

# OSCOV INSIGHTS

The official newsletter of The Orchid Societies Council of Victoria Inc.

We work in the close partnership with our members and to ensure a thriving and sustainable orchid growers community. We host the biggest annual orchid show in the Southern Hemisphere and provide expert show judging, quality awards and judges training. We support orchid conservation and research via donations, participation and public education programs.



## President's Message

Dear Member society,

Welcome to our first OSCOV Insights, our new quarterly newsletter. We aim to produce these on a seasonal basis, so this is the Spring edition.

I have recently taken over from Michael Coker as president of OSCOV after his 7 years of great leadership in the role. The previous committee members all returned for 20/21 and we have been joined by Murray Harding.

The current pandemic has impacted all our lives in many and varied ways. This includes our orchid club and society social meetings and shows as well as our annual Melbourne Orchids Spectacular and awards presentation dinner.

Some orchid clubs and societies (and other hobby clubs) have moved to virtual social meetings. This is proving to be a safe and enjoyable way to get together and to share our flowering orchids as well as see guest speakers. It has also allowed some members to join in who might not otherwise have been able to attend a meeting because of say distance. Sadly, it does exclude some who simply don't have the technology to do so. Many clubs continue to provide their members a newsletter often featuring members plants and some clubs are running monthly web base popular votes. Many committees including OSCOV and its judging panel have resorted to virtual meetings and AGMs.

Southern Suburbs Orchid Society recently ran the first OSCOV member society virtual spring show.

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It was a great initiative and a learning experience all round. My congratulations go to the committee and members at SSOS, Terry and Sue for their organisation of the show and to Barry Larkin and the OSCOV judges for a job well done.

OSCOV orchid quality award judging continues but under amended rules that allows for virtual photo judging this year. Some of the recent awards are highlighted in this newsletter. In the next (Summer) edition of the newsletter I will provide an update on the handing out of the 2019 Victorian Orchid Of The Year (VOOTY) awards and our plans for the 2020 VOOTY.

Without meetings, shows and under various levels of restrictions our sponsors and orchid vendors have significant business challenges. We will include a section for them in each newsletter as our orchid community needs orchids and orchid related supplies to thrive.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you, your clubs/societies and us all working together to further our passion for all things orchids.

I'm always happy to hear from you and my contact details are readily available including my mobile and email.

## Orchid Shows

Congratulations to Southern Suburbs Orchid Society on successfully staging a virtual Spring Show. This has been a great initiative and has significantly enhanced member engagement during these COVID times when 'in person' shows can't be held. OSCOV is financially supporting our member societies in staging virtual shows and looks forward to more being held in the Victorian orchid community.

The results of the show can be found at  
<https://ssosvorchids.com/2020/09/23/its-awesome/>

Another member society, North East Melbourne Orchid Society (NEMOS), has kicked off its own virtual Spring show and results will be posted on the OSCOV website and Facebook page.

Keep an eye on the OSCOV Facebook page and website for news of other virtual shows.



**Terry Stiles**  
 OSCOV President

I've recently retired after more than 40 years of Commonwealth public service including the last 38 years in the Bureau of Meteorology mainly in engineering and operations.

My wife Elena and I became involved in the orchid community about 3 years ago as our life in retirement allowed us both to spend more time on this hobby.

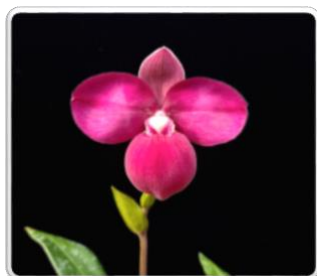
I'm currently also the president of the Orchid Species Society of Victoria and an OSCOV student judge.

I would welcome any opportunity to visit your social meetings and meet others in the community. I'm really looking forward to my time as President and excited about the future.



