

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY INCORPORATED

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

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Next Meeting: 8 pm Friday – 15 November 2019

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

ITEM OF THE EVENING: Sarcochilus Show.

**A combined meeting with ANOS Melbourne Suburbs Group where
Sarcochilus will be the focus of the evening.**

Growers will be invited to talk about the culture of their plants.

Normal judging for Maroondah member plants other than Sarcochilus

Supper: Please bring a plate

Special Effort: Tickets at door \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00

Sales Table: Pots, stakes, labels and hangers – C Luth

Bench Competition: Bench Commentary – D. Weise

President's Report

Our last meeting, which was our AGM , there was no change in the President, Secretary and Treasurer. We still have vacancies for Vice Presidents. We welcome 2 new committee members, Heather Coleman and Christian Gunawan and I thank them for joining your committee. Following the AGM ,we had a presentation by Jim Foster-Johnson, which was enjoyed by all as it was a hands on demonstration on how he grows and successfully flowers soft cane Dendrobiums.

A great variety of orchids were benched for judging.

At the recent combined Ringwood and Yarra Valley Sarcophilus Show a great variety of colour was on display.

Our November meeting is our Sarcophilus Show which is a combined Show with ANOS Melbourne Suburbs Group. This will be a great night to share knowledge.

Please see full details later in the bulletin.

We certainly are having varied weather this spring. Cold and wet days and then warm and windy ones.

Keep the water up to your plants on windy and warm days as new growths are starting to appear.

Watch out for creepy crawly nasties as they love new, soft, tender new growths. I trust you are all well, and for those not feeling the best, take care of yourself.

Make sure you see Barry Robinson at the November meeting if you are coming to our December Christmas night as we have to let the caterers know our final number by the end of November.

Look forward to seeing you at our November Sarcophilus Show meeting.

Best regards,

David

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SARCOCHILUS SHOW NIGHT

The November meeting is our Sarcochilus Show Meeting. There will be a sash for the Champion Sarcochilus from Maroondah and prizes for the classes listed below.

Open section will stand alone and Intermediate and Novice will be classed together. The classes listed below –

Best Classic Shape - White	Best Classic Shape – Red/Pink	Best Classic Shape – Any other colour/combination of colours
Best Novelty Shape – open shaped plants. (e.g. Australis etc.	Best Specimen (Hybrid/Species)	Best Species
Best Seedling flowering for the first time.		

OSCOV judges will judge Maroondah member plants which includes the Champion Sarcochilus.

ANOS judges will judge ANOS member plants separately.

Interesting Plants at October Meeting

		
<p style="text-align: center;">J. Stanley's Cym. Mavin Gale 'Royale'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">J. Foster-Johnson's Lael. Orpettii Laina</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">G. & M. Moffat's H. Dend. Tassie Gold x Goldstrike</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">L. Le's Den. linguiforme</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">J. Doney's Sarc. Aista x Mem. Davey Abel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">R. & H. Coleman's Cym. Olive Street 'Dinh'</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">J. Harnetty's Bletilla striata</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">S. Kapl's Dryadella zebrina</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">J. Foster-Johnson's Den. Bembo</p>

Bench Competition - October - 2019

JUDGE'S VOTE	Sarcochilus Norma Gale 'Kalara'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
POPULAR VOTE	Cymbidium Mavin Gale 'Royale'	c	J. Stanley
BEST IN SECTION			
Open	Sarcochilus Norma Gale 'Kalara'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Intermediate	Cymbidium Mavin Gale 'Royale'	c	J. Stanley
Novice	Cymbidium Olive Street 'Dinh'	c	R. & H. Coleman
Open			
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Street Tango 'Desiree'	c	M. Bomford
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Touchstone x Miss Muffet	c	G. & M. Moffat
	2 nd Mary Green	c	G. & M. Moffat
	3 rd Cricket x Sarah Jean	c	G. & M. Moffat
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Falcon Sunrise 'Beenak Orange'	c	K. & F. Yong
	2 nd Copperwing 'Sunburnt'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 rd Impact 'Top Gun'	c	K. & F. Yong
Dendrobium	1 st Bembo	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Fairy Flake	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 rd Kathleen Jones	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Australian Native – Dendrobium Species	1 st Den. linguiforme	c	L. Le
	2 nd tetragonum	c	G. & M. Moffat
Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid	1 st Tassie Gold x Goldstrike	c	G. & M. Moffat
	2 nd Stephen x self	c	G. & M. Moffat
Australian Native – Sarcochilus Species	1 st hartmanni	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Australian Native – Sarcochilus Hybrid	1 st Norma 'Kalara'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Nugget	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Laelinae Intermediate	1 st Santa Barbara 'Sunset'	c	L. Le
Laelinae Minature	1 st Orpettii Laina	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Laelinae Cluster & Novelty	1 st S/C Dals Marvel x Atonetta	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Species Any Genera – The America's	1 st Pleuro quadrifida	c	L. Le
Species Any Genera – Asia	1 st Cym. lowianum	c	M. Bomford
Intermediate			
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Cym. Mavin Gale 'Royale'	c	J. Stanley
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Wubennii	c	S. Kappl
Australian Native – Dendrobium Species	1 st striolatum	c	J. Harnetty
Australian Native –	1 st Delicatum	c	C. Ng

