

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

August
2016



PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby
PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

This next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8.00 pm. on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our Guest Speaker will be Lesley Gunn who will have a very interesting talk and video prepared for their last trip to Thailand. Thank you Lesley and Bob.

- **JUDGING:** Please have plants benched by 7.40 pm so judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late because of work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612
- **BEGINNERS' GROUP:** Next meeting 3rd August at 7.30 pm before the main meeting. Geoff Spear will talk on preparing plants for the Spring Show.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 11th August 2016 at 2.00 pm.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP: The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 21st August 2016 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.

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

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW ORCHID COMPETITION:

Closing date for Entries is Friday 19th August 2016. Pamphlets will be available at the next meeting or phone Lucy on 8381 4420

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

To be drawn at the September Meeting.

\$1.00 per ticket.

Prize: (Displayed at Treasurer's Desk)
Nescafe Dolce Gusto Coffee Machine

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2016

August 2016

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

September 2016

07 Main Meeting - Nicky Zurcher
08 Daytime Chapter
14 Committee Meeting
18 Southern Region Group

October 2016

05 Main meeting - Ron Parish on Species
12 Committee Meeting
13 Daytime Chapter
16 Southern Region Group - George Abell on Sarcs

November 2016

02 Main Meeting - Kevin Western on Sarcs.
SARC Night
09 Committee Meeting
10 Daytime Chapter
20 Southern Region Group - Chris & Lyn Heysen on
Phalaenopsis

December 2016

07 Main Meeting - Syd Monkhouse on World
Conference
08 Daytime Chapter - Noel Oliver Christmas
18 Southern Region Group - Graham Zerbe

MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2016 PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
August 3rd	Geoff Spear	Preparing your plants for the Spring Show
September 7th	TBA	TBA

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2016 PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
August 21st	Jane Higgs	Thailand
September 18th	TBA	TBA
October 16th	George Abell	Sarcochilus
November 20th	Chris & Lyn Heysen	Phalaenopsis
December 18th	Graham Zerbe	TBA



Happy Birthday

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

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How have you survived our Winter weather over the last few weeks? I have heard that some members have sustained damage due the wind event and some have sustained damage in both the rain event and the wind event one week apart I am hopeful that the damage can be repaired in a speedy fashion without too much disruption during our busiest time of the year.



And hasn't it been cold, I know my plants have seem to have hit a brick wall in flowering terms, they just sit there not moving as though they have all the time in the world not concerned at all that they have a show to compete in.

Talking about shows, our Winter Show is just around the corner being held at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre this year, we need all the plants that you have to make it a colourful spectacle for the public to enjoy. Don't fall into the trap of judging your own plants (we are usually too critical), let the judges do there good work and you may have a surprise in store.

While on Judging, there is a new AOC Judging Course that has just begun and it is not too late to join. It is a fantastic way to learn and understand about the many and varied types of Orchids that exist in the world. You may not want to judge at the end of the course, however what you learn will benefit you in the future. The time needed for the course is not demanding, at least three times per year. We have to fit it in around our hobby, growing orchids! If this interests you please see me after the meeting or contact Lucy beforehand.

Don't forget the Nescafe Dolce Gusto Coffee machine for our Father's Day Raffle kindly donated by Christine Robertson. You have only this month and the September meeting to purchase your tickets to win this great prize.

Successful growing and showing

Michael

EDITORS NOTE:

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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Christine

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2016

WINTER SHOW

Sunday 24th July to Saturday 30th July at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre, Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

Thursday 25th August to Sunday 28th August at the R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SPRING SHOW

Sunday 25th September to Saturday 1st October at the Seaford Rise Shopping Centre, Commercial Road, Seaford

YOUR 2016 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:	Michael Willoughby
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Geoffrey Spear
VICE PRESIDENT:	Donna Meeuwsen
SECRETARY:	Lucy Spear
TREASURER:	Barbara Almond
COMMITTEE:	Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Heather Wright, Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig, Don Greig, David Hayhurst
NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS:	
Registrar	Phillip Steer
Editor	Christine Robertson
Web Master	Michael Willoughby

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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



LIFE MEMBERS

* denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick
1978 Leora Harvey	1986 John Nichols	2009 Henk Van Leuveran
1978 L. & H. Poole*	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
1978 Ellie Shaw*	2003 Norman Gitcham	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	
1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	
1985 Bubs Gready *	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	This list is still being compiled.

