



**June  
2009**

*The  
South  
Coast  
Orchid  
Club  
Inc.  
Gazette*

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**AT A GLANCE**

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 at St. Bernadettes Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's.

Main feature Dendi Orchids, Griffith, New South Wales. Speaker: Prop. Of Dendi Orchids Dennis and Dianne Diehm. Subject Phalaenopsis.

**BEGINNERS GROUP**

Brian Lyttle will be talking about how he grows Zygopetalums his way. Please be in attendance by 7.15 for 7.20 start.

**DAYTIME GROUP:** The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 2pm. Guest speaker: Brian Lyttle, Growing Zygopetalums my way.

**SPECIES GROUP**

The next meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP:** The next meeting will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at 2.00pm in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Beginner's Class 1.30-2.00pm. Guest Speaker John Gay on Cattleyas

**VIETNAMESE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 1.45pm in the library at The Parks Community Centre (Room No. 1). Please bring along your plants for us to see.

**S.A.R.O.C. FAIR**

Pulteney Grammar School, South Terrace, Adelaide.

**Put in Friday 5th June at 6.00pm.** Drive in, drop plants off, no problems with parking on South Terrace.

**FAIR: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 12.00-5.00pm**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am-4.00pm**

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**Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.**

**PUBLIC LIABILITY**

**Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.**

**CLUB MEETING DATES**

**July 2009**

- 1 Main Noel Oliver—Natives
- 6 Species Group
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

**August 2009**

- 2 Vietnamese Group
- 3 Species
- 5 Main Trevor Jacobs
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Southern Regional Group

**September 2009**

- 2 Main Cobb & Co
- 7 Species
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group

**October 2009**

- 5 Species
- 4 Vietnamese Group
- 7 Main
- 8 Daytime Chapter

- 18 Southern Regional Group

**November 2009**

- 2 Species
- 4 Main
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Regional Group

**December 2009**

- 2 Main Group
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group

**2010 DATES**

**February 2010**

- 3 Main Group AGM
- 7 Species Group
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group

**PUBLIC LIABILITY**

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Consequent upon the resignation of our Treasurer Judy McRedmond, Committee has appointed John Dunn treasurer for the remainder of the year  
As we had an extra committee person appointed at the beginning of the year the position occupied by John's move is covered without any need for other appointments.

### **ABOUT OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH Denis Diehm ( Dendi Orchids from NSW)**

Dennis has been growing orchids for over thirty years, commencing with cymbidiums and then moving onto specialising in Phalaenopsis and Cattleya – both miniature and mid size.

All of this started as a hobby back in the seventies in a small backyard and like most orchid nurseries back then grew into a nursery. The orchids became too many for the backyard so in 1986 a move was made to a small acreage near Griffith N.S.W.

There Dendi Orchids was developed (the name comes from Dennis and Dianne) a Cymbidium nursery. The nursery was a covered area of one and a half acres of their five acre block. In the early nineties the cymbidium market was being flooded and due to Dennis's poor health he decided to change genera – he always had a soft spot for Phalaenopsis. All of the cymbidiums were sold and he then concentrated on what he now grows Phalaenopsis and Cattleya.

The breeding of both genera is carried out at the nursery by Dennis, who feels that top quality flowers can be produced in Australia without the need to import them.

Dennis has travelled to many places in the world and had been a speaker at conferences in other countries, his last being the Taiwan International Show and Conference in 2007.

He is an Australian Orchid Council judge and is currently the registrar for the South West Region of N.S.W., a position he has held since its inception in 2000. Dennis is also a member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance and has been for some time.

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                          **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am-4.00pm**

### **Vendors:**

Interstate. Orchids On New Bold Australia. Cym Orchids, N. Zurcher, D. Johnston, Cobb & Co., Les Nesbitt. **Please wear your Club Badge.** Members please write the name and number of your plant on a piece of white paper and attach it in an obvious position on the plant you are exhibiting. Then there is no confusion as we will quickly know whose plant we are ticketing. Also write name and number of plants you are exhibiting on a sheet of paper and pass to John Robinson or Lucy at the June meeting. John will be at S.A.R.O.C. Fair to print any late cards.

