

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

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PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our guest speaker will be Trevor Garard whose subject will be Orchids in Schools. Trevor is to be congratulated on the efforts he has made to encourage our next generation of orchid growers.

BEGINNERS' GROUP 7.20p.m. Co-ordinator Daniel Lutz.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 10th July 2014 at 2pm. Our guest speaker Lesley Gunn will talk on the Toowoomba Flower Festival.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 20th July 2014 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest Speaker Trevor Jacobs speaking on Mixed General.

WINTER SHOW - ARNDALE SUNDAY 27TH JULY TO 2ND AUGUST 2014

Judging and Put in Time : Saturday 26th July at Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium.

Time : 11.30 am to 12.45 pm

Judging : 1 pm sharp.

After Judging: Plants to be taken to Arndale Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements if you need your plants transported.

Trading Table : Saturday 26th July after 4.30 pm until 5 pm please.

NOTE: Plants cannot be taken into store before 4.30 pm.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Reg Foster, Lesley and Bob Gunn and Colin MacDonald . We hope you have an interesting and enjoyable time with our Club.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Ian Attenborough, Audrey Biebrick, Joy Grund, Mark & Pauline Hockey, Helen Humphries, Syd James, Bruce Kirk, Brian Lyttle, Eddy Podgorski, Keith Sutton, Joy Ward.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

See Heather Wright to put your name in the birthday book.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

APOLOGY: Interstate speaker Geoff Bailey has had to cancel for our meeting on Wednesday 6th of August 2014 due to family commitments. Replacement guest speaker for the night will be Des Betcher.

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ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2014

<u>WINTER SHOW:</u>	SUNDAY 27th JULY TO SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST at Federation, Arndale.
<u>BUS TRIP:</u>	10th AUGUST to the North. Note: No plants will be for sale at Wendy Lodges orchid house.
<u>SOUTHERN GROUP SHOW:</u>	THURSDAY 28th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 31st AUGUST at R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.
<u>SPRING SHOW:</u>	SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER at Colonnades Shopping Centre.
<u>SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP:</u>	FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER at Reg and Elsie's home, 46, Lamont Road, McCracken.
<u>BONSAI CLUB:</u>	SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER DISPLAY AND TRADING TABLE at McLaren Vale.

JUDGES ROSTER 3/7/14

Open Division:	Noel Oliver (Leader), Rowan Crowhurst, Peter Haltis (Recorder).
First Division:	John Gay (Leader), Vicky Cooper, Judy McRedmond (Recorder).
Second Division:	Wendy Lodge (Leader), Ian Attenborough, Graham Zerbe (Recorder).

COMMITTEE 2014

PRESIDENT	Geoffrey Spear
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Donna Meeuwssen
VICE PRESIDENT	Paul Hayes
TREASURER	Barbara Almond
SECRETARY	Lucy Spear
COMMITTEE	Dorothy Carassai, Andrew Lutz, Michael Willoughby, Oui Ju, Heather Wright, Susanna Bratuz, Christine Robertson.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES - One membership covers all groups.

Family membership	\$33.00
Single membership	\$25.00
Junior membership	\$17.00
Rural and Interstate membership	
Family membership	\$29.00
Single membership	\$23.00

SAROC FAIR

The SAROC Fair for 2014 was held at the Torrens Parade Ground on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

Congratulations must go to the Orchidaceous Society for winning the overall Champion Display with their delightful and artistic garden setting.

Our fantastic Cambodian temple display was designed by Paul and Donja Hayes and it received many admiring comments. Many thanks must be given to all the members who assisted in the creation of our wonderful display. Geoff and Lucy Spear must be congratulated on winning the Grand Champion of the Show with their Avril's Gold "Leedham".

The Gawler Orchid Club had an extremely interesting theme of Snakes and Ladders. There were many other displays that were artistically presented.

All the clubs and their members should be congratulated for making the SAROC Fair a great success and for giving the public a great deal of pleasure in seeing the versatility of orchids and hopefully encouraging them to become interested in such wonderful flowers.



Grand Champion *Den. Avril's Gold 'Leedham'*
entered by Geoff & Lucy Spear.



The winning display entered by the South Australian Orchidaceous Society.



