

# MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY

## INCORPORATED

# MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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New World Tropics and Subtropics



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**Next Meeting: Friday – 19 July 2024**

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

**ITEM OF THE EVENING: John Varigos, Long Pasaia and Mt Rimau –  
A Love Affair**

<b>Topical Chat:</b>	<b>Winter Show</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>8.00PM</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>St Timothy's</b>
<b>Supper:</b>	Please bring a plate
<b>Special Effort:</b>	No Special Effort
<b>Sales Table:</b>	No Sales Table

## President's Report

What a great auction night we had at our June meeting! Those present were treated to a night of fun and many took home some great bargains. I would like to extend my thanks to our auctioneer, David Cannon, for keeping the evening moving and entertaining us with his bid calls and his quick wit.

I'd also like to express the Society's appreciation to all the generous members who donated plants for the auction. Without your generosity, we wouldn't have this great fundraiser.

We have a double header at our next meeting with the MOS Winter Show and our guest speaker – John Varigos. This is one night that's not to be missed. So put July 19<sup>th</sup> in your diaries now and come along to make it a great night.

Stay safe and warm over winter and don't forget to keep an eye on your orchids, especially on the frosty nights.

Michael Chivell

## WINTER SHOW – IN HOUSE

The July Meeting will be our winter show meeting for 2024. The format for the night will be a sash for the Champion Orchid of the night and there will be prizes for the classes listed below. (Open section class will stand alone with the Intermediate and Novice sections grouped together.)

- Best Cymbidium of the Show.
- Best Australian Native of the Show.
- Best Paphiopedilum of the Show.
- Best Hybrid any other Genera of the Show (Excluding Cymbidium, Australian Native, and Paphiopedilum orchids).
- Best Species of the Show.
- Best Specimen of the Show.

**REMINDER: If you have a MOS Perpetual Trophy please return to the club.**

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

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

**Current M.O.S. Inc. Committee:**

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**REMINDER: Membership Renewal**

The committee has decided that membership fees for financial year 2024 /2025 will remain at the same as last year.

Fees are due 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. Adult (single) \$20.00, Family \$25.00, Junior (16 years and under) \$5.00

Please note – to enter or sell plants at the Spring Show a member must be a financial member no later than the Members' Meeting (20 September 2024).

You can pay in person to Edith Yu-Chan Or you can pay via direct debit to the following bank account – **BSB: 063167 Account number: 10107735**

Please remember to fill in the reference field with your name. Thank you!

## Interesting Plants From the June Meeting



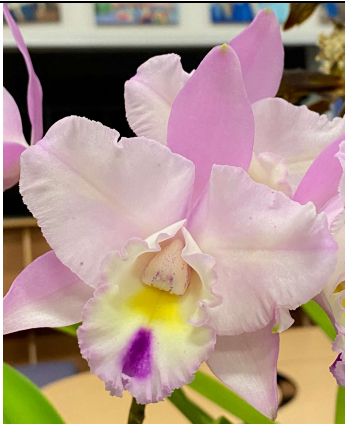
D. Weise's *Coelogyne ossamica*



R. Kasman's Den. *Avril's Gold*



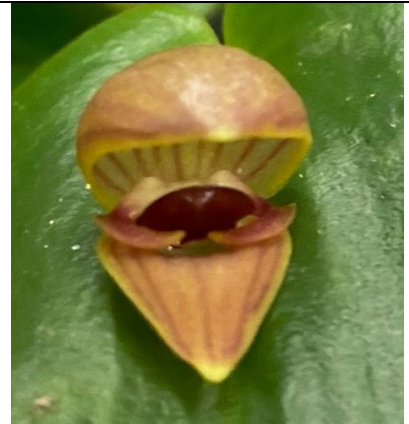
S. Kappl's Paph. *Fairrieanum* 'Louis'



