



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

November 2019

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 8.00 pm at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our Guest Speakers will be Kevin Western and Patty Abell talking on 'How to grow your *Sarcochilus*'. They will present photographs of George Abell's great *Sarcochilus* that he has grown over the years. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE** for Supper.

LEARNER'S GROUP: The next class will be 6th November 2019 at 7.30pm.

November is our **Sarcochilus** feature evening with the George and Patty Abell Perpetual Trophy being competed for. Bring all your flowering *Sarcochilus* to put on a wonderful display.

The regular monthly competition is being held as usual so don't overlook your other flowering orchids.

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.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Andrew Dean speaking on his recent trip to Gallipoli.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 17th November 2019 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs speaking on Western Australian Wildflowers. Learners Group will be taken by John Gay.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Make 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.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
24 November and 26 January



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1985 Bubs Gready *

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Circa Tony and Toshy Deon-
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2007 Ron and Irene Parish
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2012 Noel Oliver *
2015 Lesley Fenton
2015 Rod McRedmond
2018 Kevin Western
This list is still being
compiled.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2020 are soon to be due. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2020. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$38.00
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President's Message

November is our *Sarcochilus* feature evening with the George and Patty Abell Perpetual Trophy competed for. Who will take it out for 2019? (Will it be a Kevin again?). Bring in all your flowering Sarcos to make a lovely display.

To complement this we have Kevin Western and Patty Abell talking to us on George abell's Sarcs. I'm sure this will be an entertaining and not to mention interesting insight on *Sarcochilus*. The regular monthly competition is as usual so don't overlook your other flowering orchids.

As we approach the warmer months, nasties such as Red Spider mite (I hear wettable sulphur can be used to control them) will take full advantage of the drier weather so be on the lookout. For those who do not particularly like to use chemicals in the garden an alternative control of Spider Mites is biological control with predatory mites, these love to feed on the spider mites and can if the conditions are right colonise in your collection keeping the nasties under control. As well do not forget the other pests such as Mealy bug and Scale that love our precious plants.

Saturday 26th October saw the Southern Region Group Workshop for 2019 held. It was attended by members from the Southern Region and Main groups. Excellent information and hints were shared by all. My thanks to all who made this workshop work as it did. Well done.

It is the time to be thinking about who will be running your Club in 2020! Would you like to be part of the organising Committee? There is always room for energetic people, and you learn a lot about orchids at the same time.

Successful growing and showing

Michael Willoughby



Happy Birthday

**LESLEY FENTON, TRAVOR GARARD,
BILL JAYNE, CHRISTINE ROBERTSON,
DON HIGGS, JOHN SORRELL,
GENNY HUXTABLE, JULIE DAVIDGE**



Is your name in the Birthday Book ??



ORCHID CALENDAR 2019/20

MAIN GROUP **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Wednesday 4th December 2019
Details are on page 4 of this Gazette.

SOUTHERN REGION **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Sunday 8th December at the Hotel Victor, The Esplanade
Overlooking the Sea.

JANUARY BBQ

Wednesday 15th January 2020
BBQ. Bring along your orchids. Tonight you are the judges.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday 4th December 2019

As in previous years, the main course will be catered for by

TEXAS BULL MACHINE.

Christmas Dinner will commence at 6.30pm sharp with Main Meeting at 8.00pm.
The Club will provide nibbles and cans of drink. You may BYO wine, spirits and beer.
Members who would like to attend should let Anne know as soon as possible so we
can organize the catering. Cost \$28.00 per head.

NOTE: Payment will be required prior to the December Meeting. There will be **NO**
payments accepted on the Night. You may pay the Treasurer at the Main Meeting, or
pay directly to the Club's bank account, using your grower's number as reference.

Bank Details: South Coast Orchid Club

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DELUXE SMORGASBORD MEAL

WHOLE BAKED SNAPPER

S.A. PRAWNS

CHAMPAGNE LEG HAM

ROAST TURKEY

SALAMI, CABANA AND METTWURST

SAUCES, ROLLS AND BUTTER

DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

Disposable plates, real cutlery, Christmas serviettes.

Please bring a gift to receive a gift.

Something you would like to receive yourself.

Father Christmas has been invited.

Our Patron Coralie Hills has been invited.

