

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

# Gazette

December  
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 7th December 2016 at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys.

### FEATURES OF THE NIGHT:

- Hall opens at 5.30 pm to bench your plants for judging.
- By 6.30pm please be seated for dinner.
- Special Guests will be Syd and Shirley Monkhouse and of course Father Christmas.
- 8.15pm Main meeting with Guest Speaker Syd Monkhouse speaking and showing a video presentation of the only World Conference held here in Adelaide.
- **Monster Raffle:** please contribute by donating a gift you would like to receive yourself i.e. wine, nuts, ferns, orchids, plants etc. to help to make this night memorable.
- **Kris Kringle Table:** If you wish to participate please bring a gift to the value of \$6-\$10 marked for lady or gentleman to receive a gift in return.
- The Club will provide canned drinks and nibbles BYO Wine.
- **BEGINNERS' GROUP:** There will be no class in December. The next meeting will be in March.

### DAYTIME CHAPTER:

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 2.00pm. Our Guest speaker will be Noel Oliver and he will be talking on Australian Native Orchids. Please bring a gift to the value of \$6-\$10 marked male or female and receive a gift in return if you wish to participate in Kris Kringle. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. A note has been sent to Santa.

### SOUTHERN REGION:

The next meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest Speaker will be Graham Zerbe. Father Christmas has been invited. Please bring a gift to the value of \$6-\$10 marked male or female and receive a gift in return if you wish to participate in Kris Kringle.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

To be drawn at the Christmas Meeting.

\$1.00 per ticket.

**Prize:** (Displayed at Treasurer's Desk)  
Travelling Bag donated by Bunnings

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**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,

**DONATION:**

Thank you to John Nicholls for the donation of 2 flasks of Cym. Canned Magic 'Kobe', to raise funds for the club. Pauline Hockey deflasked one at the Main Beginners' Group and Geoff Spear did the other at the Daytime Chapter. Geoff will look after them until they are established enough to be sold to the members.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Welcome to Lesley and Mike Milicevic, Michael and Marilyn Cichon, Genny and Dudley Huxtable.

**LUCKY NAME BADGE:**

Make sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

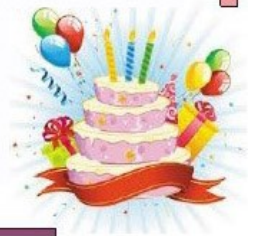
**BIRTHDAY DRAW:**

Is your name in the book? New members are welcome to join our birthday draw. See Heather Wright to put your name in the book.



## Happy Birthday .....

**John Gay, Donna Meeuwsen, Noel Oliver,  
George Misirlis, Pam Sullivan,  
Erna Van Leuveran, Leon Crowhurst,  
Hazel Alsop, Craig Humfrey, Vera Bastain,  
Sylvester Ng, Reg Clifford, Penny Cockington**



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

**COMMITTEE DINNER – PAST 2016 AND PRESENT 2017 COMMITTEE:**

**Saturday 21st January 2017**

**Vietnamese Restaurant, 115, Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill (Ph. 83871622)**

**Please be seated by 7.00p.m.**

**JANUARY MEETINGS:**

**Please Note: There will be no Cultural Meeting in the month of January.**

### **BARBEQUE**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 6.30PM**

**AT ST. BERNADETTE'S CHURCH HALL**

How nice to start the year off with your Orchid friends. No meeting, just a fun time with your mates. The Club will provide BBQ meat and could you please just bring a salad or finger food dessert. You may BYO as long as alcohol is consumed inside the Hall.

If you have an Orchid plant in flower, bring it along and you can enter it for popular vote. It costs 50cents to enter and the owner of the plant which wins the popular vote will receive total entry money.

**AND.....**

Following the meal for those who would like to stay a while Graham Zerbe will show a presentation of the Best Orchids of the Year.

## **CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB**

Now is the time to think about becoming a Committee member. The following Committee positions will become vacant in 2017: Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and 1 Committee member.

