



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

July 2024

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

HAPPY 59TH BIRTHDAY SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB

AT A GLANCE

The July General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 8.00 pm at the Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Corner of Township Road and Church Crescent. This is our 59th Birthday. The Club started in Victor Harbor in July 1965. We will be having a Plant and Flask Auction, so bring along your plants for sale at auction. Details are later in the Gazette. There will be a supper after the Auction; the Club will supply small pies, sausage rolls, mini quiches and cake.

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the July 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 11th July 2024 at 2.00 pm at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton. Our Guest Speaker will be Kevin Western sharing amazing results using different fertilisers.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 21st July 2024 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Phil Steer speaking on Oncidiums. Pauline Hockey will have a plant Sale day. No Learners Group today as there will be a Christmas in July Social event prior to the meeting, starting 12.30pm.

NEW MEMBERS: The Club would like to welcome a new member Ralf Brandt. 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.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
28 July and 25 August

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1978 Dulcie Grave *	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick *
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	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

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

<u>Rural and Interstate Membership</u>	
Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

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(Use your grower number for Reference)

Account No.: 545457040

President's Message



The South Coast Orchid Club's annual Winter Show will be held on the weekend of 6th & 7th of July this year (earlier than it is usually held) at the Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Please bring along all your flowering plants to contribute to what I'm sure will be another quality display of Orchids. Details are in this Gazette for put in and take out times. Please see Anne for swing tags and sheets for any sales plants that you have for the trading table.

The main group this month welcomes Graham Fear who will be conducting an auction of orchid plants. Details are in this Gazette. The Daytime Chapter will welcome Kevin Western who will be speaking about a change of fertiliser and the results that he is seeing in his plants. For the Southern Region Group, they will enjoy a Christmas in July social event prior to the meeting where Phil Steer will talk on Oncidium Orchids and Pauline Hockey will be bringing plants for sale.

We are in full swing of the orchid flowering season and this means shows. The Southern Region Show will be held on August 22nd - 23rd and the Spring Show will held on September 21st - 22nd this year. Further details in upcoming Gazettes.

Happy 59th Birthday to The South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia. After the Auction at the main meeting there will be a supper; the Club will supply small pies, sausage rolls, mini quiches and cake.

The Neutrog Spring Orders, Cut off for online orders 8am 2nd August. Collection Date Friday 16th or Saturday 17th August depending on the collection location you choose.

Successful growing & showing

Michael Willoughby

WANTED



A NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

If you would like to served on the South Coast Orchid Club's Committee, you would be very welcome. There is a vacancy for one new member on the Committee. You would be required to attend Meetings that are held on the second Wednesday of the month 7.30-9.30pm. Also to help in any way that you can with the activities of the Club. It is an interesting activity and you can learn a lot. If you are interested please ring Anne Steer 8270 3090, or Michael 0479 762 527



Happy Birthday

**AUDREY BIEBRICK, PAULINE HOCKEY,
MARK HOCKEY, BRIAN LYTTLE,
GRAHAM SMITH, CAROLINE FRANCE,
ANDREW CRAIG, HELEN HUMPHRIES,
BARB SEMMENS**



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



ORCHID CALENDAR 2024



MAIN MEETING JULY

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 8.00 pm
 Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion.
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 Learners' Group Meeting at 7.15 pm

MAIN MEETING AUGUST

Wednesday 7th August. Keep this date free as we have an interstate Guest Speaker, Callyn Farrell from Down Under Orchids

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 10th July April 2024 7.30 pm
 The Southern, South Road, St. Marys

DAYTIME CHAPTER

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SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

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WINTER SHOW

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

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

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

SPRING SHOW

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

THE PLANT AND FLASK AUCTION - 3RD JULY 2024

SELLERS: Please bench plants for sale between 6.45pm and 7.15pm . Bring a list of items with a reserve price listed. The plants will be registered and numbered for the auction. Please see Anne on arrival. Sellers will be paid by EFT in a timely manner.

BUYERS: If you plan to buy, you need to register. You will be given a number to use when bidding. Plants purchased are to be paid for on the night at the completion of the auction.