The display entered by The South Coast Orchid Club Of South Australia.

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.

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS (CONT.)

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.

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

Select the plants that you want to let go.

- Obtain plant sheets and plant price tags from Lucy in the weeks prior to the sale.
- Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are removed.
- Check all stakes. Add more if needed and re-tie if necessary.
- Remove old brown husks from bulbs.
- Remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
- Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
- Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not add extra milk as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will cause them to yellow and die.
- Water all plants 2 – 3 days before taking them in for sale. PLEASE DO NOT water them on the day you are bringing them in as the water really makes a mess on clothing and everywhere else, eg the floor.

The sales sheets: These have a carbonless copy. Please use both sheets together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page.

- Print your name in the top left hand corner
- Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
- Rule a narrow column down the left hand side of the page. This column is for plant number from 1 – 30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets ie 31 – 60 for page 2 etc.
- A slightly wider column on the right hand side is for the selling price of the plant.
- Be reasonable, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or not. If you are not sure, ask someone. Take into consideration number of spikes and condition of the plant.
- The centre section is for the description eg Cym. Den Cat etc and the name of your plant and colour. Ie Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).

Price tags.

- Member number in top left hand corner.
- Circle the plant number in the right hand top corner.
- Price underneath.

It is a good idea to write this information on both sides of the tag.

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 them in.

You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list.

If this does not correspond, it needs to be attended to.

Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off.

If you need a copy take a third copy for yourself. However, in most cases, you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope that these notes help you. Lucy and I are always around to assist you further if needed. So just ask for help should you need it.

Dorothy

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HAPPY 49TH BIRTHDAY 1st July 2015 is South Coast Orchid Club's 50th Birthday. Celebrations are now being planned.

Steven Stebbings once again gave a brilliant presentation on how we can mount our orchids on boards etc. His plants for sale proved very successful amongst our members. Thank you Steven.

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR. Last year we wrote in the Gazette that the aim of the Fair was to bring to the public the beauty of our hobby. This year I could not help but remember these words. When we left on Friday night we were all very tired. Saturday, walking into this hall was magical (what beauty). Thank you to all concerned for your assistance in creating this wonderful exhibition.

July once again is one of our busiest months. On 2nd July we have Trevor Garard talking on his great project (Orchids in Schools). Trevor is teaching classes at High Schools. He is educating our teenagers how to grow orchids. He is teaching our young people how rewarding this great hobby can be. Thank you Trevor.

Cymbidium Club is holding a Show at Munno Para from Sunday 13th July to Saturday 19th July. Our Show is next at Arndale. Information on the front page. Now that all the renovations are complete, we will be back in our same site in front of Harris Scarfes.

Good growing and showing,
Geoff.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Our guest speakers today were Mr. Neil & Mrs Vicky Cooper, both members of our Club. Neil brought along four lovely examples of glass float bowls (I'm sure all the ladies know what I'm talking about). One bowl each from America, England, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Each bowl was a different colour with a lovely statue in the centre. All lovely to see and admire. Collecting beautiful glass pieces is Neil's passion and he loves hunting around in antique shops and on E-Bay hoping to see something special. Vicky is an avid orchid lover and grower and has progressed along in leaps and bounds over the years now growing many beautiful orchids. She is also an Associate Judge at our Club and doing very well. Vicky did a few simple flower arrangements in these lovely bowls, show-casing orchids of course. These looked great. Thank you both for sharing this with us. Happy hunting Neil and keep up the good work Vicky.

So, as a result of this, I've spent the morning looking in cupboards trying to find my float bowls. Not as grand as Neil's (no centre pieces), but at least one bowl has seen daylight again after many years. Another bowl still eludes me. I have put it somewhere safe probably never to be seen again!

Apologies today from Josephine Ogrowski, Peter and Geraldine Flavel and Margaret Wagner. Hope all's well and see you again soon.

The display table was a bit sparse today. No popular vote today. Plants for display only. Hopefully next month should be a bit better. Geoff did the plant commentary, describing them all and speaking of the growing requirements for these genera, Cymbidiums, Laeliinae and the Oncidium Alliance. This information is always much appreciated by the members. So thanks Geoff. Well done as usual.

