

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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Annual Report 2020 – 21

What a topsy, turvy year it has been! The AGM, which would normally have been held in October 2020, was delayed because of COVID-19 Government restrictions and finally held in March 2021. Thank you to David Cannon who continued in his capacity of President for those additional months.

As a result of the restrictions the annual Auction, April 2021, 2021 Winter Show and Spring Shows, September 2020 & 2021, were cancelled along with the December 2020 Christmas Dinner.

The new Committee was installed at the AGM held in March 2021 which became the first of only three (3) meetings held face-to-face up to, and including, October 2021. During the long lockdown of 2021, the Committee continued to meet each month by Zoom. However, re-opening didn't occur and the continued re-scheduling of the annual Auction and Winter Show was to no avail. Altogether a bleak year for Club meetings and Shows.

At the three (3) Club meetings that were held in March April and May, around thirty (30) members attended with a reasonable number of plants benched at each. In March David Cannon spoke on Australian Native Hybridising, in April Leo Orland presented a slide show and commentary on the VOOTY (Victorian Orchid of The Year) awards for 2020 and gave members the opportunity to vote before advising of the Judges Award. A varied number of plants received members votes with only a few the same as the Judges. In May, Murray Harding spoke and showed slides on the Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular.

In May 2021 we farewelled Life Member Barry Robinson who was large as life and a hard worker in our Club. Barry is sadly missed!

While understandable because of the inability to hold meetings and shows both in 2020 and 2021, it is a little disappointing that up October 2021 only half of our members have paid for membership in our club for the 2021-22 financial year. The MOS Inc remains in a healthy financial position because although several money raising events could not be held the expenses were minimised also.

I am grateful for the work and support of all Committee members in whatever capacity they served. Thank you also to others who assisted in setting up and putting away chairs and tables for the Club meetings held early in the year and to those who assisted in any of the many other requirements to keep meetings 'ticking over'.

Ron Coleman
President