**Dinner: Saturday 6th.** Please ring Lucy 83814420 for bookings. Venue to be advised.

**Sunday Workshop:** Stephen Stebbing prop. Orchids on Newbold Australia. Admission \$2.

**Refreshments:** Pies, Pasties, Soup, Coffee, Tea, Scones and BBQ cooked by Geoff and Henk.

### **Victorian Country Orchid Clubs Challenge**

Hosted by St. Arnaud District Orchid Society Inc. St. Arnaud Town Hall Complex, Napier Street, St. Arnaud. **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 6.30pm BBQ. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12 Noon to 5.00pm. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am to 3.00pm.** 11 Orchid Clubs participating.

**Seminar Speaker:** John Martin (Castle Creek).

**Bus Tour:** Saturday morning \$10.00. Guided tour of Town and Wine Tasting.

**Saturday Night Dinner \$20.00.** St. Arnaud Sporting Club, Charlton Street, St. Arnaud.

**Vendors:** Castle Creek, Mt. Beenak, Johnston Orchids and Sims Orchids. Admission \$3.00.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you, thank you to all the Committee, members and Ben Knobon who helped put in the Show on the Saturday night. Congratulations to Noel Oliver who won Grand Champion. Thank you to all members who put in plants to make a great display. Centre Management was very impressed, you are all Champions. Our Patron Syd Monkhouse, wife Shirley and son Steven (who now lives in Bali) paid us a visit and were very impressed with the Show. The Show Raffle was won by 2 members: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Shirley Greig S.R.G. member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize customer of Centro and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Peter Flavel main group member.

Your Winter Show is just around the corner, 11 weeks to go, so now is the time to start preparing your plants by staking up and protecting them from the weather. Watch out for slugs, snails, caterpillars and any other little bugs.

The Bus Trip is going to be a great day out we have 12 seats left, why not come along and enjoy the day. Phone Lucy 83814420 or book at June meeting.

Graham Morris gave a great presentation at our last meeting. Graham is on the Committee of the Cymbidium Club (who have their meeting on a Wednesday night) so we don't often have the opportunity to catch up with him.

Please try not to miss the June meeting, put it in your diary. Dennis and Dianne Diehm from Dendi Orchids give a good presentation on Phalaenopsis. They also have plants for sale. We are sharing expenses with OCSA as they are speaking at OCSA the following night on Mini Cattleya.

For all members on the sick list please get well soon, we miss you. 14 apologies, all ill, at the last meeting. See you all soon.

Good growing.

Geoff.

### **Trestle Raffle**

Thank you to all members who helped with selling the tickets for the Club Raffle. This will make it so much easier for Committee to set up the hall, it was much appreciated.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$250 Pauline Boundy main group member. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$40 Marie Bravery member of Day-time Chapter. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize A bag of Bark went to Murray Baulderstone main group member.

### **WISH LIST**

The Club still has 8 sheets of Fencing for sale \$30.00 per sheet Ideal for benching and hanging.. Please ring Geoff on 83814420.

### **WINTER SHOW 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Saturday Judging Venue:** Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park, in the basketball stadium. Gates open at 11.00am and any members who would like to help set up hall will be very welcome.

**Put in Time 11.30-12.30. Judging 12.30pm SHARP.** Afternoon Tea for Judges and Helpers. Maybe you would like to bring a cake along. Please remember **NO NUTS LOOSE OR IN CAKES ARE ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES.** We need to be out of school by 4.15pm.

Colonnades has given us permission to put Show in on Saturday night 25<sup>th</sup> July. If Members can take down their own plants this would be much appreciated. Geoff and Tony Fisher will have their vans at the school to help take plants down to Colonnades. **Put in time 5.00-5.20pm. Committee only after 5.20pm.**

Show Plants and Trading Table Plants Upper Level, South Western Side doorway next to Tunza Fun. Plenty of parking available. **Take out Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

### **Southern Regional Group**

Autumn Show was very successful, and so very nice to see members of your group showing plants and receiving prize certificates. Congratulations. Many members of the Southern Regional Group took time out to see the Show and purchased plants. A big thank you to David and Iris Freeman for helping on the Trading Table, David is in hospital, we all hope you are feeling a lot better.

