

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

May
2017

PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby
PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse



AT A GLANCE

ATTENTION MEMBERS: The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club to be held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 will be held at **HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH HALL, RAMSAY AVENUE, SEACOMBE GARDENS**. Please enter from Mulga Avenue. This is a one way street to find the Car Park. Geoff Spear will be giving a potting demonstration. **Lucky Square Prize:** 7inch pot Tom Burian Seedling. **NOTE: This is a change of venue for this month only.**

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 9th June. There will be no beginner's meeting in May.

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 MAY:

Open Division:	Judges: Lesley Gunn, Vicky Cooper	Recorder: Oui Ju
First & Second Divisions:	Judges: Noel Oliver, John Gay	Recorder: Beth Stronach

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 11th May 2017 at 2.00 pm. Beginners Group at 1.30pm, with Geoff Spear. Our Guest Speaker will be Graham Zerbe, Graham has a wonderful program designed for new members, also a great refresher course. Come along and meet your new co-ordinator, Coral Tillmans. Whilst Coral is new to this position, she has held many Club Positions including secretary.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 21st May 2017 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Beginners Class 1.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Geoff Spear whose subject will be Cymbidiums.

NEW MEMBERS: Sue and Laurie Carter. The Committee and members welcome you to the Club and hope you will have a very rewarding time with our Club.

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,

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UPCOMING CLUB MEETING DATES

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC
May 2017		
03 Main Meeting	Panel of Growers	Cymbidium Growing
10 Committee Meeting		
11 Daytime Chapter	Graham Zerbe	Video Presentation
21 Southern Region	Geoff Spear	Cymbidiums
June 2017		
07 Main Meeting	Steve Stebbings	Species Orchids
08 Daytime Chapter	Vicky Cooper	Surprise
14 Committee Meeting		
18 Southern Region	John Gay	Terrestrial Orchids

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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GAZETTES:

May 28 and June 25

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

President's Message



Our most important issue this month is the Autumn Show (Pasadena Green Shopping Centre) put in on Saturday 6th May. The Autumn orchids are flowering at the moment, but there are not so many flowering as there will be later in the season. So please have one last look and bring that extra one along for judging, and putting in the display. Many of the people from the Senior Citizens' Complex over the road from Pasadena get so much pleasure from seeing our display. This year we are situated in front of the Florist's Shop. Please remember if you are a new grower or first time showing and need help, ring Lucy on 8381 4420 or 0409 642 352.

Once again the Bunning's BBQ was a great success, raising funds for our Orchid Club. Thank you to all members who helped make it a great day.

We are experiencing a very dry and warm start to Autumn. It is most important to keep the water up, as many genera are still in growth stage and building up reserves for their rest and flowering later in the year. It is always prudent to place snail bait on your pots to ward off the little critters, also place a stake by your flowering spike to protect it from being damaged as it grows. Fertilize your orchids weekly, (weak solution of fertilizer) and make sure they are all protected from the elements as they still need fresh air around them.

On Saturday 8th April Phil & Anne Steer welcomed 33 members, many from the Southern Region, to their home for the first SCOCSA workshop of 2017. Noel Oliver, Lesley Gunn, Kevin Western & Geoff Spear showed a varied program ranging from mounted orchids, repotting Laeliinae orchids, staking of plants for showing and deflasking orchids (these plants went home with members). After the program had finished all present enjoyed afternoon tea and conversation with each other and a look at Phil & Anne's plants. A very big thank you to Phil & Anne for being wonderful hosts.

Please be mindful that our next main meeting (Wed May 3rd) will be at a different location, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Ramsay Avenue, Seacombe Gardens. Directions on how to arrive at the hall will be included in this Gazette.

Successful growing and showing

Michael



Happy Birthday

**GEOFF SPEAR,
HELEN HUMPHRIES**



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



FIRST WORKSHOP FOR 2017 at Phil and Anne Steer's Orchid Residence

Saturday 28th turned out to be a great day with weather around 28 degrees. Thirty three members attended the workshop. It was wonderful to see members from the 3 sections of our Club all together, including 11 from Southern Region Group and 3 from Daytime Chapter.

