



Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group

NOVEMBER 2022

Edited by Tony Asquith mail: aaasquith@bigpond.com. Phone 4625 9874



President: Mr. W. Southwell (Ph. 46818589)

Postal Address:- 20 Colo Street,

Secretary: Mr. R. Morrison

COURIDJAH.

2171

Treasurer: Mrs. C. Asquith (Ph. 46259874)

ext Meeting: 15th NOVEMBER,

2022

Life Members: W. & M. Southwell, A. & C. Asquith & R. Morrison, M. Yabsley.

Conservation Officer: *ANOS Macathur Group disclaims any responsibility for any losses*

which may be attributed to the use or misuse of any materials published in this newsletter

Venue BIRRAWA HALL

Should you wish to pay into our account for your

fees

FITZPATRICK ROAD

BSB 062517 A/C

00909929

Mt. ANNAN.

Doors open 7.00pm, benching closes 7.55pm, meeting starts

8pm

Hi to All

Congratulations to Mike Harrison for plant of the night and popular choice, well done.

A big thank you to Greg for his very good talk on the benched plants.

What a great show at Oran Park Podium, the biggest show yet with a great variety of plants. The quality of plants on display was exceptional with many exhibitors.

Champion winners of the show were:-

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Sarcanthanae species | Mike Harrison |
| Sarcanthanae Hybrid | Tony Costa/Sandra Crosby |
| Sarcanthanae Seedling | Tony Costa/Sandra Crosby |
| Other orchid | Mike Harrison |
| Specimen Orchid | Wendy Estall |

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Reserve Grand Champion | Mike Harrison |
| Grand Champion | Mike Harrison |

Well done to all the exhibitors and workers on the day to make this a great show.

The display and orchid sale at the Bloom Festival at Picton Botanical Gardens was a great success, lots of interest from the public, one new member, but only limited plant sales because of not many plants for sale.

Carol will be accepting donations for the Xmas Hamper at the next meeting and Margaret will be looking for numbers who will be present at the Xmas party.

The January meeting is the tuber sale night, so any spare tubers that members have, will be most welcome.

Good growing

Wally

From Our Secretary Ross

Hi Everyone,

Our November meeting is scheduled for the 15 November at the Birriwa Community Hall, Fitzpatrick Road, Mt Annan. Members and visitors are welcome.

Meeting begins at 8pm - with benching of orchids from 7.15pm

Meeting will occur face to face with ZOOM options available - see details below. If you are going to participate via ZOOM could you please email - macarthuranos@gmail.com to register your ZOOM attendance.

The meeting will include

Members Sales Table - please bring any divisions or available native orchids for sale.

Guest Speaker Presentation by Steven KumDew - "*Mossies, sandflies and Cymbidium canaliculatum*"

Presentation of Late Spring Show Champions (Full Results attached).

Discussion regarding the 2022 Show Schedules and suggested changes (2022 Schedules attached).

Central Coast ANOS Newsletter (attached).

Reminder

Growing Competitions Macarthur ANOS currently has 2 growing competitions started – plants are still available for members

\$10 – *Dendrobium* hybrid

\$5 – *Spiranthes australis*

Camden Council Grant and Orchid Supplies

A reimbursement of \$40 is available to all members on providing a receipt to the Secretary. Most members have provided the receipt and been reimbursed. This reimbursement is available only till March 23.

Xmas Hamper

Donations to the hamper will be accepted at the November meeting. Xmas Hampers will be raffled and winners collect at the December Xmas party.

ZOOM Meeting Details

Topic: Macarthur ANOS November Meeting

Time: Nov 15, 2022 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837863979?pwd=OWpOSFg5dWlTVVBhcEZXS2Y3OWk4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 848 3786 3979

Passcode: 045333

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Ross Morrison, Secretary
Macarthur ANOS Group

Entry Statistics: 10 Exhibitors – 191 orchids – 26/33 Sections

**Entries : Section – 1:17, 2:1, 3:7, 4:2, 5:1, 6:0, 7:0, 8:1, 9:4, 10:6, 11:16, 12:17, 13:31, 14:10, 15:5, 16:14, 17:5, 18:3, 19:6, 20:10, 21:2, 22:8, 23:4, 24:8, 25:1, 26:2,27:0, 28:0, 29:6, 30:2, 31:2, 32:0, 33:0
 RESULTS AS FOLLOWS**

