

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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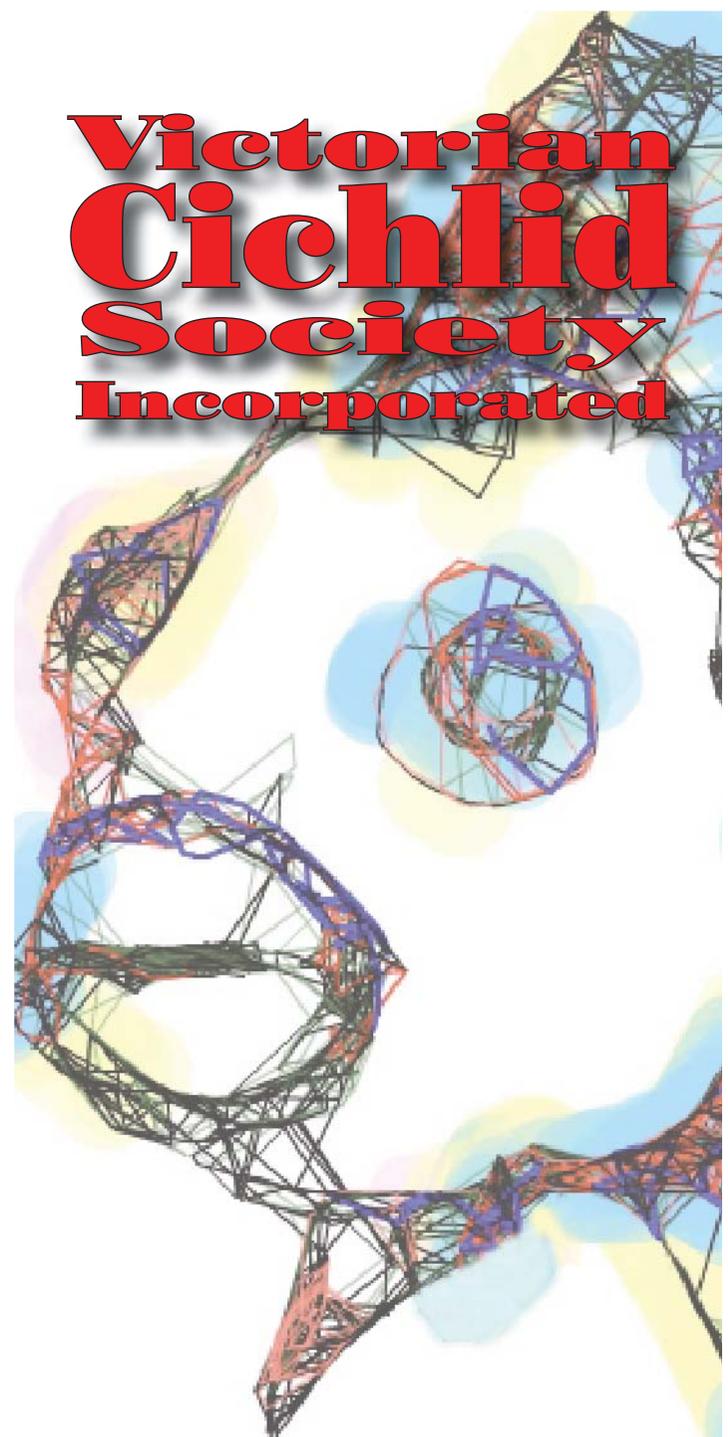
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Victorian Cichlid Society Incorporated



We'll see you at ...

the Oakleigh Centre, 773 Warrigal Road, Oakleigh
 at 7:30 on the 1st Wednesday of most months.
 April and October are Auctions. No meeting in January.
 (Details: cichlids.org.au or call 9560 7472.)

