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New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

Next Meeting: 8 pm

Friday- 18th. December 2015

**Venue: St. Timothy's Catholic Community School Hall
21 Stevens Road, Vermont. (Melway, Map 62 Ref.G3)**



Christmas Meeting Agenda:

Hall Open	6pm.
Dinner commences	7pm.
Father Xmas / Kris Kringle Meeting.	8.15pm.
Monster Special Effort	Tickets \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00

There will be no Library, Sales Table or Early Birds.

“Merry Christmas Everyone”

President's Report

As this is the last Newsletter of the year I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support and continued hard work during the year. At our monthly meetings and Spring Show we are blessed with a magnificent display of orchids, well done to all who presented plants for judging. A big thank you to those members of the OSCOV judging panel who officiated with great integrity throughout the year at our meetings and show. Thanks also to the guest speakers who so willingly gave their time and shared their knowledge for the benefit of MOS members.

Benching at the November Meeting was excellent. The Sarcophilus on the benches was an increased number from the previous year which probably reflects an increased interest by growers. An added attraction apart from some excellent hybrids currently being produced is that Sarc. do not take up a lot of bench space. Also there was a great display of late flowering cymbidiums (Cricket, Tennis & Sweet Devon). Michael C. & Dieter W. excelled with some magnificent species orchids.

Thanks to Michael Coker for an informative presentation of the OSCOV Orchids of the year 2014 and to Annette Hawkins for informing us of the process one has to go through as well as the emotions of a visit to Gallipoli.

The final meeting of the year with the spit roast and other activities (18 December) will be a fitting finale for the year. If you are unable to join us for the meal you are most welcome to attend (approx. 8.15pm) and join in the fun.

On behalf of your committee I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and happy, prosperous and safe new year.

Alan.

M.O.S. Inc. Patron: David Cannon

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ATTENDANCE BOOK It is important that people attending the monthly meetings or society outings sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes; if you don't sign you may not be covered in case of an accident.

Christmas Meeting – Detail

As this is our last meeting of the year we will celebrate as of previous years with a Spit Roast, Kris Kringle, Christmas Hampers, Popular Vote and the annual bench competition presentations.

Hall will open at 6pm., for dinner at **7pm. sharp.**

Kris Kringle – Bring a present of not more than \$5-00 in value and receive a present in return. Please state if it is suitable for a male, female or either. Boxes will be available to place your gifts.

Christmas Hampers – are a feature of our Christmas meeting with lots of great hampers won by lucky attendees each year. All donations towards the hampers will be gratefully received by the committee at the Christmas meeting before 7 pm. so that we can complete the hampers before the evening commences.

Popular Vote – At the last meeting of the year we are the judges and vote for the best plant in each section. The Club has two sections that night, Novice/Intermediate and Open. Don't forget to fill out your popular vote card.

Bench Competition Presentation – The points that are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at our bench competitions throughout the year are collated after our November meeting and prizes are awarded to the three placegetters in each section. Presentation of prizes will take place at this meeting.

Free Gift To Members – (members only) - At the meeting a free gift will be given to every member who is in attendance, either at the spit roast or General Meeting.

General Meeting – This commences around 8-15pm. after the spit roast. If you are unable to join us for the meal you are most welcome to attend our last meeting of the year.

Hall Setup – Set-up will be at 4.00 pm. Many hands make light work.

Sarcophilus Show Results:

Champion Sarcophilus of the night	Melba	D Cannon
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Open section

Best classic shape - white	Melba	D Cannon
Best classic shape – red/pink.	Karla x Fizzy Dove	C Luth
Best classic shape – any other colour/combination of colours	Serena ‘Bold Eyes’	D Cannon
Best novelty shape – open shaped plants	Dorrigo	D Weise
Best Specimen (Hybrid/ Species)	Melba	D Cannon
Best Species	hartmannii	J & H Foster-Johnson

OTHER THAN OPEN SECTION

Best classic shape - white	Elise ‘Plum’ x Velvet ‘Ruby’	G & M Moffat
Best classic shape – any other colour/combination of colours	Topaz x hartmannii	B Robinson

Points Tally – 2015

Open	Pts.	Open Cont.	Pts.	Open Cont.	Pts.
J & H Foster-Johnson	169	A Tran	15	B Cutts	7
D Weise	91	G & S Cheng	14	D Tung	6
C Luth	72	M Coker	13	H Truong	5
A Baker	47	G Hopkinson	11	R Chapman	5
M Bomford	46	B Martin	11	S & I Hamilton	5
A & N Cockram	43	S & M Early	10	K Balogh	3
L Le	26	A & M Goode	10	M Akam	3
D Cannon	25	B Walker	7	B Hopkins	2
				J Doney	2
Intermediate	Pts.	Intermediate Cont.	Pts.	Intermediate Cont.	Pts.
G Moffat	39	B Robinson	17		
L Orland	27	M Dew	5		
Novice	Pts.	Novice Cont.	Pts.	Novice Cont.	Pts.
I Ferguson	9	B Tregenza	6	R & H Coleman	2
J Healey	7	K & F Yong	6		
C Ng	7	E Yu Chan	3		

Seedling Flowering for First Time

Open Section	Pts.	Open Section Cont.	Pts.	Open Section Cont.	Pts.
D Weise	13	J & H Foster-Johnson	3	J Doney	1
D Cannon	6	S & I Hamilton	2	W Johnson	1

Congratulations to all those who participated in the bench competition this year and to the section winners. Congratulations to Graham & Marilyn Moffat who have been promoted to Open Section and James Harnetty who has been promoted to the Intermediate Section for 2016.

