



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

September 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 11th September 2023 at 8.00 pm. at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. Our Guest Speaker will be Steve Howard speaking on *Dendrobium speciosum*.

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the September 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 14th September 2023 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Vicky Cooper speaking on "Soft Canes and other Orchid Genera" plus a discussion of other orchid topics.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 17th September 2023 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be John Hattis speaking on *Dendrobium speciosums*.

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.

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED

The Club would like to have interesting Guest Speakers at our meetings in the coming year. Do you know anyone?

Members are asked to nominate possible Guest Speakers for next year's Meetings. Please contact Anne Steer with any suggestions.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
24 September and 29 October

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	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

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

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(Use your grower number for Reference)



President's Message

The recent Southern Region Group annual show has been a success once again. Many thanks to all those who played a part in contributing to the organising, running and participating of the show. Congratulations to Dudley and Genny Huxtabke on winning Grand Champion of the Show with a very well grown plant of Den. Gracillimum 'Dashwood'. Well done to all the winners and the Southern Region Group growers who to put on a great display each show.

Our Spring Show is being held this year at the Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th of September. Put in is on Friday 23rd of September. Please check the Gazette for the put in and take out times and make arrangements to suit if needed. This show is a great opportunity to sell any surplus plants that are in your collection. See what you can part with. See Anne for plant sales sheets and tags.

Come along to this month's meeting as we welcome back Steve Howard as the Guest Speaker to the main group, Steve will speak to us about the Australian Native *Dendrobium speciosum*. Always an interesting speaker and very topical as the Australian Native Dendrobiums are coming into their own at this time of year.

Virus Kits are again available at each of our meetings. They cost \$8.00 but are well worth the cost to keep our orchids free of the deadly viruses.

The Committee each year steps down from their positions and now is a good time to think if you are able to spare some of your valuable time as a member of our committee. It is very rewarding.

Good wishes to those members who are on the sick list.

Successful growing & showing

Michael Willoughby



Happy Birthday

**DOROTHY CARASSAI, SUE ZERBE,
MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY, OUI JU,
RICHARD WILSON, HELEN MCINTOSH,
EILEEN PINNOCK, MARG YELLAND,
JULIA MUMFORD, PAM MACDONALD,
PETER FLAVEL, DON GREIG,
MALCOLM YOUNG**



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



ORCHID CALENDAR 2023

MAIN MEETING

Monday 11h September 2023 8.00 pm
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens
Guest Speaker: Steve Howard speaking on Australian Native *Dendrobium speciosum*.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 6th September 7.30 pm
The Southern, South Road, St. Marys.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 14th September 2023 2.00 pm
Lou Kesting Hall , Dover Square, Brighton South
Guest Speaker: Vicky Cooper speaking on "Soft Canes and Other Orchid Genera" plus a discussion of various orchid topics.

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 17th September 2023 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
Guest Speaker: John Harris speaking on *Den. speciosum*

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 24th September 2023
Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall , Township Road, Marion

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Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th September 2023

MARION WARRADALE UNITING CHURCH HALL

Church Crescent near the corner of Township Road Marion

The Committee needs the assistance of the members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. See Anne if you are able to help. 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: Friday 22nd September 4.00 – 5.00 pm.
Plants for Display & plants for Trading.

TAKE OUT: Sunday 24th September 4.00 pm.

JUDGING: Plants will be judged in situ in the Displays

PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES: Saturday 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

Please help make our Spring Show a success by bringing in all of your flowering plants.

TRADING TABLE: Please fill out a Sales sheet and tags as normal for orchid plants

A separate sales sheet and tags with your initials and a number is needed for non orchid plants, (cacti, bromeliads, ferns, etc,) and books.

Changes to last year: 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

SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE - 2023

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native ^^^+		
Epiphyte Species - Red/Pink. Epiphyte Species - Other colour. Epiphyte Hybrid - Red/Pink. Epiphyte Hybrid – White/Cream. Epiphyte Hybrid - Other colour. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Aust. Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium - Over 90mm. All Colours		
	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm.	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Over 90mm.
Species, Specimen, Seedling. Cymbidium - 60-90mm. All Colours		
	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> 60-90mm.	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> 60-90mm.
Species, Specimen, Seedling. Cymbidium - Under 60mm. All Colours		
	Best <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm.	Champion <i>Cymbidium</i> Under 60mm.
Species, Specimen, Seedling. Paphiopedilum Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Paphiopedilum</i>	Champion <i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Laelinae Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laelinae	Champion Laelinae

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**Cym. Gentle Touch ‘Bon Bon’
Beth Stronach**



CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Oncidiinae. <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid <60mm. <i>Oncidium</i> Hybrid >60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalum. <i>Zygopetalinae</i> Hybrid. <i>Zygopetalinae</i> Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Zygopetalinae</i>	Champion <i>Zygopetalinae</i>
Phalaenopsis. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	
Dendrobium Other than Aust. Native. Hybrid Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best <i>Den.</i> other than Aust. Native	Champion Any Other Genus
Vandaeae. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Vandaeae	
Any Other Genus Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	

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THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS

Champion Seedling

Champion Species

Champion Specimen

Division Champions

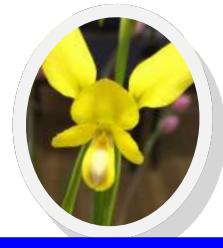
Grand Champion – Tony De Ionno & Toshy Trophy
M Ng. Trophy Most Floriferous plant at the Spring Show
Elsie Chisholm Trophy – best Novelty Plant (Flower)
^^ The best Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Ira Butler/Kevin Western Trophy.

++ The best Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Bill Murdoch/Les Nesbitt Trophy.

The Noel Oliver Trophy will be awarded for the best *Dendrobium speciosum* in show.

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.

VIRUS TEST KITS

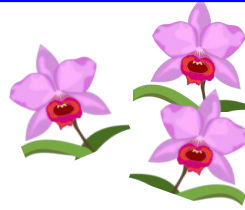
The Club has purchased more Virus Test Kits for sale to its members. The test covers Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus in one rapid test. It comes with an easy to follow instruction sheet.

A visual demonstration is available at www.youtube.com/regabiotech

These kits have a long life and cost \$8.00 each. They are available on the Trading Tables at the various meetings..

Neutrog Orders:

If you did not receive an e-mail from Neutrog Australia with regards to ordering directly from Neutrog and are interested in being part of the ordering system please contact Anne Steer to let her know.



August Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

659	Den. Issy's Snow 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
660	Den. Memoria Jack Mcmillan	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
661	Den. Nathan	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

662	Ptst. nutans	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
663	Ptst. curta	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2
664	Ptst. hispidula	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

666	Cym. Arachnid 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
667	Cym. (Cronulla Star x Laramie Angel)	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

665	Cym. (Red Beauty x Sims Vision)	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

668	Cym. Elegant Elf 'Nan'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
669	Cym. Ice-On-Fire 'Nikelta'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2

Cymbidium under 60 Species

670	Cym. dayanum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

671	Onc. Space Mine 'Red Rondezvous'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Oncidiinae - Species

673	Cu. pulchella	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

681	Lyc. (Autumn Gold x powelli)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

682	Den. Memoria Jack Mcmillan	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

675	Paph. Fanaticum 'Mouliache'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
676	Paph. Norito Hasewaga	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
677	Paph. Pilot	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Paphiopedilum - Species

678	Paph. villosum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
679	Paph. gratixianum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Paphiopedilum - Standard

674	Paph. Winston Churchill	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Seedling of the Night

690	Den. Memoria Jack Mcmillan	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

683	Den. Issy's Snow 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
684	Cym. Arachnid 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
685	Cu. pulchella	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

680	Zba. Dragon Kitten	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

639	Den. (Victorian Flare x Victorian Stripe)	Peter Haltis (442)	3
640	Den. Unknown	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
641	Den. Sunset Gold	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

638	Den. biggibum	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

645	Cym. Lancashire Ruby 'Paradisla'	Peter Haltis (442)	3
646	Cym. Marilyn Levy 'Wedding Buttons'	Peter Haltis (442)	2

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

644	Cym. That's Outrageous	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

647	Thumbs Up 'Tamera'	Peter Haltis (442)	3
648	Cym. Katydid 'Veridian'	Peter Haltis (442)	2
649	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Helen'	Peter Haltis (442)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

642	C. Ruby Love	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

643	L. anceps	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

652	Onc. Heaven Scent	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

650	Ons. Midnight Miracles	Beth Stronach (836)	3
651	Onc. (Fireflower x Eric Young)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

656	Srps. Lingua	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

657	Den. (Touch of Class x Aussie Victory)	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

653	Paph. (venustum x Yachiyo Lady)	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Species

654	Paph. insigne	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

658	Den. (Victorian Flare x Victorian Stripe)	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

655	Gptm. Arlene Armour	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Second Division**Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid**

627	Den. Burgundy Cream	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

628	Cym. Cherry Cola 'Geyserland'	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
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629	Cym. Osborn	Helen McIntosh (299)	2
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630	Cym. Alexandra's Fury	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	1
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

631	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Helen'	John & Rhonda Wainwright (549)	3
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632	Cym. Kiwi Midnight 'Geyserland'	Coral Tillmanns (212)	2
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633	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Helen'	John & Rhonda Wainwright (549)	1
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

634	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'Chian-Tzy Yearning'	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

635	Paph. Leeaenum	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

636	Paph. Leeaenum	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	3
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637	Onc. Tsiku Maguerite 'Chian-Tzy Yearning'	Coral Tillmanns (212)	2
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PLANT COMMENTARY

There were a good number of plants benched across all divisions and it was pleasing to see the Second Division table with a good number.

ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

The plant chosen by the Judges was grown by Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes. This was a lovely specimen of *Paph. Leeaenum*.

The plant was carrying eight flowers and two buds. The white dorsal really sets off the orange and brown tones of the other flower segments.

Paph. Leeaenum is a primary hybrid with *Paph. insigne* and *Paph. spicerianum* the parents. It has been used extensively in hybridisation having 218 offspring and 18,922 total progeny.

Congratulations Janet & Gordon



ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

Paph. Leeaenum

Grown By Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes

Photo Neil Cooper



SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT

Den. (Candice x Aussie Victory)

Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Photo Neil Cooper

ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION

The plant of First Division was grown by Peter Haltis and was *Den.* (Victorian Flare x Victorian Stripe).

A well grown plant with 20 plus inflorescences of dainty purple on white segments with a solid purple labellum. Overall it was a very striking plant.

Well done Peter.



ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION *Den.* (Victoria Flame x Victoria Stripe)

Grown by Peter Haltis

Photo Neil Cooper

ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION PLANT OF THE NIGHT

The plant of Open Division and Plant of the Night was *Den.* Issy's Snow 'Seaview' grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju.

It was hard to go past this plant as it was just mass of bright yellow flowers standing above the foliage and in a large pot making it a spectacle. The spikes were all evenly distributed around the plant and had lovely clean foliage.

Well done Michael & Oui.



Thank you to our Judges
for a job well done!

Good Growing !

ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION PLANT OF THE NIGHT

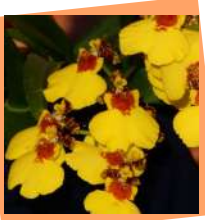
Den. Issy's Snow 'Seaview'

Grown By Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Photos Neil Cooper

Phil Steer

Registrar



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 10th August, 2023



Hi everyone,

Our August daytime group of 12 members (5 apologies) welcomed our Guest Speakers Chris and Lynn Heysen. **Apologies:** Val and Keith Bleechmore, Anne and Phil Steer, Richard Crinion.

Chris and Lynn shared their journey and experiences establishing their impressive Phalaenopsis collection both here and overseas. Following Chris's enlightening presentation he and Lynn responded to an enthusiastic Q and A session. Many thanks to Chris and Lynn for your time and presentation.



Chris Heysen sharing his Phalaenopsis presentation

A colourful display of flowering Cymbidiums dominated the Plant Of The Day which was eventually won by David Williams with *Cym. Rosefieldense*.

Many thanks to Coral, Josie, Janette and Andrew for your valuable assistance and to everyone who donated raffle plants.



David Williams with Chris Heysen and his Plant of the Day *Cym. Rosenfieldense*

Next Meeting

Guest Speaker: Vicky Cooper speaking on **Soft Cane and Other Orchid Genera** plus our discussion session.

Thursday 14th September – 2pm,
Lou Kesting Hall, South Brighton

Alan Miller

0434 052 676

Anne Steer Richard Crinion



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 20th August 2023

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the meeting at 2.08 pm welcoming the 20 members present. And welcome to our guest speaker Jane Higgs – who has multiple roles today. Having just run the Learners Group and assisted the judges, she will now give a presentation on how to set up an orchid display.

Apologies: Dianne Cawley, John and Bev Gay, Heather McDonald and Ruth Creedy, Peter and Julie Davidge, Graham and Jeanette Smith, and Christine Robertson.

Thank you to Jane Higgs for running the the Learners Group session for today.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker, Jane Higgs, gave a very interesting, and, with our own show coming up this week, a very topical talk on Orchid displays at Shows. She explained the quite complex system used by judges to assess displays and showed us many examples of both winning and lesser quality displays. Setting up a good looking display is both a technical and artistic skill which, done properly, can lead to outstanding results. Many thanks Jane for a very interesting and useful presentation.

