

Gazette

**May
2015**



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm. on Wednesday 6th May 2015 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Paul Bland whose subject will be Odontoglossum/Oncidiums. Paul will have a few plants to sell and a plant to auction. Please have your plants benched by 7.40 pm. so judges can commence judging at 7.50p.m. If you think that you will be late due to work commitments please phone Judy McRedmond 0411 483 680.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: 7.20p.m. Kevin Trevan. Looking after your Sarcs in the warmer months.

Please support this group the presenters have put a lot of effort into their presentations and trust me you will learn a lot. They have so many good ideas.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 14th May 2015 at 1.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Lesley Gunn.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 17th May 2015 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our guest speaker is Geoff Spear and his subject will be Cymbidiums.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book?

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

PLANTS WANTED:

Members you may have plants you would like to donate to the Club. The Club always gives new members a plant. You may be able to help. Please phone Lucy on 83814420. Old wrapping paper and ties would also be appreciated.

The Judging Panel for May 2015 meeting is:

Open Division :	Leader:	John Gay with Lesley Gunn, Trevor Stutley
	Recorder:	Vicky Cooper
First Division:	Leader:	Noel Oliver
	Recorder:	Rowan Crowhurst
Second Division:	Leader:	Lesley Gunn with John Gay and Vicky Cooper
	Recorder:	Trevor Stutley
Plant commentary:	Open Division:	Vicky Cooper
	First Division:	Rowan Crowhurst
	Second Division:	Judy McRedmond
Computer:		Lesley Fenton

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2015

May 2015

- 06 Main meeting: Paul Bland on
Odontoglossums/Oncidiums
13 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter
17 Southern Region Group: Geoff Spear on
Cymbidiums

June 2015

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

July 2015

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

August 2015

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

September 2015

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

October 2015

- 07 Main meeting: Nicky Zurcher on
Paphiopedilums
08 Daytime Chapter
14 Committee Meeting
18 Southern Region Group

November 2015

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

December 2015

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

MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
May 6 th	Kevin Trevan	Looking after Sarcophilus in the warmer months
June 3 rd	Pauline Hockey	Hybridizing
July 1 st	TBA	TBA
August 5 th	David Williams	Potting
September 2 nd	TBA	TBA
October 7 th	Kevin Western	Australian Natives
November 4 th	George Abel	Sarcophilus
December 2 nd	No Beginners Group	

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
May	Geoff Spear	Cymbidiums
June	Paul Bland	Species
July	Brian Lyttle	Oncidiums
August	Trevor Garard	Phalaenopsis
September	TBA	TBA
Oct	Trevor Jacobs	Zygopetrum
Nov	Steve Howard	catasetum
Dec	Graham Zerbe	Christmas joy and Orchids



Happy Birthday

Anne Campbell
Geoff Spear



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

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

SPECIAL DATES FOR 2015

SUNDAY 3rd MAY TO SATURDAY 9th MAY at Pasadena Shopping Centre

SATURDAY 6th JUNE AND SUNDAY 7th JUNE at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall

1st July – 50th Birthday

SUNDAY 26th JULY TO SATURDAY 1st AUGUST at Arndale Shopping Centre.

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST at Bunnings, Noarlunga 9.00a.m. to 4.30p.m.

SATURDAY 22nd AND SUNDAY 23rd August at Noarlunga

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 30th AUGUST at R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER to SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER at Colonnades Shopping Centre.

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER at Reg & Elsie's home.

AUTUMN SHOW PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE

SUNDAY 3rd MAY TILL SATURDAY 9th MAY 2015

The Autumn Show is only a few days away. Let's make this a spectacular Show.

The Committee needs the assistance of members to:

Volunteer to help on the trading table;

Sell your surplus plants on the trading table. Ask Dorothy for swing tickets and selling sheets.

REMINDER: To show your plants at the Autumn Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for at least 6 months.

JUDGING: Saturday 2nd May at Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium.

PUT IN TIME: 11.30 am. to 12.45 Pm.

JUDGING: Judging starts at 1.00 pm. 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: Saturday 2nd May after 4 pm. until 5 pm. please.

NOTE: **PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4.00 pm.**

DISPLAY: Your display plants may be taken into Pasadena after 4.00 pm. 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.

