



Sarcochilus australis

# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

MAY 2007 BULLETIN

[www.mosorchid.org](http://www.mosorchid.org)

Affiliated with the Australian Orchid Council  
Incorporated in Victoria Reg No 1193Z

**Disclaimer:** The Maribyrnong Orchid Society Committee will not take any responsibility for actions taken on advice or views expressed in: this or any future Monthly Bulletin, or by Guest Speakers. It is always advisable to get a second opinion.

**BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.

The Early 'new growers' group starts at 7.15pm and is conducted by the informative Steve Stebbing. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting. We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plant sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring 10 orchids to be sold on the sales table each month. The Society deducts 15% commission on the sale of all plants. Please note that all plants must be labeled correctly and state whether they are hot/cold growing and expected floral colour, if not in flower. Plants are also to be listed on a sales form, available from members on the Sales table, to be filled out by the selling member.

## Guest Speaker this month

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Dennis Diehm from Dendi Orchids in Griffiths N.S.W.

We thank Mr. Neil Anderton for his presentation on Inverleigh Common. It was very informative and the members valued his presentation.

## Supper Roster

For the May meeting we kindly have Val Curwood and Hilda Caly on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the Evening's Speaker has finished their presentation.

## New Member

The club wishes to welcome Joy Whearem to our club. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, when you will be presented with your name tag and complimentary orchid.

## APRIL 2007 COMPETITION RESULTS

As per judges sheets

### OPEN SECTION

#### **Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Surprise x Aussie Child J Crawford

#### **Australian Native Species Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Dock cucumerinum B Duncan

2<sup>nd</sup> Liparis swenssonii A. Wild

#### **Maudiae/Callosum Type Paphiopedilum**

1<sup>st</sup> Maudiae Dawn x Red Maud J Crawford

#### **Novelty Paphiopedilum**

1<sup>st</sup> Niveum x Maudiae J Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Iantha Stage J Crawford

#### **Cattleya Small**

1<sup>st</sup> SC Beaufort x S coccinea J Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> SI Red Elf J & Y McIntyre

#### **Cattleya Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> Lulu 'Full' x Angel Walker D Howard &  
V Dopis

2<sup>nd</sup> Lc Portia Baronetza H D. Breuer

#### **Cattleya Exhibition**

1<sup>st</sup> Hawaian Wedding Song J Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Blc Kinzara Southern H D. Breuer

#### **Miltonia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Warne M Condon

#### **Oncidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Yurla J Crawford

#### **Dendrobium – Hybrid/Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Kasam With H D. Breuer

2<sup>nd</sup> Mingles Sapphire B Duncan

#### **Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Bob Hoffman 'Bob up' N & J Walsh

2<sup>nd</sup> Reggae N & J Walsh

#### **Masdevallia Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Barleana Harold B Duncan

#### **Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Cardinal J Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Bel Royale J Crawford

#### **Species any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Rossioglossum Grande J Crawford

2<sup>nd</sup> Dryadella Poliola B Duncan

#### **Best in Section**

**Oncidium Yarla J Crawford**

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

1<sup>st</sup> Last Chance 'Autumn Glory' J & D Portelli

#### **Cymbidium – Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> Sue Alsmear 'Emerald' J & D Portelli

#### **Dendrobium Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Aussie Ira x Pee Wee x Speciosum

N & J Marshall

2<sup>nd</sup> Colonial Surprise x Aussie Springtime

N & J Marshall

#### **Cattleya Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Slc Tiny Titan 'Tracy' E. Walker

#### **Miltonia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> regnellii x Anne Warne J Beggs

#### **Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Peach Fuzz x Kimballiana E Walker

#### **Any Other Hybrid**

2<sup>nd</sup> Aliceara 'Dorothy Oka' J & D Marshall

#### **Species any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Coelogyne speciosa J & D Marshall

#### **Best in Section**

**Slc Tiny Titan 'Tracy' E. Walker**

### ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium - Small**

1<sup>st</sup> Pee Wee L Halil

#### **Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Surprise x Aussie Springtime  
S Hurwood

#### **Paphiopedilum – Maudiae/Callosum type**

1<sup>st</sup> Grand Vizar x Black Velvet J Hastewell

#### **Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Neolehmannia porpax L Halil

#### **Best in Section**

**Grand Vizar x Black Velvet J Hastewell**

### NOVICE SECTION

No Entry

### NON SECTIONAL

#### **Seedling Flowering for 1<sup>st</sup> time**

Paph Grand Master x Valentine Voila

J Crawford

#### **Best Cultivated**

Slc Tiny Titan 'Tracy' E. Walker

#### **Popular Vote**

Slc Tiny Titan 'Tracy' E. Walker

#### **Judges Vote**

Oncidium Yurla J Crawford

#### **AM & ACM Received on the Night**

**Dendrochilum magnum 'Golden Rod' 83/83 pts  
Stephen Hauser**

## 2007 COMMITTEE

As a result of the A.G.M. held last month the following members have been nominated onto the Committee.

