

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

May
2016



PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby
PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8.00 pm. on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe who will talk on 'Mackay Conference'. Please do not miss this excellent presentation.

- **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 May 4th at 7.20 pm with Kevin Trevan talking on **Zygopetalums**. Please support the Beginners Group. The presenters have put a lot of effort into their presentations and you will certainly learn a lot.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 12th May 2016 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Phil Steer on Marina Bay Sands Garden, Singapore. Beginners' Group at 1.30 pm with Geoff Spear.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP: The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 15th May 2016 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Geoff Spear speaking on Cymbidiums.

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

AUTUMN SHOW – JUDGING ROSTER

Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road Mitchell Park

Saturday 30th April 2016. (Put In 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. Judging starts 1.00 pm.)

Team 1

Team Leader : Noel Oliver
Rayne Riggs
Vicky Cooper
Recorder : Beth Stronach

Team 2

Team Leader : Lesley Gunn
Rowan Crowhurst
Ron Yates
Recorder : Susy Bratuz

Team 3

Team Leader : Steve Howard
John Gay
Wendy Lodge
Recorder : Helen McIntosh

Team 4

Team Leader : Graham Zerbe
Trevor Jacob
Peter Haltis
Recorder : David Hayhurst

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2016

May 2016

04 Main meeting - Graham Zerbe on the Mackay Conference
11 Committee Meeting
12 Daytime Chapter - Phil Steer
15 Southern Region Group- G. Spear Cymbidiums

June 2016

01 Main meeting - Stephen Monkhouse
08 Committee Meeting
09 Daytime Chapter - Graham Morris on Watering Systems and Hybridising
19 Southern Region Group

July 2016

06 Main meeting - Steve Howard on Catacetrums
13 Committee Meeting
14 Daytime Chapter
17 Southern Region Group - Peter Hall on Bromeliads

August 2016

03 Main meeting - Lesley Gunn on Thailand
10 Committee Meeting
11 Daytime Chapter
21 Southern Region Group—Graham Zerbe on Thailand

September 2016

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

October 2016

05 Main meeting - Ron Parish on Species
12 Committee Meeting
13 Daytime Chapter
16 Southern Region Group - George Abel 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
May 4th	Kevin Trevan	Zygo[etalums
June 1st	TBA	TBA
July 6 th	TBA	TBA

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2016 PROGRAMME

Date	Speaker	Subject
May15th	Geoff Spear	Cymbidiums
June 19th	TBA	TBA
July 17th	Peter Hall	Bromeliads
August 21st	Jane Higgs	Thailand
September 18th	TBA	TBA
October 16th	George Abel	Sarcochilus
November 20th	Chris & Lyn Heysen	Phalaenopsis
December 18th	Graham Zerbe	TBA

FUND RAISER B.B.Q. AT BUNNINGS NOARLUNGA

6 Committee members met at Bunnings at 7.45 am to set up. Rain had been forecast but it turned out to be a great Autumn Day. The Sausage Sizzle turned out to be a great success. Thank you to committee and members for helping out on the day. It was tiring but very rewarding.

Thank you to Bunnings for all the Sausage Sizzles they put on during the year at all their outlets to assist Clubs and different Organisations.

SENIOR'S VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Apologies for Michael and Oui as they are on their way back from Europe, so I am filling in with a Seniors Vice Presidents Message.



Most important Issue is the Autumn Show put in on the Saturday 30th April.

Autumn Orchids at the moment, not many flowering, so please have one last look and bring that extra one along for judging, and putting in the display.

Many very elderly people from the Senior Citizens' Complex over the road from Pasadena get so much pleasure from seeing our display.

This year we are situated by Dan Murphy's at the top of the escalator. Please remember if you are a new grower or first time showing and need help, **ring Lucy on 8381 4420.**

Once again the Bunning's BBQ was a great Success, raising funds for our Orchid Club, thank you to all members who helped make it a great day.

May looks like at this stage not much rain around. Please keep the water up to your Orchids, Place snail bait on your pots to ward off the little critters, also place a stake by your flowering spike to protect it from being damaged as it grows.

Fertilize your Orchids weekly, (weak solution of fertilizer) and make sure they are all protected from the elements as they still need fresh air around them.

Good growing and good luck at the show.

Geoff.

