



Sarcocochilus australis

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

FEBRUARY 2009 BULLETIN

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

18th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 2009

Hosted by Maribyrnong Orchid Society and Affiliated Victorian Societies

8th – 13th Sept 2009

Come and see: Orchid displays from all around Australia, 20 orchid vendors, Overseas and Australian speakers, Tours to Anglesea area searching for Native Orchids complete with BBQ lunch. "Shop 'till you drop" tour and lunch in China Town and more.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 31ST MARCH

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Welcome

Welcome to all members new and old to the 2009 Orchid year. Hope every one had a wonderful and safe festive season. Look forward to seeing you all at the Club meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 10th February, 2009.

The Early 'new growers' group start 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 plants 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.

18th AOC CONFERENCE 2009 UPDATE

The organization of the Conference and Show are proceeding as to plan. The Speakers' program is now complete and the Vendors listed below have accepted. **All we need now is for you to respond.** Early Bird Registration closes at the end of March 2009. After this time the Registrations costs go back to normal. All forms to register can be downloaded from the web site www.mosorchid.org and follow the prompts or write to The Secretary, 15 William Road, Little River 3211 We are now in the final stages of organizing the roster for orchid club members to help out for a half days work. If you would like to help please fill in the attached form or get in touch with us at ef.wilde@bigpond.com or Ph 5283 1364.

Provisional Lecture Timetable

Wyndham Cultural Centre, Watton Street, Werribee

Thursday 10th September

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| 9.00am | George Hatfield | The Cymbidium Industry in the USA |
| 10.00am | Clive Hayman & Rita Cusack | The Phragmipedium Story |
| 11.00am | Graham McKay | The Phalaenopsis Revelation – New Varieties and Culture |
| 12 noon | Lunch | |
| 1.00pm | Kevin Hipkins | Specimen Orchids – Growing and Showing |
| 2.00pm | Clive Halls | Masdevallias for the New Millenium |
| 3.00pm | Gary Backhouse | Bush Gems – The Native Terrestrial Orchids of Victoria |

Friday 11th September

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| 9.00am | Neville Roper | The Proliferation of Sarcochilus Hybrids in Australia |
| 10.00am | George Hatfield | Cymbidiums. Past, Present and Future |
| 11.00am | Wayne Turville | Breeding Trends with Australian Dendrobium Orchids |
| 12 noon | Lunch | |
| 1.00pm | Dennis Diehm | Modern Mid and Mini Cattleya in Culture |
| 2.00 pm | Gary Yong Gee | Oncidium and its Relatives |
| 3.00pm | Grant Garrett | Why the Champions Received the Accolades They Did |

Vendors Attending the Conference

Royale Orchids, Dendi Orchids, Mt Beenak Orchids, Dark Star Orchids, Orchidaceous Books, Magic Meadows, Western Orchid Laboratory, Easy Orchids, Australian Orchid Nursery, David Keanelly Orchids, Woolf Orchid Culture, Orchids on Newbold, Sims Orchids, Orchid Species Plus, Cedarvale Orchids, Aranbeem Orchids, Castle Creek Orchids, Nicky's Slippers, Warrnambool Orchids, Triple M & D.

The Vendors will take orders prior to coming to the conference if you phone them to bring down prearranged orders for you. This will save you freight costs.

Our "Welcome Cocktail Party" on Wednesday 9th begins at 6pm. You are able to attend this at a cost of \$30 or if you are a full Registrant you get this free. (Full Registrants have first priority)

The Conference Dinner is an extra cost. This will be held at the Italian Sports Club, Heath's Rd Werribee on Saturday 12th. We can only accommodate about 300, so if you want to come, get your booking and money paid early, however Full Registrants will have first priority to this event.

Exhibiting plants

Everyone is eligible to exhibit their orchids. Most of you will be putting your exhibits on your club stand, but if they are not putting up a display you are welcome to bring along your orchids and will be made most welcome. Don't forget you can also exhibit in the Floral Art Section too.

18th AOC CONFERENCE & SHOW
WERRIBEE
8th - 13th Sept 2009

I would like to give 4 hours of my time to be a Volunteer to help with the running of Conference & Show. Please indicate which time suits you best.

Please be aware the Lecture program is on Thursday & Friday when putting your name down to help. Jobs on the 4 days listed below are: supervising the orchid displays, supervising and organizing the crèche for sales plants, raffle ticket sales, spot door prize giveaways, door entry and giving out general information for visitors and Registrants. We can give you your preferred day, but will allot the jobs out as required on the day.

Thursday 10th Sept 2009.....8.00am - 12.30pm

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Friday 11th Sept 2009.....8.30am - 12.30pm

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Saturday 12th Sept 2009.....8.45am - 12.30pm

Saturday 12th Sept 2009.....12.30pm - 5pm

Sunday 13th Sept 2009.....8.45am - 12.30pm

Sunday 13th Sept 2009.....12.30pm - 3pm

.....Please print name clearly.

Phone contact.....

OR

I would like to help with setting up the show on

Monday 7th Sept 2009 from 9am 12.30pm.....

Monday 7th Sept 2009 from 12.30pm -6pm.....

.....Please print your name clearly

Phone Contact.....

The Monday set up will be in the form of marking out the display areas and setting up tables for Floral Art and Table Top displays, plus setting up tables in the Sales area.

Tea and coffee will be provided - BYO lunch or purchase from canteen at the Events centre

Name.....

Address.....

