



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

March 2018

President: Michael Willoughby Patron: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia will be held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 8.00 pm. at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our Guest Speaker will be Graham Zerbe with his power point presentation on Virus and the implications for your plants. Our members have not seen this great presentation and it is not to be missed. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE** for Supper.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: The next class will be 7th March 2018 at 7.30 pm. Geoff Spear will be demonstrating what to do with *Phalaenopsis* Keikis.

JUDGING: Please have your plants benched by 7.40pm so Judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late due to work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 8th March 2018 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Lesley Gunn giving a hands on demonstration of how she cares for her orchids. Beginners Class will be before the meeting.

Daytime Chapter attendees please note that in March, if the temperature is above 35 degrees there will be no meeting as there is no air conditioning but only fans in the Lou Kesting Hall.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Sunday 18th March 2018 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Kevin Western. Beginners Class with John Gay commences at 1.15pm before the main meeting.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Jane and Don Higgs as new members to our Club. May your orchid days with us be happy times.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Make sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

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,

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GAZETTES: 25 March and 22 April



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YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2018

PRESIDENT:	Michael Willoughby
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Malcolm Manglesdorf
VICE PRESIDENT:	Kevin Western
SECRETARY:	Lucy Spear
TREASURER:	Anne Steer
COMMITTEE:	Donna Meeuwssen, Oui Ju, Heather Wright, Christine Robertson, Craig Humfrey Jim Fogarasi, Steven Monkhouse

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Registrar	Phillip Steer
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Convenor S. R. Group	Geoff Spear
Convenors Daytime Chapter	Barbara Almond, Patty Abell

LIFE MEMBERS

*** denotes Member who has passed away.**

1978 Dulcie Grave *	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick
1978 Leora Harvey	1986 John Nicholls	2009 Henk Van Leuveran*
1978 L. & H. Poole*	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
1978 Ellie Shaw*	2003 Norman Gitcam	2011 John and Bev Gay
1979 Syd Monkhouse	2005 Merve Steele*	2012 Noel Oliver
1979 Bernie Hanson*	2005 Shirley Steele	2015 Lesley Fenton
1981 Lois Hanson*	Circa Tony and Toshy Deonno*	2015 Rod McRedmond
1981 John Leader*	2007 Ron and Irene Parish	2018 Kevin Western
1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	This list is still being
1985 Bubs Gready *	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	compiled.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2018 are now due. There is no change in subscription rates from last year. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

HELP WANTED FOR WORKSHOPS IN 2018

We are seeking 6 members with a shed or covered outdoor area to hold workshops for the months of April, June, August, October and December. It is anticipated that workshops would be of two and a half hour duration.

- The first half hour would be for socialising with a cuppa and biscuits.
- The second half hour would be for showing your collection.
- The last hour and a half will be discussing growing orchids, questions and answers and any orchid information.



ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2018

BUNNINGS BBQ

Saturday 21st April 2018.

PLANT HOUSE VISIT

Saturday 19th May 2018.

Please keep this date free as Jane and Don Higgs have invited our Club for a Plant House Visit and BBQ at Myponga. Many of you have been before and know what a great day this will be. Thank you Jane & Don.

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

The 2018 SAROC Fair will be held at the Torrens Drill Hall, King William Road, Adelaide on the long weekend Saturday 9th June and Sunday 10th June.

Dinner will be held at the Drill Hall after the Show closes on Saturday.

BYO Caterers and Costs TBA Deposit \$15.00

Final Payment at our May meeting. Raffle.

This will be a Fun Day, come along and join in the fun.

AUTUMN SHOW

Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th May 2018 at Pasadena Shopping Centre.

WINTER SHOW

Sunday 22nd to Saturday 28th July 2018 at Colonnades Shopping Centre.

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th August at RSL Hall, Victor Harbor

PLANT HOUSE VISIT

Sunday 9th September 2018.

Sue and Laurie Carter have invited our Club for a Plant House Visit and BBQ at Uraidla. Thank you Sue and Laurie.

SPRING SHOW

Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th September 2018 at Seaford Rise Shopping Centre, Seaford



Happy Birthday

**NEIL COOPER, JIM FOGARASSI, JOY GRUND,
HELMUTH HERMANN, JOSEPHINE OGROWSKI,
PATTY ABELL, BARBARA ALMOND, PHIL STEER,
DAVID HAYHURST, REG CLIFFORD,
MARILYN JELFS, GRACE NOLL, RUTH TUGWELL,
DUDLEY HUXTABLE, DIANE CAWLEY, TONY BUTCHER**



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



SAROC ORCHID FAIR

Hosted by the Member Clubs of the
South Australian Regional Orchid Council Inc.