## Recent OSCOV Awards

Phrag. Samuel Crothers 'Julian'



Award: AM/OSCOV - 81.75

Date: 01/08/2020

Owner: Michael J. Coker

Location: Photo Judging

Cym. Red Beauty 'Brilliant' x Sims Vision 'Barcelona'



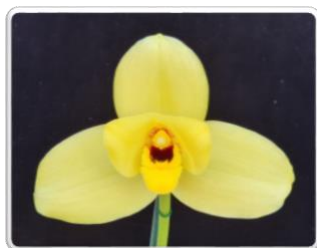
Award: HCC/OSCOV – 76.6

Date: 12/09/2020

Owner: Alex Christou

Location: Photo Judging

Lyc. Muromachi 'Honey'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 79.5

Date: 04/08/2020

Owner: Michael J. Coker

Location: Photo Judging

Den. tetragonum var. 'Lil Red Devil'



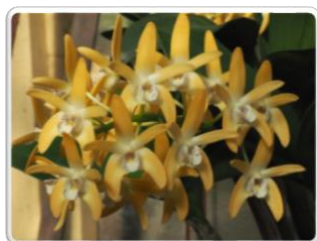
Award: CC/OSCOV and  
HCC/OSCOV – 79.2

Date: 15/09/2020

Owner: Matt Dawkins

Location: Photo Judging

Den. Dunokayla 'Peach'



Award: AM/OSCOV – 80.0

Date: 25/08/2020

Owner: Murray Harding

Location: Photo Judging

Den. Kayla 'Lea'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 78.8

Date: 16/09/2020

Owner: Murray Harding

Location: Photo Judging

Masd. Heartlight 'Crown Vista'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 79.0

Date: 09/09/2020

Owner: Kelly-Ann Keily

Location: Photo Judging

Den. Bounty 'RACB'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 78.9

Date: 18/09/2020

Owner: Robin Bavinton

Location: Photo Judging



Masd. Limoncello 'Agi'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 77.9  
 Date: 19/09/2020  
 Owner: C & A Halls  
 Location: Photo Judging

Den. Dunokayla 'Devon'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 75.7  
 Date: 21/09/2020  
 Owner: Murray Harding  
 Location: Photo Judging

Den. Jeeralang 'Magenta Storm'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 77.4  
 Date: 20/09/2020  
 Owner: Marita Anderson  
 Location: Photo Judging

Den. Lookout 'RACB'



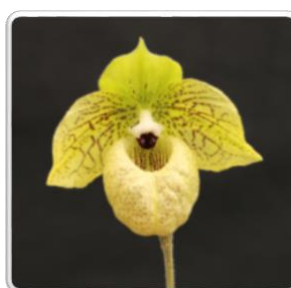
Award: HCC/OSCOV – 76.2  
 Date: 24/09/2020  
 Owner: Robin Bavinton  
 Location: Photo Judging

Den. speciosum var. curvicaule 'Blew Moon'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 78.5  
 Date: 22/09/2020  
 Owner: Murray Harding  
 Location: Photo Judging

Paph. malipoense 'Lime Soda'



Award: HCC/OSCOV – 77.9  
 Date: 26/09/2020  
 Owner: Marita Anderson  
 Location: Photo Judging

Den. Phil's Joy 'Starstruck'



Award: CC/OSCOV and  
 HCC/OSCOV – 76.5  
 Date: 29/09/2020  
 Owner: Marita Anderson  
 Location: Photo Judging

Den. striolatum 'Anyes'



Award: CC/OSCOV and  
 HCC/OSCOV – 75.5  
 Date: 30/09/2020  
 Owner: Murray Harding  
 Location: Photo Judging

# Orchid Conservation in Victoria

In the past Andre Cleghorn, the OSCOV Conservation Officer has provided a lot of information on activities that you may get involved in to help protect our native orchids. Like anything else at present, these activities have been curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Andre put together a number of links to several groups that have decided to make online programs available. Please check them out as many of them are really excellent resources on Orchid Conservation in Victoria.

**SWIFFT** (State-wide Integrated Flora and Fauna Teams) [www.swifft.net.au](http://www.swifft.net.au)

The Threatened Species Profiles section contains information about several orchids including:

- Dwarf Spider Orchid (*Caladenia pumila*) - [https://www.swifft.net.au/cb\\_pages/sp\\_dwarf\\_spider\\_orchid.php](https://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/sp_dwarf_spider_orchid.php)
- Mellblom's Spider Orchid (*Caladenia hastate*) - [https://www.swifft.net.au/cb\\_pages/sp\\_mellbloms\\_spider\\_orchid.php](https://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/sp_mellbloms_spider_orchid.php)
- Metallic Sun Orchid (*Threllyittra epipactoides*) - [https://www.swifft.net.au/cb\\_pages/sp\\_metallic\\_sun\\_orchid.php](https://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/sp_metallic_sun_orchid.php)
- Swamp Greenhood (*Pterostylis tenuissima*) - [https://www.swifft.net.au/cb\\_pages/sp\\_swamp\\_greenhood.php](https://www.swifft.net.au/cb_pages/sp_swamp_greenhood.php)

The decline of these species, like many others can be attributed to the loss of suitable remaining habitat through clearing and land developments. Introduced weeds compete for germination space and alter seed bed material, over grazing by rabbits and wallabies can reduce seed production whilst physical disturbance can remove root material or cause compaction resulting in unsuitable habitat.