Also, congratulations to Geoff and Lucy for having the champion plant at the S.A.R.O.C. Fair this year, with a medal, certificates and ribbons being presented to them. Well done. This champion plant was a specimen sized Australian Native 'Avril's Gold'. Beautifully presented and well grown.

The meeting was closed after another great afternoon. Thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,
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Right: Guest speaker Neil Cooper with some of his glass float bowls.





SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 15th JUNE

Beginners' Group: President Geoff was the speaker at the beginners' group. He spoke about looking after orchids prior to the flowering season.

The president opened the meeting at 2 pm and spoke about SAROC Fair saying that he considered it one of the best to date. He showed the meeting the Winter show brochure for advertising the SRG show.

New Member: Plant and name badges went to the Worthing Family. Welcome to our Club.

Apologies: Veronica Walsh, Syd James and Cliff Wegener.

Lucky Name Badge: Jan Saxon

Guest Speaker: Ron Yates on Intergeneric Oncidiums. Ron's presentation was extraordinary. He had a very well collated DVD on his subject which generated much interest with many questions at the end of the presentation.

Next meeting : Sunday 20th July. Guest speaker will be Trevor Jacobs talking on Mixed Genera.

Judges: Noel Oliver and John Gay.

Plant of the Day: Gsl. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold' benched by Ruth Tugwell

Popular Vote: Den. (Rosella x Kiagi Zhun) also benched by Ruth Tugwell

SRG June Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte – Hybrid

169	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'	Eileen Pinnock	3
170	Den. (Rosella x Kiagi Zhun)	Ruth Tugwell	2
176	Den. Mem. Lillian Warren	Shirley Greig	1

Laeliinae – Standard under 100 mm

172	C. Portiata 'Mel'	Val Phillips	3
173	Pot. Roy's Magic 'Janet'	Eileen Pinnock	2

Laeliinae – Cluster

177	Gsl. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'	Ruth Tugwell	3
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Laeliinae – Species

178	Laelia <i>anceps</i> Waverley'	Eileen Pinnock	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid – under 60 mm.

179	Degarmoara Mosaic	Eileen Pinnock	3
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Paphiopedilum – Non Standard

180	Paph. Crossianum	Ruth Tugwell	3
181	Paph. Lady Light 'Alba'	Ruth Tugwell	2
182	Paph. (Maudiae 'Magnificant' x Dorary 'Angelic'	Ruth Tugwell	1

Zygopetalinae – Hybrid

183	Z. Artur Elle 'Arandel'	Shirley Greig	3
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Popular Vote

Den. (Rosella x Kiagi Zhun)	Ruth Tugwell
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Plant of the Day

Gsl. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'	Ruth Tugwell
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Flower of the Day was *Ctt.* Adelaide Ablaze
'Fiery Gold' benched by Ruth Tugwell.



Popular vote winner was *Den.* (Rosella x Kiangi
Zhun) also benched by Ruth Tugwell.

Noel Oliver presenting Ruth Tugwell with her 2 prizes for
winning both Flower of the Day and Popular Vote.



June Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

163	Den. Avril's Gold	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
164	Den. Colonial Campio	John & Bev Gay (65)	2
165	Den. Aussie Child	John & Bev Gay (65)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

170	Cym. Jessie's Dream	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

171	Cym. (Yellow River x Mesa Zia)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

169	Cym. Lady Tracey 'Houghton'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

168	Cym. Beautiful Friend	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

172	Cym. Plush Canyon 'Queen of Hearts'	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

167	L. anceps var. Chamberlains	Leon Crowhurst (934)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

166	Slc. Dal's Elite	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

173	Blira. Spiderman 'Teflon No.2'	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
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Oncidiinae - Species

174	Onc. pulvinatum	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

176	Den. Baby Dionella	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Species

175	Z. crinitum	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
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First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

177	Den. Beryl Wuth '2'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

188	Cym. Valley Coral 'Gemini'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

185	Cym. Artful Magic 'Martina'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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186	Cym. Artful Magic 'Martina'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
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187	Cym. Melanie 'Sorcerer'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	1
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Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

184	Cym. (tracyanum x Mount Etna) =Cym. Memoria Lewis Moore	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	3
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Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

191	Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

189	Cym. Cherry Cola 'May Day'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Species

192	Cym. dayanum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

190	Cym. (Delores Hoyt x Tom Thumb)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

181	C. percivaliana 'Summit'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
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183	Psh. cochleata	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

180	Thw. [Blc.] Momilani Rainbow x Sc. [Slc.] Red Jewel	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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182	C. Portia	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
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June Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division (cont.)