Noel Oliver, Lesley Gunn, Geoff Spear, Michael Willoughby and Kevin Western all gave up their valuable time to come along and pass on information they had learnt over the years.

Phil and Anne Steer showed members around their orchids. I am sure Phil's preference is Australian Orchids. Thank you Phil and Anne for finding time in your busy lifestyles to organize such a great day.

Thank you to Speakers and Committee for the great input into this day especially the yummy afternoon tea.

NOTE: If anyone else would like to host a Workshop please see or phone Lucy on 8381 4420 or 0409 642 352



RETIREMENT OF DOROTHY CARASSAI



Dorothy Carassai has resigned from the Committee of the South Coast Orchid Club in mid March. Her husband John has not been well for some time and both Dorothy and John need a well earned rest.

Dorothy joined SCOCSPA in 2001 and went almost straight away on the committee. In 2011 she was appointed as a Life Member and John as an Honorary Member. Dorothy has worked very hard for the Club, as has John. Every meeting night John would help to set up the Hall for the meeting. Dorothy has done sterling work as Co-ordinator of the Daytime Chapter, with the refreshments at meetings, greeting new members and making them feel welcome, and helping Lucy with tasks too numerous to mention. Dorothy has always been there at the Shows, ours as well as SAROC Fair, etc, and functions such as the Bunnings BBQ. Dorothy has been Lucy's right hand woman within the Club.

Thank you Dorothy for your bright, happy personality, making us all feel loved and wanted. We all hope to see you at the meetings soon.



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.

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

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.

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.

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Christine

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 Lucy for swing tickets and selling sheets. **Reminder:** To sell your plants at the Show you must be a financial member and you must have owned your plant for 6 months before you can show it..

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.

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

Rural and Interstate Membership

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
1978 Leora Harvey
1978 L. & H. Poole*
1978 Ellie Shaw*
1979 Syd Monkhouse
1979 Bernie Hanson*
1981 Lois Hanson*
1981 John Leader*
1985 Brenda Lynch
1985 Bubs Gready *

1986 Harry Viney *
1986 John Nichols
1989 Helen Edwards
2003 Norman Gitcam
2005 Merve Steele*
2005 Shirley Steele
Circa Tony and Toshi Deonnio*
2007 Ron and Irene Parish
2007 Murray Boulderstone *
2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear

2009 Don Biebrick
2009 Henk Van Leuveran
2010 Dorothy Carassai
2011 John and Bev Gay
2012 Noel Oliver
2015 Lesley Fenton
2015 Rod McRedmond

This list is still being compiled.

AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE 2017

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native. Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium. Majority of flowers > 90mm. Majority of flowers 60-90mm. Majority of flowers <60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Cymbidium	Champion Cymbidium
Paphiopedilum. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Paphiopedilum	Champion Paphiopedilum
Laeliinae. Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae. Oncidium Hybrid <60mm. Oncidium. Hybrid >60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalinae. Zygopetalum Hybrid Zygopetalinae Hybrid. Zygopetalinae Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
Phalaenopsis. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Phalaenopsis	Champion Any Other Genus
Dendrobium. (other than Aust. Native) Hybrid, Species, Seedling.	Best Dendrobium	
Vandae. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Vandae	
Any Other Genus. Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	
THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS		
		Champion Seedling
		Champion Species
		Champion Specimen
		Division Champions

Trophies : W A Young : Trophy for Grand Champion

H & B Viney : Trophy for Champion Laeliinae

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE



1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Obtain Plant Sheets and Plant Price Tags from Lucy 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 is always around to assist you further if needed, so just ask for help should you need it.

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.