| SECTION | Pos | Plant | Grower |
|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| Epiphyte Species | | | |
| <i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> 'Red Centre' | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> 'Fourex' | Noel Bates |
| 2. <i>Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii</i> | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii</i> 'Lorraine x sibling' | Ian Lawson |
| 3. <i>Sarcochilus</i> 'Classic Shape' | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i> | Michael Harrison |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i> | Michael Harrison |
| 4. <i>Sarcochilus</i> 'Irregular Shape' | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus spatulatus</i> | Michael Harrison |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus olivaceus</i> | Ross Morrison |
| 5. <i>Sarcanthinae</i> species | 1 st | <i>Plectorrhiza beckleri</i> | Michael Harrison |
| 6. <i>Sarcanthinae</i> hybrid | | | |
| 7. <i>Sarcanthinae</i> seedling | | | |
| 8. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Species seedling | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| 9. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid - Heritage | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Melba 'NR' | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Billy x (Norm's #2 x Lyn Wiz) | Noel Bates |
| 10. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid - White | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> x Snowheart | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Heidi 'New Multi x Kulnura Glimmer' | Ian Lawson |
| 11. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid - Yellow | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Madge 'Two' x Kulnura Sanctuary 'Pale Pink' | Ian Lawson |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Galaxy 'Cream2011' x Palma 'Topaz' | Noel Bates |
| 12. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid - Pink | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Kulnura 'Absolute' | Ian Lawson |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Bunyip 'Super Free' | Norm Biffin |
| 13. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid - Red | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Duno Nicky's Twin x Kulnura Vibrance | Ian Lawson |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Ignia | Ian Lawson |
| 14. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Pink/Red Based | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Bunyip x Heidi | Noel Bates |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Zoe x (Heidi x Karen Ann 'Pinwit') | Noel Bates |
| 15. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Whites / Ivory Based | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Heidi x Magic | Noel Bates |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Erin | Ian Lawson |
| 16. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Pink/Red Centre | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Norma 'Kalara' | Noel Bates |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Heidi Nip x Cherie Snow | Noel Bates |
| 17. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Yellow Centre | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Amber x (Sweetheart x Zoe) | Carol & Tony Asquith |

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Coolendell x Cliona | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| 18. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Other Colour | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Pixie Pearls ‘Prolific’ | Ian Lawson |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Orkology Jade | Ross Morrison |
| 19. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Red Seedling | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Heidi x Magic | Noel Bates |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Tineka Ann x (Peter Jackson x Bessie) | Ian Lawson |
| 20. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Pink/White Seedling | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> George Colthup x Peter Jackson | Ian Lawson |

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Sweetheart x Duno Nicky’s Twin | Noel Bates |
| 1. <i>Sarcochilus</i> Hybrid – Other Colour Seedling | 1 st | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Kunama ‘Eureka’ x Duno Nicky’s Twin | Ian Lawson |
| | 2 nd | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Unknown | Ian Lawson |
| 2. Dendrobium species | 1 st | <i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i> | Michael Harrison |
| | 2 nd | <i>Dendrobium lichenastrum</i> | Ross Morrison |
| 3. Dendrobium hybrid | 1 st | Dendrobium Australian Goldrush | Michael Harrison |
| | 2 nd | Dendrobium Elegant Heart | Michael Harrison |
| 4. Dockrillia species | 1 st | <i>Dockrillia nugentii</i> | Michael Harrison |
| | 2 nd | <i>Dockrillia calamiformis</i> | Michael Harrison |
| 5. Dockrillia hybrid | 1 st | Dockrillia Australian Ginger | Michael Harrison |
| 6. Australian species other | 1 st | <i>Bulbophyllum bracteatum</i> | Michael Harrison |
| | 2 nd | <i>Bulbophyllum bowkettiae</i> | Michael Harrison |
| 7. Australian hybrid other | | | |
| 8. Evergreen Terrestrial | | | |
| 9. Other Terrestrial | 1 st | <i>Caladenia latifolia</i> x Spider | Margaret / Wally Southwell |
| | 2 nd | <i>Microtis unifolia</i> | Ross Morrison |
| 10. Australasian species | 1 st | <i>Dendrobium spectabile</i> ‘Dwarf Form’ | Justin Lee |
| | 2 nd | <i>Phaius flavus</i> | Ross Morrison |
| 11. Australasian hybrid | 1 st | Dendrobium Yellow Stars ‘Profusion’ | Justin Lee |
| | 2 nd | <i>Dendrobium finisterre</i> x <i>polysema</i> | MaryAnne Warner |
| 12. Junior | | | |
| 13. Novelty Orchid with Australian Parentage | | | |

| CHAMPIONS | Plant | Grower |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Sarcanthanae</i> Species | <i>Plectorrhiza beckleri</i> | Michael Harrison |
| <i>Sarcanthanae</i> Hybrid | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Melba ‘NR’ | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| <i>Sarcanthanae</i> Seedling | <i>Sarcochilus hartmannii</i> | Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby |
| Other Orchid | <i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i> | Michael Harrison |
| Specimen Orchid | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Royale Red | Wendy Estall |
| Reserve Grand Champion | <i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i> | Michael Harrison |
| Grand Champion | <i>Plectorrhiza beckleri</i> | Michael Harrison |

