

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

**February
2016**



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

AGM/MEETING, TROPHY PRESENTATION AND FLOWER OF THE NIGHT VOTING

The meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8.00 pm. on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be John Richards, President of Horsham & Districts Orchid Society who will talk on coping with heat conditions. The AGM/ Meeting will finish a little later than usual at 10 pm.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: Next meeting March 2nd with Geoff Spear speaking on shade house maintenance.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 11th February 2016 at 1.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Geoff Spear discussing caring for your plants at the change of season.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 21st February 2016 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe on the Mackay Conference.

VALE

The South Coast Orchid Club of S.A. Inc. would like to pass our condolence to Tony Bourne and family. Tony's wife Jenny passed away suddenly. Our sympathy is extended to their families.

VALE

With sadness we advise of the passing of Anne Campbell, Anne was the wife of our late judge Colin Campbell. We extend condolences to her family. Rest in Peace Anne.

THANK YOU

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil Cooper who takes the photos of the flowers at all of our shows and at every main group meeting and does a superb job too.

The photos at the Daytime Chapter are usually taken by Lucy Spear and the Southern Region Group photos are taken by Graham Zerbe. Thank you to our photographers.

Thank you also to Pauline & Mark Hockey, David Williams and John & Bev Gay for donations of plants.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted with effect January 2016:

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju: to Open Division.

Shirley and Don Greig: to First Division.

Ruth and Keven Tugwell: to First Division.

JUDGING - FEBRUARY MEETING

Open Division Noel Oliver & Vicky Cooper.

1st and 2nd Division Rowan Crowhurst, Lesley Gunn & John Gay

Computer Bob Gun

Commentary Noel Oliver & Rowan Crowhurst

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2016

January 2016

13 Committee Meeting
16 Committee Dinner Past and New - 609 Marion Rd., South Plympton
20 BBQ—St. Bernadette's Hall

February 2016

03 AGM/Main Meeting - John Richards, President of Horsham & Districts Orchid Society
10 Committee Meeting
11 Daytime Chapter
21 Southern Region Group

March 2016

02 Main Meeting - Kevin Cattermole
09 Committee Meeting
10 Daytime Chapter - David Williams
20 Southern Region Group

April 2016

06 Main Meeting - Trevor Garard on Phalaenopsis
13 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter - Vicky Cooper
17 Southern Region Group

May 2016

04 Main meeting - Graham Zerbe on the Mackay Conference
11 Committee Meeting
12 Daytime Chapter
15 Southern Region Group

June 2016

01 Main meeting - Workshop
08 Committee Meeting
09 Daytime Chapter
19 Southern Region Group

July 2016

06 Main meeting - Steve Howard on Catacetums
13 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter
17 Southern Region Group - Peter Hall on Bromeliads

August 2016

03 Main meeting - Lesley Gunn on Thailand
10 Committee Meeting
11 Daytime Chapter
21 Southern Region Group

September 2016

07 Main Meeting - TBA
08 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter
18 Southern Region Group

October 2016

05 Main meeting-TBA
12 Committee Meeting
13 Daytime Chapter
16 Southern Region Group - George Abel on Sarcs

November 2016

02 Main Meeting-TBA on Sarcs
09 Committee Meeting
10 Daytime Chapter
20 Southern Region Group - Chris & Lyn Heysen on Phalaenopsis

December 2016

07 Main Meeting-TBA
08 Daytime Chapter
18 Southern Region Group - Graham Zerbe

MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2016 PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
January	No Beginners' Group	
February 03rd	TBA	TBA
March 02nd	Geoff Spear	Shade House Maintenance
April 06th	TBA	TBA
May 04th	TBA	TBA
June 01st	TBA	TBA

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2015/2016 PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
February 21st	Graham Zerbe	Mackay Conference
March 20th	John Gay	Australian Natives
April 17th	TBA	TBA
May 15th	Noel Oliver	TBA
June 19th	TBA	TBA
July 17th	Peter Hall	Bromeliads
August 21st	Jane Higgs	Thailand
September 18th	TBA	TBA
October 16th	George Abel	Sarcochilus
November 20th	Chris & Lyn Heysen	Phalaenopsis
December 18th	Graham Zerbe	TBA