2015 S.A.R.O.C. ORCHID FAIR

Venue: The Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, North Terrace, Adelaide at the rear of Government House. Free parking on parade ground.

Friday 5th June: Hall Opens: 10.00 am. for set up. 12.00 noon for displays. Helpers please.

Display: To be completed by 5.00 pm.

Judging: 6.00 pm. – Award Judging – notify Roger Rankin by 4th June.

Saturday 6th June: Hall Opens: 9.00 am. to 5.00 pm.

Dinner: To be held at Oakden Central, cnr. Fosters Road and Hilltop Drive, Oakden

commencing at 6.30 pm. Members wishing to attend please see Lucy at May meeting or phone her on 83814420 before 20th May. This is an exciting night. Let's organise a group of South Coast members to attend.

Sunday 7th June: Hall opens: 9.00 am. to 4.00 pm.

From the AOC President

Hi to the members of all AOC Group Member Societies,

Once again time seems to get away and it is time I sent a newsletter out to you all. After a hip replacement late last year, I am now almost back to full strength, and Thea and I have started visiting clubs again. Whilst I was on the sick list, thanks to Coralie Hills, the Council was kept going with many phone calls and emails between us, and I must thank her for all the work she has done. Talking of the Council, following the change to the smaller size page for 'Orchids Australia' and the consequent reduction in the cost of printing of it, our finances have improved considerably. Thanks to all those clubs who made donations to assist in the cost of running the Council and made suggestions for the financial improvement, some of which have been implemented.

With the end of the financial year not too far away, I guess this is a timely reminder that nominations for Officers of Council are due to the Secretary by June 30th 2015. We welcome all nominations for the various positions. Any motions that you wish to put forward need to be sent to the Secretary by that date as well. The Annual General Meeting and the Board of Management Meeting will be held at the AOC Conference and Show in Mackay in September. Because this is about a month earlier than usual, the Agendas and reports for the AGM will need to be sent out very promptly so that you can vote and get your responses to your ARO meeting so that your delegate may be informed of your decisions.

Talking of the Conference in Mackay, in my last talk with the Chairperson of the Conference Committee, everything is coming together very well; tours have been arranged, and there is a very good number of registrants so far. All of the information about the conference can be found on the website www.orchidsinparadise.com.au – it is certainly not too late to register. We are looking forward immensely to the conference, and hope to meet many of you there.

As we will be travelling to the conference by caravan, before long we will be in touch with the clubs along the way with the aim of attending your meetings if possible, or at least meeting some of your members. When the time draws closer we will give you an approximate date that we will be in your area. It is so helpful to know when and where you meet; thank you to those clubs who have sent in Contact Forms this year. It is not too late to send the completed form to us if you haven't already done so this year.

The comments that we have received about the new size of the magazine have been quite favourable; some people didn't notice any difference!

The Registrar General of Judging, John Rees, has finalised the voting for Orchid Awards of the Year quite a lot earlier than usual, and the result will be published in the next issue of 'Orchids Australia'.

At last year's Board of Management Meeting, the Delegate from Queensland, Les Vickers made the suggestion that the AOC have a guest speaker list on the AOC website (www.orchidsaustralia.com) so that it would be available to all clubs. As a starter, I would appreciate from you a list of guest speakers whom you would recommend, plus some way of contacting them – an email address would be preferable, or else a phone number. This list would be confidential until we have the speakers' permission to publish their details. Please note that we do not want to push speakers into travelling further or more often than they wish. We would ask the guest speakers for information such as the topic(s) they speak about, any equipment the club needs to provide, the distance they are prepared to travel, what times are convenient, what sort of accommodation they would prefer (if needed), and whether they have a fee for speaking or wish reimbursement for fuel or accommodation.

Until next time, good orchid growing,
Jim Shaughnessy, AOC President

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	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our March meeting Coralie Hills gave us a very interesting talk on the Conference in Johannesburg. I am sure we all enjoyed this presentation. It is nice to see how other people exhibit their flowers in other countries.

The Autumn Show is but a few days away. This is probably the hardest show to organise as it is so early in the cymbidium flowering season. Members, we realise that the Autumn Show is top priority to you all, but please have a second look in your shade house and bring your plants to the Autumn Show and let the judges decide the quality of your plant. So many times I have been wrong and won a prize. It always gives me great pleasure at Pasadena to see the very elderly people being brought over by their loved ones to look at our displays. Please bring in any flowering orchid you have for the display. We also need trading table plants please. Sunday is the best selling day.