April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

895	Sarco. Bonanza	Kevin Western (155)	3
896	Sarco. (Magenta x Fairy Scarlett)	Kevin Western (155)	2
897	Den. Avril's Gold 'Leedham'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

898	Ptst. fischii	Kevin Western (155)	3
899	Ptst. abrupta	Kevin Western (155)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

908	Cym.Sundaani Storm	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

905	Ctt. Browniae	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

906	Rlc. Chancemaker x C. Monte Elegante	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
907	Lc. Intercepts	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

900	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
901	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

902	Lc. Mini Purple 'OC'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
903	Rlc. (Island Charm x Green Trader)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
904	Ctt. Seagulls Mini Cat Heaven	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	1

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

912	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
913	Onc. Wildcat 'Rainbow'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

909	Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
910	Milt. Cogniauxiana	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
911	Rhyn. Pacific Paranoia	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	1

Oncidiinae - Species

914	Milt. spectabilis var. Moreliana	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

923	Ctsm. Jessie Ang	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
924	Phrag. Sedenii	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
925	Phrag. Calurum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

926	Phal. pulchra	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
927	B. nodosa	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
928	Max. cucullata	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

929	Npp. Jimbaran x Hmwsa. Bali Quest	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

930	Milt. Cogniauxiana	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
931	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
932	Rlc. Chancemaker x C. Monte Elegante	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

920	Z. Purple Panther	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
921	Npp. Jimbaran x Hmwsa. Bali Quest	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
922	Z. Kiwi Auckland 'Lisa'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

915	C. Dendi's Double	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

916	Onc. (Sharry Baby x Dancing Doll)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
917	Milt. Cogniauxiana	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

918	Vanda (falcata x Vanda-teres)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

919	Gastrochilus retrocallus	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

892	Cym. (Golden Elf x Sacrifice)	Sid James (170)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

890	Cym. Golden Elf	Sid James (170)	3
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891	Cym. Golden Elf	Sid James (170)	2
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Laeliinae - Cluster

887	Ctt. Valentine Day	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

888	Epi. (Red King x Double Delight)	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

889	Psh. cochleata	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

886	Blc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel'	Vera Bastian (978)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

894	Mtdm. Rosey Sunset 'YH Fragrance'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

893	Aliceara Tahoma Glacier	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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PLANT COMMENTARY FOR APRIL

The members were treated to a really nice display of flowers across all 3 divisions with Open Division having 31 plants, First Division 9 plants and a pleasing 8 plants in Second Division. The Open Division bench had an amazing and very diverse range of plants, from Australian natives through to Zygopetalums. There was some hot competition for the top Cattleyas and Oncidiums.

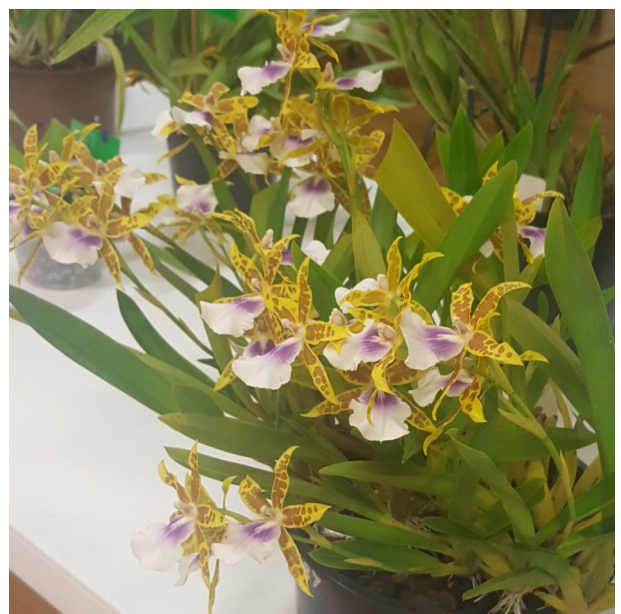
Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Open Division

Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'

Grown by Michael Willoughby
and Oui Ju

John Gay gave the commentary on this orchid which was just one of those plants that says "Look at me!!" The flowers were all open and were clean and fresh. There was a minimum of cropping of the leaves.

This crossing is one of the more colourful of the Miltonias and apparently relatively easy to grow in your shade house. This plant was well grown in medium bark. Congratulations Michael and Oui.



PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MARCH cont.

Orchid of First Division

C. Dendi's Double Grown by Eileen Pinnock

The plant of First Division was grown by Eileen Pinnock and was beautiful specimen of *C. Dendi's Double*. The plant had 2 spikes, one large and one smaller with 2 buds. This plant is a crossing of *C. Penny Kuroda* x *C. Batemaniana*. The flowers were very striking with the spike tied up so that the flowers look at you. This was a well grown plant in medium bark. Well done Eileen.



Orchid of Second Division

Mtdm. Rosey Sunset 'YH Fragrance'
Grown by Beth Stronach



Noel Oliver gave the commentary on this plant which had one nice branching spike with many flowers of a pale pink label-lum with lighter petals and sepals. It was a relatively small but well grown plant with a high flower count as well as buds. The plant was in small bark and perlite. A very attractive plant. Congratulations Beth.

Thank you to our Judges, Recorders & Pencillers.!

The Autumn show is just around the corner so start thinking which of your plants could be a champion. Remember!! Let the judges decide if you have a great plant or not.

Good growing.

Phil Steer Registrar

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 13th April 2017

Geoff Spear, Senior Vice President, opened the meeting welcoming 17 Members. Geoff spoke of Dorothy Carassai's retirement and her 16 years in the Club with many, many years of great service, and voiced every ones' feelings that she will be greatly missed. Geoff introduced Coral Tillmans as the new convenor of the Daytime Chapter. Geoff also thanked Phil Steer for giving up his valuable time to take the Beginners Group.

Apologies: Patti Abell, Josephine Ogrowsky, Geraldine Flavel, Reg Foster, and Lesley Sheehan.

Kevin Western was our Guest Speaker, talking about Hybridising Orchids and how they processed them in flasks, from go to wo. The most interesting segment Kevin told us about was, they are finding Australian Terrestrials appearing in the bush in New Zealand, due to bush fires in Australia and the winds blowing the seed from Australia, the seed finding the right fungus to make them germinate. Thank you Kevin for a very interesting presentation.



Geoff Spear thanks Kevin Western for his interesting presentation.



Vicki Cooper & Lesley Gunn giving their Plant Commentary

The meeting closed wishing Coral Tillmans a very happy time with her new position, and wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Easter.

Nice to see orchids appearing at meetings again. Lesley Gunn and Vicky Cooper gave very interesting Judging Commentaries on the 12 great plants brought in by members.

Registrar Phil Steer won the Plant of the Afternoon with a splash Petal Catalea.



Vicki Cooper & Phil Steer with his winning plant

Lucy Spear



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING **SUNDAY 16th APRIL 2017**

Geoff Spear, Senior Vice President, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 28 Members and Noel Oliver, our Guest Speaker. Geoff remarked on the good attendance for an Easter Sunday and also the great quality of the orchids brought along to the meeting. The dates of future shows were given out and Geoff spoke about the enthusiastic response to the recent workshop and apologised for the wrong address in the Gazette. John Gay and the members are enjoying the extra room that they have for the Beginners Class and Geoff thanked John for his very interesting session. A welcome back was extended to Diane Cawley.

Apologies: Chris and Lyn Heysen, Graham, Sue and Lorna Zerbe, Helen Humphries, Kay and Steven Davey, Julie and Peter Davridge.

Birthday Draw: John Beckmann

Door Prize: Bev Gay

Lucky Name Badge: Jan Saxon

Guest Speaker: Geoff Spear introduced Noel Oliver certainly one of the best speakers on his topic of Australian Natives and Mounts. At the end of the talk Geoff was heard to remark "You can hear a pin drop when Noel is Guest Speaker". Thank you Noel.

Judging: Noel Oliver was asked for the judging results and to give a commentary on the orchids presented. Many colourful genera were displayed. Thank you all for sharing your outstanding orchids with us.

Next Meeting: Sunday 21 May 2017 when our Guest Speaker will be Geoff Spear speaking on "Cymbidiums".