SATURDAY JUNE 9th 9 am—5:00pm
SUNDAY JUNE 10th 10:00am—4:00pm
Drill Hall

Torrens parade ground
King William road
ADELAIDE

Free parking on parade ground

- ⊗ Orchid Competitions ⊗ Orchid Raffles
- ⊗ Orchid Sales from Leading Commercial Growers
- ⊗ Horticultural Supplies
- ⊗ Potting Demonstrations daily, & Free Cultural Advice
- ⊗ Sausage Sizzle, Refreshments & Devonshire Teas available.,
- \$5.00 Donation** *includes complimentary cup of tea/coffee*

Saturday Night Dinner: This is still under negotiations.

The preferred plan is to hold it in the Drill Hall with the Orchid Displays, and to have it catered.

Cost of Dinner and Dessert is to be advised

BYO Drinks - We have obtained a Licence.

A deposit will be required please and full payment by the May meeting.

We will let everyone know as soon as details are finalised.

President's Message

I feel this will be one of our Club's greatest years (a little rain would make it even better!).



Committee members have planned well and everyone is helping to make it a year to remember. This year marks the retirement from the committee of Geoff Spear, who has been on the committee in various roles since 1999. A well-deserved rest. Thank you Geoff for all your efforts on the committee.

I'm sure you will agree Vicki Cooper's presentation last meeting hit the spot to enthuse us all for the coming year.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and also to Anne & Phil Steer in being promoted to First Division. The competition in First Division looks very healthy.

Several of our members are still on the sick list; we are thinking of you and wishing you well. As some of you will know Noel Oliver is in hospital, but he hopes to be home very soon and will be back with us at the next meeting.

Members please see Lucy if you may have time to host a workshop. We have some planned, however, we would like to hold more throughout the year. Workshops are a great way to be involved with other club members and valuable information can always be gleaned.

Coming events include the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, BBQ at Jane and Don Higgs, SAROC Fair, Festival of Flowers as well as our Autumn Show at Pasadena Green Shopping Centre. These are always a great opportunity to meet with Club members and members from other clubs all who share a common interest.

Michael



The full Management Committee for the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia for 2018 (Photo Craig Humfrey)



South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Trophy Winners 2017



ELSIE CHISHOLM TROPHY

[This was our first trophy donated in 1980 for Best Novelty Cymbidium (now 60-90 mm). Elsie's nickname was Chiz. She joined the Club in the late 60s. Chiz passed away whilst looking after her orchids in her flowering house, with her arms around an orchid plant. Her husband, Rod, was a war veteran, and spent his last days in a Nursing Home at Magill.]

Best Cymbidium 60-90mm for 2017

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

M NG TROPHY

Sylvester Ng donated this trophy in memory of his brother Michael.

Most Floriferous in Spring Show 2017

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

CHIN YEW LIAN TROPHY

Donated by Sylvester Ng

Paphiopedilum wenshanense

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

ROY HILL TROPHY

[Roy became a member in the late 70s. He loved Cymbidiums and was a very hard worker for the Club]

Best Cymbidium 60-90mm Winter Show 2017

Paul & Donja Hayes

H & B VINEY TROPHY

[Berna and Harry, both Life Members. Donated by Berna in memory of Harrison. Harry worked tirelessly for the Club over many years holding many positions including President.]

Champion Cattleya at Autumn Show 2017

Ron & Irene Parish

LEWIS MOORE TROPHY

[Rosalie donated a tray in 1999 in memory of Lewis who died in 1989. With Rosalie, he was on the Committee for many years. Both were judges and Lewis was Treasurer. They both loved SCOCSA and worked very hard for the Club]

Highest Aggregate Points for Australian

Epiphytic Species 2017

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

JOHN LEEDER TROPHY

[John for many years held positions of Secretary and President]

**Most points in Odontoglossum and
Oncidinae Alliance Spring Show 2107**

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

GLEN FOREST TROPHY

[Glen joined SCOCSA in the very early days, his first love was Cymbidiums, but he also grew other genera]

**Highest Aggregate Points for
Paphiopedilum Species 2017**

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Trophy Winners 2017 cont...