J. Foster-Johnson's  
LC Angel Heart 'Hihanu'



L. Le's Cym  
Pure Sarah 'Shooting Star'



D. Weise's Pths. *palliolata*,.



C. Gunawan's Paph. *leeanum*



S. Kappl's  
Sarc. Clancy



R. Kasman's *Cymbidium*  
*erythrostylum*

## BENCH COMPETITION - June – 2024

<b>JUDGES VOTE</b>	Coelogyne ossamica	c	D. Weise
<b>POPULAR VOTE Open</b>	Coelogyne ossamica	c	D. Weise
<b>BEST IN SECTION</b>			
<b>Open</b>	Coelogyne ossamica	c	D. Weise
<b>Intermediate</b>	Miltonia x Brassia	c	R. & H. Coleman
<b>Novice</b>	Dendrobium Avril's Gold	c	R. Kasman
	<b>Open Section</b>		
<b>Intermediate Cymbidium</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Pure Sarah 'Shooting Star'</b>	c	L. Le
<b>Masdevallia Hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Kimballiana x Chaperana x Midas Touch	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saleata x Myra	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun Dancer x Trianglaris	c	J. Foster-Johnson
<b>Dendrobium</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Hot Coals x schoenia	c	A. Baker
<b>Paphiopedilum Species</b>	1st fairrieatum 'Lois'	c	S. Kappl
<b>Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Fanelifolium x (linguiforme x speciosum)	c	L. Le
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hilda Poxon	C	L. Orland
<b>Australian Native – Sarcochilus Hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lan Clancy	C	S. Kappl
<b>Laeliinae Intermediate</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> L.C. Angel Heart 'Hihanu'	C	J. Foster-Johnson
<b>Species Any Genera – The America's</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> L. anceps Chamberlains	C	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pts. pallioloata	c	D. Weise
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Isabellia pulchella	c	S. Kappl
<b>Species Any Genera – Asia</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Coelogyne assamica	c	D. Weise
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coelogyne fimbrata	c	C. Gunawan
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vanda hana	c	S. Kappl
<b>Species Cymbidium</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> tracyanum	c	L. Orland

	2 <sup>nd</sup> whiteae	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 <sup>rd</sup> iridiorides	c	C. Luth
	<b>Intermediate Section</b>		
<b>Miltonia</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Miltonia x Brassia	c	R. & H. Coleman
	<b>Novice Section</b>		
<b>Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Avril's Gold	c	R. Kasman
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kathlenn Eugenia x kingianum	c	G. Chivell
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Issy's Summer	c	G. Chivell
<b>Species Any Genera - Asia</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cymbidium erythrostylum	c	R. Kasman
<b>Intermediate &amp; Novice</b>			
<b>Seedling Flowering for the First Time</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cym. dayanum x erythraeum	c	S. Liu

### Points tally – 2024

Open	Points
J Foster-Johnson	76
S. Kappl	57
C Luth	39
D. Cannon	4
G. Moffat	8
L. Orland	29
L. Le	16
C. Ng	3
C. Gunawan	35
K. Lam	7
A. Baker	6
D. Weise	6
Intermediate	Points
Tu Le	15
J. Harnetty	34
J. Wong	11
R. & H. Coleman	4
Novice	Points
G. Chivell	14
T. Pham	4
R. Kasman	7
S. Liu	4



# Outdoor Orchid Care

Anyone can grow orchids outdoors if the weather is good enough! For folks who live south of the 37th parallel, the weather is more likely favorable for the larger part of the year. For the rest of us, growing orchids outside is restricted from late spring through summer to early fall. Unless you are placing orchids outdoors when it is raining daily, for every day that it does not rain, you will have to water, regardless of where you are. Orchids grown in climates with lower humidities may need to water twice a day. Though beware, pests and critters can be of concern, do check-in on your orchids regularly.

