



Sarcocochilus australis

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 12th October 2010

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 12th October, 2010**. The hall opens at 7.00 pm and the Meeting begins at 8.00 pm.

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. The topic for this month will be **"Preparing your Sarcs"**.

We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring up to 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 labelled 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

The guest speaker this month will be **Mrs Frances Wilde** who will be speaking about **Sarcocochilus**. A very fitting topic, with our Sarcocochilus Festival coming up in November.

Thank you to **Mr Mark Finnigan** who spoke last month on the **Using chemicals with Orchids**. I think we have all learned a thing or two, and will treat our chemicals with respect.

September Meeting Plant of the Night



Phrag St Ouen was grown by Joe Crawford.

This plant received the Judges Vote and Best in Section for Open at the September meeting. Congratulations to Joe

See inside for Awards received on the night. Congratulations to Michael Drobski.

Supper Roster

For the October meeting we have Rita Grima and Tien Nguyen on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the evening's speaker has finished.

Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Show

Sarcochilus Festival: 13th & 14th November

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

Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates

Werribee Orchid Club Spring Show

Sat 9th October & Sun 10th October
Rose Grange Retirement Village,
741 Leakes Road, Tarneit.
(Mel.Ref. 202 H2)

Warringal Orchid Society

Sat 9th October & Sun 10th October
St Sava Community Centre,
212 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough.
(Mel.Ref. A 11 C8)

ANOS Geelong Group Annual Show

5th & 6th November 2010 10am - 4pm
Masonic Centre, Regent St, Belmont
(next door to Coles Supermarket)
Geelong, Victoria. Entry \$3.00
(Mel.Ref. 451 G10)

Wanted to Buy

To request anything orchid-related through this column please phone 9748 7345, fax 9748 6933, email Jenny.Dark@darteks.com.au or see me at one of the meetings where I will have a sheet you can fill in with your request.

Shaw Hurwood wants a *Paphiopedilum fairieanum* (flowering size) preferably.

If anyone can help he can be contacted on 9397 2503.

Liz Walker is looking for a *Paphiopedilum venustum* and *Paphiopedilum insigne* var. *albomarginatum*. She can be contacted on 9689 1142.

Guest Speakers for 2010

9th November **Jim & Margot Lattimore**
Phalaenopsis Orchids

Supper Roster

Please check this list to see when it is your turn. The list is now full. Thanks everyone!

November Judith Cave Mary Williams

Tea and Coffee before the Meeting

Early Birds wishing to have that early cup of coffee or tea are very welcome **BUT**, please don't "help yourself" to the milk in the fridge - it is not ours. Our milk will arrive in due time. So, if it is not out on the bench, it hasn't arrived yet. Thanks everyone.

Reminder for Members

We do not have cleaners, so please be aware that any mess must be cleaned up by the member responsible.

PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2010

Hi there orchid growers.

I hope that your orchids are in flower and looking beautiful. Mine have started to bloom at last. The natives are producing lots of strong perfume, quite overpowering actually, and a few of the cymms are starting to open. I have not had many cymms flowering this year, but have had more natives than usual so I suppose they even themselves out.

It seems that a lot of growers have had the same problem as we did not have many Cymms in our spring show as we usually have. Even so our show was very pretty and was enjoyed by all who visited.

Don't forget the Sarcochilus show in November. Check your sarcs to see if they have any spikes and think about entering them in the show if they look like flowering. Unfortunately I don't have much luck flowering sarcs. If you have a problem with them too, then make sure that you can get to the next meeting and listen to Fran Wilde's talk on sarcs.

Well not much to report this month. I am watching Top Gear while typing this report. I wish that I could drive a Porsche at top speed around a race track. Oh to dream.

Bye for now

Elizabeth Walker
President

Bark at the Shows

As you all know the Maribyrnong Orchid Society provides bark for sale to members and the public at our shows. At the last committee meeting there were a number of discussions about if we should still provide the bark at our shows because of the lack of help to bring the bark into the hall. There were only three people that helped bring the bark in to the hall at the Spring Show.

We require as many people as possible to help with bringing the bark into the hall at all shows. The bark arrives at 2.00pm on the Friday of the show. With more helpers, it would only take a few minutes.

If members want the club to keep up this service, then we need help. Please call me if you can help out.

Anthony Scerri - Show Coordinator
Phone 9382 6359

Show Schedules

The schedules for Maribyrnong Shows will now also be available on the website before each show.

The download link will be at:

www.mosorchid.org.au/downloads/nextshowschedule2010.php

Sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc, for the Sarcochilus Festival can be picked up at the October and November meetings, or phone 9689 1142 and they will be posted out to you.

Seedling Flowering for the First Time

This category is one that is used every month for the plant benching at our meetings and at our Shows. It seems to cause confusion with some members.

