



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

# Gazette

**April 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 4th April 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 Nicky Zurcher speaking on Paphiopedilums ( Slipper Orchids) etc. Nicky will have plants for sale including some of his own breeding.  
**PLEASE BRING A PLATE** for Supper.

**BEGINNERS' GROUP:** The next class will be 4th April 2018 at 7.30 pm. Vera Bastian will be discussing Cattleyas.

**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, 12th April 2018 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Vicky Cooper who will talk about the Phalaenopsis purchased in Supermarkets, their care, repotting, reflowering, etc. Beginners Class will be before the meeting at 1.30 pm.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Sunday 15th April 2018 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Kevin Cattermole with a hands on demonstration and talk entitled "How to grow your orchids better than professionals". Beginners Class with John Gay commences at 1.15pm before the main meeting. Committee and members are welcome.

**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:**

**22 April and 27 May**



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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

### **NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**

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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 Deonnio*	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**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Junior Membership</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>

#### **Rural and Interstate Membership**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>

## **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.

## President's Message

I hope you all have a pleasant and safe Easter. It is a little unusual to have Easter before our main April meeting.



It is with great sadness that Noel Oliver, a life member and judge of many orchid clubs in Adelaide, is very ill in Victor Harbor Hospital. Noel has always been there to help out as Guest Speaker at the Main, Daytime, and Southern Region meetings of the Club. Noel always has offered to be a helping hand and has been a wonderful asset, particularly to the Southern Region meetings, since judging came into operation down there.

Our Autumn Show is upon us, a little over four weeks away. It is again at Pasadena Green Shopping Centre like last year. I ask for your support for the first show of the year. Even if it is one plant for either the display or trading table it all adds to make it the best show possible. The dates and times for judging, put in and the show are given elsewhere in this Gazette. The Show season starts with the Autumn Show (early May). The trophies to be awarded are:

- W.A. Young Trophy for Champion of Autumn Show,
- H. & B. Viney Trophy for Best Cattleya at Autumn Show, and
- P.C. Loke Trophy for highest aggregate points at our three Shows.

We will need all the flowering plants available to put on a colourful display for the public.

This will be followed by the SAROC Fair on the 9/10th June, with the SAROC Dinner on the Saturday night at the Parade Ground Drill Hall and catered by Coast to Coast Golden Roast. Guest Speaker of the night is Lucy Sutherland, Director of the Botanic Gardens, whose topic will be "Saving the Flying Duck Orchids from Extinction".

Our presenter this month will be Nicky Zurcher who will speak on Slipper Orchids. Nicky is a frequent Guest Speaker and always brings quality plants for purchase. Many of these are his own breeding which is for colourful cold growing slipper orchids.

Many thanks to our Senior Vice President, Malcom Mangelsdorf, for chairing the meeting whilst I have been away.

Successful growing and showing

*Michael*



### VALE Evelyn Joan Cuming 1932-2017

It is with much sadness and sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of Ev Cuming, who passed away peacefully in the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Initially Ev and her husband Jim lived in Murray Bridge, then they moved to Morphett Vale. Within this time they were very active members at South Coast. They joined the South Coast Orchid Club when the meetings were held at Christies Downs before the Club moved to where it is now at St Marys. Jim and Ev were both orchid judges for a number of years. They moved to Titty Witty Beach for 10 years and then moved again to Freeling. Both Jim and Ev have been huge supporters of the Club and Jim remains to support the Club. Ev will be sadly missed by our Club and members.



## **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.

### **AUTUMN SHOW**

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

### **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.

### **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

## **VALE Kevin Hipkins**

It is with great sadness and sorrow we acknowledge the passing of a legendary and well known person in the orchid world, Kevin Hipkins, better known as "Hippo". Kevin along with his family owned Royale Orchids at Peats Ridge in NSW. He passed away on Saturday 3rd March. Kevin was known for creating the termed ugly/novelty cymbidiums, such as the Cymbidium Death Wish hybrids as well as other unusual species orchids and hybrids. He had a wicked sense of humour. He used to be a regular Guest Speaker at our Club when Geoff Spear was first President. He stayed with Geoff and Lucy and was impressed to see one of the plants he bred, *Cym. Ruby Brook 'Falling Fire'*, was shown at our Show at Colonnades. He will be sadly missed by all.



