

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

**October
2015**



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm. on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our guest speaker will be Nicky Zurcher speaking about Paphiopedilum Orchids. Nicky will have plants for sale.

BEGINNERS' GROUP

7.20 pm. before main meeting. Kevin Western will talk about Australian Natives.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 2.00 pm. Our guest speaker, Kevin Western will speak on Australian Natives.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 18th October 2015 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker, Trevor Jacob speaking on Zygopetalums.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Vera Bastian, Peter and Julie Davidge, David Hayhurst, Phil and Anne Steer and Graeme Walters.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

CHRISTMAS DINNER – DECEMBER MEETING:

The main course will be catered for by **TEXAS BULL MACHINE**.

Christmas Dinner will commence at 6.30 pm. sharp on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 with Main Meeting commencing at 8 pm.

The Club will provide nibbles and fruit cup. You may BYO wine, spirits and beer.

Members who would like to attend should let Barbara know as soon as possible so we can organize the catering. Cost \$25.00 per head.

DELUXE SMORGASBORD MEAL

WHOLE BAKED SNAPPER

S.A. PRAWNS

CHAMPAGNE LEG HAM

ROAST TURKEY

SALAMI, CABANA AND METTWURST

SAUCES, ROLLS AND BUTTER

DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

Disposable plates, real cutlery, Christmas serviettes

Please bring a gift, receive a gift. Something you would like to receive yourself.

Father Christmas has been invited.

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2015

October 2015

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

November 2015

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

December 2015

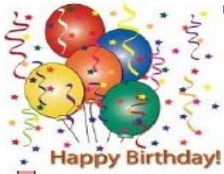
- 02 Main meeting - Kevin Gurney—Vancouver Island
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group - Graham Zerbe

MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
October 7 th	Kevin Western	Australian Natives
November 4 th	George Abel	Sarcochilus
December 2nd	No Beginners' Group	

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
October 18 th	Trevor Jacob	Zygopetelum
November 15 th	Steve Howard	Catasetum
December 20 th	Graham Zerbe	Christmas joy and orchids



Happy Birthday

VICKY COOPER, LEE GRAFTON, KEVIN TREVAN,
MALCOLM YOUNG, SUZY BRATUZ, GLYNN FURLONG, ,
ANNE DEWAR, MONICA SORRELL, PAULINE VLACHOS.
KRYZIA PODGORSKI

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



PUBLIC LIABILITY

Under Insurance Guidelines all Members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name on an Attendance Sheet.

LIFE MEMBERS - * denotes Member who has passed away.

1978	Dulcie Grave	2007	Ron and Irene Parish
1978	Leora Harvey	2007	Murray Baulderstone *
1978	L. & H. Poole*	2008	Geoff and Lucy Spear
1978	Ellie Shaw*	2009	Don Biebrick
1979	Syd Monkhouse	2009	Henk Van Leuveran
1981	Lois Hanson*	2010	Dorothy Carassai
1981	John Leader*	2011	John Gay
1985	Brenda Lynch	2011	Bev Gay
1985	Bubs Gready*	2012	Noel Oliver
1986	Harry Viney *	2015	Lesley Fenton
1986	John Nichols	2015	Rod McRedmond
1989	Helen Edwards		
2003	Norman Gitcham		
2005	Tony Deonnio*		
2005	Merve Steele*		
2005	Shirley Steele		

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

The Judging panel for October 2015 meeting:

The panel for October 2015 meeting is:

Open Division:	Leader:	John Gay with Noel Oliver, Trevor Stutley
		Recorder: John Dunn
First Division:	Leader:	Lesley Gunn, Vicky Cooper, Peter Haltis
		Recorder: Rowan Crowhurst
Second Division:	Leader:	Noel Oliver with John Gay, Trevor Stutley,
		Recorder: John Dunn
Plant commentary:		Open Division: John Gay
		First Division: Rowan Crowhurst
		Second Division: Noel Oliver

