



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

# Gazette

May 2023

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC  
President: Michael Willoughby

## AT A GLANCE

The next General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia will be held on Monday 8th May 2023 at 8.00 pm. at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. Our Guest Speaker will be Bodo Jensen speaking about his orchids and his work with The Friends of the Botanic Gardens.

**LEARNERS' GROUP:** There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the May Meeting at 7.15pm.

**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 May 2023 at 2.00 pm Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs speaking on the Australian Orchid Conference held in Logan, Queensland in 2022.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 21st May 2023 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Anita Marquart from Biological Services talking about the Key Pests of orchids and possible controls including beneficial insects. Learners Group will be held at 1.15 pm.

**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 JOHN CARASSAI

It is with sorrow that the Club learnt of the passing of John Carassai husband of our Life Member Dorothy Carassai for 59 years. John was an Honorary Member and for many years worked hard for the Club setting up St Bernadettes Hall and supporting Dorothy in her Club roles. Our thoughts and sympathy go to Dorothy and family.

RIP

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES  
28 May and 25 June

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## YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2023

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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 Toshie 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 2023 are now due. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2023. 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>

**Account Details: BankSA Glenelg. BSB: 105-145      Account No.: 545457040**  
(Use your grower number for Reference)



## President's Message

The show season is upon us yet again, with our Autumn show being on from 11<sup>th</sup> May through to the 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Seaford Central Shopping Centre. Bring your flowering plants so as we can put on an appealing display for the public. Also any of your plants in your collection that are 'extras' can be put on the sales bench for sale.

The South Australian Orchid Fair 2023 will be held at the Campbelltown Function Centre over the Saturday & Sunday of the June long weekend more details will be in the Gazette.

Our guest speaker this month will Bodo Jensen who will talk on his orchids and his work with The Friends of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

In Autumn is most important to keep the water up as many genera are still in growth stage and building up reserves for their rest and flowering later in the year, and the warm weather can extend well into April.

It is always prudent to place snail bait (albeit not to close to young spikes as the snails/slugs may choose these over the bait) on your pots to ward off the little critters. Also place a stake by your flowering spike to protect it from being damaged as it grows. Fertilize your orchids weekly, (a weak solution of fertilizer) and make sure they are all protected from the elements as they still need fresh air around them.

Successful growing & showing

*Michael Willoughby*



Photos  
by  
John Harris



## **ORCHID CALENDAR 2023**

### **MAIN MEETING**

Monday 8th May 2023 8.00 pm  
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens  
Guest Speaker: Bodo Jensen talking about his orchids and his work with The Friends of the Botanic Gardens.

### **DAYTIME CHAPTER**

Thursday 11th May 2023 2.00 pm  
Lou Kesting Hall , Dover Square, Brighton South  
Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs speaking about the Australian Orchid Conference held in Logan, Queensland in 2022

### **SOUTHERN REGION MEETING**

Sunday 21st May 2023 2.00 pm  
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor  
Guest Speaker: Anita Marquart from Biological Services: Key Pests of orchids and possible controls, including beneficial Insects. Learners Group meeting at 1.15 pm. John Gay's Sarcophilus plants for sale.

### **AUTUMN SHOW**

Wednesday 10th May to Saturday 13th May 2023  
Seaford Central Shopping Centre

### **SA ORCHID FAIR**

Saturday 10th June to Sunday 11th June 2023 [9.00am – 4.00pm]  
Campbelltown Community Centre, Montacute Road, Hectorville.

### **WINTER SHOW**

Friday 21st July to Sunday 23rd July 2023  
Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall , Township Road, Marion

### **SOUTHERN REGION SHOW**

Wednesday 23rd August to Friday 25th August 2023  
Victor Central Shopping Centre

### **SPRING SHOW**

Friday 22nd September to Sunday 24th September 2023  
Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall , Township Road, Marion



# Happy Birthday .....

**GEOFF SPEAR (90 years young),  
ANITA BUGDEN, JOHN HARRIS,  
PETER DAVIDGE**



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





## Product Program

As a result of our recent visit to Neutrog they have offered an invitation to our members to join their online store. This will give members the opportunity to purchase a range of garden products at exclusive pricing up to four times a year.