Thank You



BUNNING BBQ FUND RAISER

On Sunday 20th October a small number of Club members ran a very successful and profitable BBQ at Bunnings.

Thank you to all who helped, especially the new members.

A Special Thank You to Geoff Spear for his tireless work on cooking the sausages.

END OF YEAR BUSINESS

TROPHIES AND LIBRARY BOOKS:

Please return all trophies to the Secretary at the November meeting or as soon as possible.

Please return all library books to Raelene before the December meeting for our annual stock take.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE:

At the close of the December meeting we need nomination forms filled in by members nominating other members for Committee positions. See page 20 of this gazette for nomination forms or pick some up from Lucy at the meeting. Most positions to be vacated can be re-nominated.

CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB IN 2020?

November is the time to think about becoming a Committee member. The following Committee positions will become vacant in 2020: 1 Committee member.

Committee members are expected to be committed to the South Coast Orchid Club by assisting the Club to continually grow and to promote orchids. The responsibilities that the Committee members are required to assist with are:

- Being available for the main meeting 1st Wednesday of the month and Committee meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.00 – 10.30pm.
- Remaining after the main meeting to help clean up the hall and kitchen.
- Helping at our Shows by manning the trading table between 7am and 9pm. A responsible person must be in charge at all times during shopping hours e.g. Lucy,
- Assisting in transporting trestles etc. on Friday prior to Show to Shopping Centre.
- After judging on the Saturday of the Show, assisting with transporting props and plants to Show location.
- Assisting with putting in and taking out of the Show.
- Having a knowledge of orchids and a rapport with people so that the public can be helped when purchasing from the trading table.

If you are interested in becoming a Committee member or can assist in any way please ring Lucy on 8381 4420.

Visit to the Higgs Property



On Sunday the 13th October, 40 club members visited Jane and Don's property at Myponga. They were able to enjoy viewing the extensive garden and orchid houses. Jane, as always, sharing her knowledge of orchid growing on the many species she grows. We all want to come and have our morning coffee in her flowering house! An amazing display of orchids and ferns.

The BBQ was enjoyed by all.

Jane shared the interesting fact that in 1971 the Myponga Pop Festival took place on their property. List of Rock Legends from Australia and Overseas who have stayed in their house is amazing!

Thankyou Jane and Don for your hospitality.

Photos Christine Robertson





Growing Sarcocylus by George Abell

Welcome to the wonderful world of Sarcocylus (pronounced SAR-KOK-I-LUS) as per Hawkes "Encyclopedia of Cultivated Orchids". If you can't remember that just call them Sars. These wonderful Australian Native Orchids have come a long way since the first hybrid was registered in 1963 by Ira Butler. It was of course, the crossing of Hartmannii and Fitzgeraldii registered as Fitzhart there have been many crossings done since – gradually becoming more complex. I say gradually because as they become more complex they also become less viable either as pod or pollen parents. To date there have only been 201 Hybrids registered which is a very small number compared to the multi thousands of hybrid registrations of some of the other cultivated species.

However progress has been made and we now have a variety of colours and markings ranging from various shades of yellow, green, pink, orange, and purple through to solid red. The solid reds are still extremely rare. The markings also vary greatly with different sizes of spots, blotches, stripes, plus the shadings of the centers and edges. The centers are also of various colours from the small to covering 80% of the flower. The size of the flowers have also progressed from the normal 10 cent size to some being considerably larger than a 50 cent piece.

One of the more remarkable things about Sarcocylus is that each growth continues to extend and flower year after year with the result that you can have many spikes in a relatively small pot. I rarely grow beyond a 125mm (5") squat pot with my best result ever in that size pot being 42 spikes – in a full 125mm squat pot 20 spikes is quite common. I said that a growth keeps on growing and flowering but myself I only allow them to flower 3 years or at most 4 years. For me they become too leggy and unattractive so I break them up. Incidentally when I break up, it is always into single growths- experience has taught me that this is certainly the best way to go. Most of them flower the next year.