Computer: Lesley Fenton

SUBSCRIPTION RATES (until 31st. December 2015) – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$33.00
Single Membership	\$25.00
Junior Membership	\$17.00
Rural and Interstate Membership	
Family Membership	\$29.00
Single Membership	\$23.00

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

For many years we have not found it necessary to raise membership fees, however with the price rise in stamps, badges, stationery and other items, membership from 1st. January 2016 will be:

Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00
Rural and Interstate Membership	
Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2015**SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP****BONSAI CLUB:**

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER at Reg & Elsie's home

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER DISPLAY AND TRADING TABLE
at McLaren Vale.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP WORKSHOP – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Venue: Reg and Elsie Clifford's home, 46 Lamont Road. McCracken.

Programme: Geoff Spear – Deflasking

Kevin and Roxanne Cattermole – How to mount your plants

Kevin and Helen Western – Sarcocylus

John Dunn – subject to availability on the day.

SPRING SHOW RESULTS AND COMMENTARY:

Due to space constraints these will be in the November Issue of this Gazette.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August was one of our busiest months with a BBQ at Bunnings, the Orchid Spectacular and the South Region Group Show. Thank you to everyone who helped and supplied trading table and show plants. The S.R.G. Show was the best ever. Hard work for all, especially Shirley and Don Greig and Reg and Elsie Clifford. Thank you to all.

At our September meeting Phillip Smoult shared his knowledge with us and brought us up to date on all the products he has for sale. A very entertaining time on a very cold evening. Thank you to those who ventured out on such a cold, wet night.

Congratulations to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for winning Grand Champion at our Spring Show with their *Dendrobium* Tyabb 'Young Splendour' and also congratulations to all the other winners. The Club had beautiful display with many genera present.

We have all found it very hard to keep up with this very demanding year with its extremely cold weather. However, once again you have all risen to the occasion and I am sure it was one of our very best years for profit and new members.

Nicky Zurcher is our October guest speaker. You will find Nicky's presentation professional and entertaining. He will also have wonderful orchids for sale and the advice on how to grow them.

Let's make 2016 even better than 2015. Your Committee needs new members and new ideas, see Lucy now on positions that will be vacant. Being a member of Committee is a very rewarding position to have. Start thinking about it now, ready for a flying start in February 2016.

Our last Display is on Saturday 24th October at McLaren Vale. We will need plants for a table top display and plants to sell please.

Good growing and showing,
Geoff.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

Our meeting today didn't turn out as planned but with the help of some very talented and knowledgeable people within our group, things turned out wonderfully well. Geoff, our very talented and all-knowing President filled in, giving us a very impromptu discussion on a very lovely, but old plant that was around in the 1930's. *Cymbidium 'Charm Elegance'*. Pink flowers with darker pink stripes and a maroon lip. An open styled flower, starry to spidery in shape, totally different to the latest rounded types, the stem being delicately arched with many flowers. Absolutely lovely to see. Thank you Peter and Geraldine for bringing this in to share with us. Peter said he had purchased this particular plant from Mr. Keith Northcote, a dear old gentleman that many of you will remember well. Geoff spoke at length on the plant, then did the plant commentary, giving out many hints and tips on growing these plants. Thanks Geoff. It was then Lucy's turn, she spoke on our up-coming Spring Show at Colonnades. I hope the members took note as she was asking for more plants to help bolster up the plants that we already have. Not enough as usual, but we always manage to make it look good. Mr. George Abell also gave us a very informative talk on his favourite orchid, the *Sarcochilus Genera*. George has a beautiful collection of the genera. He has around 3,000 in total and when in flower it is really a sight to behold. Really magnificent. George says he will bring a few along to the next meeting. I hope so. Then Mr. Reg Foster, one of our new members showed us some photos of a beautiful white terrestrial orchid growing in situ near Stansbury. This is an area being well looked after by a group of caring people. This area has doubled in size since last year. If conditions are right there is no stopping them. Reg said he was delighted to see the orchid flowering. Judging by the photo the flowers were quite large in size. Also there were a few plants of *Acianthus exertus* (the Mosquito Orchid) growing there as well. They have very small flowers, but are lovely to see. Perhaps a trip sometime next year would be great. Something to think about. Thank you Reg, Geoff and George. You all helped in making it a great afternoon. It was much appreciated.