President: Mr Anthony Scerri  
Vice Presidents: Mrs Elizabeth Walker  
Mr Mick Condon  
Secretary: Mr Eric Wilde  
Treasurer: Mr Neil Marshall  
Other committee members are:  
Judith Marshall  
Frances Wilde  
George Downie  
Steve Panagiotou  
Peter Carlesso  
Wilma Carlesso  
Peter Caly  
Jeff Walker  
Hubert Nyssen  
Heather Young

The four members who retired from the committee were Bruce Butler, Doris Portelli, Maria Farugia and Lee Halil. The Society thanks the retiring members for their services provided, whilst serving on the committee.

We are pleased to advise that Peter Kiernan will continue to act as our Show Co-ordinator, Lee Halil will remain as Editor and Doris Portelli will continue as Publicity Officer.

Thank you to our four new committee members: Peter, Jeff, Hubert and Heather.

Thank you also to those members who are not on the Society Committee but kindly help our club on meeting nights and during the Orchid Shows. Thank you also to members who bring supper along each month.

### Social Function

The next bus trip will be on the 19th August. The bus will be going to Wayne Turville's orchid nursery and the Orchid extravaganza at Garden World. Anthony or Wilma will be taking names of members wishing to attend the trip, at the next meeting.

### Seedling Competition

Last month 38 seedlings were returned on the night. Try and remember to bring back your seedling at each meeting. If a person has a seedling that has unfortunately expired, let Jeff know and he will scrub your name off the Competition List.

## ORCHID SHOW CALENDAR

### Maribyrnong 2007 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Winter Show: 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Spring Show: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Sarcophilus Festival: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November

All Maribyrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.

### Other 2007 Orchid Show Dates:-

1. Victorian International Orchid Fair  
18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May  
St Sava Hall, Greensborough
2. Orchid Spectacular 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Collectors Corner, Springvale



3. A Private Collection Auction  
5<sup>th</sup> May starting at 12 noon  
6<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9.30am  
17 McCarthy Road  
Monbulk Melways 122 H10  
Viewing from 10am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
For more information log onto  
<http://www.geocities.com/vicorchids/>  
to view or download a catalogue.  
Or ring John Sharam on 9478-9764

## VALE

**Bob Crossman**  
**29.4.1916 – 3.4.2007**

We are sad to notify that Life Member Bob Crossman passed away in Williamstown hospital on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2007.

Bob joined our society in 1981 and was made a Life Member in 1996, after years of acting as a Steward at our monthly meetings and working at our many shows in the sales area. Bob had a great knowledge of orchids, which he passed on to many of our members in years gone by. As age caught up with him, he unfortunately found he was not able to get out to our monthly meetings and shows.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Stuart and family on their loss of their loved one.

President Report  
May 2007

It has been three quick years since I was president of the Maribrynong Orchid Society. Our past president Liz Walker did a miraculous job during her term as President. I would like to thank her for all her hard work over the last three years. I would also like to thank the old committee and wish the new committee all the best for the coming year.

I am very lucky to still have the help of our past president, as Princes Panda is giving up the job on the stage. Liz has taken over from Frances, and will now be my Stage Assistant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frances Wilde for all her help on the stage over the years, she has made both Liz and my job much easier and made us both look great. Thanks Frances! Your support and commitment is much appreciated.

We are now well into the year and the first bus trip is happening on Sunday 6 May 2007. We have a full bus and again I would like to ask the ladies to bring along the great salads to be enjoyed with the barbecue.

Our Autumn Show is on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 May 2007. This will be our first show for the year and as usual we requiring HELP over the weekend and on Friday night. If you could spare an hour or two to help it would be very much appreciated, as there is plenty of work to be done.

For the newer members of the club, I would like to mention, that if you wear your club name badge to the show you receive FREE entry.

Anthony Scerri  
President

### Orchid Inquiry

Erik van Lennep from Dublin, Ireland has contacted our club hoping that some of our members may be able to assist with his inquiry. Erik does some orchid breeding of Asian Calanthes and a few other groups. He is hoping to contact growers in our area who may have pollen to send him, as Calanthes in Ireland are starting to bud.

Eric would like pollen from ansellia, gammangis, phaius and grammatophyllum species. Eric will be happy to share the seed of any successful pods set. Hoping some one can help. Eric can be contacted by email at: mossy\_jack@yahoo.ie

## MARIBRYNONG AUTUMN SHOW - May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

I am very happy to remind all the members that our first Show is happening this month.

Sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc. for the Autumn show can be picked up at the May meeting, or anyone not able to go to that meeting can phone 5283-1364 and they will be posted out to you.