Although growing Sarcocylus it is in its infancy in South Australia it is very popular in the eastern states. Warren Thomas and I go to the native orchid shows in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria in October/November every second year and just to Victoria in the alternate years. To illustrate their popularity just imagine if you can the Sydney Native Orchid Society Show in early November where they judge Sarcocylus in it different categories. The Maribyrnong Orchid society have their show during the second weekend in November and can have up to 900 Sarcocylus on display. A truly magnificent sight. What amazed us more is that they have thirty or forty people lined up a half an hour before the show starts. Warren and I got there at that time thinking we would be first in line. Fat chance! They are there early so they can have first pick of the Sarcocylus on the Trading Table, and we now know that is the same every year. This gives you some idea of the popularity in the eastern states.

Perhaps before going into my method of growing I should mention that I grow them quite differently from the accepted method and certainly differently to all the interstate growers I have visited, and probably differently to the South Australian growers as well.

There are there main differences in my culture and I will cover them one at a time.



1. **Sunlight** – in the eastern states they grow them in dark conditions to emulate they say their conditions in nature. They are hybrids we grow today and I personally am trying to grow them in a lot better than they grow in their natural habitat. I



have been to shade houses in the eastern states where conditions are so dark that you have to stop just inside the door for your eyes to adjust. The plants in these conditions have one thing in common – the growths lay down and the leave turn upwards. I think this is an indication that they need more light. I grow mine in strong light using sandstone (cream) shade cloth with the shade house positioned so that it gets full sun from sunrise to sunset, they love it!

2. **Potting mix** – the general mix used is 15mm to 20mm bark, which I think is too dry for plants with an epiphytic type root system. I therefore set out to produce a mix that would retain moisture without getting wet. I made up several mixes using varying proportions of coco peat, 6mm pine bark, marble chips and madenwell and then settled on the one that produced the best results. I will continue to use this ad infinitum, as you would expect of me I measure each ingredient exactly.
3. **Fertiliser** - other growers use either very little fertilizer or none at all. This is to be expected with plants being grown in dark conditions. I am a very heavy feeder – my axiom is if you want to grow plant well you need to have plenty of light and give them plenty of fertilizer. My main fertilizing is by a slow release fertilizer I call magic beads. They are designed to make plants grow and flower and will not burn the roots no matter how much you put on I also foliar feed daily. You can certainly grow them successfully without this but I think I grow them better with it. I use a hills pump spray with blossom booster at full strength from April to September and Peters Orchid Special again at full strength from October to March. I also add 1 eyedropper drop of eziroot (a root stimulant) per Litre it takes about ten minutes to spray 2000 Sarcs.

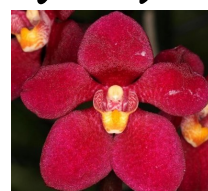
I have no difficulty breaking up *Sarcochilus* without them going backwards because the root systems are so good and with my method of growing the leaves are very thick and retain a lot of moisture which is very important because they do not have a pseudo bulb. As mentioned before I like to break up into single growths and pot into 80mm (approx 3”) pots. The potting mix I use is on the dry side and I only foliar feed for the first six to eight weeks with an extra foliar spray or six if the weather is warm. This spray takes about 30 seconds for the whole shade house. From this you will realize that nearly all of my watering is by overhead misting. I do however flush the pots monthly or fortnightly when it becomes hot.

I have been growing orchids of several genera for about 35 years and have never been interested in showing them. However I am genuinely interested in helping people grow their orchids better. So if you need help particularly with you Sarcs I will be only too happy to give you that help.

To demonstrate that my method of breaking up works I brought a few plants that were broken up into single growths in November 2003, all are in spike and have multiple growths coming away. One of them has already had 11 spikes over the last four years and has another three spikes this year. The perfect example showing how each growth keeps flowering year after year.



George Abell



October Results List

Ref. No.



Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

2335	Sarco.[Fiery Glow x (George Colthup x Starhart)]	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
2336	Plectochilus Kilgra	Kevin Western (155)	2
2337	Sarco. Autumn 'Sunshine'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

2332	Sarco. falcatus 'Dingo Tops'	Kevin Western (155)	3
2333	Sarco. falcatus 'Dingo Tops'	Kevin Western (155)	2
2334	Sarco. falcatus 'Dingo Tops'	Kevin Western (155)	1

Australian Native Terrestrial - Hybrid

2340	Diuris Earwig	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

2338	Diuris amplissima	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
2339	Calda. latifolia	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

2346	Cym. (Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Earhart)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

2345	Cym. (Willunga Royal x Regal Fire)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

2344	Cym. Lowio-grandiflorum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

2367	Cym. (Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Earhart)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
2368	Cym. Langleyense	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

2341	Psh. Sunburst	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

2342	Dinema polybulbon	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
2343	C. coccinea 'Lil Ripper'	Kevin Western (155)	2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

2369	Onc. Guann Shin Coffee	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

2377	Masd. Rein Touch 'Coralta'	Kevin Western (155)	3
2378	Lmc. Yasaka	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
2379	Angraecum Veitchii	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

2380	Den. nobile	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
2381	Chysis bractescens	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
2382	Satyrium ovorum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

2383	Cym. (Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Earhart)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
2384	Sarco. Autumn 'Sunshine'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
2385	Paph (Golddollar x malipoense)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

2370	Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
2371	Paph. (Mario Palmieri x Jazz)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
2372	Paph. Quercitron 'Bacon & Eggs'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Paphiopedilum - Species

2373	Paph. malipoense	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
2374	Paph. bellatulum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Specimen Species or Hybrid

2386	Den. nobile	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

2375	Fsh. Mellow x Pbt. Zodiac	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
2376	Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'	Peter Flavel (487)	2

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

2327	Den. Gillian Leaney	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
2328	Den. X delicatum 'Apple Blossum'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
2329	Den. Specio-kingianum 'Belle'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

2324	Den. kingianum	George Misirlis (1125)	3
2325	Den. linguiforme	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
2326	Den. kingianum ('Corrigan's Red' x 'Red Gum')	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	1

October Results List cont..

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
	Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour		
2323	Cym. Kimberley Flash 'Tee Pee'	George Misirlis (1125)	3
	Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green		
2322	Cym. Lowio-grandiflorum	George Misirlis (1125)	3
	Laeliinae - Species		
2330	Din. polybulbon	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
	Specimen Species or Hybrid		
2331	Den. kingianum	George Misirlis (1125)	3

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

2349	Den. (Doug's Spots x Grumpy)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
2350	Den. Unknown	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
2351	Den. Unknown	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

2347	Den. striolatum	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
2348	Den. aqualis	Beth Stronach (836)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

2359	Cym. Valley Champion 'Superstar'	Adrian Bockmann (278)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

2358	Cym. (Amber Dawn x Lunar Bullion)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

2357	Cym. Regal Princess 'Caitlin'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

2361	Cym. Tommy 'Amy'	Coral Tillmanns & Trevor Kenny (212)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

2353	Rth. Momilani Rainbow x C. Bijou D'or	Craig Dicker (680)	3
2354	L. (Icarus x Gold Star) x Lc. Trick or Treat	Coral Tillmanns & Trevor Kenny (212)	2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

2355	C. Louise Georgianna	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
2356	C. Brazillian Star 'Soft Rock'	Vera Bastian (978)	2

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

2352	C. Lim Theng Hin	Craig Humfrey (268)	3
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Oncidiinae - Species

2360	Onc. excavatum	Jim Fogarasi (150)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

2365	Maxillaria porphyrostele	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

2362	Paph. Rosy Dawn	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Species

2363	Paph. insigne	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

2366	Den. striolatum	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

2364	Z. Titanic 'Monarch'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS - PLANT NAMES

After you have displayed your plants at the meetings or at one of our Shows, you should check the results lists for your plants. You need to check the names of your plants.

At present there is a lot of reclassification of orchids into different genera with current studies of DNA for relationships. Many crosses are also being registered.

PLANT COMMENTARY FOR OCTOBER

Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was an outstanding *Den. striolatum* beautifully grown by Helen McIntosh. It was a real test for the Judges with quite a contest across this division. This was a lovely specimen plant evenly growing in almost a ball. The tiny cream and white flowers were evenly distributed all over the plant which was displayed on a tall timber stand.

This species is found in North-East Tasmania and up the east coast from east of Melbourne to the Hunter Valley in NSW. This species is particularly popular with Australian Native growers and a well grown plant always rewards with a nice display. They like dappled light to bright indirect light conditions. *Den. striolatum* has been awarded on 39 occasions and has been used in 116 progeny.

