

# The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

## Gazette

June  
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 7th June 2017 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner Walsh Avenue and South Road, St Marys. Our Guest Speaker will be Steve Stebbings whose subject will be Species Orchids.

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

**BEGINNERS' GROUP:** Geoff Spear will co-ordinate Beginners' Group.

**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 JUNE:**

Open Division: Judges: Noel Oliver, Vicky Cooper Recorder: Helen McIntosh  
First Division: Judges: John Gay, Lesley Gunn Recorder: Christine Robertson  
Second Division: Judges: John Gay, Lesley Gunn Recorder: Oui Ju  
[Beth Stronach will be an Observer/Floating Assistant]

**DAYTIME CHAPTER:** The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 8th June 2017 at 2.00 pm. Beginners Group at 1.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Graham Zerbe. Graham has a wonderful program designed for new members, also a great refresher course.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 18th May 2017 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Beginners Class 1.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be John Gay whose subject will be Epiphytic Orchids.

**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,

#### **REMINDER: Zygopetalum Competition**

The Committee was approached some time ago by Stephen Monkhouse to have a Zygopetalum Competition. The competition was launched with small seedlings and there was to be a \$50 prize for the first member to flower the seedling. Has anyone been successful?

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## UPCOMING CLUB MEETING DATES

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC
<b>June 2017</b>		
07 Main Meeting	Steve Stebbings	Species Orchids
08 Daytime Chapter	Graham Zerbe	New Member/Refresher Course
14 Committee Meeting		
18 Southern Region	John Gay	Epiphytic Orchids
<b>July 2017</b>		
05 Main Meeting	Nicki Zurcher	Slipper Orchids
12 Committee Meeting		
13 Daytime Chapter		
17 Southern Region	Wendy Lodge	Singapore Cruise and Darwin

## ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2017

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

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GAZETTES:                  June 25 and 24 July**

## YOUR 2017 COMMITTEE

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Michael Willoughby</b>
<b>SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Geoffrey Spear</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Donna Meeuwsen</b>
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	<b>Lucy Spear</b>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	<b>Anne Steer</b>
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Heather Wright, Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig, Don Greig, David Hayhurst</b>
<b>NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS:</b>	
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>Phillip Steer</b>
<b>Editor</b>	<b>Christine Robertson</b>
<b>Web Master</b>	<b>Michael Willoughby</b>
<b>Librarian</b>	<b>Raelene Gardner</b>

## President's Message



The South Coast Orchid Club Autumn Show was again successful and a most attractive display for the public at the Pasadena Green Shopping Centre. Many a favourable comment was received. Well done to the growers for showing their plants and many thanks to Lesley Gunn for showcasing these plants to the public in all their glory.

Congratulations to all the winners from the Autumn Show in particular Lucy & Geoff Spear on growing the Grand Champion of the Show with *Stenoglottis longifolia*, a truly magnificent specimen. Well done Lucy & Geoff.

Thank you to all the members who braved the cold evening and found their way to the May main meeting at Holy Spirit Church Hall in Seacombe Gardens where we listened to an informative session on Cymbidium culture presented in tandem by Geoff Spear and Bill Jayne.

This month we are back home and looking forward to welcoming back Steven Stebbings of Orchids on Newbold (we missed him last year) speaking on species orchids, a talk not to be missed. Steve always has so many interesting plants we can buy.

Coming up in the near future we have the SAROC Fair held this year on the June long weekend followed by our Birthday meeting in July then onto our Winter Show to be held this year at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre. Further details are in this Gazette and future Gazettes.

Successful growing and showing

*Michael*

### MISSING FROM AUTUMN SHOW

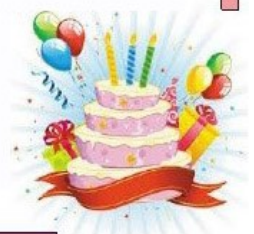
8 black crates - Needed for next show please

We understand you needed them to take your plants home.  
The black crates have gold markings on them as a guide to building our Displays.



