



Sarcochilus australis

# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY (The FRIENDLY Society)

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## Sayonara Mates



**Gerald McCraith AM 23.2.1909 - 26.5.2009**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

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.

### **Supper Roster**

For the June meeting we kindly have Geoff Ragg and J Patten 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.

### **Guest Speaker this month**

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Grant Garrett presenting his slide show of awarded orchids for 2008.

### **New Members**

The Club would like to welcome: Hana Truong, Patricia Edmonds, Le Ngoc, Rodrigo Batac and Erlinda Cabuang, Eileen Edments and Hue, Xuan & Adam Tran to the Orchid Club.

We look forward to seeing you at the next orchid meeting, where you will be presented with a badge and a free orchid

### **Thank-you to our Sponsors**



The Maribyrnong Orchid Society would like to sincerely thank Bio Gro and Maxicrop for their support and their major sponsorship of the 18<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference and Show to be held 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Both of these Companies manufacture and sell superior products to the Horticultural industry.

We hope that our members will acknowledge the support received from these two fine companies and purchase their quality products. Not only because their products are the best quality available but in appreciation for supporting our Orchid Society.

## Autumn Show 2009 Awards

### Major Awards

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show	
Paph Angel Hair	S Stebbing
Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show	
Dals Girl Arcadia	Francis/Martin
Champion Cymbidium	
Cym tracyanum	D Wain
Champion Australian Native Orchid	
Den Hilda Poxon	M Pearce
Champion Laeliinae Orchid	
Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'	Francis/Martin
Reserve Champion Laeliinae Orchid	
Cals Mini Doris 'Carmela'	Francis/Martin
Champion Paphiopedilum Orchid	
Paph Angel Hair	S Stebbing
Champion Masdevallia Orchid	
King of Kings 'Pleasant Park' B Duncan	
Champion Hybrid, any other genera	
Den Sandra Korake x Christen Ann #2	J & M Lattimore
Champion Species Orchid	
Coelogne rothessenii	S Stebbing
Champion exhibit by an Intermediate Grower	
Cym tracyanum	R Ryan
Champion exhibit by a Novice Grower	
Odon Bitter Sweet	G & A Hardingham
Champion Specimen Orchid	
Cym Elegant Elf 'Nan'	D Wain
Champion Stand	J & M Lattimore
Champion Basket of Orchids	S & H Randall
Champion Junior Orchid	No Entry
Champion Cacti/Succulent	D Colquhoun
Champion Bromeliad	C Hack
Champion Plant (Non orchid)	A Evans
Best Open Floral Art	H Randall
Best Intermediate Floral Art	Diane Sharam
Best Novice Floral Art	P Edmonds
Best Junior Floral Art	No Entry
Best Wired Work	No Entry

### Minor Awards (Sash)

Best Cultivated Orchid	
Cym Elegant Elf 'Nan'	D Wain
Best Seedling Orchid – 1 <sup>st</sup> Flowering	
Phrag Hanna Popow	J Crawford
Best Fern Exhibit	A Evans
Best Foliage Exhibit	A Evans
Best Flowering Exhibit (Non orchid)	J & L Karbownik

### **Autumn Show**

A big thank-you to all our members who helped out at the Autumn Show.

## VALE

### Gerald McCraith AM

It is with deep regret that we inform all our members that our Patron and mentor, Gerald McCraith AM passed away at 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Gerald who recently turned 100 years of age led a wonderfully full life, blessed with many friends world wide.

Our heart felt sympathy is extended to Lois, June and families.

May your orchids grow and bloom to perfection.

Rest in Peace Gerald.

## VALE

### Harold Milburn

It is incredibly sad that we must also inform our members that we have lost one of our favourite friends, Harold Milburn. Harold passed away suddenly on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Harold had been a member since 1992 and he was also President and founding member of the Keilor Garden Club.

Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife Bev, his sons Rodney and Greg and their families.

His happy and shining demeanor will be missed by all who knew him.

### **Bus Trip**

The next bus trip is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The destination of this social outing will be to Castle Creek orchids in Shepparton, with a stop at Ardmona and a winery.

Names and payments will be taken at our June meeting. The cost of this trip is \$25.00

## MAY 2009 COMPETITION RESULTS As

per judges sheets

### OPEN SECTION

#### **Cymbidium - Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> Peggy Sue 'Five' G Garrett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Valentine's Love A & S Webster

#### **Cymbidium – Small**

1<sup>st</sup> Misty Pink 'Panther' A Scerri

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

1<sup>st</sup> Hilda Poxon G Garrett

#### **Dendrobium – Australian Native Species**

2<sup>nd</sup> Dend schneiderae A Wild

#### **Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> River Song G Garrett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dove Good x hirticalcar G Downie

#### **Paphiopedilum Novelty**

1<sup>st</sup> Grand Master x Valentine J Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gold Dollar J Crawford

#### **Cattleya Exhibition**

1<sup>st</sup> Dream Trader x Burdekin Bells D McAuslan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Red Elf J & Y McIntyre