General Meeting – 17 October 2022 7.50 pm
Minutes of Meeting

The President welcomed everyone to the October meeting and highlighted the upcoming ‘Late Spring Show’.

Attendance: Members: as per sign on book but included Wally and Marg S, Mike M, Ross M, Jim C, Peter B, Robert M, Phil G, Justin L, Kyle H, Marge Y, Chris P, Norm B, Tony C, Sandra C, Ian L, Noel B, Mike Morris, Gordon B, Peter W, Greg S.
Apologies: Graeme M, Mary-Anne W, Jagath D, Julia B, Wendy E, Col L, Carol and Tony A. Visitor: Joy Gouvoussis

Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Moved: Phil Griffiths Seconded: Sandra Crosby Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Newcastle and Central Coast ANOS Newsletter were forwarded to members via email

Treasurer’s Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary reported a closing balance of \$11,713.53.

General Business

- Presentation of a late Spring Show Reserve Champion to Mike Harrison.
- Sales Table items available to all members – Sarcophilus hybrids provided by Ian Lawson.
- Sarcophilus Show Schedules were distributed and emailed to all members.
- Show sales labels / paperwork provided to members.
- Terrestrial Growing Competition distributed to members – Spiranthes australis - \$5 per member.
- Presenter Payments

Motion: Presenters will be offered \$50 to present at Macarthur ANOS meetings.

Moved: Ross Morrison Seconded: Jim Cootes Carried

- The President highlighted the opportunity for Macarthur ANOS to display at the Wollondilly Flora Festival at Picton Botanic Gardens on 30 October from 10-2. Members were asked to support.
- Donations for the Xmas Hampers were requested to be brought to the November meeting.
- Spring Show was our largest in a decade – 177 plants and 15 exhibitors.

Notices of Motion for November Meeting

1) The 2023 Spring Show be held across a Saturday and Sunday.

Moved: Justin Lee

2) The 2023 Spring Show be held a week earlier than the 2022 Show.

Moved: Ross Morrison

Benching Commentary

Greg Steenbecke provided a wonderful and informative benching review:

Dendrobium spectabile – cloud forest orchid from PNG but is a relatively cold grower.

Dendrobium tetragonum – two variations benched – var. *tetragonum*: classic shape, brightly coloured, flowers along cane bracts. Var. *melaleucaphilum*: larger, shoddy shaped flower.

Bulbophyllum bracteatum – high, bright, airy grower.

Sarcochilus falcatus – red chin comes from Dorrigo. Widest range of any orchid in Australia – eastern Vic to Atherton Tableland.

Plectrohizza beckleri – twig epiphyte – helio concentric arrangement.

Dorkrillia calamiformis – labellum differentiates it from *terets* by the way it juts out and doesn't curl up.

Dendrobium Australian Goldrush – excellent hybrid – well spaced raceme and well opened flowers.

Microtis – Greg provided an update on distribution and the confusion associated across this genus which occurs from NZ to Japan.