Dendrobium Hybrid			
Australian Native – Sarcophilus Hybrid	1 st Plectochilus kilgra	c	S. Kappl
Species Any Genera – The America’s	1 st Dryadella zebrina	c	S. Kappl
Species Any Genera – Asia	1st Coel. cristata ‘alba’	c	J. Harnetty
	2 nd Coel. flaccida	c	J. Harnetty
Species Any Genera – Other	1 st Bletilla striata	c	J. Harnetty
Paphiopedilum Species	1 st hirsutissimum	c	S. Kappl
Oncidiinae Large	1 st Mclnr Pagan Lovesong	c	S. Kappl
Novice			
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Olive Street	c	R. &H. Coleman
	2 nd Sleeping Sharon x Templestowe Charm	c	J. & S. Tse
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Unknown	c	J. & S. Tse
	2 nd Unknown	c	J. & S. Tse
	3 rd Valley Cascade	c	R. & H. Coleman
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Prince Charming	c	T. Le
Any Other Hybrid	1 st Coelogyne Unchained Melody	c	T. Pham
Seedling Flowering For The First Time			
Open	1 st Sarc. Aista x Mem. Davey Abel	c	J. Doney
	2 nd Den. Mem. Garry Gregory	c	D. Cannon
	3 rd Sarc. hartmannii x tridentata	c	J. Doney
Intermediate & Novice	1 st Cym. Jumbuck x caniculatum	c	K. Hang
	2 nd Sarc. Westerns Surprise	c	S. Kapl

SPECIES AND HYBRIDS: WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

by Brian Milligan



Cattleya labiata

To those who know, it’s obvious. But not all growers appreciate the difference. Loosely speaking, species orchids are native orchids that grow (or grew) wild somewhere in the world. A hybrid is the result of breeding one orchid with a different orchid, be they species or hybrids. The process is usually referred to as hybridising or ‘crossing’.

As an example, ‘crossing’ *Cattleya maxima* with another species *Cattleya*, *C. intermedia*, gave the first *Cattleya* hybrid, *C. Dominiana* (in 1859). Intergeneric hybrids are produced by crossing different genera. For example, crossing *Laelia anceps* and *Cattleya intermedia* (both species) gave the intergeneric hybrid *Laeliocattleya Intercepts*, abbreviated *Lc. Intercepts*.

Species orchids are often crossed with another of the same species with the expectation of obtaining improved flowers. *Dendrobium kingianum* is a good example. Sometimes one flower is pollinated using pollen from another flower on the same plant (called 'selfing', and often written 'X self'). More common is 'out-crossing', when the pollen is taken from a flower on a different plant of *D. kingianum*. The resultant seedlings are NOT hybrids, and are still named *D. kingianum*.

The definition of species orchids as orchids that grow wild in Nature is not strictly correct, because hybrids also grow wild occasionally. These are 'natural' hybrids, that have resulted from cross-pollination of species orchids by 'wayward' insects. These natural hybrids have an X in their names. Examples of natural hybrids among our Australian native orchids are *Dendrobium X ruppianum* (*D. ruppianum* X *D. speciosum*) and *Pterostylis X ingens* (*Ptst. nutans* X *Ptst. falcata*).

When writing the names of species orchids, only the first letter of the genus should have a capital, e.g. *Laelia anceps*. The name should also be italicised, or if that is not possible, it should be underlined. All words in a hybrid name should begin with a capital letter, e.g. *Maclellanara Pagan Love Song* 'Ruby Charles'; only the genus should be italicised or underlined. If everyone did this, we could all tell the difference between species and hybrid orchids.

All species orchids should be entered in the SPECIES ANY GENUS class at monthly meetings and shows. The only exceptions are where there are separate species classes, e.g. *Paphiopedilum* Species or Australian Native Species.

ONE LAST THOUGHT:

Two mathematicians had been struggling to work out the height of a long pole leaning against a wall.

Eventually an engineer came by and offered to help.

He took hold of the pole, lay it on the ground and measured with a tape.

'Typical engineer,' said the mathematicians. 'We wanted the height and he gave us the length.'

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