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# 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 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at St Bernadette's Church Hall at St Marys.

Guest Speaker – Malcolm Osborne. Subject; Mini Cymbidiums

**BEGINNERS CLASS** 7.15pm. Presenter: Trevor Garard

**DAYTIME** to be held at South Brighton community hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at 2pm. Guest speaker is Geoff Spear – De Joun Orchid Conference 2005.

**SPECIES GROUP Monday** 1st August 2005 at 8pm South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway South Brighton.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2005 at Carrackalinga House, 17-19 Torrens St Victor Harbor at 2pm. Questions and Answer Afternoon –

**LUCKY NAME BADGE** make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!!

**BIRTHDAY DRAW.** Put your name in the Birthday box. You may win a prize

**PLANT RAFFLE** – John Nicholls

**SUPPER-** Ruth and Gunter Eckhard

**SPRING SHOW SPECIALNOTE** SEE PAGE 4

CHECK WHAT'S NEW ON THE INTERNET

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[http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs\\_filming/](http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs_filming/)

Check it out to see all the updates gazettes & pictures.

**It will pay to visit regularly as I put up new material as it comes to hand (at the moment there are many pictures from the Royal Show and our Spring Show**

**Have an opinion or something to say**  
contact the Editor Ron Parish Ph 08 8298 4118  
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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.

## 2005 Club meeting dates

### JUDGES AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

Registrar - Reg Shooter 7pm

#### Open Division

Graham Zerbe

David Harmer

Scribe – John Robinson

#### Second Division

Pat Harmer

John Gay

Scribe – Malcolm Tiggerman

#### First Division

Bert Bower

Ian Attenborough

Noel Oliver

Scribe – Michael Cunningham

#### September

4 Southern Group

5 Species Group

13 Main, Smoults on products

15 Daytime Group

#### October

3 Species Group

9 Southern Group

11 Main—fertilizers & Stanhopeas

13 Daytime Group

#### November

7 Species Group

8 Main Kevin Weston on conservation

10 Daytime Group

20 Southern Group

#### December

11 Southern Group

13 Main

15 Daytime Group

#### February 2006

5 Species Group BBQe

14 Main A.G.M & presentations

12 Daytime Group

Southern Group Date to be confirmed

#### AUTUMN SHOW 2006

Centro Court Colonnades

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May -Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006

#### WINTER SHOW 2006

Centro Kurralta Pk, Anzac Highway in front of K-MartStore

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006

#### SPRING SHOW 2006

Centro Arndale Shopping Centre

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006

## WHATS ON BEFORE THE MEETING?

**Trading Table:** Don Biebrick. – You'll find Don here each month to give advice on all new lines available. He has been a loyal member over many years.

**Plant Raffle Tickets:** Peter Fenton another very loyal member always there to sell tickets.

**Library:** Henk another great guy you'll find books here.

**Treasurer:** Judy McRedmond. Ready to take your money

## 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.

## BY-LAWS

A revised set of by BY-laws have been written to coincide with our constitution it is on the internet or you may either read it on our website or collect a copy from the Secretary's table.

## SPECIES GROUP

Autumn-flowering Laelia

Mexico

Laelia autumnalis Subgenus: Laelia Section: Podolaelia

Synonyms

Bletia autumnalis, Cattleya autumnalis

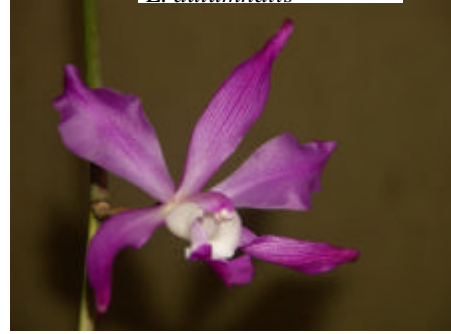
L autumnalis is to be found with a wide distribution in the mountains of several states from Oaxaca in the south to Sonora and Chihuahua in the north. The plants are very tough and hardy, grow high in the mountains, often on scrubby oaks, sometimes on mossy rocks, and are well suited to the severe dormancy, coolness, and bright light to which they are exposed. In this respect they are similar to the other Laelias in the Podolaelia section, all of which tolerate similar habitat niches under full force of sun and rain .

Well established plants can form large masses of pseudobulbs clumped tightly together around the branches.

The pseudobulbs may reach 2-6 in. (up to 15 cm.) in height, and the leaves are another 11-16 cm. (to 6-7 in.) long. The dark maroon upright flower stalk is up to 18-24 in. high (to 25 cm.), is tightly covered with bracts, and can bear as many as 13-15 flowers, though 5 or 6 are more common. The flowers vary from a pink to a deep red-purple, and white forms also have been found. The blossoms are about 3 in. (8 cm.) across, but some report widths of up to 10-15 cm. The latter would be a remarkable size and certainly tops for this species. The white lateral lobes of the lip are a distinctive feature of these flowers, and the keels are yellow.

