

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

April
2016



PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby
PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8.00 pm. on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Trevor Garard who will talk on 'How to look after your Phalaenopsis'.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: Next meeting April 6th at 7.20 pm with Pauline Hockey.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 14th April 2016 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Graham Zerbe telling us about the Mackay Conference. Beginners' Group at 1.30 pm with Phil Steer on Mounts.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP: The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 17th April 2016 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Phil Steer on Marina Bay Sands Garden, Singapore .

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

NEW MEMBERS: The President and Committee of S.C.O.C. S. A. welcome the following new members: Glad Brooks : Henry Hancock : Marilyn Kennedy : Stephen Monkhouse
We hope you will have a very rewarding time with our Club.

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

BUNNINGS BBQ NOARLUNGA DOWNS Saturday 16th April 8.00am- 4.30 pm
Help is needed. Please Phone Dorothy 8277 1793

VALE Lance Davis

The Daytime Chapter advise the passing of Lance Davis. Lance will be sadly missed by all of his orchid friends. We send our Condolences to Barbara and his family.

Rest in Peace Lance

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10 Committee Meeting

18 Southern Region Group - Graham Zerbe

TBA

November 26th	Chris & Lynn Hojosh	TBA
December 18th	Graham Zerbe	TBA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope you all had a pleasant and safe Easter (a little unusual to have Easter before our main April meeting.)

Summer is over and this brings us the more mild weather of Autumn, a perfect time of the year to finish up potting on or even dividing the orchids you couldn't get to before the higher temperatures were upon us in late Spring. It is also a time that nasties can attack the orchids, always be vigilant as they can do untold damage in a very small time frame. With Summer being kind again and the more than welcome rains in February and March we should all be in for another good year of flowering

We have already have had an interesting array of subjects delivered by our guest speakers covering Specimen Plant Growing, Coping with Extremes of Weather in the Mallee, the Changing Seasons, Australian Natives, the AOC Conference in Mackay and Decorations from Recycled Products. We look forward to many different and interesting topics at the upcoming meetings.

Our Autumn Show is upon us, a little over four weeks away. It is again at Pasadena Green Shopping Centre. I ask for your support of the first show of the year. Even if it is one plant for either the display or trading table it all adds to make it the best show possible. The dates and times for judging, put in and the show and given elsewhere in this Gazette. Bring in your plants and enjoy the thrill seeing your efforts being admired by the public. A plant you have left at home maybe a prize winner.

Successful growing and showing

Michael

BIRTHDAY DRAW

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



Happy Birthday

PAUL HAYES, TREVOR STUTLEY, RITO SILVESTRY,
MAX ALMOND, JOHN GOSNELL, KAREN - ANNE NG, JUDY CRAFTER,
CHRIS HEYSEN, CORAL TILLMANN

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



ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2016

AUTUMN SHOW

Sunday 1st May to Saturday 7th May at Five Ash Drive,
Pasadena

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June at Torrens Parade
Ground Drill Hall, King William Street, Adelaide

WINTER SHOW

Sunday 24th July to Saturday 30th July at the Hallett
Cove Shopping Centre, Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

Thursday 25th August to Sunday 28th August at the
R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SPRING SHOW

Sunday 25th September to Saturday 1st October
at the Seaford Rise Shopping Centre, Commercial Road,
Seaford

YOUR 2016 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:

Michael Willoughby

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Geoffrey Spear

VICE PRESIDENT:

Donna Meeuwsen

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Lucy Spear

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Barbara Almond

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Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Heather Wright,
Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig, Don Greig,
David Hayhurst

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Registrar

Phillip Steer

Editor

Christine Robertson

Web Master

Michael Willoughby

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 Gitcham

2005 Merve Steele*
2005 Shirley Steele
Circa Tony and Toshy Deonnio*
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 and Bev Gay
2012 Noel Oliver
2015 Lesley Fenton
2015 Rod McRedmond
2015 Lesley Fenton
This list is still being compiled.

AUTUMN SHOW
PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE
SUNDAY 1ST MAY TO SATURDAY 7TH MAY

NOTE: PUT IN DATE is the last day of April.

