



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

# Gazette

March 2024

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC  
President: Michael Willoughby

## AT A GLANCE

The March General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 8.00 pm. At the Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Corner of Township Road and Church Crescent. Our Guest Speaker will be Graham Hein speaking about *Laelia anceps*.

**LEARNERS' GROUP:** There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the March Meeting at 7.15pm. All members are welcome to attend. Bring your problems / plants for discussion.

**JUDGING:** Please have your plants benched by 7.40pm so Judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late due to work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612.

**DAYTIME CHAPTER:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 2.00 pm at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton. Our Guest Speaker will be Coralie Hills speaking on the 2023 Asia Pacific Orchid Congress Singapore.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 17th March 2024 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Bill Jayne talking about *Sarcochilus*, conducting a potting demonstration and Bill will have fertiliser for sale. Learners Group meets at 1.15 pm.

**NEW MEMBERS:** The Club would like to welcome two new members Pauline McLean and Robyn Clayton. We hope that your time with the Club will be a happy one and that you learn a lot about the orchids that we all love so much.

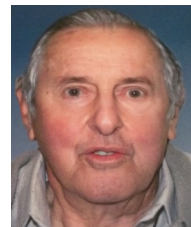
**LUCKY NAME BADGE:** Make sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

**PUBLIC LIABILITY:** Under Insurance Guidelines all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name in an Attendance Book.

### VALE PETER FLAVEL

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the recent passing of Peter Flavel. Peter was a stalwart member of the Club serving on Committee and as President in the past. Our sympathies go to his family and the many orchid friends that will miss him very much.

R.I.P.



DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES  
25 February and 24 March



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### **LIFE MEMBERS**

\* denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave *	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick *
1978 Leora Harvey	1986 John Nicholls *	2009 Henk Van Leuveren *
1978 L. & H. Poole *	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
1978 Ellie Shaw *	1990 Dr, Keith Northcote *	2011 John and Bev Gay
1979 Syd Monkhouse	2003 Norman Gitsham *	2012 Noel Oliver *
1979 Bernie Hanson *	2005 Merve Steele *	2015 Lesley Fenton
1981 Lois Hanson *	2005 Shirley Steele *	2015 Rod McRedmond
1981 John Leeder*	Circa Tony and Toshi Deonno *	2018 Kevin Western
1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Ron and Irene Parish	2020 Malcolm Mangelsdorf
1985 Bubs Gready *	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	2021 Donna Meeuwssen
	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2024. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

#### **RATES – One membership covers all groups**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Junior Membership</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>

#### **Rural and Interstate Membership**

<b>Family Membership</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>
<b>Single Membership</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>

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## President's Message



Many thanks to Jane Higgs, Bill Jayne and Trevor Garard who gave presentations at the Main Group, the Daytime Group and the Southern Region Group in February. This month the presentation at the main meeting will be a presentation from Graham Hein on the species *Laelia anceps*, a genus that Graham knows and grows very well. This a genus that is a great addition to your collection, if you don't already have one, as they are hardy and do well in our conditions.

Congratulations to all the Trophy Winners for 2023 and isn't it nice to see them presented to a range of club members. It was especially pleasing that the aggregate trophies for First and Second Divisions went to Southern Region members, Genny & Dudley Huxtable and Margaret & Warren Yelland respectively.

This month the Orchid of the Year for The South Coast Orchid Club will be announced as the voting has been completed. Congratulations are in order to Peter Haltis in being promoted to Open Division.

With great sadness we say goodbye to a former President of the Club, Peter Flavel. Peter and Geraldine Flavel grew many different types of Orchid Genera very well and were granted several AOC awards.

Upcoming events include our Autumn Show being held at the Seaford Central Shopping Centre from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, (details will follow re put in and take out times).

We would like to send our best wishes to all members who are currently on the sick list. We hope you are soon on the mend again.

Successful growing & showing

*Michael Willoughby*

### LEARNERS' GROUPS

Prior to the Main Meeting and the Southern Region Group Meeting there is a Learners' Group meeting. These meetings are designed for members to bring their problems with their plants for discussion. And also bring along plants for comments on them. Are you excited about something that has happened? Have you done something that really works?

You do not have to be a beginner to attend. They are open to all members. Come along and listen or contribute your knowledge. You will learn a lot, help someone else with a problem, and make new friends.