## Which Orchids Should Be Grown Outside?

Any orchid can be grown outside, depending on your conditions and your commitment to care. Though, it is advisable to not grow miniature orchids or orchids that cannot dry out outdoors. Instead, try to grow orchids that are more bulky or succulent-y, such as Cattleya, Dendrobium or Cymbidium, which are more hardy anyway. In more tropical climates (or climates that rain daily), you can put almost any orchid outside, as long as it's in the right space.

## Where Outside Should They Be Grown?

Nearly all orchids should be grown in half to full shade. If moving from a greenhouse, give them one step down for sun exposure. If they are full sun plants in the greenhouse, put them outside in part-shade. If they are part shade (or a few hours of direct sun) plants, put them in full shade, and if they are full shade plants in the greenhouse, they should remain in full shade outdoors. Ensure that they are in an area that can be easily watered when it does not rain, and where creatures, like squirrels, can't get to them. If you can set up an automated sprinkler system, that will greatly reduce the watering work you will have to do. Outdoor plants should be watered daily, regardless of region. If in drier climates, consider watering twice a day.

## When Should They Go Outdoors?

Orchids can go outside depending on the cold hardiness of the species. Knowing which species or hybrid you have is the best, but generally, Cymbidium are the most cold-hardy of the cultivated orchids, followed by Pleurothallids, followed by everything else. The most important sign of when to place your plants outdoors is the nighttime low temperature. You can put Cymbidiums outside when the lows are 40F/4.4C or higher consistently. For everything else, wait until the nighttime lows are 55F/12.7C or higher to bring them outside. In the fall, start bringing all plants indoors or in greenhouses when the nighttime low reaches 55F/12.7C for the first time. It's better to be more cautious in the fall – frost damage can never be repaired, and may kill the plant.

Why bring an orchid outdoors?

Bringing orchids outdoors can be a “shot in the arm” or a breath of new life to them. Orchids that may not have bloomed indoors can sometimes be found blooming if spending a few months outside. Others may grow larger or recover from ailments faster if brought outdoors.

**Thanks to American Orchid Society**

## **Coelogyne** **see-LODJ-ih-nee**



### **LIGHT**

Light requirements vary. Most species require light conditions of 21,500-43,000 lumens (2,000 to 4,000 foot-candles). More light should be provided during dormancy, as in nature, the plants become more exposed to direct sun.



### **TEMPERATURE**

Temperature for the evergreen species should be fairly constant and not be hot. Nights of 60F (16C) and days of 70F to 80F (21C-27C) are desirable. Deciduous species can tolerate a wider range, up to 95F (35C) during the day and down to 50F (10C) at Night when dormant in winter. If keeping plants cool, also keep them drier to prevent rot.



### **WATER**

When thinking about these plants' water needs, think about the environments that they come from – mostly seasonally wet savannah or equatorial. That means that these plants should not dry out during active growth. If insufficient water is given, or there is too much time between waterings, the plants will exhibit “accordion” growth. Regardless of whether it is



growing indoors or in a greenhouse, water should be liberally applied (though we do not recommend these plants for indoor growing). Potting mix should be perpetually moist and dry slightly between waterings. Plants should not dry out completely, or if they do, water needs to be immediately applied when the media hits dryness. Deciduous species should be allowed to hit dryness during dormancy, but still watered as soon as they dry out. Water should be kept off the leaves and especially out of the new growths to prevent rot or leaf spotting, which disfigure otherwise handsome plants.



## HUMIDITY

Humidity should be maintained at 40% to 80%. Deciduous species need less humidity when dormant. Brisk air circulation will help prevent damage to leaves by leafspot fungi.



## FERTILIZE

Fertilize regularly and heavily when plants are actively growing. A higher nitrogen formulation (such as 30-10-10) is recommended during active growth. In autumn, or as growths mature and pseudobulbs are produced, fertilizer should be reduced or switched to a high-phosphorus (such as 10-30-20) formulation to stimulate flower production.



