

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

April
2017

PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby
PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse



AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our Guest Speaker will be Kris Kopicki who will talk on 'Growing Orchids in Hot Climates'.

SUPPER AT MEETINGS: Members are asked to bring a plate of food for supper at our meetings.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: The next class will be before the meeting on 5th April with Vera Bastian, a very successful Cattleya grower. Come along and learn how she does it.

JUDGING: Please have your plants benched by 7.40pm so Judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late due to work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612.

JUDGES ROSTER FOR APRIL:

Open Division:	Judges: John Gay, Vicky Cooper	Recorder: Christine Robertson
First & Second Divisions:	Judges: Noel Oliver, Lesley Gunn	Recorder: Helen McIntosh

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 13th April 2017 at 2.00 pm. Beginners group at 1.30pm, with Phil Steer. Our Guest Speaker will be Kevin Western whose subject will be 'Birds and Bees from the Plants' Perspective'.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 16th April 2017 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Beginners Class 1.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Noel Oliver whose talk will be 'Mounts and Much Much More'.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Be sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

PUBLIC LIABILITY: Under Insurance Guidelines all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name on an Attendance Sheet,

VALE - PETER SPEER

Peter Speer joined the South Coast Orchid Club in the early 1970's. Peter became a judge and judged at our Club for many years. He judged at our shows right up until 2015. In the mid 1970's Peter also took on the role of Vice President.

Peter will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to Val and Family.

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UPCOMING CLUB MEETING DATES

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC
April 2017		
05 Main Meeting	Kris Kopicki	Growing Orchids in Hot Climates
08 Workshop	Anne & Phil Steer	
12 Committee Meeting		
13 Daytime Chapter	Kevin Western	Birds and Bees from the Plants' Perspective
16 Southern Region	Noel Oliver	Mounts and Much Much More
May 2017		
03 Main Meeting	Panel of Growers	Cymbidium Growing
10 Committee Meeting		
11 Daytime Chapter	Graham Zerbe	Video Presentation
19 Southern Region	Geoff Spear	Cymbidiums

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2017

AUTUMN SHOW	Sun 7 May to Sat 13 May	Pasadena Green Shopping Centre
S.A.R.O.C. FAIR	Sat 10 & Sun 11 June	Torrens Parade Ground Hall
WINTER SHOW	Sun 23 July to Sat 29 July	Hallett Cove Shopping Centre, Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale.
SOUTHERN REGION SHOW	Thu 24 Aug to Sun 27 Aug	R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.
SPRING SHOW	Sun 24 Sept to Sat 30 Sept	Seaford Rise Shopping Centre, Commercial Road, Seaford.

YOUR 2017 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Michael Willoughby
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Geoffrey Spear
VICE PRESIDENT:	Donna Meeuwsen
SECRETARY:	Lucy Spear
TREASURER:	Anne Steer
COMMITTEE:	Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Heather Wright, Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig, Don Greig, David Hayhurst

NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS:	
Registrar	Phillip Steer
Editor	Christine Robertson
Web Master	Michael Willoughby
Librarian	Raelene Gardner

THE FIRST WORKSHOP

Date:	Saturday 8th April 2017	
Location:	Anne and Phil Steer's Residence 11 Bluebell Court, Flagstaff Hill	
Time Schedule:	1.15 pm	Participants arrive
	1.30pm sharp	Start of proceedings
Guest Speakers:	1.30pm	Noel Oliver - Back to Basics
	2.00pm	Lesley Gunn - Cattleyas
	2.30pm	Kevin Western - Deflasking
	2.45pm	Geoff Spear - Cymbidiums
	3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
	Geoff's scones and Phil makes a great muffin	
Bookings:	Please book in at the Treasurer's desk at the meeting or Phone Lucy 8381 4420	



AUTUMN SHOW



PASADENA GREEN SHOPPING CENTRE
SUNDAY 7th MAY TO SATURDAY 13th MAY 2017

The Committee needs the assistance of members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Dorothy for swing tickets and selling sheets. **Reminder:** To sell your plants at the Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for 6 months.

