

border by one-fifth of their length; first and second segments of funiculus equal, third somewhat shorter, apical as long as the two preceding together. Thorax twice as long as broad. Pronotum one and one-half times broader than long, broader in front than behind, slightly depressed above. Mesonotum almost circular, very slightly broader than long, convex and rounded above. Epinotum one and one-fifth times longer than broad; in profile the dorsum and declivity appear as an even arch. Node circular, as broad as long and as broad in front as behind; the stalk in front very short, barely one-third of the length of node; in profile a little higher than long, rounded above, anterior and posterior faces vertical; postpetiole one and one-half times broader than long, broadest at middle. First segment of gaster broader than long, and broader behind than in front. Legs moderately long.

*Female*.—Length, 16–18 mm. (Ergatoid.)

Colour identical with worker. Sculpture slightly coarser. Pilosity similar.

Apart from the greater size and bulk it closely resembles the worker. The scutellum is very small and inconspicuous. The metanotum is indicated by a sharp ridge. There are no traces of wings, but the anterior wing sclerites are indicated.

*Male*.—Length, 13–14 mm.

Black. Antennal scapes and first segment of funiculus, femora of all legs, and anterior tibiae and apical segments of tarsi, red; middle and posterior tibiae brownish.

Mandibles shining, finely punctate. Head finely reticulate, coarser behind, with some large shallow punctures. Pronotum similar. Mesonotum similar in front. Epinotum with coarse reticulations forming faint transverse rugae. Node irregularly rugulose, with a strong longitudinal central carina. Postpetiole and gaster finely and densely punctate.

Hair yellow, erect, long and abundant except on antennae and legs. Pubescence white, very fine, short and adpressed, particularly abundant on gaster.

Head broader than long, broader in front than behind, sides strongly convex, occipital border short and straight. Mandibles short, not raised. Scapes fully twice as long as first segment of funiculus; second segment four times as long as first. Eyes large, feebly convex, placed in front. Ocelli large. Pronotum short, strongly convex. Mesonotum convex in front, flattened behind, mayrian furrows distinct but not strongly impressed; parapsidal furrows sharply defined. Scutellum strongly convex above, twice as broad as long. Epinotum twice as broad as long, strongly convex in all directions. Node slightly broader than long, sides strongly convex. First segment of gaster much broader behind than in front. Legs slender. Genitalia retracted.

*Habitat*.—Victoria, Altona (J. E. Dixon, ♀); T. Greaves, ♀ ♀ ♂; J. Clark, ♀ ♀); Bacchus Marsh and Coburg (C. Oke, ♀ ♀); Broadmeadows (F. P. Spry, ♀).

All the females examined are similar to the worker and apart from their greater size are difficult to detect. Ergatoid females occur with several species of the genus, but winged forms also are known with the majority.