Apologies today came from Bill Trevaskis, Betty, Robert and Lesley, Brian and Patty. We wish you all well and hope to see you all again very soon.

Mr. David Williams' plant was voted best on the day by the Members. This plant *Cym. Pumisan 'Orange'* had just one spike but many flowers in a lovely shade of orange, hence its name. Congratulations David. Well done.

Our meeting was closed. Thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,
8277-1793.



President Geoff presents David Williams with his prize for his *Cym. Pumisan 'Orange'* which was voted best on the day



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2015

Meeting: The meeting was opened by President Geoff who coped admirably without Secretary Lucy who was manning the Spring Show at Colonnades. Geoff commented that the number of plants on the bench looked more like a show than a normal meeting. Geoff reminded members about the SRG workshop to be held on Sunday 16TH October at Reg & Elsie Clifford's home.

Visitors: Pamela Virgo .

Apologies: Helen Humphries and Lucy Spear.

Guest Speaker: Noel Oliver gave a wonderful presentation on *Den. speciosum* assisted by Rod McRedmond on the computer.

Birthday Draw: Eileen Pinnock.

Lucky Name Badge: Veronica Walsh.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 18th October 2015 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker Trevor Jacob speaking on Zygopetalums.

Judge: Noel Oliver . **Recorder:** Judy McRedmond. **Typist:** Judy McRedmond.

Orchid of the Meeting : *Den. Bardo Rose* benched by Marilyn Jelfs.

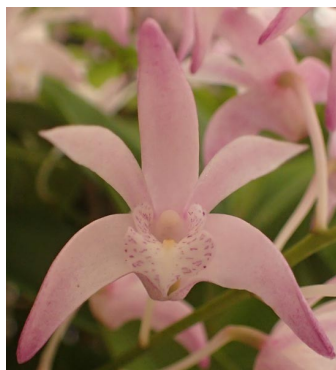
Popular Vote Winner: *Den. Tyabb Young Splendour* benched by Grace Noll.



President Geoff presents guest speaker Noel Oliver with his gift.



Orchids benched at the SRG meeting.



Orchid of the meeting : *Den. Bardo Rose* benched by Marilyn Jelfs.



Marilyn Jelfs receiving her prize for Orchid of the meeting



Left: Grace Noll receiving her glass from Noel Oliver for her Popular Vote Winner
Den. Tyabb



Right: Noel Oliver with Eileen Pinnock and her First Division Winner *Den. Bill Dobson*

SRG September Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
First Division		
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid		
598	<i>Den. Bill Dobson</i>	Eileen Pinnock (519) 3
599	<i>Den. gracillimum x Den. Yondi Pioneer</i>	Eileen Pinnock (519) 2
Laeliinae - Cluster		
600	<i>Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'</i>	Eileen Pinnock (519) 3
Second Division		
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid		
578	<i>Den. Bardo Rose</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3
579	<i>Den. Tyabb</i>	Grace Noll (578) 2
Australian Native Epiphyte - Species		
575	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613) 3
576	<i>Sarco. aequalis</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 2
577	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	Bruce Kirk (260) 1
Australian Native Terrestrial - Species		
580	<i>Ptst. curta</i>	Gary Clark (224) 3
Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown		
587	<i>Cym. Da Vinci 'Charm'</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3
588	<i>Cym. Latrobe 'Pink Orb'</i>	Grace Noll (578) 2
589	<i>Cym. Chocolate Gem 'Sparkle'</i>	Sid James (170) 1
Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green		
590	<i>Cym. Sarah Jean</i>	Cliff Wegener (483) 3
Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour		
586	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3
Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown		
584	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	Cliff Wegener (483) 3
583	<i>Cym. (Reggae Rose x White Valley 'Becky')</i>	Sid James (170) 3
Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green		
585	<i>Cym. Unknown</i>	Cliff Wegener (483) 3
Cymbidium under 60 - any other colour		
592	<i>Cym. Spark Sprite 'Sparkey'</i>	Sid James (170) 3
593	<i>Cym. Koala 'Cutie'</i>	Sid James (170) 2
594	<i>Cym. Merilong</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 1
Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green		
591	<i>Cym. Sarah Jean 'Snowflake'</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3
Laeliinae - Cluster		
582	<i>Epi. boundii</i>	Gary Clark (224) 3
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm		
581	<i>Rlc. Alexandrina</i>	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613) 3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm		
595	<i>Onc. Unknown</i>	Gary Clark (224) 3
Paphiopedilum - Non Standard		
596	<i>Paph. Chouvetii</i>	Grace Noll (578) 3
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid		
597	<i>Z. Kiwi x critinum</i>	Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3