Committee members are expected to be committed to the South Coast Orchid Club by assisting the Club to continually grow and to promote orchids. The responsibilities that the Committee members are required to assist with are:

- Being available for the main meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month and Committee meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7.30 – 9.30pm.
- Remaining after the main meeting to help clean up the hall and kitchen.
- Helping at our Shows by manning the trading table between 7am and 9pm. Dorothy draws up a 3 hour roster. A responsible person must be in charge at all times during shopping hours e.g. Lucy, Dorothy.
- Assisting in transporting trestles etc. for judging to Hamilton Secondary College on the Friday prior to Show.
- After judging on the Saturday of the Show, assisting with transporting props and plants to Show locations.
- Assisting with putting in and taking out of the Show.
- Having a knowledge of orchids and a rapport with people so that the public can be helped when purchasing from the trading table.

It would be appreciated if members who have a **van** could assist with the transporting of equipment and plants as Geoff Spear is now unable to continue to carry out this responsibility. **If we are unable to obtain the use of 2 vans it will be difficult to continue with future Shows.**

**If you are interested in becoming a Committee member or can assist in any way please ring Lucy on 8381 4420.**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS REQUIRED BY CONSTITUTION.**

### **OFFICERS:**

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

### **NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE:**

Please use the Nomination Forms to nominate New Committee Members for 2017. These forms need to be handed to the Secretary before the closing of the December Meeting 2016. Nomination forms can be obtained from Lucy at the meeting. The Outgoing Committee members (listed on the next page) may all be re-elected. Please give some consideration to becoming a Committee Member. We need to fill one position for one year.

### **OUTGOING COMMITTEE**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Michael Willoughby</b>
<b>SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Geoffrey Spear</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Donna Meeuwssen</b>
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	<b>Lucy Spear</b>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	<b>Barbara Almond (Not available for 2017)</b>
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Dorothy Carassai</b>
	<b>Oui Ju</b>
	<b>Heather Wright,</b>
	<b>Christine Robertson (2 year)</b>
	<b>Shirley Greig</b>
	<b>Don Greig,</b>
	<b>David Hayhurst</b>

**Note:** All of the above members may be re-elected except for Barbara Almond who is not available in 2017.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Subscriptions for 2017 are due 1st January 2017. One membership covers all groups within the Club. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

<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>

Please note that there has been no increase in membership fees for next year.

### **TROPHIES AND LIBRARY BOOKS:**

- Please return all **Trophies** to the Secretary at the December meeting.
- Please return all **Library Books** for the Annual Stocktake at the December meeting.



### **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 Toshie 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.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On behalf of your Committee, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy 2017.



This year has been difficult with always having to have fingers crossed that our plants will flower in time or hang on for each of our Shows and we would like to thank you all for what turned out to be once again a successful orchid season. You all went out of your way to ensure that we had sufficient orchids for display and selling at our Shows despite some challenging conditions (who will forget Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>) we faced this year with flowers.

*Sarcochilus* night was once again a great success. Kevin Western won the *Sarcochilus* trophy with his first flowering seedling *Sarcochilus* (Melody x Fizzy Dove) now registered as Fizzy Melody and it has been granted a HCC award by the AOC. This was a very nice sarc that had white flowers with very interesting markings somewhat like hieroglyphics. Kevin was also our Guest Speaker and he gave a very detailed presentation on the *Sarcochilus* genus.

After the hot Summer we experienced last year let's hope Mother Nature will be kinder to our plants this season with less extreme heat events. We still need to keep our plants well-watered and fertilize weekly with half strength fertilizer. If you water solely with rainwater it is beneficial to give your plants some calcium nitrate as calcium is a very important element that plants need for healthy growth. Spider mites thrive in hot dry conditions so we need to be vigilant, the damage these little pests can do in a short time is astounding, Mavrik or pest oil can be used to treat this. However, it is important to read the directions on the packets.

Members when you are repotting please remember your Club. Don't throw away pieces which can be re-potted. We always need plants for new members and raffles etc.

Many of our members have had their share of illnesses and we hope that 2017 will be much kinder to you. Please remember the Management of your Club. If you have the time, nominate for a position on the Committee. It is a very rewarding job. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good growing and showing

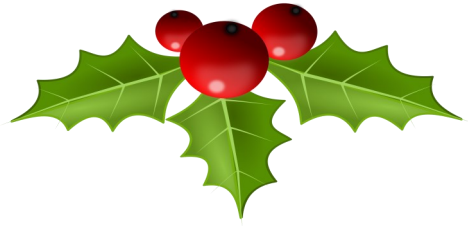
*Michael*

### **VALE ALAN WILSON**

Alan Wilson passed away on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Alan was a long standing member of our Club and will be sadly missed by the orchid world. Alan lived a much fulfilled life, he and his wife had 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Alan's occupation was a savings bank manager, his hobbies included tennis, bowls and growing orchids. Our condolences to his wife and family.

