#### THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SAINC.



# Gazette

October 2018

President: Michael Willoughby Patron: Sydney Monkhouse

### **AT A GLANCE**

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia will be held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 8.00 pm. at St Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our Guest Speaker will be Steve Howard who will be talking to us about the Culture of Orchids of the Cattleya Alliance. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE** for Supper.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: The next class will be 3rd October 2018 at 7.30 pm with Geoff Spear.

<u>JUDGING:</u> 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 0479 162 527

<u>DAYTIME CHAPTER:</u> The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be David Williams speaking on Bromelliads. Beginners Class with Geoff Spear before the meeting at 1.30 pm.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Sunday 21st October 2018 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be John Gay with a presentation on "Growing Orchids My Way". John is a very popular speaker and shares so much knowledge with us. Learners Class with John Gay commences at 1.15pm before the main meeting. Committee and members are welcome.

**PLANT HOUSE VISIT:** Don't forget the planned Visit and BBQ for October to Noarlunga Orchids. Our Vice President, Malcolm Mangelsdorf will show us his orchids and roses and other interesting things that he sells. Details are on page 4 of this Gazette.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome Helen Marinos as a new member to our Club, We hope that your time with the Club will be enjoyable and very informative on the orchids we all love.

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

<u>PUBLIC LIABILITY:</u> Under Insurance Guidelines all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name on an Attendance Sheet.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GAZETTES:** 28 O

28 October and 25 November



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#### **YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2018**

PRESIDENT: Michael Willoughby SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Malcolm Manglesdorf

VICE PRESIDENT: Kevin Western SECRETARY: Lucy Spear TREASURER: Anne Steer

COMMITTEE: Donna Meeuwsen, Oui Ju,

**Christine Robertson, Craig Humfrey** 

Jim Fogarasi, Geoff Spear

**NON COMMITTEE POSITIONS:** 

Registrar Phil Steer

Editor Christine Robertson Web Master Michael Willoughby

Librarians Raelene Gardner (Main Meeting)

**Diane Cawley (Southern Region)** 

Photographers Neil Cooper, Craig Humfrey

Convenor S. R. Group Geoff Spear

Convenors Daytime Chapter Barbara Almond, Patty Abell

#### LIFE MEMBERS \* denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave \* 2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear 1986 Harry Viney \* 2009 Don Biebrick 1978 Leora Harvey 1986 John Nicholls 1978 L. & H. Poole\* 2009 Henk Van Leuveren\* 1989 Helen Edwards 1978 Ellie Shaw\* 2010 Dorothy Carassai 2003 Norman Gitsham 1979 Syd Monkhouse 2004 Keith Northcote 2011 John and Bev Gay 1979 Bernie Hanson\* 2005 Merve Steele\* 2012 Noel Oliver 1981 Lois Hanson\* 2015 Lesley Fenton 2005 Shirley Steele 1981 John Leeder\* 2015 Rod McRedmond Circa Tony and Toshy Deonnio\* 1985 Brenda Lynch 2018 Kevin Western 2007 Ron and Irene Parish

1985 Bubs Gready \* 2007 Murray Baulderstone \* This list is still being compiled.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS:

There is no change in subscription rates from last year. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES - One membership covers all groups		Rural and Interstate Membership	
Family Membership	\$38.00	Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$30.00	Single Membership	\$28.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00		



# Happy Birthday .....

VICKY COOPER, LEE GRAFTON, KEVIN TREVAN, MALCOLM YOUNG, SUZY BRATUZ, ANNE STEER, MONICA SORRELL, PAULINE VLACHOS



# **President's Message**

We have reached the end of another busy, successful show season for the club. By the time this reaches you, the Spring Show will be in full swing, showing off our best orchids to an admiring public at the Seaford Central Shopping Centre. A full recap on the Spring show will be in the next Gazette.



I must thank each and every one of you for a phenomenal year. I worried a lot about the long cold winter and whether the orchid blooms would open in time. However, you all rose to the occasion. Thank you.

Thank you to Sue & Laurie Carter who hosted a plant house visit that was very well attended by members from the main group and the Southern Region group with the weather making it all the more enjoyable. We have more plant house visits planned for later this year. More details are in this gazette.

