

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 August 2026

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

ITEM OF THE EVENING:

Leo Orland – Preparing Your Plants for Showing

Topical Chat: Review of Benched Plants

Time: 8.00PM

Supper: Please bring a plate

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

Sales Table: Pots, stakes, labels and hangers – Leanne Le

President's Report

Our Winter Show was once again a great evening with some beautiful orchids on display. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everyone who came along to make it an interesting evening.

Guest speaker John Varigos was once again very informative, and his presentation was well received by members. We were privileged to see a magnificent array of wild-growing orchids from Sicily.

The Victorian Orchid Spectacular is coming up at the end of next month (August 28 to 30) and we are looking forward to a great display by our club under the banner "The Pollinators". Our stand is larger this year and we'd appreciate as many plants as possible being brought along.

As a reminder, plants must be free of any virus/disease and should be cleaned with old/damaged foliage trimmed or removed. Importantly, pots should be clean and presentable. We are still looking for helpers to work on the doors. If you can assist on any of the days, can you please let Leo Orland know.

Michael Chivell

REMINDER: Membership Renewal NOW DUE

Fees were due 1st July 2026 Fees: 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 (18 September 2026).

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!

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, The late Alan Cockram, 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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THE 32nd. ANNUAL OSCOV VICTORIAN ORCHID SPECTACULAR & ORCHID SALE 2026

VENUE: Boxhall Pavilion, KCC Park (State Dog Centre), 655 Western Port Highway. Skye

TIME (for public attendance):

Friday 28 August 9.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 29 August 9.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 30 August 9.00am – 4.00pm

ENTRY Adults- \$10 Children under 15 Free

Key Dates Set-up: Wednesday 26 August from 9.00 am - 11.am

Judging: Thursday 27th August.

Pull down - From 4.00pm Sunday 30 August

Those with access to the internet: the OSCOV Website has all the information you require regarding the Spectacular. (www.oscov.asn.au).

This is the time of the year when things start to hot up with the OSCOV Show at KCC Park and then our own Spring Show in September.

For the OSCOV Show we require some quality plants **(please have them at the centre before 11am – Wednesday 26 August).**

PLEASE NOTE: Please advise the editor at leoorland@totalfundraising.com.au the names of plants for the OSCOV Show by 7.00pm Friday 21 August.

Thank you!

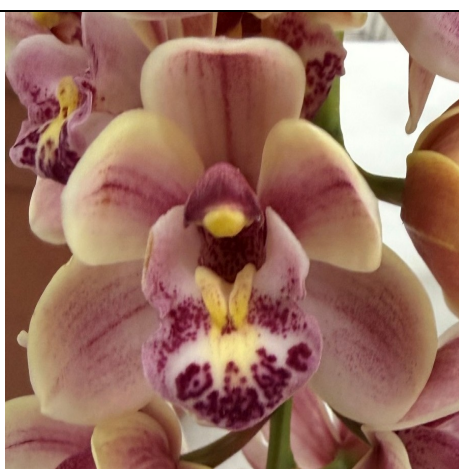
Orchiata Orchid Bark Orders

The committee will be placing an order for – Orchiata Orchid Bark – size 9-12mm, 12-18mm and 18mm-25mm to be available for pick-up at the Spring Show. An order form will be available at August meeting. If you are unable to attend the August meeting, to assist in determining the quantity to be ordered please see the attached order form, complete it and email to David Cannon at davika@bigpond.com of your requirement by the end of August. The cost of the bark to members who pre-order is \$32.00 and will be sold at the show for \$35.00.

Interesting Plants From the July Meeting



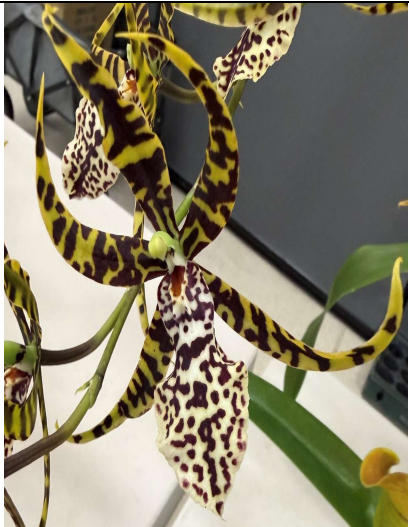
D. Weise's vellosum



C. Gunawan's Cymbidium
Little Sarah 'Princess'



J. Foster-Johnson's
Sartylis Blue Knob

		
B. Clemson's <i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i>	P. & Y. Lock's <i>Cymbidium iridioides</i>	S. Liu's <i>Cattlianthe Chongkolnee</i>
		