**Rest in Peace Alan**





## **CHRISTMAS DINNER – DECEMBER MEETING**

**Wednesday 7th December 2016**

Christmas Dinner will commence at 6.30p.m. Sharp, with Main Meeting at 8p.m.

The Club will provide nibbles and cans of drink.

You may BYO wine, spirits and beer.

Members who would like to attend should let Barbara know as soon as possible  
so we can organize the catering.

Cost \$27.00 per head.

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

### **DELUXE SMORGASBORD MEAL**

**WHOLE BAKED SNAPPER**

**S.A. PRAWNS**

**CHAMPAGNE LEG HAM**

**ROAST TURKEY**

**SALAMI, CABANA AND METTWURST**

**SAUCES, ROLLS AND BUTTER**

**DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB**

**Disposable plates, real cutlery, Christmas serviettes**

**Please bring a gift to receive a gift.**

**Something you would like to receive yourself.**

**Father Christmas has been invited.**





## **CHAMPIONS**

### **WINTER SHOW**

#### **GRAND CHAMPION**

Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION**

Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Under 60mm**

Cym. Gypsy Rose 'Princes'

Jim & Evelyn Cuming (125)

#### **CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM 60 - 90mm**

Cym. One Tree Hill 'John's Quest'

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Over 90mm**

Cym. Royale Fare 'No.5'

Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

#### **CHAMPION LAELIINAE**

Rth. Dal's Moon 'Golden Sun'

Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)

#### **CHAMPION ZYGOPETALUM**

Z. Kiwi Fiftyone 'K1'

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION SPECIES**

Cym. erythraeum

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION SPECIMEN**

Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE**

Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM**

Paph. Leeaunum

Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)

#### **CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION**

Den. (Brolga x Hilda Poxon)

Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

#### **Ira Butler Trophy Nomination**

Den. (Brolga x Hilda Poxon)

Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

#### **CHAMPION SEEDLING**

Cym. (Lunar Blaze x Dural Dream)

Bill Jayne (1180)

#### **CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE**

Den. (Brolga x Hilda Poxon)

Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

#### **Reg Shooter Trophy Award (Hybrids)**

Den. (Brolga X Hilda Poxon)

Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

#### **CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION**

## **CHAMPIONS - SPRING SHOW**

### **GRAND CHAMPION**

Den. striolatum 'Leedham'

### **CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION**

Den. striolatum 'Leedham'

### **Bill Murdoch Trophy Nomination**

Den. striolatum 'Leedham'

### **Ira Butler Trophy Nomination**

Den. Tyabb 'Young Splendour'

### **CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Under 60mm**

Cym. Mary Green 'Jermoo'

### **CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM 60 - 90mm**

Cym. Uncle Everett '105'

### **CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Over 90mm**

Cym. Valley Zenith 'Concorde Plus'

### **CHAMPION LAELIINAE**

C. (Royal Beau x Dal's Choice)

### **CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE**

Ons. Bittersweet 'Roll of Honour'

### **CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM**

Paph. Chouvetti 'Van Dyke'

### **CHAMPION SPECIES**

Den. striolatum 'Leedham'

### **CHAMPION SEEDLING**

Den. (Tyabb x Tania's Pride)

### **CHAMPION SPECIMEN**

Den. Delicatum

### **CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE**

Den. striolatum 'Leedham'

### **M. Ng Trophy - Most Floriferous Australian Native**

Den. Delicatum

### **Les Nesbit Trophy Award (Species)**

Den. striolatum 'Leedham'

### **Reg Shooter Trophy Award (Hybrids)**

Den. Tyabb 'Young Splendour'

### **Elsie Chisholm Trophy - Best Novelty Cymbidium**

Cym. Vogel's Magic 'Waikanae'

### **CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION**

Ceologyne flaccida 'Miriam Ann'

### **CHAMPION OTHER GENERA not otherwise listed**

Coelogyne flaccida 'Miriam Ann'

### **CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION**

Cym. Lowio-grandiflorum

Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

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Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)

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Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)

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Coral Tillmanns & Trevor Kenny (212)





## CATTLEYA

No other Orchid is as strikingly flamboyant as the large Cattleya,

Pronounced (**KAT-lee-a**).

