

## Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group

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**Next Meeting: THURSDAY , 15th November, 2012**

**Life Member:** Mr. J. Riley

**Conservation Officer:** R. Hanman

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**Venue: BIRRAWA HALL**

**FITZPATRICK ROAD,**

**Doors open 7.15pm, benching closes 7.45pm, meeting starts 8pm.**

**Mt. ANNAN.**

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President's Message. Hi to all,

A big thank you to Alan Stephenson for his presentation on West Australian orchids at our last meeting.

Congratulations to Peter Gibson at our Sarc show. Champion Sarcanthinae species, Champion Sarcanthinae Hybrid, Reserve Champion and Grand Champion. Well done Peter, a great result for you.

Champion Any other Orchid to Peter wise and champion Specimen Orchid to Don Roberts.

Congratulations are also due to Ian Lawson who won the Sarc. Growing competition with Terri Madison a very close second.. Well done.

Margaret will have the sales table at the November meeting, the last chance to stock up for the year on your potting requirements.

Ray Clement will be the guest speaker at our meeting, and will be bringing the next lot of growing competition plants which will be distributed at the meeting. Anything you need from Ray, give him a ring and he will bring it to the meeting for you.

This meeting will be our tuber sale night, so bring your spare tubers in, and your money. There are lots of things to be done at this meeting, so don't be late if you want tubers as we will start the sale at 8.00pm precisely.

For catering purposes we need to know how many will be attending our Christmas Party in December, so please advise Margaret of the numbers that will be in attendance.

**Donations for the Christmas Hamper are still needed, so please bring them along in November. Carol is preparing the hamper and they are always good value at our Christmas party.**

A big welcome to Rosy Gomes who joined as a new member at the Sarc. Show.

Wally.

**The November meeting is our tuber sales night, some donated tubers are already in hand but we need any surplus tubers that you can spare to make it a successful night.**

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18<sup>th</sup> October , 2012

- 1. Meeting Opened:** 7:55pm, and the President welcomed members.
- 2. Apologies:** Peter Gibson
- 3. Minutes from Previous Meeting:** As presented to the members in the monthly Newsletter were offered for acceptance.

**Proposed by:**

**Seconded by:**

- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes:** Nil
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** was tabled for the month.

**Proposed by:** Carol Asquith

**Seconded by:** T Cooke

- **Inward Correspondence:** Newsletters from various Societies

**Outward Correspondence:** Newsletters to members and kindred Societies.

### General Business

Alan Stephenson gave an interesting talk re Western Australian trip.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting closed

### Benching Results October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Dendrobium Species	Den Kingianum	W. & M. Southwell
	Den. Canaliculatum	A. & C. Asquith
Dendrobium Hybrid	Nil	
Sarcanthinae Species	Sarc. Olivaceous	R. Morrison
	Sarc hartmannii	J. English
Sarcanthinae Hybrid	S. Weinhart x S. Yvette	G. Steenbeeke
	S. First Light	W. & M. Southwell
Bulbophyllum	B. Brackeatum	T. Cooke
	B. schilleriana	R. Morrison
Aust. Species (Other)	Dock. Schoeninea	W. & M. Southwell
	Dock. Linguiformis	W. & M. Southwell
Terrestrial Pterostylis	Nil	
Caladenia Species	Nil	
Diuris Species	D. Sulphurea	W. & M. Southwell
	D. pardina	W. & M. Southwell
Terrestrial Hybrid	Ptst. Mule	W. & M. Southwell
Terrestrial Other	Microtis unifolia	R. Morrison
	Microtis frutetorum	W. & M. Southwell
Australasian Species	Nil	
Australasian Hybrid	D. Waverly x racemosa	G. Steenbeeke
Seedling First Flowering	S. Yvette x Melody	G. Steenbeeke
	S. Bernice Klan	G. Steenbeeke

Growing Competition 1

Growing Competition 2 (Sarcochilus)

I. Lawson      T. Maddison

**Plant of the night...Diuris sulphurea grown by W. & M. Southwell**

See you at the meeting....GOOD GROWING

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### Results of Sarcochilus Show at Narellan.. 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