Happy Birthday

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

LUCY SPEAR, KEVIN WESTON, HEATHER WRIGHT,
ROWAN CROWHURST, BEV GAY, DES ALSOP, RUSS SUTTON.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

KATHY PODGORSKI, GEORGE ABEL, BERYL WILSON, BILL TREVASKIS
ROSETTA SYLVESTRI, BETH STRONACH, SHIRLEY GREIG, SHIRLEY GORDON

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



LIFE MEMBERS - * denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave
1978 Leora Harvey
1978 L. & H. Poole*
1978 Ellie Shaw*
1979 Syd Monkhouse
1981 Lois Hanson*
1981 John Leader*
1985 Brenda Lynch
1985 Bubs Gready *
1986 Harry Viney *
1986 John Nichols
1989 Helen Edwards
2003 Norman Gitcham

2005 Merve Steele*
2005 Shirley Steele
2007 Ron and Irene Parish
2007 Murray Baulderstone *
2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear
2009 Don Biebrick
2009 Henk Van Leuveran
2010 Dorothy Carassai
2011 John Gay
2011 Bev Gay
2012 Noel Oliver
2015 Lesley Fenton
2015 Rod McRedmond
This list is still being compiled.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

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

LUCKY NAME BADGE

Make sure you wear your Name Badge, you may win a prize.

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2016

A.G.M./MEETING

AUTUMN SHOW

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

WINTER SHOW

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

SPRING SHOW

WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY .

**SUNDAY 1st MAY TO SATURDAY 7th MAY at Pasadena
18th and 19th JUNE.**

**SUNDAY 24th JULY TO SATURDAY 30th JULY at the Hallett
Cove Shopping Centre, Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale.**

**THURSDAY 25th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 28th AUGUST at the
R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.**

**SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER
VENUE is the Seaford Rise shopping centre, Commercial
road, Seaford.**

SUBSCRIPTION 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

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB?

- Remain after the main meeting to help clean up the hall and kitchen.
- Help at our Shows by manning the trading table between 7.00 am. - 9.00 pm. Dorothy draws up a 3 hourly roster. A responsible person must be in charge at all times during shopping hours e.g. Lucy, Dorothy.
- Assist in transporting trestles etc. for judging to Hamilton Secondary College on the Friday prior to the Show.
- After judging on the Saturday of the Show, assist with transporting props and plants to Show locations.
- Assist with putting in and taking out at the Show.
- Have knowledge of orchids and a rapport with people so that the public can be helped when purchasing from the trading table.
- It would be appreciated if members who have a **van** could assist with the transporting of equipment and plants.

If we are not able to obtain the use of 2 vans it will be difficult to continue with future Shows.

HELP WANTED FOR WORKSHOPS IN 2016 PLEASE

We seek 6 members with a shed or covered outdoor area to hold workshops for the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. It is anticipated that workshops would be of two and a half hour duration. The first half hour would be for socialising with a cuppa and biscuits.

The second half hour would be showing your collection.

The last hour and a half will be discussing growing orchids, questions and answers and any orchid information.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Members bring along a photo of yourself, (no more than 5 years old) and give it to Lucy with your name on it to make it easy to return it to its owner. Members have to guess who the member is and seal your guess in an envelope. The envelopes will be opened at the April meeting and first envelope opened with right answer wins \$10.00.

Please join in the fun.

BILL CLARK

Bill moved to Sydney 12 months ago to be with his family. On arrival found his daughter had been given a Phalaenopsis. Bill took the plant under his wing as it looked like it needed T.L.C. You haven't lost your touch Bill, excellent growing. The following was written on the reverse of the photo:

"How do you like this? It was given to my daughter before I moved here and was almost dead. It's the only phally that I have been successful in growing. It likes my kitchen bench and gets plenty of light behind vertical drapes, alternating between sun and shade. I think it is a beauty!"



From the Editor

I have enjoyed doing the SCOCSA Gazette for the last five and a half years but for personal reasons, this is my final gazette as Editor/Webmaster.