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

JUDGING: Saturday 30th April at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium. **PUT IN TIME:** 11.30a.m. to 12.45p.m. **JUDGING:** 1.00p.m. Sharp. After judging, 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 30th April between 3.30p.m. and 5.00p.m. Please note **PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4.00p.m.**

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

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE, if you have not yet paid. 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

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

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

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

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

Dorothy

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

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

MARCH PLANT COMMENTARY

The members were treated to a really nice display of flowers across all 3 divisions with Open Division having 27 plants, First Division with 6 plants and a very pleasing 7 plants in Second Division. Open Division showed a very diverse range of plants coming from some 11 different genera. Interestingly there were 7 plants of Ctt Valentine Day across all divisions and all were different.

Orchid of Open Division & Orchid of the night

The plant chosen by the Judges was Catasetum (Cape of Island x Dragons Teeth) grown by Peter & Geraldine Flavel. The plant was an attractive green with a uniform spike of flowers. Rowan Crowhurst gave a very interesting commentary on this plant. (Catesetums are becoming more & more popular)



These plants have a distinct wet & dry season and they lose their leaves when dormant over the cooler months.

A very well grown plant that had great appeal. Congrats Peter & Geraldine.

Orchid of Second Division

The plant of Second Division of which John Gay gave the commentary was Ctt Valentine Day 'Cambridge Blue' grown by Susy Bratuz. This was a beautifully presented plant with 2 clusters (with another 2 on the way !) of glossy cherry coloured flowers. A worthy winner. Well Done Susy and looking forward to more winning plants from you.



Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Bill Jayne and was a Paphiopedilum (Adelaide Magic x Via Prokuli).

The plant had two very attractive flowers with a light mauve 'Slipper' and contrasting brown spotted dorsal sepal & petals. A well grown plant. Well done Bill.



John Gay gave a commentary on a very interesting & attractive plant grown by Paul & Donja Hayes. The plant Burrageara Guam Shin Coffee, had a long arching spike of attractive brown & white flowers. Burrageara is a hybrid genus comprised Cochlioda, Miltonia, Odontoglossum and Oncidium.

Good Growing Phil Steer- Registrar

March Results List

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

425	Sarco. Belmont Rose 'Disney'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
426	Sarco. Bonanza	Kevin Western (155)	2
427	Sarco. Bonanza	Kevin Western (155)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

424	Sarco. Hirticalcar	Kevin Western (155)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Species

435	Cym. dayanum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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March Results List cont

Points Awarded

Laeliinae - Cluster

430 Ctt. Valentine Day 'Osborne' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Laeliinae - Non Standard

431 Bc. [Cherry Bee x (Ken Dream x walkeriana) Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3

432 Lc. Intercepts Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

433 C. (Penny Kuroda x Orchidom Leopard) Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 1

Laeliinae - Species

434 Enc. Unknown Brian Lyttle (214) 3

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

428 C. [Lc.] Mini Purple 'Tamami' Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3

429 C. [Lc] Mini Purple 'Tamami' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

437 Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

438 Odcdm. Sunny Daze 'Hilo Bay' Brian Lyttle (214) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

436 Mtssa. Shelob 'Tolkien' Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

439 Trt. micrachilum Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

440 Gom. flexuosum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

444 Ctsm. (Cape of Island x Dragon's Teeth) Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

445 Den. Unknown 'Lance' Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 2

446 Ctsm. Jessie Ang '7' Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

447 Stan. wardii Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 3

448 Coel. tomentosa Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

449 Max. cucullata Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 1

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

421 Zga. (Iron Knob x Pine Road) Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3

422 C. (Penny Kuroda x Orchidom Leopard) Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 2

423 Sarco. Belmont Rose 'Disney' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 1

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

441 Paph. Limidolli Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

442 Zga. (Iron Knob x Pine Road) Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3

443 Z. Titanic 'Monarch' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

450 Ctt. Valentine Day Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

451 Ctt. Valentine Day 'Bronze Aussie' Eileen Pinnock (519) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

454 Oncsa. Sherry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

453 Burr. Guam Shin Coffee Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

455 Paph. (Adelaide Magic x Via Prokuli) Bill Jayne (1180) 3

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

452 Zga. Platinum Surprise 'Torresan' Bill Jayne (1180) 3

Second Division

Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

418 Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleaves' Helen McIntosh (299) 3