Last month we had a very interesting presentation by Coralie Hills FAOC, who gave us a look into the World Orchid Conference held in Ecuador late last year and the wonderful Galapagos islands. This month we welcome Steve Howard with whom we are all familiar by way of his monthly cultural notes. Steve will be sharing information on the culture of the Cattleya alliance.

The committee at the end of each year steps down from their positions. Now is a good time to consider if you are able to spare some of your valuable time as a member of our committee. It is very rewarding and the club cannot function without a good working committee.

We wish all the best to our members who are experiencing difficulties with their health at this time.

Successful growing and showing

# Michael

### UNUSUAL PLANT OF MONTH - Phragmipedium besseae

This beautiful *Phragmipedium* occurs in Ecuador and Peru where it grows in semi shade at 1100 m on steep, east facing, wet embankments or rocks exposed to the morning sun. It is a sympodial lithophyte or terrestrial with no pseudobulbs and growing to 22 m. The growth emerges from a short rhizome.

The leaves are long, dark green, and heavily fleshy. The inflorescence is 30-40 cm with one to four flowers that open in succession. Bright scarlet sepals and petals fade to yellow in the centre. Downy pouch is striped with scarlet and yellow.

The species has been awarded nearly 200 times worldwide and ten times by the AOC; 4 AM/5 HCC/1 CBM. It has been widely used in breeding having 154 primary hybrids and 681 progeny. Its scarlet colouring is much valued in breeding.







## **ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2018**

**SPRING SHOW** Saturday 22nd to Saturday 29th September 2018

Seaford Rise Shopping Centre, Seaford

**OPEN DAY** Saturday 6th October 2018

Noarlunga Orchids and Roses extends an invitation for a visit and

BBQ. Orchids, Roses, Letter Boxes.

Address: 180 Commercial Road Seaford Meadows

Phone; 8386 1581

**SOUTHERN REGION** 

WORKSHOP Saturday 27th October 2018 at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens

Street, Victor Harbor. 4 excellent speakers and BBQ.

**SOUTHERN REGION** 

CHRISTMAS DINNER Sunday 11th November at the Hotel Victor, The Esplanade

Overlooking the Sea.

**OPEN DAY** Saturday 17th November 2018

Kevin Western has invited us to visit his laboratory, see his

orchids and enioy a BBQ.

MAIN GROUP

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** Wednesday 5th December 2018

Details are on page 5 of this Gazette.

#### **OPEN DAY SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER**

#### Noarlunga Orchids and Roses,

Letter boxes and tanks has extended an invitation for Club Members to Visit at 180 Commercial Road Seaford Meadows.

Phone: 8386 1581
Time: From 10am
We will have a Barbecue.

What to bring - a salad or cake, your own drinks.

The club will provide meat and bread.

There will be a Raffle and you will be able to purchase plants from the Nursery.

Bring a chair.

# OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2018 Western Orchids / Laboratory

Kevin Western has kindly invited South Coast Orchid Club members to visit his Orchid Nursery and Laboratory on Saturday 17th November from 10.00am **Note:** The original date proposed clashed with too many orchid functions. The visit will include

- inspection of the Orchid Tissue Culture Laboratory;
- visiting the orchid houses. Western Orchids specialise in cool growing orchids, Sarcochilus. Dockrillia, Dendrobium, Cymbidium, Disa, Miscellaneous species, and hybrids, and
- examining Mounted Orchid Culture.
- There may be deflasking and mounting demonstrations

A range of flasks and plants will be available for sale

We will have a Barbecue.

What to bring - a salad or cake, your own drinks.
The club will provide meat and bread.
There will be a Raffle. Bring a chair.





#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER – DECEMBER MEETING**

Wednesday 5th December 2018



As in previous years, the main course will be catered for by **TEXAS BULL MACHINE.** 

Christmas Dinner will commence at 6.30pm sharp with Main Meeting at 8.00pm. The Club will provide nibbles and cans of drink. You may BYO wine, spirits and beer. Members who would like to attend should let Anne know as soon as possible so we can organize the catering. Cost \$27.00 per head.

**NOTE:** Payment will be required prior to the December Meeting. There will be **NO** payments accepted on the Night. You may pay the Treasurer at the Main Meeting, or pay directly to the Club's bank account, using your grower's number as reference.