MEMBERSHIP FEES

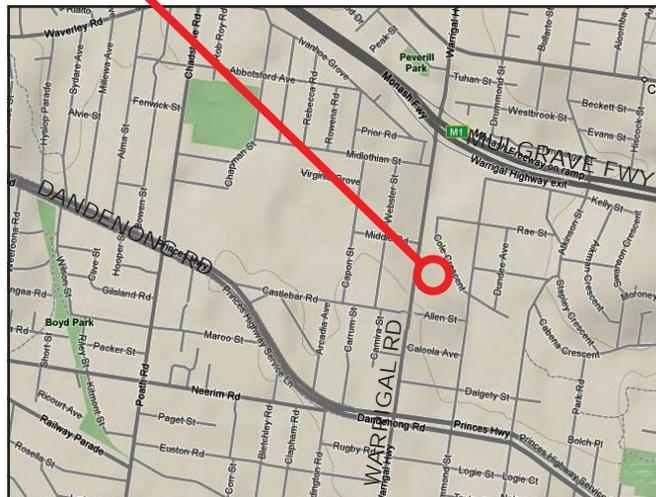


Ordinary	30.00
Family	35.00
Concession Card Holder/Junior ...	15.00
OS (air extra)	35.00
JOINING FEE	8.00

Forward this application and a cheque for the appropriate amount, plus joining fee to: The Secretary,
VICTORIAN CICHLID SOCIETY INC
 23 Mangana Drive MULGRAVE VIC 3170

For more details about the Society see

cichlids.org.au



Cichlids

(pronounced SIK-LIDS)

Fishkeeping is a lot of fun, as well as being good for you. We at the Victorian Cichlid Society Inc like to think that anything fishkeeping can do; Cichlid-keeping does better. Yes, fishkeeping is fun, but keeping Cichlids can be *brehtaking*.

If you already keep fish, it is possible that you have already kept Cichlids without being aware of it. Angelfish, Discus, Kribensis and Rams are very common aquarium fishes that belong to the Family Cichlidae. There are many other less common, but just as interesting Cichlids that you would enjoy keeping.

Cichlids come in all shapes and sizes from tiny three-centimetre dwarfs to one-metre-long predators. The really large ones are not available in Australia but quite a large variety can be found for sale in the better aquarium shops.

Size is not the only way in which, Cichlids vary. They come in all colours, shapes and "personalities" and have



also evolved to take advantage of most food sources as well. With such a huge variety to choose from, there is a Cichlid to suit the taste of the most hardened aquarist.

Technically speaking, Cichlids are bony, perch-like fishes closely related to the marine wrasses and pomacentrids. They only have a single pair of nostrils, are usually bilaterally compressed, and have a lot of other internal and external physical characteristics that make them unique among the fishes.

Many are spectacularly coloured, some are more subtle. But one thing that all Cichlids have in common is their fascinating courting/spawning rituals and other interesting behavior, most particularly in the care of their young. This is a never-ending source of enjoyment for the Cichlid hobbyist.

As with most things, a good way of sharing your knowledge and experiences, or learning more, is to get together with people who have similar interests. The Victorian Cichlid Society Incorporated conducts monthly meetings for just this purpose.

Meetings are generally held at 8:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Oakleigh Centre, 773 Warrigal Road,

Oakleigh (the hall opens 7:30 for access to the Library and Trading Table, etc). These meetings normally include presentations about Cichlids and related subjects such as feeding, breeding, water chemistry, tank decoration, filtration, etc.

Meetings also include a Library, Trading Table, Show Table, Prize Draw and Door Prizes as well as regular Donation Auctions.

As well as formal meetings, the Society organises social events and fishhouse visits that are enjoyed by the whole family. Biannual Auctions of Fish and Aquarium Equipment are popular features of the Society calendar (see our website for venue and timing details).

Another benefit to members is the Society's journal, 'The Cichlid Monthly', which contains interesting articles by local and interstate members as well as contributions from overseas hobbyists and experts.

The Society conducts a Message Board (Forums) where anyone with similar interests is welcome to join in:

forums.cichlids.org.au

Information about the Society, its history and activities, is available on its website:

cichlids.org.au

