

Gazette

**August
2015**



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm. on Wednesday 5th of August 2015 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our guest speaker is Paul Dipuglia representing Neutrog. Paul will have a very interesting talk prepared plus members will receive free samples of the latest product. Paul will also bring along Sophie Thompson's unique book "From the Ground Up" \$49.95 – members pre-ordered books are \$35.00 please pay on the night.

BEGINNERS' GROUP

7.20p.m. before main meeting. David Williams – Potting orchids.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 13th August 2015 at 2.00pm. Our Guest speaker will be Vicky Cooper who will conduct fun question and answer session.

Beginners' class 1.30 pm. with Geoff Spear.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 16th August 2015 at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our guest speaker will be Trevor Garrard, the topic covered will be Phalaenopsis.

WINTER SHOW – COLONNADES SUNDAY 26th JULY TO 1st AUGUST

Judging and put in time: Saturday 25th July at Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium 11.30 am. to 12.45 pm.

Judging 1.00 pm. sharp.

After Judging: Plants to be taken to Colonnades Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements if you need your plants transported.

Trading Table Set Up: Saturday 25th July 5.00 pm. Please **NOTE:** Plants cannot be taken into store before 5.00 pm.

ZYGOPETALUM COMPETITION

Ordered seedlings available at August meeting. Please pay Treasurer and pick up seedlings from Oui Ju.

First seedling flowered will receive \$50.

BUNNINGS B.B.Q NOARLUNGA DOWNS

Help needed please see Dorothy.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

Make sure you wear your name badge, you may win a prize.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Helen Foster and Graeme Walter. We hope you enjoy your time with our club.

The Judging panel for August 2015 meeting:

Open & 2nd Divisions:	Judges:	Noel Oliver, John Gay
	Recorders:	Trevor Stutley and Vicky Cooper
First Division:	Judge:	Lesley Gunn
	Recorder:	Peter Haltis
Plant commentary:	Open Division:	Vicky Cooper
	First Division:	Peter Haltis
	Second Division:	John Gay
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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2015

August 2015

05 Main meeting: Neutrog
 12 Committee Meeting
 13 Daytime Chapter
 16 Southern Region Group: Trevor Garrard 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—Vancouver Island
 10 Daytime Chapter
 20 Southern Regional Group

MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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>
August	Trevor Garrard	Phalaenopsis
September	TBA	TBA
Oct	Trevor Jacobs	Zygopetelium
Nov	Steve Howard	Catasetum
Dec	Graham Zerbe	Christmas joy and orchids



Happy Birthday

JACK CRONSHAW, MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM,
DONJA HAYES, GRAHAM ZERBE, DON BIEBRICK
ELSIE CLIFFORD, AND VERONICA WALSH



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

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book? New members welcome to Birthday Draw. See Heather Wright to put your name in the birthday book.

LIFE MEMBERS - * denotes Member who has passed away.

1978	Dulcie Graves		Circa	Tony Deonnio	*
	L. & H. Poole	*	Circa	Norman Gitcam	
Circa	Ellie Shaw		2007	Murray Baulderstone	*
1979	Syd Monkhouse			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 Nicholls		2012	Noel Oliver	
Circa	Mervan Steele	*	2015	Lesley Fenton	
	Shirley Steele			Rod McRedmond	
Circa	Helen Edwards				
Circa	Leora Harvey				

This list is still being compiled.

YOUR 2015 COMMITTEE

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

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

REGISTRAR:	Judy McRedmond
EDITOR & WEBMASTER:	Rod McRedmond

Proposed Coach Trip to Mt. Gambier

The Committee is planning a coach trip to Mt. Gambier for the long weekend 3rd to 5th of October 2015. Please let Secretary Lucy know by 20th of August if you are interested in going.

Proposed Itinerary

The trip will cost: Approximately \$400 per person (costed for 35 seats) which includes bus fare and accommodation at the Country Comfort Motel for the 3rd of October, including dinner and the 4th and 5th of October, including breakfast.

Extra cost to you: Lunch on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and Dinner on Sunday Night at the RSL. Hall.

