

# Gazette

**March  
2015**



**PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear**

**PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse**

## AT A GLANCE

The meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Michael Mathews (Victoria) whose subject will be 'How We Grow Our Orchids'.

**BEGINNERS' GROUP:** 7.20 pm. Geoff Spear will be discussing Autumn growing conditions.

## JUDGING

Please have plants benched by 7.40 pm, so judging can commence at 7.50 pm. If you are running late because of work commitments please ring Judy on 0411 483 680.

## JUDGE'S MARCH ROSTER

<b>Open Division :</b>	Noel Oliver, Lesley Gunn, Trevor Stutley
	Recorder: Vicki Cooper
<b>First Division:</b>	John Gay, Rowan Crowhurst
	Recorder: Peter Haltis.
<b>Second Division:</b>	Lesley Gunn, Noel Oliver, Vicki Cooper
	Recorder: Trevor Stutley
<b>Plant commentary:</b>	Open Division: Trevor Stutley
	First Division: Rowan Crowhurst
	Second Division: Vicki Cooper

## ANNIVERSARY WINE

The Committee would like to release bottles of wine at our birthday meeting. The cost of the Shiraz will be \$13.00 per bottle, Sauvignon Blanc \$13.00 per bottle and Tawny Port \$10.00 per bottle. Heather has designed beautiful labels for the bottles. **We must have the orders in by the March meeting.** Wine will not be available until the July birthday meeting.

## DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 2 pm. Beginners' Class 1.30 pm. Guest speaker Vicky Cooper.

## SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest Speaker Noel Oliver talking on Australian Natives.

## NEW MEMBERS

The President and Committee of S.C.O.C. welcome the following new members:

Keven Tugwell, Bev Shean and Lynn Waterman to the club. They will be attending the Southern Region Group meetings.

We hope you will have a very rewarding time with our Club.

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## CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2015

### March 2015

- 04 Main Meeting: Michael Mathews on "How we grow our Orchids"
- 11 Committee Meeting
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Region Group

### April 2015

- 01 Main Meeting: Coralie Hills on 2014 World Orchid Conference in Johannesburg
- 08 Committee Meeting
- 09 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Region Group

### May 2015

- 06 Main meeting: TBA
- 13 Committee Meeting
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Region Group

### June 2015

- 03 Main meeting: Interstate Speaker Steven Stebbings on Species
- 10 Committee Meeting
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Region Group

### July 2015

- 01 Main meeting: Kevin Western. Reminiscing on 50 years
- 08 Committee Meeting
- 09 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Region Group

### August 2015

- 05 Main meeting: Neutrog
- 12 Committee Meeting
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Southern Region Group

### September 2015

- 02 Main meeting: Smoults
- 09 Committee Meeting
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Region Group

### October 2015

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

### November 2015

- 04 Main meeting: Jim Shaughnessy on Sarcs
- 11 Committee Meeting
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Region Group

### December 2015

- 02 Main meeting: TBA
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group

### **MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>
March 4th	Geoff Spear	Autumn growing conditions
April 1st	Geoff Spear	Shade house maintenance
May 6th	TBA	
June 3rd	John Gay	Cattleyas
July 1st	Noel Oliver	Oncidiinae
August 5th	David Williams	Potting
September 2nd	TBA	TBA
October 7th	Kevin Western	Australian Natives
November 4th	George Abel	Sarchochilis



# Happy Birthday .....

NEIL COOPER, JIM FOGARASSI, JOY GRUND, PETER HALTIS,  
ANDREW LUTZ, LEO MINENIGO, JOSEPHINE OGROWSKI,  
REG CLIFFORD, MARILYN JELFS, GRACE NOLL,  
VAL PHILLIPS, RUTH TUGWELL, PATTY ABELL,  
HELMET HERMANN, BARBARA ALMOND, & DAVID WALLIS.



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.

## **BBQ March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

Jane and Don Higgs, Higgs Road, Myponga. Committee and members would like to thank Jane and Don for inviting the club members to their home to have a wonderful outing. Time 11.00 am. BBQ 12 noon.

Jane and Don grow mixed genera orchids. Jane is a past president of S.C.O.C. Both Jane and Don are judges and Don was once our Registrar.

Please contribute to this day by bringing along a salad or cake.

## **50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

Special Birthday meeting with Kevin Western as guest speaker reminiscing on the past 50 years.

All Past Presidents and Life Members have been invited to share this great evening.

