

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: Friday – 21 November 2025

**Venue: Parkmore Primary School
38 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.**

ITEM OF THE EVENING:

**At the meeting we will be holding our annual Sarcochilus Show.
There is also the usual benching competition.**

Topical Chat: Sarcochilus Culture

Time: 8.00PM

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

I am again honoured to accept the role of President for a third (and final) term, and I look forward to another great year for the Maroondah Orchid Society.

As the holiday season approaches, I thought it timely to let members know that our Christmas Dinner will again be held at Parkmore Primary School on the evening of our scheduled December meeting. This year, Leo has been able to book a new provider for our meal. I'm sure those attending will be delighted with the dinner. As always, we'll have a Kris Kringle, hampers, orchids for attendees and a Popular Vote for benched plants.

Don't forget that our November meeting is our Sarcophilus Show. This is always a great show as the Sarcos are in full bloom at this time of the year. I look forward to seeing a fantastic display. Our topical chat will, of course, be a discussion on Sarcophilus culture.

Michael Chivell

Christmas Dinner

Date: 19 December; Time: Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm; At Parkmore Primary School 38/54 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill VIC 3131

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 person with dietary requirement and the ages of child/ren attending, at leorland@totalfundraising.com.au

Deadline for bookings is Sunday November 30.

SARCOCHILUS SHOW NIGHT

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

REMINDER: Membership Renewal NOW DUE

The committee has decided that membership fees for financial year 2025 /2026 will remain at the same as last year.

Fees were due 1st July 2025. Fees: Adult (single) \$20.00, Family \$25.00, Junior (16 years and under) \$5.00

You can pay in person to Edith Yu-Chan

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

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Thank you!

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

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

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MOS 2025 Spring Show Trophy Presentations





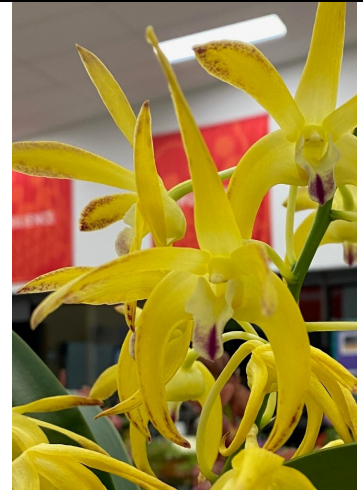
Interesting Plants From the October Meeting



C. Luth's *Cattleya*
jongheana



T. Le's *Cymbidium*
floribundum



R. Kasman's *Dendrobium*
Greta Snow x *Jayden 'Sheen'* x
speciosum Windemere



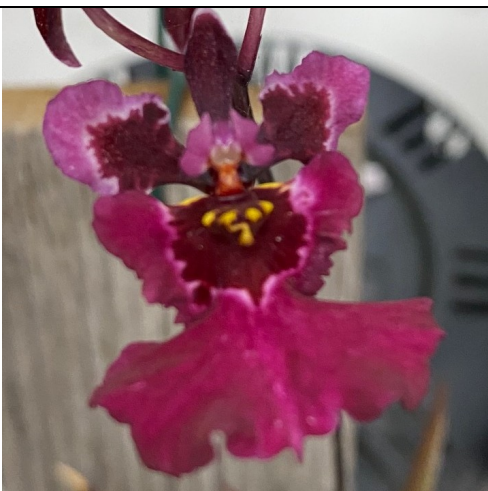
S. Kappl's *Laeliacattleya*
Mini Purple



B. Clemson's *Sarcochilus*
Nicky's Twin x *Kulnura*
Exquisite



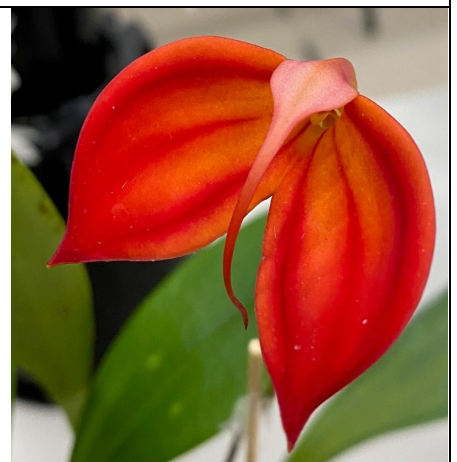
J. Foster-Johnson's *Laeliinae*
Aussie Sunset x *Dal's Emperor*