WINTER SHOW
HALLETT COVE SHOPPING CENTRE
SUNDAY 24TH JULY TO SATURDAY 30TH JULY

VENUE: Hallett Cove Shopping Centre , Lonsdale Highway, Lonsdale.
 Each Orchid plant put in for judging will receive a raffle ticket (see Lucy to receive Ticket).
 This will be drawn at the August Meeting. First ticket drawn from each Division will win a prize of \$20.00.

PUT IN TIME: 11.30a.m. to 12.45p.m. Saturday 23rd July at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium.

JUDGING: 1.00p.m. Sharp. After judging, plants are to be taken to Hallett Cove Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements if you need your plants transported.

TRADING TABLE: Set Up Saturday 23rd July after 4.00p.m. Please note PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4.00p.m. The Committee needs the assistance of members to volunteer help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Dorothy for swing tickets and selling sheets.

SPRING SHOW
SEAFORD SHOPPING CENTRE
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

VENUE: Seaford Shopping Centre, Commercial Road, Seaford

PRIZE MONEY: Grand Champion will receive \$15.00 and other champions \$5.00

PUT IN TIME: 9.30a.m. to 10.45a.m. Saturday 24th September at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium.

JUDGING: 11.00a.m. Sharp. After judging, plants are to be taken to Seaford Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements if you need your plants transported.

TRADING TABLE: Set Up Saturday 24th September at 4.00p.m. Members may bring plants then or anytime during the week. Show times are the Club's bread and butter. Please bring along any plants you have for sale. Remember Sunday 25th September will be the best selling date from 12 noon. The Committee needs member's assistance:

1. Volunteers to help on the Trading Table.
2. Ask Dorothy for swing tickets and selling sheets.
3. Flowering Orchid Plants for display, prepared in Show condition for judging, clean pots. Please do not water plants on the day you put in the Show, the day before is better. Committee will look after your plant's needs while in the Show.
4. Trading Table plants, in good condition and clean pots. You may bring in plants without flowers but please include a photo of the bloom.

Most important: The Show Marshall will ring any member if for some reason she feels that any plants may be starting to show any stress.

REMEMBER: To Show your plants at the Spring Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plants for at least 6 months.

WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE 2016

Card classes not for Promotion – Card only	Promotional Class	Genera & Divisional Champions (Prize Money)
Australian Native Epiphyte Species Epiphyte Hybrid Terrestrial Species Terrestrial Hybrid <hr/> Specimen, Seedling	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
<i>Cymbidium</i> – over 90mm Red/Pink White/Cream Yellow/Green Brown/Other Colour <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm
<i>Cymbidium</i> – 60-90mm Red/Pink White/Cream Yellow/Green Brown/Other Colour <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> 60 – 90mm	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> 60 – 90mm
<i>Cymbidium</i> – Under 60mm Red/Pink White/Cream Yellow/Green Brown/Other Colour <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Standard Non Standard <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best <i>Paphiopedilum</i>	Champion <i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Laeliinae Standard >100mm Standard <100mm Cluster Non Standard <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid >60mm <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid <60mm <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae

WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE 2016 cont.