The Club will charge 5% commission to cover administration costs.

WINTER SHOW

Saturday 6th July to Sunday 7th July 2024
MARION-WARRADALE UNITING CHURCH HALL
Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.

The Committee needs the assistance of the members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Anne for swing tickets and selling sheets. **Reminder:** to sell your plants at the Show and to display your plants you must be a financial member and you must have owned your plant for a least 6 months.

PUT IN: Friday 5th July, 4.00 - 5.00 pm for set up of display area - help is needed.
 Plants for Display and Plants for Trading Table when set up is completed.

TAKE OUT: Sunday 7th July at 4.00 pm.

JUDGING: The plants will be judged in-situ in the display.

PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES : Saturday: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.
 Sunday: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Please help make our Winter Show a success by bringing in all your flowering plants. Ribbons and prize money are back.

TRADING TABLE: Please fill out a Sales Sheet and tags as normal for orchid plants. As well as members' plants for sale, we will have a range of Zygopetalums, Cymbidiums, Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, and Australian Native Orchids for sale.

A separate Sales Sheet and tags with your initials and a number is needed for non orchid plants (cacti, Bromeliads, ferns, etc.) (and books_

____If you have 20 or more NON-ORCHID Plants to sell, a fee of \$20 will apply and a separate table will be provided for you to man yourself.

TROPHYS AVAILABLE AT THE WINTER SHOW

H & C Edwards Clock Trophy

For the Grand Champion of the Winter Show.

Ira Butler / Kevin Western Trophy

The Best Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for this award..

Bill Murdoch / Les Nesbitt Trophy

The Best Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for this award.

Roy Hill Trophy

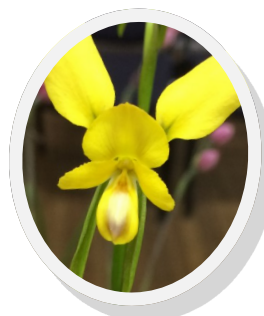
For the Best Novelty Cymbidium in the Show.

Chin Yew Lian Trophy

For the Best Seedling in the Show.

Garard Western Trophy

For member Hybridiser's Seedling'



WINTER SHOW SCHEDULE 2024

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native Epiphyte Species Epiphyte Hybrid Terrestrial Species Terrestrial Hybrid Specimen, Seedling	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium - over 90mm All Colours Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Cymbidium Over 90mm	Champion Cymbidium Over 90mm
Cymbidium 60-90mm All Colours Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Cymbidium 60-90mm	Champion Cymbidium 60-90mm
Cymbidium - Under 60mm All Colours Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Cymbidium Under 60mm	Champion Cymbidium Under 60mm
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 Oncidium 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 Phalaenopsis	Champion Phalaenopsis
Dendrobium (Other than Aust Native) Hybrid Species, Seedling	Best Dendrobium	Champion Any Other Genus
Vandae Standard Non Standard Species, Seedling	Best Vandae	
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, DIVISION CHAMPIONS

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated, and you must have owned your plant for at least 6 months..
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.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with 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.
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. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue or salt from the pots. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are all cleaned off.
3. Check all stakes and add more if necessary and re-tie.
4. Remove old brown husks from bulbs and remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
5. Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Get plant sales sheets and plant price tags from Treasurer before hand. 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. On the top left hand corner of the page, print your name. On the right hand side write in your club member number, Rule a narrow column down the left side of the page. This column is for the plant number 1-30. On the right hand side you need a column a bit wider for the selling price of the plant. The centre section is for the name and colour eg *Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink)*. 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 some one.
9. Next write your labels. It's a good idea to do both sides of the tag. Your member number goes on the left hand side and the plant number on the right hand side. Circle the plant number. Write your price under these numbers. As you put your tags on the plants, double check that the prices and numbers on the tags match those on your sales sheets.
10. When you bring your plants in, they must be checked off by another person against what you have written on your sheets. You will be given one sheet back along with payment for sales but you may wish to write out another copy for yourself to keep in the meantime. You can help with the checking off by reading out the numbers and price while the person checking checks this information off against what is on your sheets. If there is a discrepancy, it needs to be attended to and another ticket written out if need be.



June Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1021 Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

1022 Ptst. sanguinea Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Species

1033 Cym. erythrostylum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

1031 Cym. Elegant Elf 'Nan' Peter Haltis (442) 3

1032 Cym. Another World Peter Haltis (442) 2

Laeliinae - Cluster

1025 Ctt. Browniae 'Riga' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

1026 Ctt. Zodiac Purple Haze John Seidel (101) 2

1027 Ctt. Portiata Peter Haltis (442) 1

Laeliinae - Species

1028 C. perrinii Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

1029 Arpo. giganteum var. Alpinum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

1030 L. anceps 'Gaynor' Peter Haltis (442) 1

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

1023 C. Unknown Peter Haltis (442) 3

1024 C. Ovation Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1035 Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1034 Brat. Aztec 'Toni' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

1036 Gdp. divaricatum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

1037 Milt. moreliana Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1045 Den. Australian Mia's World Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

1046 Sngl. longifolia Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 3

1047 Liparis condylobulbon Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2

1048 Gga. rufescens Ron & Irene Parish (477) 1

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

1041 Paph. Giant Spice John Seidel (101) 3

1042 Paph. Maudiae Ron & Irene Parish (477) 2

1043 Paph. Via George John Seidel (101) 1

Paphiopedilum - Species

1038 Paph. gratixianum John Seidel (101) 3

1039 Paph. insigne 'Chianti' John Seidel (101) 2

1040 Paph. wardii 'Seaview' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 1

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1044 Z. (Pine Road x Kosciuszko) Ron & Irene Parish (477) 3

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

998 Den. Hilda Poxon '#2 Stevie' Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

999 Den. Avril's Gold 'Jilly' Phil and Anne Steer (514) 2

1000 Den. Hila Poxon 'Nailsworth' Phil and Anne Steer (514) 1

Cymbidium over 90mm - Species

1006 Cym. tracyanum 'Tamborine' Phil and Anne Steer (514) 3

1007 Cym. erythraeum Bill Jayne (1180) 2

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

1005 Cym. That's Outrageous 'Susan' Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

1008 Cym. (On the Beach x Tito Schipa) Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

Laeliinae - Cluster

1003 Ctt. Porcia 'Cannizaro' Beth Stronach (836) 3

Laeliinae - Non Standard

1004 Ctt. Portia 'Barcelona' Phil and Anne Steer (514) 3

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

1001 C. Elisabeth Calov Phil and Anne Steer (514) 3

1002 C. (Deception x Caudebec) Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1009 Ons. Catatante 'Petite Cherie' Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 3

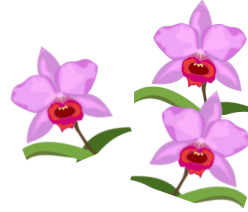
1010 Gom. Alosuka 'Claire' Beth Stronach (836) 2

1011 Oncsa. Sweet Sugar Phil and Anne Steer (514) 1

Oncidiinae - Species

1012 Onc. longipes Beth Stronach (836) 3

1013 Ros. grande Laurie & Susan Carter (1303) 2



June Results List cont ...

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
1016	Den. Bucko 'Flagstaff'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
Orchid Seedling - any Genera			
1017	Cym. (On the Beach x Tito Schipa)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
1018	Cym. eyrthraeum	Bill Jayne (1180)	2
Paphiopedilum - Non Standard			
1014	Paph. Gary Romagna x Pinocchio	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
Specimen Species or Hybrid			
1019	Ons. Catatante 'Petite Cherie'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
1020	Ctt. Porcia 'Cannizaro'	Beth Stronach (836)	2
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
1015	Z. Blue Lake	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3

Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Species

991 Cym. erythrostylum Helen McIntosh (299) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

990 Cym. Valentine's Love 'Leanne' Coral Tillmanns (212) 3

Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

992 Cym. Pharoah's Dream 'Barcelona' Graham & Janette Smith (217) 3

993 Cym. Cherry Cola 'Geyserland' Graham & Janette Smith (217) 2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

996 C. Unknown Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195) 1

Laeliinae - Species

997 L. anceps Margie Brown (59) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

994 Brsdm. Spiderman Jim Fogarasi (150) 3

Specimen Species or Hybrid

995 L. anceps Margie Brown (59) 3

PLANT COMMENTARY – JUNE 2024

Orchid of Open Division & Flower of the Night

The Orchid of Open Division and Flower of the Night was a massive *Dendrobium* Australian Mia's World grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. It was a very tall *Dendrobium*, hung on a steel post from a beam on the wall being too large to display on the show bench.