A. Baker's *Oncidinae*
Tohumia White Spot



D. Cannon's *Dendrobium*
Tina's Heart



D. Tung's's
Masdevallia ignea 'Orange
Fantasy'

BENCH COMPETITION - October – 2025

JUDGES VOTE	Cattleya Jonhaena	c	C. Luth
POPULAR VOTE	Cymbidium Floribundum	c	T. Pham
BEST IN SECTION			
Open	Cattleya Jonhaena	c	C. Luth
Intermediate	Cymbidium Floribundum	c	Tu Le
Novice	Dendrobium Greta Snow x Jayden ‘Sheen’ x speciosum Windemere	c	R. Kasman
	Open Section		
Cymbidium Intermediate	1st Doo Wop ‘Ringwood	c	L. Orland
Cymbidium Miniature	1st Dorothy Stockstill ‘Forgotten Fruit’	c	L. Orland
	2nd Tuffet ‘Cathy’	c	L. Orland
	3rd Mad Magic ‘Amber’	c	D. Tung
Masdevallia Hybrid	1st Hacket Creek	c	C. Gunawan
	2nd Rubicon ‘Royal Flush’	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3rd My Copper ‘Best Spotty’	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Dendrobium	1st Nubel	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Paphiopedilum	1st Rosy Dawn	c	C. Gunawan
Paphiopedilum Species	1st hirsuitsmun	c	S. Kappl

Oncidiinae Small	1st Tohumia White Spot	c	A. Baker
Dendrobium Teretes	1st striolata ‘Wotegan’s Yellow’	c	S. Kappl
	2nd falmiforme	c	C. Gunawan
	3rd Schoeminum	c	C. Gunawan
Australian Native - Dendrobium Species	1st plectochilus Kilgra		S. Kappl
	2nd tetragonum		G. & M. Moffat
	3rd linguiforme		C. Gunawan
Australian Native - Dendrobium Hybrid	1st Dend. Tina’s Heart	c	D. Cannon
Australian Native – Sarcochilus Species	1st wenthalii	c	S. Kappl
	2nd olivaceus	c	S. Kappl
	3rd falcatus x self	c	G. & M. Moffat
Australian Native – Sarcochilus Hybrid	1st Nicky’s Twin x Kulnura Exquisite	c	B. Clemson
Laeliinae Intermediate	1st Mini Purple	c	S. Kappl
Laeliinae Small	1st Catt. Orpetti ‘Laine’	c	C. Luth
	2nd Catt. Orpetti ‘Laine’	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Laeliinae Cluster & Novelty	1st Aussie Sunset x Dal’s Emperor	c	J. Foster-Johnson

Any Other Hybrid	1st Vandachostylis ‘Pinky’	c	S. Kappl
	2nd Zygopetalum Unknown	c	C. Gunawan
	3rd Zygopetalum Frankston ‘Chocolate’ x Happy Meadows’	c	L. Orland
Species Any Genera - Other	1st Zygo. crinitum	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2nd mediocalar bifolium	c	S. Kappl
Species Any Genera – The America’s	1st Cattleya jonghaena	c	C. Luth
	2nd Cattleya coccinea ‘Sophie’	c	C. Luth
	3rd Ada Aurantica	c	C. Luth
Species Any Genera - Asia	1st Coelogyne glumaceum	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2nd Dendrobium jenkinsii	c	S. Kappl
	Intermediate		
Minature Cymbidium	1st Floribundum	c	Tu Le
Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid	1st Donovan’s Jessica	c	G. Chivell
	2nd Harold Hirsh x speciosum Daylight Moon	c	G. Chivell
	Novice		
Intermediate Cymbidium	1st Unknown	c	P. & Y Lock
Dendrobium	1st Den. Spring Dream ‘Kumiko’	c	W. Han
Australian Native - Dendrobium	1st kingianum New Bold	c	R Solowiej