PLANT HOUSE VISIT AND MORNING TEA:

Val and Ken Phillips have invited us to visit their home to see their Orchids.

DATE: Sunday 20th May 2017

TIME: 10.00 am

WHERE: 20 Charles Street, Murray Bridge.

After our visit to Val and Ken's we will leave for the second part of our visit. Murray Bridge and District Orchid Club have a special meeting once a year where Riverland Orchid Society and Murray Bridge alternately visit each other. This year it is Murray Bridge's turn to host Riverland. They are having a special meeting and have invited a special Guest Speaker. Southern Region have been invited.

VENUE: Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall, Corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge.

GUEST SPEAKER: Les Nesbitt will demonstrate how to grow Terrestrial Orchids from seed. Les also has seeds for sale, but they need to be prior ordered.

Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Those planning to attend please let Lucy or Shirley know. Lucy 8381 4420 or 0409 642 352; Shirley 8552 9321



April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

830	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
831	Den. Hilda Poxon 'West'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

833	Cym. Enzan Summon Bon	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

832	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

835	Odontonia Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Cool'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
836	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2
837	Onc. unknown	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	1

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

✓ 834	Brs. Edvah Loo 'Vera Crus'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

838	Mil. Cogniauxiae	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Second Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

828	C. Valentine Day 'March'	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

824	C. Portia	Gary Clark (224)	3
826	Lc. Gold Digger x Slc. Hawaiian Chic	Gary Clark (224)	2
827	Lc. Tanami 'Mini Purple'	Gary Clark (224)	1

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

829	Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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**Orchid of the Day and
Orchid of First Division**

Brs. Edvah Loo 'Vera Crus'
Grown by Ruth Tugwell



Orchid of Second Division

Cattleya Portia
Grown By Gary Clark

Orchid Culture Notes for May

The first week of May signals the start of our solar Winter but it is usually later in the month before the big cold blasts from the south let us know what is in store for the next four months. Still, like our weather in general, May can be a changeable month with warm days and cool nights in between changes.

The onset of colder weather tends to bring about an increase in orchid nasties, many seeking shelter and not all are of the insect and fungal type. Rats and mice can play havoc with plants and have a distinct liking for bulbs, flowers and new growths. One or two well placed mouse traps and baits can turn up a few critters, even in the most secure glasshouse or shade house. Even hanging plants are not immune from attack and I have had many hanging *Oncidiums* with new spikes docked overnight. Very frustrating to say the least as it is another year's wait for the next one.

One thing I do keep an eye on from now is the tiger moth, This is the mother to the woolly bear caterpillar that wreaks havoc later in the season when they are larger, quite mobile and hungry. I inspect my surrounds every morning when it is cold and especially the sides of my shade house. The moths climb the sides and are sluggish in the cool of the morning. They are easily collected and dispatched. Each one of these moths is full of eggs. Aphids of the brown and yellow type invade now and soft scale tends to be in profusion as well. They will attack the softer parts of our orchids and have a liking for new growths and flower spikes. They will often leave pale spots on the leaves where they suck out the chlorophyll and these spots stay for the life of the leaf. Buds on spikes will yellow and fall off. You can spray them off with a gentle squirt of water if the infestation is small. Only revert to sprays if the infestation is severe. I use pyrethrum with good results, but a word of warning; when using any spray on a plant in spike for the first time, try it on a sacrificial plant of the same genus first. That way if the spike reacts and drops buds, it is not a great deal. This is part of a good learning curve and the rule also applies to changing the medium in which the plant grows.

Also watch out for ants. If they are in your plants, follow them and check both sides of the leaves. More than likely you will find scale. The ants harvest them and in return offer the scale protection and are rewarded with the sticky nectar they produce. Ants are always up to no good and can easily transfer scale from plant to plant. You will often see sugary spots on the leaves below where they have congregated. In extreme cases you will get sooty mould that is similar to what you find on citrus. I find Eco Oil will clean them up. You may have to rub the mould off as well any dead scale as the scale will not always fall off. In particular this applies to hard scale. A used toothbrush is a handy tool for this. After treatment if you have no ants, then that is a sure sign the scale has perished.