To enable you to participate, Neutrog have asked that we provide them with your email address which in turn they will send you a unique activation code that will take you into their online store. If you do not wish to participate, please let Christine know by return email no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> and your details won't be passed on to Neutrog. Once set up in their system they will send the activation code with further instructions. This platform allows direct payment to Neutrog so we (SCOCSA) do not have to collect money and collate the order.

The orders will be sent to the relevant nominated collection points which are manned by Neutrog staff making it a very clean and easy process. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Michael or Anne and we can discuss them with the Neutrog Representative. The current collection points are Neutrog Kanmantoo and Carrick Hill on a Friday. Vellex Transport Depot Parafield Gardens and Wallis Cinema Noarlunga Carpark for Saturday Collections. Collection times 8am to 12pm.

Payment is at completion of the online order via credit card direct to Neutrog. Members simply come to the collection point, state their name and provide their receipt. A Neutrog staff member will then pick up their order and place it in their vehicle.

- **Benefits to members:** Members are able to purchase Neutrog products at a much cheaper price in this manner.
- The four seasonal collection dates: We will have missed February and May this year. We plan to have it organised for Spring 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August and Summer 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023..
- Concerns that may be raised: What if I don't have an email address or am not tech savvy? It is suggested that you "buddy up" with another member and combine your order.

### **EDITORS NOTE**

Quite a considerable number of our members receive this Gazette in black and white by mail. Others have elected to have the Gazette directly emailed to them. They receive the Gazette in full colour and have the benefit of beautiful photographs of very colourful orchids. They also receive the Gazette up to a week before the mail can deliver it to you others. If you would like to have the colourful version emailed to you send me an email so that I receive your correct email address.

**Please don't forget that this is your Gazette.** If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

You can contact me, **Christine Robertson**, by:  
 Email: kloval@westnet.com.au Phone: (08) 8536 3948  
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## CLUB WEBSITE HELP NEEDED

The Club is looking for someone to work on the Club Website to bring it up to date. It is important that the information is correct and current as it is a potential avenue for new members.

If you can help, please contact Anne Steer

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FAIR Sat 10th to Sun 11th June 2023 Campbelltown Function Centre 172 Montacute Road Rostrevor

SAROC will require helpers in the kitchen at the SA Orchid Fair this year. Help is also needed on the front desk.

Contact is Garry Simcock  
Phone Number 0419 837 761

## VIRUS TEST KITS

The Club has purchased more Virus Test Kits for sale to its members. The test covers Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus in one rapid test. It comes with an easy to follow instruction sheet.

A visual demonstration is available at [www.youtube.com/regabiotech](http://www.youtube.com/regabiotech)

These kits have a long life and cost \$7.50 each. They are available on the Trading Tables at the various meetings..

## AUTUMN SHOW Thursday 11th May to Saturday 13th May 2023 SEAFORD CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE

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 at least 6 months..

**PUT IN:** Wednesday 10th May. 5.00 pm for set up of display area - help is needed. Plants for Display & Plants for Trading Table. when set up is completed.

**TAKE OUT:** Saturday 13th May at 5pm.

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

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

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

**TRADING TABLE:** As well as members plants for sale, we will have a range of Cattleya, Oncidium and Australian Native Orchids for sale.

## AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE 2023

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
<b>Australian Native.</b> Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
<b>Cymbidium.</b> Majority of flowers > 90mm. Majority of flowers 60-90mm. Majority of flowers <60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Cymbidium	Champion Cymbidium
<b>Paphiopedilum.</b> Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Paphiopedilum	Champion Paphiopedilum
<b>Laeliinae.</b> Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
<b>Oncidiinae.</b> Oncidium Hybrid <60mm. <i>Oncidium</i> . Hybrid >60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
<b>Zygopetalinae.</b> Zygopetalinae Hybrid. Zygopetalinae Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
<b>Phalaenopsis.</b> Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	Champion Any Other Genus
<b>Dendrobium.</b> (other than Aust. Native) Hybrid, Species, Seedling.	Best <i>Dendrobium</i>	
<b>Vandaeae.</b> Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Vandaeae	
<b>Any Other Genus.</b> Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	
<b>THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS</b>		

Trophies :

**W A Young : Trophy for Grand Champion**  
**H & B Viney : Trophy for Champion Laeliinae**  
**Chin Yew Lian Trophy for best seedling of the year**  
**Garard & Western Trophy for Hybridized Plants for the year**

Champion Seedling

Champion Species

Champion Specimen

Division Champions

## **EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS**

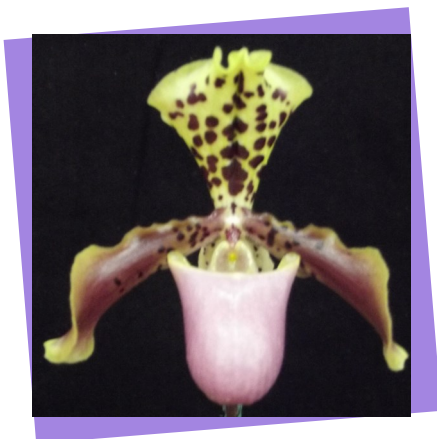
1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated, and you must have owned your plant for at least 6 months..
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of 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 the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display.
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.

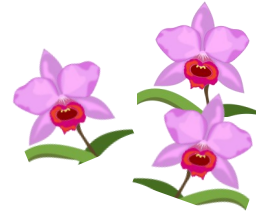




## PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

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 beforehand. 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's 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.





# April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

## Open Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

509	Prchs. Cherub	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
510	Sarco. Lustrous	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
<b>Laeliinae - Species</b>			
514	C. harrisoniana	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>			
511	C. Mini Purple 'Jessica'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
512	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
<b>Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm</b>			
513	C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &gt; 60mm</b>			
515	Brs. Brown's Sunrise	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
<b>Orchid Seedling - any Genera</b>			
520	Paph. Magic Lantern	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
<b>Paphiopedilum - Non Standard</b>			
516	Paph. Recovery	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
517	Paph. Magic Lantern	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
<b>Paphiopedilum - Species</b>			
518	Paph. concolor	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
<b>Specimen Species or Hybrid</b>			
521	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
<b>Zygopetalinae - Hybrid</b>			
519	Zga. Kings Park 'Malcolm'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3

## First Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

496	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Nailsworth'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
497	Den. (Doug's Spoils x Grumpy)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
498	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Nailsworth'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	1
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Species</b>			
501	Cym. Florida Cracker	Peter Haltis (442)	3
<b>Cymbidium under 60 Species</b>			
502	Cym. dayanum	Peter Haltis (442)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>			
500	C. Louise Georgianna	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>			
499	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &lt; 60mm</b>			
504	Onsca. Sweet Sugar	Beth Stronach (836)	3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &gt; 60mm</b>			
503	Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumfelt	Peter Haltis (442)	3
<b>Orchid Seedling - any Genera</b>			
506	Z. (Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice)	Peter Haltis (442)	3
<b>Specimen Species or Hybrid</b>			
507	Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumfelt	Peter Haltis (442)	3
508	Cym. dayanum	Peter Haltis (442)	2
<b>Zygopetalinae - Hybrid</b>			
505	Z. (Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice)	Peter Haltis (442)	3

## Second Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

492	Den. Avril's Gold 'Leedham'	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std</b>			
493	Cym. Enzan Summer 'Ben'	John & Rhonda Wainwright (549)	3
<b>Oncidiinae - Species</b>			
494	Ros. grande	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species</b>			
495	Coel. cristata	Helen McIntosh (299)	3



## PLANT COMMENTARY

There were a good number of plants benched.

### ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely example of *Coel. cristata* grown by Helen McIntosh.

It had four lovely crisp white flowers on an arching raceme. The crisp white was offset by bright yellow segments in the labellum. A well grown and flowered plant.

Congratulations Helen.



### ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

*Coel. cristata*

Grown by Helen McIntosh

Photos John Harris

### ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION

The plant of First Division was grown by Beth Stronach and was *Onsca. Sweet Sugar*.

It had one large inflorescence with a number of branches. Not an overly large plant but it carried the flowers very well. The flowers were a bright yellow with smallish splash of brown on the upper labellum. The broad yellow labellums showed off the flowers and were a real eye catcher.

Well done Beth



### ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION

*Onsca Sweet Sugar*

Grown By Beth Stronach

Photos John Harris



## ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION ORCHID OF THE NIGHT

The plant of Open Division was  
*C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'*

A very lovely cattleya with a dark purple labellum against dark pink dorsal petals & sepals. Only a very small plant but the flower really was the highlight. This grex has been awarded 27 times and has been used a number of times in breeding.

It's parents include *C. walkeriana* (49%), *C. pumila* (24.75%), with *C. luteola* & *C. coccinea* making up the balance. This flower was a real standout.

Congratulations Michael & Oui

Thank you to our Judges for a job well done!

Good Growing !



## ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION ORCHID OF THE NIGHT *C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'*

Grown By Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju  
Photo John Harris

*Phil Steer* Registrar

## An article from The South Coast Orchid Club Monthly Newsheet April 1972

### PAPHIOPEDILUM GROWING by Syd. Monkhouse

Slipper orchids (Paphiopedilums, formerly called Cypripediums) are a very easy genus to grow, as long as one understands their requirements.

They usually inhabit fringe areas in forests, where they make their root growth in the dry leaves on the ground. It is interesting to note that their main root growth is just under the newly fallen dry leaves in the section where the leaves have not yet broken down. Of course, many grow on limestone cliffs in their native habits and often in plain soil. Many of the species from which the present-day hybrids have been developed grow at considerable altitudes and thus do not require a great amount of heat.

This characteristic is inherited by all plain green leafed types and, generally, only the mottled leafed varieties require artificial heat in Southern Australia.

Slippers need more shade than most other orchids and require continual dampness in their compost—THIS DOES NOT MEAN WETNESS. Use tank water where available.

A good, long lasting, open potting medium which will retain some moisture is needed, and a mixture of 4 parts of Fir Bark, 2 parts of Isolite and a little shellgrit is what we use.

Grow your 'slippers' in a cool glassed-in area, or even in a sun-room window. If growing this genus in a window make sure that the plants receive adequate moisture by standing the pots above a tray of dampened marble chips or gravel, or a tropical fish pond. Do not allow the pots to stand in water or else roots will rot off.

Slipper orchids can be grown in a shadehouse but, unless the plants are protected from rain or overhead watering during Autumn and Winter, the young buds may rot off in their early stage and, of course, no flowers will result.

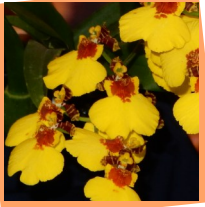
The plants must have more shade than cymbidiums, and a good place to grow them is on the bench under the shade of the cymbidium leaves.

You can feed your slipper orchids every fortnight with a ½ strength solution of Peters 30-10-10 or 18-18-18. They are not gross feeders and therefore cannot be fed heavily.

The beauty of the paphiopedilum is in the very long lasting quality of its blooms. A good healthy plant will carry a bloom for 8 to 12 weeks.

Mealy bug can attack 'slipper' orchids, but a spraying of Rogor 40 will safeguard against these.





## DAYTIME CHAPTER

### Thursday 13th April, 2023



Hi everyone,

The Daytime Chapter meeting warmly welcomed our guest speaker Phil Steer.

