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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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*March Meeting

Thanks to our speakers Colin Gillespie, Peter Sunderland, Ern Kettle and Geoff Bailey for very well presented talks. Colin on his plans for his nursery and hybridizing, Peter on Kimberley Orchids and their achievements over the years, Ern on Paradisia and Geoff on alternative orchids, this was a great success and I am sure we will do something similar in the future, thanks to all the members who attended the evening.

*Cultural Talk

This month's cultural talk will be presented by Geoff Bailey.

*Main Item for the evening

Colin Cleak will be doing a talk on 'Companion Plants for Orchids', please members try and attend as I am sure Colin's talk will be very informative and interesting.

*Trading Table

The club has still got a few plants at very reasonable prices these will be on sale at the April meeting so raid your piggy bank and find some bargains.

***Plant Commentary**

This time of the year there is not much in the way of flowering plants, for those members who have some very early flowering cymbidiums please bring them in for everyone to have a look at. We must keep our registrar Ern Kettle busy for the evening.

***Growing Competition for 2013**

We are into our third month of this year's growing competition, thanks to everyone who brought in their plants last month, it was so nice to see so many plants on the table, keep it up. The plants for this year are as follows:

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

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

***Beginners Group – report by Geoff Bailey**

BEGINNERS' GROUP

NB: although this is a Beginners' Group activity it is open to all members of our club

Glasshouse/Greenhouse Visit

When: Saturday 6 April

Where: John and Julie Forrest

26 Padley St

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Time: 10:30am – followed by a B-B-Q, BYO everything. Don't forget a chair.
Bread, tea and coffee provided by the club.

Topic: Potting up seedlings and clones: pots, plants and potting mix will be provided for you at no cost.

Beginners' Group – Tuesday 9 April, 7:15 – 7:45pm, immediately prior to the meeting.

Topic: deflasking – two different methods. Is this for me?

***Raffle**

Thanks to all the members who brought along something for the raffle table. As this is a monthly fund raising effort all contributions for the table are very much appreciated.

***The Country Challenge**

Attached please find the details of a bus trip being organized by the Berwick Orchid Society to this years Country Challenge Orchid Show which is being held in Mildura, it is worth a trip to go and see.

***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.

***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 9th April for our next meeting.

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

MILDURA COUNTRY CHALLENGE BUS TRIP

Once again Berwick is proposing a Bus Trip to attend the annual OSCOV Country Challenge at Mildura leaving at 8:00 am on the Friday the 5th of July, and returning on Sunday the 7th. We are hoping to fill at least 40 seats. The more seats we fill the less we each pay for the Bus hire. The hire of the bus is just under \$4,000 and will need to be divided evenly across the board as per attendees.

Proposed prices are:

Twin share accommodation with a 3 course meal on arrival, two night accommodation and a cooked breakfast both mornings and also the cost of the Saturday night function will be :- \$200 per head This does not include the Bus fare.

Single person per room accommodation with all of the above will be:- \$300 per head This does not include the Bus fare.

If we are able to have 40 attend we will be looking at \$100 for the bus fare each. For 30 attendees it will be \$130 each.

We have yet to decide a departure venue where we are able to safely leave our vehicles. The 3 course meal provided on the Friday night of arrival is at \$12 per head. That is on a costing for all of us to partake. If you do not wish to partake in this meal The Club normally holds a barbeque on the Friday night and you may attend this at your own expense.

Saturday morning the show is not open to the public as the Judges will be weaving their magic at that time and the Club have a sightseeing bus trip organised. Due to the amount of passengers we will have they will have someone from the club travel in our bus to give a commentary during the tour. This will not be compulsory and if you are not intending to do the Saturday morning tour please let us know asap.

The presentation Dinner is at a cost of \$30 which is included in the above costing. This is a fun night and they have some really cool plants to auction. If you are not planning on attending this dinner please let us know for seating arrangements and price adjustments.

This trip is open to numerous other Clubs to come along and it will be on a first in best dressed basis so you will need to notify Dianne Clark on 03 97024847 as soon as possible and a deposit of \$50 per person is required and full payment will be required at least 4 weeks prior to departure so that the bills can be paid.

As always we hope to run our normal free raffles on the bus so save up your pennies, practice your jokes for the trip and come and join us on a fun trip.

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