Congratulations Helen.



**Orchid of the Night
Orchid of Second Division**
Den. striolatum
Grown by Helen McIntosh
Photos Neil Cooper



Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by George Misirlis and was a Lovely Cymbidium, *Cym. Kimberley Splash 'Teepee'*. Whilst it was first bred in 2002 from *Cym. Khan Flame* x *Cym. Valley Splash* it is still a lovely attractive flower.

The plant was carrying one inflorescence with 10 flowers evenly distributed with all being fully out. They all were of a good shape and similar size, making the splash petals and colouring attractive. George grows this in a shade house with 60% covering and north facing.

Well done George.



Orchid of First Division
*Cym. Kimberley Splash
'Teepee'*
Grown by George Misirlis
Photos Neil Cooper

PLANT COMMENTARY FOR OCTOBER Cont...

Orchid of Open Division

The plant of Open Division was Paph Choubvetii 'Van Dyke' grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. A beautifully grown plant with 6 flowers. The flowers were truly beautiful with their glossy wax like appearance. This plant impresses every year and is very worthy winner.

This crossing was first registered in 1899 and is a combination of 3 species, *Paph. insignis* (50%) *Paph. hirsutissimum* (25%) and *Paph. villosum* (25%). These species are generally found in North East India and across into Burma at altitudes ranging from 700 to 1500m.

Congratulations Michael and Oui.



Orchid of Open Division
Paph. Choubvetii 'Van Dyke'
 Grown by Michael Willoughby &
 Oui Ju
 Photos Neil Cooper



Seedling of the Night
Cym. (Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Earhart)
 Grown By Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
 Photos by Neil Cooper

A **BIG** Thank you to our Judges, Associates, Typists and helpers for their support and efforts!
 Good Growing and keep looking for that potential winner!

Phil Steer Registrar



DAYTIME CHAPTER Thursday 10th October 2019



Hi Everybody

26 Members attended. Guest Speaker was Kevin Trevan. Patty and George Abell had gone through some of George's tapes, *Sarcochilus* of course, and found one of his favourites to show at the meeting. Kevin Trevan gave a very interesting talk on how he grows his *Sarcochilus*. I am sure a lot of information was gained from his talk.

Rowan Crowhurst sat at the computer and showed the *Sarcochilus* photos and gave out a lot of information. A lot of interest was taken. The afternoon really did George proud.

Rowan gave the Plant Commentary. Coral Tillsmann won the Popular Vote with her beautiful *Cattlianthe*.

Please forgive me, Barbara and Max are on holidays and they left me to do this write up. And I forgot to take down notes.

Lucy

Photos Andrew Dean



Kevin Trevan is thanked by Geoff Spear for his interesting talk on *Sarcochilus*



Geoff Spear congratulates Coral Tillsmann for winning the Popular Vote with her *Cattlianthe*



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 20th October 2019

Acting Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the meeting at 2.05pm welcoming 31 members and guests present. Special welcome to Bob Clayton's brother Allan (a member of OCSA), to Ashley Terbogt (from Queensland) and to potential new members Violet and John Dunning, Dolly McGrath, and Christine and Leigh Blackett. Chris also welcomed guest speaker, Steve Howard. Many thanks to John Gay for once again conducting the Learners Class.

Apologies: Geoff Spear, Joan McMahon, Peter & Julie Davidge, Andrew Craig.

Chris reminded members about the Christmas Lunch – at the Hotel Victor on Sunday 8th December. Geoff has booked for 35 but numbers have to be confirmed with the hotel so please see Lucy to ensure you are registered for this great social event.

New Member: Chris presented a name badge, new member's kit and plant to new member Joan Edwards.

Lucky Name Badge: Reg and Elsie Clifford

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker for the day was Steve Howard. Steve has done a lot for SCOCSA over many years, as a regular guest speaker and in providing the monthly cultural notes for the Newsletter, as well as his willingness to provide information to growers both novice and experienced. In recognition of this he has been awarded Honorary Member status by the Club – and Chris presented him with his membership pack and name badge on behalf of the Club. Steve's talk about Phalaenopsis culture in the home – especially how to care for store bought plants which are often in less than perfect condition when you get them – was a wealth of excellent information that even the most experienced growers would have learned a lot from – I know that I did. Many thanks Steve for this great talk.

