



Sarcocilus australis

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 2nd February 2014

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 2nd February 2014**.



The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.



The 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operate 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

The speaker for the night will be Mr Neil Anderton who will be talking on Growing Terrestrial Orchids and their Culture.

Neil is a well-respected member of the ANOS orchid community, and very experienced in the world of terrestrial orchids and orchid conservation. Have your questions ready and Neil will be only too happy to answer them.

President's Report February 2014

We start the New Year 2014, with our February meeting and I would like to wish you and your families all the best for 2014, and all the best for growing your orchids this year.

Our April meeting is our AGM; this will be my second year as president (unless I am replaced by another committee member). It would be great to have some new members on the committee. Some of the old committee members have been on committee for a long time, and would like a have a rest from the committee. (Think about giving some of your time to your club and become a committee member in 2014).

This year's seedling competition will be a Sarcocilus and they will be sold at the February meeting for \$8.00 each.

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

Tim Scerri
President

Name Badges

Member's name badges are available at a cost of:
With a pin \$11.00 and with a magnet \$13.75
To order please see Julianne (Membership Secretary).
(Please note: Magnetic badges should not be worn if you have a pacemaker. This advice comes from the seller and is clearly marked on the back of the badge.)

From the Committee January 2014

Well, it seems like just yesterday that I was thinking "6 months without a show", Christmas has come and gone, I do hope that you have all had at least a pleasant time with your family and friends, not eaten or drank too much. The weather, hasn't it been hot? I hope you have been out there watering and cooling down your plants, not too much water, especially during the day as you will run the risk of stewing your cymbid roots..... not a good start to the growing year, but they can stand lots of humidity. It really doesn't seem to matter how hot the plants get as long as there is plenty of humidity. Our orchid houses are often at 50 degrees, but as long as you keep the humidity up to at least 50% I think they will be OK. With these high temperatures also comes the sun..... again we run the tight rope of too much shade, no flowers, not enough shade, burnt leaves. A few burnt leaves will not matter..... so err a little on the bright side. The same goes for your dendrobies. Those of you that grow strange stuff, you will have to fly by the seat of your pants. Do lots of reading and observing and if you know a club member that grows similar types of plants, give them a call, visit their collection, that is why we belong to a club, there is masses of information amongst the members. Anyhow, the weather will cool (in fact we have had a couple of sub 12 degree nights) another month and we will be tying up spikes. Fishermen and Orchid growers are always a confident lot?

Now back to the topic, "the Committee Notes".

At the start of the year we were notified by Consumer Affairs that our new constitution, "our new Rules" have been accepted. I don't believe there was any doubt, because we did put great effort (and expense) into the task, it was not easy.

January, the following month is February, the end of that month is the end of our financial year, Elizabeth, our wonderful Treasurer, has been preparing us for her financial statement, we seem to have had a better year spending than saving, Oh well there is always next year to save (or is that this year to save)? And there is sufficient money to get us going for 2014? And then comes April (?), reporting time, time for new growth, in the committee that is," are you going to put yourself forward to keep our club going forward?"

Our new rules only has 7 "ordinary" committee members this year, not the 10 that we have always been able to have (seldom did we have 10), but, there is always the Show Committee, no membership limits here, only about 6 meetings for the year. Our 4 shows are the mainstay of the club, not only do we get to show off our marvellous plants, but it is a time when many new people are attracted to our hobby and it is a time that we should be able to "make some money" for the club. At the Show committee, all of these ideas are discussed, prior to them going to committee. You do not have to be a member of Committee to be on the Show Committee. Have a go, see Anthony for information on when and where the next meeting is, all aspects of the show are discussed, including the show schedule, the prizes, the food, the advertising, everything. A wonderful meeting to help lead the club into the future.

Well its back to the grind, first meeting on the 11th, I don't know who or if the amazing Mr Steven Stebbing is being replaced at the new growers group, if Steven has moved on to his new venture, I will certainly miss the big lunk, or is that hunk. THANK YOU STEVEN, and the very best of luck.