Conservation of these critically endangered orchids has been an ongoing process for over 30 years. Actions are now performed through a recovery team and include propagation of plants for translocation, caging to protect plants from grazing and insect predation, using fire to promote plant regeneration as well as research, monitoring and surveys.



*Caladenia pumila*



*Caladenia hastate*



*Threllyittra epipactoides*



*Pterostylis tenuissima*

### THE ARTHUR RYLAH INSTITUTE <https://www.ari.vic.gov.au/>

The institute carries out lots of important conservation work and research. They also have an interesting series of seminars that you can join in on Eventbrite or view later on YouTube. Here are a few of the upcoming seminars that you can book to see.

Check out their online recorded seminars at <https://www.ari.vic.gov.au/seminars>

### ORCHID CONSERVATION COALITION <https://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/>

This site covers orchid conservation around the world but some of the articles from Australia are:

- *Calochilus pulchellus* - <https://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/cpulchellus.html>
- *Corunastylis superba* - <https://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/csuperba.html>
- *Prasophyllum affine* - <https://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/paffine.html>
- *Cryptostylis hunteriana* - <https://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/paffine.html>

### THE AUSTRALIAN NETWORK FOR PLANT CONSERVATION Inc. [www.anpc.asn/orchids](http://www.anpc.asn/orchids)

This site includes lots of local conservation work including that done by the Australian Native Orchid Society – Vic group and the Australian Orchid Foundation. Some articles are about;

- Audas Spider Orchid - [https://www.anpc.asn.au/audas\\_spider-orchid/](https://www.anpc.asn.au/audas_spider-orchid/)
- Melbloms Spider Orchid - [https://www.anpc.asn.au/orchid\\_conservation\\_program/melbloms\\_spider-orchid/](https://www.anpc.asn.au/orchid_conservation_program/melbloms_spider-orchid/)
- Wild Orchids Project - [https://www.anpc.asn.au/wild\\_orchids/](https://www.anpc.asn.au/wild_orchids/)

### THE ORCHID WHISPERER <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-12-14/julie-radford-is-victorias-orchid-whisperer/11788832>

This ABC news article is about Julie Radford who is doing great work in rural Central Victoria to propagate local endangered terrestrial orchids. It shows you what you can do at home to help our orchids.

### NEW UNDERGROUND ORCHID *Rhizanthella speciosa*

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-13/new-underground-orchid-flower-find-thrills-botanists/12656410>

This article describes the discovery of a fourth species of underground orchid in Australia. This one was found in Barrington Tops National Park near Newcastle in NSW



## Orchids and Accessories

Without meetings, shows and under various levels of restrictions, due to COVID pandemic, our sponsors and orchid vendors have significant business challenges. To ensure a thriving orchid community we need to support these businesses who have supported OSCOV community and its Melbourne Orchid Spectacular in the past. We have tabled below a list of these businesses and their current best contacts. Check out what they have on offer and happy shopping 😊

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Orchid Mania	Ebay: <a href="https://www.ebay.com.au/usr/pritch752">https://www.ebay.com.au/usr/pritch752</a>
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# The Melbourne Orchid Spectacular - August 2021

The Melbourne Orchid Spectacular (the Spectacular) is the largest annual, and premier, orchid show in the Southern Hemisphere.

Held over three days the spectacular features themed orchid displays from orchids clubs and societies across Victoria. These displays feature high quality plants which are professionally judged, and the best are awarded.

There is an orchid themed photographic competition and orchid workshops.

You can shop with vendors from across Australia who sell quality orchids, and everything associated with their growing.

Date: TBA

Location: KCC Park, 655 Western Port Highway, Skye, VIC, Australia



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