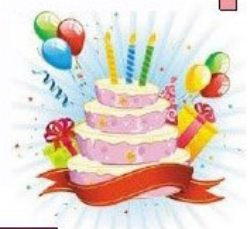
BIRTHDAY DRAW

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



Happy Birthday

**GEOFF SPEAR
HELEN HUMPHRIES**



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ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2016

AUTUMN SHOW

Sunday 1st May to Saturday 7th May at Five Ash Drive, Pasadena

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall, King William Street, Adelaide

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

LIFE MEMBERS - * denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave
1978 Leora Harvey
1978 L. & H. Poole*
1978 Ellie Shaw*
1979 Syd Monkhouse
1979 Bernie Hanson*
1981 Lois Hanson*
1981 John Leader*
1985 Brenda Lynch
1985 Bubs Gready *
1986 Harry Viney *
1986 John Nichols
1989 Helen Edwards
2003 Norman Gitcham

2005 Merve Steele*
2005 Shirley Steele
Circa Tony and Toshy Deonno*
2007 Ron and Irene Parish
2007 Murray Baulderstone *
2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear
2009 Don Biebrick
2009 Henk Van Leuveran
2010 Dorothy Carassai
2011 John and Bev Gay
2012 Noel Oliver
2015 Lesley Fenton
2015 Rod McRedmond
2015 Lesley Fenton

This list is still being compiled.

AUTUMN SHOW
PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE
SUNDAY 1ST MAY TO SATURDAY 7TH MAY

NOTE: PUT IN DATE is the last day of April.

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. **REMINDER:** To sell your plants at the Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for 6 months.

JUDGING: Saturday 30th April at Hamilton Secondary School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium. **PUT IN TIME:** 11.30a.m. to 12.45p.m. **JUDGING:** 1.00p.m. Sharp. After judging, plants are to be taken to Pasadena Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements to take your plants from Hamilton School to Pasadena.

TRADING TABLE: Set Up 30th April between 3.30p.m. and 5.00p.m. Please note **PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4.00p.m.**

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

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



SUBSCRIPTIONS

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE, if you have not yet paid. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

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

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

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

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

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

Dorothy

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.

Autumn Show Schedule

CLASSES	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native. Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium. All sizes and colours Species Specimen Seedling.	Best Cymbidium	Champion Cymbidium
Paphiopedilum. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Paphiopedilum	Champion Paphiopedilum
Laeliinae. Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae. Oncidium Hybrid <60mm. <i>Oncidium</i> . Hybrid >60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalinae. Zygopetalum Hybrid Zygopetalinae Hybrid. Zygopetalinae Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
Phalaenopsis. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	Champion Any Other Genus
Dendrobium. (other than Aust. Native) Hybrid. Species, Seedling.	Best <i>Dendrobium</i>	
Vandaeae. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Vandaeae	
Any Other Genus. Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	
THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS, CHAMPION SEEDLING, CHAMPION SPECIES. CHAMPION SPECIMEN AND DIVISION CHAMPIONS		

APRIL PLANT COMMENTARY

This month saw a good number of plants across all 3 divisions with Open Division having 14 plants, First Division with 8 plants and a very pleasing 12 plants in Second Division. Open Division continues to show us some very different plants with a couple of early Cymbidiums on the table. There were a number of very nice Oncidiinae plants, all well grown and providing us with attractive blooms.

Orchid of Open Division & Orchid of the night.

The plant chosen by the Judges was *Onc Sharry Baby* grown by Robert & Lesley Gunn. Rowan Crowhurst gave a very interesting commentary on this plant. This plant had quite large flowers for this hybrid with rich cherry red/ brown & white with a pink flush. It had very long inflorescence with many branches. The flowers were very glossy with a nice perfume. These are becoming increasingly popular as they are easy to grow in a shade house. A very well grown plant that had great appeal. Congratulations Robert & Lesley.



Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Paul & Donja Hayes. The plant was *Gastrochilus retrocallis*. This was an amazing little plant on a mount with tiny delicate flowers. (taking photos of the flowers was a real challenge !) Noel gave us some interesting background to the plant. It is a species grown in Taiwan and found in forests 500 to 1500 metres throughout the island. It grows in dappled light and cool to warm conditions 14 degrees to 24 degrees at night and flowers with 1-4 flowers per spike. Thank You Paul and Donja for sharing this beautiful little plant with us.

Orchid of Second Division

The plant of Second Division of which John Gay gave the commentary was Pot Jani Miki 'Yasuda' grown by Vera Bastian. This was a beautifully presented plant with 2 spikes with 2 flowers on each. The flowers were an attractive purple with a deep purple lip. A worthy winner. Well Done, Vera and keep bringing in those winning plants.



April Guest Speaker Trevor Garard
being thanked by Geoff Spear

Big Thank You.