GRAND CHAMPION	Sarco. Hartmannii 'Kev'	P. Gibson
RESERVE CHAMPION	Sarco. 'George Colthrup' 'Bill'	P. Gibson
SARCANTHINAE SPECIES	Sarco. Hartmannii 'Kevin'	P. Gibson
SARCANTHINAE HYBRID	Sarco. George Colthrup 'Bill'	P. Gibson
ANY OTHER ORCHID	Den. Our Native	P. Wise
SPECIMEN ORCHID	Sarco. Hartmannii "Sharkies"	D. Roberts
Class 1 Sarc. Hatrmannii	Sarc. Hartmannii 'Kev'	P. Gibson
	Sarc. Hartmannii 'Delight x Red Snow'	P. Dowling
Class 2 Sarc. Fitzgeraldii	Sarc. Fitzgeraldii 'The Clown' x 'Lorraine' I. Lawson	
	Sarc fitzgeraldii	A. Kneipp
Class 3 Sarc Species Other	Sarc. Falcatus	D. Roberts
Class 4 Other Sarc. Species nil	Sarc. Falcatus	D. Roberts

Class 5 Sarc. Hybrid (Pink)	Sarco. Zoe ‘Raspberry’ Sarco. Fizzy Dove	P. Wise P. Dowling
Class 6 Sarc. Hybrid (Red)	Sarc. Heidi Sarc. Magic ‘Betta’	P. Dowling I. Lawson
Class 7 Sarc. Hybrid (white)	Sarc. George Colthrup ‘Bill’ Sarc. George Colthrup ‘ Bill’	P. Gibson P. Gibson
Class 8 Sarc. Hybrid (Yellow)	Sarc. Sarco Dove x Molly Jeanne Sarc. Roberta ‘Corny’	D. Roberts P. Wise
Class 9 Sarc. Hybrid(Any Colour)	Sarc. Lara Misty Spangles x Tin Lin Yara Sarc. Lara ‘Buttercup’	P. Dowling I. Lawson
Class 10 Sarc. First Flower. S’ling	Sarc. Magic ‘Scarloioerch’ Sarc. Magic ‘Redda’	P. Dowling D. Roberts
Class11 Sarcanthinae Hybrid	Rncls. Dorothy Plchls Richard Jost	J. English J. English
Class12 Sarcanthinae First Flowering Seedling	Sarco hartmannii Red Snow x Yellow Snow x etc Sarco. Hasrtmannii Red Snow x Snow Hart	I. Lawson P. Wise
Class 13 Dend. Species	Den. Prenticae	G. Knight
Class 14 Dend Hybrids	Den. Our Native	P. Wise
Class 15 Dockrillia Species	Dock. Nugentii	W. & M. Southwell
Class 16 Dockrillia Hybrid	Nil	
Class 17 Orchid Cym. Other Australian Species	Canaliculatum Cym maddidum	P. Wise P. Wise
Class 18 Other Australian Hybrid Orchid	Nil	
Class 19 Evergreen Terrestrial	Phaius australis Phaius tankervillea	T. Cooke T. Cooke
Class 20 Other Terrestrial Orchid	Diuris mule Microtis unifolia	W. & M. Southwell W. & M. Southwell
Class 21 Australasian species	Nil	
Class 22 Australasian Hybrid	Nil	
Class 24 Hybrid Orchid with Australasian in parentage	Rhin coelestis x Sarco hartmannii Cym. Australian Dream “Midnight Embers”	P. Wise P. Wise

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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Last month I was to produce a report on a field trip undertaken by a few Native orchid people in October last. With apologies, herewith is the report.... Those who have your newsletter by email now will see additional photo’s. On email copies, I do not have to print the colour photo’s and therefore, be costly.

#### **A Field Trip to Bullio**

Attending on the day were Alan Stephenson, Denis Wilson, Ken Coates, Daniel Rajaratnam and his daughter, Payton, Peter and Annabelle Andrews, Christine Fawsett, Grahame Bradburn and myself.

The purpose of the field trip was to locate and identify native orchids in the area. *Pterostylis hamata*, *Hymenochilus bicolor*, *Dendrobium speciosum* (very large clumps mostly in full flower), *Diuris sulphurea*, lots of *Microtis*, only one with flowers starting to open, probably *unifolia*, *Cyrtostylis reniformis*, *Thelymitra*, not yet in flower but probably *ixioidis*, because of spotting on the bud, a great many *Caladenia fuscata* were found on the day, and *Pterostylis curta*.

A day spent tramping around in the bush looking for native orchids in their natural environment is very satisfying and a great day was had by all.