Laeliinae - Cluster

414 Ctt. Valentine Day 'Cambridge Blue' Suzy Bratuz (381) 3

415 Ctt. Valentine Day Phil and Anne Steer (514) 2

Laeliinae - Species

416 Psch. cochleata Suzy Bratuz (381) 3

417 Psch. cochleata Phil and Anne Steer (514) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

420 Max. cucullata Beth Stronach (836) 3

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

419 Z. Claire Fisher 'Carnival' David Williams (1351) 3

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Another very interesting day at our Daytime Chapter today. Mr David Williams (one of our valued members) was our Guest Speaker, who gave us all an insight into his world of recycling many varied objects into very useful and handy items into which he is able to grow and display his varied Orchid and Bromeliad collection. With a bit of imagination and a tin of paint he transforms many items into different hangers, shelves and containers which display his plants beautifully. So before we throw anything away, just think about it for a minute. Perhaps we could all do something similar. Thank you David, a great discussion and thanks for sharing with us. Your garden looks great, well done.

Apologies today from Peter and Geraldine, Josephine, Barbara and Max, Reg and Helen, and Brian, wishing you all good health and hope to catch up again soon.



We welcomed a New Member, Mrs Shirley Mickam, into the Club today. Shirley received her badge and plant and we all wish her a happy and long term relationship with us all at our Club Meetings.

Our Display Table was not so great today. We had quality not quantity. There is not much around at the moment. Lesley Gunn brought in two lovely smaller flowering Cattleya plants which everyone loves to see, all well grown and nicely displayed. She also brought a taller variety Cattleya, *Browniae Riga*, a pale mauve head of blooms, white labellum with mauve edging, an older variety Cattleya, but always displays nicely. She also showed a very small flowered plant of *Ornithophora radicans*, an oncidium species, unusual, with very small flowers in white and brown tones, perfect in miniature. A magnifying glass would have been handy to really appreciate the flowers.



Lesley's small Cattleya was voted as best in display; many lovely purple flowers, very nicely presented, the plant was a miniature type named "Tamami". Congratulations Lesley, well done.

Lesley did the Plant Commentary today, thanks Lesley for doing this and so well done with all the other information that goes with it.

The Beginners class held before the main meeting was well attended by all the newer members. Geoff was in charge today, fired up as usual. Thanks Geoff.

The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance.

Bye ,
Dorothy, 8277-1793.

LET'S BE PATIENT

In the early days of my growing Orchids we visited an elderly friend and, whilst looking in her small shade house, noticed two strange looking plants on the ground, growing in what appeared to be mallee stumps. When I queried them I was told that they were "Sydney Rock Orchids" and asked if I would like one. "Yes, thank you" was my reply.

Several years after having this plant given to me I asked our friend (Mrs. Robinson) how to get this plant to flower. After she laughed she said "John, I have had these for 40 years and they haven't flowered yet". I thought that I hoped I wouldn't have to wait that long before it flowered for me.

On researching, I found these to be *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *compactum* (having short canes). I also discovered that in nature they grow on the eastern side of trees to get the morning sun and afternoon shade, often growing on the ground where they benefited from the extra heat and light.

On our friend's death her Grand-daughter took her other *Dendrobium* to the Murray Bridge area and, in her ignorance, placed it on the ground at the base of a Eucalypt tree, facing east and not far from a galvanized iron Shed, where it received reflected heat.

Now, with both plants receiving optimum conditions – you guessed it - the first year after our friend died both plants flowered.

Dendrobium speciosum is renowned for having a very good flowering every four or five (4 or 5) years, and what flowers you get other years is a good bonus.

John Gay





SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING **SUNDAY 20TH MARCH**

Beginners' Group: Geoff spoke on how to look after Cymbidiums and Phalaenopsis.

The Southern Region Convenor, Geoff Spear, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 41 members and visitors Vera Hughes, John Holland and Dave Atkinson.