## Happy Birthday .....

**JENNY CIPLYS, ALAN MYREN,  
HENK VAN LEUVEREN,  
JAN SAXON, LOUISE ELLIOTT,  
LESLEY MILICEVIC, BRIAN OSBORN**



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

## **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.



## FOR SALE

### FERTILIZER PUMP AND TANK

100 litre approx. solid plastic drum connected to 1 hp centrifugal pump with by pass

**\$150**

Contact: John Gay 0418 263 928  
8532 5607

## 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*

**WINTER SHOW**  
**HALLETT COVE SHOPPING CENTRE**  
**LONSDALE HIGHWAY, HALLETT COVE.**  
**SUNDAY 23 JULY TO SATURDAY 29 JULY 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 to show a plant to have owned it for 6 months.

**JUDGING:** Saturday 22 July 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 plants to be taken to Hallett Cove Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements to take your plants from Hamilton School to Hallett Cove.

**TRADING TABLE SET UP:** Saturday 23 July between 4.00p.m. and 5.00p.m.

**Please note: Plants cannot be taken into the Shopping Centre before 4.00pm.**

**DISPLAY:** Your display plants may be taken into Hallett Cove after 4.00p.m. Please take your plants to Hallett Cove 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**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Junior Membership</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>

### **Rural and Interstate Membership**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>

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 Toshie Deonno\*  
 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

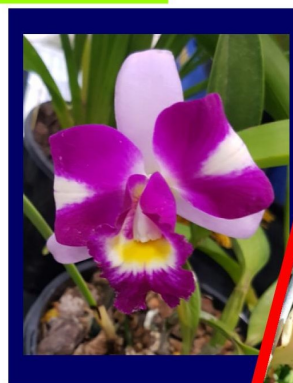
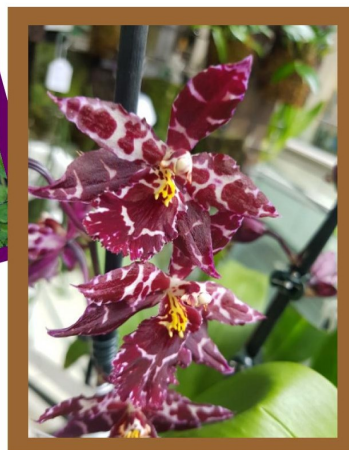
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THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC  
**AUTUMN SHOW**  
 PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE

**2017**



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## CHAMPIONS OF THE 2017 WINTER SHOW

### GRAND CHAMPION

Sngl. longifolia Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION

Sngl. longifolia Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### Ira Butler Trophy Nomination

Den. Avril's Gold 'Louanne' Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Under 60mm

Cym. dayanum Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### CHAMPION LAELIINAE

Rth. Burana Beauty 'Burana' Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### CHAMPION OTHER GENERA not otherwise listed

Sngl. longifolia Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### CHAMPION SPECIES

Sngl. longifolia Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### CHAMPION SPECIMEN

Sngl. longifolia Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

### CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE

Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

### CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Den. Avril's Gold 'Louanne' Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### Reg Shooter Trophy Award (Hybrids)

Den. Avril's Gold 'Louanne' Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION

Mediocalcar decoratum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

### CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

Ctna. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii' Rowan Crowhurst (763)

### CHAMPION ZYGOPETALUM

Z. maculatum Coral Tillmanns (212)





## WINTER SHOW PLACINGS RESULTS LIST cont

### FIRST DIVISION

#### **Laeliinae - species**

Psh. cochleata 'Rita' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

#### **Laeliinae Standard Hybrid under**

Rth. Burana Angel 'Hsinying' Bill Jayne (1180) 3

#### **Laeliinae Cluster**

Ctt. Browniae 'Riga' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Ctt. Rose Drop Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 2

#### **Laeliinae Non-Standard**

Rlc. Hsinying Mini Rainbow Bill Jayne (1180) 3

#### **Laeliinae - Seedling**

Rlc Hsinying Mini Rainbow Bill Jayne (1180) 3

#### **Laeliinae - Specimen**

Ctt. Rose Drop Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

#### **BEST LAELIINAE**

Ctt. Browniae 'Riga' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

#### **Oncidiinae Hybrid >60mm**

Bratonia Aztec 'Toni' Bill Jayne (1180) 3

Aliceara Matthias 'Glamour' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 2

#### **Oncidiinae Hybrid <60mm**

Rnc. Pacific Paranoia 'Other side of Cool' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