Card classes not for Promotion – Card only	Promotional Class	Genera & Divisional Champions (Prize Money)
Zygopetalinae <i>Zygopetalum</i> Hybrid Zygopetalinae Hybrid Zygopetalinae Species <hr/> Specimen, Seedling	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
<i>Dendrobium</i> Other than Australian Native Hybrid <hr/> Species, Seedling	Best <i>Dendrobium</i> Other than Australian Native	Champion Any Other Genus
Any Other Genus Hybrid <hr/> Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Any Other Genus	
GRAND CHAMPION is selected from the Genera Champions		
OTHER CHAMPIONS Champion Seedling Champion Species		Champion Specimen Division Champions
TROPHIES H & C Edwards Trophy – Grand Champion – Winter Show Roy Hill Trophy – Best Novelty Cymbidium – Winter Show		
AUSTRALIAN NATIVES The Best Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Ira Butler and Reg ShooterTrophies. The Best Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Bill Murdoch and Les Nesbit Trophies.		



Geraldine and Peter Flavel
cutting the Birthday Cake at our
51st Birthday Supper
at our July Meeting.

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.

July Results List

Points Awarded

Open Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Species

561 Cym. erythraeum 'Paradise' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

560 Cym. (Dolly x Khan Flame) Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

559 Cym. Regal Princess Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

562 Cym. Templestowe's Charm 'Templestowe' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

563 Cym. Gypsy Rose 'Dana' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

529 C. [(Lavender Ice x Beaufort) x Angel Cloud] Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

564 Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

565 Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Zaani' Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

555 Den. Asternova Sparkle Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

556 Bulb. longissimum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

557 Cym. (Dolly x Khan Flame) Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

566 Paph. Leeaunum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Paphiopedilum - Species

567 Paph. insigne Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

568 Paph. fairrieaunum 'Hoffart' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Specimen Species or Hybrid

558 Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

546 Den. Mem. Lillian Warren Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 3

547 Den. Candice Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 2

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

545 Liparis condylobulbon Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Chin Yew Iian Trophy

554 Paph. (Hsinying Cherry x Winston Churchill) Bill Jayne (1180) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

548 Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' Bill Jayne (1180) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

549 Brsdrm. Golden Gamine Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

552 Medicalcar decoratum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

553 Paph. (Hsinying Cherry x Winston Churchill) Bill Jayne (1180) 3

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

550 Paph. Leeaunum Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 3

551 Paph. (Hsinying Cherry x Winston Churchill) Bill Jayne (1180) 2

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

530 Den. (Colonial Surprise x Bicentennial) Sid James (170) 2

531 Den. Hilda Poxon Phil and Anne Steer (514) 1

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

532 Corybus diemenicus Beth Stronach (836) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

539 Cym. Unknown Sid James (170) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

536 Cym. Pepper's Fire 'Fiesta' Sid James (170) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

537 Cym. Unknown Helen McIntosh (299) 3

538 Cym. Unlown Sid James (170) 2

July Results List cont.

			Points Awarded
Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour			
535	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown			
534	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown			
540	Cym. Mem. Dora May Price 'Rosalie'	Sid James (170)	2
Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green			
542	Cym. Pure Sarah 'Lemon Cascade'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
543	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Sid James (170)	2
Laeliinae - Species			
533	Psh. cochleata	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
Oncidiinae - Species			
544	Cu. pulchella	Beth Stronach (836)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
541	Srps. lingua	Christine Robertson (661)	3
Tuesday, 12 July			

JULY PLANT COMMENTARY

The members were treated to a really nice display of flowers across all 3 divisions with Open Division having 15 plants, First Division with 9 plants and a very pleasing 15 plants in Second Division. All Divisions showed a wide range of plants coming from a number of different genera. We are starting to see more Cymbidiums on the bench with a pleasing 9 plants in Second Division.

Orchid of First Division & Orchid of the Night

The plant chosen by the Judges was an Oncidium (Brsdm. Golden Gamine) grown by Paul & Donja Hayes. The plant was beautifully grown and had 12 attractive flowers on a long upright spike. The flowers were a very pretty chocolate brown petals & sepals with a white labellum with brown tonings. Well Done Paul & Donja. Please keep those beautiful plants coming.