P C LOKE TROPHY

[Donated by Sylvester Ng]

Highest Aggregate Points at Three Shows 2017 Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju

M & S. STEELE TROPHY

[Shirley and Mervyn, both Life Members, joined SCOCSA in the very early days. Both were tireless workers for the Club; nothing was ever too much trouble for Mervyn. Shirley donated the Trophy in 2007]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Paphiopedilums
1st and 2nd Division 2017**

Paul & Donja Hayes and Bill Jayne

STEVEN GAMBLE TROPHY

[Steven, a teenage Member of SCOCSA, loved Australian Native Terrestrials. The Trophy was donated in his name by his parents when he passed away in 1987]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Australian
Native Terrestrials 2017**

Robert & Lesley Gunn

A.O.C.TROPHY

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

GARARD and WESTERN HYBRIDISING TROPHY

[Trevor Garard and Kevin Western donated this trophy to promote hybridising, one trophy going to the Pod Parent and the other to the Pollen Parent]

Pauline & Mark Hockey

W A YOUNG TROPHY

Champion Autumn Show 2017

Lucy & Geoff Spear

CLOCK TROPHY

[Donated by Helen and Charlie Edwards. Helen is a Life Member and was convenor of the Daytime Chapter. Both worked very hard for the Club]

Champion Winter Show 2017

Paul & Donja Hayes

TONY DEIONNO AND TOSHIE TROPHY

[Donated by Life Member, Tony]

Champion Spring Show 2017

Rowan Crowhurst

HIGHEST YEARLY AGGREGATE POINT WINNERS

Overall Winner:	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju	214 pts
Open Division:	Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju	214 pts
First Division:	Paul and Donja Hayes	108 pts
Second Division:	Sid James	152 pts

Congratulations to all of the Trophy Winners for 2017

Very Well Done

FEBRUARY MAIN MEETING AND AGM



Kevin Western receiving his Life Membership Badge from Michael Willoughby– Photo by Heather Wright



John Gay with his Long Service Certificate



Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby One of their many Trophies



Mark and Pauline Hockey receiving the Garard and Western Hybridising Trophy



Rowan Crowhurst receiving the Tony Deionno and Toshie Trophy



Geoff and Lucy Spear receiving the W. A. Young Trophy for Champion at the Autumn Show



Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby, winners of the Elise Chisholm Trophy



Paul & Donja Hayes won the
Roy Hill Trophy



Lesley & Robert Gunn won the
Steven Gamble Trophy for Highest Aggregate
Points for Australian Terrestrial Orchids



Paul & Donja Hayes and Bill Jayne jointly won the
M & S Steel Trophy for Highest Aggregate Points for
Paphiopedilums in First and Second Division

Photographs of Trophy Winners by
Craig Humfrey

FROM THE PAST

[An excerpt from "Bits and Pieces" Litchfield Orchid Club printed in 1989]

Natural Alternatives to Insecticides

How to make Garlic Spray

(controls wire worm, snails, aphids, moths, butterflies, ants)

Finely chop 90g of garlic. Mix with 2 teaspoons Liquid medicinal paraffin. Soak for 48 hours. Add 600ml water and small amount of finely grated soap (e.g. Palmolive). Filter solution. To use mix one part solution to 100 parts of water.

How to Make Rhubarb Spray

(good for control of aphids)

Chop up 1.5 kg of leaves and boil in 3 litres of water for half an hour. Cool and strain. Add 30 g of soap dissolved in 2 litres of water. The soap is used as a wetting agent.

How to make Nicotine Spray

(controls snails and caterpillars)

Add 100g of cigarette butts to 4 litres of water. Boil for half an hour. Add soap solution as wetting agent and use at the rate of 1 part solution to 4 parts water. Cigarette butts spread around plants help to discourage bugs as well.

Another way to protect orchids is to grow other plants with them that have a natural property to guard against insects. These are Garlic, Marigolds, Sweet and Lemon Basil, Chives and Parsley.