We have had a number of new members join our Club in the past few months this will be their first Show. If you have any questions about showing your plants, please ask as we are all there to help one another.

We have several members not enjoying the best of health. Our thoughts are with you for better days ahead.

Good growing and showing,
Geoff.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

Mr. Geoff Spear was our guest speaker today. Geoff did a very interesting potting demonstration, dividing and potting up a large orchid plant. A cymbidium of course, Geoff's first love. Geoff's demos are really great to see and we always learn something new. He spoke of the growing mediums, past and present, fertilizing, number of bulbs per pot, trimming of the roots, potting up the back bulbs and much more. All members present were asked to take some of the back bulbs and the members were quite pleased to do this as Geoff only has quality plants with big flowers. These back bulbs could be future show winners. You never know. Thanks Geoff, a great job as usual and much appreciated.

Apologies today from Betty, Coral, Peter and Geraldine Flavel. Geraldine is coming along nicely and we hope to see Peter and Geraldine both back at our meetings in a couple of months. We have really missed seeing their beautiful plants.

Our display table today was very pretty to see with many quality and well presented plants of many different genera on view. Lesley and Robert Gunn's plant *Zga*. (Iron Knob x Pine Road) was voted best for today in our popular vote segment. This medium sized plant was very special to see with a lovely crisp shade of green, lightly mottled petalled flower with a mauve labellum with a white edging. Quite a few flowers being open with many more to come. Thanks Lesley for bringing in your lovely plants to share with us and to all the other members as well, keep up the good work.

Lesley also did the plant commentary, giving Geoff a break. Very well done and presented.

The meeting was closed, after another great day of shared information about the wonderful and varied world of orchids. Thanking all in attendance, especially at the end, each of you helping to tidy up. This was much appreciated. Thank you all.

Bye Dorothy,
8277-1793.



Geoff Spear during his potting demonstration



Lesley Gunn with her popular vote winning plant *Zga*. (Iron Knob x Pine Road)

Autumn Show Schedule

CLASSES	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native. Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium. All sizes and colours Species Specimen Seedling.	Best Cymbidium	Champion Cymbidium
Paphiopedilum. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Paphiopedilum	Champion Paphiopedilum
Laeliinae. Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae. Oncidium Hybrid <60mm. <i>Oncidium.</i> Hybrid >60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalinae. <i>Zygopetalum</i> Hybrid Zygopetalinae Hybrid. Zygopetalinae Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
Phalaenopsis. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	Champion Any Other Genus
Dendrobium. (other than Aust. Native) Hybrid. Species, Seedling.	Best <i>Dendrobium</i>	
Vandaeae. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Vandaeae	
Any Other Genus. Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	
THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS, CHAMPION SEEDLING, CHAMPION SPECIES. CHAMPION SPECIMEN AND DIVISION CHAMPIONS		

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.

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

Select the plants that you want to let go.

- Obtain plant sheets and plant price tags from Lucy in the weeks prior to the sale.
- Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are removed.
- Check all stakes. Add more if needed and re-tie if necessary.
- Remove old brown husks from bulbs.
- Remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
- Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
- Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not add extra milk as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will cause them to yellow and die.
- Water all plants 2 – 3 days before taking them in for sale. PLEASE DO NOT water them on the day you are bringing them in as the water really makes a mess on clothing and everywhere else, eg the floor.

The sales sheets: These have a carbonless copy. Please use both sheets together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page.

- Print your name in the top left hand corner
- Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
- Rule a narrow column down the left hand side of the page. This column is for plant number from 1 – 30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets ie 31 – 60 for page 2 etc.
- A slightly wider column on the right hand side is for the selling price of the plant.
- Be reasonable, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or not. If you are not sure, ask someone. Take into consideration number of spikes and condition of the plant.
- The centre section is for the description eg Cym. Den Cat etc and the name of your plant and colour. Ie Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).

Price tags.

- Member number in top left hand corner.
- Circle the plant number in the right hand top corner.
- Price underneath.

It is a good idea to write this information on both sides of the tag.

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 them in. You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list. If this does not correspond, it needs to be attended to.

Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off.

