

# 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 – 17 April 2026**

**Venue:**

**Parkmore Primary School  
38 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.**

### **ITEM OF THE EVENING:–**

**Time: 8.00PM**

**Topic: Matthew Lucas – What I've learnt from Growing Orchids in my First Five Years**

**Topical Chat: Pests and Damaged Plants**

**Supper: Please bring a plate**

**Special Effort: Tickets at door \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00**

**Sales Table: Leanne Le - Pots, stakes, labels and hangers**

## President's Report

We knew we were in for a treat at our March meeting with Leo giving us a presentation on the 2025 VOOTY Awards. With 171 slides to go through (yes you read that correctly – 171!), we needed to ensure that we got through the first part of the evening quickly.

Well, we underestimated the amount of plants, books, pots and growing materials we would have for the Special Effort. So, we powered through with much laughter (especially when Heather Coleman kept having winning tickets). Special thanks to John McCabe for helping with the ticket sales and scrunching up all the ticket stubs!

And, of course, thank you to those members who provided prizes for the Special Effort.

Jim and David gave demonstrations on how to repot orchids. Jim's were mature plants and David's were from tubes. Both were great (quick) presentations. We followed the repotting demo discussion with a sumptuous supper of cakes, biscuits and James Harnetty's world famous sandwiches. And then onto the VOOTY Awards which was very interesting and went like clockwork thanks to Leo who was kept in check by Ron.

Hopefully, the petrol situation won't worsen and we'll see a good turnout at our April meeting.

Michael Chivell

**Please note:** If you have changed your contact details such as phone, email address or home address can you please contact Edith Yu-Chan (M) 0411 378 096 so we can update our records.

Thank you!

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## Interesting Plants From the March Meeting

		
<p>G. &amp; M. Moffat's <i>Stanhopea wardii</i></p>	<p>J. Harnetty's BLC George King x SLC Dream Cloud Serendipity x Purple Giant</p>	<p>D, Weis's <i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i></p>
		
<p>J. Foster-Johnston's Masd. Kumbaliara x Chaparana x Midas Touch</p>	<p>G. Chivell's <i>Vanda Lou Sneary</i></p>	<p>Y. &amp; P. Lock's <i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown</p>
		
<p>R. Kasman's <i>Cymbidium</i> Black Stump Come in Spinner</p>	<p>C. Gunawan's <i>Haraella Retrocalla</i></p>	<p>L. Le's <i>Dendrobium thysiflorum</i></p>

## BENCH COMPETITION - March – 2026

<b>JUDGES VOTE</b>	<b>Stanhopea wardii</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>
<b>POPULAR VOTE</b>	<b>Stanhopea wardii</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>
<b>BEST IN SECTION</b>			
<b>Open</b>	<b>Stanhopea wardii</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Phalaenopsis unknown</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Y. &amp; P. Lock</b>
<b>Cultural</b>	<b>Stanhopea wardii</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>
	<b>Open Section</b>		
<b>Intermediate Cymbidium</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Baby Cake</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>
<b>Miniature Cymbidium</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Black Stump</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>R. Kasman</b>
<b>Masdevallia Hybrid</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Kumbaliana x Chaparana</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Foster-Johnson</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sundavec x caloadon ‘Perfect Stripes’</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Foster-Johnson</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lighting Stripes</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Foster-Johnston</b>
<b>Dendrobium</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hibiki</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>L. Le</b>
<b>Paphiopedilum Species</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> henryanum</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>D. Weise</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> sukhakulii</b>		<b>D. Weise</b>
<b>Australian Native -</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> telefieolia ‘Black Pam’ x lingaformis x speciosum Gold</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>

<b>Dendrobium Hybrid</b>			
<b>Laeliinae Large</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tokyo Magic x LC anceps</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>A. Baker</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> BLC George King x SLC Dream Cloud Serendipity x Purple Giant</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Harnetty</b>
<b>Laeliinae Intermediate</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Catt. Intermedia Interglossa</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Foster-Johnson</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prismaatdearpum x Radiatum</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Foster-Jonston</b>
<b>Laeliinae Cluster &amp; Novelty</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Epidendrum Orange King</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>J. Foster-Johnston</b>
<b>Any Other Hybrid</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vanda Lou Sneary</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G, Chivell</b>
<b>Species Any Genera – The America's</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Stanhopea wardii</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prosthechea radiata</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>C. Gunawan</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Oncidium flexuosum</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>G. Chivell</b>
<b>Species Any Genera – Asia</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dendrobium thysiflorum</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>L. Le</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Haraella retrocalla</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>C. Gunawan</b>
	<b>Novice Section</b>		
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> unknown</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Y. &amp; P. Lock</b>

### Points tally – 2026

<b>Open</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>J Foster-Johnson</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>S. Kappl</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>C Luth</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>D. Cannon</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>C. Gunawan</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>A. Baker</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>D. Weise</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>L. Le</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>G. Chivell</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>G. &amp; M. Moffat</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>J. Wong</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>R. Kasman</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	
<b>Tu Le</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Jenny Wong</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>S. Liu</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Y. &amp; P. Lock</b>	<b>4</b>

## **LAST THOUGHT**

- 1. Why did the acorn cross the road?**  
To prove it wasn't a chicken nut.
- 2. What do you call a little bear in autumn?**  
A leaf cub.
- 3. Why do leaves always tell the truth?**  
They can't cover anything up.
- 4. What do apples say after school?**  
Core homework again?
- 5. What's a pumpkin's favorite sport?**  
Squash.

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