Southern Regional Workshop 10.30am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Reg and Elsie Clifford's home, 46, Lamont Road, McCracken. Please come along and join in the fun, we will have four members talking on 4 different genera and some practical demonstrations. A B.B.Q. lunch, Club will provide sausages and patties, each member please bring along either a salad or cake to share. The Workshop will finish at 4.00pm. and members bring along a salad or a cake to share.

Jane Higgs was your guest in May and her talk on general Orchid information.

Congratulations to Shirley Greig for winning first prize a Phalaenopsis at our Winter Show.

**June Speaker John Gay on Cattleyas.**

**Workshop** 10.30am Geoff Speer on Cyms, 11.15 Jane Higgs on Terrestrials, Lunch 12.15, John Gay on Orchid Paraphernalia and hints, 2.15 Noel Oliver Native Orchids

**NORTHERN BUS TRIP VISITING McLEOD'S DAUGHTERS.** To be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July** leaving Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square off Broadway, South Brighton at **9.00am sharp** for Nicky Zurcher's Nursery, Lewiston, and then on to Freeling where we'll visit Ev and Jim Cumming's Nursery.

After visiting Ev and Jim's we will be treated to an organised tour of the district, visiting some of the sites used during the filming of **McLeod's Daughters**. Please join us for a great social outing.

The cost of the bus trip is \$30.00 payable to the Treasurer.

We'll be having lunch in the famous Gungellan Hotel, Freeling used in the filming of McLeod's Daughters at a cost of \$15.00 per person for a 2 course meal (entrée and main).

**BEGINNERS GROUP PROGRAMME 2009**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
June	Brian Lyttle	Growing Zygopetalum Orchids my way
July	Pauline Hockey	Cymbidium Orchids
August	Suzanne Saunders	Paphiopedilum Orchids
September	Noel Oliver	Australian Native Epiphytes
October	Ron Parish	Species Orchids
November	Kevin Western	Australian Native Cymbidiums

**ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2009**

SAROC Fair	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Southern Regional Workshop	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00am at Reg Clifford's 46 Lamont Rd McCracken Victor Harbor <b>at 10.30am</b>
Northern Bus Trip	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July Nicki Zurcher's Nursery, Lewiston. Evelyn and Jim Cummings, Freeling. Plus McLeod's Daughters tour.
Winter Show	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August, Colonnades Shopping Centre
Southern Bus Trip	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August Visit Moss Bray Orchid Nursery. On to Graham Morris's for BBQ and Nursery visit. Finish up at Tony Fisher's.
Southern Regional Group Show	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August, R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.
Royal Show	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Spring Show	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September, Arndale Shopping Centre

**DAYTIME GROUP**

Hi Everybody,

Our Guest Speaker today was Mr John Lewis, a speaker we have used previously. John always gives out excellent information and his talk today, was mainly based on the fact that with careful selection of different Genera, it is totally possible to have an orchid flowering in your shade-house or cold hot-house for twelve months of the year. You can always have something flowering to brighten up your day. John also brought along, a great selection of plants to show us what is available to do this, with lots of helpful hints on growing and fertilizing. He also showed us how to make wire hooks and hangers. Well done John, and thank you very much for sharing this information with us. Once again, I'm sure we all learnt something else to try on our plants at home.

Later in the afternoon, we showed a great DVD with Mr Reg Shooter demonstrating the growing

and re-potting of a Lycaste orchid, doing a great job. These DVD's are used on our Trading Table during our Shows which prove to be very popular with the public and they certainly are a great teaching tool. The set of DVD's contains most of the popular Genera.

Our plant display today looked fantastic, with many different Zygo's Cyms, Paphs, Cattleyas, Terrestrials and Dendrobiums. The Members are doing an excellent job of growing these plants and all need to be congratulated on their effort. Geoff did the plant commentary, doing a great job, very professional as usual, thanks Geoff. Our popular vote segment was won by Mr Don Biebrick, with a lovely plant of Zygo. mackayi with a good flower count and very deep purple markings on the Labelum, with a very strong perfume as well. Congratulations Don, well done.