Rod McRedmond

2015 Auditor's Report

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To: The Committee and Members
South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
For the period ended 31st December 2015

We have audited the financial statements of the South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc. for the period from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015. The financial statements comprise the Statement of Income and Expenditure (Cash Flow) and the Statement of Assets. The South Coast Orchid Club's committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

AUDIT APPROACH

Our Audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, and the Club's constitution so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc. financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The main sources of revenue for the club are receipts from membership subscriptions, sales at various shows during the year and various fund raising activities such as social events, commissions on sales, BBQ's and raffles. The main expenses relate to payments for various shows including payments to members for flowers sold, hall

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2015 Auditor's Report (cont.)

hire, social and fundraising expenses and provision of member services such as newsletters.

In conducting the audit we have relied on bank statements, bank deposits, such receipts and invoices as were made available and the treasurer's monthly reconciliation of receipts and payments. It was not possible to ascertain as to whether the income from membership subscription and sales is complete so we are unable to express an opinion on that.

We have tested several months income and expenses and various randomly selected transactions throughout the year and have discovered no significant anomalies.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

We have reconciled the bank statements and note that they agree with the figures included on the club's Statement of Assets. We have not attempted to verify the existence or value of the club's non-cash assets so we are unable to express an opinion as to the list's accuracy or completeness.

To the best of our knowledge the club has no significant liabilities outstanding as at 31st December 2015.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial statements comprising the attached Statement of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Assets of the South Coast Orchid Club of SA Incorporated presents fairly the financial position of the association as of 31st December 2015 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.

Signed



Date 12/01/2016

Ralph Assheton
Senior Accountant
Susan Nash & Associates

Susan Nash
Fellow of NTAA
Susan Nash & Associates

2015 Treasurer's Report

2015, has once again been another successful year for the South Coast Orchid Club despite the down turn in the economy.

Our Shows at Pasedena, and Colonades were very well patronised. Even though we only had relatively small takings at the Orchid Spectacular and the Bonsai Club's Show at McLaren Vale, the Public Relations that the Club obtained was over whelming and we were able to interest a number of the public into joining our Club. Congratulations must be given to our Southern Regional Members who worked hard to put on a marvellous display at Victor Harbor.

In 2015, we had another very successful BBQ at Bunning's, Noarlunga and we are hopeful that we will be invited back again in 2016. The weather was much kinder to us this year.

Our only major expense in 2015 was the Celebration of our 50th Anniversary and I am sure that the Celebrations were enjoyed by all.

We have since continued to roll over our Term Deposit with Bank SA. Our Term Deposit as at 31st December is \$16,763.15.

I must thank the President, Secretary, Committee members and members who have worked extremely hard throughout the year to make this year a great success.

The Brighton firm of Accountants, Susan Nash and Associates was asked to audit the books and the Auditors report is attached.

I propose that Susan Nash and Associates once again be asked to audit the Club's books for the year ending 31st December 2016.

Barbara Almond
3rd January 2015

2015 Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Statement of Income and Expenditure

For the year ended December 2015

Income

Balance 1st January 2015 \$3,235.56

Membership	2595.00
Raffle/Lucky Squares	1,769.55
Social	1865.05
Trading Table	1,745.75
Donations	231.00
Bunning's BBQ	1,925.85
Floats	600.00
Autumn Show	7,901.35
Winter Show	10,027.50
Victor Harbor Show	5,787.75
Spring Show	7,060.00
McLaren Vale Show	190.70
Nominations	110.00
Bank Interest	8.92
SAROC Participation	260.00
Daytime Chapter	362.00
Interest Term Deposit	433.69
Southern Region	1112.35
Orchid Spectacular	1233.00
Anniversary Wine	1324.00
Anniversary Glasses	392.00
Zygos	300.00

Expenditure

Australia Post Box	115.00
Hall Hire/Storage	2323.00
Social	2798.46
Trading Table	1335.69
Donations	70.00
Bunning's BBQ	591.78
Floats	600.00
Autumn show	5915.92
Winter Show	8164.79
Victor Harbor Show	3757.25
Spring Show	5985.20
McLaren Vale Show	141.00
Nominations	95.00
Trophies/Prizes	1897.73
SAROC	315.64
Photocopying	1143.66
Transfer term Deposit Interest	433.69
Death Notice	52.22
Orchid Spectacular	1439.00
Anniversary Wine	1052.69
Anniversary Glasses	158.80
Zygos	400.00
Membershio/Affiliation	355.90
Bank Charges	15.00
Gifts/ Speaker	1042.66
Name Badges	327.50
Re-embursment	40.00
Stationary	52.95
Insurance	507.35
Postage	876.05
Auditor	160.00
Web Site	191.62
Equipment	156.82
Golden Anniversary	527.42
Advertising	459.23
Autumn show 2016	10.00
Honorarium	500.00
Computer Expenses	779.62