*Cymbidium Death Wish*  
from Kevin Hipkins of  
Royale Orchids



# Happy Birthday .....

PAUL HAYES, TREVOR STUTLEY,  
RITO SILVESTRI, MAX ALMOND,  
JOHN GOSNELL, KAREN-ANNE NG,  
JOHN BECKMANN, LAURIE CARTER,  
CHRIS HEYSEN, CORAL TILLMANNS,  
TREVOR KENNY

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.

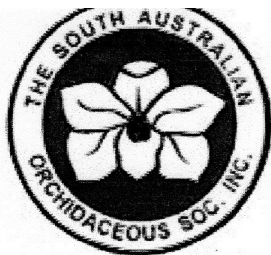
**SATURDAY JUNE 9th 9 am—5:00pm**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 10th 10:00am—4:00pm**  
**Drill Hall**  
**Torrens parade ground**  
**King William road**  
**ADELAIDE**

**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*

**A SAROC  
Request for  
Assistance**



## *The South Australian Orchidaceous Society*

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American Orchid Society Inc  
The Australian Orchid Council  
South Australian Regional Orchid Council Inc.

### To SAROC Delegates

We are writing to your club to extend an invitation to your members to assist the South Australian Orchidaceous Society in the kitchen at the rapidly approaching SAROC Fair.

We will need assistance on the Saturday and Sunday in the kitchen. This entails making sandwiches, preparing plates of scones and serving cups of tea and coffee, hot soup and pasties and pies. We will also need to have people collecting and washing cups and saucers.

We did hear via the grapevine last year that someone was told that their help was not required. If this was correctly reported, it should not have happened, because we were flat out for the three days. Please see Pauline or Garry to be allocated duties. The more helpers we have, the more regularly we can rotate workers.

If any of your members are able to donate scones (we need 90 dozen in total), jam and cream, we would be very grateful.

Please advise us of

- Quantity of scones you are donating
- Jam or cream – type and quantity
- Availability, preferred day and time

We can be contacted at the following if you require further information.

Tel. 08 8390 2212 (home)  
Mob. 0419 837761 (Garry)  
Mob. 0430 194808 (Pauline)

Yours sincerely  
**Pauline and Garry Simcock**  
Convenors

24 March, 2018

## **MORE INFORMATION ON THE SAROC FAIR**

- **Vendors:** South Australia's leading Orchid Nurseries and Garden and Horticultural Specialist who will give advice/information on all aspects of their products.
- Cultural and information sheets will be available with experienced orchid growers on hand to give advice, and to answer any questions.
- Potting demonstrations on how to divide and re-pot orchids will be conducted throughout both days of the Fair.
- **Parking:** Free parking is available on the Parade Grounds on both days. Entry is through the boom gates on Victoria Drive.

### **Saturday Night Dinner:**

- ◆ The Dinner will be held in the Torrens Parade Drill Hall with the Orchid Displays.
- ◆ It will be catered for by Coast to Coast Golden Roast.
- ◆ Time of the meal is sit down at 6.30pm for the meal to start being served at 6.45pm.
- ◆ Cost will be \$25 for a two course meal. A deposit of \$10 is required at the April Meeting with the full payment due by the end of May.
- ◆ BYO Drinks - We have obtained a Licence.
- ◆ **Dinner Guest Speaker:** will be Lucy Sutherland, the Director of the Botanic Gardens. Lucy will speak on "Saving the Flying Duck Orchids from Extinction"



## **AUTUMN SHOW**

**PASADENA GREEN SHOPPING CENTRE**  
**SUNDAY 6th MAY TO SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018**



The Committee needs the assistance of members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Lucy for swing tickets and selling sheets. **Reminder:** To sell your plants at the Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for 6 months.

**JUDGING:** Saturday 5th May at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park held in the Basketball Stadium.

**Put In Time:** 11.30a.m.to 12.45p.m.

**Judging:** 1.00p.m. Sharp.

After judging the plants are to be taken to Pasadena Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements to take your plants from Hamilton School to Pasadena.