## A SERIES OF EVENTS Alan Stephenson.

Taking a holiday for three weeks only ensured the catch-up period after would be significant and it has been as it's now three weeks since my return and events are only just threatening to return to normal. The first event was a society day at the home of some very special members, Jan and Elaine Wilton. Their home is under the escarpment at Austinmere and covers more than a half acre. Over the many years they have lived since building their home on what was a sloping and rocky site, they have constructed a rain forest in their back yard. Several tones of rocks have been moved, strategically placed and even used to build a back fence the envy of any stonemason. It is no wonder both are as fit as most people 40 years younger.

They have mounted countless orchids on the many trees they have planted and these include *Dendrobium speciosum*, *Den. kingianum*, *Den. ruppianum*, *Den. gracilicaule*, *Den. tetragonum*, *Sarcochilus falcatus*, *Sarco. olivaceus* and a range of *Dockrillias*. Many species were in flower at the time, making photographs a must. A very large rock which is about the size of a truck bonnet is also home to more than 20 seedling *Sarcochilus*, purchased either through ANOS Illawarra or at the numerous orchid events the couple attend.

An early cup of tea began the day followed by the garden walk and more refreshments and socializing after, left all members more than pleased they made the effort to attend. Hospitality was first class and from my perspective it was good to relax with members away from the formality of a meeting. The next day several members also enjoyed a bush walk to the Nattai Valley site we had visited earlier this year. Seven members presented for the day plus the eldest daughter (Payten) of Daniel our Bulletin editor and we were joined by Wally Southwell of ANOS Macarthur. Despite the lack of rain for the preceding two months we managed to find a few species which were new to most of us. Although the very large plant of *Den. speciosum* on a rock above the access road (track) was not new to anyone, it presented a challenge just to get to a safe position where it could be photographed. Five minutes later at the home of Ken and Leonie Coates we first inspected their orchid house after the warm welcome followed by a brief walk through the vegetation surrounding the house and then along the road which eventually leads to the Wollondilly River. Expected plants of *Diuris sulphurea* were found and a *Microtis* species. *Petalochilus fuscatus* (photo on cover), *Pterostylis curta*, *Cyrtostylis reniformis* and *Oligochaetochilus hamatus*, which is the species none of us had previously seen and identification was not possible until Denis Wilson perused his book of Orchids of the ACT. Orchids were scarce on this day and while we never saw 3000 of one species (*D. truncatum*) as per April this year, anytime I find something never seen previously, I consider it a good day. As the location is 1 ½ hour's drive from the meeting place at Robertson, which is almost an hour from Nowra, the outing did not finish too late, although it was a late dinner for me. This property will hopefully be visited again next year if weather conditions are favourable for the Rufa Group species we hope to find.

And finally to the *Sarcochilus* Show which was as colourful as usual but a little down on plant numbers and also attendance for some reason. This can be attributed to the absence of a couple of members (for legitimate reasons) but also to the obvious decision by some plants to dig in their heels and decide to flower after the show. In some cases, well after the show and the general opinion is the length of winter is responsible for their tardiness. However all areas of the show were covered and for once I am pleased the re-potting bench was not the occasionally frantic area it can be. As members will now be aware the Old Courthouse is now our meeting place as well as show venue and as soon as the courthouse volunteers can arrange the repositioning of an old ammunition storage unit, all of our equipment will be within reach and the loading and unloading of trailers can be a thing of the past.

I thank all members who either exhibited plants, assisted with the judging process, provided food, assisted at a sales table or raffle table and aide with setting-up and dismantling of the show in its entirety. Your assistance is what keeps our group viable.

GOOD GROWING!

This is Denis Wilson's site and it includes good photo's of Wally's trip. Enjoy. This is the email I received regarding the venture.

Hi folks

I have uploaded a Picasa Album which is open to anyone to view the photos, to show most of the best plants we saw today.

Mostly Orchids, the very nice Red Passionflower and the unusual pink day-flying Moth which Daniel found and showed me

<https://picasaweb.google.com/113268294402913437731/BullioPhotosSeptember302012>

Thanks to Ken and Leonie for their hospitality and for allowing us to climb around their fabulous hills.

Special mention to Daniel for finding and then showing me the *Cyrtostylis reniformis*, which i had failed to find in Canberra last week

There is a brief Blog entry, which really just serves to link my regular readers to the Picasa Album.

<http://www.peonyden.blogspot.com.au/2012/09/anos-trip-to-bullio.html>

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