## ORCHID CALENDAR 2024

### MAIN MEETING

Wednesday 6th March 2024 8.00 pm  
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion.  
Guest Speaker: Graham Hein on *Laelia anceps*.  
Learners' Group Meeting at 7.15 pm

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 13th March 2024  
The Southern, South Road, St. Marys

### DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 14h March 2024 2.00 pm  
Lou Kesting Hall, Off Broadway, South Brighton  
Guest Speaker: Coralie Hills speaking on the 2023 Asia Pacific Orchid Congress, Singapore.

### SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 17th March 2024 2.00 pm  
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor  
Guest Speaker: Bill Jayne on *Sarcochilus* and a potting Demonstration. Bill will have his fertiliser for sale.  
Learners' Group Meeting at 1.15 pm

### AUTUMN SHOW

Wednesday (Put In) 8th May to Saturday 11th May 2024  
Seaford Shopping Centre

### SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

Wednesday (Put In) 21st August to Friday 23rd August 2024  
Victor Central Shopping Centre, Victor Harbor

### WINTER SHOW

Friday (Put In) 5th July to Sunday 7th July 2024  
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.

### SPRING SHOW

Friday (Put In) 20th September to Sunday 22 September 2024  
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.



## Happy Birthday .....

NEIL COOPER, JIM FOGARASI,  
HELMUT HERMANN, PATTY ABELL,  
JOSEPHINE OGROWSKI, PHIL STEER,  
SUE DOWLING, IRENE PARISH,  
MARILYN JELFS, VAL PHILLIPS,  
RUTH TUGWELL, DUDLEY HUXTABLE,  
DIANE CAWLEY



Is your name in the Birthday Book ?? See Anne Steer.....



## South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Trophy Winners 2023

### SHOW TROPHIES

#### W A YOUNG TROPHY

**Grand Champion Autumn Show 2023**

**Jane and Don Higgs**

#### HARRY VINEY TROPHY

[Berna and Harry, both Life Members. Donated by Berna in memory of Harrison. Harry worked tirelessly for the Club over many years holding many positions including President].

**Champion Laeliinae at Autumn Show 2023**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

#### H & C EDWARDS CLOCK TROPHY

[Donated by Helen and Charlie Edwards. Helen is a Life Member and was convenor of the Daytime Chapter. Both worked very hard for the Club]

**Grand Champion Winter Show 2023**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

#### ROY HILL TROPHY

**Best Novelty Cymbidium Winter Show 2023**

**Jane and Don Higgs**

#### TONY DE IONNO AND TOSHY TROPHY

[Donated by Life Member, Tony]

**Grand Champion Spring Show 2023**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

#### M NG TROPHY

[Sylvester Ng donated this trophy in memory of his brother Michael.]

**Most Floriferous in Spring Show 2023**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

#### ELSIE CHISHOLM TROPHY

**Best Novelty Cymbidium Spring Show 2023**

**Jane & Don Higgs**

#### NOEL OLIVER TROPHY

**Best Dendrobium speciosum Spring Show 2023**

**No Award**

### ANNUAL TROPHIES

#### CHIN YEW LIAN TROPHY

Donated by Sylvester **Best Seedling of the Year**

**Phil and Anne Steer**

#### LEWIS MOORE TROPHY

[Rosalie donated a tray in 1999 in memory of Lewis who died in 1989. With Rosalie, he was on the Committee for many years. Both were judges and Lewis was Treasurer. They both loved SCOCSA and worked very hard for the Club]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Australian  
Epiphytic Species 20213**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

#### Steven GAMBLE TROPHY

[Steven, a teenage Member of SCOCSA, loved Australian Native Terrestrials. The Trophy was donated in his name by his parents when he passed away in 1987]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Australian  
Native Terrestrials 2023**

**Jane & Don Higgs**



**South Coast Orchid Club of  
South Australia  
Trophy Winners 2023 cont...**



**P C LOKE TROPHY**

[Donated by Sylvester Ng]

**Highest Aggregate Points at Three Shows 2023**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

**JOHN LEEDER TROPHY**

[John for many years held positions of Secretary and President]

**Most points in Oncidiniæ Alliance**

**Laurie and Sue Carter**

**GLEN FORREST TROPHY**

[Glen joined SCOCSA in the very early days, his first love was Cymbidiums, but he also grew other genera]

**Highest Aggregate Points for  
Paphiopedilum Species 2023**

**Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju**

**M. & S. STEELE TROPHY**

[Shirley and Mervyn, both Life Members, joined SCOCSA in the very early days. Both were tireless workers for the Club; nothing was ever too much trouble for Mervyn. Shirley donated the Trophy in 2007]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Paphiopedilums  
1st and 2nd Division 2023**