Apologies: Julie and Peter Davridge and Bruce Kirk

Birthday Draw: Ruth Tugwell

Door Prize: Judy Crafter

Guest Speaker: John Gay gave a very interesting talk on Australian Natives, passing on to us wonderful information he has learnt over the years. John also encouraged questions where I am sure we all gathered some helpful insights on growing these genera of orchids with a lot of handy tips and advice. Thank you John for sharing your knowledge with us.

Plant of the day: C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' - Eileen Pinnock

Plant of First Division: C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' - Eileen Pinnock

Plant of Second Division: Alkra. [Bllra.] Peggy Ruth Carpenter - Reg and Elsie Clifford

Popular vote: Alkra. [Bllra.] Peggy Ruth Carpenter - Reg and Elsie Clifford

Next meeting: Sunday 17th April 2016, time 1.30p.m. Guest speaker will be Phil Steer speaking on the Marina Bay Sands Garden Singapore.



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March Results List

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

471	Den. Jesmond Dazzler	Shirley & Don Greig	3
472	Den. Ellen	Shirley & Don Greig	2

Laeliinae - Cluster

474	Ctt. Valentine Day	Ruth & Keven Tugwell	3
475	Ctt. Valentine Day	Shirley & Don Greig	2
476	Ctt. Valentine Day	Shirley & Don Greig	1

Laeiinae - Non Standard

477	Wlc. Tropical Snowflake	Ruth & Keven Tugwell	3
478	C. Dendi's Double	Eileen Pinnock	2

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

473	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Eileen Pinnock	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

483	Onc. Pacific Sunrise	Ruth & Keven Tugwell	3
484	Brat. Shelob 'Tolkien'	Ruth & Keven Tugwell	2
485	Milt. unknown	Shirley & Don Greig	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

479	Masd. Copper Angel	Ruth & Keven Tugwell	3
480	Masd. Latacunga 'Morado Smooth'	Shirley & Don Greig	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

481	Phal. pulchra	Shirley & Don Greig	3
482	Sngl. longifolia	Shirley & Don Greig	2

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

486	Paph. (insigne x Silver Flueret)	Ruth & Keven Tugwell	3
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Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

466	Cym. Kiwi 'Zig-Zag'	Helen Humphrys	3
467	Cym. (Snowflake x Peter Pan)	Sid James	2

Laeliinae - Cluster

460	Ctt. Kew	Marilyn Jelfs	3
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Laeliinae - Species

461	Gur. bowringiana	Helen Humphrys	3
462	Psh. cochleata	Reg & Elsie Clifford	2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

463	Alcra. [Bllra.] Peggy Ruth Carpenter	Reg & Elsie Clifford	3
464	Milt. Cogniauxiae	Helen Humphrys	2

Oncidiinae - Species

465	Gom. flexuosa	Reg & Elsie Clifford	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

470	Den. Mingle's Sapphire	Sid James	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

468	Z. unknown	Marilyn Jelfs	3
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C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' - Eileen Pinnock



Orchid Culture Notes for April

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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 REGIONAL GROUP: 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.

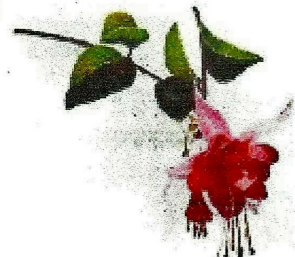
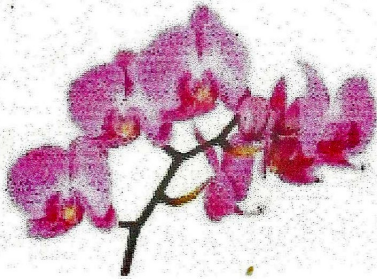
THE CYMBIDIUM CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets at 7.30p.m. at Burnside Community Centre, 401, Greenhill Road, Tasmore on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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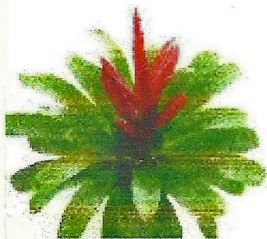


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