Definition: this class is for the FIRST time the seedling has flowered EVER.

- It must be a seedling, not a mericlone.
- It must have been owned and grown by you for at least six (6) months.
- It may have belonged to someone else previously, but this must be the first flowering. If it has previously flowered for someone else, it does **not** qualify as a 'first flowering'.
- If it flowered last year or last season, it does **not** qualify as a 'first flowering'.
- At a show, the seedling may be entered in another class, as well as First Flowering (this is identified at our Shows by the use of a red sticker on the plant label, along with the plant number).

Floral Art



If anyone is interested in taking up Floral Art and possibly entering into our shows, please don't be shy. There is a section there for entrants of all levels of ability.

Our new judge, Liz, is very approachable and is being very helpful by offering written advice and encouragement to all our entrants. She is also holding floral art demonstrations on the Saturday morning of all

our shows for this year if you'd like to learn a little more. Next show: 13th & 14th November, so start practising. See Liz at **Flower Temple, 18-22 Artemis Lane, QV, Melbourne, 3000**, or phone **1300 650 344**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The last meeting for this year will be on 14th December. Preceding the meeting will be our Christmas dinner. To be a part of this fun event, please book your seat at the next meeting.

Cost for Members is \$15.00. Non-members \$20.00



MARIBYRNONG SARCOCHILUS FESTIVAL 13th & 14th November

Our Sarcocochilus Festival is happening next month!

The Show schedule, sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc, for the Sarcocochilus Festival can be picked up at the October and November meetings. or phone 9689 1142 and they will be posted out to you The Show schedule is also available on the website.

New members please note: you may exhibit as many orchids in flower as you want in the show, but they 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.

If any members would like to offer their help during the show it will be greatly appreciated. Please let Anthony know, and he will allocate you a designated duty. Those members who help all day are given a lunch voucher, in appreciation. Those helping with the set up should be there by 12.30pm.

Orchid entry times are from 1.30pm - 6.00pm. Entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangements are made. Members are asked not to bring their plants into the hall on the set up day for shows until the tables and chairs have all been reorganised, or until the Show Coordinator declares it is safe to do so.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench - the ratio is 8 plants to one exhibit. Members selling plants at our shows may bring them in after 3.30pm on the Friday preceding the show.

The Show closes at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Please Note: The Sales area closes at 3.30pm on Sunday to enable members in this area to start the clean up. You are therefore required to collect your unsold plants at 3.30pm. Sales tickets must be removed and checked off on your sales sheet before taking plants away.

The Show area stays open till 4pm. The show area is cleaned up after that time.

Presentation of Displays at Shows

When setting up a display stand at our shows, a lot of thought goes in to the presentation of the plants and the display as a whole.

The general public and the judges look to these displays to show the plants off to their best advantage. A black backdrop (or similar) adds to the "framing" of displays and focuses attention on the plants. A backdrop also adds to the photography of the plants, both individually and as part of the display.

Please give some thought to using a backdrop the next time you set up your display at our shows.

If you need assistance with this, Show Coordinator, Anthony Scerri may be able to help.

THE AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FOUNDATION INC.

Members and visitors are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Orchid Foundation Inc at the **Acacia Room at the Austin/Repatriation Hospital (Repatriation Campus)** Heidelberg (Melways 31 - G3 – G4) (If parking in the grounds, enter from Waterdale Road.) **2pm on Sunday 24th October 2010** Immediately following the AGM (at approximately 2.30pm) there will be two Presentations. Kate Vlcek will give a brief talk on Orchid Conservation in Australia. The Foundation has contributed to the funding for some of Kate's Research **The main speaker of the afternoon will be Dr. Mark Clements who will talk on "Unique orchids of New Caledonia"** Mark is well known as a researcher into many aspects of orchids and has been a member of the AOF's Research Committee for over 20 years

AOC Conference 2012

**19th AOC Conference & Show
Perth, Western Australia
11th to 16th September 2012
"Wild About Orchids"**

The Australian Orchid Conference, held every three years, will return to Perth for the first time since 1991 and promises to be even more spectacular than all previous conference successes.

Expression of Interest in attending, what will be a truly wonderful event, and to ensure regular and up-to-date developments of the event, are invited.