#### **BEST ONCIDIINAE**

Bratonia Aztec 'Toni' Bill Jayne (1180) 3

#### **Any Other Genus - Species**

Mediocalcar decoratum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

#### **Any Other Genus - Specimen**

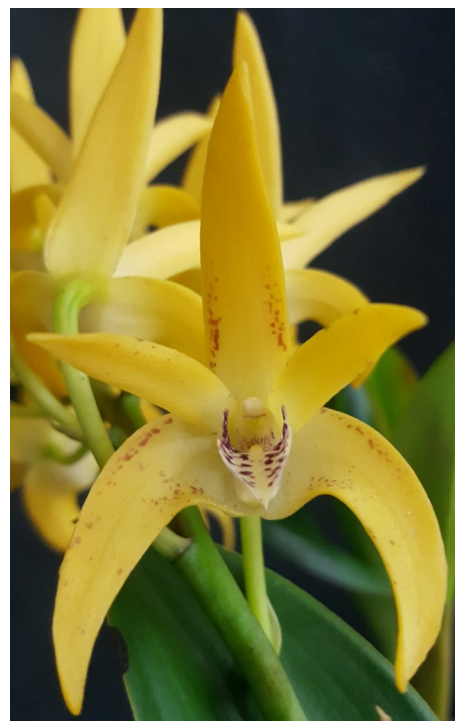
Mediocalcar decoratum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

#### **BEST ORCHID ANY OTHER GENUS**

Mediocalcar decoratum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3



**Champion Australian Native  
Winter Show**  
*Den Avril's Gold 'Louanne'*  
Grown by Ron and Irene Parish



## WINTER SHOW PLACINGS RESULTS LIST cont

### SECOND DIVISION

#### Australian Native epiphyte - Species

Den. unknown Suzy Bratuz (381) 3

#### Australian Native epiphyte - Hybrid

Den. Hilda Poxon 'Nailsworth' Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### Australian Native - Specimen

Den. Hilda Poxon 'Nailsworth' Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### BEST AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Den. unknown Suzy Bratuz (381) 3

#### Cymbidium - All sizes and colours

Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Daybreak' Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

Cym. Enzan Summer Betty Ms Osmond (879) 2

#### BEST CYMBIDIUM

Cym. Sudaani Autumn 'Daybreak' Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### Laeliinae - species

Psh. cochleata Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### Laeliinae Standard Hybrid under

Ctna. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii' Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### Laeliinae Standard Hybrid over 100mm

Rlc. (Redland Fairy x Andean Treasure) Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### Laeliinae Cluster

Epi. Boundii Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

Ctt. Valentine Day Coral Tillmanns (212) 2

#### Laeliinae Non-Standard

Ctt. Topaz Exalt 'Yellow' Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### BEST LAELIINAE

Ctna. Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii' Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### Oncidiinae - Species

Onc. excavatum Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >60mm

Bratonia Aztec 'Toni' Phil & Anne Steer (514) 2

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid <60mm

Lsz. Lava Burst 'Puanani' Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

Onsa. Kaiulani Rowan Crowhurst (763) 2

#### BEST ONCIDIINAE

Lsz. Lava Burst 'Puanani' Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### Phalaenopsis Species

Phal. fasciata Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### BEST PHALAENOPSIS

Phal. fasciata Rowan Crowhurst (763) 3

#### Zygopetalinae - Species

Z. maculatum Coral Tillmanns (212) 3

#### Zygopetalum - Hybrid

Z. unknown Coral Tillmanns (212) 3

Z. unknown Jim Fogarasi (150) 2

#### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

Z. Artur Elle x Npp. Clarendon Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### BEST Zygopetalinae

Z. maculatum Coral Tillmanns (212) 3

#### Any Other Genus - Species

Gongora galeata Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

#### BEST ORCHID ANY OTHER GENUS

Gongora galeata Phil & Anne Steer (514) 3

# May Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

## Open Division

### Laeliinae - Cluster

941	C. Portiata 'Mel'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

942	Rlc. Deception Shambles	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
943	Rth. Dal's Moon x C.( Lavender Ice x	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
944	Rlc. (Meditation x Bryce Canyon)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