Proposed Coach Trip to Mt.Gambier (cont).

Saturday 3rd October

8.00 am. Depart Lou Kesting Hall, South Brighton and travel to Robe. Lunch at own expense.
 1.30 pm. Depart Robe
 ½ hour stop at Woakwine Cutting
 3.00 pm. Ant's Red Gum Gallery, 153 Williams Rd, Millicent. \$2.00 per person at own expense.
 4.00 pm. Depart Millicent. Drive past/short stop Woakwine Range Wind Farm then continue to Mt.Gambier.
 4.30/5.00 pm. Approximate arrival time at Country Comfort Motel
 Dinner at Motel

Sunday 4th October

9.15 am. Depart Motel to Millicent
 10.00 am. Orchid Show at St Alphonsus, George St, Millicent
 Following lunch at own expense depart Millicent to Tantanoola
 2.00 pm. Visit Tantanoola Caves
 \$10.00 per person at own expense
 3.00 pm. Depart Tantanoola for return to Country Comfort Motel
 TBA Depart Motel to RSL Club
 Dinner at own expense
 TBA Depart RSL Club for return to Motel

Monday 5th October

9.00 am. Depart Motel for short stop at The Blue Lake and
 Umpherston Sinkhole
 10.30 am. Depart Mt Gambier for return to Adelaide
 Lunch at own expense in Keith
 5.00 pm. Approximate arrival at Lou Kesting Hall

We need 35 members to make this trip viable. The coach holds 46 passengers so the more that attend the cheaper the cost per person will be.

There will be more information available in the September Gazette.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Club's 50th birthday meeting a great success – 98 people attended.

We welcomed Patron Syd Monkhouse, his wife Shirley and their son Stephen and his wife. Roger Rankin, Registrar of Judges, SA Regional Judging Panel, and his wife Pauline and Life Members, Past Presidents and Members.

We were privileged to have with us Syd and Shirley Monkhouse, Eric Tregenza and Leora Harvey, who are all founding Members of our Club and were present at the very first meeting in Victor Harbor in 1965.

Highlights of the meeting:

Syd gave a very interesting talk about his painting which he has donated to the Club to be raffled on the night, raising \$210 for the Club. Committee members Shirley & Don Grieig from Southern Region Group were the successful bidders of the painting.

Roger Rankin presented an Ira Butler 2014 Australian Native Hybrid Certificate to Michael Willoughby and Oui Jud for *Dendrobium* Victorian Splendour 'Ross Watts'. Lucy and I received a Silver Certificate for *Dendrobium* Avrils Gold 'Leedham'

John Gay presented Bev and John Gay's Best Yellow Competition winner certificate and cash to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for *C. Tyh. Saengsri Fantasy x Ctt. Kauai* 'Star Bright'.

Kevin Western gave a brilliant talk on our Club over the 50 years, while a video was being played in the background of Shows in the 80's loaned by Ron Parish.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. and members were invited to stay for supper. Thank you to the Committee for providing a very tasty supper. Kevin and Helen Western's daughter, Kerry Anne made and iced a brilliant cake which was decorated with the Club logo and orchid flowers.

Thank you all for a very successful night.

Our Winter Show is only a few days away at Colonnades near Wendy's. A great position with lots of space for our display and trading table. All we need is your help to fill these spaces with your great orchids please. By July we are all getting over the Winter blues, days are getting longer, the trees are starting to form buds and

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

most importantly, our orchids are blooming. I always find Winter Shows exciting. The Club will have some of David Cammack's Australian Native Orchids to sell at the Show.

The Club commenced in July 1965 so this is our Birthday Show. Please help to make it the very best Show.

Southern Region Group have their Show in August from Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th. It's worth taking a drive down to see their Show and trading table. The Southern Region Group members are now growing and selling their own plants. I am sure you would have a great day visiting the Show, the restaurants and whale watching. The whales are usually around in August.

Good growing and showing,
Geoff.



Syd Monkhouse reminisces about the early days of the South Coast Orchid Club.



