



2013 Meeting Dates

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Meetings: The 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January), Mt Waverley Community Centre, Youth Centre Hall, Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley (Melway 61/D12 and 70/D1). The hall is off Stephenson Road and is next to the Library.

Meetings start at 8.00pm. Basket Supper please.

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*July Meeting

A big thank you to everyone who supported the auction, that is members who brought in plants and for all those who purchased quality plants at a good price, the club profited by \$1348 for the evening, once again thanks to everyone and a big thank you to Ern Kettle and all his helpers for making the evening so successful.

Can everyone please check the plants that they purchased, one plant of Tepko 'Freckles' was mistakenly taken by one of the members, if you have this plant kindly return it to our Treasurer Henk Morren who will let the rightful owner have it.

*Main Item for the evening

Andre Cleghorn from Flora Laboratories will be our guest speaker at this month's meeting, Andre will be speaking on raising seed and mericlone, please come along and join us for what will be a very interesting and informative evening.

*Trading Table

Peter and Joyce Sunderland and daughter Jenny from Kimberley Orchids will be having a trading table at this month's meeting, Kimberley Orchids are well known for their excellent breeding of show quality plants, bring all your spare change to grab a bargain or two of good show quality plants and seedlings.

*Plant Commentary

We will be having an extended plant commentary at this meeting as the flowering season is in full swing, please bring your plants in for everyone to enjoy. Last month's results are as follows:

Judges Vote and Best in Open - Lunar Flame x Pepper Blaze	C & K Gillespie
Best in Novice & encouragement - Arcadian Sunrise 'Golden Fleece'	Carole Hubbard
Best Species – Tortisepalum 'Won de Mugin'	Dr. Randall Robinson
Best Seedling Overall - Jessie Blakiston x Lunar Blaze	C & K Gillespie
Large Standard Seedling –Khan Fury x Flaming Pepper	C & K Gillespie
Small Standard Seedling – (Khan Flame x Lancashire Khan) x Flaming Vulcan	TerryPoulton
Intermediate Seedling – Jessie Blakiston x Lunar Blaze	C & K Gillespie
Species Seedling – Tortisepalum 'Won de Mugin'	Dr. Randall Robinson

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all members who brought their plants in.

*Growing Competition for 2013

Colin Cleak is really warming to his commentary on the growing competition and everyone appreciates his input, thanks Colin, the mericlone and seedling for this year's competition are:

Mericlone: Khan Fury 'Inferno' supplied by David Wain.

Seedling: Kirby Lesh 'You Beaut' x Regal Flames – hybridised by Colin Gillespie

*Beginners Group update – by Geoff Bailey

Beginners/Experienced Growers Group

This month we will be looking at how to prepare your plants for shows, things to do and things to avoid. We will have a more detailed look at plants benched for the monthly meeting. We will also discuss whether a plant needs to be repotted or potted-on, a demonstration of both will be done.

You will have noticed we have changed the title of the group as more and more experienced growers are taking part in the before meeting sessions. We want to keep this group going, so your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Next Greenhouse Visit - Back to Kimberley Orchids, "A Commercial Nursery in Full Flower"

The next greenhouse visit will be after the main shows, as you would appreciate all growers are very busy at this time of year preparing their plants for the shows. Our next visit will be back to Kimberley Orchids, thanks Peter and co. for agreeing to be invaded once again.

Where: Kimberley Orchids, 54 Worthing Rd, Devon Meadows

When: Saturday 14 September

Time: 10:30am

B-B-Q: BYO meat and drinks

This visit is open to all club members, we would love to see you there. Plants available for purchase.

***Subscriptions for 2013/2014**

Our subscriptions are now overdue, kindly submit directly into the clubs bank account listed below or you can pay at the next meeting, for members who have not paid their membership fees and subscribe to the Australian Orchid Review through the Club you will receive one more edition and if subs are not paid by the end of August no further copies will be received, all members who have outstanding fees will see a red sticker on the back of their envelope. Kindly remit soonest.

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***Sage Seedling Competition**

Just a reminder that this competition is open to all members, please send photographs of your plants to the Club or ask either Ken West or Terry Poulton to take a photograph at the meeting, this competition close at the end of November 2013.

***Special Effort**

Thanks to all the members who brought along something for our special effort table. As we hold this fund raising monthly all contributions are very much appreciated.

***Australian Orchid Foundation – Annual Essay Competition**

The Australian Orchid Foundation are holding an essay competition which is open to anyone who might like to try their hand at writing an essay on “How I became interested in growing Orchids”, for any member who is interested leaflets will be available at the meeting.

***Our Annual Show – update by Geoff Bailey – Dinner and Conference**

Show Dinner

Can you think of anything else that has **dropped by 20%** in the past twelve months? The cost of the dinner has and what's more we have engaged one of the best spit roast companies around to deliver us a fabulous two course meal. Price of \$25 per person.

Main Course: Spit roasted beef and pork, carved in front of you, not pre-sliced and left to stew, like so many other caterers do! Potatoes - done in their jackets and topped with sour cream. The choice of 5 salads, made on the day. Hot gravy, garlic bread, buttered French stick. All the condiments you can think of, including apple sauce for the pork.

Dessert: a selection from apple strudel, pavlova, cheesecakes, chocolate mousse cake, fresh fruit salad and cream.

After Dinner Speaker: Scott Barrie, Barrita Orchids

Please make sure you see Karen at our next meeting to purchase your tickets.

It's not too late!

Show Conference

How often do you get the chance to hear three top quality speakers, all leaders in their field, speak at the one venue. Here's your opportunity!

9:30am – 10:30am this includes question time: Dr Randall Robinson – **The Influence of Species in Our Modern Day Hybrids** Randall trained at Kew Gardens, England and is considered to be one of the world's authorities on 'all things cymbidium'.

11:00 am – 12:00 Kevin Butler, proprietor of Ezi-Gro orchids: **Pendulous and Novelty Cymbidiums**. Kevin is pursuing some very interesting lines of breeding.

1:00pm – 2:00pm Dr Greg Bryant, proprietor of Bryants Orchids: **Exhibition Style Cymbidiums** Greg and his father Alvin are the leaders in the world for hybridising this style of flower.

Cost: \$50 – this includes the conference, entry to the show, morning and afternoon teas, lunch and a show bag. This is great value and a rare opportunity to hear from some of the most knowledgeable cymbidium people in the world.

Please see Geoff Bailey to register. Tickets for the conference will be available at our monthly meeting. A pre-conference information sheet will be sent to all registrants in mid-August.

***OSCOV Show : 23rd to 25th August 2013.**

This show is being held at Springers again this year and we will be putting in a display, Terry Poulton will be supervising the display please speak to Terry if you can assist with the set-up. Set-up is on Wednesday 21st August and judging on the 22nd August 2013. Julie Forrest is doing the labels for all plants, please let Julie have your list early. Julie's email address is efo28308@bigpond.net.au

***Speaker for next month:**

Bob Harris presentation, Bob is from Hawaii and we look forward to hearing from him, please keep this date free.

***Members Badges**

These are available to order from Henk Morren at a cost of \$12 each.

***Assistance in the Kitchen at our monthly Meeting**

Jan Bailey will be running the kitchen this year, thanks Jan, but Jan will require some assistance, anyone willing to help on the night kindly see Jan in the kitchen.

A plate to share will be greatly appreciated.

See you all on the 13th August for our next meeting.

For all beginners and interested growers the beginners group starts at 7.15 pm

The newsletter is early this month as I will be away next week.