**TRADING TABLE SET UP:** Saturday 5th May between 3.30p.m. and 5.00p.m. Please Note: **Plants cannot be taken into the Centre before 4.00pm.**

**DISPLAY:** Your display plants may be taken into Pasadena after 4.00p.m. Please take your plants to Pasadena as soon as possible for us to build a beautiful display. This is an excellent site.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** The Show Marshall will ring any member if for some reason she feels that any plants may be showing signs of distress.

## PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE



1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Obtain Plant Sheets and Plant Price Tags from Lucy in the weeks prior to the Sale.
3. Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt from the pots. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure any old advertising and price stickers are all cleaned off.
4. Check all stakes and add more if necessary and re-tie.
5. Remove old brown husks from bulbs and remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
6. Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
7. Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not overdo the milk by adding extra as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will then yellow off and die.
8. Water all plants 2-3 days before, not on the morning that you are bringing them in. This water really makes a mess on our clothes, tablecloths and the floor.
9. The **SALES SHEET** is a carbonless duplicated sheet, so both sheets are to be used together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page. The original and duplicated sheets must be lodged with plants.
  - Print your name in the top left hand corner of the page
  - Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
  - Rule a narrow column down the left side of the page. This column is for the plant number 1-30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets i.e. 31-60 for page 2, etc.
  - On the right hand side you need a column a bit wider for the selling price of the plant. Be reasonable with the pricing, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or you don't. Take into account the number of spikes and condition of the plant. If you are not sure of pricing, ask someone.
  - The centre section is for the description e.g. Cym, *Den*, Cat, etc. and the name and colour of your plant e.g. Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).
10. Next write your **PRICE TAGS**. It's a good idea to do both sides of the tag.
  - Your member number goes on the left hand side
  - The plant number on the right hand side. Circle the plant number.
  - Write your price under these numbers.

Make sure that the tag on the plant matches the information on your sales sheet . These plant price tags need to be checked off on your sheet by another person when you bring you plants in. You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list. If there is a discrepancy, it needs to be attended to. Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off. If you need a copy for yourself, take a third copy. However in most cases you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope these notes help you. Lucy is always around to assist you further if needed, so just ask for help should you need it.

## **EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS**

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated.
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of the judges is final and binding and no objections or discussions regarding results will be considered, with one exception, which is an infringement by an Exhibitor of any of the Club's Rules, By-Laws or Show Rules. Any objection in this case must be lodged with the Club Show Marshall/Secretary.
5. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant or blooms exhibited.
6. The Club reserves the right to photograph any of the exhibits if it should so wish.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display for the show week.
14. All exhibits must be benched by the nominated time on the nominated day for Judging. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
15. Exhibits must not be removed before nominated time on the nominated day at the end of the Display week. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.



# March Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

## Open Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

1448	Sarco. hirticalcar	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

1443	Rth. Jungle Jumbalaya	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

1444	C. Mark Jones x Slc. Jungle Elf	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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1445	Rlc. Hawaiian Passion 'Kermie'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
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1446	Ctt. Rudak	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	1
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### Laeliinae - Species

1449	Psh. radiata	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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1450	Epi. diffusum	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
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### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

1437	C. Mini Purple 'Dendi'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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1438	Rlc. Caricia en Paraiso	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
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1439	Lc. Orchid Affair	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
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### Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

1440	Pot. Dal's Elite	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
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1441	C. Mem. Edna Goostrey	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
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1442	Ctt. Seagull's Mini Cat Heaven	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	1
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1452	Ons. Wildcat 'White Lip'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1451	Brat. Aztec Toni	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1457	Ctsm. Jessie Ang 'Ali'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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1458	Ctsm. Lovenia '8'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
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1459	Ctsm. Lovenia '4'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
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### Orchid Seedling - any Genera

1460	Ons. Wildcat 'White Lip'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

1453	Paph. Honey	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
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1454	Paph. (Gael Camira x villosum)	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2
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### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1455	Zglm. Louisedorf x Prom. crawshayana	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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1456	Zglm. Louisedorf	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
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## First Division

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1462	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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1463	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Afternoon'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1461	Bllra. Tropic Lily	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1465	Phal. Octopus	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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1466	Phal. Sweet Talk	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
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1467	Pda. Pink Fairy	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	1
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### Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