Roger Rankin hands Michael Willoughby the 2014 Ira Butler Trophy Hybrid Certificate for *Dendrobium* Victorian Splendour 'Ross Watts'



Lucy and Geoff Spear received the Ira Butler 2014 Australian Native Orchid Hybrid Silver Certificate for *Dendrobium* Avril's Gold 'Leedham' from Roger Rankin.



John Gay presented Bev and John Gay's certificate for the Best Gold coloured orchid together with a cash prize to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for *C. Tyh. Saengsri Fantasy* x Ctt. Kauai 'Star Bright'.



Left: President Geoff thanking guest speaker Kevin Western and presenting his gift



Noel Oliver auctions Syd Monkhouse's donated painting.



The lucky new owner of Syd's painting is Shirley Greig



The beautiful birthday cake made by Kevin and Helen Western's daughter, Kerry Anne was decorated with the Club logo and orchid flowers.



Three founding members of the Club, Syd Monkhouse, Eric Tregenza and Leora Harvey cut the birthday cake.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

A very informative afternoon was enjoyed by all at our Daytime Chapter today. Our guest speaker, Mr. Peter Hall, accompanied by a couple of very good friends, gave us a very in depth view of the Bromeliad genera of plants. They were a great team, Bev on the Power Point Presentation with commentary from Peter and Ron on the potting table giving out great information to all. This genera is certainly a very varied mixture of shapes and sizes and the colours and markings on the plants were all magnificent to see. All in excellent condition and cared for, these plants were all amazing. I came home with a renewed interest in my own small collection (plus another new one). I shall start taking better care of them, I'm sure the other members felt the same way. A great afternoon with great company. The time just passed so quickly we could have gone on for hours. Peter also gave us some Tillandsia Striata (air plants) for our Raffle, this was very much appreciated.

Apologies today came from Betty and Jan. Hope to see you both again very soon. Take care. It was lovely to have Bill, Peter and Geraldine back with us today.

Our display table today was very nice to see with many different genera represented. Geoff did our Plant Commentary today. Well done as usual Geoff.

Lesley Gunn's *Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' x Ginger* was voted best in display, a lovely plant with 4 lovely spikes with many small flowers. Well grown and presented by Lesley. Congratulations Lesley, well done.

Our meeting was closed and then all members had some birthday cake and other goodies. Many happy conversations were had by all.

Thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,

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Peter Hall (left of photo) giving his presentation on bromeliads.



Spellbound members watching Peter Hall's bromeliad presentation.



Some of the bromeliads on display at the presentation.



President Geoff with Lesley Gunn and her Popular Vote winner *Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' x Ginger*.



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 19th JULY 2015

Beginners' Group: President Geoff gave the Beginner's Group some insight on how to prepare their plants for the upcoming shows.

Meeting: President Geoff opened the meeting and welcomed guest speaker Brian Lyttle and new member Graeme Walter. He also discussed the upcoming Winter Show and the SRG Show. He then gave some helpful hints on how to prepare plants for shows.

Guest Speaker: Brian Lyttle gave an excellent and very comprehensive presentation on the Oncidinae alliance orchids.

Apologies: Ruth and Keven Tugwell

Lucky name badge: Val Phillips

Birthday draw: Joy Ward

Door prize: Trevor Wheaton

New member: Welcome to Graeme Walter. We hope you enjoy your time with the Southern Region Group of our Club.

Next meeting: Sunday 16th August when Trevor Garrard will discuss Phalaenopsis.

Judges: Noel Oliver and John Gay. **Recorder:** Judy McRedmond. **Typist:** Rod McRedmond.

Orchid of the Meeting : *Paph. insigne* benched by Sid James.

Popular Vote Winner: *Cym.* Sarah Jean 'Jennifer' benched by Shirley Greig.

SRG Show Timetable: **Thursday 27th August 2015 at the RSL Hall, Victor Harbor.**

8.30 am.	Geoff, Lucy and Dorothy arrive at RSL Hall. Helpers please.
9.00 am.	Set up for judging and trading table.
9.45—10.50 am.	Put in show plants for judging.
11.30 am.	Judging.
1.00 pm.	Show opens.