It was covered in off oyster white to yellowish coloured flowers. Each flower had white, maroon and purple markings on the labellum. The flowers were smallish on hanging inflorescences of up to 14 well-spaced flowers on each.

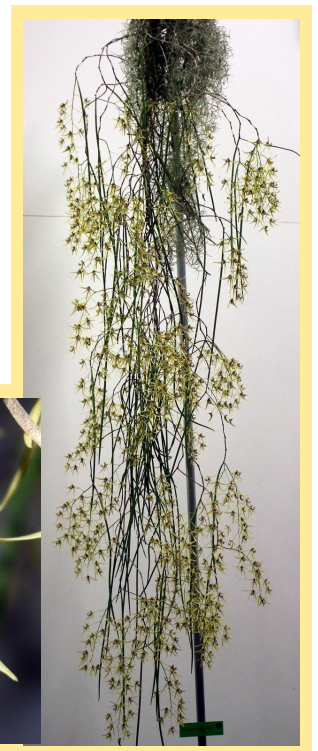
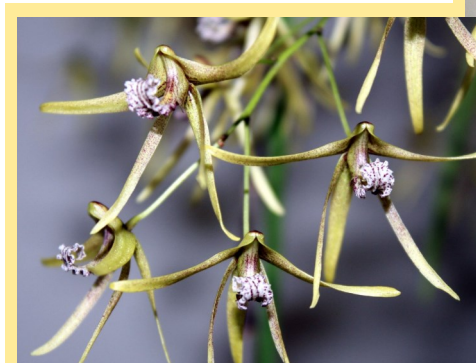
This *Dendrobium* although called *Dendrobium* Australian Mai's World has species in the breeding which are not Australian. It was

therefore judged in the Any Other Hybrid section of the judging bench. The Orchid although huge was remarkably clean and very healthy.

Congratulations Michael & Oui.

Orchid of Open Division & Plant of Night *Den. Australian Mai's World*

Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Photos Neil Cooper



PLANT COMMENTARY – JUNE 2024 cont ...

Orchid of First Division

The Orchid of First Division was *Oncostele* Catatante 'Petite Cherie' grown by Sue and Laurie Carter. The old name of this oncidium was *Colmanara* which would be more familiar to some growers.

This Oncidium had three tall inflorescences each with a multitude of fully opened flowers making an eye-catching display. The segments were a soft orange colour with yellow and orange labellum.

The inflorescences were well spaced throughout the plant which was in excellent show bench condition. It was a worthy divisional winner.

Well done to Sue and Laurie.



Orchid of First Division
Ons. Catatante 'Petite Cherie'
 Grown by Sue & Laurie Carter
 Photos by Neil Cooper



Orchid of Second Division

The Orchid of Second Division was *Laelia anceps* grown by Margie Brown. This plant is a species orchid that grows in the wild throughout Mexico and down into Honduras.

Laelia anceps can be temperamental when it is moved from one collection to another. It can cease to flower for a

number of years. When flowering recommences, it should flower every year.

The benched orchid had eight spikes each with between two to three flowers giving a gorgeous display of approximately twenty flowers.

The flowers were a bright, clear, pink colour. The labellum colours were pink, yellow and purple. The labellum was long and narrow. The flower segments formed a large star shape. The inflorescences were not staked but grown naturally. They were all of equal length.

Laelia anceps is a favourite addition to any orchid collection. It is well suited to our growing conditions in the Adelaide region.

Congratulations Margie.

Orchid of Second Division

Laelia anceps

Grown by Margie Brown

Photos Neil Cooper

PLANT COMMENTARY – JUNE 2024 cont ...

