The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

December 2015

PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm. on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys.

Features of the Night:

Hall opens at 6 pm. to bench your plants for judging. By 6.20 pm. please be seated for dinner.
Special guests will be Syd and Shirley Monkhouse and of course Father Christmas.
8.15 pm. Main meeting with guest speaker Kevin Gurney with presentation of Burchardt Gardens.
Monster Raffle Please contribute by donating a gift you would like to receive yourself i.e. wine, nuts, ferns, orchids, plants etc. to help to make this night memorable.
Kris Kringle Table. Please bring a gift to the value of $5 - $6 marked for a lady or gentleman and receive a gift in return if you wish to participate.
The Club will provide fruit cup and nibbles. BYO Wine.

BEGINNERS' GROUP

No class in December, the next will be in March.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 10th December 2015 at 2.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Noel Oliver and he will be talking about Australian Natives.
Please bring a gift to the value of $5 - $6 marked for a lady or a gentleman and receive a gift in return if you wish to participate in the Kris Kringle.
Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. A note has been sent to Santa.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

Christmas Lunch 11.30 am. on Sunday 20th December 2015 at the Middleton Tavern. Pay as you order.
The meeting will be held at 2.00 pm. 20th December 2015 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe.
Father Christmas has been invited. Please bring a gift to the value of $5 - $6 marked male or female and receive a gift in return if you wish to participate in the Kris Kringle .

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Please return all library books for our annual stocktake. Thank you.
Please return all trophies to the Secretary at the December meeting.
All nominations for Committee of Management are to be in Secretary's possession by close of the December meeting.
There will be no cultural meeting in the month of January.

BBQ WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2016 6.30 PM. AT ST. BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

How nice to start the year off with your orchid friends. No meeting, just a fun time with your mates. The Club will provide BBQ meat and could you please just bring a salad or finger food dessert. You may BYO as long as alcohol is consumed inside the hall.
If you have an orchid plant in flower, bring it along and you can enter it for popular vote. It costs 50cents to enter and the owner of the plant which wins the popular vote will receive total entry money.
AND..... following the meal for those who would like to stay a while Graham Zerbe will show a presentation of the best orchids of the Year.

Note: The Judging Panel roster for the December Meeting can be found on page 10.

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2015/2016

December 2015
02 Main meeting - Kevin Gurney - Vancouver Island
10 Daytime Chapter
20 Southern Regional Group - Graham Zerbe

January 2016
13 Committee Meeting
16 Committee Dinner Past and New - 609 Marion Rd., South Plympton
20 BBQ—St. Bernadette's Hall

February 2016
03 AGM/Main Meeting - John Richards, President of Horsham & Districts Orchid Society
10 Committee Meeting
11 Daytime Chapter
21 Southern Region Group

March 2016
02 Main Meeting - Kevin Cattermole
09 Committee Meeting
10 Daytime Chapter - David Williams
20 Southern Region Group

April 2016
06 Main Meeting - Trevor Garard on Phalaenopsis
13 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter - Vicky Cooper
17 Southern Region Group

May 2016
04 Main meeting - Graham Zerbe on the Mackay Conference
11 Committee Meeting
12 Daytime Chapter
15 Southern Region Group

June 2016
01 Main meeting - Workshop
08 Committee Meeting
09 Daytime Chapter
19 Southern Region Group

July 2016
06 Main meeting - Steve Howard on Catacetums
13 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter
17 Southern Region Group - Peter Hall on Bromeliads

August 2016
03 Main meeting - Lesley Gunn on Thailand
10 Committee Meeting
11 Daytime Chapter
21 Southern Region Group

September 2016
07 Main Meeting
08 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter
18 Southern Region Group

MAIN MEEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2015/2016 PROGRAMME

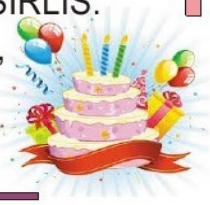
Date	Speaker	Subject
December 02	No Beginners' Group	
January	No Beginners' Group	
February 03	TBA	TBA
March 02	TBA	TBA
April 06	TBA	TBA
May 04	TBA	TBA
June 01	TBA	TBA

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2015/2016 PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
December 20th	Graham Zerbe	Christmas joy and orchids
February 21st	Graham Zerbe	Mackay Conference
March 20th	John Gay	Australian Natives
April 17th	TBA	TBA
May15th	Noel Oliver	TBA
June 19th	TBA	TBA
July 17th	Peter Hall	Bromeliads
August 21st	Jane Higgs	Thailand
September 18	TBA	TBA

Happy Birthday .....