### Laeliinae - Species

945	B. nodosa	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

939	C. Madame Edith Bongo	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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### Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

940	Ctt. Rudak	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

947	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
948	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Dasystele Mervin'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
949	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

946	Rnc. Pacific Paranoia 'The Other Side of Cool'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

952	Ctsm. Lovenia 'Ali'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
953	Ctsm. Lovenia 'Majority'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2

### Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

950	Paph. Flame Leopard	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
951	Paph. Double Arrow	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2

### Specimen Species or Hybrid

954	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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## First Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

959	Den. monophyllum	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

960	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
961	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2

### Laeliinae - Non Standard

962	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

963	Alcra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
964	Milt. Christina 'Carpenter Rumfelt'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

965	Gastrochilis retrocallus	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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### Orchid Seedling - any Genera

966	Alcra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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## Second Division

### Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

956	Cym. Sundaani	Heather Wright (868)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

955	C. Unknown	Coral Tillmanns & Trevor Kenny (212)	2
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

958	Den. Unknown	Suzy Bratuz (381)	3
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### Zygopetalinae - Species

957	Z. maculatum	Coral Tillmanns & Trevor Kenny (212)	3
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## PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MAY

Well done this month!! It was tricky on 2 fronts, firstly having our meeting in a different venue and secondly only 3 days before our Autumn Show. Whilst the numbers of plants were down we did not miss out on quality with a really nice display of flowers across the 3 Divisions.

### **Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Open Division Catesetum Lovenia 'Ali'**

Grown by Richard and Beryl Wilson



The plant of Open Division of which Noel Oliver gave the commentary was Catesetum Lovenia 'Ali' grown by Richard & Beryl Wilson. This was a well grown plant with one arching spike with 14 flowers growing in a 4" pot in sphagnum moss (inside a 6" pot in coco peat. This is so you don't overwater the plant.) The flowers were a very attractive light green with yellow petals and sepals with spots. The lip was also spotted and an orange colour. We are starting to see more of these on the bench. 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. Richard tells me that they are relatively easy to grow, so maybe a few of us need to have a go.! Congratulations Richard & Beryl.

### **Orchid of First Division Cattlianthe Browniae 'Riga'**

Grown by Paul and Donja Hayes



## PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MAY cont.



The plant of First Division was grown by Paul & Donja Hayes and was a Cattlianthe Browniae 'Riga'. The plant had 3 clusters of flowers that were strong with a consistent colour and were fresh and clean.

There are 2 species in the breeding of this plant, Gur. *bowringiana* and C. *harrisoniana*. They grow well in our climate in a shade house. This breeding has had 2 awards, one for a cultural award and the other for a quality award. Well done Paul & Donja.

### Orchid of Second Division

*Zygopetalum mackayi* (now named *maculatum*)

Grown by Coral Tillmanns

The plant chosen by the Judges as Orchid of Second Division was a well grown *Zygopetalum mackayi* (now named *maculatum*) grown by Coral Tillmanns. In the native state these are found in South America from Brazil through Peru and Bolivia.

The flowers were large and well spaced and looked at you. The flowers also had a strong perfume. This species is not seen as much any more which is a little sad as they grow outside along side the Cymbidiums. Nice one Coral !



Thank you to our Judges, Recorders & Pencillers.!

Good growing.

*Phil Steer Registrar*

## DAYTIME CHAPTER

### Thursday 11th May 2017

Geoff Spear, Senior Vice President, opened the meeting at 2pm. Geoff spoke briefly about the retirement of Dorothy Carassai and introduced the new Daytime Chapter convenor, Coral Tillmanns. Coral briefly commented on the Autumn Show that was being held at Pasadena Green Shopping Centre and welcomed the members to the meeting. It was mentioned about the upcoming show, the SAROC Fair. Members plants are needed to help make up the display and if any member would like to make scones they are needed for the Fair in the kitchen for morning and afternoon tea for the people who come to the fair.