**Geoff Richardson**

**GARARD and WESTERN HYBRIDISING TROPHY**

[Trevor Garard and Kevin Western donated this trophy to promote hybridising, one trophy going to the Pod Parent and the other to the Pollen Parent]

**Pod Parent**

**Ron and Irene Parish**

**Pollen Parent**

**Ron and Irene Parish**

**GEORGE & PATTY ABELL TROPHY**

**Annual Sarcophilus Show 2023**

**Jane and Don Higgs**

**HIGHEST YEARLY AGGREGATE POINT WINNERS**

Open Division:	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju	207 pts
First Division:	Genny & Dudley Huxtable	136 pts
Second Division:	Margaret & Warren Yelland	77 pts

**VICTOR HARBOR TROPHY**

**Grand Champion Spring Show 2023**

**Genny & Dudley Huxtable**

**NOEL OLIVER TROPHY**

**Best Australian Native Southern Region Show 2023**

**Genny & Dudley Huxtable**

**VICTOR HARBOR AGGREGATES POINTS TROPHY**

**Australian Natives**

**Genny & Dudley Huxtable**

**GRAHAM & SUE ZERBE TROPHY**

**Best Second Division Southern Region**

**Margaret & Warren Yelland**

**GRACE NOLL TROPHY**

**Southern Region Aggregate Points for Oncidiniæ**

**Chris & Lyn Heysen**

**Congratulations to all of the Trophy Winners for 2023  
Very Well Done**

## YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2024



## TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2023



Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Ron Parish



Laurie & Sue Carter



Jane Higgs



Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Phil Steer



# February Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

## Open Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

827 Prschs. Cherub Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

### Cymbidium under 60 Species

832 Cym. bicolor Ron & Irene Parish (477) 3

### Laeliinae - Non Standard

828 Psh. Green Hornet Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

829 Rlc. Makaha Gold x Rth. Karina Millett x B. Peter Haltis (442) 2

### Laeliinae - Species

830 C. tigrina Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

831 Psh. cochleata Peter Haltis (442) 2

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

835 Onc. Aka Baby Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

833 Onc. Dorothy Wisnom 'Golden Gate' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

834 Alcra. Tahoma Glacier Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

### Oncidiinae - Species

836 Gom. flexuosa Peter Haltis (442) 3

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

843 Pla. Mick Keith Ron & Irene Parish (477) 3

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

844 Sngl. macloughlinii Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 3

845 Paph. cornu-cervi Ron & Irene Parish (477) 2

846 Coel. tomentosa Ron & Irene Parish (477) 1

### Orchid Seedling - any Genera

847 Paph. Helvetia Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

### Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

837 Paph. Gold Dollar Ron & Irene Parish (477) 3

838 Paph. Shin Yi Ron & Irene Parish (477) 2

839 Paph. Helvetia Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 1

### Paphiopedilum - Species

840 Paph. superbiens Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

### Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

841 Zb. Dragon Kitten 'Purr' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

842 Gptm. Starburst Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 2

## First Division

### Laeliinae - Species

818 Psh. cochleata Beth Stronach (836) 3

819 E. lancifolia Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 2

### Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

817 Rth. Martha's Sunburst Bill Jayne (1180) 3

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

821 Ons. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee' Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

822 Onc. Unknown Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 2

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

820 Mps. Ananda Apple 'Fioretta' Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

823 Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu' Beth Stronach (836) 3

824 Den. Impact Bill Jayne (1180) 2

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

825 Phal. pulchra Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

### Orchid Seedling - any Genera

826 Rth. Martha's Sunburst Bill Jayne (1180) 3

### Seedling of the Night

852 Rth. Martha's Sunburst Bill Jayne (1180) 3

## Second Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

812 Den. Australian Mia's World Helen McIntosh (299) 3

### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

813 Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' Pauline McLean (1053) 3

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

814 Phal. Unknown Graham & Janette Smith (217) 3

815 Phal. Unknown Graham & Janette Smith (217) 2

816 Phal. Unknown Graham & Janette Smith (217) 1



## PLANT COMMENTARY – FEBRUARY 2024

A good start to the year considering February traditionally is not a great flowering month. I think the very mild summer has seen plants coming into bud earlier than usual. This year the Committee and Judging panel are pleased to announce that Phalaenopsis will be judged in their own category and will attract Champion points at the shows. Congratulations also to Peter Haltis on being promoted to Open Division.

