



**March
2008**

**The
South
Coast
Orchid
Club
Inc.
Gazette**

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AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 5th March 2008 at St. Bernadettes Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Trevan will speak on Zygopetalums.

Beginners Class 7.30pm before the main meeting.

Coordinator: John Dunn. Subject-Cattleya

DAYTIME GROUP: The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 13th March 2008 at 2pm.

Guest Speaker: John Gay will talk on Cattleya Orchids.

SPECIES GROUP: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, South Brighton on Monday, 10th March at 8pm.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP will meet on Sunday 16th March 2008 at 2pm at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.

Guest Speaker: Graham Morris will speak on Cymbidiums.

1.30pm **Sharp** Beginners Class with Graham Morris – Cymbidiums

AUTUMN WORKSHOP FOR 1ST AND 2ND DIVISION GROWERS: Judy and Rod McRedmond, 87, Kyeema Avenue, Cumberland Park. Date: Sunday 30th March at 10.30am.

SUPPER ROSTER: J. Ogrowsky and Lyn Cummings.

TRESTLE ROSTER: No volunteers. Please guys we do need to have 3 willing helpers to stay back and help put away trestles.

COMMITTEE FOR 2008

PRESIDENT & CONVENOR VICTOR HARBOR: Geoff Spear

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CONVENOR SPECIES GROUP: Ron Parish

VICE PRESIDENT: Noel Oliver

TREASURER: Judy McRedmond

SECRETARY AND PUBLIC OFFICER: Lucy Spear

MINUTE SECRETARY: Donna Meeuwsen

COMMITTEE: TRADING TABLE CONVENOR AND DAYTIME CHAPTER

CONVENOR: Dorothy Carassai

LIBRARIAN: Henk VanLeuveran

TRADING TABLE, BEGINNERS CLASS AND TRIP COORDINATOR:

John Dunn.

COMMITTEE: Malcolm Guy, Brian Leedham and Pauline Boundy

CONGRATULATIONS Wendy Lodge and John Dunn have been promoted to 1st. Division.

NOTE THIS IS THE LAST GAZETTE YOU WILL RECEIVE UNLESS SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE MARCH MEETING

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Have an opinion or something to say

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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

2008 CLUB MEETING DATES

April 2008

- 2 Main Nettie Meggetto (Melbourne)
Peru, Ecuador - Species
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group Show
- 21 Species Group

May 2008

- 7 Main Smoults Horticultural Supplies
- 15 Daytime Chapter
- 18 Southern Regional Group Show
- 19 Species Group

June 2008

- 4 Main Brian & Pena Gerhardt talking on
Australian Natives
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Regional Group Show
- 9 Species Group

July 2008

- 2 Main Speaker Rob Worden
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group Show
- 21 Species Group

August 2008

- 6 Main Speaker Joe Romeo (European
Natives)
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Regional Group Show
- 18 Species Group

September 2008

- 3 Main Speaker Sophie Thompson
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group
- 15 Species Group

October 2008

- 1 Main Glen Heylen
- 16 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group Show
- 20 Species Group

November 2008

- 5 Main G Zerbe—Pendulous Cyms.
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Southern Regional Group
- 17 Species Group

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**The South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia
Inc. 2008**

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

- ? Family Membership \$30.00
- ? Single Membership \$22.00
- ? Junior Membership \$14.00

RURAL/INTERSTATE MEMBERSHIP

- ? Family Membership \$26.00
- ? Single Membership \$20.00

MARCH JUDGING ROSTER

REGISTRAR: John Gay

OPEN DIVISION

Noel Oliver, Wendy Lodge. Scribe – T. Rees

FIRST DIVISION

Heather Fishlock, Reg Shooter. Scribe – G. Flavel

SECOND DIVISION

Richard Fishlock, Colin Campbell. Scribe – M. Tiggeman

JUDGES TO ARRIVE EARLY

Noel Oliver, Colin Campbell.

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2008

Main Group Workshop at Judy and Rod McRedmonds 87, Kyeema Avenue, Cumberland Park, on 30th March at 10.30am.

Autumn Show, Sunday 4th May to Sunday 11th May, at Centro Colonnades.

SAROC Fair, Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th June at Pulteney Grammar School, 190, South Terrace, **Adelaide.**

Southern Regional Group Workshop 10.30a.m. on Friday, 20th June at Elsie and Reg Cliffords, 46 Lamont Road, McCracken.

