



Sarcochilus australis

# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

**MAY 2010 BULLETIN**  
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## **Next Meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> May**

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 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. 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 Ms. Helen Lovel from Neutrog Australia who will be giving a presentation on fertilisers.

## **Supper Roster**

For the May meeting we have Denise Colquhoun and Judy Marshall 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.

## **The "Gerald Award"**

The Maribyrnong Orchid Society has received a bequest from our late patron, Gerald McCraith AM. The bequest is for \$5000. At the committee meeting last Tuesday night it was decided that the bequest would be invested, the capital would not be touched, but the interest generated would be used to fund a special award in Gerald's name. The award will be presented to the Champion Species Orchid at each of our shows. The plant/owner will be presented with a sash and a cheque for \$100. The aim of the award is to bring to our minds the great work that Gerald did for Orchids during his life. The inaugural award will be at the coming Autumn Show to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gerald's daughter, Ms Lois Dixon-Ward has been invited to present this award. We hope that she will be able to join us for this sad, but memorable occasion. She and other members of Gerald's family have been invited to join us in afternoon tea on the Sunday of the Show. So get out your species orchids, stake the spikes, shine the leaves, clean the pots and get them in the Show for Gerald.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT  
MAY 2010**

Hello there fellow orchid growers. Well here is my first report and I don't have much to report at the moment. I would like to welcome the new members to the committee and say welcome back to George Downie. We are still looking for one more committee member, so if you feel like you would like to get more involved in the club and you have the time, please let myself or Eric know.

Do you know about the club's library? We have many orchid books available for members to borrow. If you are interested in a particular type of orchid then I am sure you will be able to find a book that will be very informative. If you do not know where the library is, then just ask anyone on the committee and they will point you in the right direction.

Don't forget our first show this year. If you don't have an orchid in flower but have a great looking fern, then bring it along to the show. The only requirement is that you have owned the plant for at least six months.

Well that's all for now. Happy growing.

Elizabeth Walker.  
President

**2010 COMMITTEE**

As a result of the A.G.M. held last month the following members have been nominated onto the Committee.

President: Mrs Elizabeth Walker  
Vice Presidents: Mr Neil Marshall  
Ms Wilma Carlesso  
Secretary: Mr Eric Wilde  
Treasurer: Mr Barry Harrison  
Other committee members are:  
Peter Carlesso  
Ron Ryan  
Peter Caly  
Judith Marshall  
Heather Young  
Steve Panagiotou  
George Downie  
Joyce Spiteri  
Felix Spiteri

Other Officers include:

Editor: Jenny Dark,  
Membership Secretary: Eric Wilde,  
Show Co-ordinator: Anthony Scerri  
Librarian: Wilma Carlesso,  
Publicity Officer: Peter Caly,  
Meeting plant sales: Peg & Ken Pittock,  
'Pots & Ferts' sales: Ken Mair.

There is still one vacancy on the committee.

Also we extend a special thank you to those members who are not on the Society Committee, but kindly help our club on meeting nights and during the Orchid Shows. Thank you also to members who bring supper along each month.

**MARIBYRNONG AUTUMN SHOW 2010  
May 22nd and 23rd**

I am very happy to remind all the members that our first Show is happening this month. Sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc, for the Autumn show can be picked up at the May meeting, or phone 9689 1142 and they will be posted out to you.

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

At the Autumn and Winter show, members may also exhibit other plants, cacti, bromeliad, fern, etc. They too must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Awards for plants other than orchids come under a single section, meaning it is not divided up into Open, Intermediate and Novice.

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 allowance is 8 plants to one exhibit.

I wish to remind all members who are selling plants at our shows that they cannot be brought in until 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.

**Show Plant/Sales plant Ratio**

Members are reminded that at the August 2009 Committee Meeting the Show Plant to Sales Plant ratio was changed. The ratio is now 1:8, i.e. for every show plant that you enter, you may present 8 plants for sale, to a maximum of 50 on the first day (Saturday).

The Sales Coordinator and Show Coordinator may at their discretion allow further sales plants for Sunday.

**A point of clarification**, some members have in fact asked for, and received, 100 sales tickets, prior to the show (in anticipation of the Sunday plants), this infers that they will enter 13 (can't have 12.5 plants) in the show.