MOS FACEBOOK PAGE

Now operational. Thanks to Daniel Tung internet users can log on to our Facebook Page.

The Facebook page can be accessed by logging onto;

www.facebook.com/maroonidahorchidsociety

CULTURAL NOTE: Popular Vote – November 2015

Plant: Cymbidium Tennis Grower L Le

Purchased at a Orchid Show about 3 years ago. Plant is grown in the hanging area of a car port that has a metal roof and open on 3 sides. Grown in open mix purchased from Australian Orchid Nursery. Kept moist at all times, fertilised with Peters Excel.

CULTURAL NOTE; Champion Sarcochilus of the November 2015 meeting

Plant; Sarcochilus Melba Grower D Cannon

Plant grown from flask February 1984. Plant is hung high, about 60cm below solid opal fibreglass roof. Kept wet at all times. Grown in orchid mix purchased from Australian Orchid Nursery in a mix of bark, charcoal and scoria. Fertilised weekly with Peters Excel and Seasol.

Parents are Sarco. hartmannii x falcata. Pollination was in 1982. Seed pod was sent to Nicki Zurcher in 1983. February 1984 20 flasks were received. Most seedlings were sold 1985-1990. 6 seedling were retained by David.

HOW TRUE (thanks to VOC)

The Happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything they have.

Focus on the journey, not the destination, joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

Interesting Plants at the November Meeting



D Cannon's Sarcophilus Melba



C Luth's Dendrobium thrysiflorum



M Coker's Trichopilia Charles



B Robinson's Sarcophilus Topaz



D Weise's Oncidium Burgundy Ons Midnight Miracles



A & N Cockram's Cymbidium Cricket

BENCH COMPETITION - November – 2015

Judges Vote	Trichopilia Charles		M Coker
Popular Vote	1 st . Cymbidium Tennis	c	L Le
Best in Section			
Open	Trichopilia Charles		M Coker
Novice	Cymbidium Cricket	c	K & F Yong
	Seedling flowering for the first time		
Open Section	1 st . Cym. Kevboukus	c	D Cannon
	2 nd . Onc. Burgundy Ons Midnight Miracles	c	D Weise
	3 rd . Lc. Chocolate Treats x Self	c	W Johnson
Open Section			
Cymbidium Miniture.	1 st . Cricket	c	A & N Cockram
	2 nd . Tennis	c	L Le
	3 rd . Sweet Devon	c	D Cannon
Masd. Species	1 st . coccinea Blanca	c	D Weise
	2 nd . notosibirica	c	D Weise
	3 rd . coccinea 'Red'	c	D Weise
Masd. Hybrid	1 st . Copper Fire x Copper Wing	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
	2 nd . Partizan 'Cinnamon'	c	M Coker
	3 rd . Hot Shot 'Tiger Tail'	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
Dendrobium	1 st . Gatton Sunray	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
	2 nd . Mild Yumi 'Lotus'	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
Paph. Species	1 st . acodontum	w	D Weise
Paph. Maudiae	1 st . Hsinying Rubyweb		M Coker
Oncidium Large	1 st . Helmut Sang 'Wendy''	c	D Weise
Oncidium Medium	1 st . Colo Top	c	A & N Cockram
Aust. Nat. Sarc. Spec.	1 st . hartmannii	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
	2 nd . hartmannii x self	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
	3 rd . hartmannii	c	A & N Cockram
Aust. Nat. Sarc. Hyb.	1 st . Melba	c	D Cannon
	2 nd . Dorrigo	c	D Weise
	3 rd . Melba	c	D Cannon
Laeliinae Inter.	1 st . Sc. Royal Beau 'Alexl'	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
	2 nd . Lavender Ice x Sc Beaufort 'Sha'	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
Laeliinae Clu. & Nov.	1 st . Cat. Intermedia x Cat. Sea Breeze	c	W Johnson
	2 nd . Epi. Butterball	c	J & H Foster-Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	1 st . Trichopilia Charles		M Coker
	2 nd . Sartylis Blue Knob	c	A Baker
	3 rd . Renantuopsis Mildred Jamieson	c	M Coker
Species – America's	1 st . Cat. Intermedia Semialba Irrorata	c	D Weise
	2 nd . Trichopilia hennisiana		M Coker
	3 rd . Odm. crispum	c	D Weise
Species – Asia	1 st . Coel. lawrenceana	c	C Luth
	2 nd . Bulb. treschii		M Coker
	3 rd . Den.thrysiflorum	c	C Luth
Novice Section			
Cymbidium Mini.	1 st . Cricket	c	K & F Yong

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