Southern Trip on 29th June. Plant House visit to Sims Orchids and Valley Orchids.

Winter Show, Sunday 27th July to Saturday 2nd August, at South Gate Plaza, corner of Sherriffs and Hillier Road, **Morphett Vale.**

Northern Bus Trip, 10th August, TBA.

Southern Regional Group Show, 13th to 16th August at Newland Memorial Uniting Church Hall.

National Show, Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th August at Noarlunga Leisure Centre.

Royal Show OCSA, Put in Wednesday 3rd September.

Spring Show, 21st to 27th September at Centro Kilkenny.

DISPLAYS

Welland Plaza Centre, 522 Port Road, Welland. Sunday 5th October to Saturday 11th October.

Firle Plaza centre, 171 Glynburn Road, Firle. Sunday 26th October to Saturday 1st November.

Beginner's Group Programme for 2008. 7.25pm in the Foyer before main meeting.

	SUBJECT	GROUP LEADER
March	Cattleya	John Dunn
April	Preparing Orchids for Show	Geoff Spear
May	Dendrobium	Trevor Garard
June	Dendrobium	Trevor Garard
July	Zygopetalum	Kevin Trevan
August	Paphiopedilum	Suzanne Saunders
September	Cymbidium species	Kevin Western
October	Growing species orchids	Ron Parish
November	Sarcochilus	George Abell

ALL WELCOME – BRING ALONG YOUR QUESTIONS.

Information for March Beginner's Programme:

Cattleyas

(Pronounced Kat...lee...us)

There is possibly no other as beautiful as the large (standard) flowered cattleya. The cattleya family is a very large group with a huge variation in form, colour and size. Cattleyas have also been hybridized to form intergeneric hybrids, which include some of the following.

Laeliacattleya (Lc.), Brassocattleya (Bc.), Brassolaeliacattleya (Blc.), and Sophrolaeliacattleya (Slc.), which are seen quite regularly on the showbench.

Cattleyas originate from a large area of tropical and subtropical of America. They occur in many dif-

ferent shapes sizes and colour and grow as epiphytes (air plants) and mainly take their moisture from the atmosphere through their fleshy roots.

In South Australia, some cattleyas can be grown cold in a shade house but need added protection from winter rains. They need controlled watering during winter. Of course if you are lucky enough to own a controlled atmosphere glasshouse, they will perform much better with the size and number of blooms increasing.

Light is important for good flowering. Usually 50% shade for winter but with our summers becoming hotter 70 - 80% is needed to stop the leaves from burning or the plant overheating. They also require good air circulation and high humidity. Humidity is important to cattleyas, but they do not like frosts.

Watering can be done in two ways: directly into the pot or overhead misting for high humidity. Over summer water about three times a week and during winter every seven to ten days is adequate.

Potting medium should be free draining so most cattleyas are grown in plastic pots with 15 – 20 mm bark for larger plants and 8 –10mm for seedlings.

Fertilise with blossom booster type fertiliser (i.e. one high in potash) and can be applied every second watering.

Most cattleyas are susceptible to the normal pests i.e. scale and mealy bug that attack most other orchids and can be controlled with the same pesticides. Slugs and snails just love their large fleshy roots and leaves, so use snail pellets to keep them at bay, but most orchids are killed from overwatering, which causes root rot.

A short note to those growers who are looking for new hybrid seedlings. Moss Bray has available flasks of mini Catts from a grower in the Eastern States and these would be good to get hold of.

Coco Coir

Valley Orchids, Graham Morris is supporting Clubs by selling COCO COIR in 3 different grades – fine, medium, and coarse at \$9.50 per block, at Budgen Road, McLaren Vale. Phone: 0419823724. When purchasing please tell him you're a South Coast Orchid Club Member.

Group Fees

Some members have queried why we charge \$2.00 entry to our special group meetings. Venues need to be paid for and other expenses relative to those meetings do occur and your Committee felt that each group needed to ensure that the fixed charges were covered accordingly, a small fee of \$2.00 per person is charged to offset these expenses.

Wrapping Paper

Committee is always looking for good wrapping paper and ties to wrap presents etc. for the Club. If you have anything suitable please give to Lucy.