T. Le's <i>Dendrobium</i> The famous Victorian Bride Genesis	K. Keily's <i>Masdevallia angulata</i>	J. Harnetty's <i>Oncidium</i> A1 Arthurara

Winter Show – July 2026

Champion Orchid of the Night	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>	c	D. Weise
Open			
Best Paph. of the show	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>	c	D. Weise
Best Cymbidium of the show	Little Sarah 'Princess'	c	C. Gunawan
Best Australian Native of the show	<i>Den. tetragonum</i>	c	B. Clemson
Best Specimen of the show	<i>Den. tetragonum</i>	c	B. Clemson
Best Species of the show	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>	c	D. Weise

Best Hybrid & any other Genera of the Show	Sartylis Blue Knob	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Other Than Open			
Best Cymbidium of the show	Cym Shiny Yelleo	c	S. Liu
Best Specimen of the show	Dendrobium Catherine Hill 'Yellow' x Aussie Treat x Rutherford Starburst	c	P. & Y. Luck
Best Species of the show	Cymbidium iridiodes	c	P. & Y. Luck
Best Australian Native of the show	Dendrobium The Famous Victorian Bride Genisis	c	T. Le
Best Hybrid and any other Genera	Zygopetalum Kiwi Choice 'Express'	c	W. Han

BENCH COMPETITION - July – 2026

	Open Section		
Standard Cymbidium	1 st Baltic Glacier	c	L. Orland
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Barrita Cutlass Valley Chief x Valley Hoogenband x Zanation	c	L. Orland
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Little Sarah 'Princess'	c	C. Gunawan
	2 nd Little Miss Jess	c	C. Luth
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Midas Touch 'Crown Vista	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Midas Touch	c	C. Luth
	3 rd Ada's Lepard	c	K. Keily
Masdevallia Species	1 st angulata	c	K. Keily
Dendrobium	1 st Dockrilla Amphion Agloea	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Euryalus	c	B. Clemson
	3 rd Spring Dream 'Apollon'	c	K. Keily
Paphiopedilum	1 st Candella x VSION Oliver x Warp Dream Spotty	c	J. Harnetty
	2 nd Ruby Fire	c	S. Kappl

Paphiopedilum Species	1 st villosum	c	D. Weise
	2 nd villosum	c	S. Kappl
	3 rd fairrieum 'Louis'	c	S. Kappl
Oncidium Large	1 st A1 Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	c	J. Harnetty
Oncidium medium	1 st incurum x Crispum	c	C. Gunawan
Australian Native – Dendrobium Species	1 st tertagonum	c	B. Clemson
Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid	1 st Avril's Gold 'Verelle'	c	D. Canon
	2 nd Colourfast x Rockstar	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Laeliinae Intermediate	1 st anceps 'San Bur' x oaxa gugena x L. albida	c	C. Gunawan
	2 nd Angle Heart 'Hihamu'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	1 st Sartylis Blue Knob	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Species Any Genera – The America's	1 st Maxillaria meleagris	c	C. Gunawan
	2 nd Pleurothallis speies -pallioata	c	K. Keily
	3 rd Lycaste skinneri	c	D. Weise
Species Any Genera – Asia	1 st Coelogyne cobboanum	c	C. Gunawan
	Intermediate Section		
Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid	1 st The Famous Victorian Bride	c	T. Le
	2 nd Star Imp 'Love;y Landy' x Jesmond Sparkler	c	T. Le
Laeliinae Cluster & Novelty	1 st Unknown	c	Tu Le
	Novice Section		
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Shiny Yellow	c	S. Liu
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Peppermint Touch x Latin Touch	c	P. & Y. Lock
Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid	1 st Catherine Hill 'Yellow' x Aussie Treat x Rutherford Starburst	c	P. & Y. Lock
	2 nd Sarsfield	c	W. Han