Also a big thank you to those that brought in extra plants for our raffle. This is so very much appreciated, thanks everybody.

Apologies today from Mrs Eva Soar and Mrs Peg Van Den Broeke. I do hope you are both feeling a lot better soon.

The Meeting was closed, afternoon tea and a chat next on the agenda.

Thanking all in attendance.

Bye for now, Dorothy.

### **From our Affiliated Clubs**

**Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.  
Meeting in Enfield Community Centre,  
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 8.00pm**

#### **2009 PROGRAM**

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Dennis and Dianne Diehm	Mini Cattleya
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Malcolm Osborne	Preparing Plants for Shows

### **DAY GROUP MEETINGS**

**Enfield Community Centre,  
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 2.00-4.00pm  
(Bus Stop 119 Bus No. 100 Circle Line)**

#### **2009 PROGRAM**

12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reg Shooter's Team	Club Auction
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Noel Oliver	Australian Native Epiphytes

### **Club Shows and Special Events for 2009**

10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> July	Winter Show, Enfield Community Centre
4 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> September	Spring Show, Adelaide Showgrounds
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Socialising with Sarcs

### **Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club Inc.**

Meetings held at 1.45pm in Johnstone Park Combined Clubs Hall, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

#### **2009 PROGRAM**

28 <sup>th</sup> June	Trevor Jacobs	Programme TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Member's Forum	

### **Northern and Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.**

Meetings held at 8.00pm in St. Phillips Parish Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview.

#### **2009 PROGRAM**

18 <sup>th</sup> June	Dave Harmer	Species
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Cancer Council of SA	

## **May Monthly Floral Competition**

### **Open Division**

**Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid**

851 Den. (Strawberry Moon x Aussie Victory)

Bev & John Gay (65)

3

**Australian Native Epiphyte Species**

849	Liparis reflexa	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
850	Den .lithocola	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2

**Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)**

852	Cym. (Cobar x Peter Pan)	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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**Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid**

853	Den. unknown	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
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**Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster**

864	Cookara Tropical Snowflake	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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**Laeliinae Non Standard Other**

869	Howeara Mini-Primi	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
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**Laeliinae Species**

861	Enc. cochleata	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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**Laeliinae Standard > 100mm**

862	Blc. (Blumen Insel x George King)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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863	Blc. Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
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**Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiiae)**

860	Bllra. Sadie Lee x Milt. Christmas Eve	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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**Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)**

859	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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**Oncidiinae Species**

858	Onc. excavatum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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**Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid**

875	Lyc. (depei x Macama)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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876	Phrag. Calurum	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
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**Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species**

872	Stenoglottis longifolia	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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873	Restrepia sanguinea	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
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874	Restrepia pelix	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
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**Orchid Seedling any genera**

877	Blc. (Blumen Insel x George King)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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**Paphiopedilum Species**

878	Paph. spicerianum	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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**Phalaenopsis/Dor. Species**

870	Phal. ambeinensis	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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871	Dor. pulcherrima 'Red Giant'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
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**Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)**

866	Z. Titanic	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3
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867	Zga. Eileen 'Lynette'	Trevor Garard (152)	2
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868	Z. (Gary Baker x Kiwi Choice 'Eileen')	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	1
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**Zygopetalum Species**

865	Z. mackayi	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3
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**First Division****Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)**

889	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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890	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
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891	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1
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**Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster**

894	C. Bactia 'Forever Yours'	Rito Silvestri (302)	2
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**Laeliinae Species**

892	Epi. imotophyllum 'Topaz'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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**Laeliinae Standard < 100mm**

893	Ctna. Hunubu Fairly Flare 'Joyleen'	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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**Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)**

888	Milt. Earl Dunn 'Hildos'	Ian & Denise Attenborough (450)	3
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**Orchid Crossing (Hybrid or Species - Pod Parent)**

884	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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885	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
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**Orchid Crossing (Hybrid or Species - Pollen Parent)**

