



Sarcocochilus australis

# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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## Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> May 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. This group will be led by Anthony Scerri and Eric Wilde.



The plants sales table operates 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.



The 'Pots and Ferts' will not be available at the meeting this month as we do not have a volunteer to oversee the sales. If you feel you can fill this position and help, please let Tim Scerri know. Old stock will be available at the Autumn Show.

## Supper Duties 13<sup>th</sup> May

Rita Grima and Carmen will be on supper duty this month. All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

## Guest Speaker

The speaker for the night will be Mr Vince Davey from Neutrog Australia.

Thank you to Mr John Varigos who last month spoke on Orchids with Beards: Orchids, Wildflowers and Highlights of the Holy Lands.

## April Plant of the Night



Best in the Open Section and Judges' Choice was Paphiopedilum Liemiana x Dalla benched by Joe Crawford.

Paph Liemiana x Dalla also received an Award of Merit on the night with 80.6 points. Congratulations Joe.

## President's Report May 2014

First I would like to thank the members that have run for committee again. It is a bit disappointing that we cannot get new members on committee to help with some of the work in running our club. I think the committee does a miraculous job and would like to thank them for giving their time to help run our club. There are still two positions on committee to be filled, so if you would like to join us and help with running our club, please see me at any time. Also we still need a member to do the Pot and Ferts. Ray has stood down as of the last meeting. We will not be having Pot and Ferts at the next meeting as there is no member to organise it. We will be selling all old stock at the Show. If you feel you can fill this position and help, please let us know.

We are now well in to 2014 and the first bus trip is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. There are still a lot of places left to fill the bus. If we do not get another 15 people we will have to cancel the bus trip, which will be very disappointing as a lot of work goes in to arranging these trips. So if you are thinking about coming on the bus trip, please place your name down and pay at the May meeting.

Our Autumn Show is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will be our first show for the year and we could do with some HELP over the weekend and on Friday night. If you could spare an hour or two to help with the show it would be very much appreciated as there is plenty of work to be done.

It would be great if you can encourage a friend to come along to the show and see our great display.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting.

Tim Scerri  
President

## From the Committee 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014

The "new" committee had their first meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. New committee is:

### Executive

President	Tim Scerri
Vice President	Wilma Carlesso
Secretary	Eric Wilde
Treasurer	Elizabeth Walker

### Ordinary Members

Patricia Edmonds  
Ron Ryan  
Peter Carlesso  
Anthony Scerri  
Steve Panagiotou  
There are 2 vacancies

### Other Club Volunteers are:

Editor & Website	Jenny Dark
Show Coordinator	Anthony Scerri
Librarian	Wilma Carlesso
Club night sales	Alex Wild
Seedling Co-ord	Joanne Hastewell
New growers group	Anthony Scerri and Eric Wilde

Well at least I thank these people for helping the Society to run, without you there would be nothing.

From the AGM and observations on that night..... firstly many of you do not read your bulletin... In the March bulletin, there was notification of the AGM. There was notification of the agenda and one of the items was the discussion about the fees in 2015, yes, now you are reading right, no typo, 2015, it is constitutionally what needs to be done. The fees for 2015 are \$25 for a household, \$18 for a single membership, \$5 for a junior (not connected to a member household). The post out of a hard copy bulletin is free. The fees for 2014 which were constitutionally set by the committee, are \$15 family, \$12 single, \$8 junior and \$5 for post out of hard copy bulletin. So for the few dooms dayers about saying that the AGM was unconstitutional, etc , etc, first you must read your bulletin and second you must read the constitution and then if still in doubt why not speak to me, or at least someone who does read the above. You embarrass the club and especially yourselves.

The AGM did run way overtime for the first time in many, many years as the membership took their constitutional right to discuss the published agenda items. Smile, take a deep breathe, listen, and you may learn something about your club and its workings. For those of you that wish to make it run better, there are 2 vacancies on committee? But don't worry, talking and complaining is their forte, not working, not helping, etc...

Wilma reported that there were only 26 bookings for the first bus trip to B & T Ferns and Mt Beenak on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. Members are reminded that the trip cannot run unless another 12/13 members put their names down. The cost is \$30. See Wilma at the next meeting.

Julianne introduced one new membership to the committee:

Suzanne Juchnevicius of Avondale Heights

Welcome to the club Suzanne, your name tag and present will be available next meeting.