Surplus at 31st December

5,683.57

\$50,471.7

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\$50,471.62

2015 Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Investment Account

Bank SA Term Deposit \$16,766.58
Invested at 2.40%
T0 Mature on April 29th 2016

Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	\$5,783.57
Less Cheques not presented	\$100.00
Balance as per Cash Journal	\$5,683.57

Floats

Treasurer	\$50.00
Tdg. Table	\$50.00

Barbara Almond
Hon. Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well members, the time has come for me to write my final report as President of the South Coast Orchid Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Club's President for the past 12 years and as I look back I feel great pride and satisfaction with the way that our Club has grown during my term in office.

Through the foundation work set in place by Murray Baulderstone, Merve Steele and Graham Shevlin that saw the club meetings shift from the venue down at Christies Downs to being more centralized at St. Marys as it was getting harder to get guest speakers to travel down to Christies and it was becoming a safety risk for members well being. The move also made my job as President much easier as the meeting hall we have is perfect with plenty of room. Since we have moved to the hall in St. Marys membership has doubled.

I have been president for 12 yrs. A lot of names to remember but thanks to 6 members of committee and appointed positions who have been with me from day one. They made my job so much easier over the years. I would like also to thank the people that have stepped up and been our show marshals and registrar of judges, editor and webmaster.

Over the years I have been amazed and been very proud of the continued support of our members showing plants at meetings and for our shows as well as supporting us for trading table plants for the three main shows we have every year. Though at times I have had many sleepless nights worrying as to whether there will be enough show plants to make a display and a trading table. However, the members have always pulled through and never disappointed, even when it is 'a bad orchid flowering season'. We have always received many positive comments about the quality of our show display plants from members of the public and the management of the shopping centres.

An area that still gives me great concern for the future is the fact that we have such a large membership and of that large membership only a few members show plants at meetings and shows. All members grow beautiful plants and it just means getting used to bringing them into the show. Never judge your own orchids let the judges at the meetings and shows do this as every orchid is worthy of being brought in for everyone to enjoy. After all shows and monthly meeting competitions are only a small part of the point and benefit of being a club member. Next year (2016) we are going to go to Pasadena Shopping Centre, but our other shows will be held in a shopping centre to be advised at a later date (in the New Year).

In closing, I would lastly like to thank all of the members for supporting the club, please keep it up as without you we would not have such a vibrant Club. I would also like to thank all the members who do a lot of behind the scenes work for the club (you know who you are). I wish the Club all the best for the future and hope it will be around to celebrate the 100th birthday. I leave the club in the very capable hands of our new President. As I step down as president I will still be around on the committee.

The year (2015) has not been kind to some of our members. I wish 2016 will be a better one for you. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Geoff.



At the December meeting, Roger Rankin presented AOC Award Certificates to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju (top left), Geoff and Lucy Spear (above) and Eileen Pinnock (bottom left) .

The Christmas Meeting



Left: Patron Syd Monkhouse with Geoff and Lucy Spear at the Christmas dinner.

Right: Father Christmas was at the meeting and shared a few jokes with President Geoff.



Left: The Christmas Dinner

Right: Geoff and Lucy Spear with Guest Speaker Kevin Gurney.



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Our meeting today was a very happy, pleasing and rewarding one, smiling faces all around, a fantastic afternoon tea with goodies brought in by the members to share, delicious desserts, everything looked fantastic, plenty of everything and a big thank you to all of you for making this a special occasion.

Father Christmas arrived sharing chocolates with us all. For such a busy person he was very bright and jovial, a few members were singled out for some special attention. We all wished him well for the task ahead. Our Kris Kringle segment was very well supported with all members participating, all in all a great day.