Orchid of the meeting and orchid of Second Division : *Paph. insigne* benched by Sid James.



Above: Popular Vote Winner: *Cym. Sarah Jean 'Jennifer'* benched by Shirley Greig.



Above: Orchid of Open Division *Den. teretifolium* benched by Noel Oliver.



Above: Orchid of First Division *Gdp. divaricatum* benched by Eileen Pinnock.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW SCHEDULE 2015

CARD CLASSES	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS
Australian Native. Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Aust. Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium - Over 90mm. Red/Pink. White/Cream. Yellow/Green. Brown/Other Colour. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm.	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm
Cymbidium - 60-90mm. Red/Pink. White/Cream. Yellow/Green. Brown/Other Colour. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> 60-90mm.	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> 60-90mm
Cymbidium - Under 60mm. Red/Pink. White/Cream. Yellow/Green. Brown/Other Colour. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm.	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm.
Paphiopedilum. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Paphiopedilum</i>	Champion <i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Laeliinae. Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae. <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid >60mm. <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid <60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalinae. <i>Zygopetalum</i> Hybrid. <i>Zygopetalinae</i> Hybrid. <i>Zygopetalinae</i> Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW SCHEDULE 2015 (CONT.)

CARD CLASSES	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS
<i>Phalaenopsis.</i>	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	Champion Any Other Genus
Standard Hybrid.		
Non Standard Hybrid.		
Species, Seedling.		
<i>Dendrobium</i>	Best <i>Den.</i> other than Aust. Native	
Other than Aust. Native.		
Hybrid.		
Species, Seedling.		
Vandeae.	Best Vandeae	
Standard Hybrid.		
Non Standard Hybrid.		
Species, Seedling.		
Any Other Genus.	Best Any Other Genus	
Hybrid.		
Species, Specimen, Seedling.		
THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS		

Champion Seedling
Champion Species
Champion Specimen
Division Champions

TROPHIES

Victor Harbor Council Trophy – Grand Champion

The best Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Ira Butler Trophy.

The best Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Les Nesbitt Trophy.



President Geoff with Guest Speaker Brian Lyttle , owner of Lyttle Orchid Clones.

SRG July Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

398 *Den. teretifolium*

Noel Oliver (102)

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

391 *Den. Entice*

Eileen Pinnock (519)

3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

393 *Cym. Ruby Valley 'Clare'*

Eileen Pinnock (519)

3

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

392 *Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu'*

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

395 *Alcra. Jaqui Louise*

Eileen Pinnock (519)

3

Oncidiinae - Species

396 *Gdp. divaricatum*

Eileen Pinnock (519)

3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

397 *Den. (Fraser's Burgundy Flush x Fraser's Red*

Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

378 *Den. Unknown*

Sid James (170)

3

379 *Den. (Coulginni x gracillimum x Jesmond Charm)*

Sid James (170)

2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

381 *Cym. Mini Beacon 'Stoplight'*

Gary Clark (224)

3

382 *Cym. Vally Olympic 'Pink Perfection'*

Sid James (170)

2

404 *Cym. Memoria Dora Price 'Rosalie'*

Sid James (170)

1

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

385 *Cym. Unknown*

Sid James (170)

3

386 *Cym. Leila May 'Avente'*

Cliff Wegener (483)

2

Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

380 *Cym. (Silvan 'Tia' x President Gorbachev 'Diplomat')*

Sid James (170)

3

Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

387 *Cym. Joy Raye 'Future Dream'*

Shirley Greig (1128)

3

Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

388 *Cym. Sarah Jean 'Jennifer'*

Shirley Greig (1128)

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389 *Cym. Cindy Lou 'Ponytail'*

Gary Clark (224)

2

390 *Cym. Pearl Princess*

Shirley Greig (1128)

1

Paphiopedilum - Species

394 *Paph. insigne*

Sid James (170)

3

July Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

332	<i>Cbs. diemenicus</i>	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
333	<i>Ptst. nana</i>	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
334	<i>Ptst. nutans</i>	Leon Crowhurst (934)	1

