

Maroondah Orchid Society

Annual Report 2022-23

During the last twelve (12) months there were excellent speakers who covered a variety of subjects at the monthly meetings. Some subjects covered were: Growing Cymbidiums the Poulton Way; Taiwan International Orchid Show; Light, Air & Water; and de-flasking and we held our annual in-house Sarcochilus Show in November 2022.

Congratulations to members who regularly put in the effort to set up the meeting room each month and those who did the 'pack up' at the end of meetings. We are privileged to meet in the school premises after many years in the Church Hall. Remember, 'many hands make light work.'

However, it does not appear that attendances at monthly Club Meetings have recovered from the Covid-19 days (I am sure you cannot forget those times) with the average attendance over the ten (10) Meetings being thirty (30) which is similar to the previous year.

Once again, the VOOTY Awards presentation fun night in April 2023, hosted by Leo Orland, was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. We agreed occasionally with the Judges decisions for the various categories but all in agreement when voting for the 2022 Orchid of the Year - *Stenorrhynchos glicensteinii* 'Flares' – Dieter Weise.

The June 2023 In-house Auction under the hand of our own David Cannon experienced some spirited bidding by members for their preferred plants.

If you have not been to a Club Christmas Dinner, you have missed a great night of fun and informality. In December 2022 we again had a great catered roast dinner with a variety of meats, vegetables, and salads plus sweets. There were Kris Kringle draws, if you wished to participate, raffle draws for a number of hampers and each member/family membership received two (2) small plants.

Our September 2023 Spring Show was successful once again thanks to David our dedicated Show Marshall. Thanks go to all who contributed, even if in a small way, from setup on the Thursday to final cleanup on the Sunday afternoon. There were a number of attendees who congratulated the Club in putting on a great Show.

The Committee was a very hard-working group meeting each month, except December, to bring you a good variety of monthly events. Thanks go to the Executive Members David (Vice President), Leo (Secretary), Graeme (Treasurer) and Committee Members Leanne, Heather, Jim, Edith (Membership), Claudia and Daniel.

Ron Coleman
President