Southern Region Workshop: The workshop is fast approaching – next Saturday 26th October – with a great line-up of presenters, including our club President, Michael Willoughby, Phil Steer, John Gay and Steve Howard. Topics will range from Deflasking to mounting to Australian Dendrobiums to Catasetums and Laeliniae – so there will be information for everyone and a great social time with the BBQ lunch. Please bring a plate – salad or dessert.



Chris Heysen

December or January Meeting? The sub-committee has suggested that the usual December meeting is so close to Christmas that many people are reluctant to attend and instead has suggested that we have a January meeting. The date would be January 19th. There wouldn't be any formal judging as the judges are on leave in January but we could simply have a People's Choice award and a more relaxed social meeting.

Judging: was carried out by Graham Zerbe, John Gay and Associate Judge, Christine Robertson, with Margaret Yelland, Lyn Heysen, Bev Gay and Sue Zerbe undertaking the data entry and printing of certificates.

- **Plant of the Day, Plant of First Division :**
Phal. Sweet Talk Grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen
- **Plant of Second Division :**
Phal. Unknown 'Karen' Grown by Genny & Dudley Huxtable
- **Popular Vote:**
C. (Icarus X Gold Star) X
Ctt. Trick or Treat Grown by Ruth Tugwell

Next Meeting:

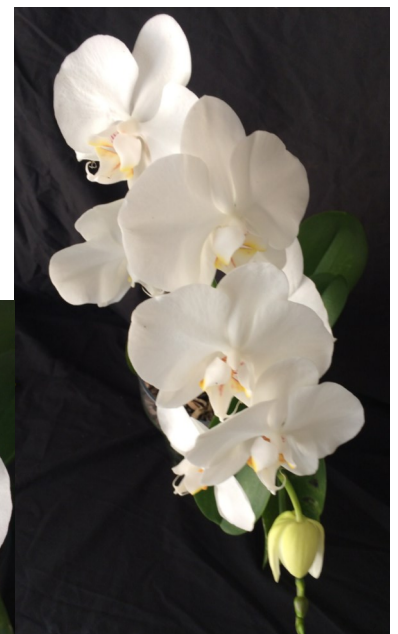
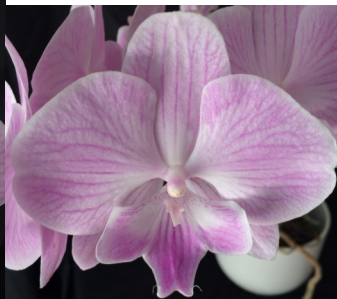
Sunday 17th November at 2.00 pm. Learners' Group 1.15 pm with John Gay.
Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs

Orchid of First Division & Plant of the Day

Phal. Sweet Talk

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen

Photos Christine Robertson



Orchid of Second Division

Phal. Unknown 'Karen'

Grown By Genny & Dudley Huxtable

Photos Christine Robertson



Southern Region October Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1777	Sarco. (falcatus x Val)	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
1778	Sarco. Patricia Abell 'Personality'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	2

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

1776	Den. linguiforme 'Wayne'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

1786	Cym. Valya Craig 'Simonetta'	Sid James (170)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

1787	Cym. (Vivacious x Stargard)	Sid James (170)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

1785	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

1782	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

1783	Cym. Heinjus	Sid James (170)	3
1784	Cym. Pure Bisque	Sid James (170)	2

Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

1791	Cym. Spark Sprite 'Sparkey'	Sid James (170)	3
1792	Cym. Coonawarra 'Ron'	Sid James (170)	2

Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

1788	Cym. Idyllic Glamour 'Paradisia'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
1789	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruit'	Sid James (170)	2
1790	Cym. Heartbreak Doctor 'Lips of Wine'	Sid James (170)	1

Laeliinae - Cluster

1779	C. (Icarus x Gold Star) x Ctt. Trick or Treat	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
1781	Bsn. Sunny Delight	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
1780	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1795	Phal. Sweet Talk	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
1796	Den. (Jaquelyn Concert x Uniwai Royale)	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
1797	Phal. Tinny Honey	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	1