Best Orchid Seedling - any Genera

349	<i>Z. Goliath</i> x <i>Zga. Maverick</i>	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
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Best Specimen of Division

350	<i>Lhta. oerstedii</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

341	<i>Cym. Khan Flame</i> 'Spotted Ying'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

340	<i>Cym. Three Sixes</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

339	<i>Cym. Uluru</i> 'Orange Delight'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

342	<i>Cym. Ice-on-Fire</i> 'Nikietta'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

338	<i>Epi. secundum</i> 'Fairy Lavender'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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First Division

Best Specimen of Division

372	<i>Paph. insigne</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

358	<i>Cym. (Stargate</i> x <i>erythraeum)</i>	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

356	<i>Cym. (Gypsy Rose</i> x <i>Snow)</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

357	<i>Cym. Artful Magic</i> 'Martina'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

354	<i>Cym. Australian Cherry</i>	George Misirlis (1125)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

355	<i>Cym. Yellow River</i> 'Ester'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

359	<i>Cym. Peggy Sue</i> 'Five'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Species

361	<i>Cym. erythrostylum</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

360	<i>Cym. Snow Beauty</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

365	<i>Cym. (Dolores Hoyt</i> x <i>Tom Thumb)</i> 'Tamara'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
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Laeliinae - Species

351	<i>Psh. cochleata</i> 'Rita'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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352	<i>L. anceps</i> 'Chamberlains'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2
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353	<i>C. cernua</i>	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	1
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

323	<i>C. Mini Purple</i> 'Tamami'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

362	<i>Brat. Aztec</i> 'Toni'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

369	<i>Bulbophyllum longissimum</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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370	<i>Coel. speciosa</i> 'Green Mist'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
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Paphiopedilum - Species

363	<i>Paph. insigne</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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364	<i>Paph. insigne</i> var. <i>sanderæ</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

366	<i>Z. Artur Elle</i> 'Essendon'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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367	<i>Zga. OCSA Platinum Surprise</i>	Bill Jayne (1180)	2
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368	<i>Z. Kiwi Fifty One</i>	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	1
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Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

324	<i>Den. Memoria Lillian War</i>	Shirley Greig (1128)	3
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325	<i>Den. Unknown</i>	Josephine Ogrowsky (394)	2
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

327	<i>Cym. Beaconsfield</i> 'Great Escape'	Colin MacDonald (20)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

326	<i>Cym. Rosefieldense</i>	David Williams (1351)	3
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Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

329	<i>Cym. Morialta</i> 'Morialta Falls'	David Williams (1351)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

328	<i>Cym. Rojo Negro</i> 'George Hawkins'	Colin MacDonald (20)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

331	<i>Masd. Marguerite</i>	Rowan Crowhurst (763)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Species

330	<i>Paph. insigne</i>	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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July Plant Commentary

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Our 50th birthday celebrations during July were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Committee members for organising such a wonderful month of activities.

To make the celebrations even more special, we learned that our members won two certificates in the Ira Butler Trophy competition last year. This is a national competition for the best Australian/Australasian species/hybrid. Congratulations Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for winning a Certificate for *Dendrobium* Victorian Splendour 'Ross Watts' (below left) and to Geoff and Lucy Spear for winning a Silver Certificate for *Dendrobium* Avril's Gold 'Leedham' (below right).



July Main Meeting

Forty-eight beautiful plants were benched at our July meeting and made a magnificent display.

Orchid of First Division and Orchid of the Night

Paph. insigne grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju was chosen by the Judging Panel to be Orchid of the Night. Vicky Cooper gave the commentary on this beautiful species plant which grows naturally in North-east India and Nepal. It is a vigorous grower which grows well in Adelaide. *Paph. insigne* is used extensively as the basis of many hybrids, some of which combine shades of green, russet, cream and white with various patterns. Congratulations Michael and Oui.



July Plant Commentary (cont.)