However the Cattleya family of plants is a huge group with great variation of form, colour and size. The large white or purple Cattleya that we know so well is just one branch of the family. There are several closely allied genera of orchids that are always included in the Cattleya Alliance. These have been hybridised with the Cattleya to produce intergeneric hybrids which are often abbreviated in code.- C = Cattleya Lc. = Laeliocattleya Bc. = Brassocattleya Blc. = Bras-solaeliocattleya Slc. = Sophrolaeliocattleya.



### GROWTH HABIT

Cattleyas make successive growths from the base of last year's growth; therefore they are of sympodial growth habit. They are epiphytes, which means they grow on trees or rocks in their natural habitat. The major part of their root growth is accustomed to being exposed to the air.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

Cattleya plants can be grown very successfully in a shade house in South Australian climatic conditions but they will require protection from the winter rains. A fibreglass roof cover is helpful to control winter watering. Heating is not necessary but if available can be used. Cattleya's can be grown in cold plant houses, enjoy good ventilation and air circulation. And can also be hung on mesh frames rather than flat benches. This not only saves space but also helps provide good air circulation. This type of culture can be inspected by a visit to a nursery.

### POTTING MEDIUM

Cattleyas must be grown in a very open potting medium that drains freely and therefore dries out quickly. Medium grade bark 15mm. for mature plants and small grade bark 10mm. for smaller plants. Cattleya's do not enjoy being over potted but should be placed in a pot that allows 1-2 years space for growth.

### FERTILISER

Use of a regular fertilising programme is recommended. Use a soluble fertiliser and at 1/2 strength weekly or full strength fortnightly. Use BLOSSOM BOOSTER from December to June and HI-NITROGEN July to November. PLANT STARTER may be used at monthly intervals for small plants or as a growth activator as required.

### WATERING

During the hot summer months frequent damping of the growing area will boost humidity levels. The Cattleya does not like continually wet potting medium and must be allowed to dry out

Above is a page from our Club Website on "Cattleyas". There is a wealth of information on the Website, that will be of great help to all members. Visit the Website at: <http://www.scocsa.net>

# November Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

## Open Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

769	Plchs. Kilgra	Kevin Western (155)	3
770	Plchs. Kilgra	Kevin Western (155)	2
771	Sarco. Otways Sunset	Kevin Western (155)	1

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

766	Den. linguiforme	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
767	Plec. tridentata	Kevin Western (155)	2
768	Sarco. Dilatatus	Kevin Western (155)	1

### Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

772	Diuris sulphurea	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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### Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

776	Cym. Sweet Devon	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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### Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

775	Cym. Gladys Whitesell 'Lips of Cream'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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### Garard / Western Trophy

781	Sarco. Sundaani's Galaxy	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

774	C. Margaret Degenhardt	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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### Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

773	Slc. Seagull's Mini-Cat	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

777	Den. (Adele Fortescue x Merlin Flake)	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
778	Den. Yodogimi 'No. 1'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

779	Den. aphyllum	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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## First Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

761	Den. linguiforme	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
762	Den. kingianum 'Pink'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

### Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

784	Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
785	Cym. Dean Roesler 'Jaffa'	Bill Jayne (1180)	2

### Laeliinae - Cluster

763	Ctt. Trick or Treat	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

765	Psh. Sunburst	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
764	Rlc. Goldmine 'Corona'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

786	Ohd. Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
787	Bst. Summit 'Frenchtown'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

### Oncidiinae - Species

788	Brs. keiliana	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

782	Arpophyllum spicatum	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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## Second Division

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

760	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

754	Ctt. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
755	Rth. Butterscotch Mist x C. Horace	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2

### Laeliinae - Species

756	Arpophyllum giganteum	Sid James (170)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

759	Onc. Volcano Queen	Sid James (170)	3
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### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

758	Coel. flaccida	Sid James (170)	3
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### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

757	Zga. Adelaide Meadows	Sid James (170)	3
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## November Plant Commentary

November was our *Sarcochilus* night with the members vying for the coveted George & Patricia Abell Trophy. The display was outstanding with some 47 plants benched across all 3 divisions. There was a great variety in colours and it highlighted how the new hybrids are developing.