JOHN GAY, DONNA MEEUWSEN, NOEL OLIVER,
REG CLIFFORD, HEATHER LUCAS, GEORGE MISIRLIS.
PAM SULLIVAN, ERNA VAN LEU VERAN, DAVID WILLIAMS,
LEON CROWHURST, HAZEL ALSOP, CRAIG HUMFREY.
PENNY COCKINGTON, VERA BASTIAN, SYLVESTER NG.



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

LIFE MEMBERS - * denotes Member who has passed away.

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

This list is still being compiled.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book? New members are welcome to join our Birthday Draw, see Heather Wright to put your name in the birthday book.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

COMMITTEE DINNER – PAST 2015 AND PRESENT 2016 COMMITTEE

7 pm. Saturday 16th January 2016.

OUTGOING COMMITTEE

President & Convenor S.R. Group: **Geoffrey Spear**
Senior Vice President: **Michael Willoughby**
Vice President: **Paul Hayes**
Secretary and Public Officer: **Lucy Spear**
Treasurer: **Barbara Almond**

COMMITTEE:

Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Donna Meeuwsen, Heather Wright, Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig (1 year), Don Greig (1 year).

Please give some consideration to being a committee member. All of the above may be re-elected, we need to fill two positions.

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

REGISTRAR: **Judy McRedmond**
EDITOR & WEBMASTER: **Rod McRedmond**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES (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 (from 1st. January 2016) - One membership covers all groups

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**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS REQUIRED BY CONSTITUTION.

OFFICERS:

11. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice Presidents (one of whom shall be elected Senior Vice President) by the Committee, Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, all of whom shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire. All retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
12. Nomination in writing for these offices duly proposed and seconded by two financial members, and accepted by the nominee, shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary before the close of the Ordinary General meeting in December each year. The election of Officers of the Club shall be by ballot at each Annual General Meeting.

Please use the Nomination Forms to appoint New Committee Members for 2016.
Forms to be handed to Secretary before closing of December Meeting 2015.

Vale

Colin Jennings

Sadly, a few weeks ago Colin passed away after a long illness. Colin was a well respected Judge. He was Registrar General of the Australian Orchid Council for 22 years and for a considerable time, Publications Director of *Orchids Australia.* We extend our condolences to Colin's wife, Myrnie and their family.

Graham Eakins

Last month also saw the passing of another well respected Judge, Graham Eakins. Graham will be sadly missed by all who knew him for his good humour and valuable contribution to the SA Judging Panel. We extend our condolences to Graham's family.

Orchid Display at the Bonsai Club Show

On October 24th at 8am Lucy and Geoff Spear, Paul Hayes, Lesley and Bob Gunn , and Shirley and Don Greig arrived at McLaren Vale to put in S.C.O.C.S.A. display and trading table for a 10am. opening time. Lesley had organized a beautiful display but we had far more orchids than anticipated , so ideas we had for the display were changed.

We then arranged the trading table plants. Shirley Greig had a great idea how to sell the cacti and succulents by displaying them on very attractive stands. These were very popular with the customers.

An interesting afternoon was had watching how to prune and make these great Bonsai trees.

At 4 pm. we packed up to come home. We had had a very nice day introducing people to orchids, and a few orchids found new homes.

Thank you to the Bonsai Club for the invitation.

The SCOCSA display at the Bonsai Club Show.