Committee will provide a wonderful supper with platters, cakes etc.

The highlight will be our raffle, a painting by artist Syd Monkhouse. Geoff will show this at our next meeting.

Each member will receive a top show bench orange mericlone *Cymbidium* Foxfire Amber Dural.

Come along and be part of a fun night.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

New life members: Lesley Fenton and Rod McRedmond

## **PROMOTIONS**

The South Coast Orchid Club is very happy to announce the promotion of these members:

**Second Division to First Division:** Vicky & Neil Cooper, Paul and Donja Hayes, Bill Jayne and George Misirlis.

**First Division to Open Division:** Rod and Judy McRedmond

Congratulations to you all. May you have many happy years growing your wonderful orchids.

## **YOUR 2015 COMMITTEE**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Geoffrey Spear
<b>SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Michael Willoughby
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Paul Hayes
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Lucy Spear
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Barbara Almond
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Donna Meeuwsen, Heather Wright, Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig, Don Greig.
<b>REGISTRAR:</b>	Judy McRedmond

## **SUBSCRIPTION RATES – One membership covers all groups**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Junior Membership</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Rural and Interstate Membership</b>	
<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$29.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>

**2015 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.** We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

**URGENTLY NEEDED**

We urgently need a member with a van or trailer to take show props i.e. crates, trestles, bollards etc. to shows. Assistance is required at the following times:

Autumn Show:	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	1 hour
	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	all day
	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	after 3pm
Winter Show:	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	1 hour
	Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	all day
	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> August	after 3pm
Spring Show:	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	1 hour
	Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	all day
	Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	after 3pm

Please telephone Lucy urgently on 8381 4420 if you are able to assist.

**HELP WANTED FOR WORKSHOPS IN 2015 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 the 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 would be for discussing growing orchids, questions and answers and any orchid information.

**LIFE MEMBERS** - \* denotes Member who has passed away.

1978	Dulcie Graves		Circa	Helen Edwards	
	Leora Harvey		Circa	Tony Deonnio	*
	L. & H. Poole	*	Circa	Norman Gitcham	
1979	Syd Monkhouse		2007	Murray Baulderstone	*
	Bernie Hanson	*		Ron and Irene Parish	
1980	Lois Hanson	*	2008	Geoff and Lucy Spear	
1981	John Leeder	*	2009	Don Biebrick	
1985	Brenda Lynch			Henk Van Leuveran	
	Bubs Gready		2010	Dorothy Carassai	
1986	Harry Viney	*	2011	John and Bev Gay	
	John Nichols		2012	Noel Oliver	
Circa	Mervan Steele	*	2015	Lesley Fenton	
	Shirley Steele			Rod McRedmond	

Note: This list is still being compiled.

**THE APPRECIATION TABLE**

This idea has been trialled with great success. 3 members are now showing their beautiful orchids and are on their way to being very successful growers.

Reasons why you would use the Appreciation Table.

1. You may have an orchid which you have not owned for 6 months and want to share it with members.
2. Your orchid may have been out for a while and lost some of its beauty.
3. You are not sure if it is good enough to show. Every plant is beautiful. Let the judges decide.
4. If you are not sure how to present the plant for showing, bring it along. We can show you how to prepare it.

Not sure how to pack plants for carrying to show in case you damage them? See Lucy. Both Lucy and Geoff transport plants to other Clubs and interstate without damage to their plants.

Let us share and enjoy our orchids. Please don't leave them at home, they also enjoy an outing.

**ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2015**

See page 14 for this information.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

2015 Happy Golden Anniversary. I feel this will be one of our Clubs greatest years. Committee members have planned well and everyone is helping to make it a golden year.

Our February speaker has certainly led a very interesting life. It was wonderful to have him share it with us.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and also to the 5 members promoted to higher divisions.

Several of our members are still on the sick list. We are thinking of you and wishing you well.

Members please see me if you may have time to host a workshop. Our Club does need at least 4 workshops each year to help our new members. Lucy and I are only too happy to come along and assist anyone who can help with future workshops.

Coming events include the BBQ at Jane and Don Higgs, SAROC Fair, Cym Club Show and our Special Birthday meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a great opportunity to meet members who made your Club what it is today. Put the date in your diary now and participate in what will be a fun, fun night.

Bye for now.

Good Growing and Showing,  
Geoff.



The incoming 2015 committee.



The newly promoted growers in 2015.