The best *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* plant was shown by John & Bev Gay and was a very impressive plant. This was also the Best Specimen Plant of the Night.

The best *Sarcochilus hartmannii* plant was shown by Coral Tillmann & Trevor Kenney.

The best hybrid which also won the George & Patricia Abell Trophy was a red/pink hybrid, *Sarcochilus* (Melody x Fizzy Dove) grown by Kevin Western. This plant was also a seedling. Well done Kevin.



*Sarcochilus* (Melody x Fizzy Dove)



Kevin Western receiving his Trophy from George & Patricia Abell.

## **Orchid of First Division & Orchid of the Night**

The plant chosen by the Judges was a Cymbidium Cricket 'Rosetta' grown by Rito & Rosetta Silvestri. This was a magnificent specimen with spikes evenly distributed around the plant. It was a little hard to think how Rito managed to transport it. Well Done Rito & Rosetta.





## Orchid of Open Division

The Orchid of Open Division was a spectacular plant of *Dendrobium linguiforme* grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju.

Well done Michael & Oui.



## Orchid of Second Division



There were only 7 plants on the Second Division bench but all were good quality.

The Orchid of Division was an Cattleya Lc Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle' grown by Beth Stronach.

This plant was growing in a 7" squat pot in mainly medium pine bark. It had 3 racemes carrying 3-4 flowers with very clear yellow petals & sepals with a burgundy labellum. Some of the older canes had been cut off which encourages new growth from the base of the plant.

Well grown & well done Beth.

*Phil Steer Registrar*

### **EDITORS NOTE:**

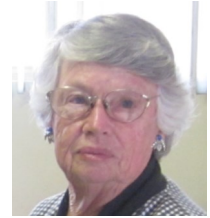
Please don't forget that this is your Gazette. If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

You can contact me, Christine Robertson, by:

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 Phone: (08) 8536 3948  
 Mail: PO Box 454 Strathalbyn SA 5255

*Christine*

## **DAYTIME CHAPTER**



**Hi Everyone,**

A lovely, happy afternoon was had by all to-day, a lovely group, great Guest Speaker, people returning from holidays, an excellent display of flowering plants, lovely plants to buy, what else could you ask for?

Kevin Western was our Guest Speaker giving a fantastic talk and a demonstration of deflasking of a *Sarcochilus*. He made everything look so easy. He stated that this was something we could all do and nothing to worry about. I'm sure a few more of us might give it a go by buying an occasional flask of plants from time to time. You never know you could end up with a Champion. Kevin also brought along some of his coloured Sarcs for us all to admire. The colours and markings were beautiful and the little mounted ones were a joy to see; very small flowers but perfect in shape and colour. Thank you Kevin, a great talk and demonstration. Everyone was very happy, especially those who received a small plant that you had reported.



Geoff Spear also did a potting demonstration, deflasking a Cymbidium for potting on into a community pot which is what he prefers to do. All very interesting and inspiring to see. Thank you ,Geoff. Well done.

George Abell took the Beginners' Group to-day, talking on *Sarcochilus*. He also brought some lovely plants in flower (coloured ones) to show us, also some were for sale. I ended up with three more Sarc plants, two pink from George and a yellow from Kevin. There's always room for three more small plants, right? Thanks, George, well done, you certainly haven't lost your passion for *Sarcochilus* have you?

Apologies to-day from Robert and Lesley Gunn, Hope all is well and we'll catch again very soon. A visitor to-day as a member brought along a friend. I think she enjoyed the afternoon with us. We all tried to make her feel most welcome.



Next month's meeting is our Christmas Breakup. Don't forget to bring something special to share at Afternoon Tea, and your Kris Kingle gift, bring a gift and receive a gift. If you would like to join in this segment, a gift to the value of around \$5.00 to \$7.00 (This is not compulsory to do, it's just a bit of fun). Hoping to see you all again next month.



Our Display Table was well and truly packed to-day, lovely to see. (More plant names to add to your wish list.) Vicky Cooper did our Plant Commentary. Vicky is also very passionate about Orchids and she did a great job, holding each plant up for all to see and described nicely with a good commentary included. Thank you Vicky, well done and very much appreciated.