Birthday Prize: Lyn Heysen **Lucky Name Badge:** Warren Yelland
Lucky Door Prize: Anne Steer

Announcements:

Southern Region Show – as per the last few years our own show will again be in Victor Central Shopping Centre. But this year it will only be 2 days – put-in on Wednesday afternoon 23rd August. Take-out at 5pm on Friday 25th August. So we won't have Saturday or Sunday this year. Roster for the show has been created. Please consider when you can help. We have lost Don and Shirley this year and the Davidges are overseas so we need some extra people to step up.

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

Judging: was carried out by the Registrar Phil Steer and Don Higgs with assistance from Jane Higgs. **Judges Commentary:** Phil Steer.

Next meeting – Sunday 17th September, Guest speaker will be John Harris who will be talking about Australian speciosum orchids. John is an extremely knowledgeable orchid grower, a past President of the Club (and Life Member) and a past President of the Australian Orchid Council.

The meeting closed at 3:10pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and cakes and biscuits.

Chris Heysen

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Southern Region August Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

401	Den. (Lorikeet x Specio-kingianum)	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
402	Den. Anthedon Splendour	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2
403	Den. Victorian Bride 'Genesis'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

400	Den. speciosum	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

406	Cym. New Century	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
407	Cym. (Janis Lin x Tethys)	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2
408	Cym. Breakout 'Blaze'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	1

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

405	Cym. (Cronulla x Chocarunta)	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

409	Cym. Nancy Maxwell 'Shirley'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
410	Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2
411	Cym. Unknown	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

404	Rlc. Village Chief North 'Green Genius'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

412	Oncsa. Mayfair	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
413	Onc. Chocolum 'Clockwork'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

390	Den. (Ellen X Majestic)	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

395	Cym. Unknown	Bob Clayton (143)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

394	Cym. Green Valley Emerald 'Tri Lips'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	2
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

396	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
397	Cym. Janis Lin 'Emily Kate'	Bob Clayton (143)	2
398	Cym. Sarah Jean 'BC'	Bob Clayton (143)	1

Laeliinae - Cluster

391	Ctt. Porcia 'Cannizaro'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

392	C. Cornelis' Love 'Jules'	Bob Clayton (143)	3
393	C. Culminant 'La Tuilerie'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

399	Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'	Alan Clayton (426)	3
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Members are advised to check the Results List for the correct names of their plants. There have been a number of changes to genera, etc. - Editor

PLANT COMMENTARY

This month saw a nice cross section of plants benched all of which were all of good quality. We saw the start of the Cymbidium flowering season with a number of nice plants.



ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION AND PLANT OF THE DAY

The plant of First Division was grown Lyn & Chris Heysen and was a delightful little Cattleya, *R/c.* Village Chief North 'Green Genius'.

There were two inflorescences each carrying two flowers. The flowers had very distinct markings on the petals which had blush pink over cream whilst the sepals were a straight cream. The labellum carried the flush of pink. A small plant, well grown and very eye catching.

Congratulations Lyn & Chris

ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

The plant chosen by the Judges was a very well grown example of *Ctt.* Porcia 'Cannizaro' grown by Margaret & Warren Yelland with 2 heads of dark pink flowers. A real standout.

Well done Margaret & Warren .

ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

Ctt. Porcia 'Cannizaro'

Grown By Margaret & Warren Yelland

Photo Jane Higgs



ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION ORCHID OF THE DAY

R/c. Village Chief North

'Green Genius'

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen

Photo Jane Higgs

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



Good Growing !

Phil Steer
Registrar

“Orchid Ailments And Their Management” by Jan Robinson

(Australian Orchid Foundation Essay Competition 2017-1st Prize)

The majority of the health problems we have are caused by one thing and one thing only--That Woman. "We" are a small collection of orchids doing our best to survive in a suburb of Sydney, but we are constantly under threat by the actions of That Woman. What have we done to deserve this? Some of us come from the tropical jungles of the Americas, or the cool rainforests of Asia, or, at the very least, the prime conditions of commercial orchid nurseries. To our horror, we have been plucked out of these wonderful environments and somehow ended up here with That Woman, fearing for our survival on a daily basis. Here are some examples of the numerous maladies that we have had to endure due to the irrational, illogical, insensitive and uninformed actions of That Woman.

MALNUTRITION. Initially when That Woman first became interested in orchids, she had no clue about feeding us. Water and the odd bit of foliar feed once in awhile was all we got. Please note that when there are hardly any new growths on your orchids, or the new growths are smaller than the old growths, then your orchids are starving and you need to do something about it!! Luckily That Woman attended a New Grower's class and learned about the benefits of fertilisers---but then the pendulum swung to the other extreme!