Bank Details: South Coast Orchid Club BSB 105 145 Account No. 545457040





### **DELUXE SMORGASBORD MEAL**

WHOLE BAKED SNAPPER
S.A. PRAWNS
CHAMPAGNE LEG HAM
ROAST TURKEY
SALAMI, CABANA AND METTWURST
SAUCES, ROLLS AND BUTTER
DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

Disposable plates, real cutlery, Christmas serviettes.
Please bring a gift to receive a gift.
Something you would like to receive yourself.
Father Christmas has been invited.
Our Patron Syd Monkhouse has been invited.

#### **PLANT HOUSE VISIT 9th SEPTEMBER 2018**









The Plant House Visit to Sue & Laurie Carter's Orchid Houses at Summertown near Uraidla in the Adelaide Hills was a very enjoyable day.

Members from both Adelaide and Victor Harbor attended and it was a good opportunity to meet other members of South Coast as well as viewing some interesting plants.

Thank Sue and Laurie for making this possible.







Photographs by Oui Ju

# **September Results List**

Cym. Kimberley Splash 'Tee Pee'

Points Awarded **Open Division** Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid Den. Victorian Bride 'Genesis' 3 1705 Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 1706 Den. (Tania's Pride x Tyabb) 'Mouliache' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2 1707 Den. Elegant River John & Bev Gay (65) 1 **Australian Native Epiphyte - Species** Sarco. falcatus Kevin Western (155) 3 **Australian Native Terrestrial - Hybrid** Ptst. (cucullata x nutans) Kevin Western (155) 3 1709 **Australian Native Terrestrial - Species** 1708 Diuris pailustris Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 3 **Chin Yew Lian Trophy** 1768 Phrag. Supernova Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 3 Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown Cvm. Red Pepper 'Janice' 1712 Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3 Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green Cym. Khai Grapes 'Kotonoha' 1713 Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) **Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown** Cym. (Hungarian Beauty x Dawn Flame) Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3 Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green Cym. (Kimberley Meadows x Paradise Island) 3 1711 Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm 1754 Onc. Twinkle John & Bev Gay (65) 3 1755 Onc. Twinkle 'Yellow' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 2 Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm Ons. Midnight Miracles 'Masai' 1752 John & Bev Gay (65) 3 1753 Ons. Nellie Isler Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 2 Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid 1760 Phrag. Supernova Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 3 Jane & Don Higgs (1302) 1761 Phrag. L'Unique 2 Masd. Rein Touch 'Coralta' 1762 Kevin Western (155) 1 Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species Dinema polybulbon 1763 Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3 1764 Masd. ignea Kevin Western (155) **Orchid Seedling - any Genera** 3 1765 Phrag. Supernova Jane & Don Higgs (1302) Paphiopedilum - Non Standard 1756 Paph. Fumi's Delight Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3 **Paphiopedilum - Species** Paph. glaucophyllum Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3 1757 Seedling of the Night Jane & Don Higgs (1302) Phrag. Supernova 3 **Specimen Species or Hybrid** 1766 Den. Mem. Ian Willoughby 'Ian' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252) 3 **Zygopetalinae - Hybrid** Zga. Pine Road x Z. Purple Panther Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) 3 1758 1759 Zba. Elaine Oliver 'Stripy Wonder' Robert & Lesley Gunn (424) **First Division Australian Native Epiphyte - Species** 1702 Den Helen Phil and Anne Steer (514) 1703 Den. Intense 'Intense' Phil and Anne Steer (514) Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour 3 Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury' George Misirlis (1125) Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown Cym. Show Girl 'Husky Honey Phil and Anne Steer (514) 3 **Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green** 1725 Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon' George Misirlis (1125) 3 1726 Cym. Celtic Imp 'Sharon' Phil and Anne Steer (514) 2 Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour

George Misirlis (1125)

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#### First Division cont...