[Thank you Craig for this interesting information]

February Results List

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Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1405	Sarco. Belmont Rose 'Disney'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1406	Sarco. Bonanza 'LAC 11'	John & Bev Gay (65)	2

Laeliinae - Cluster

1407	Psh. Green Hornet	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

1408	Ctt. Rudak	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
1409	C. Elusive Dream	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
1410	Rlc. Redland Surprise 'Cassie'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1

Laeliinae - Species

1411	C. tigrina	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

1414	Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum 'Vincent'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1415	Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum 'Black'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Paphiopedilum - Species

1412	Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum 'Vincent'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1413	Paph. godefroyae var. leucochilum 'Black Knight'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

1400	Ctt. Valentine Day	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	2
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

1401	Lc. Intercepts 'Henks Choice'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

1402	B. cucullata	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1404	Onc. Rex Van Delden 'Pink Bees'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1403	Ons. Wildcat	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1419	Van. Lou Sneary	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
1420	Pda. Pink Fairy	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	2
1421	Phal. Unknown	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	1

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

1422	Van. Lou Sneary	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1418	Npp. Jimbaran x Hmwsa. Bali Quest	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Second Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

1395	C. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	Christine Robertson (661)	3
1396	Ctt. Rudak	Christine Robertson (661)	2
1397	C. Angel's Pride x Rth. Hawaiian Chic	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1398	Phal. Unknown	Beth Stronach (836)	3
1399	Phal. Unknown	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2

EDITORS NOTE

Quite a considerable numbers of our members receive this Gazette in black and white by mail. Others have elected to have the Gazette directly emailed to them. They receive the Gazette in full colour and have the benefit of beautiful photographs of very colourful orchids. They also receive the Gazette up to a week before the mail can deliver it to you others.

If you would like to have the colourful version emailed to you send me an email so that I receive your correct email address.

Please don't forget that this is your Gazette. If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

You can contact me, Christine Robertson, by:

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PLANT COMMENTARY FOR FEBRUARY

Being February, there was a much smaller showing of plants across all Divisions with 5 plants in Second Division, 10 plants in First Division (quite a pleasing number) and 9 plants in Open Division.

Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Open Division

The plant of Open Division was *Paphiopedilum godefroyae* var. *leucochilum* grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. This was a seedling and awarded an HCC prior to the meeting with a score of 79.8. This species is found in peninsula Thailand at elevations of less than 50 feet above sea level on limestone cliffs in leaf matter or moss or tree roots. *Paph. godefroyae* has been used quite extensively in hybridizing, being a parent plant for 184 first generation offspring. It has been awarded on 125 occasions. Well done Michael & Oui.

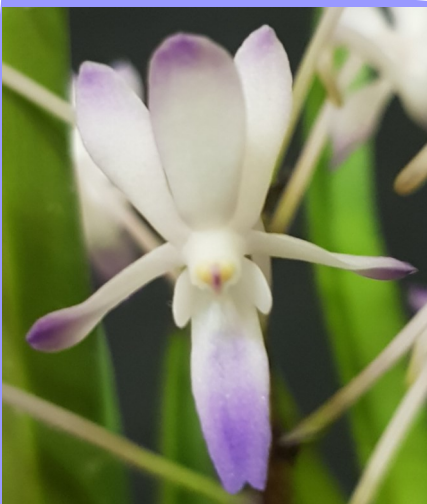
Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Open Division

Paph. Godefroyae var. *leucochilum* 'Vincent Vista'
Grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju



Orchid of First Division

Van Lou Sneary
Grown by Paul & Donja Hayes



Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division, well grown by Paul & Donja Hayes was *Vandachostylis* Lou Sneary. It was a small plant with 2 flower spikes with 7 flowers on one and 8 flowers on the other.

This plant is a primary hybrid between *Vanda falcata* and *Rhynchostylis coelestis*. *Vanda falcata* has influenced the clumping habit of the growths, the spur on the back of the flower and most of the shape. *Rhynchostylis coelestis* has helped bring the colour and number of flowers. Congratulations Paul & Donja.

PLANT COMMENTARY FOR FEBRUARY cont.

Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was a well grown *Phalaenopsis* "Unknown", grown by Beth Stronach. This was a well grown plant in medium bark and it had 7 nice white flowers open with a further 2 buds.

Orchid of Second Division

Phalaenopsis Unknown
Grown by Beth Stronach

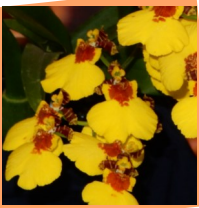


Thanks to our Judges, Recorders & Pencillers for all your efforts!

A special thanks to Beth and Noel for standing in for me whilst I was interstate.

Good Growing !