See our "Contacts" page

<http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Contacts.htm>

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For further information, please contact: the Chairman at +61 (0) 0417 903 280 or the Secretary at +61 (0) 0415 116 960 or via snail mail to:

The Secretary
19th Australian Orchid Conference
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**"Where new and old world orchids meet."
20th World Orchid Conference
Singapore
13th – 20th November 2011**



A spectacular upcoming event. For more information go to: <http://www.20woc.com.sg>

September Competition Results As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Anna Szaba A & S Webster

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Our Tootsie 'Pink Surprise' D & V Howard

2nd Cym Valley Champion 'Gorgeous' A & S Webster

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Eye of the Tiger B Rowlands

2nd Cym Sarah Jean 'Karen' B Rowlands

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Hewitt Glow 'Joanne' J W Crawford

2nd Den Carol May H MacPherson

Australian Native Species Dendrobium

1st Dock Dolichphylla A Wild

2nd Tetragonum A Scerri

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Pts *curta* A Scerri

2nd Chinoglottis *platyptera* A Scerri

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc *falcatus* A Wild

Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type

1st P Sally Ann x Trevill x Destiny J W Crawford

Cattleya – Novelty Type

1st Slc Mango Spice x Pdt Free Spirit D & V Howard

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Rubicon D & V Howard

2nd Masd Falcon Sunrise D & V Howard

Masdevallia Species

1st Masd *igneae* Wylde B Duncan

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag St Ouen J W Crawford

2nd Wils Hilda Plumtree M Pearce

Species Any Genera

1st Restripiia *contorta* B Duncan

2nd Maxilaria *picta* M Condon

Best in Section

Phrag St Ouen J W Crawford

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Parmeson 'Ksbridge' A Philippou

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Little Sarah 'Pink Delight' B Whream

2nd Cym So Bold x *devonianum* M Mally

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Class x White Eye K Weyers

2nd Den Jonesii x Wrigleys Giant B Whream

Australian Native Species

1st Den *aemulum* K Weyers

Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type

1st Paph Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' R Austin

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Unknown A Philippou

Any Other Hybrid

1st Coel Unchained Melody A Philippou

2nd Cambria Barthey Scharz R Austin

Best in Section

Paph Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' R Austin

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Kurralta Park F & J Spiteri

2nd Cym Dorothea Paige 'Red Beret' F & J Spiteri

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Burgandy Mist M Mally

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' G Ragg

2nd Cym So Bold x *devonianum* M Mally

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Ellen x *speciosum* D & L McCoy

2nd Den Hewitt Glow T & J Dark

Australian Native Species

1st *teretafolium* J Bradley

2nd *falcorostrum* D Brus

Australian Native Terrestrial

1st Pts *curta* G Ragg

2nd Pts *curta* J Bradley

Phalaenopsis Hybrid

1st Phal Unknown D Brus

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Funky 'O'Boy' T & J Dark

Any Other Hybrid

1st Coel Unchained Melody D Brus

Species Any Genera

1st *Laelia anceps* V Vika

Best in Section

Cym Kurralta Park F & J Spiteri

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Paph Copperware x *spicerianum* J W Crawford

2nd Den Jonathon's Glory x Graham Hewitt
J W Crawford

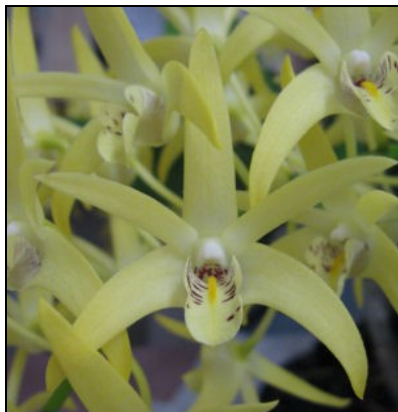
Judges Vote

Phrag St Ouen J W Crawford

AD/HCC/AM Received on the Night

FCC 86 pts

Den Aussie Goldrush 'Sydenham' M Drobki



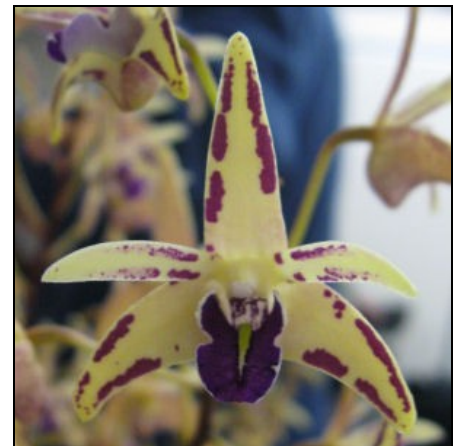
ACM 82 pts

Den Australian Artist MD M Drobki



AD 77 pts

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HCC 77 pts

Den River Sun x Avril's Gold M Drobki

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Bulletin by Email

Should you like to have your newsletter emailed, please drop a quick line to my email address: jenny.dark@darteks.com.au

Bulletin Contributions

The society greatly values the opinions of its members and the wealth of knowledge contained within the group. Some of our members have been growing orchids for many years and their experience is invaluable. If you have an opinion about the bulletin or suggestions and contributions for the bulletin content please contact jenny.dark@darteks.com.au or phone 9748 7345.

Please note that the BULLETIN contribution deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month.