New members please note, you may exhibit as many orchids as you want in the show. But in order to be eligible for an award the orchid must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Orchids that have been owned by you for a lesser time may be exhibited in the Non-competitive section.

In the Autumn and Winter show, members may also exhibit other plants, cacti, bromeliad, fern, etc. They too must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Awards for plants other than orchids come under a single section, meaning it is not divided up into Open, Intermediate and Novice.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench, the usual allowance is 10 plants to one exhibit.

If any members would like to offer their help during the show it will be greatly appreciated. Please let Peter Kiernan know and he will allocate you a designated duty. Those members who help all day are given a lunch voucher, in appreciation.

### Castle Creek Orchids

Andrew Francis and John Martin of Castle Creek Orchids have advised that they are selling their nursery and moving to another venture. The whole orchid collection will be sold gradually and will cease operation either when the nursery sells or the plants have all been sold. Discounts will only apply to bulk buyers but all plants including awarded stock can be purchased at a price. Castle Creek will still support the clubs at shows with sales until all the stock has been sold.

Interested buyers may contact Andrew or John at [ccorchids@bigpond.com](mailto:ccorchids@bigpond.com) or phone 58552800 before 7p.m.

## Special Raffle

The Victorian Regional Judging Panel will be selling tickets for a special raffle, to be drawn at our Autumn Show. Tickets can be purchased from Eric at the membership table, at our next meeting. Tickets cost \$1 each.

Prizes include:-

- Metal Orchid trolley
- Bottle of Penfolds 1976 Vintage Port
- Phragmipedium calurum 'Highclere' HCC AOC
- A pair of porcelain cats
- Dendrobium speciosum v. speciosum
- Phragmipedium Perseus 'Highclere' HCC AOC
- Teflon knife set
- Book - Orchidaceae of New Guinea
- Dendrobium speciosum v Northbridge
- Brassia brachiata
- Masdevallia amabilis
- Brassia verrucosa
- Coelogyne mooreana v Western Birt
- Sarcophilus

## Show preparation and Display Building By Bill Mather

While the quality of the flowers in your exhibit weighs heavily with the judges, their decision is also influenced by seemingly trivial factors, such as cleanliness of the plant's foliage and its container, freedom from insect pests such as scale and aphids, and the manner in which the inflorescences are staked. Preliminaries such as these can make the difference between first or second prize, even Champion and Reserve Champion orchid or display! Here are some tips for preparing your orchids for a show.

**Preparing Your Plants.** On the day before show set-up, give all your plants a good soaking and top dress their pots with moss if the show is to be held in an air-conditioned shopping centre, where the atmosphere is very dry. Clean each pot thoroughly, or place it in a slightly larger new pot. Some exhibitors place a layer of damp moss in the outer pot; this helps to prevent the exhibit becoming dry during the show. Clean the foliage with a clean tissue dampened with water or with diluted milk, which leaves a slight gloss on the leaves. Don't use white oil, which makes the leaves unnaturally glossy. Trim burnt or damaged leaf tips; however, don't cut them straight across but shape them to match the undamaged tips.

Check that your inflorescences are staked and tied to display their blooms to best advantage. Make sure that all the stakes are of the same diameter and colour (preferably an inconspicuous green), and that the ties also match each other and are as inconspicuous as possible. Never use more ties than necessary.

**Building a Display.** Aside from expressing yourself creatively and artistically, building your own display allows you to display your plants to their best advantage, often providing you with a distinct advantage over orchids placed on the club stand. However, you need to use forethought - row upon row of supermarket shelving filled with crowded plants lacks imagination and will not impress the judges. Make sure that your best plants stand out from their neighbours. Relate the size of each exhibit to the optimum level for viewing it. Small orchids such as masdevallias or slippers should never be placed on the floor. Judges on their knees are not a pretty sight (especially from the rear) and the extent of their grovelling may be reflected in your level of success!

The show schedule may allow for theme displays. Use your wit and ingenuity. Props such as ladders, wheelbarrows, hat racks and pipes standing on end are sometimes used to advantage. Carefully plan the best location and height for your feature plants and give thought to their most suitable neighbours.

Prefabricated shelving and supplies of foam boxes and empty pots of various sizes are useful to adjust the height of various exhibits. Neutralize the background with a drape in green, black or earth colours. Cloth, paper, hessian moss, wood chips, plastic sheeting, foliage plants or ferns are often used for this purpose. Finally, consider the use of a formal boundary to frame your display. Some exhibitors use a low fence, which also serves to protect their plants from members of the public. A well designed and cleverly constructed display will add another dimension to your orchid hobby.

Always take a photograph of your display when it is complete - in the future it will recall fond memories, as well as helping you to plan an even better display next year. Good Luck at your next show.

This is only an Extract, the Full article on Display Building can be viewed at the OSCOV web site address:  
<http://www.oscov.asn.au/articles/showprep.htm>