The Bonsai Display

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy 2016. I would like to thank you all for a very successful orchid season. You all went out of your way to ensure that we had sufficient orchids for display and selling at our shows despite some challenging conditions we faced this year with flowers. Attendance at meetings has been excellent. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated. Sarcochilus night was once again a great success. Kevin Trevan won the Sarcochilus trophy with his first flowering seedling *Sarcochilus* (Kulnara Dazzel x Sweetheart). This was a very nice sarc that had white flowers with red spots.

Our guest speaker for the night was Jim Shaughnessey who gave a very interesting presentation about Sarcochilus. It was different to last year's presentation but was still very informative. Kevin Western spoke about an alternative and cheaper bark to what we normally use that is available at Peat Soils, Willunga.

Once again a very hot summer has been predicted. Please keep plants well watered, fertilize weekly with half strength fertilizer. Also keep an eye out for spider mite they like hot dry conditions, Maverick or pest oil can be used to treat this. However, it is important to read the directions on the packets. Members when you are re-potting please remember your Club. Don't throw away pieces which can be re-potted. We always need plants for new members and raffles etc.

Next year will see our Associate Judges in their final year of study. There have been a lot of hard hours of study, and intense assignments since they started this course. When they graduate it will be a great time of celebration on completing this challenging course.

Many of our members have had their share of illness, we hope 2016 will be much kinder to you.

Please remember the management of your club. If you have the time, nominate for a position on the Ccommittee, a very rewarding job.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards, Geoff.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

Well here it is November again already. I hope you are all a bit better organised for Christmas than I am. This year has been such a busy one with shows and B.B.Q's but it's all been great and once again have met some lovely people during the course of these events, so it's all been worth it.

Our meeting today was great and very interesting. Mr. George Abell was our guest speaker, his subject being Sarcochilus Orchids, a genera that George grows to perfection. He brought along many variations of red and white flowers with quite a variety of different markings, all beautiful and perfectly grown by George. He prefers to keep them in small sized pots and says up to 17 spikes is what he expects from them at this size. He also brought along many plants for us to hold and admire including a coloured brochure showing many different crossings. This brochure was offered to all members to take home. He was ably assisted with help from his very capable wife Patty in bringing in plants and accessories. Thank you both for sharing these plants, information, and your time with us this afternoon. It was much appreciated.

Apologies today from Geraldine, Betty and Robert Gunn. We missed you all and hope that you are okay. See you all again soon. Happy Birthday Geraldine XXO.

Welcome back to Mr. Phil Steer. It was great to see you again and to have your company today.

It's our Christmas break-up at our December meeting, so as usual our afternoon tea will be a shared table of goodies brought in by our members (who usually do an excellent job) please. Our Kris Kringle segment is always a great way to lead up to Christmas. Bring a gift/receive a gift of something to the value of $5-$6. Please Christmas wrap all gifts. I hope you all like to participate in this as it's good fun. Father Christmas has also been invited to attend and also hopefully a few carols will be sung. There will no music this year, that was always Bill's job and now he's gone to Sydney to live. He will be greatly missed at this time of year, miss you Bill.

Above: Lesley Gunn during her plant commentary.

Mrs Lesley Gunn did the Plant Commentary today, doing a great job as usual. Thanks Lesley, your comments and information are always well received by the members and much appreciated.

Mrs Lucy Spear's plant an *Odcdm.* Bittersweet 'Roll of Honour' was voted best in display today. It was an unusually coloured flower with just one spike, but lovely to see. Congratulations Lucy. Well done.

The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,
8277-1793.

Right: George and Patty Abell receiving their guest speaker gift.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2015

Beginners' Class: George Abel took the beginners' class today talking on *Sarcochilis.* Thank you George.
November Meeting: President Geoff opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 41 members. Beryl and Richard Wilson and Lesley and Bob Gunn joined us today to hear guest speaker Steve Howard. Geoff congratulated members on the quality of the orchids benched. Secretary Lucy asked members if they would like to have a house visit to other members homes to see how they grow their orchids and their set ups. Helen Humphrys offered to have one and also have a lunch time BBQ. All we need is 2 or 3 other members to invite us to come along to see their collections and it could be organised. Members were advised to phone Lucy to organise this. Geoff then welcomed then guest speaker Steve Howard and invited him to commence his presentation.