If you need a copy take a third copy for yourself. However, in most cases, you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope that these notes help you. Lucy and I are always around to assist you further if needed. So just ask for help should you need it.

Dorothy



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2015

Beginners Group: Geoff's topic was 'How to get your cymbs ready for shows'. He also gave a few tips on how to look after your plants.

Meeting: The meeting started at 2.00 pm. Graham Zerbe was a very busy man, being both judge and guest speaker.

Apologies: Reg and Elsie Clifford, Judy Crafter, Bev Gay and Lorna Zerbe.

Plant and name badge: Presented to Rosemary Maslin.

Lucky name-badge: Won by Lynn Waterman.

Birthday draw: No members were in attendance to receive the prize.

Door prize: Won by Bruce Kirk.

Guest speaker: Graham gave a great presentation on how to look after your *Zygopetalums* and then finished by telling us about *Zygopetalums* that had been crossed with other species .

Next meeting: Sunday 17th May with guest speaker Geoff Spear speaking on "How to pot up".

Plant of the Day & Popular Vote winner: Ruth and Keven Tugwell with their *Alcra*. Samurai.

Thankyou also to Sue Zerbe and Rod McRedmond for looking after the typing whilst Bev Gay is on the sick list and Ruth Tugwell for looking after the raffle and door tickets for Elsie Clifford who was interstate.



Graham Zerbe answering a number of questions after his very interesting presentation.



Graham receiving his thank you gift from President Geoff.

SRG April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

164 *Milt. Cogniauxiae*

Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

165 *Zel. onusta*

Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

166 *Z. Titanic Monarch*

Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 3

167 *Z. Voyager 'Bon Bon'*

Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2

First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

163 *Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'*

Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

161 *Milt. Christina Carpenter 'Rumfelt'*

Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

142 *Den. biggibum*

Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3

143 *Liparis reflexa*

Helen Humphreys (445) 2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

151 *Cym. Summer Pearl*

Shirley Greig (1128) 3

Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

152 *Cym. Osborn*

Helen Humphreys (445) 3

Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

153 *Cym. Zig Zag*

Helen Humphreys (445) 3

Laeliinae - Cluster

146 *Ctt. Browniae Riga*

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613) 3

147 *Ctt. Valentine Day*

Shirley Greig (1128) 2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

148 *Ctt. Minerva*

Helen Humphreys (445) 3

149 *Lc. Intercepts*

Helen Humphreys (445) 2

150 *Pow. Empress Worsley 'Roman Holiday'*

Shirley Greig (1128) 1

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

144 *Rlc. (Hisako Akatsuka x George King)*

Helen Humphreys (445) 3

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

145 *Ctt. Sheer Delight*

Helen Humphreys (445) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

154 *Alcra. Samurai*

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613) 3

155 *Alcra. Samurai*

Grace Noll (578) 2

156 *Milt. Unknown*

Helen Humphreys (445) 1

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

157 *Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'*

Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3

158 *Z. Gary Baker x Zba. Elfin Jade*

Grace Noll (578) 2



Ruth Tugwell receiving her cup & glass for Plant of the Day, Best in Division and Popular Vote from Noel Oliver.



Eileen Pinnock receiving her glass for Best in Division from Noel Oliver.



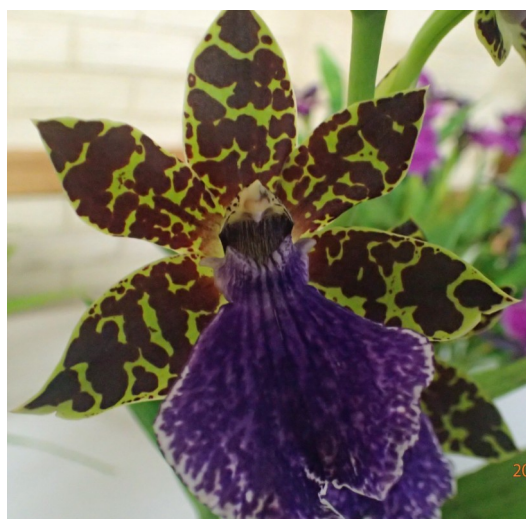
Geoff Spear receiving his cup for Best in Division from Noel Oliver.



Plant of the Day, Second Division & Popular Vote winner: *Onc.* Samurai benched by Ruth & Kevyn Tugwell.



First Division Winner: *Milt.* Christina Carpenter 'Rumfelt' benched by Eileen Pinnock..