Phil Steer Registrar



DAYTIME CHAPTER
Thursday 8th February 2018



Hi Everyone,

As Thursday afternoon was an exceptionally hot day for our members to be out we were pleasantly surprised with the turnout. Our first meeting of the year was a particularly special one as we were celebrating Bill Trevaskis's 90th Birthday. As he was cutting the cake he remarked that he had been a member for 25 years and that we made him feel very special this occasion of his birthday. Well done Bill.

Another very welcome person to the meeting was our very dear friend Dorothy Carassai, it was lovely to see her cheerful face gracing the meeting.

Upcoming events that are on Club's agenda were discussed and how the Club is in for an exciting year in 2018. The various invitations by members for Plant Visits will certainly be of interest to our orchid community. We were also reminded that the next meeting in March will fall the day after the main meeting.



Barbara Almond,
Bill Trevaskis,
Patty Abell,
Lucy Spear. L to R



Dorothy Carassai,
Bill Trevaskis,
Patty Abell L to R

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY BILL TREVASKIS

Our guest speaker was Noel Oliver and he showed a very interesting video that he made 15 years ago on Native Orchids on Slabs., It demonstrated the remounting of native orchids. I wish it was that easy when I do it,. He followed the video with a slide show of some lovely *Sarcochilus* plants.

We have instigated a new section in the afternoon for Problem Plants. Members are encouraged to bring along plants that need extra care and they will be discussed by various experts who are in attendance.

Luckily, Lesley Gunn brought some lovely Cattleyas to display and she won the Plant of the Day with a beautiful purple Cattleya Elusive Dream. Congratulations Lesley.

At the end of the meeting Coral handed the meeting to Lucy who thanked Coral for all the work that she had done throughout the year and wished her well for her forthcoming holiday. Then Barbara and Patti were introduced as the new conveners for 2018.

It was also decided by the meeting that if the temperature was over 35degrees the meeting would not be held.



Next Daytime Chapter will meet at Lou Kesting Hall by Dover Square on Thursday 8th March at 2.00pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Lesley Gunn discussing caring for your plants at the change of seasons.



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING **Sunday 18th February 2018**

Life Member Geoff Spear opened the meeting at 2 pm, welcomed 38 members and our Guest Speaker, Jane Higgs and her husband Don. Geoff spoke about all the activities that will happen in the Club for 2018, and also pointed out how quickly 2018 is going. Easter is early this year making our next meeting (18th March) our Easter meeting. Geoff thanked John Gay, our Beginners Class presenter, and he also thanked the members for the very colourful raffle table with orchids, tomatoes, pumpkins, etc.

Geoff called on Graham Zerbe to present the Trophy that he and Sue donated to the Southern Region as a perpetual trophy for the member in Second Division with the highest aggregate points. He also presented the Club trophy for the highest aggregate points in Second Division within the whole Club. These were both awarded to Syd James.



Graham Zerbe presenting
Syd James with the
Graham & Sue Zerbe Trophy for
the Highest Aggregate Points in
Second Division at the Southern
Region Group.



Apologies: Lorna Zerbe, Kay & Steven Davey, Genny Huxtable,
Peter & Julie Davrdge

Birthdays: January - Warren Yelland :: February - Shirley Greig

Lucky Door Prize: Shirley Greig

Lucky Name Badge: Ruth Tugwell

Plant House Visits: There will be a Plant House Visit and BBQ to Jane and Don Higgs on Saturday 19th May. This is not to be missed so please put this date in your diary. More details will be in the Gazette later. A second Plant House Visit and BBQ is planned for Sunday 9th September to Sue and Laurie Carter at Uraidla.

Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs gave a very interesting talk and slide presentation on the Perth World Conference. We all wished we had been there as some of the orchids were magnificent.

Plant Commentary: Graham Zerbe gave a judges commentary on all of the plants benched.

- **Plant of the Day, Plant of First Division, and Popular Vote:**
Oncidesa Sweet Sugar Grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen
- **Plant of Second Division:**
Cattleya loddigesii 'Blue Sky' Grown by Helen Humphrys

Next Meeting: Sunday 18th March 2018 at 2.00 pm. Beginners' Group 1.15 pm
Guest Speaker : Kevin Western