Oncidiinae – Hybrid < 60mm

196 Onc. Sharry Baby 'Taida' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

193 Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni' Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

194 Dgmra. Mosaic Eileen Pinnock (519) 2

195 Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 1

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

197 Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

198 Paph. (Olivia x Maudiae) 'Gothic' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

199 Z. Voyager x Zga. Adelaide Meadows
= Zga. OCSA. Platinum Surprise Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 3

200 Z. Titanic 'Monarch' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2

201 Z. Kiwi Fifty One 'KI' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 1

Zygopetalinae - Species

202 Z. mackayi William Clark (407) 3

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

207 Den. Hilda Poxon Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

212 Cym. Seven Waterfalls 'Jack' Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 3

213 Cym. Three Sixes Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 2

214 Cym. Three Sixes Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 1

Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown

210 Cym. (Valley Freeman x Celebrity Girl) Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 3

Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

211 Cym. (Peter Pan x Wyanga) = Cym. Mini Verd Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 3

Cymbidium under 60- any other colour

216 Cym. (Cherry Blossum x dayanum) Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

215 Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Laeliinae - Cluster

208 Ctt. Portia 'Baronessa' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

209 Epi. (Suede Rose x Pacific Glory) David Williams (1351) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

218 Odcdm.[Colm]. Wildcat Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

217 Iono. Popcorn Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

219 Onc. ornithorhynchum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Zygopetalinae - Species

220 Z. mackayi Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

June Plant Commentary

FLOWER OF FIRST DIVISION AND FLOWER OF THE NIGHT: *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit' was grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. This species *Cattleya* has unifoliate leaves, with four inflorescences carrying two flowers each. The colour a pale pink/mauve, the lip is a deep purple grading up to a yellow throat and the flowers are finished off with a contrasting lighter coloured fringe around the edge of the lip. A plant that anyone would be proud to have in their collection.



Flower of First Division and Flower of the Night was *C. percivaliana* 'Summit' benched by Oui Ju and Michael Willoughby.

FLOWER OF OPEN DIVISION: *Dendrobium* Baby Dionella was grown by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. This very well grown orchid had four canes and one very tall cane having two inflorescences carrying fifteen plus large flowers each. Each petal was a deep purple/pink grading white up towards the base of the lip, which was also a deep purple/pink with a white pollen cap. The species in the background results in the slight twisting of the flower segments.



Flower of Open Division was *Den.* Baby Dionella benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel.



June Plant Commentary (cont.)

FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION: *Odontocidium* [*Colmanara*] Wildcat was grown by Paul and Donja Hayes. This beautiful plant had one very tall upright inflorescence with five branching flower spikes, each carrying four to five flowers each, and leading up to a small top spike with eight flowers standing tall above. The deep burgandy petals and dorsal each tipped with yellow/green, and an amazing skirt of vermillion red/brown and a most unusual pattern at the top of each lip, a very clean and well grown plant.



Flower of Second Division was *Col.* Wildcat
benched by Paul and Donya Hayes.



POPULAR VOTE WINNER: *Oncidium pulvinatum* was grown by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. This plant had fifteen inflorescences with just so many flower spikes attached to each. The flowers skirt was lemon with tan spots and the dorsal and the petals were tan grading up to lemon. A very clean plant with masses of very tiny flowers, probably a 1,000 plus, a really eye catching orchid.



Popular vote winner *Onc.* *pulvinatum* benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel.

SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT: *Cymbidium* Jessie's Dream was grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey. This plant had one tall strong inflorescence carrying eleven mushroom/pink flowers, with fine white stripes. The lip was white with a burgundy patterns around the edge, a really striking attractive lip, when this plant grows up it will make a lovely specimen.



Seedling of the Night was *Cym.* Jessie's Dream benched by Pauline and Mark Hocky.