	DIVISION CONT		
-	dium over 90mm White Cream Yello		
1722	Cym. (Kellys Winter x Alexandra Beauty)	George Misirlis (1125)	3
Cymbio	dium under 60- any other colour		
1728	Cym. Unknown	George Misirlis (1125)	3
1729	Cym. Topo Gigio	George Misirlis (1125)	2
	inae - Hybrid < 60mm		
1731	Onc. Twinkle 'Red'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
1732	Onc. Twinkle	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
Oncidii	inae - Hybrid > 60mm		
1730	Ons. Midnight Miracles 'Masai'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
Orchid	Seedling - any Genera		
1734	Zga. (Freestyle Meadows x Holdfast Bay)	George Misirlis (1125)	3
Zygope	etalinae - Hybrid		
1733	Zga. (Freestyle Meadows x Holdfast Bay)	George Misirlis (1125)	3
Seco	nd Division		
	lian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid		
1716	Den. [(Aussie Springtime x Ellen) x kingianum]	Poth Strongoh (936)	2
1717	Den. x gracillimum	Beth Stronach (836) Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	3 2
1717	Den. Bardo Rose 'Pink Delight'	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	1
	lian Native Epiphyte - Species	variet / taarris a Cordon (1100)	-
1714	Sarco, hartmanii 'Blue Knob'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
1715	Den. kingianum 'Nymph'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
	dium 60 - 90mm - any other colour	Edding a Gasari Garter (1999)	_
1744	Cvm. Unknown	Beth Stronach (836)	3
1745	Cym. Foxfire Amber 'Dural'	Jenni Ciplys (1323)	2
1746	Cym. Uluru 'Sunset'	Jenni Ciplys (1323)	1
	dium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown		_
1739	Cym. Kiwi Midnight 'Geyersland'	Van & Charles Ortlipp (528)	3
1740	Cym. Pepper's Fire 'Fiesta'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
1741	Cym. Swan Lake 'Margot'	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	1
Cvmbi	dium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yello	` '	
1742	Cym. One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold'	John & Rhonda Wainwright (549)	3
1743	Cym. Pure Sarah 'Carolyn'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
Cvmbi	dium over 90mm Red Pink Brown		
1735	Cym. [Lancashire Rose x (Real Vision x Pink	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
1736	Cym. Kurralta Park 'Tennyson'	Jim Fogarasi (150)	2
1737	Cym. [(Valley Splash x Red Beauty) x Flaming	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1
Cymbic	dium over 90mm White Cream Yello	ow Green	
1738	Cym. (Hazel Tyers x President Gorbachev)	Raelene Gardner & John Beckmann (238)	3
Laeliin	ae - Non Standard		
1721	C. Angel's Pride x Rth. Hawiian Chic	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
1719	Ctt. Galaxy Belle x Ctyh. Vienna Woods	Christine Robertson (661)	3
1720	Rlc. Lim Theng Hin	Vera Bastian (978)	2
Orchid	Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybr	rid	
1748	Den. Unknown	Vera Bastian (978)	3
Orchid	Genera not listed elsewhere - Spec	ies	
1750	Maxillaria porphyrostele	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
Orchid	Seedling - any Genera		
1751	Cym. [Lancashire Rose x (Real Vision X Pink	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
Paphio	pedilum - Non Standard	•	
1747	Paph. (venustum x Yachiyo Lady x Hidderi)	Christine Robertson (661)	3
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There have been two resignations from the Committee:

### Heather Wright and Stephen Monkhouse.

The Committee regretfully accepts their resignations. We would like to thank them for the all the help and support they have given this year in many ways.

#### PLANT COMMENTARY FOR SEPTEMBER

The display benches were full of plants this month with the majority being in Second Division. As a result, a couple of additional benches were needed. Thank you to the growers who benched their plants. It was a mighty effort. There was a reasonable cross section of genera for this time of year with Cymbidiums of various sizes being the main contenders as would be expected for September.

# Orchid of the Night and Orchid of Open Division and Best Seedling of the Night

Graham Zerbe gave the commentary for *Pragmipedium* Super Nova grown by Jane and Don Higgs which was judged the Orchid of the Night and the Orchid of Open Division. It was also judged the Best Seedling of the Night. The parents of *Phrag.* Super Nova are *Phrag.* Acker's Superstar and *Phrag. kovachii.* The bright red colour of *Phrag.* Super Nova comes from *Phrag.* besseae. The species making up this orchid are distributed in South America. It is a progressive flowerer and, when judged, had a large open, well-shaped flower that was gracefully displayed on a long raceme. The plant was growing in the base of a coke bottle which had been skilfully engineered by the grower. The plant was grown in a temperature-controlled house. Congratlations Jane & Don on a very successful night.