Open Division winner: *Z.* Titanic Monarch benched by Geoff & Lucy Spear.

April Results List

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Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

105	<i>Den.</i> Limestone	Noel Oliver (102)	3
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Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

106	<i>Ptst.</i> <i>abrupta</i>	Kevin Western (155)	3
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107	<i>Ptst.</i> <i>revoluta</i>	Kevin Western (155)	2
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108	<i>Ptst.</i> <i>truncata</i>	Kevin Western (155)	1
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

111	<i>C.</i> (Mark Jones x Jungle Elf)	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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112	<i>Rth.</i> Jungle Jumbalaya	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

109	<i>C.</i> Mini Purple	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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110	<i>C.</i> Elusive dream	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

113	<i>Z.</i> Purple Panther 'Pride'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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114	<i>Z.</i> Kiwi Choice 'Eileen'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
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First Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

121	<i>Cym.</i> St. Agnes Red 'Canala'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

122	<i>Cym.</i> Valentine's Love 'Leanne'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

116	<i>Ctt.</i> Portia 'Gloriosa'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

117	<i>C.</i> Unknown	Dorothy & John Carassai (294)	3
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118	<i>Ctt.</i> Browniae 'Riga'	Dorothy & John Carassai (294)	2
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119	<i>Ctt.</i> Browniae 'Riga'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	1
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Laeliinae - Species

120	<i>B.</i> <i>nodosa</i> Var. Major	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

115	<i>Ctna.</i> Capri 'Lea'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

123	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Taida'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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124	<i>Alcra.</i> Samurai	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
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125	<i>Oncsa.</i> Sweet Sugar	George Misirlis (1125)	1
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Oncidiinae - Species

126	<i>Gomesa flexuosa</i>	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
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127	<i>Gomesa flexuosa</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
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128	<i>Milt.</i> <i>spectabilis</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	1
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

132	<i>Phal.</i> <i>pulchra</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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133	<i>Sngl.</i> <i>longifolia</i>	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

129	<i>Paph.</i> Raisin Wizard	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

130	<i>Z.</i> B.G. White 'Jumbo'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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131	<i>Z.</i> Artur Elle	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2
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Second Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

102	<i>Ctt.</i> Valentine Day	Shirley Greig (1128)	3
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103	<i>Ctt.</i> Valentine Day 'Chloe'	Shirley Greig (1128)	2
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

101	<i>C.</i> Mari's Song x Rth. Twentyfour Carat 'Lea'	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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April Plant Commentary

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Once again the First Division growers brought in the majority of plants for judging. However all of the 34 plants benched were of excellent quality and made a beautiful display.

On Easter Sunday we were all pleased to see the long awaited rain drenching our orchids and replenishing our water tanks. Even though we have experienced dry conditions and unusual weather, our cymbidiums do not seem to have been affected and members are reporting abundant, healthy flower spikes. Indeed, at our April meeting we had two early cymbidiums on the show bench.

Orchid of First Division and Orchid of the Night



The Judging Panel chose Ctt. Portia 'Gloriosa' owned by Paul and Donja Hayes to be orchid of the night. Peter Haltis presented the commentary, pointing out that this plant is a highly awarded primary hybrid, a crossing between *Guarianthe bowringiana* which contributes the strong colour and *C. labiata* which influences the size. Peter told us that the cross was registered in 1897 by Veitch & Sons. The genus was named in 1824 by John Lindley after William Cattley who was given a plant from South America and was the first to bloom the specimen of *Cattleya labiata* taking the United Kingdom and Europe by storm. Congratulations Paul and Donja.

Orchid of Second Division



C. Mari's Song x *Rth. Twentyfour Carat 'Lea'* owned by Christine Robertson was the winner of Second Division. This plant is a first flowering seedling.

Rth. Twentyfour Carat, as the name suggests, has golden hews but *C. Mari's Song* has pink tonings with a deeper pink at the base of a large ruffled labellum, which are evident in this seedling.

I believe that this is the first time that Christine has benched a plant. Congratulations Christine, we look forward to seeing more of your orchids on the show bench.

April Plant Commentary (cont.)