Orchid of Open Division

Oncidium Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' grown by Lesley and Robert Gunn won Orchid of Open Division. Rowan Crowhurst gave the commentary pointing out that this small plant is a primary hybrid between *Oncidium cheirophorum* and *Oncidium sotanum*. True to its name, the flowers have a pleasant vanilla/chocolate scented perfume. Congratulations Lesley and Robert.



Orchid of Second Division

Dendrobium Memoria Lillian War grown by Shirley Greig was voted to be Orchid of Second Division. Peter Haltis gave a commentary pointing out that this plant is the result of the crossing of two primary hybrids. *Den.* Esme Poulton (*Den. bigibbum* x *Den. kingianum*) and *Den.* Hilda Poxon (*Den. speciosum* and *Den. tetragonum*). A worthy winner. Congratulations Shirley.



Members please note that the following orchids have been registered or names have changed:

Grower **Previously known as**

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| 519 | <i>Onc. pulvinatum</i> |
| 1125 | <i>Cym.</i> (Mutuwa x Valley Olympic) |
| 1252 | <i>Cym.</i> (Dolly x Melinga Snow) |
| 1128 | <i>Den.</i> (Esme Poulton x Hilda Poxon) |

Now known as

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| <i>Gdp. divaricatum</i> |
| <i>Cym.</i> Australian Cherry |
| <i>Cym.</i> Snow Beauty |
| <i>Den.</i> Memoria Lillian War |

Winter Show

Don't forget our Winter Show!!!! Bring your orchids to the Basketball Stadium at Hamilton High School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park on Saturday, 25th July 2015 between 11.30 am and 12.45 pm.

Good luck to you all.

Judy McRedmond - Registrar

Orchid Culture Notes for August

The last month of winter is already on our door step and the spring shows not that far away. August weather is still cold but we seem to get enough 20C days to remind us that winter is starting to lose hold. After a very cold and wet July this is surely a positive to look forward to.

We are nearing the peak months of our flowering season especially for those with collections dominated by natives and cymbidiums. This year displays have seen quite a high percentage of plants showing the effects of cold and exposure. Even when grown under cover the effects of botrytis is apparent and although we will soon enter a drying phase, most of our flowering plans will still suffer the effects. The only way to combat this is to remove plants to an area under cover where the air is quite dry. That is why I test the boundaries at home and load up my laundry. Even though I have an 8 x 3 flowering house outside, I too cannot escape the marking of the flowers that is so bad this year. The laundry will provide me the dryness I need and I can always hang my clothes in the flowering house!

Very soon it will be time to look at the annual task of re potting and division. Whilst still a couple of months away now is a good time to stake stock of the numbers of plants that needs work so we can now stock up on pots, mix etc. I usually start looking at the seedling catalogues about now to get my orders in to coincide with spring. No point really subjecting little plants to our cold winter unless you have the right protection, so getting them at a time of year with the weather warming and the plants entering new growth is a sound decision if we are to get them underway.

Many orchids are still resting and a keen eye will already see the commencement of new shoots to herald the start of a new season. It is hard to believe but by the end of August we have already put nearly 90 minutes of extra daylight onto the winter solstice. This is plenty of daylight increase to tell the plants it is time to start moving again soon.

Not all plants rest over winter. Zygopetalums are one orchid that does not appear to have a resting period, as are the cymbidiums. Sure they slow up but never really go dormant. With weather still cool and the humidity high, watering is still infrequent and should be applied only when the plants are dry and ideally left to the warmer days. Zygopetalum new growths should be well advanced so stick with the higher nitrogen to balanced feeds until they bulb up later on. Those looper caterpillars are quite bad this year and have been all over winter so regular inspection of any chewing activity under the leaves is a must. The cold and wet of this winter has also taken toll on some of the new growths and they have rotted out or at best lost a few leaves. Either way this growth will be severely restricted and will not build up a new bulb, if it even does so and unlikely to produce a new growth big enough to flower off next year.

Now is the time to reduce the watering on the natives and dry them out somewhat. In the eastern states the spring months are the driest part of the year and this is where most, if not all of our Australian natives come from. Watch out for aphids on the new spikes and keep dry. One cold and wet episode will have buds dropping like flies. If you can try and maximise light levels as the natives flower to bring out the colour.