Paul Hayes receiving his trophy
from John Gay

Orchid of Open Division

The plant of First Division was Den. Asternova Sparkle grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju. The plant had 7 deep rich mauve flowers with a white collar around the striking purple lip. A very striking plant. This plant has 4 species in its breeding : Den. phalaenopsis, gouldii, lineale, stratiotes.



These plants like to be kept moist in Spring & Summer when the plant is in active growth. Watering should be reduced during the cooler months. The mix was a medium bark and the plant was growing in a small pot. Thank you Michael & Oui for sharing this lovely plant with us.



Orchid of Second Division

The plant of Second Division was Prosthecea cochleata grown by Phil & Anne Steer. This species comes from Central America and grows naturally on trees. It prefers cool conditions and is ideal to grow in shadehouse conditions in Adelaide. On this plant were 2 inflorescences with 10 flowers in total. A feature of this species is that the flowers are upside down. The flowers are also progressive with a few still to open. The flowers were quite large for its kind. Well done !!

Congratulations to all of our members who put plants on the bench this month.

I would like to express my thanks to Wendy Lodge who helped us with the Judging this month. Also thanks to our regular judges Noel, John & Rowan. Also our pen-cillers Beth Stronach, Helen McIntosh, Oui Ju & David Hayhurst for their assistance.

I am looking forward to our upcoming Winter Show and seeing lots of lovely plants with prize winning flowers.

Good Growing !

Phil Steer Registrar

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Another great day at our Daytime Chapter. Our Guest Speaker today was our President Michael Willoughby with a very interesting presentation of the Champions of the Year Awards. It was great to see all those beautiful mixed genera orchids grown to their full potential. Those plants were truly amazing to see. We all hope and aspire to have something near this perfection one day. Congratulations and well done to all who have achieved this. Thank you to Michael for doing this for us today. The added information was also really appreciated.



Phil Steer once again took the Beginners Group, with many members attending. Phil also brought along some plants to show with his talk, a great idea Phil. Examples are always great to see, a more in depth discussion is then possible. Thanks Phil.

Geoff Spear did the Plant Commentary today, doing a great job as usual. Thank you. George Abells's plant Zygopetalum Pine Road 'Jaydee' was voted best on display. This plant was really eye-catching, a lovely green flower with purple markings. Many flowers were displayed on this plant. Congratulations and well done, George. Thank you to all the other members who brought in their plants to share with us.



**Plant of the Day Winner
George Abell**

Apologies today from Pete and Geraldine, Max and Barb, Lesley and Robert, Pauline and Betty. Hope to see you all again soon.

We're off the Victor Harbor this Sunday, a really good day is anticipated
The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance
Bye

Dorothy 8277 1793

We have a Show at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre coming up soon. I hope to see you there.

Afternoon tea was next on the agenda. Thanks to all who helped tidy up, it was much appreciated.



**Happy 51st Birthday. President
Michael cutting the cake with
George & Patricia Abell**



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING **SUNDAY 17TH JULY**

Geoff Spear, Senior Vice President, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 30 members and one visitor. Geoff spoke about the Plant House Visit on the 13th August and the Show on the 25th to 28th August. Details are given below.

Apologies: Lyn and Chris Heysen, Ruth Tugwell

Guest: Margaret Lloyd

Birthday Draw: Bruce Kirk

Lucky Name Badge: Joan McMahon

Door Prize: Shirley Grieg

Guest Speaker: Peter Hall and Bev and Ron Masters gave a very informative presentation on Bromeliads. I am sure with all this knowledge some of the members will be trying to grow these wonderful plants. This is certainly a very rewarding hobby. Thank you for a wonderful presentation.



Plant of First Division:

Oncidiinae. *Gdp. divaricatum* -
Eileen Pinnock



Guest Speakers:

Ron Masters, Bev Masters and Peter Hall demonstrating their Bromeliads



Some of the beautiful Bromeliads displayed by our Guest Speakers, Bev and Ron Masters and Peter Hall

Judges: Noel Oliver and John Gay. Noel Oliver gave the Plant Commentary.