MEMBERS PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST WITH YOUR PLANT LABELS
THE FOLLOWING ORCHIDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR GENUS CHANGE

<u>Grower Number</u>	<u>Crossing</u>	<u>Registration</u>
302	Z. Voyager x Zga. Adelaide Meadows	Zga. OCSA. Platinum Surprise
357	<i>Cym.</i> (<i>tracyanum</i> x Mount Etna)	<i>Cym.</i> Memoria Lewis Moore
709	<i>Cym.</i> (Peter Pan x Wyanga)	<i>Cym.</i> Mini Verd
1129	<i>Colm.</i> Wildcat	<i>Odcdm.</i> [<i>Colm.</i>]. Wildcat `
1141	<i>Blc.</i> Momilani Rainbow x <i>Slc.</i> Red Jewel	<i>Thw.</i> [<i>Blc.</i>] Momilani Rainbow x <i>Sc.</i> [<i>Slc.</i>] Red Jewel
1252	Z. Kiwi Fiftyone 'KI'	Z. Kiwi Fifty One 'KI'

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No guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.

Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.

E. & O. E.

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PUBLIC LIABILITY

Under insurance guidelines all members attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign an attendance sheet.

Orchid Culture Notes for July

As cold and wet as July can be there is plenty happening in the orchid house. With spring only a mere few weeks away our plants will soon be picking up the gradual lengthening of days and will soon initiate the beginnings of a new season. How short is a year in orchid growing?

Protection of your plants still remains a priority this month. With many plants in spike or in the process of initiating spikes we must ensure we keep up the protection from the elements, pests and diseases. It is definitely a time also to observe your collection, identify any problems occurring and act now, not later when it is too late.

Both the middle of summer and the middle of winter are the times of the year where the stresses of our climate show up the most in our collections. This time of year it is the effects of being cold and wet that wreaks havoc. Root loss is common, yet the effects may not show up for some time and usually when it does in some cases can be too late. Fungal spots become evident, leaves yellow and drop off and watery patches creeping up the leaf are signs all is not well. Bulb rot is usually quite severe this time of the year. Plants from climates where the winters are dry will suffer the most. A plant will survive cold temperatures if kept on the drier side but the same cannot be said if they remain wet.

Many problems in the collection can be reduced or eliminated with good culture and a diary. We all know that pests and diseases generally attack weakened plants first. If these pests and diseases are prevalent take a good look at your collection and your environments, both in and around the orchid house. Common problems are poor culture and lack of protection, the wrong plants growing in the wrong spot, insufficient light, overcrowding, too much shade, poorly drained mediums, over wetness and dryness and so on. All of this weakens your plants and makes them more susceptible to pest and diseases. Don't be afraid to get someone in and look at your collection if you have some problems. Many a time a fresh set of eyes will soon point out something you can't see.

In the shade house July will see the peak flowering of the *Oncidium* complex and even now new growth can be seen forming at the bases of last year's made up bulb. After flowering most of these do need a rest where watering is reduced for awhile and feeding stops. Don't dry out fully though. Many bulbs will shrivel after flowering and drop a leaf or two. Roots will also seal off. This is normal with some *Oncidiums* so don't panic. Inexperienced growers usually reach for the hose, thinking the plant is thirsty and end up wiping out the root system so the poor old orchids end up putting all energies in re establishing a root system. There are also plenty of *Oncidium* intergenerics around that are worth a go and some of these can be out in flower nearly any month of the year. They certainly give you an extension to your growing season, a bit like what the hot/cold natives give to the normal native epiphyte flowering season. A few examples of some of the easier ones are the Colmanaras and Beallaras, Wilsonaras & the Burragearas. They are easy to flower and grow in our climate but do better with cover this time of year.

Zygopetalums are still flowering on and off. Keep these evenly moist and feed every fortnight at half strength. Whilst winter slows them their metabolism does not stop completely. Just like a cymbidium, most Zygopetalums are always doing something whether it's flowering, developing and maturing new growth or initiating new growth. As Zygopetalums flower off new growths the accent to feeding these would be something a bit more nitrogen to build up that new growth after the stresses of flowering. Try and spray with fungicide every 2 months or so if spotting on the leaves is severe. Try some of the newer breeding and intergenerics as they appear to be less likely to spot. For example the Zygonerias are producing nice clean compact plants. There is not much in the way of pests with Zygopetalums until spring when the looper caterpillar parade kicks in. Keep slug/snail pellets in and around the Zygopetalum pots, especially those in spike. Big fat Zygopetalum spikes are high on the slugs menu tonite.

