

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY

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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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Lycaste Club Emblem

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Next Meeting: Friday – 20 October 2023

Meeting begins at 8.00pm

Venue: St. Timothy's Catholic School

21 Stevens Road, Vermont.

(Melway, Map 62 Ref.G3)

ITEM OF THE EVENING: AGM

We will also have Spring Show prize Presentation and Show wrap up.

Topical Chat: David Cannon deflasking Part 2.

Supper: Please bring a plate

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

Sales Table: Pots, stakes, labels and hangers Leanne Le

President's Report

Did you get to our Spring Show? If you didn't, you missed another spectacular event. As one looked into the Show section of the hall, a sea of colour greeted you. Yes, it was smaller than previous years, but the quality was still there. Also, we combined the Show and sales in the same hall. It was with trepidation that I approached the weekend, but it turned out well. We had many good comments from attendees.

The October Club meeting will commence with the AGM after which our usual type of meeting will be held. Please try to be there.

It will be nice to have our Judges back with us after not being available for our Club Meeting in September due to the number of Shows being held. The popular vote went well. And wasn't it fun with David de-flasking two flasks and then drawing for attendees to purchase and mount them on the night. If you missed out on getting a plant, there will be more of the same at the October meeting.

We welcome you if you wish to sanitise your hands and wear a mask for Covid safety. For members who have not been in the best of health over recent months I wish you a speedy recovery. I look forward to seeing you at the 2023 Club Meetings.

Ron Coleman

Christmas Dinner

Date: 15 December; Time: Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm; At St. Timothy's Vermont.

Cost: Members \$20, Non-members \$40 Children aged between 6 -12 years \$18 each and children under 6 years free.

**You can pay at the November meeting 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.**

Also please email me the name of any person with dietary requirement and the ages of child or children attending, at leorland@totalfundraising.com.au

Deadline for bookings is Sunday December 3.

BYO: Drinks, glasses and cutlery.

There will also be a Kris Kringle so bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$5 for him, her, or either.

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

Fees are now due.

Adult (single) \$20.00, Family \$25.00, Junior (16 years and under) \$5.00

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Thank you!

Interesting Plants from the September Meeting

		
<p>S. Kappl's <i>Plectochilus</i> Kilgra 'Rosie'</p>	<p>R & H Coleman's <i>Cym.</i> Mimi 'May Bea'</p>	<p>Steven and Jing's 's <i>Laelia</i> anceps 'Menderhall' x San Bar Gloriosa</p>
		
<p>J. Wong's <i>Dendrobium</i> falcalostrum</p>	<p>J. Stanley's <i>Dendrobium</i> unknown</p>	<p>S. Kappl's <i>Dendrobium</i> Stephen</p>
		
<p>R & H Coleman's <i>Cymbidium</i> Sarah Jean 'Jeniffer'</p>	<p>Steven and Jing's <i>Den.</i> kingianum 'Big Foot' x 'Jarcam'</p>	<p>R. & H. Colman's <i>Den.</i> Bardo Rose</p>

David Demonstrating Deflasking Orchids



Photos From the 2023 Maroondah Spring Show





SARCOCHILUS SHOW NIGHT – 17 November 2023

The November meeting is our Sarcocylus Show Meeting. There will be a sash for the Champion Sarcocylus 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.		

ORCHID SHOWS 2023

Show	Date/Time	Venue
Bendigo	Fri 13 Oct 1-4, Sat 14 Oct. 10-4, Sun 15 Oct 10-1	Eaglehawk Soccer Club, 5 Murdock St, California Gully
Colac		
St Arnaud	Sat 14 Oct 9-4, Sun 15 Oct 9-3	Colac Show Grounds Cnr. Bruce St & Princess Hwy
Cobden	Sat 14 Oct 9-4	Town Hall Napier St, St Arnaud
Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 21 Oct 10-4, Sun 22 Oct 10-4	Civic Hall, Victoria Street
Ballarat	Sat 21 Oct 9- 4, Sun 22 Oct 9-3	Public Hall, 590 Warburton Highway, Seville
Bayside	Fri 21 Oct 12-5, Sat 22-Sun 23 10-3	Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre 1 Holly Grove Wendouree
Stawell/(Halls Gap)	Sat 28 Oct 9 - 5 Sun 29Oct 9 - 4	Cranbourne Public Hall, 166-168 South Gippsland Hwy
Ringwood / Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 4 Nov 9.30- 5 Sun 5 Nov 9.30 - 4	Centenary Hall, 115 Grampians Road, Halls Gap
CGOC Sarc Show	Sat 4 Nov 9-4, Sun 5 Nov 9-3	Keystone Hall, Keystone Hall Civic Square, Croydon
	Sat 11 Nov 9-4, Sun 12 Nov 9-3	TBA

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 falls, but never needs a bandage? The rain.
- What goes up when the rain comes down? Umbrellas!
- What type of a bow can't be tied or untied? A rainbow.
- I tried to catch the fog, but I mist.

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NEWSLETTER



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