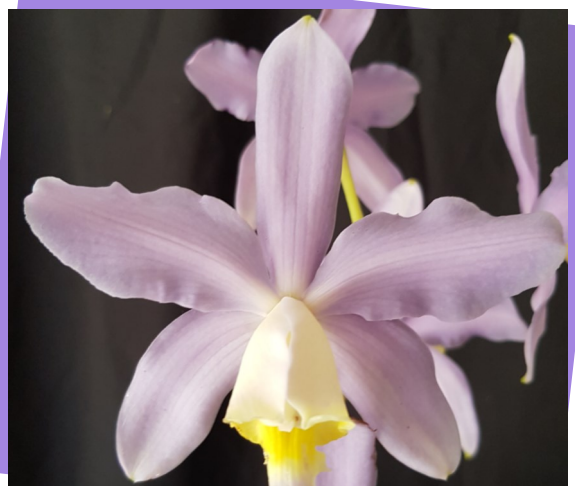


**Orchid of the Day
Orchid of First Division
Popular Vote**

Oncidesa Sweet Sugar
Grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen

Orchid of Second Division

C. loddigesii 'Blue Sky'
Grown by Helen Humphrys



Southern Region February Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

1069	Rth. Adelaide Silver	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1071	Oncsa. Sweet Sugar	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1070	Alcra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1072	Phal. Pretty Nice	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

1073	Coel. tomentosa	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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1074	Phal. pulchra 'Pallens'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2
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Second Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

1063	Ctt. Gold Digger x Rth. Hawaiian Chic	Gary Clark (224)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

1064	Lc. Interceps	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

1065	C. loddigesii 'Blue Sky'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

1062	C. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	Gary Clark (224)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1067	Ons. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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1068	Ons. Wildcat	Grace Noll (578)	2
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1066	Alcra. Tahoma Glacier	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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SOUTHERN REGION GROUP TROPHIES 2017



VICTOR HARBOR TROPHY

(Grand Champion of SRG SHOW)

Eileen Pinnock

AGGREGATES POINTS TROPHY

(Aust. Natives Orchids)

Eileen Pinnock

GRAHAM AND SUE ZERBE TROPHY

(SRG Best in Second Division)

Syd James

POSITION VACANT:

TRADING TABLE AT SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

A member is needed to look after and sell products from the Trading Table at the Southern Region Group Meetings. Thank you to Joan McMahon for taking on this position over the last five or more years.



Orchid Culture Notes for March

March sees activity increase in the shade house. After the relentless heat of the summer of 2014, autumn will finally greet us with some cooler nights but the days can still remain hot until about the equinox and most likely it will remain dry. Most years we have to wait to April or later before the first rains of the new season finally signal the end of the dry.

March is generally a maturity month in the orchid house. In the main most orchids would have completed their summer growing season and are in the maturation stage. Already some have pseudobulbs filling out and spike initiation has commenced. Natives have canes that are hardening off and the new growths on *Zygopetalums* herald the flowering season to come. Autumn flowering *Cattleyas* and *Laeliinae* will already have buds bursting. For those with *cymbidiums* the early ones are already spiking and the later ones won't be far off by month's end. Autumn is when things start to move.

Keep up the watering and feeding and be vigilant for the nasties that want to ruin your flowers. This year my problems are in the form of hungry and aggressive bull ants. Super hot ground and a lack of natural food have these critters stripping flower spikes on the early *Laeliinae* in the much friendlier confines of my shade house. If they are not eating the flower buds they are chewing into the growths and sheaths as well as the root tips. I think I'll need a couple of echidnas as a form of natural ant control. The smaller black ants will also be moving soft scale around so keep an eye out if numbers increase.

Closer observations will reveal many orchids have a flush of new or additional root growth this month. This is obviously to pick up more moisture and nutrients to store away for the rest periods ahead. This applies to many different species and in particular natives and the *Cattleya/Laeliinae* group.

Native epiphytes will be maturing and hardening off growths now. It will still be a bit early for any spike initiation for most growers but for me March reveals how good my *Den. bigibbum* collection will perform in the autumn months as these are the first of the native epiphytes to show spikes. These too are showing a flush of new roots. They will all stay in the shade house until the spikes get long and the buds show. Once nights start to dip towards single digits, they will be moved back indoors for the winter and with some luck give me about 3 to 4 months of indoor flowering depending on the species.

Sarcophilus will also show new roots as they emerge from summer semi dormancy. They will look stressed in many cases but the emergence of new roots and the cooler nights will soon have them looking good again. Many will have scorched leaves and in some cases centre growths rotted out, a combination of the heat and too much water in the crowns over night. Most plants will initiate side shoots but good flowering will be delayed. Late March to the end of May is a good time to attend to this genus if you want to divide them. On the terrestrial scene the first few will start popping up now. These are mostly the varieties that show flowers first and the leaves come a bit later. As they do slowly increase the water they receive. For those not showing yet make sure pots are kept cool and slightly moist with moderate shade.