SRG Annual Show Champions List

GRAND CHAMPION

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

RESERVE CHAMPION

Cym. Royal Regent x Valley Regent

Helen Humphreys (445)

CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION

Paph. insigne

Eileen Pinnock (519)

CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

CHAMPION LAELIINAE

Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Under 60mm

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Peach'

Helen Humphreys (445)

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM 60 - 90mm

Cym. Royal Regent x Valley Regent

Helen Humphreys (445)

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Over 90mm

Cym. Hungarian Beauty 'Friecke'

Helen Humphreys (445)

CHAMPION ZYGOPETALUM

Z. Artur Elle

Shirley Greig (1128)

CHAMPION SPECIES

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

CHAMPION SPECIMEN

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE

Alcra. Marfitch 'Howards Dream'

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph. insigne

Sid James (170)

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Les Nesbit Trophy Award (Species)

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Ira Butler Trophy Nomination

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

SRG Annual Show Results List

First Division

Australian Native epiphyte - Species

Den. speciosum 'Larwind'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Australian Native epiphyte - Hybrid

Den. Noel's Star

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Den. Australian Gold 'Starburst'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

BEST AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Den. Noel's Star

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Yellow/Green

Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

BEST CYMBIDIUM - 60 to 90mm

Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Cymbidium under 60mm - Brown/Any other colour

Cym. Mary Green 'Nifty Guy'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

BEST CYMBIDIUM - under 60mm

Cym. Mary Green 'Nifty Guy'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Laeliinae Cluster

Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

BEST LAELIINAE

Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Paphiopedilum - Species

Paph. insignis

Eileen Pinnock (519)

BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph. insignis

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Zygopetalum - Hybrid

Z. Kiwi Choice 'Eileen'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

BEST ZYGOPETALUM

Z. Kiwi Choice 'Eileen'

Eileen Pinnock (519)

Second Division

Australian Native epiphyte - Species

Den. speciosum

Kay Davey (222)

Den. speciosum

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Australian Native epiphyte - Hybrid

Den. Rosella

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

Den. Aliesh

Shirley Greig (1128)

Australian Native terrestrial - Species

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Den. pedunculatum

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Australian Native terrestrial - Hybrid

Ptst. Hoodwink

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Australian Native - Specimen

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Den. speciosum

Kay Davey (222)

Ptst. curta

Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)

Cymbidium over 90mm - Brown/Any other colour

Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'

Sid James (170)

Cymbidium over 90mm - Red/ Pink

Cym. Hungarian Beauty 'Friecke'

Helen Humphreys (445)

BEST CYMBIDIUM - over 90mm

Cym. Hungarian Beauty 'Friecke'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Yellow/Green

Cym. Unknown

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Brown/Any other colour

Cym. Unknown

Sid James (170)

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Red/ Pink

Cym. Royal Regent x Valley Regent

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Specimen

Cym. One Tree Hill 'John's Quest'

Helen Humphreys (445)

SRG Annual Show Results List (cont.)

Second Division (cont.)