Orchid of the Night
Orchid of Open Division
and Best Seedling
Pragmipedium Super Nova
Grown by Jane & Don Higgs

Specimen of the Night

Den. Memoria Ian

Willoughby 'Ian'

Grown by Michael

Willoughby and Oui Ju

#### PLANT COMMENTARY FOR SEPTEMBER cont.

#### **Orchid of First Division**

Don Higgs gave the commentary for the Orchid Plant of First Division which was *Onc.* Twinkle 'Red' grown by Paul and Donja Hayes. The parents of this cross are *Onc. sotoanum* which has yellow flowers and *Onc. cheirophorum* which has pink flowers. It is a primary hybrid with both of these species from South America. This plant was a fresh pink colour with nicely shaped flowers, well grown and clean, and artistically displayed by the grower as shown in the photograph. Well done Paul and Donia.





Orchid of First Division
Onc. Twinkle 'Red'
Grown by Paul & Donja Hayes

#### **Orchid of Second Division**

John Gaye gave the commentary for the Orchid of Second Division which was *Cymbidium* [Lancashire Rose x (Real Vision x Pink Vision)] x [Sylvan Globe x (Winter Wonder x Real Vision)] grown by Laurie & Sue Carter. This Cymbidium had nine, large (> 90 mm) flowers, evenly spaced on an upright, single raceme and of very good shape with a delightful colour. This healthy plant with good substance was growing in medium sized bark. This Cymbidium is a seedling. Buying a seedling is always a gamble but if the plant turns out as well as this one then the grower is on to a winner. Congratulations to Laurie and Sue.





Orchid of Second Division

Cym. [Lancashire Rose x (Real Vision x Pink Vision)] x [ Sylvan
Globe x ( Winter Wonder x Real Vision)]

Grown by Laurie & Susan Carter

Thank you to everyone on the Judging team for their contribution, including pencillers and those entering data on the computer.

Phil Steer will be back on board at the next meeting.

Vicky Cooper
Acting Registrar



# DAYTIME CHAPTER Thursday 13th September 2018



Hi everybody,

It has been great to see some the nice weather and hopefully there will be more to come in the coming weeks. Our meeting was very enjoyable with lots of laughs and interesting comments. Coral Tillmanns brought in her Zygopetalum to show that has just started to flower after 3years. She bought it as a seedling to go in the Club's competition to see who could get one to flower first; unfortunately she didn't win.

Coral was also our Guest Speaker and she gave us a very interesting talk on her trip to England. As well Coral spoke at length about the Chelsea Flower Show. Coral had many articles to show us as well a power point display. All members present expressed the opinion that the Chelsea Show should be on their bucket list. In the middle of Coral's talk we had a power outage but that didn't stop Coral, she just kept talking until Trevor found the fault. Well done Coral and thank you for an interesting talk.

Unfortunately we had an apology from Lucy and we asked Geoff to convey our Best Wishes to her and we hope that she has a speedy recovery.

Members were reminded about the upcoming Spring Show at Seaford Rise Shopping Centre.

Our display table was well stocked with lots of lovely plants and we had a draw for the Plant of the Day between Patty and George Abell. In the end Patty's plant won and George got the mug. The winning plant was *Cymbidium* Ruby Brook "Falling Flame".

The meeting closed with afternoon tea. Our Guest Speaker for next month is David Williams who will probably talk on Bromeliads.

Good growing

# Patty & Barbara

#### **EDITORS NOTE**

Quite a considerable numbers 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.

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# SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 16th September 2018

The Southern Region meeting turned out to be a great day. The weather was lovely but the real surprise of the day was the orchids on display for the meeting. The number of display plants was phenomenal. There were 65 plants! The display at the meeting was beautiful and a real credit to the growers who brought their plants to be judged.

Geoff Spear opened the meeting at 2 pm, welcoming members and visitor. Chris & Lyn Heysen were thanked for conducting a very informative Learners Group based on the now popular Phalaenopsis, covering their care and treatment after flowering to prolong their life and encourage further flowering.

Geoff talked about the upcoming Spring Show at Seaford Rise Shopping Centre in 7 days time. There is still a room for flowering orchids for the Display, and plants can be sold on the Trading Table. The workshop in October is shaping up nicely with Rowan Crowhurst to take two sessions and two surprise guests.

Geoff presented new member Andrew Gotzheim with his badge and plant. Geoff then "changed his hat" to become our Guest Speaker. He gave a very hands on presentation of what needs to be done with Cymbidiums once they have flowered. He demonstrated repotting and breaking up of plants. The resulting smaller plants he donated as raffle prizes. He discussed fertilizing, and pests to watch out for at this time. Thank you Geoff it was all very interesting.