Members please respect that we are putting on a "show" for the public and our falling show entries need bolstering. A decent show (number of plants) is important to us all.

### First Social Trip

Our first bus trip is on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> May. The bus will be leaving from outside the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong at 9am and will return at approximately 5pm. Members are reminded to please wear their name badges.

### Next Bus Trip in June

Our next trip will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. This trip will travel to Castle Creek Orchids, at Merrigum, near Shepparton, where we will visit the Orchid Nursery and enjoy a BBQ lunch. We will then move on to Ardmona at Shepparton.

The bus will leave from outside the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong at 8am and will return at approximately 5pm. Members are reminded to please wear their name badges. Bookings will be taken at the next meeting. Cost will be \$25 per person, including lunch. It is recommended that you bring your own chairs.

### Guest Speakers for 2010

8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Mr Grant Garrett</b> Awarded Orchids of 2009
13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Mr John Varigos</b> Orchids of Sicily and Crete
10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Mr John Sharam</b> Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Mr Mark Finnigan</b> Using chemicals with Orchids
12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Mrs Frances Wilde</b> Sarcochilus
9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Jim &amp; Margot Lattimore</b> Phalaenopsis Orchids

### Respect for our Guest Speakers

It has been noticed that some of our members have been leaving the meeting early. Can we please request that members remain in their seats until the meeting has closed?

As a courtesy to other members, and a mark of respect to our guest speakers, we should at least listen to the end of their talk. After all, they give up their time, and sometimes travel a considerable distance, to share their expertise with us.

After speaker question time, there are just a couple of minutes more items of business to attend to before the meeting has officially ended. Thank you in anticipation.

### Supper Roster

Please check this list to see when it is your turn. We all appreciate the help on meeting nights and the plates of supper that are donated each month are great. If someone else can help in November, our roster will be full.

<b>June</b>	Doris Walker	Barry Harrison
<b>July</b>	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly
<b>August</b>	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
<b>September</b>	Alma Bevan	Joyce Spiteri
<b>October</b>	Rita Grima	Tien Nguyen
<b>November</b>	Judith Cave	

### 30 Years Next Year

Next year the Maribyrnong Orchid Society celebrates its **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. What a wonderful time to do something special and celebrate the achievements of the society and its members!

I think we should all put our thinking caps on and see if we can come up with some ideas on how we can make next year a "year to remember".

What do you think?

### New Members

The Committee would like to welcome Zora Perosauljevic to our club. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, where you will be presented with your name tag and complimentary orchid. We also welcome back Ray Austin.

### Orchid Show Calendar

#### Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Shows

**Autumn Show:** Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Doors open 9am – 4pm

Winter Show: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Spring Show: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Sarcochilus Festival: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November

All Maribyrnong Orchid Society Shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Check further bulletins for opening times.

### Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates

#### Geelong Orchid & Indoor Plant Club Winter Show

Sat June 26th/Sun June 27th 10am – 4pm  
Christ Church Hall  
cnr Moorabool & McKillop Sts, Geelong

#### 2010 Victorian Country Orchid Club Challenge

Stawell Orchid Society, 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> July  
The Stawell Entertainment Centre  
Main St, Stawell, Victoria.

#### Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show & Sales

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010 9am - 4pm,  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 9am - 3pm  
Admission \$3.00  
Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park, Synott Street,  
Werribee, 3030 (Mel.Ref. 205 K9)

#### Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & International Orchid Fair

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> August – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road,  
Keysborough (Mel. Ref. 89 A10)

#### ANOS Victoria Spring Show

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
9:00am to 4:00pm  
Mount Waverley Community Centre.  
Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley, Victoria  
(Opposite Mount Waverley Station)  
(Mel.Ref. 70 E1)

**ANOS Eastern Suburbs Group**

Sat 2 October 2010 10am - 4:30pm  
 Sun 3 October 2010 9am - 4:00pm  
 Lilydale Lake Community Hall  
 Lilydale Victoria 3140  
 (Mel.Ref. 38 F6)

**AOF Workshop**

The Australian Orchid Foundation proudly presents a back-to-basics 2 day workshop on how to select and grow your orchids.

When: May 15th & 16th 2010.

Where: Holmsglen Conference Centre,  
 Cnr Warrigal & Batesford Rds Chadstone.  
 (Melways Map 69, F1)

2 day registration: Single \$50.00, Couple \$90.00  
 or 1 day registration: \$30 per person.