It would be remiss of me to not register a big thank you to 3 very dedicated Judges in Noel Oliver, John Gay and Rowan Crowhurst, who between them have managed all of the judging in the recent months. Steps are being taken to swell the judges numbers and we look forward to providing some extra assistance for them in the near future. Thanks guys for a terrific effort.

Good Growing !
Phil Steer- Registrar

April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

482 Sarco. Bonanzo 'Rowie'

Kevin Western (155)

3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

491 Cym. Michael Herbert 'Anzac'

Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)

3

492 Cym. Autumn Cadillac

Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)

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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

490 Cym. Sundaani Oracle

Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)

3

Laeliinae - Cluster

487 Ctt. Meadli x C. amethystoglossa

Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

3

April Results List cont.

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

483	C. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	2
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

485	Onc. Sharry Baby	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
486	Alcra. Samurai	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
499	Alcra. Samurai	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

484	Alcra. Path Finda x Gom. enderianum	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

488	Den. Salaya Pink	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
489	Phrag. Callurum	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

493	Cym. Sundaani Oracle	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
494	Cym. Autumn Cadillac	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

479	Den. Desmond Dazzler	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

475	Cym. (Kellys Winter x Lunar Kira)	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

474	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

478	Onc. Sherry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

476	Milt. Cogniauxiae	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
477	Blira. Gothic	Bill Jayne (1180)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

480	Gastrochilus retrocallis	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
481	Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	2

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

461	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Bordom'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

460	Den. lithocola	Suzy Bratuz (381)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

472	Cym. (Golden Elf x Lovely Bunny)	Betty Ms Osmond (897)	3
469	Cym. Golden Elf	David Williams (1351)	2

Laeliinae - Cluster

464	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	David Williams (1351)	3
465	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Heather Wright (868)	2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

466	Lc. Rudak	Christine Robertson (661)	3
467	Rlc. Lion Hope 'Chief Mary'	Christine Robertson (661)	2

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

462	Rlc. Jan Miki 'Yasuda'	Vera Bastian (978)	3
463	Rlc. Pumpkin Festival	Jack Cronshaw (505)	2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

473	Onc. Unknown	David Wallis (574)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

470	Brat. Aztec 'Toni'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
471	Brat. Aztec 'Toni'	Suzy Bratuz (381)	2

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

468	Lc. Rudak	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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2016 SAROC ORCHID FAIR

Venue: The Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, North terrace, Adelaide at the rear of Government House. Free Parking on Parade Grounds.

Set Up: Friday 17 June Hall will open 10.00 am for set up and 12 noon for displays. Helpers are needed please.

Displays: to be completed by 5.00pm

Judging: 6.00 pm - award judging - notify Roger Rankine.

Show: Opening hours for Halls are: Saturday 18 June 9.00am – 5.00pm and Sunday 19 June 9.00am - 4.00pm

Dinner: Hampstead Hotel, 143 North East Road, Collinswood commencing at 6.30 pm. Members wishing to attend please see Lucy at May meeting or phone on 8381 4420. This is an exciting night. Lets organise a group of South Coast members to attend.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Another great chapter today. Our Beginners Group was very well attended. Phil Steer was the teacher, his subject being “The Art of Mounting” in other ways apart from potting up the orchids. Phil did an excellent job, bringing in many examples to show us. I am sure everyone is busy this morning looking around to see how they can implement this way of doing things. It sometimes helps to better show off the plant and flowers.

Thanks Phil, well done, I hope your health has greatly improved over night.

Apologies today from Mr George Abell who is not feeling well. Hope all is well for today George. Take care.

Cheerio also to all our members not feeling 100%.

We had a quiet talk today regarding the passing of Lance. He was such a happy chappy, always smiling. He and Bill Trevaskis were always looking out for each other. Condolences to Barbara and family. We at the afternoon group will miss him as well. He really loved his plants and was always happy to share.

Mr Graham Zerbe was our guest speaker for the main group today, sharing a very interesting and informative powerpoint presentation of the Mackay Conference last year. Nicely presented, lovely Orchid Displays were shown plus other plants, sugar cane fields and factory, trains and wildlife, excellent accommodation with views. All in all an interesting scenic view of all things. Thank you Graham and Sue for sharing this with us great jokes. Graham also did our plant commentary sharing lots of information relating to the different genera on display. Thanks a lot Graham, well done.



Peter and Geraldine Flavel's plant was voted best on the day. This was an unusual plant that you do not see around much, **Brassavola x Nodossa** with pale cream flowers with brown markings. It was really lovely to see it, so well done you two, and thanks for bringing it in.