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Circle the times that would suit you best and we will get back to you

Post your reply to:

Mrs Helen Randall, 54 Wynarka Rd, Hoppers Crossing 3029

December 2008 Competition Results

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium - Small

1st Cricket A Scerri

Dendrobium - Australian Native Hybrid

1st Sarc Star struck x Hot Chocolate J Crawford
2nd Plectochillos Kilgra A Wild

Sarcochilus – Species / Hybrid

1st Sarc dilatatus A Wild

Cattleya – Novelty Type

1st Lc Tokyomagic x Blc Cherry chip J & M Lattimore

Miltonia Hybrid

1st Miltoniopsis #5 J & M Lattimore
2nd Miltoniopsis Burgundy King J & M Lattimore

Dendrobium – Hybrid/Species

1st Bellacatum x infundibulum J Crawford

Vanda

1st Su Fun Beauty J & M Lattimore
2nd Hiasmin Korat J & M Lattimroe

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Machu Pichu M Pearce
2nd Pinchincha Cape View M Pearce

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Living Fire ‘Taliska’ A Evans
2nd Why Not? D McAuslan

Cym - Species

2nd Cym canaliculatum A Wild

Species – Any Genera

1st Oncid sarcodes E & F Wilde
2nd L milleri No Name

Best in Section

Phrag Living Fire ‘Taliska’ A Evans

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Cymbidium - Small

1st Cricket R Ryan

Best in Section

Cymbidium Cricket R Ryan

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Any Other Hybrid

1st Prom Limelight x Crawshayana J Hastewell

Best in Section

Prom Limelight x Crawshayana J Hastewell

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Catasetum Penang x Orchid glade J & M Lattimore
2nd Prom Limelight x Crawshayana J Hastewell

Best Cultivated

Promonea x anthina D McAuslan

Judges Vote

Phrag Living Fire ‘Taliska’ A Evans

Seedling Competition Winners

Our members who bought back their seedlings at every meeting were eligible to be entered into the final seedling competition draw. Three winners were drawn from those members who had 100% seedling return. The Seedling winners for 2008 were: Roy Crowson, Geoff Ragg and Frank Bruce. Each winner received a \$20 gift voucher from Bunnings.

2009 Seedling Competition

The seedlings for the 2009 Seedling competition will be a Sarcochilus. They can be purchased only by those members who are willing to bring them back each month for viewing. The seedling Sarcochilus Sweetheart had one of the parents which was red and the other white with a big red centre, so there will be quite a few that have lots of colour in them.

The seedlings will be sold for \$5 from the front of the hall. Members will be asked to select a number and then they will be given the corresponding seedling that has the same number. Members cannot pick and choose.

Also please have the correct money on hand.

Vale Roy Takacs

We are saddened to report the passing of our respected club member Roy Takacs, who passed away December 2008.

Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife Madeline and family.

Progressive Totals Competition for 2008

Open: Joe Crawford
Intermediate: Anthony Scerri
Adv Novice: S & M Hurwood

Congratulations to these members. Anthony has now been promoted to Open and S & M Hurwood have been promoted to Intermediate level beginning 2009.

Life Membership

At our Xmas meeting, Mr. George Downie was presented with the Life Membership award.

George has been a member of the club for 14 years. During this time George has not only been a delightful and lovely personality but he has assisted our club at meetings and shows. George has helped with 'Pots and Ferts' since 2000 and has been part of the Committee since 2002.

George has a simple and wonderful legacy: "If you belong to a club, one needs to put something back into it".

Congratulations to George Downie on your achievement, it is certainly well deserved.

President Report February 2009

Our February meeting is the start of a very big year for our club. Firstly I would like to wish you all the best for 2009. At the February meeting we will be taking booking for our first bus trip that will be held on Sunday 17 May 2009, to Australian Ferns and Orchids and Mt Beenak Orchids, the cost will be \$20.00.

Our April meeting is our AGM and it would be great if we could get new members on the committee. (Think about giving some time to your club and become a committee member)

The first show for the year will be our Winter Show. This show will be on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May 2009, which is not too far away. So keep these dates clear.

I look forward to see you all back at the club at our February meeting.

Anthony Scerri
President

Social Trip

While all members have been taking a break from Club life, our President Anthony has been busy organizing the next bus trip. The bus trip will be on Sunday the 17th May 2009. The bus trip will be traveling to B & T Ferns and Orchids in Silvan, then on to Clive Hall's orchid nursery at Mt Beenak. A Barbecue lunch will be provided. Cost will be \$20.

Wilma will be taking names and deposits at the next meeting for those interested in taking part in the Bus trip.

ORCHID SHOW CALENDAR

Maribyrnong 2009 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: 23rd & 24th May
Winter Show: 11th and 12th July
Spring Show: Cancelled due to AOC

AOC Conference
8th to 13th September

Sarcochilus Festival: 14th & 15th November

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

Other 2009 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

1. Orchid Species Society
Sunday 15th March - 9.30a.m. to 1p.m.
City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre
Jolimont Road, Forest Hill

Happy Birthday to Gerald



Our dear Patron Gerald McCraith is celebrating his 100th Birthday on the 23rd of February. All our members extend their warmest wishes. Happy Birthday Gerald!

Supper Roster

Thank you to all those who provided and helped prepare the supper at monthly meetings through out last year. I will be bringing the Supper Roster to the February meeting, to be passed around so members can select a month to help with supper duties. Meanwhile the Club needs two members to help with the supper duties for this meeting. If you can help it would be much appreciated. All members are welcome to bring in a plate for supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

Committee Nominations

At our April meeting we will be holding our A.G.M. We are hoping that some members may like to be part of the Maribyrnong Orchid Club Committee? The committee is always looking for new members willing to put in new ideas. Give it a good thought as next month's newsletter will include Nomination forms for those interested in becoming part of this committee.

Guest Speaker this month

The guest speaker this month will be Mr Ron Neyenhuis and he will be talking about using Coir (Coconut Husk) as a growing medium.