Geoff reminded members of the Christmas Dinner at the Middleton Tavern on Sunday 20th December at 1130 am. and also that they remember to bring male or female gift (value about $5.00) for the bring a gift/ receive a gift part of the proceedings if they wish to participate. Father Christmas has been invited.

Guest Speaker: Steve Howard who gave an excellent talk on Catacetinae. One of his many tips was that this family of orchids comes in many forms and needs distinct wet and dry periods. Thank you Steve.
Geoff then reminded members of the Christmas Dinner at the Middleton Tavern on Sunday 20th December at 1130 am. and also that they remember to bring male or female gift (value about $5.00) for the bring a gift/ receive a gift part of the proceedings if they wish to participate. Father Christmas has been invited.

Birthday Draw: Cliff Wegener.
Lucky Name Badge: Keven Tugwell.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Sunday 20th. December starting with the Christmas lunch at 11:30 am then followed by the meeting commencing 2:00 pm. at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. The guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe talking on 'Christmas Cheer'.

Judges: Noel Oliver, John Gay and Assosciate Judge/Recorder Rowan Crowhurst. Typist: Bev Gay.

Orchid of the Meeting and Best in Second Division: *Ctt.* Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight' benched by Helen Humphrys.
Popular Vote Winner: *Rlc.* Alexandrina benched by Helen Humphrys.
Best in First Division: *Phal.* Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' benched by Chris and Lyn Heysen.

John Gay brought in a most delightful pendulous *dendrobium aggregatum*, a magic golden coloured orchid while Rowan Crowhurst brought in his *ascofinetia* 'Cherry Blossom', with a wonderful pink flower.

Left: Guest speaker Steve Howard ponders a question from the floor.

Right: members in deep concentration during Steve Howard's presentation.

Guest Speaker Steve Howard receives his gift from President Geoff.

Helen Humphrys holding her Popular Vote Winner *Rlc.* Alexandrina after receiving her prize glass from Noel Oliver.

Noel Oliver presents Chris Heysen with his prize glass for his Best in First Division *Phal.* Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'.

Noel Oliver presents Helen Humphrys with her prize glasses for her Orchid of the Meeting and Best in Second Division *Ctt.* Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight'.

John Gay brought in a most delightful pendulous *dendrobium aggregatum*

SRG November Results List

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
First Division			
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
788	*Odcdm*. Catatante 'Pumpkin Patch'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm			
787	*Mps.* Ananda Apple	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
789	*Phal.* Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
790	*Phal.* Unknown	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
791	*Phal*. Unknown	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	1
Second Division			
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid			
775	*Plchs*. RIchard Jost	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
Australian Native Epiphyte - Species			
774	*Sarco. hartmannii*	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green			
780	*Cym*. Unknown	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown			
779	*Cym.* Unkonwn	Cliff Wegener (483)	3
Laeliinae - Cluster			
778	*Ctt.* Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm			
776	*Rlc.* Alexandrina	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
777	*Rlc.* Lim Theng Hin	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
781	*Ons*. Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
783	*Den.* Bird of Paradise 'Red Beauty'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
784	*Den.* Yukidarama	Gary Clark (224)	2
785	*Den.* (Merlin-Flake x nobile)	Helen Humphrys (445)	1
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
786	*Aslla. africana*	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
782	*Z.* Unknown	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3