1464	Paph. Holdenii 'Western Sky'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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## Second Division

### Cymbidium 60-90 mm White Cream Yellow Green

1434	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Sid James (170)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

1430	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Belinda'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

1431	C. Unknown	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

1429	Rlc. Dal's Dream	Vera Bastian (978)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid , 60mm

1432	Tolu. Rosy Sunset	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Species

1433	Gom. flexuosa	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
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### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1435	Zns. Cynosure 'Blue Bird'	Sid James (170)	3
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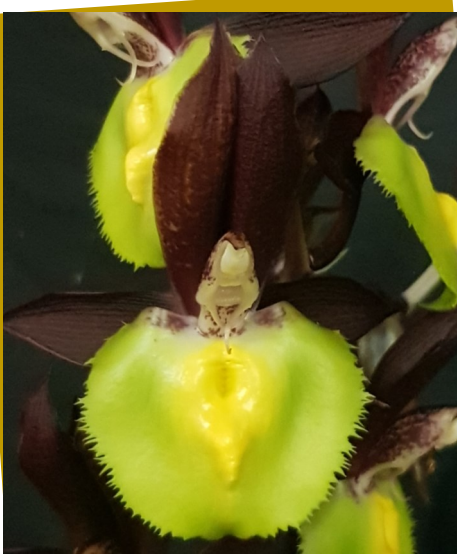
## PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MARCH

A good showing for the month with 27 plants across all divisions, certainly the month for the Laeliinae Alliance.

### Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Open Division

The plant of Open Division and Orchid of the Night was *Cstm.* Jessie Ang 'Ali' grown by Richard and Beryl Wilson. There were 6 flowers on one raceme and they presented themselves beautifully (as will the buds on the second raceme yet to open.) The plant was very well grown and growing in sphagnum moss.

There were 3 *Catesetums* on the bench and none of them showed any blemishes on the foliage. We are seeing more of this intriguing genera and Richard and Beryl have mastered the culture of them. Congratulations Richard and Beryl.



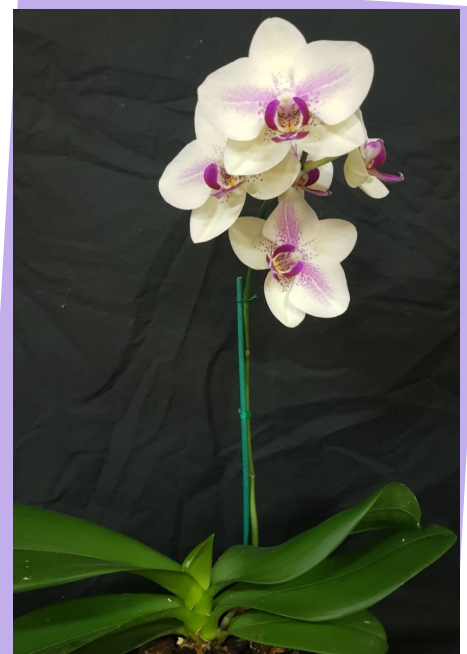
**Orchid of the Night  
and  
Orchid of Open  
Division**

*Cstm.* Jessie Ang 'Ali'  
Grown by Richard &  
Beryl Wilson



**Seedling of the Night**  
*Ons.* Wildcat  
'White Lip'  
Grown by Robert &  
Lesley Gunn

**Orchid of First  
Division**  
*Phal.* Octopus  
Grown by Anne &  
Phil Steer



## PLANT COMMENTARY FOR MARCH cont.



### Orchid of First Division

*Phal. Octopus*

Grown by Anne & Phil Steer

### Orchid of First Division

The Orchid of First Division was grown by Phil & Anne Steer and was *Phalaenopsis Octopus*. (Phil advised members that he has no claim to the growing of this plant!!) It was a well grown plant, very clean and well presented with good shape and filled in. The colour was a beautiful fresh cream overlaid with a pink flush and a contrasting deep purple lip. The flowers were nicely arranged on the stem.

Congratulations Anne.