### What a Beautiful Display

Coral Tillman's plant, *Sarcochilus* 'Yellow Snow AD' x Red Snow AD', with white flowers, yellow stamens and red markings around the centre was voted as Best on Display. A lovely plant and well presented. Congratulations, Coral, well done. The soft cane *Dendrobium* on display was also lovely to see.



**Coral Tillman with Lucy Spear and her winning orchid.**

Thank you to all in attendance and see you at the next meeting.

*Dorothy* 8277 1793



**SOUTHERN REGION MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER**

Michael Willoughby, President, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming 39 members, and Chris & Lyn Heysen, our Guest Speakers who presenting their favourite genera *Phalaenopsis*.

**Apologies:** Bruce Kirk, Geoff and Lucy Spear

**Birthday Draw:** Cliff Wegener

**Lucky Name Badge:** Joan McMahon

**Door Prize:** Peter Davidge

**Beginners Group:** 23 members listened to George Abell talk on how to grow *Sarcochilus* successfully.

**Judges:** Noel Oliver, John Gay & Graham Zerbe with typists, Sue Zerbe & Bev Gay.

**Flower of the day Popular Vote and Flower of First Division:**

Phal. Liu's Fantasy grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen

**Flower of Second Division:**

Cym. Scallywag 'The Crumpet'

After the members enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Victor they made their way to the November meeting. Here they were treated to a very interesting presentation on the growing of *Phalaenopsis* orchids by members Chris & Lyn Heysen. We went on their journey of introduction to *Phalaenopsis* orchids in New Guinea and through to the many places they have grown them. Chris & Lyn truly have a passion for *Phalaenopsis*.



We look forward to the next meeting on Sunday 18th December at 2.00pm when Graham Zerbe will be our Guest Speaker. Father Christmas has been invited. Kris Kringle - please bring a gift to the value of \$6-\$10 marked male or female and receive a gift in return.

# November Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

## First Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

754	Sarco. (Ice Magic x Dove)	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
755	Sarco. Highton Magic 'Pink Parade'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

753	Sarco. hartmannii 'Snow White Vivid'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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### Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

750	Cym. Cricket "Rosetta"	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

747	L. (Icarus x Gold Star) x Lc. Trick or Treat	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

748	Lc. Aussie Sunset	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
749	Rth. Momilani Jewel	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

751	Onc. Sunny Daze 'Hilo Bay'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
752	Onc. Summit 'Frenchtown'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

757	Phal. Liu's Fantasy	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
758	Phal. Balden's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
759	Phal. Unknown	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	1

### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

756	Z. Unknown	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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## Second Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

730	Sarco. hartmannii 'Felicity'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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### Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

737	Cym. Unknown	Sid James (170)	3
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### Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

740	Cym. Scallywag 'The Cumpet'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
741	Cym. Piccaninny 'Measles'	Sid James (170)	2
742	Cym. Dean Roesler 'Jaffa'	Sid James (170)	1

### Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

738	Cym. Bunyip 'Pink Possy'	Sid James (170)	3
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### Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

739	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Trish'	Steven Davey (903)	3
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### Laeliinae - Cluster

732	C. Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight'	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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### Laeliinae - Non Standard

733	C. Alexandrina	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
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### Laeliinae - Species

734	Arpophyllum giganteum	Sid James (170)	3
735	L. purpurata x C. Olivia	Gary Clark (224)	2
736	Lc. Gold Digger x Slc. Hawaiian Chic	Gary Clark (224)	1

### Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

731	Blc. Sylvia Fry	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
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### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

743	Onc. Twinkle 'Pink Perfusion'	Sid James (170)	3
744	Onc. Volcano Queen	Sid James (170)	2

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

745	Den. Fairy Flake	Helen Humphrys (445)	3
746	Den . Merlin Flake x nobile	Helen Humphrys (445)	2

## **Orchid Culture Notes for December**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

2016 is about to bite the dust and 2017 awaits us. Most of these notes are for the learners in the clubs and I hope that these and the beginners' group meetings have been useful in helping you understand and improve your culture.

For the rest of the growers I hope they have been helpful even in a small way. We are all into this together and we all need to interact, share ideas and dare to try something different. All the best for Christmas and may Santa bring you many seedlings.

*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.

**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.

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