Southern Regional Group Report

The February meeting was a great start to all the good things you have happening in 2008. Thank you to Lesley, Bob, John and Trevor for all making this meeting a great success. The club has posters out all over Victor Harbor and outlying towns advertising the meetings and what the club has to offer.

March meeting-Guest Speaker: Graham Morris a very popular man, he is also speaker at the Beginner's Class.

The Club does need a member to look after the Trading Table (Keith Sutton looks after the pots etc during the month). We need a member to be Trading Table Convener on a permanent basis. This way you get a good rapport with members, knowing what they need, encouraging them to bring plants to sell etc. Duties would be to arrive 1.30 to set up. Then after the meeting stand by table and see what members need.

Anyone interested see Lucy or Geoff.

Geoff is excited, he has several Cym spikes appearing; advice from Geoff don't touch them! Keep the water up to them and see Geoff on how to keep red spider away (or read President's Report).

Happy March.

VALE

Don Bowden, a member of Southern Regional Group passed away on the 9th February. Don joined the group in 2004, he loved his orchids and helped the group whenever possible. He was instrumental in the club receiving their first trophy. Our condolences to Nina and family.

Presidents Message

Sunday morning I usually take time to inspect each orchid plant, today I found many spikes on my early flowering orchid plants. To me this means I must take more time and care with each plant, I know it is very tempting but please don't touch the spikes. Please do not put stakes in until buds are due to come out of sheath. May be you have noticed buds yellowing off, this is due to the 42 degree heatwave we had, better luck next year. Red Spider mite is prevalent at this time of year I spray with Maverick or Eco Oil (Please read instructions on bottle). I alternate feeding-1 week Calcium Nitrate, this keeps spikes nice and strong and straight and adds colour to your flowers. Following week-High Nitrate fertilizer. I read packet and use half strength.

Please note Orchid Calendar for 2008. You will notice our Winter Show is no longer at Unley Shopping Centre. It has been replaced with 3 other sites: Winter Show South Gate Plaza and in October Display Stand and Trading Table at Welland and Firlie. This, I think, will suit most members as we now have members near all of these sites. I think most members are like me and go a long way to see good orchid plants.

Committee decided to turn the meeting room around at the February meeting, I hope you all liked it. When the Church put in the stage it seemed a pity not to use it and we could also raise the screen to a height we could all see. I also feel it is more convenient to bring in your plants. Let me know how you feel.

Good growing, Geoff.

Orchids in Flower

On March 9th the Club has been asked to give a presentation on Orchid culture in the Library at Arndale. 6 flowering plants and a couple of good ferns would make a nice touch to the afternoon. Plants will be looked after and returned next day. Please phone Lucy on 8381 4420.

Wish List

Last year we started a Wish List, great results for a few months. Just a reminder it is still there for you to send your 'wishes' to Lucy or Ron. Sorry, we can only help with orchids.

History of the Trophies

A.O.C. Highest Yearly Aggregate Points = 2007 winner P. & G. Flavel

Shows

Autumn Show = State Bank Trophy Highest Aggregate Points at Shows: 2007 winner P. & G. Flavel

W.A. Young Trophy = Champion of Autumn Show: 2007 winner P. & G. Flavel

W.A.Young Business in St. Marys Shade Houses etc.

Clock Trophy = Champion of Winter Show: 2007 winner V. & H. Herrmann

Donated by Helen and Charlie Edwards = Helen was convener of Daytime Chapter and a Life Member. They both worked hard for the Club.

New Trophy = Tony Deonno and Toshie Trophy = Champion of Spring Show: 2007 winner L. & G. Spear

Tony has been a member for many years and has always given support and help wherever possible. Tony is a Life Member.

Roy Hill Trophy = Champion Novelty Cymbidium of the Winter Show: 2007 winner V. & H. Herrmann

Roy became a member of the Club in the 70's. Not much information available about Roy except he loved his novelty cymbidiums and worked very hard for the Club.

H. & B. Viney Trophy = Best Cattleya for Autumn Show: 2007 winner P. & G. Flavel
Donated by his wife Berna in memory of Harrison. "Harry" worked tirelessly for the Club over many years, he held positions, including President. Harry and Berna were made Life Members in the 90's.