May is still *Zygopetalum* month for flowers and don't green looper caterpillars love these. Rarely in significant numbers to spray, the trick here is to observe the tell tale skeletonising of a new leaf where the new grub on the underside of the leaf has hatched and started his first meal. They are easily squashed but not that easy to see sometimes. Best to get them when small and not full size where they will eat an entire flower in a sitting.

Most Autumn flowering *Cattleyas* and *Oncidiums* form the main part of our show plants at the moment. Remember that after flowering most of these Autumn flowerers will require a rest which means little in the way of water and feed. They should be moved under cover with as much light as you can give them this time of the year and ease back on the water. Resting plants don't really need any fertilising until Spring growth recommences. Winter *Paphiopedilums* are well into spike and water must be kept out of the top of the plant where the spike shows leaves or its doom as that water gets very cold at night and fungus will finish off a year's work. Botrytis is the usual culprit. Spraying the collection this time of year with the mild conditions, soft growth and high humidity with a fungicide is not a bad idea. Also spray the pots, benches and even the sides of the shade house and the floor. Fungus sits anywhere.

Orchid Culture Notes for May [cont.]

It is a good time to spray your Cymbidiums for scale whilst the spikes are still tight in sheath and the buds protected. An early clean up of your show plants is also beneficial now as the bulbs are easy to de-husk without spikes in the way and lessens the chances of breaking a spike or knocking off a bud or three. May and June will be the last months we give our Cymbidiums a bloom booster, high potash type feed before reverting back to a higher nitrogen based feed in July.

Some early terrestrials are already in flower now but the regular *Pterostylis* and *Diuris* we mostly grow are only just starting to take form. No flowers on these yet apart from the cauline group of *Pterostylis* (eg *Ptst. Laxum*). Keep weeds thinned out as invariably a few do come up in the terrestrial pots. Pots should be kept evenly moist and under 50% cloth (better with hard roof).

With the sun getting close to its lowest ebb late this month the importance of light becomes paramount. It does not take long for a plant to display dark green and floppy leaves caused by a lack of light, especially the newest growths. These plants will become susceptible to pest and disease attack and will not flower at all well, if at all. Mind you though there are some species and hybrids such as *Phalaenopsis* that are naturally like this, but if your *Cattleya*, *Oncidium* and even humble *Cymbidium* shows these traits then move them quickly to a brighter location.

Watering in general should slow down now as evaporation is reduced considerably and you will find most orchids will prefer to be on the drier side especially those that have some sort of pseudobulb. Mother Nature does not turn on the tap every day at 4 pm or provide a constant humidity or level of air movement that our artificial environments provide. The plants are rather forgiving and the majority won't pack it in if they go dry for a while but if they do shrivel they are just saying "Hey I'm thirsty". This time of year it is best to water mid morning on a rising temperature rather than late at night because they will cope with cold as a dry plant better than a cold wet plant. More damage is done to orchids over Winter by being kept cold and wet than any other time of the year. Feeding wise things also start to slow down as well. A slowdown in growth and temperature means the plants do not need as much feeding now so as a rule feeding reduces by half now down to none at all for dry resting plants.

Other chores for this month are the cleaning up of our shade houses and making sure all is well for the wild winds of Winter. The day after I fixed up all my holes and loose bits it blew a gale. Good timing huh!

De-husking and removal of Autumn leaf drop as well as some final sprays to combat mites, scale, etc. should be undertaken before flower spikes show as these sprays can damage flowers very easily. Give your pots a clean up as well. Salt build up around holes is unsightly. Some soapy water and a scourer pad will clean them up nicely.

I find May a pleasant month with nice weather and a bit of rain. It is also the most exciting month for my Spring collection as I now see what is in store for my collection of natives and Cymbidiums and everything else!

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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The Orchid Club of S.A. Inc.

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