OBESITY. For a while, That Woman fed us with a hand sprayer, one of those pump up ones. She had heard the phrase "weekly weakly" in the New Grower's class and tried to follow that rule with her hand sprayer. We were much happier, much less hungry, and our growth habits were much improved. But then That Woman's hubby rigged up a bulk spraying system, one where she could mix up 100 litres of fertiliser at a time and totally saturate us, which she did with great enthusiasm and appalling regularity. No thought was given to the fact that we are a varied collection of orchids, ranging from large specimen-size plants to tiny seedlings just out of flask, or that we have different feeding requirements. Nor was there any consideration given to the impact of complete "saturation" of our potting media with fertilisers versus the previous light spraying technique. It was only when symptoms of obesity such as horribly swollen pseudobulbs, new leaves not unfurling properly because they were too fat, and mutated labellums began to appear that That Woman realised we had a problem with excessive food intake. Please don't overfeed your orchids!! In the wild, we rely on slowly decaying organic matter for our nutrition--don't try to supersize us with commercial products. Forget about trying to "hurry us along" to flowering size by feeding us too often. Think carefully about your fertilising regime and the possible consequences of what you are doing, particularly before making any major changes. Trust me, it takes a long time to recover from the effects of obesity.



Figure 1 dehydration

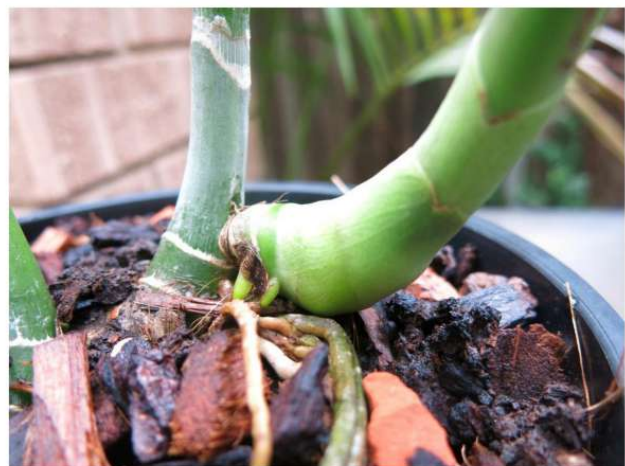


Figure 2 obesity

DEHYDRATION. Lack of water at our location is caused by one thing -- That Woman being too lazy or "busy" to turn the watering system on frequently enough when it hasn't rained for awhile. If your orchids have a good root system and the "drought" doesn't last too long, they will usually spring back to life after a few good drinks. However, if your orchids are totally dehydrated because they have no roots and cannot absorb any water or nutrition, then you have a real problem. Shrivelled pseudobulbs can be a symptom of root ailments. There is only one way to tell for sure--take your orchid out of the pot and have a look at its root system. If there are only old dried up roots and no new healthy ones, then some first aid is required! That Woman is having some success with sphagnum moss as a remedy for this, especially for genera such as oncidiums, coelogynes, lyncastes and anguloas. Cut off all the old dead roots and firmly pack the shrivelled pseudobulb and any live roots with sphagnum moss in a pot barely big enough to hold the bulb. Be patient, it takes time to recuperate from severe dehydration, sometimes years! When you see the pseudobulbs start to fatten up and a new growth develops, you have succeeded in treating your plant for dehydration.

ROOT ROT. The other extreme from being dehydrated is getting so much water that the potting mix stays too wet and the roots of your orchids rot. Root rot is bad news and the mortality rate is very high for plants that succumb to this ailment. That Woman is an expert at causing root rot, especially in her glass house. When her columnar oscillating fan stopped working, she foolishly replaced it with just a small fan that only blew air in one direction. Without considering the effect that this change of air flow might have on us, That Woman also decided not to repot any of her paphs that live in the glass house that same spring and left us all in a mix of over 50% cocochip. How stupid was that?!! If the amount of your air flow changes for any reason, think about the impact on your orchids and make adjustments accordingly. Don't wait until your plants start to die to make a change. Treatment for root rot includes repotting your plant in fresh mix after cutting off all the rotted roots, giving it a good dose of Seasol or Auxinone, reducing watering for several weeks, and crossing your fingers that your plant pulls through this crisis. Repot your orchids on a regular basis, don't wait until your potting mix has broken down to a gluggy mess and rotted all the roots of your plants to take some action. Yes, it is a big job to repot your entire collection every few years. Yes, it may cost you a few dollars to buy new potting mix. Yes, it is a pain to wash and sterilise your old pots before reusing them by soaking them in bleach. But we're worth all the work and expense and we will reward you with fantastic flowers if you treat us right.