**Apologies:** Peter and Geraldine Flavel, Andrew Dean, Betty Osmond, Lucy Spear, and Reg and Helen Foster.

**Door Prize:** Geoff Spear

**Lucky Name Badge:** Barbara Almond

Coral introduced Vicky and her husband Neil Cooper, who spoke on the Spencer Gulf Challenge held on the 5 & 6 May; however the judging of the show occurs the day before on 4 May. The challenge is made up of three orchid clubs, these being: Whyalla, Port Augusta, and Port Pirie. The show is held in Port Pirie so the other two clubs have to transport their plants over to Port Pirie and the displays are made up of no more than 20 plants. The club members pick out which plants they want in their displays and then any more from any of the clubs is put into a composite display. All of the plants are eligible for a prize but only the three clubs displays compete for the Champion Display.

It is enjoyable and there is lots of fun had by all, with some friendly rivalry between Clubs as to who might get the Grand Champion and the Champion Display. Dean and Jenny Johnson as well as Moss and Rosemary Bray come up and have plants for sale, making it an enjoyable few days catching up with other members of the club and the vendors. Vicki has compiled a slide show presentation of the Displays from each club and the prize winning plants of the show. Throughout the presentation Vicky pointed out things that judges look for and asked the members which display and plant they would have given the Grand Champion, We were intrigued to find out which plant got the Grand Champion and then which Club won the Champion Display.

The Plant of the Day was won by Vicky and Neil Cooper with their lovely plant of Lc. Angelheart. This was a very nice Cattleya with three flower spikes of a soft pink but as they got older the colour changed to a more intensive pink shade. Vicky also pointed out it was not a standard shape as it was not as round or filled in like some other hybrids seen. Well done Vicky on bringing in this fantastic orchid for us to look at.



The meeting was closed at 3.15 pm with afternoon tea and cuppa time enjoyed by all that attended.

*Rowan Crowhurst*

**Winter Show**

Cym Sundaani Autumn 'Daybreak'  
Grown by Phil and Anne Steer





## **SOUTHERN REGION MEETING** **SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017**

Geoff Spear, Senior Vice President, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcomed 26 members and one visitor and remarked that being such a nice day members must have been out enjoying the beautiful sun. Geoff spoke about the Autumn Show saying it was a very hard and tiring show trying to sell green leaves as plants are now flowering later. At the end of the week sales were good and members sold a lot of their plants.

**Apologies:** Reg and Elsie Clifford, Bruce Kirk, John Beckmann.

**Visitor:** Andrew Craig

**Door Prize:** Graham Walters

**Lucky Name Badge:** Joan McMahon

**Guest Speaker:** Geoff made fun of introducing himself as Guest Speaker. The topic of course was Cymbidiums. Geoff covered how to break up plants, fertilizing, pests, and watering and he gave a potting demonstration. A number of new members are Cymbidium growers so there were a lot of questions including information on pure colours. It was a very informative talk and we are sure that everyone picked up information that they had forgotten. Thank You Geoff.

**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 17 June 2017. Whatever you do, don't miss this meeting as it is the speaker you are always asking for: John Gay speaking on Epiphytic Orchids.

### **WINTER SHOW**

Bratonia Aztec 'Toni'  
Grown by Bill Jayne



### **SOUTHERN REGION OCTOBER WORKSHOP:**

Please note in your diary: October Workshop. Date and Venue has been changed.

**DATE:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**TIME:** 10.30 am

**WHERE:** Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.

We are sorry if this inconveniences anyone. Everything will be the same, BBQ etc. Guest Speakers are organised and will be notified later.

### **SOUTHERN REGION SHOW:**

The Show will be still be held in the R.S.L. Hall and nothing has changed.

## **May Results List**

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

### **First Division**

#### **Laeliinae - Non Standard**

852	Blc. (Lucky Strike x Dark Waters)	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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#### **Laeliinae - Species**

853	Psh. cochleata	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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#### **Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm**

851	Blc. Waianae Leopard x Slc. Juingle Treasure	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid**

856	Ctsm. Lovenia	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species**

857	Mediocalcar decoratum	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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#### **Paphiopedilum - Non Standard**

854	Paph. (Villosum x China Pink)	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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855	Paph. Crossianum album	Ruth Tugwell (613)	2
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### **Second Division**

#### **Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm**

843	Blc. (Queen Elizabeth x King Richard)	Gary Clark (224)	3
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844	Lc. Tanami 'Mini Purple'	Gary Clark (224)	2
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#### **Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm**