November Results List

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
Open Division			
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid			
723	*Sarco.* (Kulnura Dazzel x Sweetheart)	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
724	*Sarco.* Ella 'Opal'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
725	*Sarco.* Sundaani's Grace	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1
Australian Native Epiphyte - Species			
721	*Sarco. fitzgeraldii*	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
722	*Sarco. hartmannii* 'Snow Drop'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
Best Orchid Seedling - any Genera			
740	*Sarco.* (Kulnura Dazzel x Sweetheart)	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
741	*Sarco.* Elegance	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
742	*Sarco.* Maria	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1
Best Specimen of Division			
743	*C.* Hawaiian Suspense	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown			
730	*Cym.* (Tethy's Black Magic x Ruby Eyes)	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
Laeliinae - Non Standard			
728	*C.* Hawaiian Suspense	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
Laeliinae - Species			
729	*C. maxima*	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm			
726	*Rlc.* Sylvia Fry 'Olga'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
727	*Rlc.* Mount Sylvan 'Snow White'	John & Bev Gay (65)	2
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
731	*Onc.* Sidley	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
732	*Onc.* Charlesworthii 'Mishima'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
733	*Onc.* Niels Christensen 'Beckie'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
734	*Den.* Gerald McCraith '100'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
735	*Srts.* Braveheart ' Sandy'	Kevin Trevan (295)	2
736	*Srts.* Blue Knob 'Oliver's Choice'	Kevin Trevan (295)	1
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
737	*Gom. echinata*	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
738	*Arpo. spictatum*	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
739	*Pol. pubescens*	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
773	*Z.* Titanic 'Monarch'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
First Division			
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid			
749	*Sarco.* Heidi ' Ross'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
750	*Sarco.* Geordi	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
Australian Native Epiphyte - Species			
748	*Den. monophyllum*	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
Best Orchid Seedling - any Genera			
769	*Sarco.* Geordi	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Best Specimen of Division			
770	*Onc.* leucochilum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
771	*Cym.* Cricket 'Rosetta'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2
772	*Cym.* Unknown	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	1
Cymbidium under 60- any other colour			
762	*Cym.* Cricket 'Rosetta'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
763	*Cym.* Sweet Devon 'Fiona'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2

November Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.			Points Awarded

First Division (cont.)

Laeliinae - Cluster			
754	*Rlc.* Goldmine ' Corona'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
755	*Ctt.* Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2
756	*Ctt.* Hazel Boyd 'Redstone'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1
759	*Onc. leucochilum*	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
760	*E. atrorubens*	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm			
751	*C.* Dal's Elite 'Bo J'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
752	*Rlc.* Dal's Tribute x C. Mini Purple	Bill Jayne (1180)	2
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm			
753	*Blc.* Hsinying Catherine 'Hakucho'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
758	*Ohd.* Cherry Fudge ' Carmella'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm			
757	*Onc.* (Tiger Butter x Moselle)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
Oncidiinae - Species			
759	*Onc. leucochilum*	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
760	*E. atrorubens*	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
765	*Den.* Mount Fuji '10'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
766	*Den.* Unknown	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
767	*Phal.* Unknown	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	1
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
768	*Den. thyrsiflorum*	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Paphiopedilum - Non Standard			
761	*Paph.* (Maud x Unknown)	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
764	*Zga.* Freestyle Meadows 'Zonnebeke'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid			
716	*Sarco.* Marion	Beth Stronach (836)	3
717	*Sarco.* Cherie 'Cutie'	Helen McIntosh (299)	2
718	*Sarco* (Wandjina x hartmannii)	Suzy Bratuz (381)	1
Cymbidium under 60- any other colour			
720	*Cym. (canaliculatum* x Bedivere)	David Williams (1351)	3
Laeliinae - Non Standard			
719	*Ctt.* Gold Digger ' Orchid Jungle'	Beth Stronach (836)	3

The Judging Panel for December 2015 meeting:

Open Division:	Noel Oliver, Vicky Cooper
1st Division:	Lesley Gunn, Peter Haltis
2nd Div:	John Gay, Rowan Crowhurst
Plant commentary:	
Open Division:	Vicky Cooper
First Division:	Peter Haltis
Second Division:	Rowan Crowhurst
Computer:	Rod McRedmond and Rob Gunn

November Plant Commentary

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Sarcochilus Night

The display of Sarcochilus plants at our November meeting was spectacular and the judges were kept busy giving consideration to the 35 Sarcochilus plants benched. Thank you members for bringing your beautiful plants to share. George and Patty Abell also brought in dozens of their first flowering Sarcochilus and placed them on our Appreciation Table for us to enjoy. Such beautiful colours and all with excellent shape.
Thank you George and Patty.

The trophy donated by George and Patty for the best Sarcochilus was won for the second successive year by Kevin Trevan, this time with his plant *Sarco.* (Kulnura Dazzel x Sweetheart). This plant is a first flowering seedling.