882	Cym Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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883	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
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**Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species**

879	Stenoglottis longifolia	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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### Orchid Seedling any genera

880	Cym. Sundaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
881	Cym. Sudaani Autumn	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2

### Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

887	Z. (John Banks x Titanic)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
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### Zygopetalum Species

886	Z. mackayi	John Robinson (1448)	3
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## Second Division

### Laeliinae Non Standard Other

855	C. walkeriana x Lc. Angelhart	Jean Irvine (1151)	3
856	Bpl. Freya	Jean Irvine (1151)	2
857	C. (Meadii x amethystoglossa)	Jean Irvine (1151)	1

### Paphiopedilum Species

854	Paph. lawrenceanum	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3
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May 2009 Benched Plant Commentary

### **Flower of Open Division and flower of the night:** *Den.* unknown grown by Gerald Voskamp.

This was a most attractive plant with a single arching inflorescence with 11 open flowers and five buds. The flowers were 70 to 80mm wide and 70 to 75mm tall. The sepals and petals were deep purple-pink with a darker stripe down the centre line and the labellum was deep purple with cream colour at the base. Congratulations Gerald on a first ever Flower of the Night.



### **Flower of First Division:** *Z. mackayi* grown by John Robinson.

A well grown plant with three inflorescences of 8, 7 and 6 flat strongly coloured flowers. The dark green sepals and petals were spotted and barred deep brown and were complemented by the purple striped on white labellum.



### **Flower of Second Division:**

*Paph. lawrenceanum* grown by Anne and Colin Campbell. A well grown plant with a single well displayed flower. The dorsal had a white background with green and red-purple vertical striping, The petals were purplish on a green base towards the centre and there were dark purple/black spots (warts) mainly on the upper edges which is typical for the species. The pouch was deep purplish brown.



**Ian Attenborough**

### **Judges for June meeting:**

Open Div. John Gay, Graham Zerbe, Wendy Lodge.  
Pencilor, Malcolm Tiggemann

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Noel Oliver, Colin Campbell  
Penciller, Peter Flavel

### **May species group meeting**

Some 20 species in all shapes and sizes greeted the club members who attended the species group at the May meeting. 12 of which came from that huge subtribe of *Pleurothallidinae*. Various estimations have been made of the number of species in this subtribe and there are certainly well over 1000 species recognised.

There are many genera in the subtribe some of which are *Stelis*, *Restrepia*, *Scaphosepalum*, *Zootro-*

phium

*Octomeria*, *Platystele* and more. By far the greatest number is the *Pleurothallis*, alone accounting for around 1000 species. These numbers change virtually daily as new species are being discovered in the vast areas of the jungles of Central & South America many areas of which have still not been explored.

They are nearly all epiphytic growing on forest trees from sea level to 1600mtrs with just a few growing terrestrially. They do not have pseudobulbs and as a consequence, although a number have thick succulent leaves, they require high humidity levels. Only a few growers cultivate them in Adelaide and the species group is fortunate to have Ron Parish successfully growing a large number of them that he regularly brings to the meeting. They are not great, large, showy plants like *Cattleya* or *Cymbidiums* but have small interesting typical orchid flowers that are best observed with a magnifying glass.

At the May meeting we saw 11 of his species of different genera, *Pleurothallis tuerckheimii*, *P. macroblepharis*, *P. scripta*, *P. pachyglossa*, *Restrepia pelyx*, *R. rojo*, *R. sanguinea*, *R. rankinsteria*, *Platystele misera*, *Octomeria gracilis*, *Zootrophium atropurpureum* and *Scaphosepalum decorum*.

Australian species were represented by a lovely plant of *Dendrobium lithocola* and two plants of *Dockrillia bowmannii*. There was a nice plant of *Oncidium excavatum* and a plant of the related *Lockhartia oestedii*. Also benched were *Phalaenopsis amboinensis*, *Laelia perrinii* and *Gongora Galatea*.

After much discussion of the species benched Ron presented a power point presentation on the genus *Dendrochilum* many of which we had never seen

The evening was concluded as usual with a friendly cuppa and chat.