### Orchid of Second Division

*Rlc. Dal's Dream*

Grown by Vera Bastian

The plant chosen by the Judges as Orchid of Second Division was a well grown Cattleya *Blc.* (Mount Isa x Dream Trader), now registered as *Rlc. Dal's Dream*. This was grown by Vera Bastian. The flower was very flat and presented well with good clear colours and a very good shape for a large Laeliinae flower. Vera has a real knack for growing these beautiful flowers. Well done Vera.

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

Good Growing !

*Phil Steer Registrar*



## DAYTIME CHAPTER Thursday 8th March 2018



Happy Easter Everyone

Easter celebrations came early to the Daytime Chapter. Barbara and Patty greeted members with Easter Eggs and Easter Surprises and were appropriately dressed with Rabbit Ears much to the delight of everyone. It was lovely that George Abell and David Williams were able to be present at the meeting.

Lucy informed us about the upcoming Autumn Show and encouraged members to Show their plants.

Our Guest Speaker was Lesley Gunn who gave an extremely informative talk on 'How she grows her marvellous orchids'. Lesley gave the group many interesting and useful tips on how to keep our plants clean and tidy. She also brought with her a wide range of the different genera that she grows. Her plants are truly amazing but the wonderful thing was that Lesley gave us some excellent hints on growing. Lesley, thank you so much for such an interesting talk.

Lesley kindly did the plant commentary on our display which included several Laeliinae. Coral Tillmanns won Orchid of the Day with a lovely *Phalaeonopsis*.



Lesley Gunn discussing the orchids in Our Display



Coral Tillmanns with her winning *Phalaeonopsis* with Patty and Barbara

Trevor Kenny spoke to us about the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show at Willunga Oval at Easter and encouraged members to go along.

At the April meeting there will be a Mystery Prize so come along, you might be the winner.

The meeting closed with afternoon tea.

***Patty & Barbara***



## **SOUTHERN REGION MEETING** **Sunday 18th March 2018**

Life Member Geoff Spear opened the meeting at 2 pm, welcoming 41 members and our Guest Speaker, Kevin Western. Geoff congratulated the members on the wonderful display of orchids and made the comment that what the members bring in each month to the meeting for judging is of a very high standard and makes for a very nice display. Geoff also passed on the sad news about Noel Oliver who has terminal Pancreatic cancer. Geoff mentioned how much Noel loved the Southern Regional Group and that each member was special to him.

Beginners Group: Thank you John Gay for providing an informative part of the meeting.

**Apologies:** Noel Oliver, Eileen Pinnock, Chris & Lyn Heysen

**Birthday:** Grace Noll

**Lucky Name Badge:** Reg Clifford

**Lucky Door Prize:** A very pretty basket of Easter eggs was won by Peter Davidge

**Guest Speaker,** Kevin Western spoke about the various elements found within the fertilizers we use on our orchids and what each element does to the orchids. He highlighted some facts and some so called facts that are not as truthful as they are made out to be. Kevin discussed some aspects of his culture he finds get the best out of his orchids, given his conditions. We all took away lots of ideas and information and we all learnt a bit more about what we can do with our orchids. Thank you Kevin for a very interesting session.

Also throughout Kevin's presentation he asked the members questions about what he was saying to see if they were paying attention. The people who were first to answer received a bag of Easter eggs, provided by Sue Zerbe. Thank you Sue for providing these bags for the members to enjoy Easter. Kevin also had plants for sale with many members making purchases.



### **Popular Vote**

*Ctt. Portia*  
Grown by  
Ruth Tugwell

**Judging:** Graham Zerbe with the help of John Gay and Rowan Crowhurst, and student judge Christine Robertson were given a good work out in deciding the Plants of Divisions and Plant of the Day. Graham gave a judges commentary on all of the plants benched.

- **Plant of the Day and Plant of First Division:**  
*Cattleya* Hawaiian Wedding Song      Grown by Eileen Pinnock
- **Plant of Second Division:**  
*Cattlianthe* Valentine Day      Grown by Grace Noll
- **Popular Vote:**  
*Cattlianthe* Portia      Grown by Ruth Tugwell



**Orchid of the Day**  
**Orchid of First Division**  
*C. Hawaiian Wedding Song*  
Grown by Eileen Pinnock



**Orchid of Second Division**  
*Ctt. Valentine Day*  
Grown by Grace Noll

Geoff thanked the judges. The Plant Raffle was conducted with many lovely plants as prizes. Thank you to the members who contributed to the raffle.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday 22nd April 2018 at 2.00 pm. Beginners' Group 1.15 pm  
Guest Speaker : Kevin Cattermole who will tell us how to grow our orchids better than the professionals.