Laeliinae Cluster & Novelty	1 st Cattlianthe Chongklee	c	S. Liu
Any Other Hybrid	1 st Zygopetalum Kiwi Choice ‘Espresso’	c	W Han
Species Any Genera – Asia	1 st Cymbidium iriodes	c	P. & Y. Lock

Points tally – 2026

Open	Points
J Foster-Johnson	103
S. Kappl	31
C Luth	28
D. Cannon	12
C. Gunawan	41
A. Baker	4
D. Weise	25
L. Le	7
G. Chivell	8
G. & M. Moffat	19
L. Orland	29
B. Clemson	23
J. Harnetty	38
J. Wong	4
R. Kasman	4
K. Keily	20
Intermediate	
Tu Le	24
Jenny Wong	23
R. & H. Coleman	8
Novice	Points
S. Liu	14
Y. & P. Lock	10
W. Han	13

THE LITTLE BLACK ANT, SCALE INSECT, MEALY BUG, APHID ALLIANCE

by Ben Wallace

These four groups of insects can work hand-in-glove to make a living at the expense of your orchids. The last three literally suck sap from your plants for their own needs, and produce sugary exudates that ants then feed on. In turn the ants carry the sapsuckers to the choicest localities, such as young emerging leaves, expanding buds or active root tips, where the orchid's nutrient content is at its greatest. Loss of these nutrients from the plant can seriously affect its ability to grow and flower. Worse still, the insects may inject pathogenic viruses into the plant, thereby spelling its doom.

To deal with such a conspiracy requires a multi-pronged response from the grower. First you need to watch where the ants are running to and fro, so that you can discover where their nest is located. If it's in a pot, the nest is easily destroyed. Simply tip the plant and mix onto the soil outside your green house, remove the plant, spread the mix and spray both mix and plant with a mixture of Pest Oil® and pyrethrum. If the ant nest is beneath a concrete slab or in a brick wall, you'll need to use more guile and lay a bait of ant poison. Mortein Ant Sand® is an effective one that has been introduced recently but other types are also available.

Having dealt with the ringleaders, next get the subordinates. Close examination of all plants is important to locate infestations of scale, aphids and mealy bugs. Remember that they often hide in obscure places, such as down in leaf sheath bases, on buried roots and in other hidden spots. Remove all infested plants individually, and spray them with the above-mentioned mix, or use a soft toothbrush to apply it, mixed with detergent. It's important to use some sort of surface-tension breaker (such as a soluble oil, detergent or methylated spirit) to penetrate the waxy coat of some insects. Don't apply more of these chemicals than necessary, as they may damage the plant's softer tissues.

Remember that it's important to deal with all the culprits, not just the sapsuckers doing the immediate damage.



COMMON ORCHID PESTS: SYMPTOMS, DESCRIPTIONS, CONDITIONS and TREATMENT.

by John Krens

THRIPS – Symptoms: A silvery lustre on the leaves (surface of cells sucked empty) with dark spots (excrements). Frequently seen on flowers; they often infest terrestrial orchids. Description: Thrips are greyish or yellow to brown and about 1-2 mm long, with fringed wings. The females lay their eggs in the leaf tissue, which hatch within a few days. The larvae are very mobile and start feeding immediately, extending their range below the potting mix surface, where they also pupate (life cycle takes from 12 days at 30°C to 20 days at 20°C). Thrips are believed to be instrumental in the transfer of viruses. Conditions: Thrips don't like cold weather and favour a hot dry atmosphere. Only a small number normally survive the winter but their numbers can build up in hot dry winter weather. They live on all types of plants but seem to prefer terrestrial plants, so keep weeds in the area under control. Treatment: Thrips can be treated with a range of insecticidal sprays, such as methidathion (Supracide®), dimethoate (Rogor®), malathion (also used for treating head-lice) and imidacloprid (Condifor®), at intervals of 2-3 months.