## **Daytime Chapter**

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are again, 2015 in full swing and gearing up for another busy, busy year with lots of good things happening.

I do hope that you all had a great Christmas and I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe new year.

Our meeting today was very good and it was great to see your happy smiling faces again. The weather was very hot, too hot for some, but never mind, we carried on regardless.

Geoff Spear was our guest speaker, doing a great job as usual, informing the members on how to prepare their plants for the showbench at our Club meetings and Show. He demonstrated how to print labels and how to stake up the flowers (green stakes preferred) and how to trim the leave, which is very important. He also explained the different sizes in bark and what size you need for specific plants, plus more need to know requirements.

Geoff was then called upon to do the Plant Commentary. The display table was a bit short of plants today as there were not many plants in flower at that time. Geoff and Lucy brought in a lovely plant of *Brassia verrucosa*, very well grown, as one would expect with beautiful green flowers with red brown markings and a white labellum. These flowers are very spidery in shape and quite large. This plant is certainly one to add to your collection. Most are epiphytic (Geoff had his growing in a pot). Grow them with your cattleya orchids in the intermediate house. Congratulations to you both on owning such a lovely plant. I'm quite jealous.

Apologies were received from Mr. Reg Foster, Peter and Geraldine Flavel and Lesley and Robert Gunn. We missed you all, hope to catch up again soon.

The meeting was closed. Thanking all in attendance.

Lucy, Geoff and myself are off to Victor Harbor on Sunday. The Southern Regional Group is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we're having cake!

Bye Dorothy,  
8277-1793.



## **REGISTRAR OF JUDGES REPORT 2014**

Another year has come and gone, personally quite a tough year, but a fruitful and challenging year. From the Judges and Associate Judges it was a satisfying year in all aspects of Judging for the Club.

The Judges Meetings in 2014 were all well attended by our Club Judges and Associates and some changes were made in updating and refreshing various sections of our schedules. And the re-introduction of the monthly Popular Vote, after a few glitches it seems to be working well.

February the Registrar passed around the Format for the smooth operation of the Monthly Meetings plus a document explaining The Promotional System, They were all read and discussed in detail. Graham Zerbe answered questions regarding the Point System and how it works. Grow one Genus; you may take longer to accumulate the Points necessary to be promoted. He also went through the system 'How to be promoted'. As there were no records of club members with accumulated points in their respective Divisions in the Registrar's and Club's records it was moved and carried that a book be purchased and that the Editor would supply the print-outs from the Database for the previous six (6) years. The Registrar and Graham would go through and compile a record in the book for future years.

In April prior to the Autumn Show we met just needing a little more explanation to the Associates on the format for the monthly meetings and the shows. We had the slight change to the monthly meetings format and the Popular Vote, and after a few glitches it all seemed to be working better.

In November, there was a discussion of how the year had panned out; all present seemed to be satisfied. There was some discussion that there could be a shortage of judging personnel for the Spring Show of 2015 and may need to consider rescheduling to a different week.

Graham announced that both he and I would be cutting back on our commitments and responsibility's with the SCOC in 2015. Wendy Lodge announced also that she would not be involved in 2015. I thanked Wendy for her services given to the club over many years. It was a nice day we got the formalities out of the way had a break up afternoon tea, thanks to those who brought a plate.

The three major Annual Shows this year were well supported by the Judges and the running and productions of the prize cards. I wish to thank those people who are on the Computer Roster, Bev and Lesley (a very special helper Michael Willoughby) with diligence and expertise produce these results and prize cards at the Shows and Monthly Meetings. A great team of Recorders (the Associate Judges) are also now rostered and these people are gaining an expertise that has kept problems with nomenclature to a minimum.

A special thanks to the Team of people who put out the trestles and bench the plants at the Monthly Meetings, without them we would not have a floral competition thank you one and all for your continued support.

This Year we had a Sarcophilus section at the November meeting and it was a great addition to the meeting and well received by the members.

I also extend congratulations to the following Second Division members who have qualified to be promoted to First Division George Misirlis Vicky & Neil Cooper Paul & Donja Hayes and Bill Jayne we look forward to you strengthening the First Division ranks. Judy & Rod McRedmond have been promoted to Open Division.

Once again with the Show Marshal, President, Secretary and those who supported the Judging Panel during the year our job had been made much easier. I thank you all.

Now lastly, I thank all the Judges for their help with monthly meeting, our Shows and being there for me. Associate Judges thank you all and hope you studies go well, and before long you will be accredited Judges.

