



Sarcochilus australis

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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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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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 March, 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.

Guest Speaker this month

The guest speaker this month will be Mr Michael Mathews and he will be talking and doing a presentation on Orchid Shows.

Supper Roster

For the March meeting we kindly have Mila Jurjevic and Olga Bourcez on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring in a plate for supper to be enjoyed in the evening, after the Guest speaker has finished his presentation.

We would like to thank our members who have come forward to help our club with supper duties. We graciously have the following members on supper duty for the months listed below:-

April	Judith Cave		August	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly
May	Hubert Nyssen	Alex Wild	September	No Meeting	
June	J Patter	Geoff Ragg	October	F Wilde	M Lattimore
July	Barry Harrison		November	Jenny Dark	Joyce Spiteri

A MISSION IMPOSSIBLE REPORT

Our mission, should we care to accept it, was to hold a sausage sizzle at Bunning's and make a profit.

Date: 10th January 2009.

Venue: Bunning's situated at Highpoint.

Agents to participate: Anthony Scerri, Elizabeth Walker, Yvonne McIntyre, Judy and Kelly Marshall and Jeff and Doris Walker.

Part Time agents Tim Scerri, Margaret Scerri and Ian Walker to assist.

Orders: To cook and sell all sausages and onions until sold out.

Mission Report: Set up began at 7.50am. Once bar-b-que area organised, cooking began. Kranskies sold out by 11.00am. All the sausages and most of the onions were sold by 2.00pm. Weather was ideal for this mission. A great day was enjoyed by all Agents. Mission made a profit.
(See Anthony.)

Suggestions: (in case mission is repeated)

More Kranskies, rolls and sausages to be purchased should the mission is to be repeated. More Agents should be encouraged to take part in any Future missions.

Summation: MISSION SUCCESSFUL.

Bye for now,
Liz Walker

Guest Speakers for 2009

Our future Guest Speakers are as follows:

April 09	Stephen Stebbings	Paphiopedilum
May 09	Gary Backhouse	Chinese Orchid Photos
June 09	Grant Garrett	Awarded Orchid 2008
July 09	Julian Coker	Cymbidiums Orchids
August 09	Doug Lee	Mounting Australian Natives
September 09	No Meeting	Due to AOC Conference and show
October 09	TBA	
November 09	Milton Dyer	Maxi Crop

February 2009 Competition Results

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Dendrobium - Australian Native Hybrid

1st Den Limestone A Wild

Paphiopedilum - Novelty

1st Lantha Stage M Pearce

Cattleya – Exhibition

1st Blc Erin Kobayashi x Golden zelle
J & M Lattimore

Cattleya Novelty

1st C elaesiana x L sincorana J & D Sharam
2nd Slc Preciosilla J & D Sharam

Vanda

1st Ascda Ken Kome J & M Lattimore
2nd Vasco Pine Rivers Esan J & M Lattimore

Phalaenopsis - Hybrid

1st Mount Lip J & M Lattimore
2nd Minho Princess J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st (Harlequin x Heathii) x Hoosier Angel
M Pearce

Any Other Hybrid

1st Prom Dinah Albright E & F Wilde

Best in Section

Phal Mount Lip J & M Lattimore

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Any Other Hybrid

1st Colmanara 'Wildcat' G Bortzis

Best In Section

Colmanara 'Wildcat' G Bortzis

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Colonial Surprise x Dot Sheen T & J Dark

Oncidium Hybrid

1st No Award
2nd Sharry Baby A Philippou

Phalaenopsis- Hybrid

1st Unknown A Philippou

Best In Section

Colonial Surprise x Dot Sheen T & J Dark

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

Sartylis Janine Banks 'M.D.' J & M Lattimore

Best Cultivated

Phrag Living Fire Malcolm Pearce

Judges Vote

Phal Mount Lip J & M Lattimore

Popular Vote

N/A

President Report March 2009

I was very pleased to see at the February Club Meeting, that when the supper roster was sent around, it came back almost full. I would like to thank those members who offered their time to assist with the supper at our club nights.

The seedling competition was very well supported. However, we ran out of plants, Frances has gone to great length to arrange a few more sarcochilus, to be sold at the March meeting, for members who did not buy a plant at the February meeting. The committee went through the rules regarding the seeding competition, and found that only one (1) plant should be sold per membership. We have decided that for this year only one (1) number per membership will be placed in the draw. Please remember that these plants are required to be returned to the club each month, so we can make the competition a great success.

Our April meeting is our AGM and we will be requiring some new members to join the committee as some of the committee members require a break from committee. Our Treasurer Neil, has been in the position for the last ten (10) years, and will not be standing for the position of Treasurer after the AGM. I would like to thank him for all the hard work over the years. It would be great to see some new committee members and we are looking for a new Treasurer.

At the AGM all committee positions are vacated and you can apply for any position, there is an application form attached to this New Letter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the March Meeting

Anthony Scerri
President

Social Trip

The bus trip will be on Sunday the 17th May has been fully booked. The \$20 fee for this bus trip must be paid at the March meeting. We cannot hold your place if you do not pay at the March meeting because there are a number of people wanting to go on this bus trip that have missed out.

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

Committee Nominations

At our April meeting we will be holding our A.G.M. Are there any members who would like to become part of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society Committee?

The committee is always looking for new members willing to put in new and progressive ideas. Give it a good thought as this is your club and we would welcome any member, with new and positive ideas, wanting to join. We have enclosed Nomination forms with this newsletter, to be completed by any member interested in becoming part of our Society's committee.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due and Eric will be taking renewal fees from members from the next meeting. The fees remain unchanged:

Junior \$ 8.00 (under 16 yrs)
Single \$12.00
Family \$15.00

It will be greatly appreciated if members have the correct money on hand.

Gerald's Birthday

It was certainly wonderful to sing Happy Birthday to Gerald last month for celebrating his 100th Birthday.

Our Club would like to thank Eiffel Tower for donating the Birthday Cake.

Pots and Ferts

We would sincerely like to welcome Ken Mair who has taken the position of 'Pots & Ferts co-ordinator'.

Ken has very kindly taken over this job from George Downie. Ken has just rejoined our club after being away for 15 years. The Committee and members do appreciate the contribution he is making to our society.

Seedling Competition

All the sarcochilus seedlings were sold at the last meeting, but we have been able to get a few more. These will be brought into the March meeting for those members who still wanted one. The cost will be the same \$5.

Treasurer Position

Neil Marshall has been the Treasurer of our club for 10 years. He has done an absolutely wonderful job. But now Neil feels he would like a break and would like to pass the position over to another member.

We would like another member who is confident with numerical ability to take over this position. Neil will take the time to explain what is necessary in order to complete this task. Anybody interested in helping the club with this duty can see either Neil or Anthony.

Orchid Growing Workshop

West Gippsland Orchid Club are have an Orchid growing Workshop on Saturday 18th April, 2009

The workshop will be held at the Anglican Church Hall, Princes Way, Drouin.

Speaking at the Workshop will be Ray Clement, Clive Halls and Scott Barrie. They will be talking about Cymbidiums, Masdevallias, Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Dendrobiums, Sarcochilus, Zygopetalums and their Intergenerics.

The price of the workshop is \$25. The cost includes all workshop sessions, lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

Those interested must register by Thursday 2nd April. For details contact Allison on Tel: 5625-2170. Or send your details along with the fee to: P.O. Box 114 Warragul 3820