#### **Cattleya Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Lc Rosie's Surprise x Lc Mini Purple  
J & M Lattimore

#### **Dendrobium – Hybrid/Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Elva Ann x Glenwood J & M Lattimore

#### **Vanda**

2<sup>nd</sup> Aseda Sufun Beauty J & M Lattimore

#### **Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Midas Touch 'Bonanza' M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Margurite M Pearce

#### **Masdevallia Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd heubschiana B Duncan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Green Hornet J Crawford

#### **Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zga Freestyle Meadows J & D Sharam

#### **Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym erythrotulum J Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Laelia gouldiana B Duncan

#### **Best in Section**

**Zga Freestyle Meadows J & D Sharam**

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> Emma Love 'Cherry chip' R Ryan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mini Goddess 'Venus' R Ryan

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

1<sup>st</sup> Col Surprise x (Bicentennial Blush x Gulginni)  
S & M Hurwood

#### **Species – Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Neolehmania porpax K Weyers

#### **Best in Section**

**Neolehmania porpax K Weyers**

### ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Medium**

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Fire 'Torch' M Mally  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mesa Zia 'Preview' M Mally

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

1<sup>st</sup> Hilda Poxon J & T Dark

#### **Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Mclna Hans Rudi Isler G & A Hardingham  
2<sup>nd</sup> Zygo Heysen Trail J & T Dark

#### **Species any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Oncidium cilcatum G & A Hardingham  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stenoglottis longifoia J & T Dark

#### **Best in Section**

**Mclna Hans Rudi Isler G & A Hardingham**

### NON SECTIONAL

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

1<sup>st</sup> Paph primulinum x bellatulum J Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Hanna Popow J Crawford

#### **Best Cultivated**

Den Hilda Poxon J & T Dark

#### **President's Choice**

Sartylis Blue Knob G Downie

#### **Judges Vote**

Zga Freestyle Meadows J & D Sharam

### Accumulated Points from December 2008 to May 2009

#### Open

J & M Lattimore	115
M Pearce	73
J Crawford	70
E & F Wilde	58

#### Intermediate

R Ryan	24
N & J Marshall	16
K Weyers	14

#### Adv Novice

G & H Hardingham	28
R Parolma	19
M Malley	18

## ORCHID SHOW CALENDAR

### Maribyrnong 2009 Orchid Shows

Winter Show: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Spring Show: Cancelled & replaced by  
AOC Conference  
8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September

Sarcochilus Festival: 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<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 2009 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

1. Victorian Country Clubs Challenge  
St Arnaud Town Hall Complex  
Napier St, St Arnaud  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon to 5.00pm  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am to 3.00pm
2. Yarra Valley Orchid Society  
B&T Ferns & Orchids  
30 Wiseman Road  
Silvan South (Mel 123 E7)  
Saturday 18th July - Sunday 19th July
3. Maroondah Orchid Society  
Blackburn H.S. Hall, Cnr Springfield  
& Williams Rd,  
Blackburn (Mel 47 - K7)  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July
4. Warringal Orchid Society  
St Savas Hall  
Greensborough  
24<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July
5. Werribee Orchid Club  
Elderly Citizens hall.  
Synott Street  
Werribee (next to RSL)  
Saturday 8th August –  
Sunday 9th August
6. Melbourne International Orchid  
Spectacular  
Springer's Leisure Centre  
Cheltenham Road  
Keysborough (Mel 89 A10)  
Friday 21st August –  
Sunday 23rd August

## KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BUYING

*By Frances Wilde*

I am sometimes amazed how little orchid growers know about the plants that they own. This is evident when entering orchids in shows, as some owners have no idea about their plant.

I can understand you all like orchids, either the colour or the shape and you love having them around you, BUT our club is also here to educate our members.

Most people joining our club or any other one for that matter, join a club to learn more about orchids, this is what joining a club is all about. BUT again, what do you actually learn?

We have a wonderful Library where you can take home books about specific orchids to read for 1 month. Also we have many experienced growers attending our monthly meetings who you can ask for information, but still many of you do not know if you own a species or a hybrid.

This does not apply to everyone and I am generalizing here, so don't get in a huff because this is not you.

Perhaps a good time to start this process of learning is at the time of purchasing your new orchid.

Ask the person you are buying it from what it is and what do all the names on the plant tag mean. Is it a species? If so where does it come from? You will need to get some of this information so you know where to grow it. Does it need heat? Will it grow under shade cloth (in Victoria) etc.

A lot of the orchid nurseries are very north of Victoria, and while you will be told they grow "cold" at their establishments, perhaps we will need at least some winter heat down here.

Some tags have a lot of names on them, try to understand what it all means. Is it a name of a species or hybrid or is it a clonal name that is usually attached to a hybrid or species when it gets an award.

Starting from now when you buy an orchid ask the seller all about it and when you get it home either borrow a book or look up a web site to learn a bit more. You will find you get more enjoyment from your hobby.