*Sue Zerbe*  
Registrar of Judges

## **2015 REGISTRAR INTRODUCTION**

Hopefully Rod and I are well known to you all as we have been members of this Club for 11 years, most of which time I have been Treasurer.

This year I am undertaking the 4th year of the 5 year Australian Orchid Council Judging Course. I am really enjoying learning about species orchids and find the whole course exhilarating. I am not yet qualified to be Registrar, but will give it my best shot. Many AOC judges have offered me their support, for which I am grateful.

I am also grateful to Sue Zerbe, who has successfully carried out the role of Registrar of our Club for the past year. Sue has generously passed on her notes and schedules to make the transition easier for me. Thank you Sue.

I look forward the challenge of being Registrar. Should any person have any concerns regarding judging matters, I invite you to contact me.

*Judy McRedmond*

**SCOCSA 2014 TROPHY WINNERS**

<b>TROPHY NAME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME OF ORCHID</b>	<b>GROWER</b>
<b>Elsie Chisholm</b>	Novelty Flower @ Spring Show	<i>Cym. Kimberley Lady 'Lucy'</i>	Rod & Judy McRedmond
<b>M G Ng</b>	Most Floriferous @ Spring Show	<i>Den. Tyabb 'Young Splendour'</i>	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>Chin Yew Lian</b>	Best Seedling overall for the year	<i>Onc. leucochilum</i>	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>Garard Western</b>	Best Seedling members Hybrid	<i>Epi. [(Imatophyllum x Red King) x Topaz Special]</i>	Pauline & Mark Hockey – Pod & Pollen parent
<b>AOC Trophy</b>	Highest Aggregate (Meetings)	1 <sup>st</sup> Division Growers (203Pts)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>WA Young</b>	Grand Champion – Autumn Show	<i>Den. Burana Stripe 'Wu'</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel
<b>H &amp; C Edwards (Clock Trophy)</b>	Grand Champion – Winter Show	<i>Coel. mooreana</i> var 'Brockhurst'	Paul & Donja Hayes
<b>Tony de Ionno &amp; Tosh</b>	Grand Champion – Spring Show	<i>Den. Tyabb 'Young Splendour'</i>	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>Harry Viney</b>	Champion Laeliinea – Autumn Show	<i>B. nodosa</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel
<b>Roy Hill</b>	Best 60-90mm <i>Cym.</i> – Winter Show	<i>Cym. erythraeum</i>	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>John Leeder</b>	Best <i>Onc.</i> for year (Meetings)	Oncidiinae Section – 25Pts.	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>Glenn Forrest</b>	Best Species <i>Paph.</i> (Meetings)	Species <i>Paph.</i> Section – 6Pts.	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>PC Loke</b>	Highest Aggregate Points 3 Shows	All sections 3 Shows – 124Pts.	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>M &amp; S Steele Trophy</b>	Highest Aggregate for <i>Paphiopedilum</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Divisions	First Division – 22Pts	Rod & Judy McRedmond
<b>L &amp; R Moore</b>	Highest Aggregate for Australian Native Epiphytes	All Divisions – 16Pts	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
<b>Steven Gamble</b>	Highest Aggregate for Australian Native Terrestrials	All Divisions – 20Pts	Robert & Lesley Gunn
<b>Division Aggregates</b>	Highest Aggregate for OPEN, FIRST & SECOND Divisions	Open Division – 56Pts First Division – 203Pts Second Division – 77Pts	Robert & Lesley Gunn Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju Vicky & Neil Cooper



### **SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2015**

**Meeting:** The President welcomed us and opened the meeting at 2 pm.

The President wished members a happy 10th birthday. He welcomed members and named members who were at the first meeting (See photo below). Eileen Pinnock, Keith and Russ Sutton and Rhonda and Don Overall were invited to today's meeting as were other past members. The President then read the early history of the club (this is available to all members on the club website <http://www.scocsa.net>) then apologized for the fact that a special birthday cake ordered for the SRG birthday had not arrived in time.



Left: the new members who joined on the day of the initial meeting of the SRG. They were (in no particular order) Marilyn Robertson, Ronda and Don Overall, John and Monika Sorrell, Clyde and Barbara Ziegeler, Keith and Russ Sutton, Kathleen Marles, Jenny Cockburn, Jack and Pat Lewis, Eileen Pinnock and Dorothy Wren.



Right: 10th birthday celebrations with a number of the original members present.