BEST CYMBIDIUM - 60 to 90mm

Cym. Royal Regent x Valley Regent

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium under 60mm -Yellow/Green

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Green and Gold'

Shirley Greig (1128)

Cymbidium under 60mm - Brown/Any other colour

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Peach'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cym. Coonawarra

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium under 60mm - Red/ Pink

Cym. Nancy Maxwell

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cym. Putana 'Showpiece'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium under 60mm - White/Cream

Cym. Ice on Fire 'Nikietta'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cym. Ice Cascade 'Graham's Choice'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Cymbidium under 60mm - Specimen

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Peach'

Helen Humphreys (445)

BEST CYMBIDIUM - under 60mm

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Peach'

Helen Humphreys (445)

Laeliinae Cluster

Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

Laeliinae Non-Standard

Lc. Intercepts 'Hindmarsh'

Val Phillips (947)

C. Unknown

Val Phillips (947)

BEST LAELIINAE

Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

Oncidiinae Hybrid >60mm

Alcra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

BEST ONCIDIINAE

Alcra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'

Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)

Paphiopedilum - Species

Paph. *insigne*

Sid James (170)

BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph. *insigne*

Sid James (170)

Zygopetalum - Hybrid

Z. Artur Elle

Shirley Greig (1128)

Z. Unknown

Val Phillips (947)

BEST Zygopetalum

Z. Artur Elle

Shirley Greig (1128)

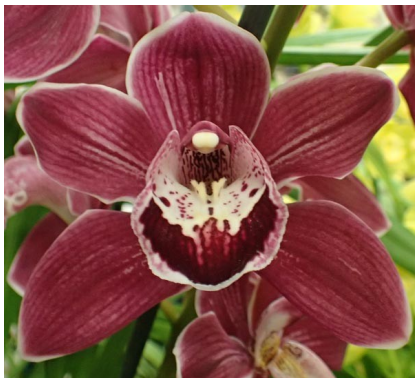


The SRG Annual Show Display

SRG Annual Show



Ptst. curta benched by Reg & Elsie Clifford was Grand Champion, Champion Second Division, Champion Species, Champion Specimen, Champion Australian Native, an Ira Butler Trophy Nomination and a Les Nesbit Trophy Award (Species) of the SRG Annual Show.



Reserve Champion and Champion Cymbidium under 90mm. was *Cym.* (Royal Regent x Valley Regent) benched by Helen Humphreys.



Champion Zygotetrum was *Z. Artur Elle* benched by Shirley Greig.



Champion Laeliinae *Ctt.* Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold' benched by Eileen Pinnock.



Champion Paphiopedalum was *Paph. insigne* benched by Eileen Pinnock.



Champion Cymbidium under 60mm. was *Cym.* Sarah Jean 'Peach' benched by Helen Humphreys.



Right: Champion Oncidiinae was *Alcra.* Marfitch 'Howards Dream' benched by Ruth & Keven Tugwell.



Left: Champion Cymbidium over 90mm. was *Cym.* Hungarian Beauty 'Friecke' benched by Helen Humphreys.

September Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division (cont.)

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

- 541 *Onc.* Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'
 542 *Onc.* Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'
 543 *Onc.* (Twinkle x ornithorhynchum)

- Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)
 Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)
 Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

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Oncidiinae - Species

- 544 *Cu. pulchella*

- Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

- 548 *Max. porphyrostele*
 549 *Srps. lingua*

- Eileen Pinnock (519)
 Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

- 546 *Paph.* Chouvetii
 547 *Paph.* (Pacific Magic x Dot McNay)

- Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)
 Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

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Paphiopedilum - Standard

- 545 *Paph.* (Amanda x Jim's Show)

- Bill Jayne (1180)

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Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

- 524 *Cym.* Pumisan 'Orange'

- David Williams (1351)

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Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

- 520 *Cym.* Templestowe Dream 'Lachlan'
 522 *Cym.* (Winter Wonder 'Icicle' x Dorothea Paige)

- Jim Fogarasi (150)
 David Williams (1351)

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Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

- 523 *Cym.* Swallow 'Yellow Daffodil'

- David Williams (1351)

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September Plant Commentary

From the Registrar

It has been a busy month for our Club, what with our Southern Region Group Annual Show and our Spring Show.

