

teriorly and raised posteriorly; underneath is a sharp vertical spine, small.

Gaster long and narrow, the second segment longer than the first, and constricted between.

Wings as in ♀.

Shining. Mandibles striate; head, including clypeus, coarsely reticulate-punctate. Scutum less coarsely so; the Mayrian furrows are marked out by broad transverse shining grooves. Rest of thorax and the node coarsely reticulate-punctate, the declivity of epinotum transversely rugose. First segment of gaster faintly reticulate with a few irregular longitudinal lines, second segment more finely reticulate.

Stipites long and thin, completely encircling the rest of the genitalia.

Victoria, no. 110 (*H. M. Giles*, 1905).

Types W. C. C. coll.

Rhytidoponera (*Chalcoponera*) *metallica*, Sm.,

var. *VARIANS*, NOV.

♂. Length 4.5 mm.

Rather smaller than the smallest ♂ of *metallica*. Head longer and narrower, hardly wider behind than in front, sides feebly convex. Thorax less robust; node of pedicel somewhat more pointed in front. Scapes extend a little more beyond the occiput. The occiput has a feeble carina, broken in the middle, along its upper border.

Sculpture similar, except on gaster, of which the first segment is covered with transverse striæ interspersed with punctures which are larger and more numerous than is usual in the type.

The colour varies from a yellow-brown (palest on thorax), in the majority of specimens, to a metallic green on top of head and thorax and on nearly the whole of gaster. This metallic colour never reaches the depth and brilliance seen in typical specimens of *metallica*, and there is no trace of purple.

Darlington, West Australia (*Clark*, no. 40).

Type in W. C. C. coll.

According to Emery, this var. resembles the var. *cris-
tulata*, For. (which I have not seen), in the shape of the occiput, but the sculpture of the gaster is quite distinct.

Rhytidoponera (*Chalcoponera*) *metallica*, Sm.,

var. *INORNATA*, NOV.

♂. Differs from the preceding in being of a uniform