JUDGING: Saturday 6th May at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park held in the Basketball Stadium.

Put In Time: 11.30a.m.to 12.45p.m.

Judging: 1.00p.m. Sharp.

After judging the plants are to be taken to Pasadena Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements to take your plants from Hamilton School to Pasadena.

TRADING TABLE SET UP: Saturday 6th May between 3.30p.m. and 5.00p.m. Please Note: **Plants cannot be taken into the Centre before 4.00pm.**

DISPLAY: Your display plants may be taken into Pasadena after 4.00p.m. Please take your plants to Pasadena as soon as possible for us to build a beautiful display. This is an excellent site.

MOST IMPORTANT: The Show Marshall will ring any member if for some reason she feels that any plants may be showing signs of distress.

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

The SAROC Fair will be held in the Drill Hall at the Torrens Parade Grounds, Adelaide.

Dates and Opening Times:

Saturday: 10th June 9.00am to 5.00pm
Sunday: 11th June 10.00am to 4.00 pm

Information on the Fair: The vendors at the fair are also South Australia's leading Orchid Nurseries and garden horticultural specialists who will also give advice/information on all aspects of their products.

Cultural and information sheets will also be available, with experienced orchid growers on hand to give advice, and to answer any questions.

Potting demonstrations on how to divide and re-pot orchids will also be conducted throughout both days of the fair.

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per person includes a complementary cup of tea / coffee.
Sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas and refreshments, will be available on both days.

Parking: Free Parking is available both days within the Parade Grounds, entrance being via the boom gate on Victoria Drive.

Saturday Night Dinner: This will be held in the Drill Hall with the Orchid Displays, and will be catered for by the Texas Bull Machine. Cost of Dinner and Dessert in \$25.00 We have obtained a BYO Licence for drinks for this occasion. A deposit of \$15 .00 per person attending is required by 5th April, and full payment by June meeting. Please book in with the Treasurer. We need to know numbers for catering.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2017 are now due. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00

<u>Rural and Interstate Membership</u>	
Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

Please note that there has been no increase in membership fees for 2017.

LIFE MEMBERS

*** denotes Member who has passed away.**

1978 Dulcie Grave	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick
1978 Leora Harvey	1986 John Nichols	2009 Henk Van Leuveran
1978 L. & H. Poole*	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
1978 Ellie Shaw*	2003 Norman Gitcham	2011 John and Bev Gay
1979 Syd Monkhouse	2005 Merve Steele*	2012 Noel Oliver
1979 Bernie Hanson*	2005 Shirley Steele	2015 Lesley Fenton
1981 Lois Hanson*	Circa Tony and Toshie Deonnio*	2015 Rod McRedmond
1981 John Leader*	2007 Ron and Irene Parish	
1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Murray Boulderstone *	
1985 Bubs Gready *	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

This list is still being compiled.

The following letter has been received regarding assistance at the upcoming SAROC Fair.

SAROC FAIR - HELP NEEDED

We are writing to your Club to extend an invitation to your members to assist the South Australian Orchidaceous Society in the kitchen at the rapidly approaching SAROC Fair. We will need assistance on the Saturday and the Sunday in the Kitchen.

This entails making sandwiches, preparing plates of scones and serving cups of tea and coffee, hot soup, pies and pasties. We will also need people clearing tables and collecting and washing up cups and saucers.

If any members are able to donate scones (we need 80 dozen in total), jam and cream we would be very grateful.

Please advise us of the following:

- Quantity of scones you are donating
- Jam or cream type and quantity
- Availability, preferred day and time

We can be contacted on Phone: Home 08 8390 2212
or Mobile: Garry on 0419 837761

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact us at the above phone numbers

Pauline & Garry Simcock
Convenors

EDITORS NOTE:

Please don't forget that this is your Gazette. If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

You can contact me, Christine Robertson, by:

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Phone: (08) 8536 3948
Mail: PO Box 454 Strathalbyn SA 5255

Christine

South Coast Orchid Club Members at Bunnings B.B.Q. Saturday 11 March 2017

We arrived at 8am to set up the Gazebo, a couple of customers were already waiting. We were ready at 8.30am and the customers waiting came back, happy to have their breakfast. We had a wonderful day, it only rained once for a few moments which caused a little havoc as the guys had to leave their cooking to put up extra cover.