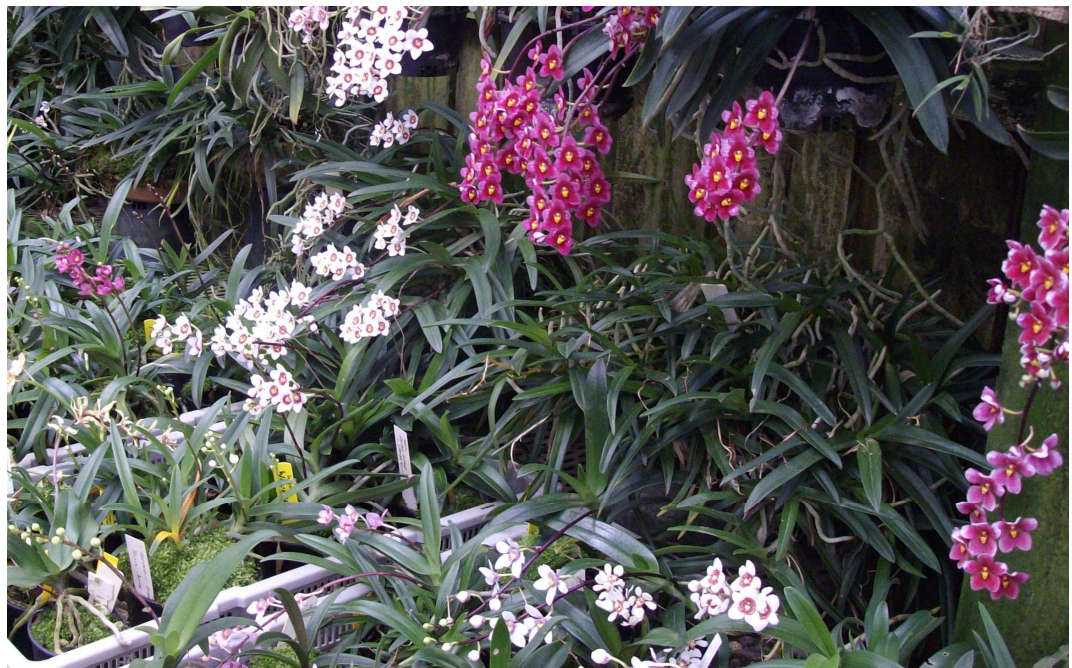
Species			
Australian Native – Dendrobium Hybrid	1st Greta x Jayden ‘Sheen’ x speciosum	c	R. Kasman
	2nd Delicatum ‘White Cloud’	c	R. Kasman
Species Any Genera - Asia	1st Coelogyne flacida	c	R. Kasman
	2nd Cymbidium Floribundum	c	T. Pham
	3rd Cymbidium lowianum	c	R. Kasman
	OPEN		
Seedling Flowering for the First Time	1st Dendrobium Glenthorn Sparkler x Tweed Sparkler	c	D. Canon
	2nd Sarcophilus falcatus ‘Shallow Crossing x George Abel Cassa Blanca	c	G. & M. Moffat

Points tally – 2025

Open	Points
J Foster-Johnson	98
S. Kappl	131
C Luth	64
A. Baker	25
C. Gunawan	48
J. Harnetty	37
B. Clemson	8
D. Wiese	50
G. & M. Moffat	49
L. Orland	49
D. Cannon	12
K. Balogh	6
K. Keily	13

D. Tung	4
Intermediate	
Tu Le	19
G. Chivell	34
R. & H. Coleman	19
Novice	
W. Han	12
T. Pham	7
R. Kasman	16
S. Liu	21
Pauline and Yuen Lock	11
R. Solowiej	9

David Canon's Sarcophilus Orchids





HOW TO GROW SARCOCHILUS ORCHIDS

Most *Sarcocylus* (pronounced Sar-co-kyle-us) orchids are native to Australia; only one species is found overseas. The most widely grown species (*Sarcocylus hartmannii*, *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 *sarcocylus* 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

Sarcocylus are best re-potted 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. *Sarcocylus ceciliae* and some of its hybrids flower a little later, usually during summer. Most *sarcocylus* 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 *Sarcocylus 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

Sarcocylus 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

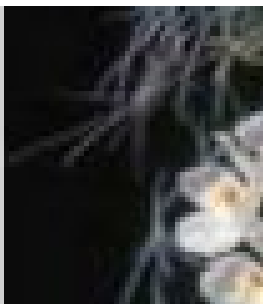
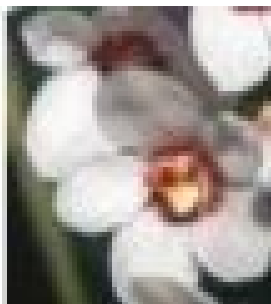
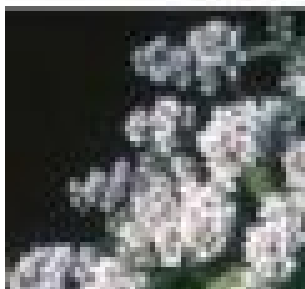
Regular applications of liquid fertilisers at no more than half the concentration recommended

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. *Sarcochilus* 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.



ORCHID SHOWS 2025

Show	Date/Time	Venue
Ringwood / Yarra Valley Orchid Society	Sat 1 Nov 9-4, Sun 2 Nov 9-3	Public Hall, 590 Warburton Highway, Seville
Sale Sarc Show	Sat 8 Nov 9-4, Sun 9 Nov 10-3.30	Sale Showgrounds - McLaughlin Pavilion Corner Princess Highway and Maffra-Sale Road, Sale

LAST THOUGHTS

- Did you hear about the guy who was addicted to the hokey pokey? He turned himself around.
- Why doesn't it hurt if someone throws a can of Coke at your head? Because it's a soft drink.
- Why are libraries so tall? Because they have many stories.
- What happened when two slices of bread went on a date? It was loaf at first sight.

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

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