As for the Pots and Fertiliser shop, we have still not found a replacement for Ray. The committee has discussed this matter and no member of committee feel they have the time to offer to keep it running. Ray and Fay have done a marvellous job with the shop. The sales are not only to the members on club nights but to the general public at the show too. At the AGM I mentioned that "if" we do not get a volunteer..... then no more Pots n ferts. Ray has agreed to run it till the Autumn Show. The committee endorsed my comment about no volunteer, no service..... so the pots and ferts supplies will be run down (shedding the asset) until a volunteer is found. No volunteer = no Pots and Ferts. This has been a wonderful service to the membership for over 30 years - just wait till you have to buy your orchid related gear at Bunnings..... Firstly I doubt whether you will be able to purchase all of the things that you need, and secondly it will not be at the excellent price that you have become used to.

Oh well, perhaps this is just the sign of the times, some people only want, they do not wish to actually do anything. Your club is running on very limited volunteers and perhaps time.

It's up to you.

Eric

## Show Coordinators Report April 2014

Maribyrnong Orchid Society  
Autumn Show  
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May 2014

The Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May 2014 and I will require help with set up on Friday 23 May after 1.00pm. Please book these dates in your diaries.

At our shows, there are a number of jobs that we will require help with, on both days and of course after 4pm on Sunday, when we are all tired, and most people have collected their plants and are on their way home. Yes, we have to clean up the hall, so further help will be required.

Any members that require a stand at the show please ring me so I can arrange a position for you.

If you require sales tickets please see the members at the back of the hall at the May meeting. This will be your last chance to get sale tickets before the show.

Please note that **NO** plants are permitted in the hall till after 1.30pm on Friday and that **NO** sales plants are permitted into the sales area till after **3.30pm** on the Friday.

**This year we are again be permitting free entrance into our shows for our members that have their name badge on. However, you are required to show your 2014 membership ticket at the door as well.**

Please note the price of entry in to the show has gone up this year to \$5.00.

At this stage we do not have a member to take over the pots and ferts. This will mean that we will not be having any pots and ferts area if we cannot get a member to take over the job.

I look forward to see you all at the May meeting and at our Autumn Show.

Anthony Scerri  
Show Coordinator

## From the Membership Secretary

Do you have your membership card and name badge?

Please see me at the meeting as this will be your last chance to collect your 2014 membership card before the show.

Please be considerate of those volunteers working to put on your show. Many of these workers are doing more than one job and would be appreciative of a helping hand, so if you have never been a helper and you would like to please talk to myself or to a member of the committee. One hour of your assistance is all that is required.

Happy growing  
Julianne

## B. & T. FERNS AND ORCHIDS AND MT. BEENAK BUS TRIP 18<sup>th</sup> May

Have you been on one of the clubs bus trips? We have a great day out and it is a chance to get away and not have to do any driving. Just sit back and watch the scenery roll by.

With a 9.00am start, we always have a free raffle on the way out. Everyone is given a ticket and we have donated prizes of different orchids and orchid paraphernalia. Our first stop is usually near Ferntree Gully station where there is normally a few vendors selling fruit and other goods. I am usually hanging out for a cup of coffee by then and Wilma and Peter get our morning tea unpacked as quickly as possible. {If the van is there we can get some great donuts too.}

After a twenty minute or so stop we are off to B & T Ferns. Mark and Jane always make us feel welcome, and as some of us disappear into the igloos to have a look for that little gem that we must have, the cooks set up the barbeque. Ahhh, that smell of barbeque wafting through the igloos only stirs our hunger pangs and if the ladies have been busy then there will usually be some yummy salads to go with it.

Lunch time is when new members get to know everyone. Some members like to bring their own meat as the club supplies sausages and some barbeque chops. This is fine and sometimes a good bottle of red goes down well too. {Sorry the club does not supply that.}

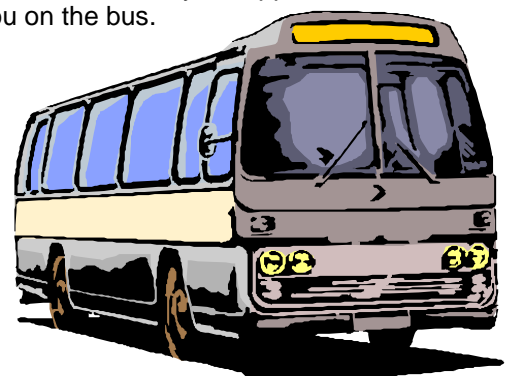
After we have dined and had a good chat it is time to load up the bus with our treasures and wave goodbye to Mark and Jane until next time. A fifty minute trip gets us to Mt Beenak Nursery up in the hills. Here we meet Clive and Agi Halls who grow, amongst other things, Masdevallias, Draculas, Oncidiums and a lot more. Clive has suggested that if you know what you want then send him an email with you plants, or if it only a few, have a list. He will do the best he can. For those who have a computer just type in Mt Beenak Nursery, and if you don't then you can contact them on 03 5966 7253.