**Apologies:** Syd & Shirley Monkhouse, Bev Gay, Bruce Kirk, Lorna Zerbe and Russ Sutton.

**New members:** Keven Tugwell, Bev Shean and Lynn Waterman.

**Plant and name badge:** Gary Clarke was presented with his plant and name badge while Jan Meynell and Rosemary Maslin will be presented theirs at the March meeting.

**Lucky name-badge:** Judy Crafter.

**Birthday draw:** Shirley Grieg

**Door prize:** Helen Humphries.

**Trading Table:** What a great trading table. Members had a ball buying plants. Please keep it up.

**Guest speaker:** Kevin Cattermole (right) was the guest speaker. It was wonderful to also catch up with his wife Roxanne. Kevin spoke on "How to mount your plants". One of his interesting ideas was using the inside a dried cactus plant with was perforated with holes so that the roots could intertwine through the holes. There were also many other great ideas. Thankyou Kevin for a very interesting talk.



**Next meeting:** 15th March 2015 . Guest speaker Noel Oliver on Australian Natives. The beginners class will be hosted by Geoff Spear.

**B.B.Q. 22<sup>nd</sup> March :** Venue is Jane and Don Higgs home. See page 3 of this gazette for further details. Please bring along a salad or cake.



## SRG February Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

### Second Division

#### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1 Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

3

#### Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

2 C. (Meadii x Amethystoglossa)

Ruth Tugwell (613)

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3 C. (Summer Stars x forbesii)

Ruth Tugwell (613)

2

4 Lc. Intercepts

Shirley Greig (1128)

1

#### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

8 Onc. Jungle Monarch 'Pacific Pride'

Reg &amp; Elsie Clifford (567)

3

#### Oncidiinae - Species

9 Orpha. *radicans*

Shirley Greig (1128)

3

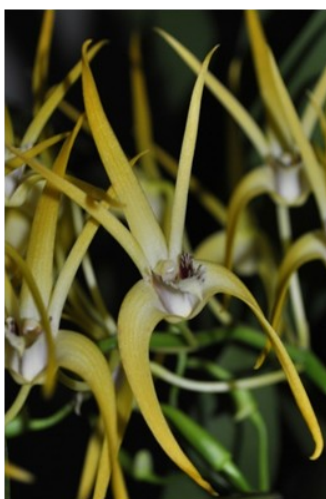
#### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

5 Gga. *galeata*

Reg &amp; Elsie Clifford (567)

3

**Judges:** Noel Oliver, John Gay and Garham Zerbe.



Above: Plant of the day *Den.* Hilda Poxon 'Ern' grown by Eileen Pinnock.



Left: Popular vote winner *Onc.* Jungle Monarch 'Pacific Pride' grown by Reg and Elsie Clifford.

Right: Ruth Tugwell Wins Graham & Sue Zerbe's Annual Trophy for 2014 Best Aggregate Points in Second Division



# February Results List

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Points Awarded

## Open Division

### Laeliinae - Cluster

16	Epi. Green Hornet 'Cavan'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
17	Epi. [(Orange Blaze x Josph Lii) x Pacific Glory x (Pink Pink x Cerise Special)]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
18	C. Lulu 'Pink Blush'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1

### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

14	C. Mem. Marie Taping	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

15	Pot. Free Spirit x Sc. Lana Coryell	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

20	Ionocidium Popcorn 'Haruri'	Noel Oliver (102)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

19	Brs. Rex 'Atlantis'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

22	Phal. (Happy Beauty x Alysha's Rose)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

23	Sngl <i>woodii</i>	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
24	Sob. <i>veitchii</i>	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2

### Orchid Seedling - any Genera

25	Epi. [(Orange Blaze x Joseph Lii) x Pacific Glory x (Pink Pink x Cerise Special)]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

21	Z. John Banks 'Purple Lips'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
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## First Division

### Laeliinae - Cluster

7	Ctt. Valentine Day	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
9	Lc. (Bee's Knees x Venosum Dark)	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2

### Laeliinae - Non Standard

10	C. Mark Jones x Slc. Jungle Elf	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
11	Lc. Interceps	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	2

### Laeliinae Species

8	Enc. <i>alata</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

3	Wils. Zoes Fire 'Floriculture'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
4	Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
5	Oncsa. Gower Ramsay	Dorothy & John Carassai (294)	1

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

12	Phrag. Perseus 'Highclere'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

13	Stan. <i>tigrina</i>	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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### Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

6	Paph. Limidolli	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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## Second Division

### Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

1	Cym. Peggy Sue 'Five'	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

2	Pyp. Kalihi 'Orange Fireglow'	Rowan Crowhurst (763)	3
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## **February Plant Commentary**

### **ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION AND ORCHID OF THE NIGHT:**

*Paphiopedilum* Limidolli beautifully grown from the stable of Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju. A primary hybrid which boasts a large light purple labellum being a progressive flowerer another two flowers are starting to form.