More information: Nette Meggetto 03 5627 6303 or  
 Shirley Hall 03 9772 2187.

Day entrance (to see vendors only): \$5.00

**2010 Victorian Country Orchid Club Challenge**

Hosted by Stawell Orchid Society on July 3-4.

Forward your interest to:

Mrs Pauline Coppin, 20 Scotland Place, Stawell 3380 -  
 no later than June 4th 2010.

**6th Australasian National Orchid Conference and Show 2010**

To be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010 in Newcastle, NSW. This event is hosted by the ANOS Newcastle Group at the Newcastle Panthers Club.

For more information, phone: 02 4975 3729 or mail to PO Box 4021, Rathmines, NSW, 2283. Further information can be found on their website at [www.anos.org.au/conference/](http://www.anos.org.au/conference/)

**April 2010 Competition Results**  
As per judges sheets**OPEN SECTION****Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Dock Numbat A Wild  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Den Hilda Poxon A Scerri

**Dendrobium - Australian Native Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Den schneiderae A Wild  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Den biggibum compactum 'Mauve Showers' J & D Sharam

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarc Velvet 'Chocolate' G Downie  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarc Duno Nicky's Twin J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P King Arthur 'Burgoyne' S & M Hurwood

**Paphiopedilum – Maudiae Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Niverose x maudiae J W Crawford  
 2<sup>nd</sup> P maudiae x belatulum J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Primechild J W Crawford  
 2<sup>nd</sup> P Vanda M Pearman E & F Wilde

**Paphiopedilum – Species**

1<sup>st</sup> P primulinum J W Crawford

**Cattleya – Exhibition Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Sc Mem Ken Martin 'Win' J & Y McIntyre  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Slc Red Elf J & Y McIntyre

**Cattleya – Cluster Type**

1<sup>st</sup> C Lulu x C Caudebec J & D Sharam

**Miltonia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Milt Guarabara J W Crawford

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Mas Golden Monarch 'Alice' B Duncan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Mas Machu Pichu 'Crown Point' M Pearce

**Masdevallia Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Mas barleana 'Harold' B Duncan

**Lycaste**

1<sup>st</sup> Lyc wyuna J W Crawford

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Gargoyle M Pearce  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag Bel-Royal M Pearce

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Laelia perrini M Condon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> chondrorhyncha chestertonii J & D Sharam

**Best in Section**

Masdevallia Golden Monarch 'Alice' B Duncan

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION****Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> barbigerum x gratixianum E Walker

**Cattleya – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Slc Marie's Beat G & A Hardingham  
 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sc orpetii x Ken Dream) x Sc Mem Ken Martin G & A Hardingham

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows 'Castle Creek' E Walker  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Miltassia Royal Robe 'Diplomat' G & A Hardingham

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Oncidium ciliatum G & A Hardingham

**Best in Section**

Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows 'Castle Creek' E Walker

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION****Cattleya – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> C Lime Sherbet M Mally

**Miltonia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Moreliana D McAuslan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Alicera Ontario J & D Walker

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Oncda Charlesworthii Mishima M Mally  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Oncda Arrasie x heatonensis D McAuslan

**Best in Section**

Cattleya Lime Sherbet M Mally

## **NON SECTIONAL**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Harold Kooperwitz J W Crawford

### **Best Cultivated**

Laelia perrini M Condon

### **Judges Vote**

Masdevallia Golden Monarch 'Alice' B Duncan

## **Seeding Competition**

Please don't forget to bring your Cattleya seedling along to the meeting each month.

It's interesting to compare the progress of the seedlings under lots of different growing conditions and by bringing your seedling to all of the meetings, you will be eligible to win a prize at the end of the year.

## **Library**

I would encourage everyone, especially newer members, to make use of our extensive library. Books and magazines on a large range of genera are available for members to borrow. Please feel free to browse the selection before each meeting. Library books and magazines may be borrowed for 1 month. If you need any help with using the library, please see Wilma Carlesso, our Librarian.

## **Website**

Remember, go to [www.mosorchid.org](http://www.mosorchid.org) for more information about the society.

The website also contains photos of past shows and social events and results of benching at monthly meetings.

You can also read about some of our members, and browse through some of the society's cultural notes.