846	Onc. unknown	Sid James (170)	3
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847	Blira. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'	Sid James (170)	2
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#### **Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm**

845	Onc. Sherry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Raelene Gardner & John Beckmann (238)	3
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#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid**

848	Mas. Sea Breeze	Sid James (170)	3
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849	Den. Miingle 'Sapphire'	Sid James (170)	2
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#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species**

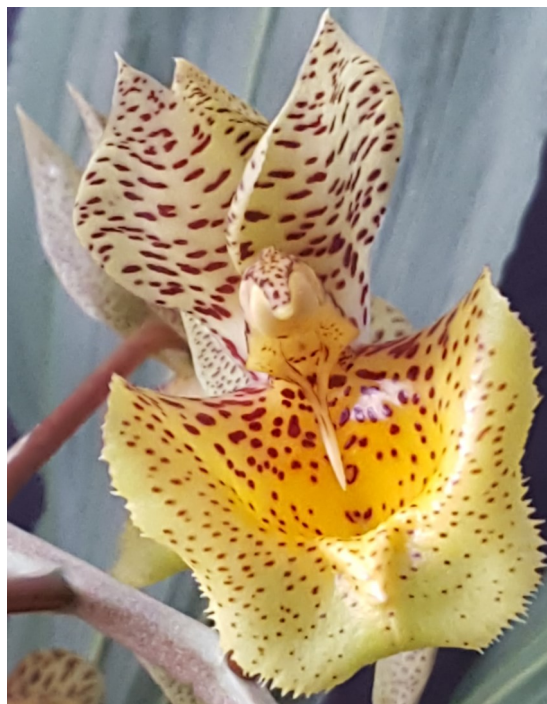
850	Dend. cobbianum	Sid James (170)	3
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**Orchid of the Day and  
Orchid of First Division**

*Catasetum* Lovenia  
Grown by Ruth Tugwell



**Orchid of Second Division**

*Dendrochilum cobbianum*  
Grown By Sid James



## **Culture notes for June**

June signals our official start to winter although the lead up to it was hardly what you would expect in late autumn with day after day in the mid 20's. Even the sun now still has a degree of heat to it well above what you expect 4 weeks out from the shortest days of year. So has this confused our orchids? Heck yeah. I have plants flowering now in mid May as I write these that normally grace the winter show bench in July. However, it is good to see some plants though sticking to their time table such as the natives.

June weather can be quite variable this month with a fair percentage of fine days in amongst the not so fine days. Looking at the longer term weather models has us on the verge of another warmer and drier winter. Great, 2 years in a row without apricots and cherries. Winter chilling has a great benefit to our fruit trees as it can do with orchids and if stays too warm both cannot be expected to produce their best.

If all goes to plan June can bring with it our first frosts with dry and still nights leading to its formation especially just after a very cold change. It has been awhile since we have had some really bad frosts for an extended period so we should be due rather soon. I still hear horror stories from Junes gone by where whole collections have suffered and took many years to recover. We live in harsh climate of extremes.

Fortunately in suburbia with the general heat that builds up with living close together keeps the nights a little warmer and the only frost is usually a light dusting on the lawn. The same cannot be said for those outside in the country where frosts can be more severe. There are a couple of ways to keep frost at bay. Keep air movement up if possible and wet the floor down at sunset to bump up the humidity can help. You could try and fill some large black containers with water and place them in and under the benches. They will absorb the heat during the day and radiate it back at night. Whilst it may only add 2 or 3 degrees to the internal temperature of your orchid house, that's all you need sometimes to offset any frost. Even spraying the plants with water before the frost settles can help.

As June wears on many early spring flowering plants will begin to break sheath. This applies to natives and cymbidiums in particular and now they need the protection from the elements. A small spot grows into a large spot and bud drop can range from one to all. Throw in a couple of slugs and snails and there goes this plants flowering for this year. It's no point neglecting them at this vital stage. I grow my plants for flowers and not snail food.

Flowering wise we start to see more cymbidiums grace the bench. The Zygopetalum group are still doing well as are the Laeliinae with *Laelia anceps* and the varieties of the same adding great colour to a collection. If you are flowering these as a beginner make sure the flowers are kept dry as soon as they show. Their buds are covered in a sugary secretion that attracts ants and mould if kept damp and they mark easily. Each bud has a protective sheath that should be removed before flowering and whilst holding sap, otherwise if they dry your presentation will have flowers facing all over the place, including upside down.