Please members, don't forget our show at Pasadena, help is needed on the trading table. Ring me **Dorothy on 8277 1793 if you can help on the trading table.**

The meeting was closed.
Thanking in all attendance.
Bye
Dorothy

Plant of the Day:
Brassavola x Nodossa
Grown By Peter and Geraldine Flavel



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

Beginners Group: Geoff Spear talked on the things that need to be done at this time of year to keep the orchids growing well and producing new inflorescences.

The Southern Region Convenor, Geoff Spear, opened the meeting at 2 pm. welcoming members and visitors, and Guest Speaker, Phil Steer. Geoff asked members if they had been to the Festival of Flowers, and talked about the Main Group Show on the 1st May

Apologies: Bev and John Gay

Birthday Draw: Chris Heysen

Guest Speaker: Phil Steer gave a wonderful presentation of the Marina Bay Sands Garden in Singapore. Beautiful orchids, lots of Vandas, slippers, and Phalaenopsis growing in beautifully designed tropical gardens. Thank you Phil for sharing this lovely Garden with us.

Plant Commentary: Noel Oliver

Plant of the day: *Den* Hilda Poxon 'Ern' - Eileen Pinnock

Plant of First Division: *Den* Hilda Poxon 'Ern' - Eileen Pinnock

Popular vote: *Burr* Pacific Panache 'Kenny Boy' - Ruth and Keven Tugwell

Next meeting: Sunday 15th May 2016, time 1.30p.m. Guest speaker will be Geoff Spear talking about Cymbidiums.

Beginners Group will be taken by John Gay.



Guest Speaker - Phil Steer

April Results List

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

492	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour

494	Cym. Valley Palace 'Snow Queen'	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

493	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin '	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

498	Burr. Pacific Panache 'Kenny Boy'	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
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499	Onc. Sweet Sugar	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

495	Onc. Speckled Spine 'Whisp'	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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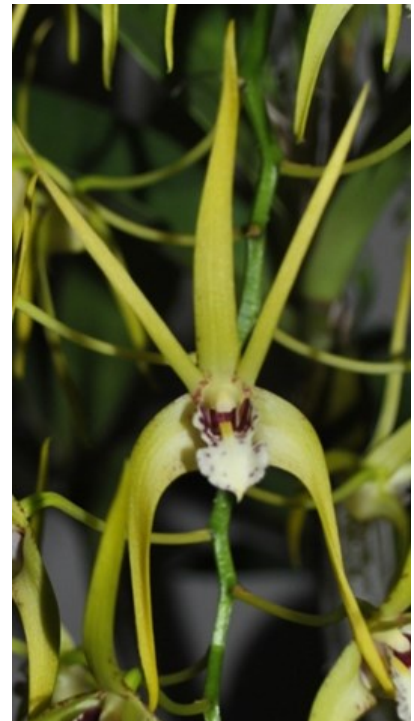
496	Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumfelt	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
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497	Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumfelt	Eileen Pinnock (519)	1
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

500	Sngl. longifolia	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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501	Phal. faciata	Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
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Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'
Grown by Eileen Pinnock





Popular Vote:

Burr. Pacific Panache 'Kenny Boy'

Grown by Ruth & Keven Tugwell

Orchid Culture Notes for May

May usually sees the true break in season when the warm balmy days of autumn are replaced by the cold of winter. Weather can be erratic this month with temperatures up in the high 20's down to the low teens. Usually the first frosts happen this month especially if the air remains dry. I do remember one May where we had an exceptional run of days over 25c with light winds but in general may is the one month where the north westerlies increase and rainfall becomes more reliable towards the end of the month. This means provision of additional cover should now be a consideration. Ideally most enclosures for our plants should have a section with a hard roof to keep plants dry or at least some plastic sheeting to provide some level of cover. I opt for the opal colour polycarbonate sheet that provides 55% shade cover as the next few months sees the sun low in the sky and light levels need to be maximised for most genera this time of year. Solar weave is a useful temporary cover as well.

Another recommendation for the cover is that many of our plants are now or about to go into spike. Wet developing flower heads will mark or be affected with various fungal problems so that little extra cover will make all the difference and you have the added bonus that you can work with your plants even if it is raining.

Also inspect your plants and make adjustments to those that are unstable as we don't want that nice specimen covered in flower spikes falling over during the next gale do we? Check hanging plants next time you water or it rains and take notice where the water drips down as you don't want it dripping onto another plant below or eroding the soil based mix that homes the terrestrials. Even dew condensing off a hard roof can cause issues for the unfortunate plants below it.