CROWN ROT. Not only has That Woman been known to rot our feet, she has also rotted some of our heads! Crown rot happens when water stands too long in the top of your orchid before evaporating or being absorbed. If this happens during the summer, the water may heat up and literally cook the top of your plant. If it happens during the winter, your plants won't be happy, either. At least this orchid ailment is a bit easier to spot than root rot, as you don't have to take the plant out of its pot to see what the problem is. Brown soggy leaves around the top of your plant are symptomatic of crown rot. If you're lucky, your plant will recover and put out a new growth. More than likely though, your plant is a dead duck. Crown rot, or "damping off," is also deadly for developing buds. If water stands in the sheaf of your paphs where the buds are forming, they will go black and not mature--and you will have to wait another whole year for the chance of getting a flower. Some growers apparently use hydrogen peroxide to treat crown rot. Don't tell That Woman, we don't want to have all our heads drenched in that mixture!! Check your orchids a few hours after watering them. If water is standing in the top of a plant, drain it by tilting the plant on its side until the water runs off. Or soak up the water by dabbing it with a piece of paper towel. Sometimes That Woman puts a few stones between a pot and the tray it is standing in so that the pot sits at an angle and water can drain naturally out of the top of the plant. Sometimes you have to think outside the square to solve an orchid problem.

SUN BURN. Now this is a good one! What person in their right mind decides to move several trays of *Cattleya* seedlings from their usual spot of nicely filtered light into an area of much brighter sunlight ---the day before temperatures are tipped to reach the high 40's? THAT WOMAN, of course! For once, the weather forecast was right and for the three days that temperatures hovered around 47.5 degrees, That Woman sat in front of a fan inside the house drinking cold drinks without even a thought about her poor *Cattleya* seedlings. Didn't she get a severe shock when she saw those seedlings, hardly recognizable and covered in third degree burns! Their lovely fat green leaves had turned pitch black. Several days later, the black leaves fell off the plants, revealing burned black pseudobulbs as well. What is the treatment for sun burn? Move your plant into a shadier spot, give it a big drink, and hope for the best. But beware, leaves with sunburn spots can become susceptible to fungal infections and other nasty ailments. So if the leaves of your burned plant don't actually fall off, try cutting off the damaged bit (with sterilised secateurs of course). And next time, pay attention to the weather forecast and move your plants **out** of the sun on hot days, not **into** the sun! Wet the floor under your benches and move plants that normally hang up high in your bush house to down lower. Even orchids that are used to growing in the direct sun (*Dendrobium fimbriatum* and some cymbidiums here at our place) can get sunburned in days of extreme heat. It only takes a few minutes to move your plants into a temporary shadier spot---it may take years for them to recover if you don't, if they recover at all.

HYPOTHERMIA. This is another orchid ailment that is directly attributable to That Woman. We get hypothermia when we are simultaneously too cold and too wet. This is easily preventable by (1) providing us with cover (maybe even a bit of heat) during the winter, and (2) being careful how you water us during cold periods. Only water on a sunny day; water before midday so our leaves have time to dry off before the sun goes down; and don't water us too frequently. Make sure there is good air circulation around us to dry off our foliage after watering. Remember, many of us require dry winters to initiate flower spikes in the spring. Most of us orchids have a much better chance of surviving in winter if we are cold and dry rather than cold and wet. Symptoms of mild hypothermia include leaf spotting and plant rot. Mild hypothermia may cause your orchids to be susceptible to fungal attacks. Severe hypothermia causes death. Spray with a fungicide if you must, but it's much better to just keep us dry during cold periods.

ALCOHOLISM AND BUG INFESTATIONS. That Woman hates insects. One of her favourite evening activities is to creep around the bush houses with a torch, hoping to find some unsuspecting grasshopper or slug to squish with great gusto. She does not like to spray with insecticides as a preventative method, she waits until she sees actual damage before taking any action. Somewhere That Woman read that methylated spirits is a good remedy for all types of scale on orchids, especially since its use is non carcinogenic to the grower, and it supposedly kills scale on contact. In typical unthinking style, That Woman got an old toothbrush, dipped it in some straight metho, and launched into a vigorous scale eradication program. The mature cattleyas didn't mind too much, as removal of all the old bracts around the pseudobulbs with the toothbrush revealed quite a few hidden nasties that were sucking the life out of the plants. When no more scale was visible, That Woman then gave the cattleyas a thorough rinse with clean water. After waiting all of 24 hours and seeing no ill effects on these few trial plants, That Woman then proceeded to give the metho treatment to any and all of the rest of us that had even one spot of scale. In her tooth brushing enthusiasm, That Woman slackened off with the rinsing procedure after applying the straight metho--and guess what happened? Yes, she burned the soft leaves of young cymbidiums, oncidiums and lycastes. They literally turned brown in a few hours after receiving the metho treatment. The treatment was worse than the original ailment!! Please think about the possible impact of any new procedures/chemicals/insecticides before adopting them for your entire collection, and wait at least several weeks if not several months to see what the effect has been before deciding to apply it to all your orchids.