## POTTING

Potting is best when new growth starts, usually in the spring. A fine-grade potting medium is often used; fir bark and perlite (3:1) is a common, fast-draining mix, though some species are planted in 100% sphagnum. If planting in sphagnum, the pot should be a netted pot. If using the bark mix, the pot should be plastic. Always pot these orchids in hanging baskets, as some species flower downwards. When repotting, split plants into no less than two pseudobulbs per pot and choose a container to allow for two years of growth. The plant should be positioned in the vessel so that the newest growths are farthest away from the edge of the pot, allowing the maximum number of new growths without crowding the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of potting medium and fill in around the roots and the pseudobulbs. Push the medium firmly around the roots and water after repotting. Keep the humidity high and the potting medium on the semi-dry side until new roots form.

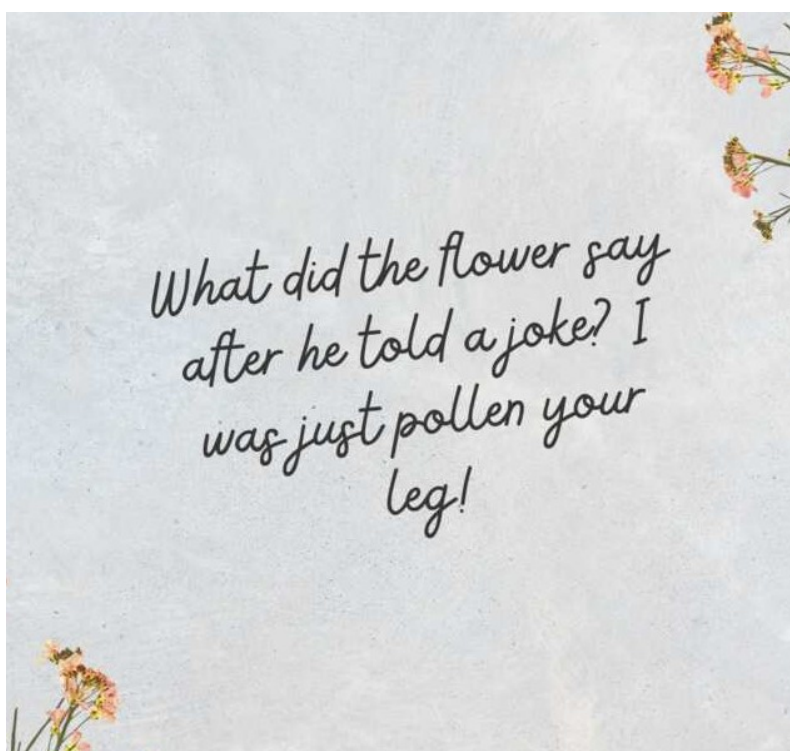
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## ORCHID SHOWS 2024