*Zootrophium atropurpureum*

Reg Shooter

## WINTER SHOW CHAMPIONS

### Grand Champion

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 82 | Colm. Wildcat 'Hildos No.1'                         | Noel Oliver (102)              |
|    | <b>H. &amp; B. Viney Trophy</b>                     |                                |
| 89 | Gsl. A (Lc.) Isaks Pattern 'Boldaceous'             | Suzanne Saunders (1481)        |
|    | <b>Champion Open Division</b>                       |                                |
| 83 | Colm. Wildcat 'Hildos no.1'                         | Noel Oliver (102)              |
|    | <b>Champion Cymbidium &gt; 90mm</b>                 |                                |
| 74 | Cym. tracyanum                                      | Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)         |
|    | <b>Champion Dendrobium (other than Aust Native)</b> |                                |
| 75 | Den. Woo Leng 'Blue Lips'                           | Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) |
|    | <b>Champion Laeliinae</b>                           |                                |
| 76 | Gsl. Alsaks Pattern 'Boldaceous'                    | Suzanne Saunders (1481)        |
|    | <b>Champion Oncidiinae</b>                          |                                |
| 77 | Colm. Wildcat 'Hildos No.1'                         | Noel Oliver (102)              |
|    | <b>Champion Paphiopedilum</b>                       |                                |
| 78 | Paph. Albion  | Tony Bourne (1415)             |
|    | <b>Champion Phalaenopsis</b>                        |                                |
| 79 | Doritis pulcherrima 'Red Giant'                     | Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) |
|    | <b>Champion Zygopetalum</b>                         |                                |
| 80 | Z. (Titanic x Prospect Hill)                        | Ron & Irene Parish (477)       |
|    | <b>Champion Genera not otherwise listed</b>         |                                |
| 81 | Rstp. sanderiana                                    | Ron & Irene Parish (477)       |

### Champion Species

86	Rssgls. grande	Suzanne Saunders (1481)
	<b>Champion Specimen</b>	
88	Z. Garry Baker x Zcx. Elfin Jade	Ron & Irene Parish (477)
	<b>Champion First Division</b>	
84	Cym. Sudaani Autumn 'Gold 'n Red'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)
	<b>Champion Cymbidium &lt; 60mm</b>	
72	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Gold 'n Red'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)
	<b>Champion Seedling</b>	
87	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Gold 'n Red'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) Ref.
	<b>Champion Cymbidium 60 - 90mm</b>	
87	73 Cym. (Cobar x Peter Pan)	Bev & John Gay (65)
	<b>Champion Second Division</b>	
85	Den. lithocola	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)
	<b>Bill Murdoch trophy</b>	
71	Den. lithocola	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)
	<b>Champion Australian Native</b>	
68	Den. lithocola	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)
	<b>Les Nesbit Trophy Award (Species)</b>	
70	Den. lithocola	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)

### 2009 Autumn Show Commentary

**Grand Champion and Champion of Open Division:** *Colm. Wildcat* Hildos No.1 grown by Noel Oliver. A well grown plant with a branching single inflorescence and carrying a total of 29 flowers 50mm wide and 60mm tall. The yellow sepals and petals were heavily spotted and barred in deep reddish brown. The large showy labellum was heavily marked with maroon on a creamish-white base.



**Champion of First Division:** *Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Gold 'n' Red'* grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey. The plant had two inflorescences, one with 14 flowers and the other with 12. The flowers were almost 60mm across at their broadest point. The sepals and petals were bright yellow shading to reddish brown at their bases, the yellow labellum was spotted in red around the edge and the column was also yellow.

**Champion of second Division:** *Den. lithocola* grown by Anne and Colin Campbell. This very attractive and well grown Queensland native had four inflorescences, one with five open flowers and four buds, one with three open flowers and two buds and there were two more less developed spikes. The purple contrasted with the labellum which was a much deeper shade of purple.

**Champion Dendrobium (other than Aust. Native):** *Den. Woo Leng 'Blue Lip'* grown by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. A well grown plant with two inflorescences, one having eight open flowers and the other with two open flowers and one bud. The sepals and petals were white shading to pale green at the base, the labellum was deep purple and the column was white. The flowers were 90mm across.