# Southern Region March Results List

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Points Awarded

## First Division

### Laeliinae - Cluster

1096	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Aart's'	Ruth Tugwell (613)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

1097	Rlc. Naomi's Delight	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2
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### Laeliinae - Species

1098	Epi. diffusum	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

1094	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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1095	Ctt. Portia	Ruth Tugwell (613)	2
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1100	Milt. Cogniauxiae	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1099	Onc. Intermezzo Merry Vale	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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## Second Division

### Cymbidium 60-90mm - any other colour

1087	Cym. Conquesa Elation	Sid James (170)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

1081	Ctt. Valentine Day	Grace Noll (578)	3
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1082	C. Penny Kuroda [Caudebec group] x Ctna. Whynot	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
		Helen Humphrys (445)	1

1083	Ctt. Valentine Day		
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

1084	C. Pinata Surprise	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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1085	C. Louise Georgina	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	2
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1086	Ctyh. Siam Jade x C. Tokyo Magic	Helen Humphrys (445)	1
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### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

1079	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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1080	Ctt. Portia	Gary Clark (224)	2
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### Oncidiinae - Species

1093	Gom. flexuosa	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1088	Den. Mingle's Sapphire	Sid James (170)	3
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1089	Phal. Unknown	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2
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1090	Phal. Unknown	Lesley & Mike Milicevic (254)	1
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

1091	Gga. galeata	Sid James (170)	3
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1092	Max. cucullata	Sid James (170)	2
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## 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.

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## Orchid Culture Notes for April

Autumn is still a growth time in the orchid house except unlike Spring where many of our plants are commencing growth we are now at maturity for many. The days still remain warm and the humidity increases but the colder evenings remind us that Winter is not far away. Many of our plants will mature this month, some in readiness for flowering in the next month or so and others that will go into a rest phase until the lengthening days of Spring stir them into action. An important factor for these flowering and resting plants is a general reduction in water and increase in light. This means we remove additional shading provided to combat the fierce Summer sun, raise our plants off the ground and provide cover to keep out the cold Winter rain.

Some orchids can handle exposure to winter rain without too much trouble with the humble *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* not requiring much protection from the elements of winter unless they are in spike when some supplementary cover would be advantageous. However, there are some orchids which will certainly struggle, if not die when confronted with single digit minimums and wet roots over Winter. Many of our *Cattleyas*, *Oncidiums* and even the hot/cold *Dendrobiums* have a distinct dislike of these conditions and whilst they will not kill the plant, it will turn their roots into a brown/green soggy mess. Come Spring the poor old plant has to start all over again and direct energies to grow new roots at the expense of the new growth. This is a common cause of that orchid you grow that gets smaller every year.

Most of our **Terrestrials** will be up and away this month and even the first *Pterostylis* from the Cauline group will be in flower. Increase watering gradually and pull out small weeds as they appear. Make sure toppings remain in place and watch out for any erosion of the pots caused by rain dripping from above.

Native **Dendrobiums** will all start to show signs of Spring flowers as the flowering nodes split open later this month. If you have a few hot/cold hybrids then you, like me, will be looking at the first early flowers already. I love the hot/cold hybrids. The flowers are larger, certainly more colourful and best of all they last a long time compared to the Spring natives. Treat like your normal native epiphytes except keep a bit drier over winter and hang them when they get to flowering size and you will have good success. Watering in April can still be weekly for your Australian native epiphytes and keep feeding them as well. I do give them some liquid potash this time of year as well as some liquid dolomite to sweeten the mix. Given some of my natives spend a long time in their pots, after a while the mixes break down and become acidic and the dolomite helps neutralise this acidity.