### Orchid of Open Division & Plant of the Night

The plant of Open Division and Plant of the Night was *C. tigrina* grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju.

The plant was carrying two tall inflorescences of clusters of lovely dark purple and pink flowers with another two spikes carrying buds. This was a lovely plant and the flowers stood above the foliage and gave a very impressive display.

*C tigrina* is a species that has been awarded 126 occasions and has been used prolifically in hybridisation with some 2,488 total progeny.

Congratulations Michael & Oui



**Orchid of Open Division  
Plant of the Night  
*C. tigrina***

Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju  
Photos Neil Cooper

### Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Beth Stronach and was *Angcm.* Longiscott 'Hihimanu'. A relatively small plant carrying five beautiful white flowers with broad dorsals and a fine trailing spur at the base of the flower. Quite a stunning flower. Well done Beth.

**Orchid of Second Division  
*Angcm.* Longiscott 'Hihimanu'  
Grown by Beth Stronach  
Photo Neil Cooper**



**PLANT COMMENTARY – FEBRUARY 2024 cont ...**



**Orchid of Second Division**

The plant chosen by the Judges was a beautiful *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' grown by our newest member Pauline McLean.

Aka Baby is a hybrid of *Onc.* Jimbo and *Onc.* Sharry Baby. The plant was carrying two inflorescences of dainty burgundy flowers with a white labellum and tiny yellow tips on the upper segments. The largest spike was carrying some 26 + flowers and all on a lovely small, clean plant.

Congratulations Pauline.

**Orchid of Second Division  
*Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry  
Chocolate'**

Grown by  
Pauline McLean  
Photos by Neil Cooper

Thank you to our Judges for a job well done.  
Good Growing.

*Phil Steer*  
**REGISTRAR**



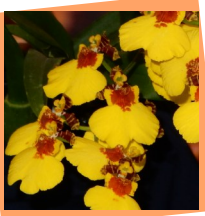
**SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT**

***Rth.* Martha's Sunburst**

Grown by Bill Jayne  
Photo Neil Cooper



Geoff and Lucy Spear celebrate Lucy's 90th Birthday at the main meeting



## DAYTIME CHAPTER

### Thursday 8th February 2024



Hi everyone,

Our February daytime group of 16 members (7 apologies) welcomed our guest speaker Bill Jayne. Bill shared his vast knowledge and experiences growing *Sarcochilus* and then invited members to assist in a repotting exercise.

Members expressed strong interest in his second presentation featuring his choice of fertiliser and required application.

Phil Steer followed with Flower of the Year presentation for members to add their votes.



**Vale Peter Flavel.** A regular daytime attendee who passed away recently

Plant of the Day was won by Richard Wilson with his Cattleya "Blue Angel Executive". Many thanks to Coral, Josie and Andrew for your valuable assistance and to everyone who donated raffle plants, in particular Bill Jayne for his generous donation of *Sarcochilus* plants and a fertiliser pack.

Members are encouraged to bring along your plants for show and/or share your concerns and experiences.

**Next Meeting : Thursday March 14th - 2.00pm**

Lou Kesting Hall. Broadway, South Brighton

**Guest Speaker: Coralie Hills speaking on the 2023 Asia Pacific Orchid Congress in Singapore**

*Alan Miller*

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*Richard Crinion*

*Anne Steer*



## WAINS' ORCHID EXCELLENCE FERTILIZER

**1 Litre pack Part A and Part B  
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B \$45**

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## SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Prior to the meeting, we had a slide show of all of the contenders for Flower of the Year, following which members voted for their preference.

**Convenor, Chris Heysen**, opened the main meeting at 2.10 pm welcoming the 22 members present, including new member Robyn Clayton. And welcome to our Guest Speaker Trevor Garrard. This is the first time Trevor has spoken to us at least in my time in the last 8 years. However we go back a long way to when Lyn and I joined OCSA in 2009. Most of our collection of Australian native Dendrobates are from raffle prizes that Trevor donated every month at OCSA. He is a past President of OCSA, has been a commercial grower and breeder of orchids and is especially experienced in *Phalaenopsis* which will be the topic of today's talk. He also runs the Orchids in Schools program, sponsored by OCSA, which I hope will be the subject of a future talk later this year.