The larger flowered Cattleyas in the main are finished although there will be few hangers on, especially those with the winter flowering species *C. trianae* in the breeding but if you can, try and build a collection of the mini cat's. Smaller than the standard exhibition type, the influence of some of the smaller winter flowering species such as *C. coccinea* in the background will keep a reliable supply of flowers right thru winter and with the added bonus of flowering more than once a year. The variation between a winter flowering clone and summer flowering clone of the same plant is quite significant. Some do better in the cool and some do better in the warm. As long as you provide hard roof cover and let them dry out in between watering, they are quite easy to grow and take up little bench space.

For those that grow terrestrials June is our wettest month and damping off will become a problem if plants are kept too wet. I found this out after February rains rotted out several exhibition pots before they even showed above the surface. Ouch.

If you do lose a few this year maybe add some more sand to the mix next year to improve drainage. Coarse washed river sand is excellent.

Native epiphytes should be kept a little drier, especially the hot/colds but if you have a few *sarcophilus* then make sure they are kept moist all the time which is similar to *Paphiopedilum* culture as they do not have a bulb or cane that stores moisture over dry periods. *Sarcophilus* will also be in active growth with new roots showing but many will still continue to yellow and drop leaves as the stress of summer plays out the final chapter.

Take note that that the green root tips are great slug tucker and once they take out the tip the root will go dormant for quite a while. We don't need this to happen anytime, so care of any orchid root systems are vitally important. No roots means a sickly plant that has to use up whatever reserves it has in the back bulbs, canes or leaves. The most obvious signs of this is the shrivelling of either the bulbs or the leaves.



## **Culture notes for June (cont.)**

Those that are in spike or have new soft growths should be offered some additional protection if we get an extended wet spell coupled with those grey days when the sun don't shine.

Paphiopedilums will also start flowering in good numbers from now, especially the standards. Feeding is weak and fortnightly. Water must be kept away from the new flower spikes. If you do get some water in the top leaf axils then place a bit of tissue in the axils to take the water away. A blow through a drinking straw is just as effective. Don't move them around either once the flower spike moves clear of the foliage other wise they do distort like most orchids in the same boat.

With so many plants commencing their flowering season we see a steady increase in staking for presentation. It is no point tying a flower spike into position 5 minutes before you put them in the car and take them to a show. Preparation and training show plants takes place much earlier than that and is very specific to the genera involved.

Any training, adjusting and tying should be kept to the warmer parts of the day. Try it when the plant is cold and brittle and you will only do it once! Try and keep the plant facing the same direction after staking as they will distort badly if moved away from their original position and start searching for the low and weak winter sun.

Watering too should be done mid morning to early afternoon. Water too early and the water in the hose is very cold and we also want all plants as dry as possible at night (for those under cover).

Feeding of your plants in active growth usually drops back by about half of what you would normally feed them this time of year and will apply for the next 3 months.

Winter will move a few more pests into the relative protection offered in our orchid houses so keep an eye out on bug prone plants both inside and outside. Some of the examples being green caterpillars in the baby's tears, aphids in the thistles and woolly bears in the flat weeds such as Salvation Jane and plantain. If numbers start building up on these plants then preventative measures should be undertaken to keep them away from our orchids. Observation is one of the key elements to succeeding in all facets of gardening, not just orchids.

With the end of June we once again see the days start to lengthen but it will be awhile before plants and humans alike will notice the difference to the length of the days. With July on our doorstep we enter the worst month with extended cold dark days and maybe lots of rain and wind. Spare a thought for your plants and offer them the best care you can. Many will be in spike, the result of a careful years care, why ruin all the good work now with a little neglect because it's cold to go outside and look after them.

***Steve Howard***



**CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM  
WINTER SHOW**

*Cym. dayanum*

Grown by Ron and Irene Parish



**CHAMPION ZYGOPETALUM  
WINTER SHOW**

*Z. maculatum*

Grown by Coral Tillmanns



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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**The Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club.**

**The Orchid Club of S.A. Inc.**

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