When **feeding your orchids**, water first and then a little later on the same day or the next you can fertilize. Feeding a dry plant is not usually recommended as the fertilizer can damage roots. Keep an eye out for aphids and looped caterpillars this month. There are still plenty of plants in new growth and the tender new leaves are great bug tucker. These same leaves are susceptible to fungal problems from now as well. Warmth and increasing humidity are key factors in the development of fungal problems this month. A precautionary fungicide treatment about now and a morning watering plan as opposed to late afternoon will keep these problems to a minimum.



April should see those with a few **Zygopetalums** in their collections looking at a forest of spikes emerging from new growths. Don't let them dry out, keep protected with a fungicide now and follow the morning watering ritual. Throw a few snail pellets in each pot as well. Feeding wise should be one that is high potash based. This has two benefits, improves the flower colour but also aids in the strengthening of the plant leaves cell walls which in turn gives more protection against fungal attack which will become more prevalent once the rains start.

I let my **Oncidiums** tell me what they are up to. If they have green tips then they still require moisture and feeding. Some will seal off later this month as they enter their resting stage and these will be kept drier. I find the varicosum type, those ones with the big yellow skirts follow this trend and will suffer root loss if kept wet over winter. Knowing the plants origins are a distinct advantage. Oncidiums for example can grow in deserts, humid jungles or high up in the mountains. That's a huge variance in temperature, humidity, light and even seasonal factors. This means you cannot keep all Oncidiums dry over Winter. Sure that applies to some but not all. This is where some reading up of the species involved is required to work out how they need to be cultivated.

This year our Autumn flowering **Laeliinae** group have been earlier than normal, possibly spurred on by a cooler than normal January plus that week of rain and humidity. Once flowering has finished they will appreciate a rest but for now keep moist and fed with a potash based feed. Some even sprout new roots now to absorb some moisture and nutrition prior to dormancy. If this is the case keep watering. If the roots seal then start reducing it. Spring flowering plants will be in active growth heading towards maturity as well. These usually require protection over Winter and slightly warmer temperatures to perform well. Feeding would still be along the lines of high potassium. Again, the plants roots are a giveaway as to what the plant requires. Green or red tips indicate they are growing, sealed tips mean they are resting or a slug got you!

*Steve Howard*

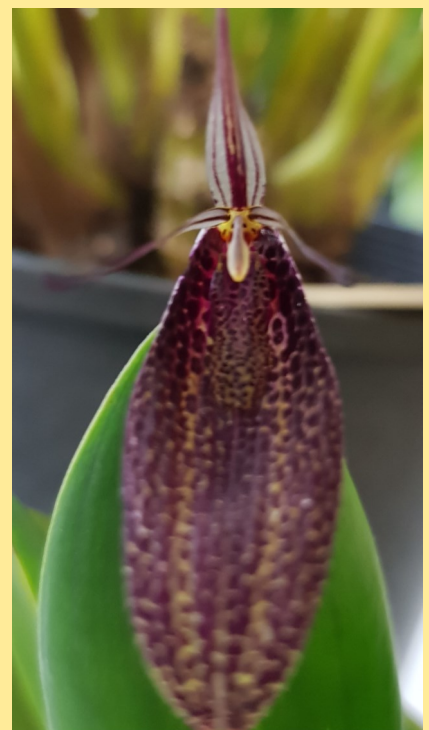
### UNUSUAL PLANT OF THE MONTH - *Restrepia antennifera*

[This plant was brought to the Southern Region Group meeting by Kevin Western.]

*Restrepia antennifera* is a native of Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador where it grows in the cool, moist, humid areas of the high Andes at 2000m and more above sea level. There are about 30 species in the genus.



The plants have compact growth, with no storage organs only slender stems replacing plump pseudobulbs. The small flowers have the lateral sepals fused to form a platform and the dorsal sepal and petals have filamentation extensions ending in fleshy knobs or clubs. There is only one flower per inflorescence.



## **ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA** **General Meeting Times**

**THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. Beginners Class starts at 7.15p.m., meeting at 8.00p.m.

**THE DAYTIME CHAPTER:** meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00p.m.

**THE SOUTHERN REGION:** meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY:** meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY:** Meets at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park from 7.30p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**THE CYMBIDIUM CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Meets at 7.30p.m. at Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### **Our Affiliated Clubs:**

**The Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club.**

**The Orchid Club of S.A. Inc.**



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