Above: George and Patty Abell presenting trophy to 2015 winner Kevin Trevan.

Left: *Sarco.* (Kulnura Dazzel x Sweetheart)

Orchid of Open Division and Orchid of the Night

Oncidium leucochilum grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju was chosen by the Judging Panel to be Orchid of the Night. Noel Oliver gave the commentary on this plant pointing out that it is commonly known as the White lipped oncidium. This species comes from Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. This plant is grown in a mixture of small bark and perlite and has seven huge, upright spikes.

November Plant Commentary (cont.)

Orchid of Second Division

Ctt. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle' grown by Beth Stronach was the Orchid of Second Division.
Rowan Crowhurst gave the commentary explaining to us that this plant *Cattlianthe* Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle' is another Laeliinae hybrid that has changed its name. The bright yellow flowers with a contrasting red labellum give a striking appearance. One of the species in its background is *Cattleya dowiana* which has contributed to its yellow and red colouring. It also has the cluster Laeliinae species, *Guarianthe aurantiaca* in its background which has increased the number of flowers.
Congratulations Beth. Thank you for bring in this striking Laeliinae hybrid.

Orchid of Open Division

The Judging Panel chose *Baptistonia echinata* (now known as *Gomesa echinata*) grown by John and Bev Gay to be the Orchid of Open Division. This floriferous, pendulous species is found in the foothills of the coastal mountains of Brazil in semi-tropical conditions. The bright yellow petals and sepals with a contrasting maroon labellum is stunning. Congratulations John and Bev.

Looking forward to seeing your all at our Christmas Dinner meeting with your lovely orchids.

Judy McRedmond—Registrar of Judges

Orchid Culture Notes for December

Another year has slipped us by. Hopefully this was a better year than last and the coming new year will be even better. This is the key to successful orchid growing and there is the requirement to try and go one up on the previous year. Learning is a never ending process and success is based on lessons learnt.

With the new year beckoning why not try and do something different next year or trying growing a different genera. I picked up an Aeranthes at the Festival of Flowers a couple of years ago. No idea about growing it but for $8 it was worth a try. The books said cooler conditions, lots of shade and humidity. Found that spot in the shade house and presto. It grew and is now in spike. The worst thing that will happen is you will kill it. And if you do, don't give up (mind you it's three strikes and out in my shade house). Some orchids are not meant to grow here.

Summer is well upon us and the growth season is away. Obviously feeding and watering are they key requirements but there are many other factors. Light levels are now at their peak, humidity levels at the lowest and there is the usual army of bugs out there feasting on the soft new growths. With rapid growth evident in many genera we need to keep them moving but also take into account that they are generally soft at this stage of growth . So caterpillars find a new growth much more tempting than a matured growth, heat damage is more noticeable and much more likely to affect a new growth than an old growth.

Hopefully most of our division etc has been completed by now but alas with so much to do nowadays this is not always the case so we find more and more growers still dividing this late in the season. As long as these plants are well looked after I can see not too many problems dividing this late but I would not expect a premium flowering next year either. Some of the plants that can be done now are the cattleyas and the oncidiums as their new growths have new roots that are not too long and these plants can be divided without too much set back or performance in the flowering stakes. Some of these plants can also be back cut this time of year. Back cutting involves cutting the rhizome of a plant that is intent on growing one forward growth each year and Oncidiums and Cattleyas are classic species that exhibit this behaviour. The cut is made 3 or 4 growths back from the lead with a sterile knife dipped in a fungicide. Then place a plant label in the cut to stop the growth growing back together. The aim is to encourage a dormant eye on the back half of the division to start growing. The plant can then be divided next year and you have 2.

Zygopetalums are growing fast and most new growths will be showing new roots as well. The key to dividing a plant at any time is do it in active growth. If you divide a plant that is resting you may end up with a dead plant or at least a plant suffering a major setback. The old damaged roots won't absorb water or fertilizer very well and there are no new ones to take over. Even when it finally grows new roots it is that far set back it may be years before it returns to normal. All divided plants should be kept shadier, more humid and misted regularly for awhile until they settle down and then returned to their rightful place on the bench. Don't forget a couple of watering with Seasol to assist the recovery of the orchid and the new roots.