Phil commenced his presentation on our newly acquired club projector with an overview of the 2022 flower of the year voting, followed by his demonstration on the Internet, visiting various websites to identify orchid names and flowers.

Members were impressed with the ease Phil demonstrated exploring the internet and the plant data available on the numerous information sites. This was highlighted when Phil searched the history of a raffle plant surprising everyone with the plants history and species detail available. Great that Phil could join us, many thanks for your presentation.

Plant of the Day was unanimously won by Coral Tillmanns with her *Rossioglossum grande*.



**Coral Tillmanns with her  
Popular Vote Plant,  
*Rossioglossum grande***



**PLANT OF THE DAY**  
***Rossioglossum grande***  
**Grown by Coral Tillmanns**  
Photo John Harris

Many thanks to Coral and Val for their assistance on the day and to our generous members for providing raffle plants.

### **Next Meeting**

**Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs** presenting the 2022 Australian Orchid Conference held in Logan, Queensland.

Thursday 11th May – 2pm,  
Lou Kesting Hall, South Brighton

*Alan Miller*

0434 052 676

*Anne Steer*

*Richard Crinion*



## SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the meeting at 2.00 pm welcoming the 24 members present. And welcome to Jane Higgs our guest speaker for this month. Jane, of course, is normally our judge but today will be talking about last year's Australian Orchid Conference in Logan, Queensland.

**Apologies:** John and Bev Gay, Andrew Craig, Lyn Heysen, Phil Steer, Dianne Cawley, Ruth Tugwell, and Christine Robertson. John and Bev are both now in a permanent care home in Murray Bridge where they are being well cared for.

**Thank you to Anne Steer** for running the the Learners Group session for today.

**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speaker, Jane Higgs, gave us a detailed presentation about last year's Australian Orchid Conference which was held in Logan, Queensland. This biennial conference is the major orchid event for Australia and representatives, plants and displays come from all over the country. However it was obvious from the photos that the majority of displays were from Queensland clubs, and as Queensland allows foliage plants in their displays many included these lovely additions. The range of tropical genera was of course much more prominent than in our southern Shows with many different Dendrobium and Vanda types being quite prominent. Next year's conference will be in Perth.

Many thanks Jane for another very interesting talk.

**Birthday Prize:** Chris Heysen.

**Lucky Name Badge:** Shirley Greig.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Warren Yelland.

### Announcements

Anne announced that she had been advised by Paul Dipuglia from Neutrog that SCOCSA members are now eligible to join the Neutrog buying club that provides special discounts on all their products. Full details are elsewhere in this gazette.

The Autumn Show will be held at Seaford Shopping Centre from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Put -in is from 5:00pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Take-out from 5:00pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. See this Gazette for details.

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

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

**Next meeting** – Sunday May 21st 2023 – Guest speaker, Anita Marquart from Biological Services (Beneficial Bugs), will be talking about Key Pests of Orchids and possible controls. She will talk about Lady Bugs and other critters that help your garden to grow better and can reduce the damage from other insects and diseases. This should be an extremely interesting talk. She will also have some beneficial bugs for sale.

The meeting closed at 3:05pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and biscuits.

*Chris Heysen*

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## April Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
<b>First Division</b>		
<b>Laeliinae - Cluster</b>		
297	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3
298	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>		
299	Rlc. (Lucky Strike x Dark Waters)	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3
300	C. Bethune 'Indigo'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>		
295	Rlc. George King 'Serendipity'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm</b>		
296	C. Memoria Ralph Yagi X Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnet	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &lt; 60mm</b>		
301	Ons. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>		
302	Phal. Sweet Talk	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3
<b>Second Division</b>		
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - Species</b>		
293	Cym. (Micheal Herbert x Lancashire Porter)	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3
294	Cym. Mini Mary 'Little Lamb'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>		
292	Rlc. Karbela Beauty x Ctt. Mini Sunset	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3
<b>Laeliinae - Species</b>		
	Psh. Cochleate 'Rita'	Graham & Jeanette Smith (217) 3

### POPULAR VOTE

*Rlc. (Lucky Strike x Dark Waters)*  
Grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen  
Photo Jane Higgs





## SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY

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

### ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION PLANT OF THE DAY

The Orchid chosen by the Judges was a very well grown example of *Psh. cochleata* 'Rita' grown by Graham & Janette Smith.