Our guest speaker today was Mr. Noel Oliver, doing a potting demonstration which was great. Not many guest speakers do that these days. Noel broke up and repotted a *Dendrobium speciosum* variety plant which the members all appreciated seeing. A few lucky members were given these plants, which had been potted up, they were well pleased with that. Thank you Noel, we all hope you have a very Happy Birthday (21 again).

Geoff and Lucy brought in 3 or 4 lovely Cymbidium plants to show us some different varieties. Geoff did the plant commentary, once again heaps of knowledge being shared on all plants benched. Lesley's lovely little Cattleya and Peter and Geraldine Flavel's *Phragmipedium grande*, a plant with yellow flowers and 2 long petals dangling down from each side of the slipper formation. I hope you all get the idea, probably not a good description. However a beautiful different plant, a genera you don't see around much. Always a pleasure to see and absolutely beautiful. Thank you both for bringing it in, this plant was voted best on display and lovely to see you both here again. Congratulations and well done.

Apologies from Betty for today, visitors in house, she sends her best wishes to all the group. Thank you Betty.

The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance, time for afternoon tea.

Bye for now,
Dorothy,
8277-1793.



President Geoff presents Co-ordinator Dorothy with a gift of appreciation from the members of the Daytime Chapter.



Peter and Geraldine Flavel with their popular vote plant *Phrag. grande*.



President Geoff in full swing giving the plant commentary.



Father Christmas presents (left to right) Max Almond, Noel Oliver and Patti Abel with a small gift.



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner: 25 members and partners met at Middleton Tavern for a delicious Christmas lunch, some chatting away at the table others playing the pokies.

Meeting: The President opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 32 members. He asked if they enjoyed the Christmas lunch. He told members he is stepping down as President 2016, but happily told members he will still be convenor of the Southern Region Group. He also spoke of highlights of the year.

Lucy spoke about what is happening in the Club 2016. She asked if any members had any ideas they would like to take place at the meetings to let her know.

Birthday Draw: Noel Oliver

Lucky name-badge: Joy Ward

Apologies: Russ Sutton, Lorna Zerbe, Sid James and Judy Crafter.

Guest Speaker: Graham Zerbe was guest speaker and gave a very entertaining presentation showing a few pretty rare orchids, then went into Christmas scenes and showed an excellent presentation on dogs being man's best friend and Phalaenopsis with interesting quotes written on them. Thank you Graham.

Father Christmas arrived and gave presents to 4 members then chocolates to all members.

President Geoff thanked the judges, registrar, Dorothy, Reg and Elsie Clifford, Shirley and Don Greig, Joan McMahon for their hard work during the year and all the members for regularly attending meetings. He wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Next meeting: Sunday 21st February 2016, time 1.30p.m. Guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe talking on the Mackay Conference.

Judging: Noel Oliver, Graham Zerbe and John Gay. Noel did the commentary.

Plant of the day: *Brs. gireoudiana* benched by Ruth & Keven Tugwell.

Popular vote: *phal.* Unknown benched by Chris and Lyn Heysen.

SRG December Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

834 *Alcra.* Tahoma Glacier

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

3

Oncidiinae - Species

835 *Pyp. papilio*

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

836 *Phal.* Unknown

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

3

837 *Phal.* Chian Xen Piano "CX367"

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

2

838 *Phal.* Unknown

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

1

Second Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

839 *Lc. Intercepts*

Shirley & Don Greig (1128)

3

840 *Bc.* Lim Theng Hin

Shirley & Don Greig (1128)

2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

841 *Mtdm.* Kamono 'J.E.M.'

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

3

Oncidiinae - Species

842 *Brs. gireoudiana*

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

3

843 *Brs. brachiata*

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

844 *Phal.* Unknown

Shirley & Don Greig (1128)

3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

845 *Gga. nigrita*

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

3



Noel Oliver presenting Ruth Tugwell with her prize mugs for her *brassia gireoudiana* which was Flower of Second Division and Flower of the Meeting.



Noel Oliver presenting Chris Heysen with his prize mug for his *phalaenopsis* Unknown which was Flower of First Division and was also the Popular Vote winner for the Meeting.