**Apologies:** Andrew Craig, John and Bev Gay, Barb Semmens, Ruth Tugwell and Phil Steer.

**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speaker Trevor Garrard gave a very detailed and useful talk on *Phalaenopsis*. There was a huge amount of very helpful information about growing both in a hot house or in your own home. Trevor especially stressed that the amount of all the essentials of water, light, temperature, fertiliser and potting medium are interdependent and all need to be adjusted if you change any one of them.

Many thanks Trevor for a very useful talk.

**Birthday Prize:** Warren Yelland      **Lucky Name Badge:** Dudley Huxtable

**Lucky Door Prize:** Heather McDonald

### **Announcements:**

- The committee have decided – on the recommendation of the judges panel to have a new Class for *Phalaenopsis* genera. As from today Phallies will no longer be lumped in to Any Other Genera.
- The committee have also agreed to create a new Syd James Memoria Trophy for the Southern Region Group to be awarded each year for the grower with the highest number of aggregate points for *Cymbidium* at our Club meetings and Show.

**The raffle** was held as usual and Chris thanked the donors of raffle prizes.

**Trophy Presentation:**

The following Trophies for 2023 were presented by Club Committeeman Graham Smith:

1. Margaret & Warren Yelland - Highest Aggregate Second Division
2. Margaret & Warren Yelland - Graham & Sue Zerbe Trophy for Best Second Division Southern Region
3. Genny & Dudley Huxtable - Highest Aggregate First Division
4. Genny & Dudley Huxtable - Victor Harbor Aggregate Points Trophy - Aust. Natives
5. Chris and Lyn Heysen - Grace Noll Trophy - Southern Region Aggregate points for Oncidiinae.

**Judging:** was carried out by Jane and Don Higgs. **Judges Commentary:** Jane Higgs..

The meeting closed at 3:25pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and cakes and biscuits.

## Next meeting – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Guest speaker will be Bill Jayne. Bill spoke to us a year or so ago about his journey with orchids and his special fertiliser. This time he will be speaking about *Sarcochilus* and will include a repotting demonstration. He will also have his fertiliser for sale.

**Editor's Note:** Exhibitors are advised to check the list below for their plant names as many of them have been changed. Crossings have also been registered,

*Chris Heysen*  
0419 386 769

## February Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
<b>First Division</b>		
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>		
503	E. Bees Knees x B. venosa	Eileen Pinnock (519) 3
504	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Orange Delight'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>		
502	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Eileen Pinnock (519) 3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>		
505	Den. Fraser's Elite Dragon	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3
506	Den. Blue Foxtail	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 2
507	Den. (Jaquelyn Concert x Uniwai Royale)	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 1
<b>Second Division</b>		
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>		
493	C. Elisabeth Calov	Bob Clayton (143) 3
494	Rth. Adelaide Silver 'Aurora'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 2
495	Ctt. Meadii	Bob Clayton (143) 1
<b>Laeliinae - Species</b>		
496	Psh. cochleata 'Millie'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &gt; 60mm</b>		
497	Brat. Aztec 'Toni'	Graham & Janette Smith (217) 3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>		
498	Phal. Sogo Yukidian	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3
499	Phal. Unknown	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 2
500	Phal. Unknown 'Silver Light'	Graham & Janette Smith (217) 1
<b>Specimen Species or Hybrid</b>		
501	Psh. cochleata 'Millie'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3

## SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY

Whilst there were not a lot of plants benched, they were all of good quality.

### Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely Phalaenopsis grown by Margaret & Warren Yelland. It was *Phal. Sogo Yukidian* and was a lovely arching raceme of sparkling white flowers. There were 9 flowers evenly ranked in a small pot and neatly staked to show the flowers at their best. Only a small plant but well flowered.

Congratulations Margaret & Warren



### ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

*Phal. Sogo Yukidian*

Grown By

Margaret & Warren Yelland

Photo Jane Higgs



### Orchid of First Division Orchid of the Day

The plant of First Division was grown by Eileen Pinnock and was *C Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'*.

*C Hawaiian Wedding Song* always pleases with its stark white flowers. There were three open flowers all displaying themselves nicely.

Well done Eileen.



**ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION  
PLANT OF THE DAY**  
*C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'*  
Grown By Eileen Pinnock  
Photo Jane Higgs

Thank you to our Judges, Jane & Don for a job well done!

Good Growing!