It had a number of full heads of fresh flowers which stood proud of the foliage. This is a relatively easy species to grow and is a lovely addition to any collection. It is an early flowerer and being progressive its flowers go on for some considerable time.

This is the first time out for Graham & Janette so Well done. Looking forward to seeing more.



### ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION PLANT OF THE DAY

*Psh. cochleata* 'Rita'

Grown By Graham & Janette Smith

Photo Jane Higgs

### ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION

The plant of First Division was grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen and was *Ons. Everglades Elegance* 'Nancy Lee'.

A well grown plant with two tall inflorescences of contrasting brown, yellow, white and cerise flowers. The cerise and white labellum really stood out against the other segments of brown & yellow.

Congratulations Chris & Lyn.



### ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION *Ons. Everglades Elegance* 'Nancy Lee'

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen

Photos Jane Higgs

Thank you to our Judges, Jane and Don for a job well done.

Good Growing !

*Phil Steer*  
Registrar



# Bullshit Internet Orchid Seed Offers

By Kevin Western



I have conducted orchid Tissue Culture activities including sowing orchid seed from intact Green pods, collected mature dry seed, explant start and cloning activities. Since goods in general have become available to purchase through the internet, various crooks have scammed unsuspecting folks with non-existent or dud products. Orchid seeds together with the offer of some dead easy process that the complete novice can use to

germinate and grow them, is a situation that continues to con many an orchid enthusiast. I reckon that dud orchid seed and dud seed germinating procedure offers have been on the internet since the late 90's or very early 2000's.

**This article is an attempt to wise up all you potential twits that might decide to give it a go yourselves - a complete waste of your time, faith and money and continued encouragement to the crooks offering it to keep the scam going.**

I have had many an email, text and phone call from duped twits asking for advice and I have been sent samples from duped victims ranging from grape-like seeds, to fig-like seeds, to sieved sawdust fines to what appeared to be the sieved grit from a vacuum cleaner. All of the above are completely illegal imports and, theoretically, duped customers could receive the ire of the folks in Australian Customs department. On that note, I have had some queries from Australian Customs Officers to explain to them what was going on and what they might be able to do to stop it, so they are all truly aware of the caper.



Often on offer are seeds of quite uncommon, Cites Listed to very rare orchid seed such as "Monkey Orchid seed" - *Dracula* genus seeds, Flying Duck orchid seed, White Egret orchid seed and others that I have forgotten about by now - all bullshit - there's no other word for it.

If you search the internet, the so called 'White Egret Orchid' is listed as *Habenaria radiata*, a terrestrial orchid, native to Japan, Korea, China and Russia. It is further stated that the species is in serious decline over its entire range due to over collection and habitat decline. We have to ask ourselves how is it that someone ACTUALLY has seeds of this orchid. It is possible but it sure is not very likely. I am fairly sure that it is probable that genuine seed may be obtained if you have good contacts, but not from some crook offering it commercially on the internet.



*Habenaria radiata*



**Flying Duck Orchid**

Flying Duck orchids are terrestrial orchids limited to Australia and a few that were carried as seeds from Australia by fire storm winds to New Zealand where they landed occasionally on terrain that had just the right strain of mycorrhizal soil fungus present to germinate the seed and also the right climatic conditions to sustain it.