M Ng Trophy = Australian Native Hybrid = Most floriferous plant in Spring Show: 2007 winner N. Oliver
Donated by Sylvester Ng in memory of his late brother, who passed away in his early fifties.

Elsie Chisholm Trophy = Best Novelty Cymbidium (now 60-90mm): 2007 winner M. Tiggeman
This is our first trophy. Elsie's nickname was Chiz, she joined the Club in the late 60's. Chiz passed away with her arms around a plant while looking after her orchids in the flowering house. Her husband Rad was a war veteran and spent his last days at Magill Nursing Home.

Steven Gamble Trophy = Australian Native Terrestrials: 2007 winner M. Guy
Steven, a teenage member of South Coast Orchid Club, who loved his natives and terrestrial orchids died in 1987. Steven's family donated the trophy in the following year.

John Leeder Trophy = Best Odontoglossum-Oncidium Alliance for the year: 2007 winner P. & G. Flavel
John worked tirelessly for the Club serving on committee for many years. His positions included Secretary and President.

Glen Forest Trophy = Species Paphiopedilums: 2007 winner C. Campbell
Glen joined South Coast in the very early days, his first love was Cymbidiums but he also grew other genera.

L. & R. Moore Trophy = Annual Aggregate for Australian Epiphytic Species Orchids: 2007 winner D.K. Cammack
Rosalie and Lewis donated this trophy in 1988. Lewis and Rosalie both worked very hard for the Club. Both were judges and Lewis was Treasurer. Lewis died in 1989. In 1996 this trophy was missing for a number of years, in 2006 it was found.

L. & R. Moore Trophy = Highest Aggregate Points for Australian Native Epiphytes: 2007 winner T. & L. Fisher. The tray was donated in 1999 to replace the original trophy.

P.C. Loke Trophy = Species Group: 2007 winner P. & D. Harmer
Donated by Sylvester Ng in memory of his late cousin who passed away in his mid fifties.

New Perpetual Trophy

Mervyn & Shirley Steele Trophy = Best Aggregate Yearly Points Paphiopedilums, in 1st and 2nd Divisions: 2007 winner S. Saunders
Merv and Shirley became members of the Club in the 70's. Both have been tireless workers giving support whenever needed. Both are Life Members.

Two New Trophies

Garard and Western Trophies: Hybridizing. One Trophy for Pod Parent the other for Pollen Parent. Trevor and Kevin have been members for many years always giving support to members and committee.

Southern Regional Group Trophy: Donated by City of Victor Harbor.
2007 Grand Champion – Eileen Pinnock

Flower of the Year Popular Vote: Trevor Garard - Phal. Gabriella x (New Eagle x Rudi Fischer)
'Lil' HCC SCOC 79.4 points

February Floral Competition Results

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

8	Dock. Limestone	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
9	Den. Peter	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

7	Den. prenticei	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

19	C. Valentine Day 'Belinda'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
20	C. Valentine Day 'Bronze Aussie'	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2
21	C. Valentine Day	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

22	E. Bees' Knees	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
23	Sembc. Gee Willikers 'Hanna Hood'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
24	C. Hawaiian Variable 'Carmela'	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Laeliinae Species

15	Epi. ciliare	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
16	C. leopoldii	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
17	E. cochleata	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

18	Lc. Mari's Song x Slc. Fire Fantasy	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiinae)

26	Colm. Wildcat 'Panther'	Noel Oliver (102)	3
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Oncidiinae Species

25	Onc. flexuosum	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

28	Pleuro. prolifera	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
29	Sigmatostalix radicans	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2

Phalaenopsis/Dor. Novelty

35	Phal. (Mae Hitch x Devanteriana 'Treva')	Trevor Garard (152)	3
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Phalaenopsis/Dor. Species

33	Phal. pulchra	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Phalaenopsis/Dor. Standard <80mm

34	Phal. Shang Ling Flavorans	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Vandae Hybrid

36	Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
37	Srts. Blue Knob	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

27	Prom. (name unknown)	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

1	Den. lichenastrum	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
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Laeliinae Species

2	E. cochleata	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiinae)

3	Odcdm. Wildcat 'Leopard'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

10	Lyc. Ackina	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
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Orchid Seedling any genera

11	Prom. (Florafest Cheetah x Norman Gaunt)	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
31	Z. Helen-Ku 'Crackerjack'	Kevin Trevan (295)	2

Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

12	Hmwsa. Licorice	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
13	Prom. (Florafest Cheetah x Norman Gaunt)	Kevin Trevan (295)	2
32	Z. Helen-Ku 'Crackerjack'	Kevin Trevan (295)	1

Second Division

Oncidiinae Species

4	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
5	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
6	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Southern Regional Group February Results Australian Native hybrid

1	Den. Molly Dunne x Aussie Victory	K. & R. Sutton (570)
2	Den. Hilda Poxon	K. & R. Sutton (570)

Cym <60mm

1	Cym Zig Zag 'Kiwi'	E. Pinnock (519)
2	Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	K. & R. Sutton (570)

Laeliinae <100mm

1	Epi Noosa Gold	J. & M. Sorrell (539)
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Laeliinae >100mm

1	C. Pakowick Bay	R. Clifford & Family (567)
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Zygopetalum hybrid

1	PPTM (Mathina x CL x Jugosus) x (Prom. Norm Gault x CrawsHanana)
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

1	Phal. Sally Taylor x Dor. pulcherrima 'yen'
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Plant of February Meeting

Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi' grown by E. Pinnock



The Goulburn Valley Orchid Club

Members using the internet may have noticed that we are now displaying a newsletter from the The Goulburn Valley Orchid Club

The Goulburn Valley Orchid Club (GVOC) has about 58 members and meets in Shepparton with Members coming from Shepparton and adjacent towns (from Nagambie to Cobram). We meet on the first Monday of the month in the Senior Citizens Hall at Shepparton. Our members grow most types of orchids with an emphasis on Cymbidiums and miniature Cattelyas.

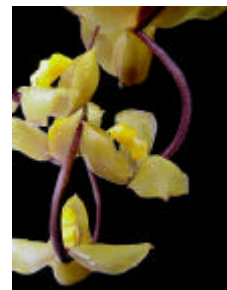
We have an annual spring show in Late September and are starting an Autumn show/workshop this year.

Malcolm Campbell

February Species Meeting

On a very hot Monday evening a smaller than usual group of members met at the Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Gardens for the first meeting of the year. The numbers were down probably due to the very hot night but those that did attend enjoyed looking at the species that were brought in.

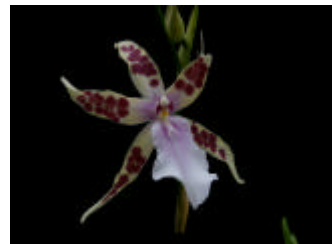
A small plant of *Gongora galeata* with two pendulous racemes was showing signs of heat stress, not sunburn but dehydration. The leaves were pale and at first sight looked like spider mite damage. The grower said the plant had been grown in very bright light and watering had been a little neglected a combination that led to its present state. This is a very tough species and with adjustment to conditions will recover. *Gongora galeata* is one of about 80 species native to Mexico, Peru & Brazil. They like to be kept moist with lots of air movement and relatively shaded condition particularly during the hot summer months, hanging under overhead plants or under benches remembering to pay attention to watering will get



them through the summer. They have long pendulous inflorescences so must be suspended once the spike appears to allow the inflorescence to develop satisfactorily.

A plant that caused much interest, as they always do, was *Anguloa brevilabris* commonly known as the tulip orchid due to similarity to that plant, the flowers do not open fully and looks just like a tulip flower. There are about 10 species in the genus growing in South and Central America at cool high elevations. To grow any species from this genus they require cool conditions. They have large thin plicate leaves that suffer sunburn very easily so must be grown in relative shade, 50% in the winter increasing to 90% in the summer. They require ample water when in active growth and respond well to weak regular fertiliser to build up the large pseudobulb required to produce flowers. Anguloas are closely related to Lycastes and have been crossed with that genus to produce the hybrid Angulocaste all of which require the same cultivation techniques. These are not the easiest orchids to grow in South Australia, (speaking from experience) due to our hot summers and congratulations to the member who benched this fascinating species for us to enjoy.

Another species we saw was *Neofinetia falcata* this is a monotypic (one only) genus from Japan & Korea where it is considered a sacred plant & is cultivated in large numbers, it is a genus closely related to the Angraecums, a genus from Madagascar & West Africa. In cultivation it enjoys cool to intermediate in bright light, in very bright light the leaves will take on a purplish colour. The white flowers are produced in summer, up to 8 flowers on the raceme on compact plants that do not like to have their roots too deep in the gravel & bark mix. Neofinetia is closely related to the Madagascar genus Angraecum, this is evidenced by the long nectaries of the flowers.