Watering should be reduced now as the cooler weather and higher humidity means our pots don't dry out so fast and secondly many plants are now entering a rest phase. Typical genera that require resting periods are the native epiphytes, cattleyas and oncidiums. Many other genera continue to grow albeit a little more slowly and these include cymms, zygoes, sarcochilus and paphiopedilums to name a few. Resting plants should receive little or no water for long periods during their rest, depending on the genera, and no fertiliser as they won't use it. If anything, feeding a resting plant may prove a disaster to the root system so when the plant breaks dormancy in spring it uses up all energy into replacing the lost root system at the expense of strong new growth.

You will find many resting plants bulbs and canes will shrivel, some quite markedly. This is quite normal. Some lose their leaves entirely. For example catasetums and some lycaste's. These stay fully dry as they grow a new root system every year.

If I do water any of the resting plants I will give them a little drink and only in the mornings on a rising temperature. The bulbs and canes fill out quite quickly again. In nature despite enduring up to 6 months without any rain they do experience heavy dews at night that moistens the bark and mosses they attach to so they never really go totally without a drink. Those plants that are always on the move can continue to be fed and watered at a reduced rate to that which applies during the main growing season.

Feeding wise should be reduced to fortnightly and again in the mornings so plants are dry by nightfall. May usually gives us a good indication of what will flower winter and spring and most plants are fed with the high potash, blossom booster feeds to strengthen the racemes and help bring out the colours.

Slugs and snails are now on the move so particular attention to a baiting programme should now be in place especially for those pots full of spikes. Use the blue pellets as they last longer and don't turn into a hairy monster within a few days. There is usually an autumn flush of looper caterpillars as well so ensure you have some dipel at hand if their numbers are out of hand, otherwise learn to observe the damage they cause to the undersides of the plants leaves and squish them. Soft leaved plants such as zygopetalums and phaius are prone to attack. I have heard that it's best to spray dipel in the evenings as the grubs continue to feed at night and the spray stays wet much longer giving a more effective result. Ensure both sides of the leaves are covered. If the solution won't stick because the plants leaves have a waxy coating then add a few drops of dishwashing detergent as a wetting agent. Keep an eye out for any ant movements now as well. These little up to no good critters are most likely introducing some unwanted pests into our collection. Soft scale is one which can be fixed up with malathion and white oil or a product called malascale cleans them up nicely. Spray the cymms now before the spikes emerge from their protective sheaths for those that flower for the spring shows.

Mealy bugs are the other problem that once in the collection are very hard to eradicate as apart from living in the leaves and bracts also move into the potting mix where they avoid sprays. Confidor will clean them up. If you have mealies then I suggest you keep the plants isolated from the rest of the collection and very clean. Meaning ensure all leaf bracts are inspected and persistent leaf bases are removed as these are prime hiding places. In severe cases of infestation it is easier to ditch the whole plant rather than try and control it and have it transfer to other plants in the collection. Other chores for May are the cleaning up of our plants and weeding. I find after a rain removal of leaf bracts from my cymbidiums and zygopetalums is much easier. Be careful you don't damage the new growths that start showing this time of year.

Many flowering plants now needing staking and ensure they are not tightly tied to the stakes as the spikes are usually growing quickly and need not be fully restricted by ties. Also once staked in position it is important not to move the plants around as the spikes will twist and contort trying to follow the sun if they keep getting moved around. A spray with mancozeb is always a good bet this time of year to help eliminate some fungal problems associated with this time of year and don't forget foliar feeding either. Even though a plant's roots have gone into dormancy, the plant will still accept nourishment via its leaves.

It is now time to inspect the natives. Most of them will now begin to show the start of their flowering buds. It is certainly a time of year I get excited. Remove any dead leaves and hang them high and dry.

Many plants will shed a few leaves and cymbidiums are no exception. Mostly it is the odd leaf on an old matured growth. If there are many yellowing leaves on the one plant it would pay to feel the bulb. Bulb rot has been common this year given the heat of summer and the extended Indian Summer of March and April. A soft bulb is a dead giveaway of bulb rot and more often than not it is fatal, especially on smaller plants. It would pay to dispose of any plants where the rot is significant unless it is a prized plant in which case you do what you can to save it. Place the pot and the mix into the rubbish and not the compost heap, otherwise the problem will spread. Spread the plants out and spray with a preventative fungicide, plants, pots and benches in the immediate area where the infection was noticed. Poor air movement from overcrowding is a common cause of this problem.

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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 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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