*Phil Steer*  
Registrar

## TROPHY WINNERS 2023

Photos by Jane Higgs



Margaret & Warren Yelland



Dudley Huxtable



Lyn Heysen

## SPECIES AND HYBRIDS: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? by Brian Milligan

To those who know, it's obvious. But not all growers appreciate the difference. Loosely speaking, species orchids are native orchids that grow (or grew) wild somewhere in the world. A hybrid is the result of breeding one orchid with a different orchid, be they species or hybrids. The process is usually referred to as hybridising or 'crossing'.

As an example, 'crossing' *Cattleya maxima* with another species cattleya, *C. intermedia*, gave the first cattleya hybrid, *C. Dominiana* (in 1859). Intergeneric hybrids are produced by crossing different genera. For example, crossing *Laelia anceps* and *Cattleya intermedia* (both species) gave the intergeneric hybrid *Laeliocattleya* Intercepts, abbreviated *Lc. Intercepts*.

Species orchids are often crossed with another of the same species with the expectation of obtaining improved flowers. *Dendrobium kingianum* is a good example. Sometimes one flower is pollinated using pollen from another flower on the same plant (called 'selfing', and often written 'X self'). More common is 'out-crossing', when the pollen is taken from a flower on a different plant of *Den. kingianum*. The resultant seedlings are **NOT** hybrids, and are still named *Den. kingianum*.

The definition of species orchids as orchids that grow wild in Nature is not strictly correct, because hybrids also grow wild occasionally. These are 'natural' hybrids, that have resulted from cross-pollination of species orchids by 'wayward' insects. These natural hybrids have an X in their names. Examples of natural hybrids among our Australian native orchids are *Dendrobium Xruppiosum* (*Den. ruppianum* X *Den. speciosum*) and *Pterostylis Xingens* (*Ptst. nutans* X *Ptst. falcata*).

When writing the names of species orchids, only the first letter of the genus should have a capital, e.g. *Laelia anceps*. The name should also be italicised, or if that is not possible, it should be underlined. All words in a hybrid name should begin with a capital letter, e.g. *Brassidium* Pagan Love Song 'Ruby Charles'; only the genus should be italicised or underlined. If everyone did this, we could all tell the difference between species and hybrid orchids.

All species orchids should be entered in the **SPECIES ANY GENUS** class at monthly meetings and shows. The only exceptions are where there are separate species classes, e.g. Paphiopedilum Species or Australian Native Species.

## An INTRODUCTION to INTERGENERICS by Brian Milligan

The orchid kingdom differs from other plant families in that many orchid genera are able to breed with other orchid genera to form what are known as intergeneric hybrids.

*Cattleya* was one of the first orchid genera to be recognised as being capable of forming hybrids with other genera, in particular with *Laelia*, to give rise to the genus *Laeliocattleya* (abbreviated *Lc.* and first described by R.A. Rolfe in 1888). Hybrids with many other related genera, such as *Sophronitis*, *Schomburgkia*, *Brassavola* (*Rhyncholaelia*), *Epidendrum*, *Leptotes*, *Diacrium* and *Broughtonia*, have since been made. Collectively they are described in the OSCOV (and AOC) Judging Handbook as the *Cattleya Alliance*. A few of the more common hybrids in this alliance are *Sophrolaeliocattleya* (abbreviated *Sic*), *Brassolaeliocattleya* (*Blc*), *Sophracattleya* (*Sc.*), *Cattleytonia* (*Ctna.*) and *Potinara* (*Pot.*). Occasionally members bench *sophrolaelias* in the *Cattleya Alliance*, but *Sophrolaelia* contains no *Cattleya* in its breeding, and therefore *sophrolaelias* should be benched in the class for Any Other Hybrid.

The genus *Zygopetalum* is also capable of forming intergeneric hybrids with a number of related genera, such as *Pabstia* (formerly known as *Colax*), *Promenaea*, *Neogardneria* and *Aganisia*. These are judged together by the OSCOV (AOC) Panel under the umbrella of the *Zygopetalum Alliance*. Among the more common are *Zygocolax* (*Zcx.*, *Zygopetalum* x *Colax*), *Propetalum* (*Pptm.*, *Promenaea* x *Zygopetalum*), *Zygoneria* (*Zygopetalum* x *Neogardneria*) and *Hamelwellsara* (*Hmwsa.*, *Aganisia* x *Batemannia* x *Otostylis* x *Zygosepalum* x *Zygopetalum*).

The *Masdevallia Alliance* includes hybrids between *Masdevallia*, *Dracula* and related genera such as *Porroglossum*. *Dracuvallia* (*Drvla.*, *Dracula* x *Masdevallia*) is the most common.

