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**Next Meeting Wednesday December 14th 2022.**

**Lucknow Memorial Hall. 105 Great Alpine Rd Lucknow Victoria 3875**

**No Display plants to be Benched, Christmas Dinner followed by Club Auction, Hall opens 6pm**

**Shop open from 7pm meeting night. No sales after 8pm.**

## Newsletter Sarcophilus Show Report 2022 – Cliff Ireland

What a fantastic effort!

Congratulations to the members of the Bairnsdale and District Orchid Group.

This comment was one I heard in many forms over the weekend and beyond of the sarc show and one that we can truly be proud of. The planning for this event started way back when Covid was a new thing, and we were all learning on how to live with it. Bairnsdale was the first club to hold the more formal interclub challenge after Chris Pegg from the Gippsland Club was looking to pass it on, after hosting at his house over successive years. The first show was held in our clubrooms at the Lucknow Hall back in 2019. We really did have the walls bulging as we squeezed in show benches full of beautiful orchids, a dining area, and a separated area for Guest speakers along with our first show vendor Craig Miles from Orchids of Distinction. Barrita Orchids (Scott Barrie) was our very first major sponsor providing some of his amazing Sarcophilus as prizes.



*Photo of some of the prime movers*

As we got into the depths of despair with Covid running our lives the Sale club could not run the next event for several reasons; acquiring a large enough venue, age and health and certainty around being allowed to run the show with lock downs or the other health restrictions. All the other Gippsland Orchid Clubs were approached but had similar concerns. This then left it up to Bairnsdale to try and keep the momentum up that the first show had created.

Then another lockdown!

Roll onto 2022, with planning, consulting, organising, confirming, updating, and arranging sponsorships under way. The next huddle was presented, Covid had acquired our club hall as a testing site. This meant we had to find another venue for both our Spring show and the Sarcophilus Show. With Dahlsen's preparing to relocate,

this provided opportunity to use part of what was their whitegoods sales area. A large bright area to show off the orchids. Everything in place.

After running one of our best spring shows ever with record numbers through the door, record plants benched, and the best sales bench ever. I think for me the real highlight was picking up close to 20 new members. Praise must go out to those core members who put in every time. Thank you.

Now for a bit of a round up of the Sarc Show 2022.

Again, we saw record numbers of orchids come through the door to put on the best Sarc show ever, possibly in Australia. With over 500 plants on show this put on a spectacular display of colour and perfection in the breeding and cultivation of Sarcochilus. There was a large contingent of judges on hand to work out best in sections, and champions, they also awarded 3 plants for quality.

Congratulations to all the various winners:

Grand Champion Sarcochilus – [Jeanne Dunn](#)

Reserve Champion Sarcochilus – [Sharyn Bolitho](#)

Champion Sarcochilus by a Novice Grower – [Garry Neilson](#)

Champion Sarcochilus Species (species or Hybrid) – [Jeanne Dunn](#)

Champion Sarcochilus Hybrid (Species or Hybrid) – [Sharyn Bolitho](#)

Champion Sarcochilus Specimen – [Jeanne Dunn](#)

Champion Cymbidium (Species or Hybrid) – [Robin Bavinton](#)

Champion Any Other Genera (Species or Hybrid) – [Michael Coker](#)

Champion Seedling (Species or Hybrid) – [Robin Bavinton](#)

Champion Orchid by a Novice Grower – [Kevin & Lyn Bishop](#)

Aggregate – [Daryl Mills](#)



Alec and Kay Brand presenting Jeanne Dunn with the Grand Champion Trophy



Jeanne's winning Sarcochilus



Beautiful deep red Sarc from Garry Neilson's stable



Sharyn Bolitho's Reserve Champion



Michael Coker's Phrag



Robin Bavington's Cymbidium 'Little Beauty'

The show was also supported by what some would call a conference type event with guest presenters giving presentations on topics associated to Sarc's. Broadly speaking, topics covered were: 'What is a Sarcocochilus', 'Breeding', 'Intergenerics' and 'Fertilizing Sarcocochilus'. The presentations were held in a separate area to reduce the noise and other distractions.

Michael Coker has the audience captured with his always engaging presentations.





Also supporting the show was 4 commercial vendors, who were kept busy selling their plants and paraphernalia. Thanks must go out to them for supporting the event through their individual sponsorships, presentations, and advice. Not to forget our own sales table that gave opportunity for all to top up their own benches or orchid houses.



Major Sponsor Scott Barrie and son Josh with their large range of flowering plants and hundreds and hundreds of their tube stock.

Highlight for me was the Dinner held on Saturday night. Keynote speaker was Andrew Bold with his presentation of Flora and Fauna of East Gippsland. The photos he showed were amazing creating excitement amongst the audience with Ooo's and Arrrr's being heard throughout his talk. The dinner provided opportunity for a truly social gathering which was the icing on the cake.

CONGRATULATIONS to the small band of committed workers who made this event what it was, better than the first and building knowledge on how to improve into the future. WELL, DONE!!!

Report by Cliff Ireland (Vice President, Bairnsdale & District Orchid Group)