Other species brought in was a large specimen of *Encyclia cochliata* the Cockle Shell Orchid. A plant of *Cattleya maxima* carrying two lovely large lilac flowers with a purple striped labellum. Another species not often seen was *Aspasia lunata* a genus related to Odontoglossums.

Thanks to those members, who, despite the heat, enjoyed an entertaining night looking at some of our marvelous species.

Reg Shooter

Beginners Group.

Firstly, a big thank you to Malcolm Guy, who last month, brought along several pots of *Pterostylis* (terrestrial or ground) orchids to share with participants of the beginners group. All took home a pot full of tubers, having potted them up under the excellent guidance of Malcolm and also gained the knowledge of the cultural needs of these easy to grow orchids. They should reap their rewards later in the year when these orchids come to flower.



This month will see a lesson in dividing a large *Cattleya* plant kindly donated to the beginners group by a Club member, so if you are planning to participate in the group, you will be able to take home a division of an easy to grow *Cattleya*. Because of the time this will take, I hope to commence the session at about 7:30pm, so see you there.

John Dunn.



Daytime Group Report

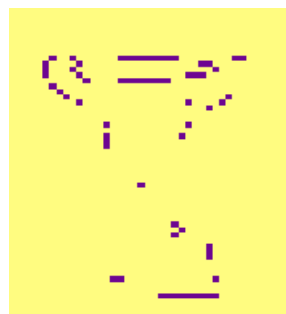
Hi Everyone,

Another great afternoon was had by all at our meeting today. Our Guest Speaker was Mr. Geoff Spear who gave us a very detailed talk and visual demonstration on dividing up a *Cymbidium* Orchid, stating all the procedures necessary for completing this task properly. Geoff also brought in a *Cymbidium* seed pod for us all to see, he then advised us that the seed pod should be left on the plant (if the plant is still growing strongly) for at least seven months before removing it for flasking. This was all very interesting and it was explained fully so we all could understand what the next procedures were. Geoff then divided up a lovely big *Cym.*, which he then donated to our afternoon

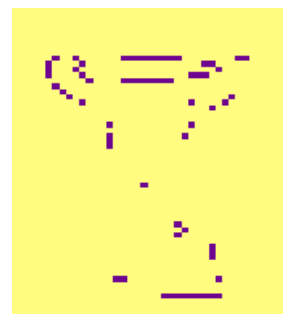
Raffle. Four more lucky winners went home with a plant, thanks Geoff, this was very much appreciated, and thanks for a great presentation.

Our Secretary Lucy, then spoke to members, giving them an insight into events and shows that are planned for the year. It is certainly going to be a very busy time, so, if anyone has a bit of spare time we could certainly do with some help. Please contact Lucy, and please keep collecting your clean, plain no advertising, plastic bags, they are certainly going to be needed!

Apologies today were put in for Mrs Peg Van Den Broeke, Marie Bravery, Neville and Dianne, Ron and Irene Parish and Mrs Silvia Kozikas, we all hope to see you again soon. A lovely surprise today as well, Mr. Norm Gitsham was picked up and brought to the meeting by Lucy and Geoff. It was great to see him again after such a long time, his health has greatly improved but he still has a long way to go. Norm is a Life Member and during many years he has done a lot for the Club, good one, Norm. Geoff gave a very detailed and informative plant commentary, thanks Geoff. Voted best in our popular vote segment was Peter and Geraldine Flavel's Cattleya Valentine's Day 'Belinda', a lovely plant with two racemes, very well grown and displayed. Congratulations to you both. Several other Cattleya and Oncidium Orchids were benched as well, thanks to all for bringing them in for us to admire. The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance. Bye, Dorothy.



Come On All Members Have a Go !!



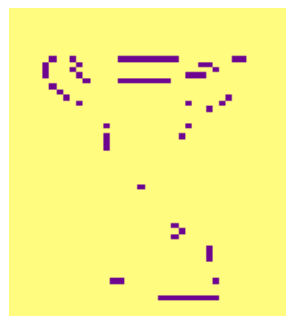
For The New Club Trophy The Garard—Western Hybridising Cups.