## **Accumulated Points so far this Year**

Congratulations to everyone who has brought in plants to bench on our meeting nights. The following points have been accumulated by these members so far this year:

### **Open**

J Crawford	46
J & D Sharam	34
A Wild	18
M Pearce	18

### **Intermediate**

G & A Hargingham	14
A Philipousis	8
L Walker	7

### **Advanced Novice**

M Mally	22
G Ragg	10
D Brus	10

## **Bulletin Contributions**

If you have an opinion about the bulletin or suggestions and contributions for the bulletin content please contact [jenny.dark@darteks.com.au](mailto:jenny.dark@darteks.com.au) or phone 9748 7345.

**Please note that the BULLETIN contribution deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.**

## **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](mailto:jenny.dark@darteks.com.au)

Thanks to all the members who have responded already. We now have just over 15% of our bulletins being sent by email.

## **Entering Plants in the Autumn Show**

**Eric Wilde**

Following on from my previous article....regarding entering your plants in the club night competition, Jenny has asked me to say a few words about entering your plants in a show.

Prior to this may I say that club shows are the life blood of a community group like ours. How did **you** find out about us? Did you in fact, attend an Orchid Show and think, "this may be fun, I would like to try to grow orchids?" Most of us did.

So, what was the first thing that you saw on entering the hall? A beautiful plant? No, I don't think so, in fact you probably thought they all looked beautiful (?). Was it the array of colour, the amount of blooms, the number of plants? Yes, I think I know what attracted you, because the same thing happened to Frances and myself when we attended our first Orchid Show so many years ago (near 30). It is etched into our minds forever. It was at the Old Keilor Hall. A small hall, it was just jammed packed with every imaginable plant. The colours, the perfume, were wonderful. It was our society's first show. Frances and I were hooked and joined on the spot.

So you say, what's this nonsense about?

Well "our society" is falling in numbers, we are getting older, we need to attract more **young** members. We need to go back to the basics of encouraging new members to join us in our wonderful hobby of growing orchids. Perhaps if we fill the Community Centre with every flower that we have at our next show (22/23 May), maybe we will gain a few members, perhaps even a young member who may turn into a future club president, or show coordinator, or judge, or just be someone that would like to have a night or two away from the telly. So please bring every plant that you have in flower to the show. Every plant is important.

**PS: Water restrictions are going back to stage 3. No excuses, we can go back to watering every second day if we need to. Sadly we will also go back to no roots on the cymbidiums???** So please think about the amount of water you use.

Show schedules are different to the classes at our monthly meetings.

The schedule for Novice and Advanced Novice growers for the Autumn Show is:

- Class 45 Cymbidium Hybrid
- Class 46 Australian Native Hybrid
- Class 47 Laeliinea Hybrid
- Class 48 Paphiopedilum Hybrid
- Class 49 Zygopetalum Hybrid
- Class 50 Any other hybrid, not previously mentioned
- Class 51 Species orchid
- Class 52 Seedling flowering for the first time (not mericlone)

There are other classes for **non orchid plants**, listed under "Single sections" which include:

- Class 56 Cacti
  - Class 57 Succulent
- etc.

Therefore there is no excuse for not entering a plant in the show.

So let's get going. Let's look at an example:

A week before the show (we are busy people) let's look in the growing area.

What's available?

Oh, we have a cymbid, a little cattleya and a nice fern.

Get into the plants, clean them up, spray them with insecticide, shine the leaves with a bit of white oil, trim all dead foliage away, **clean the pots**, stake the flowers, etc.

The necessary paper work is available.... and will be available at this meeting night (April) and in May, but perhaps why worry about it prior to the show? Eric will be at the show Friday afternoon and he will help. Anyhow, why not have a go? The paper work required will include an entry form and a few plant name cards to write the plant names on. The entry forms and plant name cards are all colour coded (to help), yellow for open growers, blue for intermediates and pink for Novice/Advanced Novice.

The show entry form has spaces for your name and 4 columns to enter your plant's identifying details. We do not have your name displayed on the label..... the plant owner's name is confidential, *we don't want personal bias in the Judging process.*

The 4 columns are headed "Entry Number", "Class", "Name of entry" and "Stand".