**Champion Laeliinae:** *Gsl. (Lc.) Alsaks Pattern 'Boldaceous'* grown by Suzanne Saunders. This plant had two inflorescences, each with three highly coloured flowers. The sepals were white, there was a large patch of yellow on the centres of the creamish petals and a border of cerise-purple. The labellum was similarly coloured but with a deeper purple patch on the mid-lobe and the column was white.

**Champion Paphiopedilum:** *Paph.* Albion grown by Tony Bourne. A small plant with a single flower. Sepals and petals were white, the petals being finely spotted with pale pink, and a white labellum.

**Champion Zygopetalum:** Z. (Titanic x Prospect Hill) grown by Ron and Irene Parish. This plant had a single inflorescence with four fully open flowers and two buds. Flowers were 70mm across and 75mm tall. The deep green sepals and petals were heavily barred with brown. The flat showy labellum was in much the same plane as the other segments and was heavily striped in purple on a white base.

**Ian Attenborough**

### **Southern Regional Group May Floral Competition**

#### **Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Hilda Poxon grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

#### **Cymbidium <60mm**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Autumn Elf No.2 grown by E. Pinnock (519)

#### **All Cattleya Alliance Species**

1<sup>st</sup> L. Anceps var. Chamberlainiana grown by R. Clifford and Family

2<sup>nd</sup> L. Anceps grown by K. & R. Sutton

#### **Laeliinae <100mm**

1<sup>st</sup> C. Portia "Baronessa" grown by K. & R. Sutton

2<sup>nd</sup> C. Meadii grown by Clyde & Barbara Ziegeler

3<sup>rd</sup> C. Meadii grown by R. & D. Overall

#### **Laeliinae >100mm**

1<sup>st</sup> C. Portiata grown by Nina Cockington

#### **Oncidiinae Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Miltonia Unknown grown by Nina Cockington

#### **Zygopetalum hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Z. (secundum x Titanic) x Kiwi Choice 'Eliza' grown by R. & D. Overall



#### **Plant of the Day – May Meeting**

Cymbidium Autumn Elf No.2 grown by Eileen Pinnock

#### **AOF Awareness Campaign**

**It is the natural order for every plant to pests and pathogens that attack it .....**

**The orchids are not exempt from this rule No like pesticides-- -try Nepenthes Graeme Banks**

Q I HAVE TROUBLE WITH ALL SORTS OF INSECT PESTS BUT I DO NOT LIKE TO SPRAY WITH INSECTICIDES IF SUCH CAN BE AVOIDED,

A WE HAVE A LARGE MIXED COLLECTION OF ORCHIDS INCLUDING CYMBIDIUMS, DENDROBIUMS (SOFT CANE MAINLY), CATTLEYS, AUSTRALIAN NATIVES AND LOTS OF SPECIES. MOST OF THESE ARE GROWN 'COLD' IN A COMBINATION OF A BUSH HOUSE AND A FIBRE GLASS HOUSE WHICH ESSENTIALLY IS A BUSH HOUSE WITH A FIBRE GLASS ROOF. AS WOULD BE EXPECTED WITH A LARGE AND DIVERSE COLLECTION INSECTS CAN HAVE A FIELD DAY. THEY INCLUDE GRASSHOPPERS, COCKROACHES, DENDROBIUM BEETLE AND OTHER ASSORTED NASTIES.

WE HAVE A LARGE COLLECTION OF NEPENTHES PLANTS (PITCHER PLANTS) ALL OF WHICH ARE SPECIES, OR HYBRIDS DERIVED THEREFROM, FROM MT KINABALU IN NORTHERN BORNEO. WHILST THEY COME FROM AN EQUATORIAL SITUATION IN NATURE THEY ACTUALLY ARE FOUND AT A VERY HIGH ELEVATION (8,000 FEET OR SO) WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY GROW LIKE WEEDS UNDER CYMBIDIUM TYPE CONDITIONS IN WESTERN SYDNEY.

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