Congratulations to Reg and Elsie Clifford on winning the Grand Champion ribbon at the SRG Show with their *Ptst. curta*. Congratulations also to all the members who bench plants to create the magnificent display at the Victor Harbor RSL Club. The Show results and photos can be found in this issue of the Gazette.

Our Spring Show at Colonnades was also a great success. Congratulations to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for winning the Grand Champion ribbon with their *Dendrobium* Tyabb 'Young Splendour'. The Spring Show results and photographs will be published in the next Gazette.

During the month of September, our members have had four plants awarded by The Australian Orchid Council.



Congratulations to Eileen Pinnock for receiving an Award of Cultural Commendation (ACC) for her plant *Brasiliorchis* [*Maxillaria*] *porphyrostele*



Congratulations to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for receiving a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) and an Award of Cultural Commendation (ACC) for their plant *Dendrobium* Hewitt Glow 'Ross Watts'

September Plant Commentary (cont.)



Congratulations to Geoff and Lucy Spear for receiving an Award of Cultural Commendation for their *Dendrobium striolata* 'Leedham'.

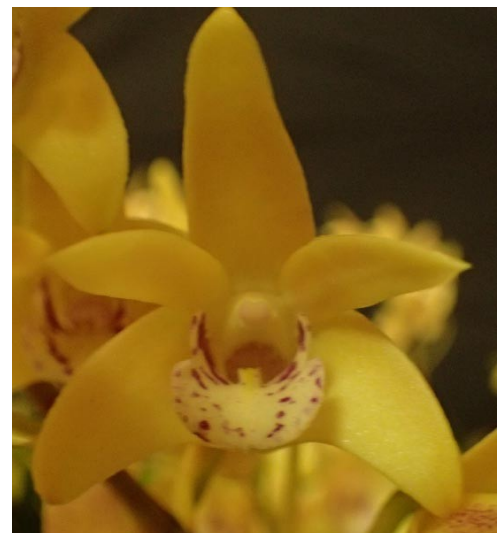


Congratulations to Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju for winning a Cultural Award and a Quality award for their *Dendrobium* Tyabb 'Young Splendour'.

September Main Meeting

Our Club is fortunate to have Senior Judges Noel Oliver, John Gay and Lesley Gunn to judge at our meetings. Unfortunately John was unable to join us in September as he was unwell. We also missed Vicky Cooper and photographer, Neil Cooper who were also on the sick list. Nonetheless Noel and Lesley efficiently assessed the plants on the show bench with the assistance of Associates, Trevor Stutley and Peter Haltis. John Dunn also assisted with the recording. Lesley Fenton and Rob Gunn produced the certificates. Thank you to you all.

The judging panel chose *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Hilton' grown by Noel Oliver to be Orchid of the Night. Growing in a large hanging basket this specimen had 12 large arching spikes with beautiful cream/yellow flowers. A few years ago, this plant received the Grand Champion ribbon at the Adelaide Royal Show. Noel advises that this species plant is easy to grow and very rewarding to have in his collection. Congratulations Noel.



Dendrobium speciosum 'Hilton' benched by Noel Oliver.

September Plant Commentary (cont.)