**HOW THE BLAZES DOES AN AVERAGE OR DUNCE ORCHID TWIT RECKON HE OR SHE HAS THE REMOTEST HOPE TO DO IT ON THEIR OWN?** I contend that only a complete idiot would reckon They had a chance. These orchids are very uncommon even in their natural habitat so chances that there is any seed actually available for commercial supply purposes is damned nigh on nil !

Please note that various state department tissue culture laboratories in numerous states using artificial mycorrhizal fungi germination techniques and sophisticated symbiotic tissue culture media absolutely struggle to get them to germinate and grow in artificial culture.

Think about it a bit further. These damned crooks are offering seed of diabolically desirable orchids. If we thought there was any chance that they are real, then experienced operators like me from all over the planet, with fully equipped laboratories and totally familiar with how to successfully clean, sterilise and sow such seed would be buying it up and absolutely flooding the market with them for a profit. That is just so NOT the case.

The protocols that accompany the dud seed are also a collection of useless and vague garbage incorporating a few key Tissue Culture terms that in no way whatsoever offer a succinct way to actually process the so-called seed even if it were actually real orchid seed. Note well that we who conduct processing of orchid seed into sterile tissue culture on a regularly successful basis have spent a long time in perfecting and simplifying our equipment, facilities and techniques and, unless you possess exemplary commonsense abilities with respect to the life sciences, contamination control or unless you already have parallel experiences from similar jobs or endeavours, **EVEN IF I WERE TO GIVE YOU REAL, VIABLE, EASY TO GERMINATE ORCHID SEED - YOU PROBABLY STAND ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE TO GERMINATE IT.** That combined with the fact that the vast majority of such seed on offer is not even orchid seed and you are wasting your time.

There absolutely are genuine suppliers of orchid seed abroad who offer quite plausible seed and which may germinate on arrival here in Australia. Even then, if the seed still contains a little moisture, and if the seed package happens to travel in an unpressurised region of the aeroplane's hold, then it may reach as low as -40 deg C or worse, whereupon the water in the seed embryo freezes and it is killed. All this adds to the lack of likelihood that seed imported from overseas will ever germinate in any case. If I import orchid seed from overseas, I always specify that the exporter instructs use of "pressurised stowage" to get it to me. I'll bet the dud orchid crooks don't bother to do that.

Overall, I strongly suggest that if you get the impulse to make a speculative purchase of some glorious orchid seed offered on the internet - **forget it !** Save your money, don't waste your time. Don't import garbage of unknown biological hazard status into Australia and don't make a bunch of overseas scammer crooks any richer.

*Kevin Western*



## Orchid Culture Notes for May

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Slugs and snails are now on the move so particular attention to a baiting programme should now be in place especially for those pots full of spikes. Use the blue pellets as they last longer and do not turn into a hairy monster within a few days. There is usually an autumn flush of looper caterpillars as well so ensure you have some Dipel at hand if their



## Orchid Culture Notes for May cont...

numbers are out of hand, otherwise learn to observe the damage they cause to the undersides of the plants leaves and squish them. Soft leaved plants such as *Zygopetalums* and *Phaius* are prone to attack. I have heard that it is best to spray Dipel in the evenings as the grubs continue to feed at night and the spray stays wet much longer giving a more effective result. Ensure both sides of the leaves are covered. If the solution will not stick because the plants leaves have a waxy coating then add a few drops of dishwashing detergent as a wetting agent. Keep an eye out for any ant movements now as well. These little up to no good critters are most likely introducing some unwanted pests into our collection. Soft scale is one which can be fixed up with Malathion and white oil or a product called Malascale cleans them up nicely. Spray the Cyms now before the spikes emerge from their protective sheaths for those that flower for the spring shows.

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

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

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

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

*Steve Howard*



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

**THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Whilst COVID restrictions are in place the Club meets on the Second Monday of the month at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. at 8.00p.m.

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

**THE SOUTHERN 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.

**NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY:** meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY:** Meets at the Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton from 7.30p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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**The Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club.**

**The Orchid Club of S.A. Inc.**



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