The morning started a little slow, due to the overcast weather but by 11.30am we were surprisingly very busy with hungry customers. By 1pm it slowed down again. At the end of the day the Treasurer and President went inside to count the money, and to our surprise were very happy with the days takings. Thank You to all the members and committee for their hard day's work. A huge thank you to Bunnings for their generosity in making the site available and helping so many clubs etc.



Don, Shirley, Lucy, Michael, Geoff, Heather & Oui
[Photo taken by H Wright 868]

REG SHOOTER TROPHY CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

Geoff Spear presents Reg Shooter Trophy Certificates to:

Left: Oui Ju and Michael Willoughby
for Den. Tyabb 'Young Splendour'

Right: Paul and Donja Hayes
for Den. Hilda Poxon

Congratulations to these Growers on these awards



President's Message



Autumn is a very good time of the year to review our orchids to see the spikes coming or to finish up little jobs that need to be completed. The weather has been kind to us through Summer this year with good growing conditions all-round. Many of my plants are showing spikes, so I'm crossing my fingers for a good year.

The Show season starts with the Autumn Show in early May. It will be at the Pasadena Green Shopping Centre as it was last year. We will need all the flowering plants available to put on a colourful display for the public. Then there is the SAROC Fair on the long weekend in June with the SAROC Dinner to be held amongst the displays this year. Please see Lucy at the meeting to pay your deposit if you are attending. It should be a great event this year, do not miss it. Be sure to check the Gazette for all our Show dates.

Our Guest Presenter this month, Kris Kopicki, will deliver a very thought provoking and interesting segment on his approach to orchid culture. Kris grows species orchids and some of his collection includes species most growers would not attempt to grow in our climate.

On a sad note I must advise of the passing of Peter Speer on 24th February 2017. Peter was a Past Vice President of our Club and until recently judged at our shows. He will be sadly missed. Rest in peace, Peter.

The Southern Regional Judging Panel has held its first session of the year on the 18th March and we wish our student judges well over the course.

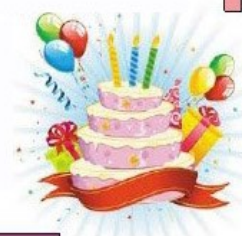
Successful growing and showing

Michael



Happy Birthday

**Paul Hayes, Trevor Stutley,
Rito Silvestri, Max Almond,
John Gosnell, Karen-Anne Ng,
John Beckmann, Judy Crafter,
Chris Heysen, Coral Tillmanns**



Is your name in the Birthday Book ?? Please see - Heather Wright

NOTICE BOARD

SILENT AUCTION

The beautiful painting by our Patron Syd Monkhouse, shown below, is going to be auctioned. This will be a Silent Auction. You should place your bids in writing to Geoff Spear at the Main Meetings or to Shirley Greig at Southern Region Meetings. Bids will be accepted until 3rd July and the winner will be announced at the Birthday Meeting on 5th July 2017.



SUPPERS AT MEETINGS

Members are asked to bring a plate (of food) for supper at our meetings.

VIRUS TEST KITS

The Club has the opportunity to purchase Virus Test Kits for sale to its members. These have a long life and cost \$6.00 each. Please contact Geoff Spear for more information or to place an order.



FOR SALE

The Club has Steel Bollards For Sale. There are 5 sets as pictured. The price is \$200. If you are interested please contact Lucy Spear at meetings or phone 8381 4420