Show	Date/Time	Venue
Bayside	21 July Shopping Centre hours	Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre, Cnr Matthew Flinders Av & Heatherton Rd, Endeavour Hills
Gippsland	16 Aug -17 Aug Shopping Centre Hours	Mid-Valley Shopping Centre, Princes Highway
OSCOV	Fri 23 Aug -Sun 25 Aug 9am-4pm	'KCC Park', 655 Western Port Highway, Skye
Sale & District	Sat 31 August 9.30 -4, Sun 1 Sept 10-3	VRI Hall, Pettit Drive (Opposite the Sale Railway Station)
South Gippsland	Fri 13 September, 9.30 -4.30, Sat 14, 9.30-4	Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi
Cymbidium Orchid Society	Sat 14 Sept 9-4, Sun 15 Sept 9-4	Mt Waverley Community Centre. Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley
NEMOS	Sat 14 Sep, 9-4 Sun 15 Sep 10-4	Bulleen Heights Secondary School 221 Manningham Rd Lower Templestowe
Bairnsdale	Sat 14 Sept 9-4, Sun 15 Sept 10-3	Lucknow Memorial Hall, 105 Great Alpine Rd, Lucknow
Southern Suburbs	Sat. 21 Sept 10 – 4 Sun. 22 Sept 10 - 4	Snr City Hall, 964 Nepean Hwy. (Cnr. Exley Dr.)
Mid-Murray	Sat 21 Sept 10-4, Sun 22 Sept 10-3.	Kerang Memorial Hall, Nolan Street Kerang
West Gippsland	Sat 21 Sept 9-4, Sun 22 Sept 10-3	Anglican Church Hall, Cnr. Princes Way & Francis Ave, Drouin.
Geelong	Sat 21 Sept 9-4, Sun 22 Sept 10-3	Christ Church Hall, Cnr. Moorabool and McKillop Streets
Bayside	Sun 22 Sept Shopping Centre Hours	Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre Sth Gippsland Hwy Cranbourne
Stawell	Friday 27 Sept 10 -5 Sat. 28 Sept 10-4 Sun 29 Sept 10-3	Stawell Entertainment Centre, Town Hall 117 Main St. Stawell
Goulburn Valley	Sat 28 Sep, 9-4 Sun 29 Sep 10-3	Shepparton Harness Racing Track, Melbourne Rd, Kialla
Berwick	Sat 28 Sept 9-4, Sun 29 Sept 9-4	Senior Citizens' Hall, 112 High Street, Berwick
Maroondah	Sat 28 Sep, 9-4 Sun 29 Sep 9-3	St. Timothy's Catholic School, 21 Stevens Rd, Vermont
Warrnambool	Sat 5 Oct Sept 9-4, Sun 6 Oct 9 – 3	Our Lady Help of Christian Hall , 28 Selby Rd, Warrnambool
MPOS	Friday 4 Oct.	Cnr McMahons Rd and Gertrude St Frankston
MEOS	Sat 5 Oct, 9-4, Sun 6 Oct, 12-4	Burwood Heights Uniting Church, 347 Blackburn Rd, Burwood East

Ringwood	Sat 5 Oct 9-4, Sun 6 Oct 9-4	Keystone Hall 20 Civic Square Croydon 3136
Gippsland	Sat 5 Oct. Sun 6 Oct. Centre Hours	Mid-Valley Shopping Centre, Princess Highway
Bendigo	Fri 4 Oct 1-4, Sat 5 Oct. 10-3	Truscott Reserve 18 Murdock St California Gully
Colac	Sat 12 Oct 9-4, Sun 13 Oct 10-4	Colac Show Grounds Cnr. Bruce St & Princess Hwy
St Arnaud	Sat 12 Oct 9-4 Sun 13 Oct 9-4	Town Hall Napier St, St Arnaud
Cobden	Sat 19 Oct 10-4, Sun 20 Oct 10-4	Civic Hall, Victoria Street
Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 19 Oct 9-4, Sun 20 Oct 9-3	Public Hall, 590 Warburton Highway, Seville
Ballarat	Fri 18 Oct 12-5, Sat 19 10 – 3 Sun 20 10-3	Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre 1 Holly Grove Wendouree
MPOS	Fri. 25 Oct	Bunnings Mornington 1100 Nepean Highway Mornington
Bayside	Sat 26 Oct 9 - 5 Sun 27 Oct 9 - 4	Cranbourne Public Hall, 166-168 South Gippsland Hwy
Ringwood / Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 2 Nov 9-4, Sun 3 Nov 9-3	Keystone Hall, Keystone Hall Civic Square, Croydon
Bairnsdale Sarc Show	Sat 9 Nov 9-4, Sun 10 Nov 10-3	Paynesville Community Centre 55 The Esplanade Paynesville

## LAST THOUGHT



If Undeliverable Return to:  
The Hon. Secretary,  
Maroondah Orchid Society Incorporated  
P.O.Box 5076, Ringwood. Vic. 3134

## NEWSLETTER



**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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