Many other orchid genera are capable of forming intergeneric hybrids, although in some instances, probably because of genetic disparities, the seed is not particularly fertile, and only a few seedlings germinate. Where only a few plants result, they are sometimes mass-produced for sale by subsequent tissue culture. Ray Clement, in a recent article in the *Australian Orchid Review*, described a number of Australian intergeneric hybrids that he and others had mericloned for sale. The list included *Sartylis* Bravehart (*Sarcochilus* Fitzhart x *Rhynchostylis gigantea*), *Sarconopsis* Rita Anderson (*Sarcochilus* Lois x *Phalaenopsis rosenstromii*) and *Porterara* Blue Boy (*Sartylis* Blue Knob x *Vanda coerulea*). Strictly speaking, only the second of these three hybrids is an Australian native hybrid, because (according to OSCOV (and AOC) rules) both parents must be Australian natives for the hybrid between them to be judged as such.



***Rhynccattleanthe* Deo  
Volente Sunset 'Indy'  
HCC/OSCOV**

***Zygopabstia* Elaine Oliver  
'Stripey Wonder'  
HCC/OSCOV**

**Editor's Note:** This article was correct when it was written, but there have been subsequent taxonomic changes to many of the genera names.







## Orchid Culture Notes for March

March sees activity increase in the shade house. After the relentless heat of the summer of 2014, autumn will finally greet us with some cooler nights but the days can still remain hot until about the equinox and most likely it will remain dry. Most years we have to wait to April or later before the first rains of the new season finally signal the end of the dry.

March is generally a maturity month in the orchid house. In the main most orchids would have completed their summer growing season and are in the maturation stage. Already some have pseudobulbs filling out and spike initiation has commenced. Natives have canes that are hardening off and the new growths on *Zygopetalums* herald the flowering season to come. Autumn flowering *Cattleyas* and *Laeliinae* will already have buds bursting. For those with *cymbidiums* the early ones are already spiking and the later ones won't be far off by month's end. Autumn is when things start to move.

Keep up the watering and feeding and be vigilant for the nasties that want to ruin your flowers. This year my problems are in the form of hungry and aggressive bull ants. Super hot ground and a lack of natural food have these critters stripping flower spikes on the early *Laeliinae* in the much friendlier confines of my shade house. If they are not eating the flower buds they are chewing into the growths and sheaths as well as the root tips. I think I'll need a couple of echidnas as a form of natural ant control. The smaller black ants will also be moving soft scale around so keep an eye out if numbers increase.

Closer observations will reveal many orchids have a flush of new or additional root growth this month. This is obviously to pick up more moisture and nutrients to store away for the rest periods ahead. This applies to many different species and in particular natives and the *Cattleya/Laeliinae* group.

Native epiphytes will be maturing and hardening off growths now. It will still be a bit early for any spike initiation for most growers but for me March reveals how good my *Den. bigibbum* collection will perform in the autumn months as these are the first of the native epiphytes to show spikes. These too are showing a flush of new roots. They will all stay in the shade house until the spikes get long and the buds show. Once nights start to dip towards single digits, they will be moved back indoors for the winter and with some luck give me about 3 to 4 months of indoor flowering depending on the species.

*Sarcochilus* will also show new roots as they emerge from summer semi dormancy. They will look stressed in many cases but the emergence of new roots and the cooler nights will soon have them looking good again. Many will have scorched leaves and in some cases centre growths rotted out, a combination of the heat and too much water in the crowns over nite. Most plants will initiate side shoots but good flowering will be delayed. Late March to the end of May is a good time to attend to this genus if you want to divide them. On the terrestrial scene the first few will start popping up now. These are mostly the varieties that show flowers first and the leaves come a bit later. As they do slowly increase the water they receive. For those not showing yet make sure pots are kept cool and slightly moist with moderate shade.

Autumn is the month we see many of the *Laeliinae* complex on the show bench. Many of these are the cluster type, many with *G. bowringiana* as one of the parents. Most are relatively easy to grow here in shade house conditions. Growths develop rapidly over the summer with the sheaths showing as soon as the leaves open. These sheaths fill rapidly with developing flowers. Many are rather heavy and should be staked. Watch out for water based rots affecting the sheaths and also watch out for ants. The honeydew excreted by these orchids attracts them like moths to a flame. They will also eat out the buds and you will lose the years flowers. Hanging plants are not immune to ant attack. Keep well watered and feed with a blossom booster. These plants too show a new crop of roots as the growths mature. Of course it's not only the cluster type cats that are out. There are also a few of the larger exhibition types as well as the mini cats and splash petals. Most of these autumn flowering plants do well in basic shade house conditions and only require to be kept on the dry side and protected from winter rains. They require a very open free draining mix.