Cattleyas will soon show new growth eyes developing from the base of the previous year canes and the sheaths of the spring flowering species and hybrids will start to fill out. If these sheaths show any sign of fungal spots I would be peeling them back to expose the buds and keep the buds dry. Leaving the spots to enlarge will invariably mark or even rot out the buds. A Cattleya will only flower once off a pseudobulb. Watch out for any fungal problems near the new growth buds. This is usually indicated by the presence of black sheaths. Preventative sprays of fungicides can certainly reduce this somewhat.

Oncidiums have now finished their flowering and are generally resting. Those in active growth are only watered if conditions are very dry or grown under cover. Feeding is monthly at my place for these as the cool temperatures slow down the plants metabolism and their need for supplementary feeding. I only feed Oncidiums that show active roots.

Even though the Oncidiums have largely finished there are plenty of Oncidiinae intergenerics around that will grow cold and provide colour for much of the year. Colmanaras, Beallaras, Odontocidiums (now Oncidiums) and Vuylstekearas are just a few of the complex that are quite happy here grown above the cymms. I also find that these intergenerics are quite variable in their flowering times as well and even have the luxury of sporting a second spike after the first one has died down. A little more cover over winter will improve your results as these do mark easily.

The majority of the terrestrials we see benched will begin flowering from now on. Starting off with the greenhoods (pterostylis) and later on the donkey orchids (Diuris) and the sun orchids (Thelymytra). Keep evenly moist and try and keep the light levels up. Weak feeds of organic based feeds like your seaweed and fish emulsions will assist growth and avoid chemical fertilisers. Pull out weeds as they appear and remove any plants that show signs of virus or fungal problems. This is usually identified by odd markings and yellowing of the leaves. Fungus affected plants literally fall out the pot when you lift up a leaf. Virus in Diuris shows up with brown markings and the leaves usually twist out of shape. It is best to throw out the plant and the mix.

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Paphs are well into their flowering season and like many genera are easy to grow once the culture and correct conditions are provided. The large standard paphiopedilums (standard referring to shape) usually peak this time of year with the smaller novelties later on as the weather warms. Trick with paphiopedilums to keep them evenly moist and moving. They don't mind being grown close together and take up little space and are a low light orchid so for those that have a shady section in the shade house a small collection of cool growing paphiopedilums is worth a try. They are not a hungry feeder but little and often is the key. A look at the plant growth habit shows they have no storage organs like some of the caned and psuedobulb featured orchids hence they need constant moisture. They resent any salt build up in their mix so regular flushing with pure rain water is beneficial. They also like to be re potted on a regular basis to keep them moving and once a year is not too often.

A new crop of spring and summer weeds will soon show up and should be removed as soon as they appear. Continue to treat for slugs and snails as many genera are now in flower and these new soft spikes make good tucker. Wrapping some copper strip or even cotton wool around the base of the spikes will deter them. Please remove the cotton wool before you show your orchid. We judges want to judge an orchid and not a pooodle.

Observe for any fungal problems. With the warming weather this will become a bigger problem over the next few months. Remove dead leaves and flowers as soon as you can as these when wet will attract fungal problems overnight. Some plants that do show signs of rot may be telling you something about your culture as well. Factors such as I am too wet, too cold, lack of air movement, my mix has broken down or I have been damaged are just some of the many causes of fungal attack. I have been on many orchid walks in the wild yet have never seen the fungal problems we have out in our collections. So it is clear that these problems are our doing and we must be able to identify why and act accordingly. It is what makes us a better grower is the ability to observe and act. We will never eradicate these problems given that the majority of the genera we grow are so far removed from the species that make up their background that their own natural defences will not work. The best offence to defence is good culture.

The key to August is to provide flowering and near flowering plants the cover they need to avoid environmental damage. Pest numbers are still down but won't be long before their numbers increase. Observe plants resting periods and keep an eye out for any developing issues with fungal issues. September is on our doorstep and with it yet another growing season is about ready to begin.

Steve Howard

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