The guest speaker for the night will be Mr Neil Anderton, a man with wonderful knowledge about our hidden native orchids.

There were no new members.

Eric

Show Coordinators Report February 2014

I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and all the best with growing your orchids in 2014.

The Maribyrnong Orchid Society Show Dates for 2014:

Autumn Show

Set up Friday 23 May 2014

Show dates - Sat 24 & Sun 25 May 2014

Winter Show

Set up Friday 11 July 2014

Show dates - Sat 12 & Sun 13 July 2014

Spring Show

Set up Friday 12 September 2014

Show dates - Sat 13 & Sun 14 September 2014

Sarcochilus Show

Set up Friday 7 November 2014

Show dates - Sat 8 & Sun 9 November 2014

The club will require help with these shows and if you could give a day or two to help at the show, it would be very much appreciated, keep the dates clear to at least attend the shows.

I have just found out the 20th AOC Conference and show that was going to be held in Darwin, Northern Territory in June 2015, has now be changed to be held in Mackay Queensland between 16 and the 23 September 2015. This will be in conjunction with the 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and show.

More to come in this later this year or early next year.

I look forward to see you all at the February meeting

Anthony Scerri

Show Coordinator

Seedling Report

It is that time again, the seedling competition is back.

The seedlings are Sarcochilus Amber (Sarc Fizzy Dove x Sarc Topaz) and are \$8 each.

Plants will be available at the February meeting:

The plants will be issued by draw, so when you arrive at the meeting:

- 1. Come to the competition table**
- 2. Draw a number.**
- 3. Make sure it is entered in the register.**

One seedling per membership.

During the year if any plant does not make it (eg. dies) I would like to know, as it interesting to see how many don't make as well as seeing how they are growing.

An important part of the competition is that the plants are returned each meeting so we can all see their progress under different growing conditions. This will also guarantee you a place in the draw at the end of the year. There is also an award for the first member whose plant produces a flower. If you can't attend any particular monthly meeting, you may arrange for another member to return them for you.

Good luck and happy growing,
Joanne Hastewell – Coordinator.

Competition Results for 2013

Open

J Crawford	358
M Pearce	222
E & F Wilde	204

Intermediate

J Diwell	165
Le Tan Leip	87
M Mally	66

Adv/novice

Dau Nguyen	86
T Lopreiato	78
M Grima	51

Supper Roster

Please make sure you put your name down on the roster to help out with supper for one night this year. It's an easy, but essential job. Thanks.

Speakers for 2014

February	Neil Anderton	
	Growing Terrestrial Orchids and their Culture	
March	Alex Wild	TBC
April	John Varigos	
	Orchids with Beards: Orchids, Wildflowers and Highlights of the Holy Lands	
May	Vince Davey	
	Neutrog Australia	
June	Grant Garrett	
	Awarded Orchids 2013	
July	Geoffrey Bailey	
	Cymbidium Orchids	
August	Mr Ron Neyenhuis	
	Rooftop and Vertical Gardens	
September	Andre Cleghorn (Flora Laboratory)	
	Seeding and Mericloneing of Orchids	
October	Murray Harding	
	Species Orchids	
November	Kevin Western	TBC
December	No Speaker	Christmas Dinner

Membership Form

Happy New Year to all and hope everyone is surviving the hot/ scorching weather. I have struggled to keep my orchid house cool with my highest temp 49.7c and 10c at the lowest.

A reminder that membership fees are due at the end of the month.

New fees: Single \$12 Household/family \$15 and if you want a printed newsletter \$5.

I would really appreciate it if you could please complete the form below and return to me at the meetings, by email julez61@hotmail.com.au or PO BOX 193 Laverton 3028.

Thank you to those who have returned their forms already.

Cheers for now

Julianne

PLEASE PRINT

Name/s.....

Address.....

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Home.....Mobile.....

Email

Is your telephone number private or unlisted? Yes No (Your privacy will be respected)

I/We acknowledge and agree that my/our personal information will be used by the Association where necessary for Association mail outs, publication of competition results, newsletter articles and other purposes the Association's committee regards as necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Association.

Signature/s.....

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