Apologies: Lucy Spear, Steven & Kay Davey, Warren Yelland, John Gay, Regina Lingen





#### **Birthday:**

Joan McMahon

<u>Lucky Name Badge:</u>

Helen Humphrys

**Lucky Door Prize:** 

Shirley Greig

Orchid of the Day
Orchid of Second Division
Den Flegant Glow

Den. Elegant Glow Grown by Helen Humphrys





Orchid of First Division

Phal. Unknown 'white'

Grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen

<u>Judging:</u> Thank you to our judge Graham Zerbe and student judge, Christine Robertson, who coped with the large number of plants exhibited. Thank you also to data collectors, Bev Gay and Sue Zerbe for a very good job. Graham gave a judges commentary on all of the plants benched ably assisted by Christine Robertson. Graham congratulated the members on the terrific display of plants tabled for judging. He explained some of the qualities that judges look for in judging the plants, name changes that have occurred, parent plants of plants, etc.

Plant of the Day and Plant of Second Division:

Den. Elegant Glow Grown by Helen Humphrys

Plant of First Division:

Phal. Unknown 'White" Grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen

Popular Vote:

Cym. Mary Green 'Nifty Guy' Grown by Eileen Pinnock

**Next Meeting**: Sunday 21st October 2018 at 2.00 pm. Learners' Group 1.15 pm with John Gay. Guest Speaker: John Gay with a talk "Growing Orchids My Way"





# Popular Vote Cym. Mary Green 'Nifty Guy' Grown by Eileen Pinnock





The Southern Region Christmas Dinner will be held on 11th November at the Hotel Victor on the Esplanade overlooking the Sea. Time: 12 noon. The cost will be \$28 per person for a choice from two entrees and two main courses or from two main courses and two desserts. A choice of three courses will cost \$35 per person. Payment will be made on the day.

## **Southern Region September Results List**

Ref. No. Points Awarded First Division Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid 1322 Den. (Blushart x Rutherford Starburst) Eileen Pinnock (519) 3 1323 Den. Jonathon's Glory Ruth Tugwell (613) 2 1324 Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 1 Den. Elegant Glow **Australian Native Epiphyte - Species** 1319 Den. speciosum 'Aust. Gold Starburst' Ruth Tugwell (613) Den. striolatum 'Tassie Gold' Eileen Pinnock (519) 1320 2 Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 1321 Den. speciosum (Bee's Choice x Windemere) Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown 1326 Cym. unknown Ruth Tugwell (613) 3 Cymbidium under 60- any other colour Cym. Mary Green 'Nifty Guy' 1327 Eileen Pinnock (519) 3 **Laeliinae - Non Standard** 1325 C. x dolosa 'Gorgeous' 3 Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid Phal. unknown 'White' Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3 1328 1329 Phal. unknown 'Pink' Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 2 **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species** 1330 Max. porphrystele Eileen Pinnoch (519) Max. porphrystele Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 1331 2 1332 Max. schunkeana Shirley & Don Greig (1128) Second Division Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid 1283 Den. Elegant Glow Helen Humphrys (445) 3 1284 Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee' Helen Humphrys (445) 2 1285 Helen Humphrys (445) Den. Jonathon's Glory 1 **Australian Native Epiphyte - Species** 1282 Den. speciosum x self Reg & Elsie Clifford (567) 3 Australian Native Terrestrial - Species 1286 Microtis arenaria Reg & Elsie Clifford (567) 3 Reg & Elsie Clifford (567) 1287 Chiloglottis trapeziformis 2 Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour 1300 Cym. (Janis Lin x Tethys) Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3 1301 Cym. (Speckles x Spotz) Sid James (170) 2 Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown Cvm. Mini Flame 'Chestnut' 3 1296 Helen Humphrys (445) 1297 Cym. Sarah Jean 'Vapour' Helen Humphrys (445) 2 1298 Cym. (Mimi x Ruby Eyes) Helen Humphrys (445) 1 Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon' Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3 Cymbidium over 90mm - any other colour 1295 Cym. Foxfire Amber 'Dural' Helen Humphrys (445) 3 **Cymbidium over 90mm Red Pink Brown** Cym. Vampire Beauty 1289 Helen Humphrys (445) 3 1290 Cym. Unknown Sid James (170) 2 1291 Cym. Flaming Pepper 'Black Magic' Sid James (170) 1 **Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green** 1292 Cym. (Memoria Merv Dunn x Beau Guest) Sid James (170) 1293 Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) Cym. Beau Guest 'Glenn' 2 1294 Helen Humphrys (445) Cym. Unknown Cymbidium under 60- any other colour 3 1314 Cym. Koala 'Cutie' Sid James (170) Cym. Coonawarra 'Ron' 1315 Sid James (170) 2 Cym. Fatal Beauty 'Rosalie' 1316 Helen Humphrys (445) 1 **Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown** Cym. unknown Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3 1302 Cym. Piccaninny 'Measles' 1303 Sid James (170) 2 Laeliinae - Cluster Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Meredith' 3 1288 Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)