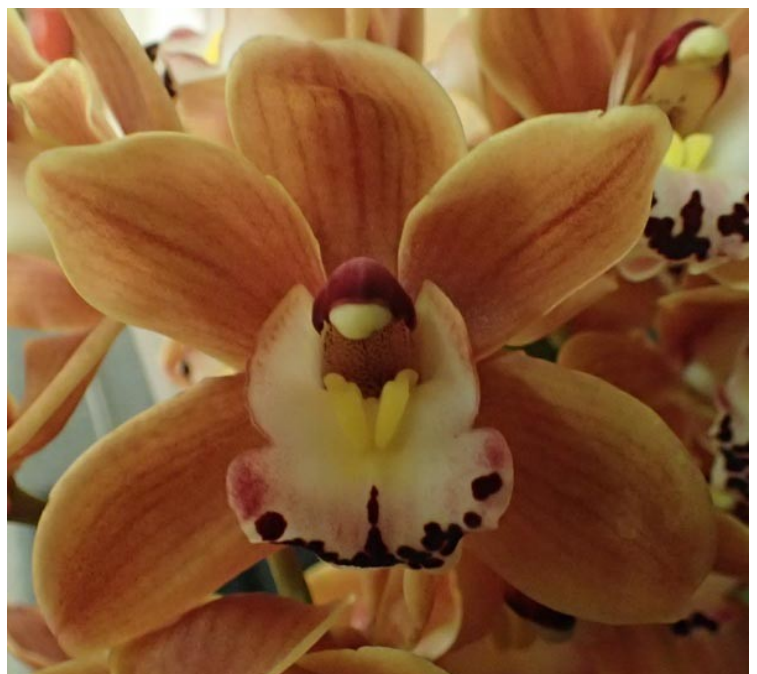
Dendrobium Victorian Bride 'Genisis' owned by Rito and Rosetta Silvestri was the orchid chosen to be Orchid of First Division. Peter Haltis gave the commentary. In 2006 *Dendrobium* Victorian Bride 'Genisis' received an Award of Merit (AM) from the Australian Orchid Council.

This Australian Native hybrid has flowers of vibrant colour and substance with superbly displayed blooms. A very well grown plant. Congratulations Rito and Rosetta.



Dendrobium Victorian Bride 'Genisis' benched by Rito and Rosetta Silvestri

Cymbidium Pumisan 'Orange' owned by David Williams was chosen to be Orchid of Second Division. This plant results from a crossing (in 1967) of *Cymbidium pumilum* and *Cymbidium* Susan. *Cymbidium* Susan is predominantly made up of *Cymbidium insigne*. David's plant had one arching inflorescence with 14 open flowers making a striking display. Congratulations David.



Cymbidium Pumisan 'Orange' benched by David Williams

Judy McRedmond—Registrar of Judges

Orchid Culture Notes for October

With the shows almost over we return back to our orchid enclosures and commence one of the most important periods in the orchid calendar. It is called maintenance and whether we like it or not, it is an important factor in the upkeep of our collections.

Re-potting, potting on, dividing and feeding marks what I call the busiest time of the year.

After flowering many of our plants commence a new season growth. This growth can be retarded somewhat if the flowers are left on too long, especially with orchids that hold their flowers for a long time. So the decision is do we cut them off after displays etc? This is a personal choice. Some will say in nature they don't get cut off. True. But how many grow here & how many are so far removed from their original parentage that they don't know what they are anymore. My preference is that short lived flowers such as the natives stay on until they drop but those that stay on longer such as the cymbidiums get about four weeks before I cut them and bring them inside. Other even longer lasting orchids like the Paphiopedilums seem to do ok regardless of how long they stay in flower. Only experience with your orchid in your environment will answer this question correctly. Other factors to take into account are the size of your plants. A large and well grown plant can support large or multiple racemes but what of a small first flowering seedling or a plant stressed from the previous year division flowering in a last effort to reproduce and survive. It is best to remove these flower spikes early rather than subject the plant to too much added stress. Some *Oncidium* seedlings come to mind here, literally flowering themselves to death as a first flowering plant. What about those plants stressed after being in a shopping centre or the show for days on end. I find it best to give these plants a rest and remove the inflorescences. Again I stress, this is my personal choice and is up to the individual to do what they wish with their plants.

Native dendrobiums should have flowers cut once they start to droop and lose substance. Spent flowers that drop onto leaves and new growths etc soon go mouldy and attract fungal problems. One little insect bite or a damaged leaf etc will provide the perfect entry point for fungus and in the warmth and moisture of October this spreads rapidly. Now is also a good time to pot on and divide native dendrobiums as they commence new growth and re-establish quickly. Look for the commencement of new root growth with the new canes. Don't over pot natives & allow enough room for two years growth. This is a good rule of thumb. Always inspect the roots to see how your culture has been. The pots should have roots growing round and round the inside edge of the pot.