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE



1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Obtain Plant Sheets and Plant Price Tags from Lucy or Dorothy in the weeks prior to the Sale.
3. Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt from the pots. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure any old advertising and price stickers are all cleaned off.
4. Check all stakes and add more if necessary and re-tie.
5. Remove old brown husks from bulbs and remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
6. Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
7. Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not overdo the milk by adding extra as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will then yellow off and die.
8. Water all plants 2-3 days before, not on the morning that you are bringing them in. This water really makes a mess on our clothes, tablecloths and the floor.
9. The **SALES SHEET** is a carbonless duplicated sheet, so both sheets are to be used together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page. The original and duplicated sheets must be lodged with plants.
 - Print your name in the top left hand corner of the page
 - Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
 - Rule a narrow column down the left side of the page. This column is for the plant number 1—30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets i.e. 31-60 for page 2, etc.
 - On the right hand side you need a column a bit wider for the selling price of the plant. Be reasonable with the pricing, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or you don't. Take into account the number of spikes and condition of the plant. If you are not sure of pricing, ask someone.
 - The centre section is for the description e.g. Cym, Den, Cat, etc. and the name and colour of your plant e.g. *Cym*. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).
10. Next write your **PRICE TAGS**. It's a good idea to do both sides of the tag.
 - Your member number goes on the left hand side
 - The plant number on the right hand side. Circle the plant number.
 - Write your price under these numbers.

Make sure that the tag on the plant matches the information on your sales sheet . These plant price tags need to be checked off on your sheet by another person when you bring you plants in. You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list. If there is a discrepancy, it needs to be attended to. Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off. If you need a copy for yourself, take a third copy. However in most cases you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope these notes help you. Lucy and Dorothy are always around to assist you further if needed, so just ask for help should you need it.

Dorothy

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated.
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of the judges is final and binding and no objections or discussions regarding results will be considered, with one exception, which is an infringement by an Exhibitor of any of the Club's Rules, By-Laws or Show Rules. Any objection in this case must be lodged with the Club Show Marshall/Secretary.
5. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant or blooms exhibited.
6. The Club reserves the right to photograph any of the exhibits if it should so wish.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display for the show week.
14. All exhibits must be benched by the nominated time on the nominated day for Judging. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
15. Exhibits must not be removed before nominated time on the nominated day at the end of the Display week. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.



GARARD—WESTERN HYBRIDISING TROPHY

Members attention is drawn to these trophies which are awarded each year to members who breed and exhibit the best seedling using parents owned by themselves or another member. The sheet illustrated below was developed in 2008 when the trophies were first established. This would be a very worthwhile trophy to aspire to.



Come On All Members
Have a Go !!

For The New Club Trophy



The Garard—Western Hybridising Cups.



These trophies will start this year (2008) and will be awarded at the end of the year to the person/s who exhibits the best seedling bred by a **member**, using parent plants owned by themselves or another **member**.

There are two Cups (Trophies), one for the supplier of the pollen, and one for the grower of the pod parent. So these can either go to the same member, if you supply both, or two different members in the case where the pollen is supplied by another member.

MOST IMPORTANTLY BOTH POLLEN SUPPLIER AND GROWER MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB.

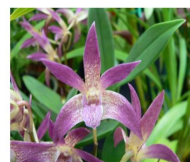


When exhibiting in this class a green ribbon is to be used to alert the judges that your plant is to be judged in this category. Each monthly winning plant will be photographed and at the end of the year the monthly photos will be judged to determine the overall winner of these beautiful cups.



Get Your tooth picks working!!

It's going to be fun, and who knows you may even be the hybridiser of the next Grand Champion of the Club



March Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

847	Sarco. Velvet	Kevin Western (155)	3
848	Sarco. Cindy	Kevin Western (155)	2
849	Sarco. Belmont Rose	Kevin Western (155)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

844	Sarco. hirticalcar	Kevin Western (155)	3
845	Sarco. hirticalcar	Kevin Western (155)	2
846	Sarco. eriochilus	Kevin Western (155)	1

Laeliinae - Cluster

855	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Dorothy'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
856	Psh. brassavolae 'Polly'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

857	[C. Cherry Bee X C.(Ken Dream x walkeriana)]	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
858	Rlc. Stippled Sunset	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Laeliinae - Species

859	Epi. duffusum	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

850	C. Mini Purple 'Dendi'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
851	Rlc. Caricia en Paraiso	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

852	C. Elusive Dream	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
853	C. Mini Surprise 'Merri Gum'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
854	C. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	1