## Southern Region September Results List cont...

Ref. No	).	-	Points Awarded	
Oncidi	iinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
1318	Ons. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3	
Oncidi	iinae - Hybrid > 60mm			
1317	Ons. Tiger Barb	Helen Humphrys (445)	3	
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid				
1310	Den. (Merlin-Flake x Nobile)	Helen Humphrys (445)	3	
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species				
1311	Max. picta	Helen Humphrys (445)	3	
1312	Srps. neglecta	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	2	
1313	Max. picta	Sid James (170)	1	
Zygop	etalinae - Hybrid			
1305	Z. [(Blue Banks x crinitum) x Titanic]	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3	
1308	Z. [(Kiwi Auckland x Titanic) x crinitum]	Marilyn Jelfs (590)	2	
Zygopetalinae - Species				
1309	Z. maculatum	Sid James (170)	3	

#### SOUTHERN REGION WORKSHOP

**DATE:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 10.30 am

WHERE: Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.

PROGRAM: To be advised later

Rowan Crowhurst has agreed to provide two sessions.

12.00 noon Barbecue Lunch

Please bring along a salad, or a cake. We will have the usual Raffle. You may care to donate to the raffle, something you would like to receive yourself.

Any Questions, please phone Lucy 8381 4420

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

In future editions of the Gazette where space permits it is proposed to have a advertising page where members can sell plants, equipment etc. or can asked for plants that they would like to have in their collections, etc.

If you would like to participate please contact the editor with your requests.

# YOU COULD USE THIS SPACE

#### **SOUTHERN REGION SHOW 2018**

The Southern Region Annual Show was held 23rd to 26th August at the Victor Harbor RSL Hall. There was a marvellous display of flowers and the champions were well deserved. A few photographs are below. The results are not yet to hand and will be published the next Gazette.



GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW Den. Pinterry x Tegan's Delite Grown By Ruth Tugwell



RESERVE CHAMPION OF SHOW

Den. Rosella x kingianum

Grown by Helen Humphrys







## **Orchid Culture Notes for October**

With the shows almost over we return back to our orchid enclosures and commence one of the most important periods in the orchid calendar. It is called maintenance and whether we like it or not, it is an important factor in the upkeep of our collections. Repotting, potting on, dividing and feeding marks what I call the busiest time of the year.

After flowering many of our plants commence a new season growth. This growth can be retarded somewhat if the flowers are left on too long, especially with orchids that hold their flowers for a long time. So the decision is do we cut them off after displays, etc.? This is a personal choice. Some will say in nature they don't get cut off. True. But how many grow here and how many are so far removed from their original parentage that they don't know what they are anymore. My preference is that short lived flowers such as the natives stay on until they drop but those that stay on longer such as the Cymbidiums get about four weeks before I cut them and bring them inside. Other even longer lasting orchids like the Paphiopedilums seem to do okay regardless of how long they stay in flower. Only experience with your orchid in your environment will answer this question correctly.

Other factors to take into account are the size of your plants. A large and well grown plant can support large or multiple racemes but what of a small first flowering seedling or a plant stressed from the previous year division, flowering in a last effort to reproduce and survive. It is best to remove these flower spikes early rather than subject the plant to too much added stress. Some Oncidium seedlings come to mind here, literally flowering themselves to death as a first flowering plant. What about those plants stressed after being in a shopping centre or the show for days on end. I find it best to give these plants a rest and remove the inflorescences. Again I stress, this is my personal choice and it is up to the individual to do what they wish with their plants.

Native Dendrobiums should have flowers cut once they start to droop and lose substance. Spent flowers that drop onto leaves and new growths, etc. soon go mouldy and attract fungal problems. One little insect bite or a damaged leaf will provide the perfect entry point for fungus and in the warmth and moisture of October this spreads rapidly. Now is also a good time to pot on and divide Native Dendrobiums as they commence new growth and re-establish quickly. Look for the commencement of new root growth with the new canes. Don't over pot natives and allow enough for two years growth. This is a good rule of thumb.