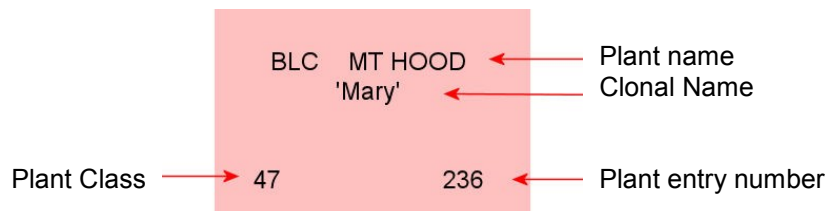
Your plant entry number(s) will be issued to you when you lodge your entry at the desk.

Now, we had a cymbidium. Is it a hybrid or species? Go back to the article in the March Bulletin or seek advice from Eric. Probably hybrid, so the class is 45. (If the plant is a **treasured cymbidium species**, it would need to be entered in Class 51).

We also had a cattleya, hybrid (?). It would be entered in Class 47, the Laeliinea hybrid class.

We also had a nice fern, which will need to be entered in the "single sections", white plant name card, Class 59.

The plant name card: (in our example - Pink for Novice) should look like this:



Now get those entries in.....and enjoy club life.

Oh, by the way, there are lots of tasks to do about the show all weekend, like just talking to the visitors to the show or, in fact, talking to **fellow members**. (This is the ideal time to learn more about growing your plants and gaining extra knowledge). There are also pre and post show tasks, like the hall set up and, arrrrgh, the clean up. Don't leave all those tasks to the oldies, come an hour early, stay an hour after, as "many hands make light work".

See you there, Eric

**MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY INC.**  
**29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was opened at 8-00pm, by the retiring President Anthony Scerri.

Attendance As per attendance register

Apologies Nil.

Proxies Nil

Minutes The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were read by the Secretary (Eric Wilde). The minutes were moved for acceptance on the motion of Neil Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Condon. **Carried**

Business Arising Nil

Reports

Presidents Report The Presidents report was published in the April 2010 Bulletin; it was read to the membership by the Secretary. The Presidents report, as published, was moved for acceptance on the motion of Frances Wilde, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Ryan.

**Carried**

Business arising Anthony further thanked the retiring officers, Frances Wilde, Lee Halil and Ron Ryan, for their past efforts.

Treasurers Report The Treasurers Report (Barry Harrison) as audited for members by Mr Ray H Anderson FCPA were issued to all members present. The Treasurer's Report was moved for acceptance on the motion of Peter Kiernan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff McIntyre. **Carried.**

Business Arising Nil.

Election of Club Executive for 2010

The President thanked the retiring executive officers for their service and commitment to the club during their term of office (2009), and declared all positions vacant. Anthony then stood down as President. Mr Eric Wilde in his role as club Patron assumed the chair.

Nominations for the following executive positions have been duly received prior to 01 April 2010:

President	Elizabeth Walker
Vice President Senior	Neil Marshall
Vice President Junior	No Nomination
Secretary	Eric Wilde
Treasurer	Barry Harrison

All of the above members having rightfully been nominated, they are declared elected for 2010.

The new President Elizabeth Walker assumed the Chair.

Election of Committee Members

The following members have been duly nominated:

Peter Carlesso	Ron Ryan	Wilma Carlesso
Peter Caly	Judith Marshall	Heather Young
Steve Panagiotou		

These 7 members having been duly nominated were elected to the committee for 2010.

As per our constitution, nominations were sought for the vacancy of Vice President (Junior). Ms Wilma Carlesso was duly nominated. Wilma was declared the Junior Vice President for 2010.

Also as there were now 4 vacancies for committee, nominations for these positions was called.

The following nominations were received:

Mr George Downie Ms Joyce Spiteri Mr Felix Spiteri

These members were all declared as elected to the committee for 2010. One position is still vacant.

All executive and committee members were then introduced to the attending members.

Other officers of the club

Editor	Jenny Dark
Membership Secretary	Eric Wilde
Show Co Ordinator	Anthony Scerri
Librarian	Wilma Carlesso
Club night sales table	Ken and Peg Pittock
Pots N Ferts	Ken Mair

Any other Business Nil

The 29<sup>th</sup> AGM closed at 8-30 pm.

Secretary

Eric Wilde

15<sup>th</sup> April 2010