WOOD LICE (SLATERS), MILLIPEDES & EARWIGS – Symptoms: Wood lice, millipedes and earwigs hide in the dark cool places, for example, under pots standing on the ground (lift pots to check). They forage at night, so a nightly trip with flashlight could reveal their presence. Description: Wood lice (often referred to as slaters) are small multi-segmented crustaceans that, when feeling threatened, roll themselves into a little ball. Millipedes have long, narrow-jointed, black bodies. Woodlice and millipedes eat decomposing vegetable matter, including decomposing pine bark, thus causing orchid mixes to clog up. They also eat root tips when there are no better alternatives. Millipedes and earwigs eat small insects like thrips, but also eat root tips (especially those of epiphytic orchids) and flowers. They hide in places such as bracts, at the base of pseudobulbs, and in and under pots. Conditions: These pests like cool damp environments, so orchid pots are excellent places to hide as well as to feed. Treatment: Watering the plants with an insecticidal soap or use of insecticidal powder is recommended as treatment. Woodlice can also be controlled by snail pellets (place them under a pot to protect them from moisture), or by trapping them with potato slices (see cockroaches). Earwigs can also be trapped in balls of crumpled paper. Nightly flashlight expeditions and squashing works too! Keeping growing areas free of litter helps avoid these pests becoming a problem.

CODLIN MOTH – Symptoms: Little brown caterpillar droppings or (if the pest is not discovered in time) collapse of flower spikes. Description: A small brown moth that lays its eggs on new growth and flower spikes. The small white/yellowish caterpillars that emerge from the eggs burrow into the new growths and flower spikes, causing them to rot and collapse. Until that time, the only outward signs are the small brown droppings of the caterpillars. Cymbidiums and native dendrobiums seem to be most affected. Conditions: This pest originates in fruit orchards and is a substantial problem

in areas such as Melbourne's Eastern suburbs (former orchards) during the warmer months. Treatment: Regular spraying during warmer months (October till May) with carbaryl and a systemic insecticide (like Rogor® or Lebaycide®).

DENDROBIUM BEETLE (ORCHID BEETLE) – Symptoms: Little orange eggs, holes with waxy extrusion deposits, dying leaves, larvae and beetles scurrying around at night. Description: The orange beetle (about 10 mm long with black spots) feeds on orchids, with a preference for Australian dendrobiums. The larva is a slimy orange caterpillar that feeds on green tissue but also tunnels into new growths, causing them to die. Conditions: Dendrobium beetles are a serious problem from the northern Australia down to Sydney. Lower winter temperatures make them less of a problem in Melbourne. However, care needs to be taken not to import them into the hothouse with plants brought from infected areas. Treatment: Difficult to control. Squashing on sight and regular spraying with carbaryl when beetles are active. Eggs can also easily be removed by hand (when noticed).

WHITEFLY – Symptoms: Tiny white flies accumulating on young foliage, especially on underside of leaves, or on flowers. Description: White fly suck sap from plants, thus weakening them and possibly spreading diseases. Conditions: White fly can become abundant under mild weather conditions. Treatment: spray with malathion.

RATS & MICE – Symptoms: Sudden disappearance of floral segments of cymbidiums and/or greenhoods (mice), pots overturned and roots eaten or canes chewed through at base (rats). Description: Rats and mice tend to hide during the day and forage during the night. They are interested in everything edible. Under optimum conditions they can multiply explosively. Conditions: With cats being kept indoors during the night, rats and mice have become more mobile. Treatment: Use of poisoned bait (eg. Ratsak®, Ratsak Oneshot® – put inside an open container to reduce likelihood of unintended victims) will solve the problem, although this might take some time.

POSSUMS – Symptoms: Flowers being eaten. Description: Possums are nocturnal and dine mostly on vegetable matter. They like lemon (skin only) and oranges (inside only). Conditions: If no other preferred food sources available, possums may turn to orchids for food. Treatment: Have a preferred food source available. Lemon and orange trees with fruit all year around seem to prevent possums from becoming a problem.