Plant of the Day, Popular Vote, and Plant of Second Division:

Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'- Helen Humphrys

Helen Humphrys with her winning plant
Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'

Plant House Visit: Saturday 13th August

10am Ruth Tugwell 19 White Crescent Encounter Bay

12.30pm Helen Humphrys 15 Katherine Drive Normanville

BBQ—Please bring a salad or cake.

Thank you Helen and Ruth for allowing us to visit your homes and see your Orchid Collections

Next meeting: Sunday 21st August 2016, at 2.00p.m. The guest speaker will be Jane Higgs speaking on Thailand.

VALE - KEVEN TUGWELL

Keven Tugwell passed away on Saturday 2nd July 2016 after a long illness. Keven had 5 children and was Grandfather of 8 and Great Grandfather of 4. Keven lived a very fulfilled life, and had many hobbies over his 82 years. Keven worked as a Wool Presser, and also for the Council as a Grave Digger. Keven was very proud of Ruth with all she achieved in the Orchid world and often came along to meetings with her. Our Condolences go to Keven's family.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP WINTER SHOW

Thursday 25th August – Sunday 28th August
R.S.L. Hall Coral Street, Victor Harbor

Thursday 25th August 12 noon to 4.00p.m.
Friday 26th August 8.30a.m. to 4.00p.m.
Saturday 27th August 7.30a.m. to 4.00p.m.
Sunday 28th August 9.30a.m. to 3.00p.m.

Thursday 25th August
Put in Time: 9.00a.m.
Judging 10.00a.m.

SRG July Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

604	Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
605	Den. Candice	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

Oncidiinae - Species < 60mm

606	Gdp. divaricatum	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

599	Den. unknown	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm – Red Pink Brown

587	Cym. (Hahn's Magic x Ruby Eyes)	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
588	Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch'	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
589	Cym. (Ruby Eyes x Dr Baker)	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

590	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
591	Cym. Pure Sarah 'Bridal Beauty'	Helen Humphrys (445)	2
592	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	1

Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

586	Cym. Cronulla 'The Khan'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

581	Cym. Khan Flame	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
582	Cym. Yellow River 'Steffie'	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	2

Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

583	Cym. Rembrandt Masterpiece	Sid James (170)	3
584	Cym. [Coraki x (Winter Wonder x Gayoury 'Win')]	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	2
585	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	1

Cymbidium under 60 – any other colour

598'	Cym. (pumilum x Ngairi Kuringai)	Steven Davey (903)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

593	Cym. My Sweet Amy	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
594	Cym. Jess Calliope	Helen Humphrys (445)	2

Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

595	Cym. Melanie 'Golden Girl'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
596	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	2
597	Cym. Feather Clouds	Sid James (170)	1

Laeliinae - Cluster

601	Epi. Variegated Lavender	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
602	Gsl. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'	Sid James (170)	2

Laeliinae – Standard over 100mm

600	C. Portiata 'Mel'	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Species

603	Z. Agawa Zodiac Nebula	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
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Orchid Culture Notes for August

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

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

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

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

Not all plants rest over winter. Zygopetalums are one orchid that do not appear to have a resting period, as are the cymbidiums. Sure they slow up but never really go dormant. With weather still cool and the humidity high, watering is still infrequent and should be applied only when the plants are dry and ideally left to the warmer days. Zygopetalum new growths should be well advanced so stick with the higher nitrogen to balanced feeds until they bulb up later on.

Those looper caterpillars are quite bad this year and have been all over Winter so regular inspection of any chewing activity under the leaves is a must. The cold and wet of this winter has also taken toll on some of the new growths and they have rotted out or at best lost a few leaves. Either way this growth will be severely restricted and will not build up a new bulb, if it even does so and unlikely to produce a new growth big enough to flower off next year.

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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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

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

Steve Howard

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.

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THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP: 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.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY: meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd 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 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.

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

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