Orchid of Open Division



Vicky Cooper provided a commentary on the winning plant from Open Division, *Z. Purple Panther 'Pride'* grown by Robert and Lesley Gunn. Vicky pointed out that Robert and Lesley were awarded an HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) by the Australian Orchid Council in 2012 for this stunning orchid. This plant is grown under 70% shade cloth in a large deep pot of bark and does not like water, even rain water, on the leaves. Congratulations to Robert and Lesley for growing this striking orchid.

Seedling of the Night

Paph. Raisin Wizard grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju was chosen by the Judging Panel to be best seedling this month. Congratulations Michael and Oui.



The Panel

John and Bev Gay unfortunately were not in good health and could not join us for the April meeting. We hope that they are feeling better and can be back with us again soon. Associates Trevor Stutley and Rowan Crowhurst were also unable to join us. However, Judges Noel Oliver and Lesley Gunn with the assistance of Vicky Cooper and Peter Haltis were a very effective panel. Thanks also to Neil Cooper once again for his excellent photography and to Rod for stepping in to type up the data and produce the certificates. Last but not least, thank you to our Show Marshall, Paul Hayes.

Autumn Show

We need your beautiful plants for our Autumn Show. Don't leave them at home in your shade houses, bring them to the Show. You could win a ribbon, prize money and a promotional point. Published in this Gazette, you will see the many classes in which you can enter plants (see page 6 of this Gazette). Bring your orchids to the Basketball Stadium at Hamilton High School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park on Saturday, 2nd May, 2015 between 11.30 and 12.45 pm. Good luck to you all.

Judy McRedmond - Registrar

Orchid Culture Notes for May

May sees activity starting to pick up in the orchid house as more and more orchids enter their flowering season whilst others enter dormancy.

Dormancy in orchids can take several forms. With some orchids their pseudobulbs have now filled out and growth stops, for others their root tips seal off, some will flower in dormancy and some will even lose their leaves. Others will have pseudobulbs and canes that will shrivel and some orchids won't go dormant but will slow down in the growth stakes. Learning the signs of when your plant is resting is quite important as is providing them with the correct conditions at this time. If you are doing the wrong thing like watering or dividing during resting, this can have severe consequences for the orchid. This all boils down to knowing your orchid and its requirements and if you don't know, ask. Advice is free and orchids can cost quite a bit.

May's weather is usually more stable than what we have had in the past 3 months or so. Mild to warm days are interrupted by the odd colder day with rain and the nights are generally cool to cold. Day length by months end is getting close to about as short as they get. 3 weeks into June they lengthen out again.

So what does this mean in the shade house? Well, firstly light levels will be quite low with sun rising in the northeast and setting in the northwest. Light levels will be even lower under cloud and day length is considerably shorter as well. Generally most plants will appreciate some extra light this time of year and indeed some will happily tolerate full sun over the winter months. Many orchids originate from places north of us here and as such don't experience the short day lengths of winter that we do so we need to give them as much as we can unless the genera grown is a shade lover. Increase light by removing shading, hanging plants higher up and placing plants in a way that the smallest get the important morning sun first and are not shaded by their larger cousins. For those who want to introduce a plant that has enjoyed the comfort of 50 to 70% shade over summer to the benefits of full sun now is the time to start but do it gradually by acclimatising it for an hour or so day 1 and a bit more each day for a couple of weeks or so to harden them off. Try it with an Australian native epiphyte, especially *Den. speciosum* or some of the hot/colds or even that *Oncidium* you have that hasn't flowered yet. Strong light works wonders with soft cane dendrobiums over winter but don't get them wet. Make sure these plants are protected from wind, rain and even hail. Those that do get the high light level treatment include *Cymbidium canaliculatum* (kept bone dry), species *Cattleyas* and the natives but the effort rewards me with healthy plants and good flowers. Shading is usually reintroduced once we hit the first 30C days in spring.

In the shade house there is so much to do. Provide cover for plants in spike and those that require drier conditions over winter. *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* can handle the rain OK and are happy with what falls from the sky. Terrestrials should thrive without too much watering unless it remains dry and if it does rain heavy make sure drips from above don't fall into the pots and erode them. These same drips will also help rot off new growths of many species and hybrids so a walk in the shade house during the rain will alert you to any problem areas. Identify the drips and move any plants out of the firing line or fix the problem. The same applies to glass houses etc. Make sure all draughts are blocked. An orchid subject to a cold draught won't be all that happy about it.

