plant in the monthly competition or show?"

I will try to guide you in doing this task: this article will relate to monthly competitions and the next article will be specifically for show entries. However, let me warn you, it is not easy and the number of people within our club who cannot do it, or explain how to do it, is surprising. Even those who you would think, because of their experiences within the club as members (and sometimes as Judges) should find the task easy, it is not.

So firstly, a few terms: Our plants are divided into **species** and **hybrids**.

Species are defined as "the plants that are growing naturally in the bush". How do you know if your plant is a species? The name tag of your plant **should** be written in lowercase letters, and probably in *italics* (this is expecting too much). You could check in the library to see if the plant is a species. (Or on the internet, or in your personal library, etc). Or you could ask someone. Just because your name tag is or isn't written in lowercase letters....does not mean it is a species.... it will also have to pass the ultimate test, that of the Judges. Once it is subjected to this the "final test", you will be relatively sure that you have a species orchid, so now carefully correct your name tag so that the plant will forever have its correct name and hence be able to be entered in its proper class.

eg *Dendrobium kingianum*

Hybrids are the result of a crossing between at least two species, or a species and a hybrid, etc. How do we tell whether a plant is a hybrid or not? Well, it should be easy....its label will be written in capital letters (or at least the first letter). The label of course is paramount....if it is lost, or defaced, the plant's identity is lost forever. Yes I know, someone will tell you the name of your unidentified plant when you bring it into the club....but they will be **guessing**. One of the interesting parts of belonging to an orchid society is joining the discussion of such "lost" plants, remember...it would be the same as "strangers" discussing your parentage. Just because you have white hair (it used to be red) does not mean you are my child?? The same with the educated guesses of the people "identifying" your plant.

eg *Cymbidium JUBILATION*

The competition table and its rules

The list of classes in which the plants compete, is not conclusive. It can be added to or taken away from to suit many different conditions.

The **schedule** listed below is what you will find on monthly meeting nights at Maribyrrnong:

Cymbidium - Large	Odontoglossums	Species Any Genera
Cymbidium - Intermediate	Masdevallia	Any Other Hybrid
Cymbidium - Mini	Native Terrestrials	
Phalaenopsis	Native Species	BEST IN SECTION
Dendrobiums	Native Hybrids	
Paphiopedilum	Cattleya Novelty	NON SECTIONAL
Maudiae Paphs	Cattleyas	Seedling Flowering 1st time
Species Paphs	Vandaceous	President's Vote
Oncidiums	Lycastes	Best Cultivated
Miltonias		Judges Vote

When you look at the schedule notice that each class is denoted by:

1. a plant genus division, ie cymbidium, cattleya, etc
2. a subdivision of the genus. ie hybrid or species (sometimes).
 - If the class is written **Vandaceous** (only), this means it is only for hybrid Vandas. Species Vandas will be entered in the **"Species Any Genera"** class.
 - The sub division of the genus can also be broken up into lower sub divisions, ie by size.... **Cymbidium - Large**, which means that the flower is over 90 mm, across its width.

Why is my plant not listed, and where do I put it?

As I said the list cannot be inclusive, with all genera listed.

What about my plant, it is a *Phragmipedium* LIVING FIRE ?

Well, looking at my well preserved label, I notice that it is a Hybrid. How did I know that? Looking down the list of genera, "*Phragmipedium*" is not listed. So it must be entered in the **Any Other Hybrid**.

Another example, *Dendrobium* BARDO ROSE.

A hybrid, an Australian Native hybrid, so it must be entered in the class: **Australian Native Hybrid**

Question? Why not just enter it in the **Dendrobium** class?

Answer: The *Dendrobium* class is for non Australian *Dendrobiums*. *Dendrobium* Australian Native is a sub division of *Dendrobium*.

Well I hope that gets you going in entering your plants in the monthly competition...it is fun and an important part of club life....don't leave your plants at home...show them off, let all the members see your wonderful plants. Compare your plants with other members plants...if yours are growing "better" be a little proud....maybe you can help someone grow better. If your plants are not as good as others on the bench, try to find out how to improve your culture. If the above has not given you the confidence to enter your plants...please come in to me...I will try to help, promise.

Eric Wilde

**MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY Inc
NOMINATION FORM**

I nominate.....for the position of.....
in the forthcoming elections for the Committee of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society Inc for the
2010/2011 financial year.

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

Seconded.....Date.....

I accept nomination for the above position

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

(Nominations to be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 6th April 2010)

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

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 Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 13th day of April, 2010 and
any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution:
(Insert details)

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

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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

Membership Secretary
Maryibyrnong Orchid Society Inc
PO Box 148
High Point City 3032

Type of Membership:	Junior (Under 16)	\$ 8.00
(Please circle)	Single	\$12.00
	Family	\$15.00

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....