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

1793	Paph. Chouvetii	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
1794	Paph. Leeanum	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1747	Den. X delicatum	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
1748	Sarco. Sundaani's Moonlight	Sue Ruxton (919)	2
1749	Den. X delicatum	Gary Clark (224)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

1746	Den. speciosum	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

1762	Cym. (Valley Olympic x Tango)	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

1759	Cym. Unknown	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

1760	Cym. Unknown	Lesley & Mike Milicevic (254)	3
1761	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Peach'	Helen Humphrys (445)	2

Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

1756	Cym. Valley Splash 'Aurora'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
1757	Cym. (Atlantic Crossing x Eight Carat)	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	2
1758	Cym. Valley Splash 'Awesome'	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	1

Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

1751	Cym. Valley Vampire 'Blood'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
1752	Cym. Hazel McCabe 'Pink Cloud'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	2

Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

1753	Cym. (Allumination x Lunakira)	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
1754	Cym. (Kelly's Winter x Choc Valley)	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	2
1755	Cym. (Valley Zenith x Valley Oracle)	Helen Humphrys (445)	1

Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

1768	Cym. Mary Green 'Valley Falls'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown			
1763	Cym. Doo Wop	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
1764	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruit'	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green			
1765	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Vapour'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
1766	Cym. Tommy 'Amy'	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
1767	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Bob Clayton (143)	1
Laeliinae - Non Standard			
1750	Bc. Yellow Bird	Gary Clark (224)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
1771	Onc. Space Mine 'Red Rendevous'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm			
1769	Milt. Unknown	Gary Clark (224)	3
1770	Onc. Pacific Heat	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere – Species			
1774	Den. anosmum 'Alva'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
1773	Phal. Unknown 'Karen'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
1775	Den. Fairy Flake	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
1772	Z. (Kiwi Auckland x crinitum)	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3



Popular Vote
 C. (Icarus x Gold Mine) x
 Ctt. Trick or Treat
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WORKSHOP SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 26TH OCTOBER 2019

The Executive Committee would like to thank all members responsible for organising the Workshop at the Southern Region Group. We have been to many Workshops but none could compete with the effort put in today. The knowledge given out, flow of meeting, BBQ, Kitchen, all went smoothly, great salads and cakes.

Speakers were:

Michael Willoughby and Phil Steer on deflasking and pollinating;

Phil Steer on Mounts;

John Gay on Dendrobiums; and

Steve Howard on Catasetums and Laeliinae.

Thank you to all speakers. Thank you to Steve for donation of plants and for sharing so much he has learnt over the years, with the Wonderful World of Orchids.

Photo Michael Willoughby

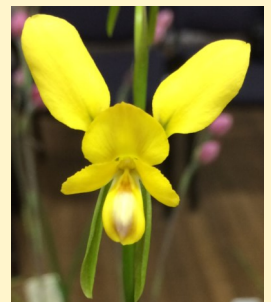


PLANTS OF MONTH - *Diuris orientis* and *Diuris amplissima*

Diuris species occasionally are displayed at Club Meetings. *Diuris* known as Donkey or Double Tail Orchids are an Australian terrestrial genus with close to 100 species. They produce only a few grass like leaves. Blooms are generally yellow with other colours browns, purples, and reds.

Diuris orientis (top photo displayed last year) is a medium sized cool to cold growing species found in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and South Australia. It occurs in grassy eucalypt and heath forests at elevations of sea level to 300m. It blooms in late Winter /Spring on erect 45cm stems with one to five flowers 5cm wide. It has recently been awarded in Germany.

A specimen of *Diuris amplissima* (bottom photo) (displayed at last main meeting) is a medium to large sized cool growing species found in Western Australia. It occurs in moist grassy areas in wandoo woodlands and Karri forests at elevations of 30 to 350m. It blooms in Spring on erect 40 - 90 cm stems with three to seven flowers per inflorescence. Flower size is 3-4.5 cm. It has recently been awarded by the American Orchid Society.