INFECTIONS. That Woman is a master at encouraging infections, especially fungal ones. The worst example of fungal contamination happened last summer when That Woman overwatered all her *Sarcochilus* collection during a bout of hot, humid days. She did not realise she had a problem until leaves started falling off her sarcs by the handfuls. That Woman found out later she had caused a catastrophic case of the dreaded fusarium fungus!

This horrible malady invades our roots first, causing severe rot before destroying stems, leaves, and everything else in its path. CPR is immediately required if your plants become infected with the fusarium fungus: **C**arefully take the plant out of its potting medium ("carefully" because you don't want to damage what few roots there may be left); **P**run the rotted roots, leaving only the healthy ones; and **R**inse all the old potting mix off your plant. Then soak it in a bit of anti-fungal solution such as Mancozeb before repotting in fresh mix. Give your plant a drink of Seasol or Auxinone to stimulate new root growth, and once again hope for the best. There are many other varieties of fungal infections besides fusarium that are detrimental to your orchid collection. Glomerella is a common one that creates horrible brown and black lesions on orchid leaves. Botrytis is another one, it attacks the actual flowers of your plants. Once again, this is a case of an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Don't overwater your orchids, especially when the natural humidity is already high. Proper air movement is critical to keeping fungal infections at bay. If something is preventing good ventilation, like the neighbour's new garage blocking off one side of your bush house, invest in a cheap fan or two. Never be tempted to buy plants that do not look healthy, no matter how cheap their price may be! Bringing new fungal-infected orchids into your collection is a recipe for disaster. Keep dead leaves and pseudobulbs trimmed off your orchids, they are great places for fungal diseases to incubate.

The 'V' word. The 'V' word throws That Woman into an absolute panic attack. She has no quarantine area and believes in immediate euthanasia of any orchid that shows even the slightest sign of unusual ring spotting on the leaves. Goodness knows how many perfectly good orchids That Woman has sealed in a plastic bag and dumped unceremoniously into the rubbish bin, fearing they were infected with a virus. (She would never put a sus plant into the green waste bin, in case the bin contents get mulched and distributed and thereby transmitting the virus to other plants and gardens.) She has never sent a leaf to a lab for a proper scientific diagnosis. "If in doubt, throw it out" is her motto. That Woman is a stickler for soaking her secateurs in bleach after every use, and she never ever reuses any potting mix. One reason she hates insects in her collection so much is because they have been known to transmit viruses. Over-the-top behaviour? Perhaps. But at least we haven't been wiped out by any virus like so many other orchid collections over the years.

That Woman, what a menace. Luckily she is going on holidays soon so we can have some well-deserved respite. We hope you never make any of these same mistakes with your own orchids. If you do, at least don't publicly admit it--to do so can be very embarrassing.



Figure 3 sunburn



Orchid Culture Notes for September

Spring at last! This Winter gone was a cold one. It was great for the fruit trees but not that flash for humans and orchids alike. The extra warmth in the sun and the ever increasing fine days remind us that the busiest time of the year is now upon us. We have the Spring shows, we have lots of flowers and of course it will soon be time for the important maintenance of our collection. Question, where to start! Whilst it is nice to view the Spring flush it is also the time of year that we need to plan for the year ahead. What plants will we cull, pot on or divide? Pest problems also build up as do fungal problems. I still sit back and wonder why subject myself to all of this. When I sit down in the shade house after a hard week of work surrounded by a heap of flowers and all the wonderful fragrances it is not a hard question to answer.

September weather is quite changeable, and this gets worse over the next two months as the seasons change. It can range from freezing cold to stinking hot in a short space of time, even this early in the season.

There will be many plants that did not flower so questions must be asked. Where did I go wrong? What made this plant flower well yet the other one did not. Was it the season? Here I was early in the year suggesting that this year would be a great one for the natives, how wrong I was, but good to know I was not alone. I suppose the relentless heatwaves of Summer past had something to do with it.