Soon it is time to load up the bus again with more gems we absolutely must have, and with a quick good bye to Clive and Agi, we are on our way home. There is always a raffle on the way home, {unfortunately not free this time} with some lovely plants supplied by the two nurseries we have just visited. We usually get back by 5.00pm.

So you can see that our day is enjoyable, and of course everyone shares the same hobby so there is always a lot to talk about. At a cost of \$30.00 you get driven around, have a nice lunch and go to two orchid nurseries up in the hills.

I hope that I have whetted your appetite. Look forward to seeing you on the bus.

Elizabeth.



### 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.)

### Request for help

Is there someone at the club who would like to take notes about our talk of the evening?  
I would like to print a paragraph or two (with permission from the speaker) about our talks so that the information is shared amongst the members. It can be a quite short overview, not a detailed copy.  
Let Jenny know if you are interested.

### Show Preparation

All plants entered in the show must be clean and healthy and have been owned by you for at least 6 months at the time of the show. Sales plants must also be healthy. If you are in doubt, please see the Show Co-ordinator or the Show Marshall.  
Show Schedules are available from the website at:  
<http://www.mosorchid.org/index.php>

### Coming Shows

**Saturday 7th June - Sunday 8th June**  
**Melbourne Eastern Orchid Society**  
Uniting Church  
Cnr Burwood Hwy. & Blackburn Rd., East Burwood

**Saturday 21st June - Sunday 22nd June**  
**North East Melbourne Orchid Society**  
Bulleen Heights School  
Pleasant Road, Bulleen (Mel 32G6)

**Saturday 28th June - Sunday 29th June**  
Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Society  
Christ Church Hall  
Cnr Moorabool & McKillop Streets, Geelong

**Saturday 4th July - Sunday 5th July**  
**Country Club's Challenge**  
Kialla Paceway  
Melbourne Rd., Kialla

**Saturday 12th July – Sunday 13th July**  
**Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show**  
Maribyrnong Community Centre  
Randall St, Maribyrnong (Mel 28 A8)

**Saturday 19th July – Sunday 20th July**  
**Victorian Orchid Club Winter Show**  
Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital  
300 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg (Mel 31 F4)

**Saturday 19th July**  
Horsham and District Orchid Society  
Senior Citizens Centre (1-4)  
Cnr Roberts Ave and Urquhart St Horsham

**Saturday 19th July - Sunday 20th July**  
**Yarra Valley Orchid Society**  
B&T Ferns & Orchids  
30 Wiseman Rd., Silvan South (Mel 123 E7)

**Saturday 26th July - Sunday 27th July**  
**Werribee Orchid Club**  
Italian Sports Club  
601 Heaths Rd, Werribee

**Saturday 26th July - Saturday 2nd August**  
Bayside Orchid Society  
Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre  
Heatherton Road, Endeavour Hills

**Saturday 2nd August - Sunday 3rd August**  
**Warringal Orchid Society Winter Show**  
St Sava Community Centre  
212 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough

**Sunday 3rd August**  
**Stawell Orchid Society**  
Laidlaw Park  
Patrick St., Stawell

**Saturday 16th August**  
**GROW – Geelong Regional Orchid Workshop**  
Christ Church Hall  
Cnr Moorabool & McKillop Streets, Geelong

**Friday 15th August - Sunday 17th August**  
**Gippsland Orchid Club**  
Mid Valley Plaza  
Princess Highway., Morwell

**Friday 21st August - Sunday 24th August**  
**OSCOV Show - Melbourne International Orchid Spectacular**  
Victorian Canine Association facility at KCC Park  
655 WesternPort Highway, Skye

**Sunday 30th August- Saturday 6th September**  
**Bayside Orchid Society**  
Centro Shopping Centre  
High Street Cranbourne

**Friday 5th September - Saturday 6th September**  
**South Gippsland Orchid Club**  
Town Hall  
Ballieu St., Wonthaggi

**Saturday 6th September- Sunday 7th September**  
Sale & District Orchid Club  
St Mary's Hall  
Cnr. Pearson St. & Macalister St. Sale