Watering and feeding now slows down as the temperature cool and not as many plants require feeding or as much water. Water when you have to. No point in saying water weekly if it has been raining all week. Pick up a few pots and feel the weight. Dry pots feel light. It is best to water in the mornings and on a rising temperature from now on for dry plants by nightfall. Lower temperatures and higher humidity will reduce the effects of evaporation. Only mounted plants can receive more water without any undue effects.

Ensure plants in spike are not moved around otherwise they will twist around and your flower spike looks like a snake. If you do have to move one, make sure it is pointing in the same direction as it was on the bench. May is the month when many of our spring show plants will start showing spikes. In saying that now is a great time to clean up show plants and spray for any mites or scale before the spikes get too long and before the buds are exposed from their protective sheaths.

Aphids and looper caterpillars will also find these fat juicy spikes attractive with a special liking for *Zygopetalums* and *Cymbidiums*. The aphids like the thinner spikes like the *Oncidiums*. All this tells you is now is the time to be vigilant.

Support all spikes and top heavy plants as the winds increase this month and nothing worse than checking the plants to find that all the best ones fell over during the night and became slug food whilst resting on the floor, that's if they didn't break off in the first place. Either way, the slug wins and you lose.

Make sure you check for the woolly bear moth (Tiger Moth) now each morning. I get a few each morning clinging to the outer sides of the shade house. They are slow and won't fly off and are easily dealt with. I had no woolly bear caterpillar damage last year and only squashed one. For the uninitiated the moth has an orange and black striped bum, white wings with black spots and we all know what woolly bear caterpillars look like and eat.

Orchid Culture Notes for May (cont.)

Ensure slug and snail baiting programme is in place. Scatter around the floor and a few in each pot. I prefer the blue ones as opposed to the green ones that tend to go mouldy after a couple of days. If you think you have a few slugs in the pot and the plant is spiking then place some cotton wool around the base of the spike. When they climb on to it the wool pokes them in the eyes and they retreat. You can buy copper strips to place around the legs of the benches to provide a barrier as well but it won't stop those that may already be in the pot. Don't forget the torch and gumboot treatment. Rather effective and you will be surprised what lurks around in the nocturnal hours. Even a few lettuce leaves spread out around the place will give you a good idea of what numbers you are up against.

Feeding reduces with watering and whether you stop or keep feeding resting orchids is a personal choice. Some will say feed, others say don't as the plant is dormant. My view is that all orchids originate from a species and most of these plants have their roots on bark, in cracks or hollows etc and these roots remain in contact with what feeds them all their life. In view of that I still feed all my orchids except those that need to stay dry but the amount is significantly reduced and the aspect is more of a foliar application.

Native epiphytes are fed with Horticultural Solutions mix which has a NPK of 8.5.25, For the Zygopetalums its back to Aquasol or a similar high nitrogen feed to build up those new growths after flowering. Spring flowering Cattleyas get the high potash mix monthly. Those that flowered recently are still being fed and watered as long as I can still see green growth tips on the roots. Terrestrials are fed with weak organic feeds such as fish emulsion or even worm juice that has been well diluted. Avoid the chemical feeds and slow release. I find it too harsh plus some terrestrials are fungus dependant meaning without a relationship with the fungus in the mix they will die as chemical feeds will soon knock out the fungus. The same applies if using a fungicide near these orchids. Oncidiums are the harder ones to work out what you should or should not be doing due to their diverse range. Some are entering dormancy whilst others continue in growth and May is a peak flowering time as well for the varicosa group. I keep the water up to these plants until flowering finishes then rest them. From a novice point of view and those wanting to start into Oncidiums the species *Gomesa flexuosa* and hybrids with *Gomesa varicosa* in the background are the best to start with. *Gom. flexuosa* is fed and watered all year round with a balanced feed but also placed under hard cover over the worst of winter.. They always are in active growth and best grown on a totem as a hanging specimen. Varicosa hybrids enter a resting phase after flowering so drier conditions and no feeding meets their requirements.

Steve Howard

ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA – General Meeting Times

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. 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 3rd 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 May and June 2015. The next meeting will be on 7th May 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 May and June 2015 at 2 pm. The Next meeting will be on 8th May.

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

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 4th 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 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 7.30 pm on the 3rd 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 4th 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 4th Wednesday of the month.

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