Raffle Winners: Wally Southwell, Joy Gouvoussis, Sandra Crosby, Noel Bates

Monthly Benching Results

| Benching Class | Place | Plant Name | Owner |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Dendrobium species | 1 | <i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i> | Mike Harrison |
| | 2 | <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> 'Impressed' | Justin Lee |
| Dendrobium hybrid | 1 | Dendrobium x Gracillimum x Yondi 'Pioneer' | Mike Harrison |
| Sarcanthinae species | 1 | <i>Plectrohizza beckleri</i> | Mike Harrison |
| | 2 | <i>Sarcochilus spatulatus</i> | Mike Harrison |
| Sarcanthinae hybrid | 1 | Sarcochilus Kaleidoscope | Norm Biffin |
| | 2 | Sarcochilus Kaleidoscope | Norm Biffin |
| Bulbophyllum species | 1 | <i>Bulbophyllum gadgarrense</i> | Mike Harrison |
| | 2 | <i>Bulbophyllum bracteatum</i> | Mike Harrison |
| Rhizobium species | 1 | <i>Dendrobium nugentii</i> | Mike Harrison |
| | 2 | <i>Dendrobium calamiformis</i> | Mike Harrison |
| Rhizobium hybrid | 1 | Dockrillia Tweetas 'Curly Gold' | Mike Harrison |
| | 2 | <i>Dockrillia striolata</i> x Super Ruffles | Mike Harrison |
| Terrestrial Diuris species | 1 | <i>Diuris sulphurea</i> | Margaret and Wally Southwell |
| | 2 | <i>Diuris sulphurea</i> | Margaret and Wally Southwell |
| Terrestrial hybrid | 1 | Caladenia latifolia x Spider | Margaret and Wally Southwell |
| | 2 | Diuris Earwig | Margaret and Wally Southwell |
| Terrestrial Species other | 1 | <i>Microtis unifolia</i> | Ross Morrison |
| Australasian Species | 1 | <i>Dendrobium spectabile</i> 'Dwarf Form' | Justin Lee |
| Australasian Hybrid | 1 | Dendrobium Yellow Stars 'Profusion' | Justin Lee |
| Seedling | 1 | Dendrobium Australian Goldrush | Mike Harrison |
| | 2 | <i>Dockrillia convulata</i> | Mike Harrison |
| Judge's Choice | | Dendrobium Australian Goldrush | Mike Harrison |
| Popular Choice | | Dendrobium Australian Goldrush | Mike Harrison |

Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm

REJUVENATING ORCHIDS by Alan Hope

Orchid growers often need to attend to an orchid that is old, pot-bound or shows signs of decline. Previous re-potting may have been neglected or the plant, having been recently acquired at an orchid auction, nursery or as a gift, is in poor condition. Damage to the plant by frost, sunburn, insect bites or various rots and fungal attacks may also require remedial action. Signs that an orchid requires attention include weak and straggly growth, moss on the surface of the mix, dieback, rot and poor flowering.

Plants that have overgrown their pots may also need attention. However, first assess whether you wish to keep the plant, as space and resources are scarce and your effort may be better spent on other plants. Typically, friends and relatives may have unknowingly donated diseased plants, more often than not cymbidiums that have belonged to the family for some time. It is probably in the best interests of your collection to discard such family heirlooms. Re-potting requires the complete removal of the old orchid mix and replacement with new mix in a new or sterilized pot of an appropriate size. Any dead portions of plant should be removed with sterilized secateurs and the plant sprayed for pests such as scale. The re-potted plant should also have some long-life fertilizer scratched in around the edge of the pot, and then watered well and placed in a protected area off the ground to re-establish.

Highly valued plants that would be difficult and/or costly to replace present a greater challenge. In many cases only a small part of the plant may survive, perhaps a single pseudobulb, cane or growth. For cymbidiums and other orchids with bulbs, cleaning up the back-bulb and placing it with fresh sphagnum moss in an inflated plastic bag, offers a good chance of new growth being generated. Some genera, such as lycastes, will often produce a new growth only if two or more joined pseudobulbs are used. Orchids with bare canes (e.g. dendrobiums), a creeping growth habit (e.g. bulbophyllums) or ones with no roots (all genera) are best tackled during the growing season (spring-summer-early autumn). The best option is to find a piece of the plant with a leading growth, as this is the most vigorous. However leafless canes, as is the case with many dendrobiums, may be all that is left to work with. If so, the canes can be cleaned and cut into sections containing two or three nodes. Each section should then be placed horizontally on a bed of live sphagnum moss and pinned down with small pieces of bent wire. It may take some time for the nodes to produce new growths.

Orchids with a creeping growth habit, such as bulbophyllums and epidendrums, should be restarted by attachment to a mount. Placing fresh sphagnum moss around (but not under) the growth helps to retain moisture and allows the emerging roots to attach themselves to the mount. Both the growth and surrounding moss should be fastened firmly to the mount with twisty-tie, and the plant then regularly misted, especially during hot, dry weather. Root loss is a serious problem and paphiopedilums are among those orchids that can lose all their roots. I have had best results re-planting these plants in fresh sphagnum moss in a small pot. Secure the plant with a small wooden skewer to avoid movement and place it in a sheltered, shady position to recover. Once again patience is required as it can take many months for some paphiopedilum plants to re-grow roots, if ever!

Finally, how do you rejuvenate plants devastated by rot or fungal attack? The rot may move so quickly that the whole plant is at risk and remedial action is required without delay. The affected section of plant should be removed with a sterilized knife, razor blade or scissors and appropriate fungicidal sprays or sealants then applied to minimize further outbreak.