Orchid Culture Notes for November

November is the start of the dry months, temperatures are generally warm with the odd hot day but heatwaves are uncommon. Light levels are reaching their maximum intensity towards month end and humidity levels decrease. Plants as a rule are in rapid growth phase. It is also the time to take great care in protecting these vital new growths as without these there will be fewer flowers. Damage to these growths comes from many different quarters. Insect damage to soft chewable growths is common with caterpillars and aphids high on the most wanted list. Water lodging in the growths will rot leaves and take out the developing flower nodes in some varieties. Thrips abound in the dryness that November offers. These tiny sap sucking insects will retard a new growth the same as they damage flowers. *Sarcochilus* are prone to attack and November is a prime month. Distorted flowers and browning of the edges are signs of thrip.

Fertiliser will also burn out these growths and the burn marks leave the plant open to fungal infection as well as being unsightly. A couple of stray slow release fertiliser pellets will do this. Then of course with the repotting and division that takes up a lot of time at this time of the year it is the common factor of human error that will knock off a growth.

Some growths get caught up in sheaths as they grow and must be helped along a bit and others come out looking like one of those brown wrinkly dogs. This is called accordion pleating and is usually a sign of dryness. Once this occurs it cannot be reversed. If one of your growths start growing at a weird angle they will require some training to get them growing upright and this also assists in keeping the plant neat and improves the flowering display.

Inspect those plants that suffered heat damage last year as I feel this year with the dry starting so much earlier we are heading for another extreme Summer. These plants should be grouped together if possible so they can be moved if the weather turns very hot. No point leaving them where they burnt last year. As a last effort you may need to bring them inside or somewhere cool. It's a small chore but worth it for your plants sake.

Division of most plants should be completed by now and our main focus now is on providing our plants with the assistance they need during this rapid growth phase. Feeding should be mostly high nitrogen for the *Oncidiums*, *Cattleyas*, *Zygopetalums*, *Cymbidiums* and *Paphiopedilums*. Native orchids still preferring low nitrogen feeds to avoid sappy, fungal prone poor flowering canes. Always water plants prior to feeding, adhering to the golden rule of never feeding a dry orchid. Try to give plants a good flush weekly as well and if possible use rainwater. Soluble fertilisers contain salts and when the water evaporates it leaves these salts behind. Too much can be harmful to the roots and consequently the plant. Check the surface of the mix or the drain holes of your pots. That white stuff is salt!

Not every plant in a collection will receive the same amount of water. Some will be covered by another plants leaves and receive very little. Feel the weight of a few pots and if they are light due to missing out on water, move them so they don't miss out. Dry thirsty plants won't flower well and will soon be attacked by every mite and scale you have in the shade house.



My watering ritual is a good drenching late afternoon but with enough left in the day so most plants are dry overnight. I will do a light misting first thing in the morning when I do my daily inspection. Mounted epiphytes may get an extra watering during the day if very hot. Remember some pots will dry out faster than others, as will some mixes. Placement will also be a factor with hanging plants drying out at a much faster rate. The rule here is not to water every plant the same amount every day. What might be enough for one will flood the other one. This is particularly important when growing a large number of different genera.

Foliar feeding is also recommended during the growth season. This is particularly important to mounted plants. I tend to balance my feeding with organic and inorganic fertiliser and tend to be weaker in the feeding strength than those in pots. Many of these plants are species orchids and as such are a little more sensitive. When foliar feeding, don't forget the undersides of leaves as this is where their stomata are (breathing pores). Fertiliser is absorbed via these pores. That's one reason why we water first. The plants when watered open up these pores.

After flowering we find our terrestrial orchids will be drying out. Watering will be reduced to an occasional mist to keep the mix just slightly moist. It will soon be time to start thinking about repotting them but I leave that until January. Any later and they are usually on the move again and I do not want to damage any developing shoots.

On the subject of avoiding damage, if you have to divide a Cattleya or an Oncidium, now is a great time to do it. The new growths will be well under way and should be showing new roots. When divided now these roots will continue to grow into the mix and feed the plant without too much setback unless your division was too small. If you leave it too late these roots will grow too long and will most likely be damaged in the process. If damaged then they won't feed the plant as well and it will suffer. So much so flowering could be a non-event for this season.

That will do for November. It is hard to believe another year is nearing the end!



Steve Howard

SCOCA COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATION FORM

Please use this form to nominate new committee members.

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Nominee Accepted

Please complete and hand to Secretary "Lucy Spear."

Nominations must be received by the close of the December Cultural Meeting

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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