Seedling of the Night

The Seedling of the Night was *Cymbidium* (On the Beach X Tito Schipa) grown by Sue and Laurie Carter.

This *Cymbidium* had interesting markings on the petals of dark dappled brown, overlaid on lighter brown. The labellum was maroon at the tip with light yellow splotches near the column.

Well done Sue & Laurie.

SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT
Cym. (On the Beach x Tito Schipa)
 Grown by Sue & Laurie Carter
 Photos Neil Cooper

Vicky Cooper
 Assistant REGISTRAR



***Laelia anceps* by Peter Taylor**

John Lindley, in 1831, proposed the genus *Laelia* in *Genera and Species of Orchidaceous Plants*. Two species were listed: *Laelia grandiflora* and *Laelia autumnalis*.

The English nursery of Loddiges & Sons imported plants in 1835, soon described in the Botanical Register by Lindley as *Laelia anceps*. Lindley apparently remarked: "*This plant is equal in beauty to any of the cattleyas.*" My exact sentiments, yet I fear that a situation of 'familiarity breeding contempt' may exist amongst many of the orchid fraternity regarding this species. Because of its ease of culture, it is an ideal "beginner's" orchid. It grows readily and flowers regularly with often spectacular flowers but, because of these characteristics and the fact that thousands of back-cuts find their way into collections, *Laelia anceps* is often considered commonplace. I do not believe, as I once heard a judge exclaim, that "If you've seen one 'anceps' you've seen them all!"

The selected species for this month is *Laelia anceps* var. *chamberlainiana*. This variety first came to England as a huge plant in 1885 and, for many years, was considered the best of the 'anceps'. The accompanying photograph does justice to the beauty of this orchid. Note the large size flowers, approximately 13cm across, the beautiful pale rose purple sepals and petals, and the wonderful labellum (yellow striped with purple on the inner side and a rich purple-crimson border). Surely this is not a 'common' flower!



There are some other spectacular varieties of *Laelia anceps*. The variety *williamsii*, which I also grow, is almost pure white except for a yellow disc on the lip and a few purple lines on the inner side lobes of the labellum. It was imported to England by Frederick Sander, the 'Orchid King', and sold at auction in 1884. Mr. B.S. Williams, after whom the variety was named, purchased the plant for 30 guineas.

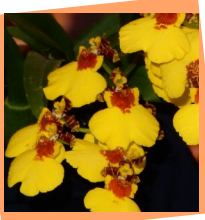
Laelia anceps var. *alba*, an almost pure white form, is less robust in growth than the previously named varieties. It first appeared in the *Gardener Chronicle* of 1887 and received an FCC from the Royal Horticultural Society. This form has no pink or purple coloration, but an attractive patch of pale yellow on the lip forms a wonderful contrast to the white flowers.

An article by Joyce Stewart in the *American Orchid Society Bulletin* (1987, p.492) highlights a number of the superb early varieties of *Laelia anceps*. Two of the most beautiful are variety *scottiana*, illustrated in the *Orchid Album* in 1888 (the entire lip a rich, very deep velvet purple) and a sensational early white, variety *dawsonii*, characterized by a large labellum with a deep purple blotch. Stewart maintains that "The Royal Horticultural Society gave approximately 30 awards to *Laelia anceps* up to 1915, nearly all of them to plants with different varietal names." I wonder where these varieties are today? Undoubtedly, some would have been lost in continental collections because of the ravages of the Great War, but surely others lurk in species collections somewhere. Still, there are some fine examples of the species in Australian collections, particularly *Laelia anceps* 'Irwin's' ANVAOS, a variety of excellent size, substance and colour.

Many articles related to the culture of *Laelia anceps* use a famous quote from the *Gardeners Chronicle* of 1887 by M.L. Kienast-Zolly, which describes the conditions experienced by the species in habitat. It is worth considering the following:

This orchid is always met with on the borders of the virgin forest, growing on the trunks of trees.....exposed to a powerful sun and wind..... often clinging to rocks during the rainy season, May to October, the plants are daily drenched and are thoroughly wet during the night, (in the morning) a sharp and fresh wind comes from the highest peaks, begins to dry the plants, a work which the burning sun completes. (Then) the daily storm drenches them afresh Under these conditions, Laelia anceps grows with extraordinary vigour, and flowers about the end of October or November, just as the pseudobulbs arrive at their perfect development. About the end of February, new roots start from the base of the bulb the fine rain falling almost like fog this rain is too weak to saturate the plants.