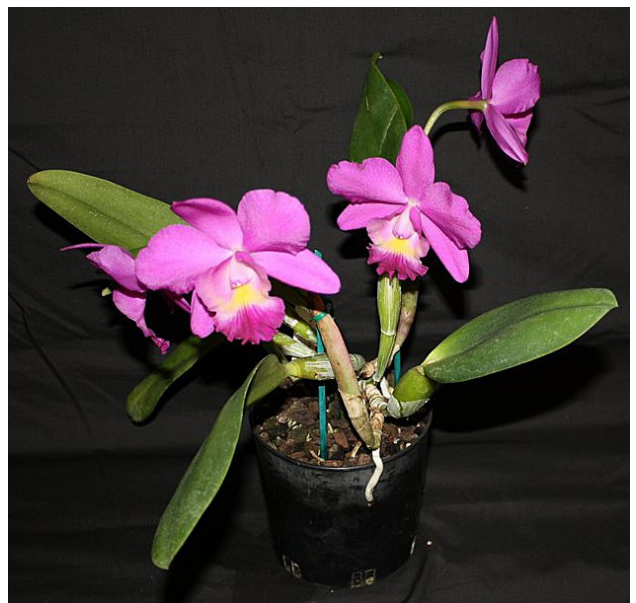
The Dorsal is light green with brown spots, petals are lime green with a underlay of red/brown few hairs on the top edge and a wavy border. A lovely Orchid Michael & Oui and the envy of many who would like to have it in their collection.



### **ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION:**

*Cattleya* Memoria Marie Tapingner grown by Lesley & Robert Gunn had two inflorescences with two flowers on each. The colour was a beautiful pink/mauve on sepals and petals. The labellum was a pale/mauve, yellow centered with the base a light purple fringing.

Lesley & Robert I am sure this extraordinary orchid deserved the title of Best in Open Division.





## **February Plant Commentary (cont.)**

### **ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION:**

*Phycopsis*. Kalihi 'Orange Fireglow' grown by Rowan Crowhurst is a primary hybrid between (*Pyp. Papilo* x *krameriana*) being a progressive flower there is another one on its way. The inflorescence is 600mm tall with thick leathery leaves. The Dorsal sepal and petals are a tan/brown with yellow splotches, the ventral sepals are pale tan with a fine pale lemon edge and the labellum lemon centred banded in tan then a fine lemon edging.

Well Rowan what a beautiful "butterfly" you have.



### **SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT:**

*Epidendrum* [(Orange Blaze x Josephine) x Pacific Glary x (Pink Pink x Cerise Special)] was grown by Pauline & Mark Hockey. It had three inflorescences, 1 Large 1 medium and 1 baby. Huge heads of orange/red flowers. Each flower had a tiny red labellum yellow centred with a spikey apricot edge.

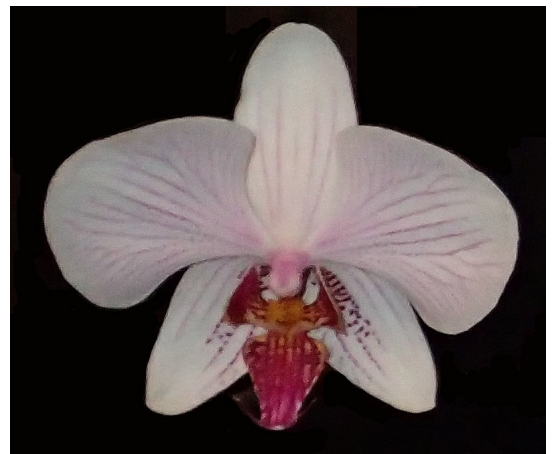
Congratulations Pauline & Mark another great seedling.



### **POPULAR VOTE WINNER:**

*Phalaenopsis* (Happy Beauty x Alysha's Rose) was grown by Judy & Rod McRedmond, three inflorescences boasting eight non-standard flowers on each. The flowers have a beautiful white crystallised texture with pale pink veining and spotting on lower sepals. Tri-lobed labellum dark purple mixed with yellow, yellow keels with purple spots and a pale purple column with white pollen caps. What an eye catching orchid.