Father Christmas arriving at the meeting.

December Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
Open Division		
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid		
806	<i>Sarco.</i> Carnival 'Brown Balloon'	Kevin Western (155) 3
807	<i>Sarco.</i> Magenta	Kevin Western (155) 2
Australian Native Epiphyte - Species		
803	<i>Den. cucumerinum</i>	Noel Oliver (102) 3
804	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	Kevin Western (155) 2
805	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 1
Best Specimen of Division		
816	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	Kevin Western (155) 3
Laeliinae - Non Standard		
808	<i>Psh.</i> Green Hornet	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 3
809	<i>C.</i> (Mark Jones x Jungle Elf)	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 2
831	<i>C.</i> Jungle Gem x Rlc. Little Toshie	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 1
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm		
811	<i>Onc.</i> Jungle Monach 'Everglades'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm		
810	<i>Ons.</i> Bittersweet 'Roll of Honour'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid		
832	<i>Disa.</i> (Unicol x Foam)	Kevin Western (155) 3
833	<i>Disa.</i> Kirstenbosch Pride	Kevin Western (155) 2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species		
814	<i>Disa. uniflora</i> 'Big Red'	Kevin Western (155) 3
815	<i>Den. loddigesii</i>	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 2
Paphiopedilum - Non Standard		
812	<i>Paph.</i> Dark Velvet	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3
813	<i>Paph.</i> Double Arrow	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 2
First Division		
Best Orchid Seedling - any Genera		
825	<i>Onc. leucochilum</i> 'Dik Dik'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3
Best Specimen of Division		
826	<i>Brs.</i> verrucosa	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3
Laeliinae - Non Standard		
800	<i>Psh.</i> (baculus x prismatocarpa)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
Laeliinae - Species		
801	<i>Bark. lindleyana</i>	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3
802	<i>Psh. baculus</i>	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 2
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm		
819	<i>Onc.</i> (Splinter x Onc. sphacelatum)	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 3
820	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 2
821	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 1
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm		
817	<i>Alcm.</i> Tropic Lilly 'Ice Palace'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
818	<i>Aspsm.</i> Roman Emperor 'Jem'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 2
Oncidiinae - Species		
822	<i>Onc. leucochilum</i> 'Windy Ridge'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3
823	<i>Brs. verrucosa</i>	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2
824	<i>Onc. leucochilum</i> 'Dik Dik'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 1
Second Division		
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid		
799	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	Beth Stronach (836) 3

December Plant Commentary

ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION AND FLOWER OF THE NIGHT:

Bark. lindleyana grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju was chosen by the Judging Panel to be Orchid of the Night. Noel Oliver gave the commentary on this well grown plant which is found growing naturally in trees and shrubs in Costa Rica and Mexico. This plant is grown in small bark with most of the roots outside the pot. Well done Michael and Oui and thank you for bringing in this plant for us all to admire.



ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION:

The Judging Panel chose *Disa uniflora* 'Big Red' grown by Kevin Western to be the Orchid of Open Division. Rowan Crowhurst gave a commentary saying that the plant had been chosen as it had a large, well filled shape flower of bright red colour which stood out on the show bench. *Disa uniflora* is a terrestrial species where it commonly grows near streams, waterfalls and seepages along cliffs near Cape Town. Disas are bog plants which like damp and cool conditions. Thank you Kevin Western for bringing in this unusual orchid species for all of us to enjoy.



December Plant Commentary (cont.)

ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION:

Phalaenopsis Unknown grown by Beth Stronach was the Orchid of Second Division. Vicky Cooper gave a plant commentary pointing out that this plant displayed lots of miniature size flowers all facing one way. The flowers were evenly sized with a well filled in shape. A striking feature being the soft pale pink to darker pink petals and sepals with a contrasting mustard lip.

Congratulations to Beth for bringing in this well grown *Phalaenopsis*.



The Committee has decided to appoint a new Registrar in 2016 and so this is my last report to you as Registrar. I have enjoyed being your Registrar for 2015 and have been delighted to see Second Division growers gaining confidence and bringing in better and better plants for us to enjoy. Keep up the good work. I wish all Members the very best for the future. May your orchids continue to thrive and produce perfect blooms.

