

# MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY

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# MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

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**Next Meeting: Friday – 21 October 2022**

Meeting begins at 8.00pm

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

**ITEM OF THE EVENING: Orchids on Video**

**AGM Prior to Meeting**

**Topical Chat:** Maroondah Orchid Society Show Prize Presentations.

**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

WOW!! What a great Spring Show on the 24th & 25<sup>th</sup> September. Although, as we expected, not as many plants as in the past would be benched, a great turnout of quality plants was on show. The judges were suitably impressed with the show of plants. We had people waiting at the door of the sales area (as in past years) to spend the money they saved over the lockdowns. Terry Poulton's Cymbidiums were in great demand and the first batch went out the door like hot cakes. So much so that he delivered another van load of plants at 11 am which were also scooped up as quickly as we could get them on the tables.

Congratulations to Hanh Truong and Michael Coker who took out the Pre-eminent Orchid of the Show and Grand Champion Orchid of the Show respectively. Trophies will be presented to winners at our next Club meeting. Congratulations to all who provided plants for the Show and especially to the winners in the various categories.

Sadly, a couple of our older members are unable to come to meetings or aid at the entrance to the Show as in the past. Also, two of our members contracted covid in the week before the show and could therefore not show plants or provide their usual assistance.

**REMEMBER** – the AGM will be held 21 October immediately before the Club Meeting.

For members who have not been in the best of health over recent months I wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to meeting with you at our Club Meetings soon. Our next Club Meeting will be Friday 21 October 2022 at the same place and time.

**Please note:** If you have changed your contact details such as phone, email address or home address can you please contact Edith Yu-Chan (M) 0411 378 096 so we can update our records.

Thank you!

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

**Life Members:** The late Frank Date, Jim Foster-Johnson, David Cannon, Alan & Nancy Cockram, Dieter Weise, The late Barry Robinson, Susanne Redpath, Max Bomford, Cheryl Luth, G Moffat.

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## **REMINDER: Membership Renewal is Now Due**

The committee has decided that membership fees for financial year 2022/2023 will remain at the same level it has been for many years.

Fees are now due.










Adult (single) \$16.00, Family \$20.00, Junior (16 years and under) \$5.00

Or you can pay via direct debit to the following bank account –  
BSB: 063167 Account number: 10107735

Please remember to fill in the reference field with your name.

Thank you!

## Interesting Plants from the September Meeting

		
<p>J. Wong's <i>Dendrobium falcorastrum</i></p>	<p>T. Pham's Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise x <i>falcorastrum</i></p>	<p>R. &amp; H. Coleman's Den. <i>delicatum</i> 'Natural'</p>
		
<p>C. Gunawan's <i>Pterostylis cutra</i></p>	<p>S. Kappl's <i>Sarc. falcatus</i></p>	<p>J. Foster-Johnson's Den. <i>Macbride</i> x <i>speciosum</i></p>
		
<p>J. Won's Den. Peach Flower</p>	<p>S.Kappl's Den. <i>teritifolium</i></p>	<p>R. &amp; H. Colman's Den. Victorian Flame</p>



## David and Leanne Demonstrating Deflasking Orchids





## Photos From the 2022 Maroondah Spring Show











## ORCHID SHOWS 2022

Show	Date/Time	Venue
Cobden	Sat 15 Oct 9.30-4, Sun 16 Oct 10-3.30	Civic Hall, Victoria Street
Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 15 Oct 9- 4, Sun 16 Oct 9-3	Public Hall, 590 Warburton Highway, Seville
Ballarat	Fri 21 Oct 12-5, Sat 22-Sun 23 10-3	Federation University, Cnr. Gillies and Gregory Sts.
Bayside	Sat 22Oct 9-5 Sun 23 Oct 9- 4	Cranbourne Public Hall, 166- 168 South Gippsland Hwy
Stawell/(Halls Gap)	Sat 29 Oct 9.30- 4 Sun 30 Oct 9.30 - 4	Centenary Hall, 115 Grampians Road, Halls Gap
Ringwood / Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 29 Oct 9-4,Sun 30 Oct 9-4	Keystone Hall, Keystone Hall Civic Square, Croydon
CGOC Sarc Show	Sat 12 Nov 1-4, Sun 13 Nov 9-3	Dahlsens Building, 11 Dalmahoy Street, Bairnsdale



# CULTURAL NOTES : HOW TO GROW SARCOCHILUS

Most *Sarcophilus* (pronounced Sar-co-kyle-us) orchids are native to Australia; only one species is found overseas. The most widely grown species (*Sarcophilushartmannii*, *S. fitzgeraldii* and *S. ceciliae*) grow on rocks in New South Wales or Queensland. However all three of these species grow happily in pots in Melbourne shade houses. Another species (*S. falcatus*) is found growing mostly on tree trunks, and is best grown on mounts, such as pieces of tree branch. Many hybrids have been made in recent years using the above four species, and also some of the other *sarcophilus* species that are less amenable to cultivation. In many instances these hybrids show hybrid vigour and are even easier to grow than their parent species.

**POTTING.** *Sarcophilus* are best repotted during their most active growing season, which commences in March and continues into early winter, when the plants rest until they flower, mostly in mid- to late spring. *Sarcophilus ceciliae* and some of its hybrids flower a little later, usually during summer. Most *sarcophilus* species and their hybrids are best potted in a mixture of pine bark pieces (5-10 mm diameter) and river pebbles of similar size. Approximately two parts of bark to one of pebbles gives good results. Well-drained plastic 'squat' pots are ideal. In the case of *Sarcophilus ceciliae* (and to a lesser extent its hybrids) the plant should be placed high in its pot – it seems to do best if its roots are allowed to wander over the surface of the mix rather than penetrating into the mix.

**LIGHT, TEMPERATURE AND AIR.** *Sarcophilus* orchids enjoy breezy, shaded, humid conditions and do best lower down in a shade house or fernery than other orchids, such as Australian native *dendrobiums*.

**WATERING.** These orchids require plenty of water when in active growth but during Winter, when they cease growth, watering once each week is ample.

**FERTILISING.** Regular applications of liquid fertilisers at no more than half the concentration recommended by the manufacturer stimulate growth during summer and autumn. They should be used less often during spring and not at all in winter.

**FLOWERING.** Care should be taken not to wet the flowers when watering, especially in dull, still weather. *Sarcophilus* flowers tend to spot very readily due to the growth of *Botrytis* (Grey Mould), which is most prevalent in damp conditions.

These cultural notes are kindly provided by the North-East Melbourne Orchid Society

## LAST THOUGHTs

What did one flower say to the other? What's up bud?

What kind of flower grows on your face? Tulips!

What did the bee say to the flower? Hello honey!

If Undeliverable Return to:  
The Hon. Secretary,  
Maroondah Orchid Society Incorporated  
P.O.Box 5076, Ringwood. Vic. 3134

# NEWSLETTER



**Collectors Corner/Garden World** - You can get 10% off some items within the store by showing either your membership badge or membership card.

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