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

870	Trt. Nathakhun	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

869	Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkien'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

861	Ctsm. Jessie Ang	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
864	Ctsm. (tigrinum x fimbriatum)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

862	B. nodosa	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
863	Phal. fasciata	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

865	Paph. leucochilum 'Mouliache'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
866	Trt. Nathakhun	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
867	Zga. Freestyle Meadows x Prom. Crawshayana	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	1

Paphiopedilum - Species

871	Paph. leucochilum 'Mouliache'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

868	Psh. brassavolae 'Polly'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

860	Zga. Freestyle Meadows X Prom. Crawshayana	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

873	Epi. Pacific Sizzle	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
874	Catt. Valentine Day 'Chloe'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

875	C. (elegans x Interglossa)	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

876	Psh. cochleata	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

872	C. Dendi's Song 'Life ' N More'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

877	Onc. Sunny Daze 'Hilo Bay'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Oncidiinae - Species

878	Brassavola cucullata	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

880	Gastrochilus retrocallus	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

879	Paph. (Holdenii x Western Sky)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Second Division**Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Species**

840	Cym. Little Beauty	Heather Wright (868)	3
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Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

841	Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

837	Ctt. Valentine Day	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

838	Psh. cochleata	Heather Wright (868)	3
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839	Psh. cochleata	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

836	Blc. Unknown	Vera Bastian (978)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

842	Onc. Sharry Baby	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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843	Onc. Cocoa 'Cesar'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
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PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MARCH

The members were treated to a really nice display of flowers across all 3 divisions with Open Division having 25 plants, First Division 9 plants and a pleasing 8 plants in Second Division. Open Division showed a very diverse range of plants, with a really nice display of Cattleyas.

**Orchid of the Night and
Orchid of Second Division***Blc. Unknown*

The plant chosen by the Judges was a Cattleya, *Blc Unknown*, grown by Vera Bastian. John Gay gave a glowing commentary on this plant grown in a 6" pot in fine pine bark & perlite. Four beautiful white flowers with red accents were growing on one raceme. The flowers presented well and were fresh & clean. The dorsal sepal was upright with minimal refaxing of the petals. A very well grown plant that had great appeal. Congratulations Vera. (Stop hiding those lovely plants from us!)



PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MARCH cont.

Orchid of First Division

Epidendrum Pacific Sizzle Grown by Donja and Paul Hayes

The plant of First Division was grown by Paul & Donja Hayes and was *Epidendrum* Pacific Sizzle. The plant had one raceme with an excellent head of flowers, well presented red with a gold centre. The plant was in excellent condition and was growing in a 4" pot with the foliage free from spotting. A well grown plant. Well done Paul & Donja.



Orchid of Open Division

Catasetum Jessie Ang Grown by Richard and Beryl Wilson

The plant of Open Division for which Noel Oliver gave the commentary was *Catasetum* Jessie Ang grown by Richard & Beryl Wilson. The plant was an attractive yellow with a uniform spike of flowers. Whilst we don't see many *Catasetums* on the show bench they are becoming more & more popular. These plants have a distinct wet & dry season and they lose their leaves when dormant over the cooler months. A very well grown plant that had great appeal. Congratulations Richard & Beryl.



Thank you to our Judges, Recorders & Pencillers.!

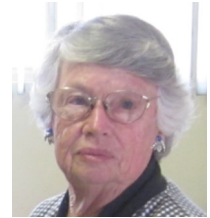
Good Growing!

Phil Steer Registrar

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to you all and I'm sure we are all looking forward with great anticipation to having a marvellous flowering season with all genera flowering to their full potential. If you put in the effort and time all is well (hopefully) wishing you all heaps of flowers, it certainly puts a smile on your face seeing them in bloom.



Our meeting today was great. Our Guest Speaker was Malcolm Manglesdorf, very ably assisted by his daughter Katherine. Malcolm was one of our Past Presidents. His talk was very interesting ranging from his orchids, roses, other housing appliances, his experiences in shows around the country, his overseas trips trying to get his orchid flowers into the American market, all varied experiences, some good and some not so good, then moving into his home at Seaford Meadows years ago and trying to save the shade houses that were nearly demolished in a storm, with no other houses around at the time for protection. He also worked in a bakehouse: so many varied jobs were taken on. Thank you both for sharing your afternoon with us; very entertaining, Well done.