Judy McRedmond - Registrar

Orchid Culture Notes for February

It's the start of another year in the orchid house. This year we have been dealt with extreme weather ranging from a baking and orchid killing 44C heat event to a tropical week of high humidity and 60mm of rain at my place in January. A normal cycle should start soon and as the saying goes, it will get hot when the kids go back to school. Note that any heat damage will come out over the next few weeks with leaf marks becoming more evident and leaf drop occurring. The recent rains and humidity will create some fungal issues in the shade house as well so keep an eye out for any outbreaks and have some fungicide ready in case. Heat damaged plants with damaged leaves and stress are prime targets for pest and disease attack. The physical side of heat damage is easy to spot but remember that heat also damages the plants roots as well. Black pots exposed to the sun overheat and cook the roots. Whilst the top of the plant may come thru ok, underneath things are not so good. Then sometime later the plant starts to shrivel as they do no longer have a functioning root system. Most of us will put down root loss to poor culture such as over watering or a broken down mix. Just remember, heat can be added to this. Even slugs and snails will be in good numbers awakened by the sudden change in weather. I managed to collect some absolute orchid eating monsters during the rain. Slugzillas.

February is usually the hottest month and with it often comes an increase in the intensity of the north winds, so there is much heat left for us yet. In fact you can still have temperatures nudging the old 100 degree mark as late as the equinox. That's March 21 and the long range forecasts are pointing towards an Indian summer.

I said earlier on that prevention is a key if we are to avoid damage to our plants. It's no use after the event. I had learnt from previous heat events those plants that struggle and provided them the additional support they needed this time round. The result was only a very small number of plants suffered any damage and there were no losses. Same rules apply to pests. Spray when the moths are active for caterpillars for example. By the time their crop of loopers has started chomping on your orchids half the damage has been done. Get them as they hatch. When the rain stops inspect the orchid house and surrounds for slugs and snails. Be prepared for the next heat event. For some of us, be it age, disability, size of orchid house, whatever, cannot go to extraordinary lengths to save our plants from the heat but there are some ideas that may lessen the damage. Humidity is your ally and keeping it up high will help. Wet the floors as often as you need to on extreme days. We have two large rubbish bins full of grey water for this purpose. Just don't water the orchids with it but use it for splashing on the shade house sides and floor is a better option than tipping it down the drain. Extra shade will help reduce burning caused by intense light. It will not reduce the damage caused by heat. A wet floor or sides of the shade house will evaporate water. With evaporation there is a release of latent heat. The air cools. Wet you hand and blow on it....it feels cool!

Basically shade reduces damage by light and the humidity reduces damage by heat. For those with 50% shade cloth, especially the white one the damage this year would have been severe. It's looking like the extreme heat we have experienced the past couple of years may be with us for good each summer. A secondary layer of shade we can roll out over the base layer for a few days whilst the heat is at its worst may become a required item. Otherwise we may have to rethink colours. Of course aspect and location will also have a bearing. My area is very open, no trees or neighbours to shade my yard so I have to make allowances for that.

Another thing is that we may be forced to stop growing genera that can't handle the heat and concentrate on those that are heat tolerant. My hot house for example apart from foggers has nothing to control the temperature so now only the hard cane Dendrobiums, Cattleyas and a few of the more tolerant Oncidiums spend summer in there, for everything else it is too hot. I have lost some of the real cool growing stuff that I won't replace until I can provide the artificial conditions to keep the temps below 30 all year round.

Seedlings and recently divided plants will stress more than established counterparts this time of year during heat spikes. They will need extra protection. Under the bench, in the house, the laundry, somewhere, anywhere it's cooler. The heat will pass. My laundry is out of bounds to washing when the heats on. Yep, full of orchids!

Spraying with a stress guard type preparation is also beneficial as these products reduce the amount of evaporation through transpiration. You will not stop the damage completely but a bit of forethought and action will lessen the damage.