We start seeing more of the standard Paphiopedilums on the show bench from now. These also need protection over winter, especially those in spike. Slugs will soon make a meal out of a spike. Even a slight chomp will severely hamper the flower development and most likely cause the spike to break under the weight of the flower. Keep water, snail pellets and fertiliser out of the axils as these will encourage rot and considering you usually only get one flower per growth it is a long wait till next year to see your plant flower. Keep moist, fertilise fortnightly at weak concentrations and don't forget to flush the plants pots occasionally with rainwater to wash out the salts. It is a pity we don't see as many of the standards as yesteryear as more growers lean towards the novelty and multi floral type. For those wanting to branch out into Paphiopedilums see you can grab a piece of Paph. *insigne*. These are a great beginner's Paphiopedilum to start with.

Orchid Culture Notes for July (cont.)

Flowering of the Laeliniiae complex has thinned out and it is usually the species *L. anceps* and the very showy long stemmed variety *chamberlains* most often seen this time year. These are easy to grow and the flowers last a long time and don't the slugs love them. Keep them moist as well. In nature they are often wet and very cold at night and handle our winters well but the delicate flowers must be protected otherwise they spot badly. After flowering they send out another lot of new roots as well so the plant can replace its reserves ahead of the new growing season. I feed with a balanced feed of Miracle Grow and Powerfeed, and if not the Powerfeed then use some Seasol to aid the root development. They grow in plain medium bark and they do well as a hanging plant. I have tried coco peat as an additive and that will be the first and last time! The roots I have found with my culture do not like it with the roots aborting the moment they touch it. This is one of most important aspects to growing and it is called observation. The coco peat has been washed thoroughly and I have mostly watered with rainwater and these plants were rarely fed after division last spring so it is not salt that is causing the problem. Regardless if I leave them there any longer I might as well bin them now. Autumn flowering plants are relatively dormant now but the spring flowering ones are growing well with new roots and maturing growths. Needless to say these plants are grown in a warmer and protected environment. For the newer growers it is best to stick with those Cattleyas and related genera that flower in the late summer to early winter. Their growth period is over our spring and summer and their dormant period is over winter. As long as they kept on the drier side with some cover they handle winters well.

Now is the time Cymbidiums that flower in spring will soon break sheath and this is the most important time for them. Not only do we need protection from slugs and snails and the rain that will mark our buds we also need to look at how we are going to train them. Whether we are aiming for a straight, decorative or pendulous habit now is the time we start to train them. If you have a new Cymbidium to your collection and you are not sure about the habit of that particular clone or species, ask around. Trying to stake a Cymbidium against its habit will only lead to heartache and a funny looking spike. Another area where the newer grower's fail to some extent is managing the colours. It is not that important yet as they break sheath but a bit later on as they lengthen the correct light or lack of will have a huge bearing on the flowers and the colour. We will have more on this later. Feeding your Cymbidiums now switches to something with a little more nitrogen in it as you should start seeing new growths initiating.

Native epiphytes also break sheath now and also need cover, a slug baiting programme and watch out for aphids as they home in on the new buds. If possible get them under cover even before they break sheath for best results.

Terrestrial orchids will start flowering in greater numbers now. Keep these moist too but avoid over wetness as they are prone to damping off, especially in poorly drained mixes. For those growing the South African terrestrial species *Stenoglottis* cut off the flowering spikes now, even if they are in flower to force a short but beneficial rest. Remove rotting leaves and dry out slightly. Avoid disturbing these plants to ensure better flowering.

Weeds are usually a problem over winter so make sure you remove them before they flower or get too established in the pot. Their fine roots will break down mixes more rapidly and reduce the all important drainage. Oxalis is a real pest in this regard, especially if left to grow a taproot that is very hard to pull out.

That sees out July. In general like June, this is a protection month with more emphasis on protection than anything else as many more plants begin their flowering season. Next month is August and before months end the first warmish days that remind us that spring is just around the corner.

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

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

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

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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