Apologies today from Karen and Sylvester Ng, we hope to see you both again soon. Our Display Table was a bit down on plants as it is still a bit early in the season, yet what we did have were quality plants. Thanks for bringing them in to share with us all. George Abell's *Zygopetalum* Pine Road 'Jay Dee' was voted Best in Display: this plant was well grown and displayed, Congratulations George. All of the other plants polled well, it was a very close contest.

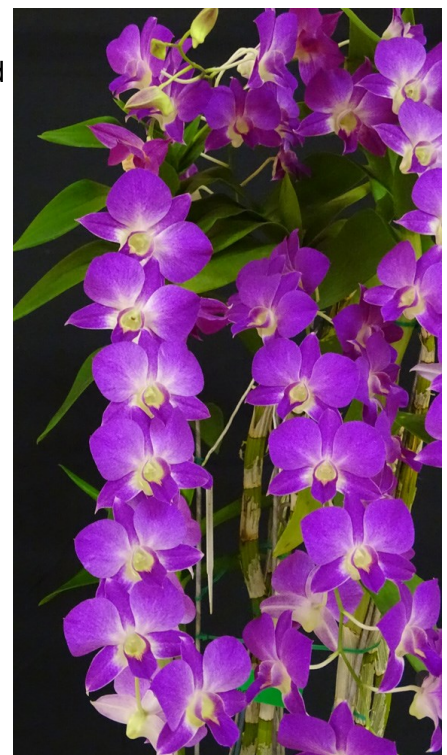
**George and Patty Abell with
their plant that won the
Popular Vote of the Afternoon**



Peter and Geraldine Flavel were presented with their trophy for winning the Popular Vote of Orchid of the Year at our night meeting. The winning monthly plants for the 2016 were voted on by all members and Peter and Geraldine's plant gained the most votes. The plant was a lovely specimen size plant, *Dendrobium* Impact, a plant with many spikes of lavender/ purple/ mauve flowers. Congratulations to you both, Well done.



**Geoff Spear presenting trophy to Peter and Geraldine Flavel
for Popular Vote 2016 for *Dendrobium* Impact (to the right)**



Our newest member at the Daytime Chapter was welcomed into group today. Lesley Sheehan was presented with her name badge, by-laws, plant and member number by Geoff Spear. Thanks Geoff and a big welcome to Lesley. Hope you enjoy your time with us all, we're all approachable. Lovely to have your company (and sausage rolls), Good one.

The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance. Next meeting will be Thursday 13th April when our Guest Speaker will be Kevin Western, a great presenter, down to earth, very knowledgeable and approachable as well, talking on "Birds and Bees from the Plants' Perspective". This should be very interesting.



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Dorothy

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SOUTHERN REGION MEETING
SUNDAY 19th MARCH 2017

Geoff Spear, Senior Vice President, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 31 Members, Visitor Andrew Craig, and Jane Higgs, our Guest Speaker and her husband Don. John Gay was thanked for his very interesting Beginners Group. Geoff also thanked Carrickalinga House for the extra room they have allowed us for the Beginners' Group. It makes a big difference, now everyone can hear. Geoff told members of the coming events, and stressed that the upcoming Workshop will be a great success with members from all parts of the Club attending.

Apologies: Reg and Elsie Clifford, Chris and Lyn Heysen, and Don Greig.

Birthday Draw: Ruth Tugwell

Door Prize: Graham Walters

Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs gave one of the best talks we have heard recently. It was a very interesting and informative presentation on Terrestrial Orchids with some magnificent photographs. These little beauties are so often ignored. A lot of questions were asked. Thank you Jane for introducing members to the fascinating world of the Australian Terrestrial Orchids.

Popular Vote
 C. Dendis Double
 Grown By Eileen Pinnock



Judges: Noel Oliver, Graham Zerbe. Thank you Graham and Noel for Judging and Noel for an excellent plant commentary. Thank you also to the computer ladies Bev Gay and Sue Zerbe, for a job well done.