ORCHID SHOWS 2026

Show	Date/Time	Venue
Gippsland	21 Aug -22 Aug Shopping Centre Hours	Mid-Valley Shopping Centre, Princes Highway
OSCOV	Fri 28 Aug -Sun 30 Aug 9am-4pm	'KCC Park', 655 Western Port Highway, Skye
Sale & District	Sat 05 Sept 9.00 -4.00, Sun 06 Sept 10-3	Sale Agricultural Society Showgrounds, Dawson Street, Sale
MPOS	Fri 11 Sept – Sun 13 Sept bunnings Hours	Cnr McMahons Rd and Gertrude St Frankston
South Gippsland	Fri 11 September, 9.30 -4.30, Sat 12, 9.30-4	Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi
Cymbidium Orchid Society	Sat 12 Sept 9-4, Sun 13 Sept 9-4	Mt Waverley Community Centre. Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley
NEMOS	Sat 19 Sep, 9-4 Sun 20 Sep 10-4	Bulleen School Manningham Road, Lower Templestowe
Southern Suburbs	Sat. 19 Sept 10 – 4 Sun. 20 Sept 10 - 4	NG Wishart Hall, 964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Mid-Murray	Sat 19 Sept 10-4, Sun 21 Sept 10-3	Kerang Memorial Hall, Nolan Street Kerang
West Gippsland	Sat 19 Sept 9-4, Sun 20 Sept 9-12	Anglican Church Hall, Cnr. Princes Way & Francis Ave, Drouin.
Geelong	Sat 19 Sept 9-4, Sun 20 Sept 10-3	Christ Church Hall, Cnr. Moorabool and McKillop Streets
Goulburn Valley	Sat 26 Sep, 9-4 Sun 27 Sep 10-3	Mooroopna Mechanics Hall, 41 McLennan St., Mooroopna
Berwick	Sat 26 Sept 9-4, Sun 27 Sept 9-4	Senior Citizens' Hall, 112 High Street, Berwick
Maroondah	Sat 26 Sep, 9-4 Sun 27 Sep 9-3	Parkmore Primary School, 38 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill
Warrnambool	Sat 3 Oct Sept 10-4, Sun 4 Oct 10 – 3	Our Lady Help of Christian Hall , 28 Selby Rd, Warrnambool
MEOS	Sat 3 Oct, 9-4, Sun 4 Oct, 12-4	Burwood Heights Uniting Church, 347 Blackburn Rd, Burwood East
Ringwood/Yarra Valley	Sat 10 Oct 9-4, Sun 11 Oct 9-4	Keystone Hall 20 Civic Square Croydon 3136
Gippsland	Fri 2 Oct. Sat 3 Oct. Centre Hours	Mid-Valley Shopping Centre, Princess Highway

Bendigo	Fri 2 Oct 1-4, Sat 4 Oct. 10-3	Truscott Reserve 18 Murdock St California Gully
St Arnaud	Sat 10 Oct 9-4, Sun 11 Oct 9-4	Town Hall Napier St. St Arnaud
Colac	Sat 10 Oct 9-4, Sun 11 Oct 10-4	Colac Show Grounds Cnr. Bruce St & Princess Hwy
Cobden	Sat 16 Oct 10-4, Sun 17 Oct 10-4	Civic Hall, Victoria Street
Ballarat	Fri 16 Oct 12-5, Sat 17 10 – 4 Sun 20 10-3	Cooinda Community Centre 10 Learthmonth Rd Wendouree
MPOS	Fri. 17 Oct- 19 Oct, Bunnings Hours	Bunnings Mornington 1100 Nepean Highway Mornington
Bayside	Sat 24 Oct 9 - 5 Sun 25 Oct 9 - 4	Cranbourne Public Hall, 166-168 South Gippsland Hwy
Ringwood / Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 31 Oct, 9-4, Sun 1 Nov 9-3	Keystone Hall, Keystone Hall Civic Square, Croydon
Gippsland Sarc Show	Sat 7 Nov 9-4, Sun 8 Nov 10-3.30	Sale Agricultural Society Dawson Street Sale
Stawell	Sat 7 Nov 10-5, Sun 8 Nov 10-4.00	Senior Citizens Centre, Victoria St., Stawell
MPOS	Fri 13 Nov, Sun 15 Nov. Bunnings Hour	Bunnings Mornington, 1100 Nepean Highway, Mornington

LAST THOUGHTS

Why do plants hate math?
Because it gives them square roots!

How do trees get on the internet?
They log on!

What did the plant say to his Valentine?
You're my soil-mate.

How do plants contact each other?
With the tel-leaf-phone.

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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