Autumn also sees the *Oncidium* tribe presenting spikes with increasing numbers of plants on the show bench as the weather cools. Many will have maturing growths as well and once this happens, spike initiation is not far away. Of course the *Oncidium* tribe is very extensive but as a rule anything of the showy "crispum type" or "varicosum" type will be showing spikes very soon.

Again a rather easy genus to grow in shade house conditions if the right selection is made. The wrong decision will result in disappointment. Keep them moist and always feed at low strength. They are not a hungry genus and can be sensitive to high concentrations of fertiliser salts. Many will require a dry rest after flowering and are one species that struggle with wet and cold winters.



## Orchid Culture Notes for March (cont.)

For the new chum it would be advisable to speak to those growers who show *Oncidium*'s to get some ideas. My best *Oncidium*'s grow on a mount and are hung above the cyms. They are watered daily in summer and fed often and preferably in the morning. They get minimal attention during their resting period and are kept on the dry side. They reward me with numerous spikes every year and are a good indicator to the general health of the collection and the conditions I try to provide.

Your *Zygopetalum*'s and their relations will be showing plenty of new growths and often when these growths are only a couple of inches high will come out the new flower spikes. They are fragile at this stage and susceptible to insect attack. Keep moist and feed with a balanced or bloom booster type feed. Make sure you keep water away from these new growths as well as fertiliser. A couple of pellets of slow release in the crown of a new growth is the best way to rot out most of the new leaves. Try it! I made the mistake last season by getting lazy and broadcasting some of the fertiliser instead of placing it strategically on each pot and I lost a lot of leaves. It won't kill them but the set back resulting from the loss of leaves won't help next year's flowering stakes. The new growth minus most of their leaves will struggle to develop anything even remotely the size of the previous year's pseudobulb. With some luck the plant may initiate a second dormant shoot. Slugs and caterpillars will be on the increase this month so take precautions as they love juicy zygo spikes. Most of them will be hiding under bricks or pots if you have them on the ground. As the older growths mature leaf spotting can become more prevalent. You could try a monthly fungicidal spray to reduce the effects. There is a school of thought as to what causes this, ranging from fungal issues to the weather, light and temperature and an argument I stay away from. Modern breeding is helping reduce this factor and provide cleaner plants. Spotty plants are hard to show and harder to sell.

With the cooler months nearly upon us *Paphiopedilum*'s will be looking for a boost to assist them with flowering. Like many genera it is a temperature drop that often initiates spikes. This is why we spray our cymbidiums at night in December and January and why I put my *Phalaenopsis* outside for a few nights late this month when the nights get down to 11 or 12. Basically my *Paphiopedilum*'s also get a spray at night and the feeding changes to one of higher P & K but taking into account their sensitivity to salts in the fertiliser I make sure they are adequately flushed from time to time as well.

March will also see a significant shortening of the days, this too is another signal to our plants of the changing of the season. As the sun retreats to the northern hemisphere we now start searching for the sun, the same sun that only three months earlier burnt the living daylight out of our plants. I am and always have been an advocate of moving my plants around in tune with the seasons. I enjoy this plant shuffle. To me it's like rearranging the furniture. But the method of my madness has a reason. Plants are moved to get full sun, to stay dry, to get more air or whatever the move entails. A few years of observations has plants that have their own reserved spot each year and why not. If it grows good there why move it unless you think you might do better. Soon my lounge and family room will be full of the tropical species that spend summer in the shade house but would surely die if left out there in winter. This is another example of knowing some back ground about your plant and if you cannot provide it with care in an outside situation then you can improvise.

April is soon upon us. It is a warm month with cool nights and maybe a little more rain. The amount of effort in watering and feeding our orchids starts to reduce now but on the other hand protection and preparation for flowering takes centre stage.

*Steve Howard*

## **ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA** **General Meeting Times**

**THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** In 2024, the Club will meet at the Marion - Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr. Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion. at 8.00p.m. on the first Wednesday of the Month

**THE DAYTIME CHAPTER:** meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00p.m.

**THE SOUTHERN REGION:** meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

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

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

**THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB:** meets at 1.45pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

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**THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** meets at 7.30p.m. at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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