Presentation: Graham Zerbe presented Sid James with a framed photograph commemorating his Winning of the 2016 Second Division Trophy. This trophy is presented annually by Sue and Graham Zerbe.

Forthcoming Event: 28th May 2017

Val and Ken Phillips have invited us to visit their home for a plant house visit. We will have morning tea at Val and Ken's, then we will go over to Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club meeting. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Murray Bridge have a special day once a year when Riverland Orchid Society visits them and they have an interstate speaker. Southern Region are invited. What a great day. Please book in at next meeting.

Next Meeting: Sunday 16 April 2017 when our Guest Speaker will be Noel Oliver speaking on "Mounts and Much Much More".



SRG March Results List

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Points Awarded

First Division

Laeliinae—Cluster

813	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Chloe'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

814	C. Dendis Double	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
815	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Arts'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	2

Laeliinae - Species

816	E. clolare	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

817	cyrtocidium Kolibri 'Magenta'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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Oncidiinae - Species

818	Ornithophora radicans	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

808	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Sid James (170)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

806	C. Penny Kuroda	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

807	Epi. elongatum	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

809	Alcra. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'	Sid James (170)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

810	Phal. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
811	Phal. Unknown	Joan McMahon (778)	2
812	Phal. Unknown	Steven Davey (903)	1



**Orchid of the Day and
Orchid of First Division**

Ornithophora radicans
Grown by Ruth Tugwell



Orchid of Second Division

Aliceara Tahoma Glacier 'Green'
Grown By Sid James

TERRESTRIAL ORCHID CULTURE

Light

Terrestrials can be grown under 50% shade cloth when they are in active growth, however, they need solid protection if in a frost prone area. When they are dormant over summer, they need more shade. This is for *Pterostylis* or greenhoods, *Corybas* prefer more shade and *Diuris* like a little more light when they are growing. They all need good air movement.

Watering

The soil should be kept moist at all times during their growing period – Autumn, Winter & Spring, water gently. When the leaves start to yellow, reduce water until the leaves are completely gone and allow the pots to dry out. While dormant the pots should be allowed to dry out between very light waterings or misting until the end of February.

Feeding

Terrestrials are very susceptible to burning from fertiliser and don't need a great deal of fertiliser, so all that is needed is very dilute liquid foliar fertiliser or a very small pinch of blood and bone sprinkled on the top of the pot, when plants are in their early growth stage

Re-potting and Potting Mix

It is best to re-pot *Pterostylis* or greenhoods and *Corybas* every year, *Diuris* can be left for two years. When the pots are dormant, usually December and January, tip them out onto a sheet of newspaper and carefully separate the tubers (they look like small whitish peas). Keep half the old soil and mix this with a mixture of 50% general commercial potting mix and 50% washed sand and a pinch of blood and bone. Fill a 125mm or 150mm pot to within 3-5 cms from the top and place the tubers around the pot. Top with mix and press down. Cover the top of the pot with a fine layer of either chopped sheoak needles or chopped pine needles to stop the wet soil from causing the leaves to rot. Water in well but gently.

Mark the number of tubers and the date on the back of the label so that you can see the increase or decrease in tubers when you re-pot.

Jane Higgs

Orchid Culture Notes for April

Autumn is still a growth time in the orchid house except unlike Spring where many of our plants are commencing growth we are now at maturity for many. The days still remain warm and the humidity increases but the colder evenings remind us that Winter is not far away. Many of our plants will mature this month, some in readiness for flowering in the next month or so and others that will go into a rest phase until the lengthening days of Spring stir them into action. An important factor for these flowering and resting plants is a general reduction in water and increase in light. This means we remove additional shading provided to combat the fierce Summer sun, raise our plants off the ground and provide cover to keep out the cold Winter rain.