These trophies will start this year (2008) and will be awarded at the end of the year to the person/s who exhibits the best flowering seedling bred by a **member**, using parent plants owned by themselves or another **member**.

There are two Cups (Trophies), one for the supplier of the pollen, and one for the grower of the pod parent. So these can either go to the same member, if you supply both, or two different members in the case where the pollen is supplied by another member.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY BOTH POLLEN SUPPLIER AND GROWER
MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB.**

When exhibiting in this class a green ribbon is to be used to alert the judges that your plant is to be judged in this category. Each monthly winning plant will be photographed and at the end of the year the monthly photos will be judged to determine the overall winner of these beautiful cups .



**Please contact Lucy or Ron for the exact
rules and conditions.**

**Get Your tooth picks working!!
It's going to be fun, and who knows you
may even be the hybridiser of the next
Grand Champion of the Club**

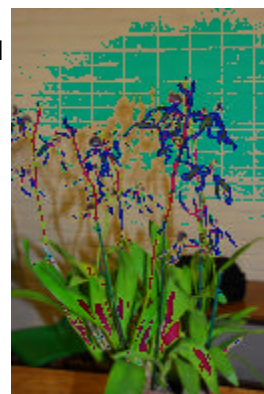


South Coast Orchid Club - Benched plants, February 2008 Meeting

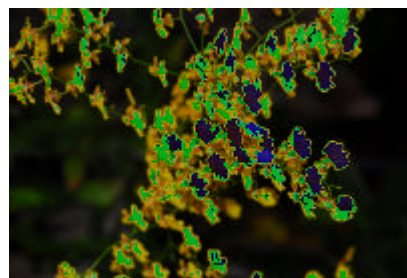
Best in Open Division: *Colm.* Wildcat 'Panther' grown by Noel Oliver. This plant had one large inflorescence with eight branches carrying a good display of approximately 50 open flowers and another small inflorescence still in bud. The sepals and petals of the deep yellow flowers were spotted and barred in deep red brown. The labellum had similar markings on a slightly paler yellow background.



Best in First Division and Flower of the Night: *Enc. cochleata* benched by Susanne Saunders. A large well grown species plant with seven inflorescences bearing three to four flowers each. It's a progressive flowerer so there were more buds on each stem to open sequentially over coming weeks. The long narrow greenish yellow sepals and petals were reflexed back along the petiole and the 'shell shaped' labellum pointed 'skywards'. The labellum was striped deep purple-maroon on a green base.



Best in Second Division: *Onc. flexuosum* grown by Rod and Judy McRedmond. The well grown plant was mounted on a log of wood. It produced four branching inflorescences of showy flowers with small greenish yellow sepals and petals marked with light brown. The broad showy yellow labellum looking like a lady's skirt, hence the term 'dancing lady orchid' often used to describe them when they are gently moved on their delicate stems by the breeze. The plant was one of five examples of this species shown in a group by Rod and Judy.



A few other plants benched by members: **Open Division.**

Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu' benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. This attractive well grown plant carried three inflorescences with six, five and four open white flowers with long narrow sepals and petals which reflex down around the petiole and are complimented by a largish almost round labellum which 'points skyward'. A long white nectar tube (a spur) hangs down from the base of the labellum of each flower. The genus *Angraecum* belongs to the tribe Vandeeae and this plant is a primary hybrid between the species *Angcm. superbum* and *Angcm. scottianum*. This clone has been awarded a CCM by the American Orchid Society.



First Division.

Prom. (Florafest Cheetah x Norman Gaunt), now registered as *Prom. Cachaca*, was grown by Kevin Trevan. This small plant produced two single flowered inflorescences from the base of two pseudobulbs. Flowers were approximately 43mm wide and 35mm high with yellow-green sepals and petals, the sepals lightly spotted pale purple-brown and the petals much heavier spotted in the same colour. The deep maroon labellum was edged yellow-green finely spotted light red and the column and pollen cap were yellow.



Welcome & Congratulations to NEW MEMBERS

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Nettie Meggetto

Interstate Speaker
at our April meeting

Topic
**Orchids in
Mexico & Costa Rica**

Wednesday 2 April 2008

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bring a morsel for supper?

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