Terestrials are now in the shed stored in a cool shady place. Next month will see the annual task of re pot-ting. There are a couple of evergreen terrestrials we can grow here and as long as you have some cover they won't need too much heat over winter. These are Phaius tankervilliae (aka the swamp orchid) and Calanthe triplicata (aka The Christmas orchid). Both are grown under 55% shade at my place and under cover all year in a deep pot with a rich peaty compost. They both have soft wide leaves and look good even out of flower. Caterpillars and scale love them! Both flowers mark badly if they get wet, particularly the Calanthe that turns black. It would pay to keep the atmosphere and the plant very dry when flowering. The Phaius is out in November and funnily enough the Calanthe flowers in December.

Keep up the humidity this time of year as it is you ally when conditions get hot. There are many ways to increase humidity. In my shade house I hang old man's beard everywhere, baby's tears grows under the benches and along the paths, I have some containers of water under the benches and even a few foliage plants scattered about the place. The floor is bark chip that holds moisture. All of these factors improve the humidity. Provide some extra shade if you can when temperatures go through the roof and remove it when conditions cool down. We installed foggers under the covered section and these are very effective at bumping up the humidity and bring the temperatures down on those extreme days. Avoid spraying for pests when temperatures are high. Learn to read the signs of heat and light damage. Die back, pitting, sun burn or scold marks and excessive yellowing of the leaves are clear signs. I also test a few plants leaves and feel how hot they are and if they are I'll try to get the temp down.

Inspect those orchids that do not have psuedobulbs to tide them over the summer. Paphiopedilums and Sarcochilus come to mind so make sure they are kept evenly moist. They also will show up heat damage via pitting of the leaves and once creamed by the heat will die a slow death. Inspect the roots anytime you feel the plant is struggling. Lifting the plant partly out the pot and back in wont harm it but if the roots have no growth tips then something is wrong and action needs to be taken now. Not later.

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Paphs are very sensitive to salt, especially some of the species and regular flushing is essential to remove them. This is why a well drained mix is a must, not only to get valuable air to the roots but to enable a regular flushing. If water drains out slowly then it is unlikely your conditions are very favourable and problems will soon occur if not already evident. They also have low fertiliser requirements.

Pests are plenty and the green loopers are rife. A month ago I couldn't walk outside at night under the street lights because of a moth plague and when there is moth plague there is looper plague behind it. Fortunately I was prepared and I have a few pots of sacrificial foliage plants under the benches and sure enough they are covered in loopers that are easily removed by hand but the orchids apart from my soft leaved Zygopetalums and Lycastes are untouched. I would still keep an eye out for scale and mites as conditions become drier.

December starts the summer season and there are still plenty that flower this time of year. Many people won't grow summer flowering orchids, maybe it's because there are no shows or club meetings are recessed until the new year, I don't know but I make sure I am not in that minority. Brassia verrucosa and Brassia brachiata are now out, the spidery flowers making a wonderful display even if their smell leaves much to be desired, there are always a few summer flowering mini Cattleyas and Oncidiums adding colour. I have always loved the Oncidiiane complex. Like the Laeliinae group a well thought out collection can usually have at least one member from the group or intergenerics bred from them that flower every month of the year. I have Encyclias, Native Dendrobiums (yes, even in summer, but they only last a few days), always Zygoes spot flowering, Sartylis, Neofinetia, Biffrenaria, Native Cymbidiums (madidum , canaliculatum and suave) and their hybrids all providing summer colour.

2015 is about to bite the dust and 2016 awaits. Most of these notes are for the learners in the clubs and hope that these and the beginners group meetings have been useful in helping you under stand and improve your culture. For the rest of the growers I hope they have been helpful even in a small way. We are all into this together and we all need to interact, share ideas and dare to try something different. All the best for Xmas and may Santa bring you many seedlings.

Steve Howard

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THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP: meets at Carricalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Daytime Group: meets from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 2nd Friday of the month.

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THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 7.30p.m. at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

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