September will see more and more plants emerge out of dormancy. There will be new growth starting to show and new green tips emerging from white roots that sealed off some time ago. Don't be in a big rush to hit them with gallons of water and fertiliser. Changes of seasons happen gradually and not overnight. This is so easy to do when you hit that first warm day. Gradually increase the water and feeding as they grow and the seasons change. Try and water late morning or early afternoon at the warmest part of the day so plants are dry by nightfall. Tap water is still very cold and you can still get frosts for at least another month yet.

Damping off new growths is common this time of year and water is usually the culprit. If you can, try and water the pot not the plant. This is easy with a small collection and very hard with a large collection. If you do get water into a new growth, try to dry it. Blowing through a straw or using tissue paper whilst fiddly, may save a growth. By month's end the sun will be on the south side of the equator and with the closeness comes the intensity of heat. Plants in full sunlight over Winter will be moved under 50% shade, those hung high in the shade house are lowered and those that prefer shade are moved accordingly. The sun will rise in a more easterly aspect and set in the west and soon rise in the SE and set in the SW. The change in aspect will also mean plants in Winter shade can be exposed to Spring and Summer sun and this will burn them.

Pests will abound overnight. New crops of caterpillars and aphids are lining up for the new seasons growth. Slugs and snails continue to feast so they can fatten up before Summer dormancy. This year botrytis has been bad, a week of cloud and drizzle in July setting up a bad infestation. Soon rust will be on the increase, whilst not a huge problem with orchids, it can cause problems. Scale will start their breeding season. The juvenile nymphs are quite mobile and are looking for new growths. They suck out the goodness from the plants leaves and leave marks. Any marks on the new growths will be exaggerated as they grow larger.



Orchid Culture Notes for September cont..

Summer weeds will soon increase, its oxalis time! Pull these out when small and when repotting or dividing make sure all weeds are removed.

Start dividing your plants soon after flowering. I would wait until later in the month when the warmer weather has arrived, but if potting on, you can do this anytime as the plants root system suffers little from the disturbance. Remove flower spikes from weak plants or those you intend to bust up. Weak plants need all the help they can get and maintaining a flower produced in a stress related situation will not help them recover. With plants you will divide, I work on the theory of the longer growing season they have the better they will be, so why leave a spike on for ages when that extra time may give them a good chance to establish to flowering size next year.

Native Epiphytes have had another strange year with many plants in active growth all year. They are now in flowering mode and those of you who grow *Sarcochilus* should have spikes lengthening. At the same time I have single growth plants that have lost the main growth throwing out numerous side shoots. Some of these plants can be quite shy at doing this and removing a primary growing tip is a practice recommended for the experienced or the brave but when nature dishes this treatment out you take your chances. I'll get a few specimens out of this! Watering is when they need it and generally subject to the weather for plants in the open and those under cover are watered and fed weekly. If it remains dry then give them a drink, but if the weather remains wet, then they won't need any additional water.

Natives respond well to a drink of limewater this month at the rate of 1 gram per litre for those grown in bark. Fungicides sprayed on the new growths help stop spotting and damping off due to botrytis. Watering for plants that were dormant should be gradual over this month. Look for signs of movement such as new growths and roots. A few pellets of rapid raiser or blood and bone on the surface of the natives works well. Don't overdo as they will break down and form sludge in the mix that accelerates breakdown.

Keep feeding Zygopetalums with high nitrogen feed until the new growths bulb up and observe for any papery marks on the leaves that will have a looper caterpillar chewing away happily underneath! Cut off old flower spikes and try and finish any division this month. Oncidiums and Cattleyas will show new root growth and growth nodes. Gradually increase watering and start feeding when the roots show growth tips. At the moment I am just misting the roots. These two species will sprout roots from the tips of the old roots, the sides of the old roots as well as the old and new growths. Try and hang all Oncidiums above the Cymbidiums as they love stronger light and air movement. It is still a bit early to attempt any division of these two genera.

For those who grow terrestrials September and October are peak months. Keep moist and give them a weak feed with an organic feed. Two spotted mites have been bad this year so if your flowers are slightly distorted or the leaves looking a bit brown on the edges, there is a good chance that the mites have found them. Once they have finished flowering you can slowly dry off the plants. Keep an eye out for rot in the leaves caused by being too wet. Remove them and spray with a fungicide. If the rot gets into the tubers it usually spells the end of that plant.

Next month is October and is a very busy month as we strive to finish repotting and division so as to give our plants time to settle down before the heat of Summer. We will spend some time next month with some useful tips on how to repot, divide and how to look after them.

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 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.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY: meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd 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 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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