**Saturday 8th September - Sunday 9th September**  
Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria  
Hungarian Community Centre  
760 Boronia Rd. Wantirna

**Saturday 13th September – Sunday 14th September**  
**Maribyrnong Orchid Society Spring Show**  
Maribyrnong Community Centre  
Randall St, Maribyrnong (Mel 28 A8)

Competition Results April  
As per judging sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Australian Native Species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den *rigida* A Wild  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bulb *exiguum* B Duncan

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sarc Cherie x Velvet A Scerri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarc Bonanza 'Panamint' J Diwell

**Paphiopedilum Maudiae Type**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph Nivarose x Maud J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum Novelty**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph Liemiana x Dalla J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum Species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph *sukhakulii* M Pearce

**Cattleya Exhibition Type**

- 1<sup>st</sup> C Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' J W Crawford

**Cattleya Cluster Type**

- 1<sup>st</sup> C Caudebec 'Candy' J & D Sharam

**Cattleya Novelty**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Slc Mahalo Jack x C Walkeriana J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sc Batemanniana x Slc Tiny Titan E & F Wilde

**Miltonia Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Milt Regnelli M Condon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Milt Guanabarra A Scerri

**Oncidium Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Onc Yurla J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Onc Unknown A Scerri

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Masd Burning Crimson "Alkoomi" M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Peppermint Glow 'Mondo Negro' M Pearce

**Any Other Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Perseus "Virginia" M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Olaf Gruss J W Crawford

**Species Any Genera**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Onc *papilio* R Austin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Onc *papilio* 'Alba' R Austin

**Lycaste**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lyc Aquila 'Détente' J & D Sharam  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lyc Aquila 'Détente' J & D Sharam

**Best in Section**

- Paph Liemiana x Dalla J W Crawford

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Medium Cymbidium**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Kusuda Shining 'Geyserland' R Ryan

**Australian Native Terrestrials**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Diplodium *collinum* K Stringer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pts *revoluta* K Stringer

**Cattleya Novelty Type**

- 1<sup>st</sup> C Dream Cloud x Slc Lana Coryelle G Ragg

**Miltonia Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Milt Guanabarra G Ragg

**Oncidium Hybrid**

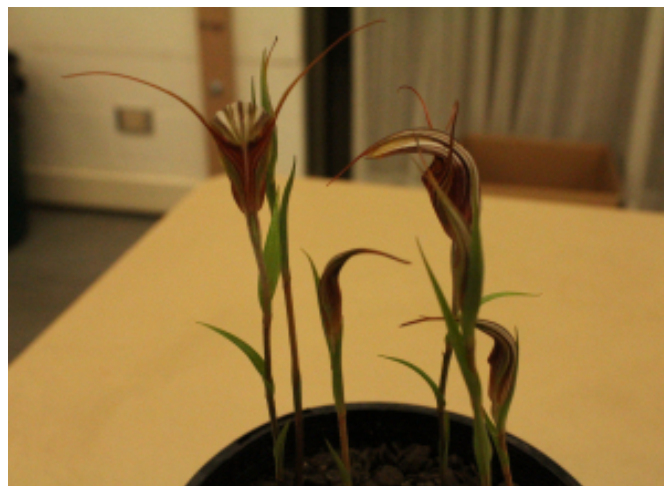
- 1<sup>st</sup> Onc Kalihi D Nguyen

**Dendrobium Hybrid/Species (not Aust Native)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den Mingles 'Sapphire' D Nguyen

**Species Any Genera**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prosthelea *lochleata* D Nguyen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Onc *flexuosum* G Ragg



**Best in Section**

- Diplodium *collinum* K Stringer

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den Elanora Star x Aussie Victory T Lopreiato  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Hilda Poxon x T Lopreiato

**Oncidium Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Onc Kalihi F Penman

**Any Other Hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zygo Kiwi Choice F Penman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Epi Crucifix T Scerri

**Species Any Genera**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dendrochilum Magnum 'Golden Rod' T Nguyen



**Best in Section**

- Dendrochilum Magnum 'Golden Rod' T Nguyen

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Judges Vote**

- Paph Liemiana x Dalla J W Crawford

**Best Cultivated**

- Dendrochilum Magnum 'Golden Rod' T Nguyen

**Award of Merit received on the Night**

- Paph Liemiana x Dalla 80.6 points J W Crawford

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