Autumn is the month we see many of the *Laeliinae* complex on the show bench. Many of these are the cluster type, many with *G. bowringiana* as one of the parents. Most are relatively easy to grow here in shade house conditions. Growths develop rapidly over the summer with the sheaths showing as soon as the leaves open. These sheaths fill rapidly with developing flowers. Many are rather heavy and should be staked. Watch out for water based rots affecting the sheaths and also watch out for ants. The honeydew excreted by these orchids attracts them like moths to a flame. They will also eat out the buds and you will lose the years flowers. Hanging plants are not immune to ant attack. Keep well watered and feed with a blossom booster. These plants too show a new crop of roots as the growths mature. Of course it's not only the cluster type cats that are out. There are also a few of the larger exhibition types as well as the mini cats and splash petals. Most of these autumn flowering plants do well in basic shade house conditions and only require to be kept on the dry side and protected from winter rains. They require a very open free draining mix.

Autumn also sees the *Oncidium* tribe presenting spikes with increasing numbers of plants on the show bench as the weather cools. Many will have maturing growths as well and once this happens, spike initiation is not far away. Of course the *Oncidium* tribe is very extensive but as a rule anything of the showy "crispum type" or "varicosum" type will be showing spikes very soon.

Again a rather easy genus to grow in shade house conditions if the right selection is made. The wrong decision will result in disappointment. Keep them moist and always feed at low strength. They are not a hungry genus and can be sensitive to high concentrations of fertiliser salts. Many will require a dry rest after flowering and are one species that struggle with wet and cold winters.



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For the new chum it would be advisable to speak to those growers who show *Oncidium*'s to get some ideas. My best *Oncidium*'s grow on a mount and are hung above the cym's. They are watered daily in summer and fed often and preferably in the morning. They get minimal attention during their resting period and are kept on the dry side. They reward me with numerous spikes every year and are a good indicator to the general health of the collection and the conditions I try to provide.

Your *Zygopetalum*'s and their relations will be showing plenty of new growths and often when these growths are only a couple of inches high will come out the new flower spikes. They are fragile at this stage and susceptible to insect attack. Keep moist and feed with a balanced or bloom booster type feed. Make sure you keep water away from these new growths as well as fertiliser. A couple of pellets of slow release in the crown of a new growth is the best way to rot out most of the new leaves. Try it! I made the mistake last season by getting lazy and broadcasting some of the fertiliser instead of placing it strategically on each pot and I lost a lot of leaves. It won't kill them but the set back resulting from the loss of leaves won't help next years flowering stakes. The new growth minus most of their leaves will struggle to develop anything even remotely the size of the previous years pseudobulb. With some luck the plant may initiate a second dormant shoot. Slugs and caterpillars will be on the increase this month so take precautions as they love juicy zygo spikes. Most of them will be hiding under bricks or pots if you have them on the ground. As the older growths mature leaf spotting can become more prevalent. You could try a monthly fungicidal spray to reduce the effects. There is a school of thought as to what causes this, ranging from fungal issues to the weather, light and temperature and an argument I stay away from. Modern breeding is helping reduce this factor and provide cleaner plants. Spotty plants are hard to show and harder to sell.

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

March will also see a significant shortening of the days, this too is another signal to our plants of the changing of the season. As the sun retreats to the northern hemisphere we now start searching for the sun, the same sun that only three months earlier burnt the living daylight out of our plants. I am and always have been an advocate of moving my plants around in tune with the seasons. I enjoy this plant shuffle. To me it's like rearranging the furniture. But the method of my madness has a reason. Plants are moved to get full sun, to stay dry, to get more air or whatever the move entails. A few years of observations has plants that have their own reserved spot each year and why not. If it grows good there why move it unless you think you might do better. Soon my lounge and family room will be full of the tropical species that spend summer in the shade house but would surely die if left out there in winter. This is another example of knowing some back ground about your plant and if you cannot provide it with care in an outside situation then you can improvise.

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

Steve Howard



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THE SOUTHERN REGION: meets at Carrickalinga 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.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB: meets at 1.45pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge on the 4th Sunday of the month.

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THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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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