Enough of the doom and gloom. Autumn is coming! But it is not here yet. The obvious task is to keep plants moist and ensure all pots are checked regularly to make sure all plants are getting enough water. I lift and feel my pots occasionally. With practice you can tell by the weight of the pot whether or not it is dry. The old finger in the mix test works to test for moisture and of course we can buy moisture meters. By now many genera are completing their growth stage and will be in the process of maturing their growths. Some in readiness for immediate flowering over the autumn and others for winter and spring. These maturing plants should have their diet changed to one with a higher potassium content to help mature the plant as well as strengthen the raceme and improve the colours.

Might be a good idea to look at the presentation of these plans and start working on them now. For example I have a nice C. Hawaiian Wedding Song with several new growths all over the place in the pot. They are in sheath but not yet filling out with buds. If I leave it too long the presentation will be like a dogs breakfast and if I try and fix it too late then there is risk to the blooms so I work on it now to straighten the growths up and get them spaced correctly around the pot.

Lets have a look around and see what's on in the shade house this month. By now our autumn flowering Laeliniiae complex (Cattleyas and Laelia's) will have rapidly maturing growths and some already showing emerging spikes. Make sure these spikes and growths are well supported with a stake. Keep water out of the sheaths to avoid fungal rots and spots and make sure the snail baits are on the pot. It often rains this month and it will wake up those slimy fellows. Keep well watered so the spikes remain plump. As some of these developing spikes will excrete a sugary substance you will find ants will be attracted to the spike. They can do a lot of damage as they will eat into the developing spike and they usually bring in a few soft scales as well. Extreme weather can cause buds to abort so bring them inside if it gets real hot (or unseasonably cold) at this stage of initiation. Oncidiums as a rule will be filling out their pseudobulbs and the odd spike or two will be starting to show. Similar culture to the Laeliniiae complex should apply. For those with terrestrials this is the last month for re potting. Still aim to keep them on the dry side after re potting as the disturbance of re potting plus being too eager with hose will have them out too early. Wait till the cooler weather in April for this although there will be early varieties flowering in March. Like any orchid, a knowledge of the species itself or that in the hybrid is important when determining what needs to be done and when.

Native epiphyte growths as usual are all over the place. I even had 2 *Den. speciosum* flower in January. (note *Den. speciosum* var. *capricornicum* can flower very early in the year but these are not that variety) Some are maturing yet others are only buds. As a rule keep the water and feeding up. Watch out for caterpillars as they love new soft growths. Many will have a burnt leaf tip or spot. Leave them until the leaf matures before trimming them. Inspect the new growths and if they are floppy then some part of your culture is not quite right. Too much shade and high nitrogen in the feed are the two main culprits. Don't move them yet to a brighter place as they will burn. Leave that to April. They still may flower in spring.

Zygopetalums will have new growths maturing and evidence of new growths will be evident from the base of these maturing ones signal the start of a new flowering season. Keep moist, feed with a balanced to high potassium based feed and watch out for loopers, especially on the undersides of the leaves. They don't eat through, rather they skeletonise the leaf and when that dries looks rather unsightly. A spotted, half eaten zygo on the show bench doesn't have that appeal. Again place a few snail pellets on the surface of the pot.

Keep Paphiopedilums moist and keep an eye out of mealy bugs. High humidity and fresh air movement is important this time of year. Keep light levels fairly low. As a rule hold your hand about 12 inches above the plant and you should only just see a slight shadow. Full shadow too much light, no shadow a bit dark. This is only a rule of thumb for newer growers of this genus. Feeding is usually a balanced feed at half or less of the manufacturers recommendations. If you can try and flush your paphs out occasionally with rainwater to remove salt build up from tap water and fertiliser. Adelaide water is loaded with extra salt over the summer. They will love you for it. A flush is usually two or three waters say an hour apart. The first softens and dissolves some of the salts, the second and third gets the rest. Collect the waste water and use that to wet your floors later when it's hot.

For other genera it's a matter of treating them in accordance with their growth habits although in most cases they will be in a growth mode.

February is a dry month on the show bench and apart from a few plants there won't be much else out. Even with my collection finding enough to show will be difficult, even more with many that have flowered showing the affects of the heat. Bring in what you can. If it has a burn or a spot I am sure your plant won't be alone.

February will end and the extreme heat of summer maybe a couple of weeks later. March will be upon us and with it those cooler nights. Most of our plants will survive this summer and we need to be a little more caring to see them through it and help in the recovery stakes.

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