Some orchids can handle exposure to winter rain without too much trouble with the humble *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* not requiring much protection from the elements of winter unless they are in spike when some supplementary cover would be advantageous. However, there are some orchids which will certainly struggle, if not die when confronted with single digit minimums and wet roots over Winter. Many of our *Cattleyas*, *Oncidiums* and even the hot/cold *Dendrobiums* have a distinct dislike of these conditions and whilst they will not kill the plant, it will turn their roots into a brown/green soggy mess. Come Spring the poor old plant has to start all over again and direct energies to grow new roots at the expense of the new growth. This is a common cause of that orchid you grow that gets smaller every year.

Most of our **Terrestrials** will be up and away this month and even the first *Pterostylis* from the Caluline group will be in flower. Increase watering gradually and pull out small weeds as they appear. Make sure toppings remain in place and watch out for any erosion of the pots caused by rain dripping from above.

Native **Dendrobiums** will all start to show signs of Spring flowers as the flowering nodes split open later this month. If you have a few hot/cold hybrids then you, like me, will be looking at the first early flowers already. I love the hot/cold hybrids. The flowers are larger, certainly more colourful and best of all they last a long time compared to the Spring natives. Treat like your normal native epiphytes except keep a bit drier over winter and hang them when they get to flowering size and you will have good success. Watering in April can still be weekly for your Australian native epiphytes and keep feeding them as well. I do give them some liquid potash this time of year as well as some liquid dolomite to sweeten the mix. Given some of my natives spend a long time in their pots, after a while the mixes break down and become acidic and the dolomite helps neutralise this acidity.

When **feeding your orchids**, water first and then a little later on the same day or the next you can fertilize. Feeding a dry plant is not usually recommended as the fertilizer can damage roots. Keep an eye out for aphids and looped caterpillars this month. There are still plenty of plants in new growth and the tender new leaves are great bug tucker. These same leaves are susceptible to fungal problems from now as well. Warmth and increasing humidity are key factors in the development of fungal problems this month. A precautionary fungicide treatment about now and a morning watering plan as opposed to late afternoon will keep these problems to a minimum.

April should see those with a few **Zygopetalums** in their collections looking at a forest of spikes emerging from new growths. Don't let them dry out, keep protected with a fungicide now and follow the morning watering ritual. Throw a few snail pellets in each pot as well. Feeding wise should be one that is high potash based. This has two benefits, improves the flower colour but also aids in the strengthening of the plant leaves cell walls which in turn gives more protection against fungal attack which will become more prevalent once the rains start.

I let my **Oncidiums** tell me what they are up to. If they have green tips then they still require moisture and feeding. Some will seal off later this month as they enter their resting stage and these will be kept drier. I find the varicosum type, those ones with the big yellow skirts follow this trend and will suffer root loss if kept wet over winter. Knowing the plants origins are a distinct advantage. Oncidiums for example can grow in deserts, humid jungles or high up in the mountains. That's a huge variance in temperature, humidity, light and even seasonal factors. This means you cannot keep all Oncidiums dry over Winter. Sure that applies to some but not all. This is where some reading up of the species involved is required to work out how they need to be cultivated.

This year our Autumn flowering **Laeliinae** group have been earlier than normal, possibly spurred on by a cooler than normal January plus that week of rain and humidity. Once flowering has finished they will appreciate a rest but for now keep moist and fed with a potash based feed. Some even sprout new roots now to absorb some moisture and nutrition prior to dormancy. If this is the case keep watering. If the roots seal then start reducing it. Spring flowering plants will be in active growth heading towards maturity as well. These usually require protection over Winter and slightly warmer temperatures to perform well. Feeding would still be along the lines of high potassium. Again, the plants roots are a giveaway as to what the plant requires. Green or red tips indicate they are growing, sealed tips mean they are resting or a slug got you!

Steve Howard



ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA **General Meeting Times**

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. Beginners Class starts at 7.15p.m., meeting at 8.00p.m.

THE DAYTIME CHAPTER: meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00p.m.

THE SOUTHERN REGION: meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Daytime Group: meets from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 2nd Friday of the month.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB: meets at 1.45pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge on the 4th Sunday of the month.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY: meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 7.30p.m. at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

THE CYMBIDIUM CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets at 7.30p.m. at Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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