Judy & Rod thank you for sharing your orchid with us.



Sue Zerbe

Registrar of Judges



## Orchid Culture Notes for March

March sees activity increase in the shade house. After the heat of summer, autumn greets us with some cooler nights but the days remain fairly hot until about the equinox. It usually remains quite dry as well although all it takes is one cyclone to move south as a low pressure system to deliver a nice drop. In most years though, we have to wait to April and sometimes later before the first rains of the new season.

March is generally an orchid maturity month. In the main many of our orchids would have completed their summer growing season this month and are in the maturation stage. This does not mean stop watering and feeding, far from it, but there will be some changes to our programmes. At this stage of the year some will flower straight away and the proliferation of the Laeliinae group on the show benches over the next couple of months supports this. Closer observations will reveal many plants have another flush of new or additional root growth this month. This is obviously to pick up more moisture and nutrients to store away for the rest and flowering periods ahead. Each genera will behave it in its own particular way and it this knowledge that will determine the next aspect of culture.

Native epiphytes will be maturing and hardening growths now, these too showing a flush of new roots. *Sarcophilus* will also show new roots as they emerge from summer semi dormancy. They will look stressed in many cases but the emergence of new roots and the cooler nights will soon have them looking good again. Late March to the end of May is a good time to attend to this genus if you are wanting to re pot or divide them. On the terrestrial scene the first few early ones will start popping up now and some will even flower. As they do slowly increase the water they receive. For those not showing yet make sure pots are kept cool and slightly moist with moderate shade. By the end of the month there should be plenty of signs of new growth. Remove any weeds as soon as they appear.

Autumn is the month we see many of the Laeliniiae complex on the show bench. Many of these are the cluster type, many with *Gtt. bowringiana* as one of the parents. Most are relatively easy to grow here in shade house conditions. Growths develop rapidly over the summer with the sheaths showing as soon as the leaves open. These sheaths fill rapidly with developing flowers. Many are rather heavy and should be staked, ideally before any buds emerge from the sheaths and be damaged in the process. Watch out for water based rots affecting the sheaths and also watch out for ants. The honeydew excreted by these orchids attracts them like moths to a flame. They will also eat out the buds and you will lose the years flowers. They have been a real problem this year. One grower suggested the use of molasses as a natural insecticide that also gives your plant a boost at the same time. Strange that something sweet that would attract them will kill them. I'll give it a try and report back.

Hanging plants are not immune to ants attack either. Keep hangers well watered and feed with a blossom booster feed. Most of my hangers are mounted plants, *Oncidiums*, *Laelia's* and the late flowering mini *Cymbidiums*. Many of these plants also show a new crop of roots as the growths mature. Of course it's not only the cluster type *Cattleyas* that are out. There are also a few of the larger exhibition types as well as the single mini cats and splash petal type.

Most of these autumn flowering plants do well in basic shade house conditions and they only require to be kept on the drier side and protected from winter rains. They require a very open free draining mix. If you do over water them over winter you will find that by spring, these plants will be quite shrivelled and stressed due to root loss. They will recover in spring but you will lose the next flowering and it may be another full season or more to get them back in order.

Autumn also sees the *Oncidium* tribe with increasing numbers of plants on the show bench. Many will have maturing growths as well and once this is completed spike initiation is not far away. Of course the *Oncidium* tribe is very extensive but as a rule anything of the "varicosum" type will be showing spikes very soon. In other words we are looking at *Oncidiums* with big showy yellow skirts. These are a rather easy genus to grow in shade house conditions if the right selection is made. The wrong decision will result in disappointment. Keep them moist and always feed at half strength until flowering is completed. They are not a hungry genus and can be sensitive to high concentrations of fertiliser salts. Many will require a dry rest after flowering. For the new chum it would be advisable to speak to those growers who show *Oncidiums* to get some ideas. My best *Oncidium* grows on a stick and is hung above the *Cymbidiums*. It is watered daily in summer and fed weekly. It gets nothing except what falls from the sky in winter and if that is too much, it is moved under cover. Yet this same plant will reward me with nearly 20 spikes this year as it does every year. A nice reward for very little care but also shows how important it is to have the right conditions as well. Orchid growing is all about getting the conditions right first.