The temperatures that *Laelia anceps* encounter (and enjoys!) are extreme. From winter lows of 2°C to summer highs of 36°C in Baulkham Hills (Sydney), *Laelia anceps* maintains its regular growth pattern, and flowers regularly and beautifully. I believe that this interesting Mexican species is worth a place of pride in all species collections. It is far from a 'common' orchid!



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 13th June 2024



Hi everyone,

Our daytime group of 16 members with four apologies welcomed our guest speaker Ron Parish and his wife Irene and a warm welcome back to Geoff and Lucy Spear.

Ron shared his vast knowledge and photo presentation on identifying and managing orchid viruses. Following his presentation Ron enlightened members with his experience establishing his "*Cymbidium madidum*" seedpod germinating in a staghorn mount and how well it continues to flourish.



Geoff and Lucy Spear talking with Ron Parish

Lucky Name Badge Winner: Margie Brown.

Lucky Seat Winner: Josie Ogrowsky

Plant of the Day Winner: Richard Wilson with *Rlc. Glacier Girl* [*Rlc. California Girl* x *C. Redland Icicle*].

Many thanks to Coral and Josie for their assistance and to our generous members providing raffle plants.



Richard Wilson's Winning Plant *Rlc. Glacier Girl*

Next Meeting : Thursday July 11th - 2.00pm

Lou Kesting Hall. Broadway, South Brighton

Guest Speaker: Kevin Western sharing amazing results using different fertilisers

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SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 16th June 2024

Convenor, Dudley Huxtable, opened the main meeting at 2.00 pm welcoming 23 members present. Also welcome to our guest speaker, Roger Herreman. Roger is well known to us by now as he comes down here about once a year. Today he will be talking about the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in California. Roger also has plants for sale on the trading table. **Thank you** to Phil Steer for conducting the Learners group.

Apologies: Chris and Lyn Heysen, John Gay, Alan Clayton.

Dudley spoke about attending Bev Gay's funeral on Friday – a celebration of a life of dedication, challenge and determination. Vale Bev.

Guest Speaker: Roger gave us a very interesting talk about the Santa Barbara international Orchid Show which he attended some years ago. This annual event has been running for over 70 years and attracts orchid lovers from around the world. Roger highlighted the wide range of genera shown, and the many similarities (and differences) to what can be seen at Australian shows. Thank you, Roger, for this insight into the wider range of orchids in another country.

Lucky Name Badge: Dorothy Berry

Lucky Door Prize: Robyn Clayton

Announcements:

1. Winter Show: see details elsewhere in this Gazette.
2. Southern Region Show: Our own show is fast approaching. Put-in will be 5 pm on Wednesday 21st August with take-out 2 days later at 5pm on Friday 23rd August. We will need assistance for setting up and then on the sales desk and for interaction with the public – a roster will be available at the next meeting.

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

Judging: was carried out by Phil Steer with assistance from Jane and Don Higgs.

Judges Commentary: Phil Steer.

Many thanks to Dudley for standing in for me as Convenor for this meeting. He did a great job.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and biscuits.

Chris Heysen 0419 386 769

Next meeting – Sunday 21st July 2024.

Guest speaker will be Phil Steer talking about Oncidiums.

Pauline Hockey will have a Sale Plant Day.

Prior to the main meeting, and instead of the normal Learners group, we will have a “Christmas in July” get together - starting at 12:30pm. The Club will provide some warm food (mini pies etc) so bring along whatever you would like to share with the group – sandwiches, cakes, fruit or whatever. It will be a relaxed social get together.

June Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
First Division		
Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std		
567	Cym. (John Fagaragan x Ruby Eyes) Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std		
566	Cym. Rosefieldense Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std		
568	Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls' Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Cymbidium under 60 Species		
569	Cym. dayanum Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Laeliinae - Cluster		
565	Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Sunburst' Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm		
570	Brs. brachiata x Milt. leucoglossa Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Second Division		
Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std		
561	Cym. Mini Mary 'Little Lamb' Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std		
560	Cym. Dural Snow 'Purity' Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3
Laeliinae - Cluster		
557	C. Doris Schindel x Ctt. Kew Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
558	C. Unknown Bob Clayton (143)	2
559	Ctt. Portiata Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	1
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm		
555	C. Unknown Bob Clayton (143)	3
556	Lc. Intercepts Bob Clayton (143)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid		
563	Phal. Unknown Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3
Orchid Seedling - any Genera		
564	Z Kiwi Choice x Zga. Freestyle Meadows Graham & Janette Smith (217)	
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid		
562	Z. Kiwi Choice x Zga. Freestyle Meadows Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3

VALE - BEVERLEY [BEV] GAY

It is with great sorrow that we learnt of the passing of Bev Gay. Bev was a stalwart member of the South Coast Orchid Club. She and her husband John regularly attended the Club meetings especially the Southern Region Meetings.

Bev showed incredible strength, dignity and resilience during her many problems but we remember her for her dedication, challenge and determination.

We send our sympathies to John and his family and all the friends that Bev made during her long association with the Club.

R.I.P.



JUNE PLANT COMMENTARY - SOUTHERN REGION

Today's plant numbers have increased as we see the season progress. Some really lovely plants with the quality continuing to be of a high standard. We had a lovely *Zygo* seedling on the bench today in second division. It is great to see members starting to show their seedlings.

Orchid of Second Division & Plant of the Day

The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely *Phal.* Unknown grown by Margaret & Warren Yelland. A stunning set of 10 dark mauve / purple flowers on a lovely arching inflorescence on a good size small plant. The flowers were well displayed with a lovely side by side ranking "look at me". !

Congratulations Margaret and Warren



ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION & PLANT OF THE DAY

Phal. Unknown

Grown By Margaret & Warren Yelland

Photo Phil Steer



Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Genny & Dudley Huxtable and was *Cym dayanum*. It was a well grown plant with 6 nice arching spikes of cream and reddy/ brown flowers.

Cym. dayanum is a species in the under 60mm class and is a regular on monthly benches and at shows.

Well done Genny & Dudley.

ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION

Cym. dayanum

Grown By

Genny & Dudley Huxtable

Photos Phil Steer



SEEDLING OF THE DAY

Z. Kiwi Choice x

Zga. Freestyle Meadows

Grown By

Graham & Janette Smith

Photo Phil Steer

Thank you to our Judges, Jane and Don for a job well done!
Good Growing !

Phil Steer

Registrar



Orchid Culture Notes for July

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

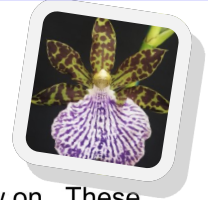
Protection of your plants still remains a priority this month. With many plants in spike or in the process of initiating spikes we must ensure we keep up the protection from the elements, pests and diseases. It is definitely a time also to observe your collection, identify any problems occurring and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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Native epiphytes also break sheath now and also need cover, a slug baiting programme and watch out for aphids as they home in on the new buds. If possible get them under cover even before they break sheath for best results. Terrestrial orchids will start flowering in greater numbers now. Keep these moist too but avoid over wetness as they are prone to damping off, especially in poorly drained mixes. For those growing the South African terrestrial species *Stenoglottis* cut off the flowering spikes now, even if they are in flower to force a short but beneficial rest. Remove rotting leaves and dry out slightly. Avoid disturbing these plants to ensure better flowering.

Weeds are usually a problem over Winter so make sure you remove them before they flower or get too established in the pot. Their fine roots will break down mixes more rapidly and reduce the all important drainage. Oxalis is a real pest in this regard, especially if left to grow a taproot that is very hard to pull out. That sees out July. In general like June, this is a protection month with more emphasis on protection than anything else as many more plants begin their flowering season. Next month is August and before months end the first warmish days that remind us that Spring is just around the corner.

Steve Howard

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

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: 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 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

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

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

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton 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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