They should be white and firm with many growing tips. The centre of the plant has fewer roots and most of these will be previous roots, brown and dead looking. If your roots are sparse all through the mix or rotted then you have a cultural problem. There could be many reasons for this. Too much water, the mix has broken down and become acidic, over fertilising or feeding when the plant is dormant or the plant being cold and wet when it should be cold and dry. This applies especially to the hot/colds. For the newer growers a hot/cold dendrobium is a hybrid where a cool grower such as a *Den. speciosum* is crossed with a warm grower such as *Den. bigibbum*. It gives you a plant that often flowers earlier or later than most natives. The flowers last longer and are usually larger and more colourful than the cooler growers. These are rapidly gaining popularity. Treat them the same as the normal cool growers during the growing season but keep a little drier in winter and provide them with more light by hanging them above the collection.

Zygopetalums should just about be finished flowering now and large plants can be split. As with most orchids it pays to keep your divisions to a good size of three or four growths as a minimum to ensure flowering next season. Keep an eye out for the spring looper caterpillars under the leaves from now. They are fond of the soft new leaves of your zygoes and one or two loopers will make a mess of new growths over night. Spray with mancozeb every two months to keep fungal problems to a minimum. Keep water and fertiliser out of the new growths. With fungal problems rife in October your Zygopetalum will be the first to lose growths thru rot. At worst it will keep 2 or 3 leaves and will be severely set back, so much so, it may not even produce a worthwhile back bulb, let alone anything strong enough to support a strong growth next year with a flower spike.

Native terrestrials start to look a little sick from now as they begin to yellow and enter summer dormancy. Reduce the watering as they enter dormancy.

New growths on the Cattleyas and *Oncidiums* start to move now and many will show new roots starting to appear. This tells you they are now becoming more receptive to feeding and watering. Aquasol, Thrive and any feed with a high nitrogen component will suffice at this time. With the new roots forming tells you it is also a good time to divide and re pot these two genera. The new roots continue to grow to support the division, often will very little set back. Do this at the wrong time and watch your plant wither and struggle.

If you do decide to break up an *Oncidium* or a Cattleya/Laeliinae do this before the roots get too long and are easily broken. Secondly if they grow long they become accustomed to an aerial existence and will rot off when placed into the damp confines of a potting mix. Make sure your division is securely positioned in the pot until it establishes.

Sarcochilus will rapidly be showing their flower spikes now as well and it won't be long before we see plenty of flowers. These are one orchid that likes a very weak fertiliser as the roots are highly sensitive. If you see them loose their green tips shortly after a feed then that's the sign that says oops...too strong or I have some

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micro slugs in the mix. Don't worry, they'll find your flowers sooner or later if you don't bait them now! Keep them moist also as they do not have any pseudobulbs to fall back upon in times of dryness. Rainwater is best if you can provide it and look at increasing the shade levels as well as the sun's intensity rapidly increases this month.

For those that fancy growing orchids on mounts, spring is a good time to start them off as they readily establish when new roots become evident. A good lesson here is to observe the roots. If they touch the mount and die or brown off then they are saying that host is unsuitable. Orchids are wonderful plants. They tell you when something is not to their liking. Learn to observe these signs and you are well on your way to mastering them. Overlook them and your plant will struggle and even die.

Other chores this month involve moving your plants around as the seasons change. I love moving my plants around as I strive to find the sweet spots in my shade house. I provide high light for those that like it, cool shady spots for those that hate the heat and the harsh Adelaide sun. I observe the changing microclimates and most of all make sure I don't grow the orchid that didn't flower this year in the same spot with the same treatment. Plants hung high should be lowered a little as the sun's intensity increases dramatically this month and temperatures rise. Remember these exposed plants will need water more often.

With November nearly on our doorstep we need little reminding that a hot and stressful summer is just around the corner.

Steve Howard

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