Your *Zygopetalums* and relations will be showing plenty of new growths and often when these growths are only a couple of inches high out will come the new flower spikes. They are fragile at this stage and susceptible to insect attack. Keep moist and feed with a balanced or bloom booster type feed. Make sure you keep water away from these new growths as well as fertiliser. A couple of pellets of slow release in the crown of a new growth is the best way to rot out most of the new leaves. Try it! I made the mistake last season by getting lazy

## Orchid Culture Notes for March (cont.)

and broadcasting some of the fertiliser instead of placing it strategically on each pot and I lost a lot of leaves. It won't kill them but the set back resulting from the loss of leaves won't help next year's flowering stakes. Slugs and caterpillars will be on the increase this month if it rains so take precautions. Spray every 6 weeks with a fungicide to keep spotting down. Some varieties are more prone than the others so if despite heavy treatment with fungicides the plants still mark heavily they might be better off removed from the collection. Modern breeding is helping reduce this factor.

With the cooler months nearly upon us Paphiopedilums will be looking for a boost to assist them with flowering. Like many genera it is a temperature drop that often initiates spikes. This is why we should mist our Cymbidiums at night in December and January and why I put my Phalaenopsis outside for a few nights later this month when the nights get down to 11 or 12. My Paphiopedilum feeding changes to one of higher P & K but taking into account their sensitivity to salts in the fertiliser I make sure they are adequately flushed from time to time as well.

March will also see a significant shortening of the days, this too is another signal to our plants of the changing of the season. As the sun retreats to the northern hemisphere near the end of the month we now start searching for the sun again, the same sun that only three months earlier burnt the living daylight out of our plants.

I am and always have been an advocate of moving my plants around in tune with the seasons. I enjoy it, like rearranging the furniture. But the method of my madness has a reason. Plants are moved to get full or brighter sun, to stay dry, to get more air movement or whatever the move entails. After a few years of observations I now have plants that have their own reserved spot each year and why not. If it grows good there why move it unless you think you might do better. Soon my lounge and family room will be full of the tropical species that grow well over summer in the shade house but would surely die if left out there in winter.

This is another example of knowing some back ground about your plant's origins and if you cannot provide it with care in an outside situation then you can improvise. In my case the plants when moved inside are resting anyway and not in active growth. Most need very little or no water and despite the lower light levels, the leaves have matured anyway and do not go soft. Some are deciduous anyway such as *Calanthe vestita* and the *Catasetinae* group.

April is soon upon us. Usually a warm month with cool nites and maybe a little more rain. The amount of effort in watering and feeding our orchids starts to reduce now but on the other hand protection and preparation for flowering takes centre stage as the flowering season ramps up again.

Steve Howard

### ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2015

#### B.B.Q.

#### AUTUMN SHOW

#### S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

#### BIRTHDAY MEETING

#### WINTER SHOW

#### B.B.Q.

#### NATIONAL CYM. SHOW

#### SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

#### SPRING SHOW

#### SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 11.00a.m. Jane & Don Higgs, Myponga.

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY TO SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY at Pasadena Shopping Centre.

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE AND SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall.

1<sup>st</sup> July – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY TO SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST at Arndale Shopping Centre.

SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at Bunnings, Noarlunga.

SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AND SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Noarlunga.

THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST TO SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at the R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at Colonnades Shopping Centre.

SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at Reg & Elsie's home

## **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. Marys. Beginners' Class starts at 7.15 pm. Meeting at 8.00 pm.

**THE DAYTIME CHAPTER:** meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00 pm.

**THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP:** meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00 pm. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Due to renovations at the Enfield Community Centre, Monthly Meetings will held at Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on the 1st Thursday of March, April, May and June 2015. The next meeting will be on 5th March at 8 pm.

**THE DAYTIME GROUP:** Due to renovations at the Enfield Community Centre. Monthly Daytime meetings will be held at Clearview Hall, 11 Clearview Crescent, Clearview on the 2nd Friday of March, April, May and June 2015 at 2 pm. The Next meeting will be on 13th March.

In July we return to the Enfield Community Centre for all meetings and shows.

The Festival of Flowers will be a special event held at St. Paul's School Gym, 792 Grand Junction Rd. Gilles Plains from Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm.

**THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB:** meets at 1.45 pm 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 7.30 pm 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 7.30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** meets at 7.30 pm 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 7.30 pm at Burnside Community Centre, 401, Greenhill Road, Tusmore on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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