

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY INCORPORATED

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

Lycastes are orchids of the
New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

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Next Meeting: Friday – 21 February 2020

**Venue: St. Timothy's Catholic
Community School Hall
21 Stevens Road, Vermont.
(Melway, Map 62 Ref.G3)**

ITEM OF THE EVENING: John Skews – It will be a practical demonstration

Topical Chat:	Heat affected plants
Supper:	Please bring a plate
Special Effort:	Tickets at door \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00
Library:	Books, Magazines Librarians - B Martin/L Frost.
Sales Table:	Pots, stakes, labels and hangers – C Luth
Bench Competition:	Bench Commentary – D. Weise

President's Report

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all.

As we start a new year of our Society we should all look forward to another year of friendship and happy orchid growing. As a Society we rely on members to assist with the running of our society. At the moment we do not have any Vice President's so if any member would like to join your committee and become one of our Vice Presidents, please see me and I will explain what the position entails.

I trust the Festive Season was a good one for you and all your families. We think of all the people who were affected by the bush fires and realise how powerful nature can be.

Our December Christmas Dinner meeting was enjoyed by over 70 members and family. Wonderful to see Alan & Nancy Cockram. A great night with lots of Kris Kringle. Hot Roast dinner and a seedling plant give away to every member. We look forward to seeing the first seedling to flower.

Summer certainly is with us. Extremely hot days, hot winds, very little rain and not many cool nights.

Now is the time to keep your plants well watered as with the hot dry, windy days, new growths certainly get a spurt on and they will be the strength for the next flowering. My suggestion on the extremely hot days is to water late in the day so that plants take up moisture during the cool of the night. If you want to water early in the day, do so but not later than, say 10.00am so that plants are dry before the real heat of the day in the afternoon. If fertilising, do so after late afternoon watering.

Happy growing, and see you at February meeting.

Cheers,

David

M.O.S. Inc. Patron: David Cannon

Life Members: The late Frank Date, Jim Foster-Johnson, David Cannon, Alan & Nancy Cockram, Dieter Weise, Barry Robinson, Susanne Redpath, Max Bomford, Cheryl Luth, G Moffat.

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What's On:

Orchid Species Society of Victoria SALE DAY 2020

Date: Sunday March 15 **Time:** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Venue: St Timothy's Catholic Community School

Blue Lotus Water Gardens, 2628 Warburton Highway, Seasonal Attraction, Open until Mid April.

Well worth a visit

Melbourne Begonia Society – Show and Sales – Saturday 22nd February 10am – 4 pm and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. To be held in the Moorabbin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin -

Admission – Adults \$5 and Concession \$3, Children FREE

The Ferny Creek Horticultural Society - The 2020 Plant Collectors Sale and Garden Expo. 100 Hilton Road, Sassafras, VIC - Saturday 7 March – 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday 8th March 10am – 4 pm - Entry Fee \$5 (under 14 Free)

Important Message about Facebook

Would members who use Facebook, please do not add any photos taken of other members onto your Facebook account unless you have permission of the other member. This is to protect the identify of a member being circulated on Face Book without their prior knowledge. This is a personal privacy issue that we now have in the electronic age. Thank you for your understanding.

Photos from the Christmas Dinner





SPECIES ORCHIDS FOR BEGINNERS

by Brian Milligan

After growing cymbidiums for a few years, many new growers are ready to try something different. My recommendation is to try species orchids, which, for the uninitiated, are orchids that grow (or grew) wild somewhere in the world. Don't fear that any orchid that you acquire will be ripped out of some foreign jungle. They may have been once, but all of the species that I recommend will be available as divisions of plants long since collected, or as seedlings raised from those plants.

One of the advantages of a collection of species orchids is that it will provide you with flowers throughout the year. At the time of writing, I have species belonging to eight different genera in flower, and this is not an unusual occurrence. I like to find out where my species grow in nature, and when they were first described and collected. If you can find where they live in nature and then determine the climatic conditions there, it provides the opportunity for you to grow your orchids to their best potential.

The following species orchids can all be grown and flowered in Melbourne in an unheated shadehouse, preferably one with a fibre-glass roof. Alternatively, you can fit plastic sheeting over the roof in winter to keep the plants from becoming too wet. Plastic sheeting should also be erected in winter to block cold winds from the west and south. Most of the orchids listed come from areas nearer than Melbourne to the equator, where the summers are warm and wet, and the winters are relatively cool and dry. These orchids will need frequent watering in summer, but much less water in winter.

Ada aurantiaca
Coelogyne cristata
Coelogyne mooreana
Dendrobium kingianum
Dendrobium nobile
Dockrillia striolata
Diuris corymbosa
Laelia anceps
Masdevallia coccinea
Maxillaria porphyrostele
Pleione formosana
Pterostylis nutans
Sarcochilus hartmannii
Zygopetalum intermedium Bifrenaria harrisoniae
Coelogyne tomentosa
Dendrobium falcorostrum
Dendrobium moniliforme
Dendrobium speciosum
Disa uniflora
Diuris lanceolata
Laelia gouldiana
Masdevallia veitchiana
Osmoglossum pulchellum
Pterostylis curta
Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii
Stanhopea nigroviolacea
Cymbidium lowianum.

LAST THOUGHT:

Son: Dad you have given me \$5 short in my pocket money.

Dad: You didn't complain last week when I gave you \$5 too much.

Son: Well, one mistake I can overlook, but not two weeks in a row...

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The Hon. Secretary,
Maroondah Orchid Society Incorporated
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NEWSLETTER



Smart Water Shop offers up to a 10% discount on our range of products excluding specials and installations.

Glenwood Orchids offer "Valued Customer" discounts on presentation of your current membership card.

Collectors Corner/Garden World - You can get 10% off some items within the store by showing either your membership badge or membership card.

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