Always inspect the roots to see how your culture has been. The pots should have roots growing round and round the inside edge of the pot. They should be white and firm with many growing tips. The centre of the plant has fewer roots and most of these will be previous roots, brown and dead looking. If your roots are sparse all through the mix or rotted then you have a cultural problem. There could be many reasons for this. Too much water, the mix has broken down and become acidic, over fertilising or feeding when the plant is dormant or the plant being cold and wet when it should be cold and dry. This applies especially to the hot/colds. For the newer growers a hot/cold Dendrobium is a hybrid where a cool grower such as *Den. speciosum* is crossed with a warmer grower such as *Den. bigibbum*. It gives you a plant that often flowers earlier or later than most natives. The flowers last longer are usually larger and more colourful than the cooler growers. These are rapidly gaining in popularity. Treat them the same as the normal cool growers during the growing season but keep a little drier in winter and provide them with more light by hanging them above the collection.

Zygopetalums should just about be finished flowering now and large plants can be split. As with most orchids it pays to keep your divisions to a good size of three or four growths as a minimum to ensure flowering next season. Keep an eye out for the Spring looper caterpillars under the leaves from now. They are fond of the soft new leaves of your Zygoes and one or two loopers will make a mess of new growths overnight. Spray with Mancozeb every two months to keep fungal problems to a minimum. Keep water and fertiliser out of the new growths. With fungal problems rife in October your Zygopetalum will be the first to lose growths through rot. At worst it will keep 2 or 3 leaves and will be severely set back, so much so, it may not even produce a worthwhile back bulb, let alone anything strong enough to support a strong growth next year with a flower spike.

Native terrestrials start to look a little sick from now as they begin to yellow and enter summer dormancy. Reduce the watering as they enter dormancy.

New growths on the Cattleyas and Oncidiums start to move now and many will show new roots starting to appear. This tells you they are becoming more receptive to feeding and watering. Aquasol, Thrive and any feed with a high nitrogen component will suffice at this time. With the new roots forming tells you it is also a good time to divide and repot these two genera. The new roots continue to grow to support the division, often with very little set back. Do this at the wrong time and watch your plant wither and struggle.

If you decide to break up an Oncidium or Cattleya/Laeliinae do this before the roots get too long and are easily broken. Secondly if they grow long they become accustomed to an aerial existence and will rot off when placed into the damp confines of a potting mix. Make sure your division is securely positioned in the pot until it establishes.

Sarcochilus will rapidly be showing their flower spikes now as well and it won't be long before we see plenty of flowers. These are one orchid that likes a very weak fertiliser as the roots are highly sensitive. If you see them lose their green tips shortly after a feed then that's the sign that says oops...too strong or I have some micro slugs in the mix. Don't worry, they'll find your flowers sooner or later if you don't bait them now! Keep them moist also as they do not have any pseudobulbs to fall back upon in times of dryness. Rainwater is best if you can provide it and look at increasing the shade levels as well as the sun's intensity rapidly increases this month.

For those that fancy growing orchids on mounts, spring is a good time to start them off as they readily establish when new roots become evident. A good lesson here is to observe the roots. If they touch the mount and die or brown off then they are saying that host is unsuitable. Orchids are wonderful plants. They tell you when something is not to their liking. Learn to observe these signs and you are well on your way to mastering them. Overlook them and your plant will struggle and even die.

Other chores this month involve moving your plants around as the seasons change. I love moving my plants around as I strive to find the sweet spots in my shade house. I provide high light for those that like it, cool shady spots for those that hate the heat and the harsh Adelaide sun. I observe the changing microclimates and most of all make sure I don't grow the orchid that didn't flower this year in the same spot with the same treatment. Plants hung high should be lowered a little as the sun's intensity increases dramatically this month and temperatures rise. Remember these exposed plants will need water more often. With November nearly on our doorstep we need little reminding that a hot and stressful Summer is just around the corner.

# ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA General Meeting Times

**THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. Beginners Class starts at 7.15p.m., meeting at 8.00p.m.

**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 Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park 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, Tusmore on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

#### **Our Affiliated Clubs:**

The Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club.

The Orchid Club of S.A. Inc.



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