The plants were first reported in cultivation in 1836 by Tayleur, of Parkfield, near Liverpool, then by Barker of Birmingham. Both Loddiges and Stuart Low and Co., and then others, imported quantities of this species so that it was generally available.

*L. autumnalis*



## COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

**President;** Geoff Spear

**Vice Presidents;** Ron Parish (convener species group) and Murray Baulderstone

**Treasurer;** Judy McRedmond

**Secretary;** Lucy Spear.

**Committee;**

**Editor and Minute Secretary:** Position Vacant

**Daytime Convener and Assistant Treasurer;** Dorothy Carassai

**Librarian;** Hank Van Leuveran

**Plant Visit Organizers** Merv Steele, John Nicholls, David Cammack. Des. Alsop

## SPRING SHOW

***Please read this information and we will discuss the matter further at the August Meeting.***

Members this is your Club and we have had to make a big decision and committee seek your cooperation and comments.

The space Centro has allowed us for our display will not be large enough for all plants to be benched at Arndale (& K-Mart & probably Colonnades in future),

To do this we will have our show judging at the Club at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Cultural meeting. Bring along **all your plants** you would take to the Spring Show and then the agenda would go as follows;

5pm Plants benched at St Bernadettes Church Hall (Members who can't make it by 5pm your plants will be collected by Committee)

5.30pm Judging Commences

5.30pm Members may have dinner at Tonsley Hotel where we may be able to get this at a special price (and they do have a private room).

7.45pm Members return to meeting room. Judges should have finished judging and ribbons placed on plants

8.15pm Meeting this will be a special meeting where Judges will talk about all the positives of the plants benched and winners congratulated and all questions answered.

**This does not mean we don't want to see all your plants**, it just means that we will only be able to display a certain number. At least one plant from each member will be included together with all the awarded plants. What our Club is all about is caring and sharing and helping each other and all your plants are important for us to look at.

The Trading Table will be a much smaller area, however Noel Oliver has loaned us his lock up trailer to hold plants in the storage area for most of the week, the trailer holds about 75 plants, this plus trading table area this should be adequate.

Committee will not allow Trading Table area to be larger than your display area, as this would take away the beauty and excellence of our Club.

You will need to manage your plants for 4 days from the Cultural meeting till put in day September 18<sup>th</sup>. You may prefer to take them down to Arndale yourself or smaller plants may be able to be collected by Committee, **Plants must be at Arndale by 10 am**. We only allowed an half to set up.

Committee does understand this is a distance to travel for most of you who live down south we have tried many shopping centres etc in the south and cost is far to high for our Club to afford, and we need to maintain our Trading Table for our Club to keep operating. **We are very lucky to have Centro support us**, it will be a challenge, but I know you will rise to the occasion as always .

### DETAILS

**Centro Arndale Shopping Centre Venue outside Harris Scarfe**

470 Torrens Rd, Kilkenny

Carpark 1 Entrance by Woolworth's Store Torrens Rd

Shopping Trolley are not to be used. We have organized 7 Trolley loaned by members of the club to take plants into store

18<sup>th</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2005 **10am sharp**

Take out 24<sup>th</sup> September 5pm

### FINAL COMMENT

**Committee does understand this is a distance to travel** for most of you who live down south, we have tried many shopping centres etc in the south and the cost is far to high for our Club to afford, this is a changing world and we need to be forward thinking to maintain the status Quo...

-Geoff

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

July has been a very busy month for all of us and from what I hear 95% had a great 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, I wonder what the next 10 years hold for the club, it would be great to find a shopping centre down south we could afford for our shows, we all can keep enquiring and hope one day the shopping centre will realize how much business orchid club shows bring to their business.

Winter show. It has been many years since we had a winter show at colonnades I remember the days when we had individual displays all over the mall. What a great time we had then.

Congratulations to Geraldine and Peter Flavel for the award they received.  
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Members have you noticed we have younger members joining the club they are so eager to learn, why not make yourself known to these members and invite them around and show them how you grow your plants, believe me it is well worth the effort, so much enthusiasm should be rewarded.

Judging is taking place as this Gazette goes to print so congratulations to all the winners and remember those who did not win this time, the spring show is just around the corner and that ribbon could be yours.

So many members are ill at the moment get well soon.

Good Growing!  
Kind Regards,

Geoff

**PLANTS WANTED**

Members you may have plants you would like to donate to the Club. Our Club always presents a new member with a plant, plus birthday plants and Lucky Badge receive a plant, you may be able to help please phone Lucy on 8381 4420.  
P.S Old wrapping paper or ties would also be appreciated.

**TRADING TABLE**

Members Please note If you offer plants on our Monthly Trading Table....  
Provide a list your plants with name of plant, price and your show no.  
Please do not remove plants from Trading Table without permission of our Trading Table Officer, Don Biebrick.  
This will make Don's job a lot easier and then his money tally's to hand over to the treasurer will balance.



**Welcome & Congratulations to  
NEW MEMBERS**

Grace Noll    Bev Weidenhofer    Julian Tolhurst  
Jacqui and Keith Thomson

## **Magnificent food complimented by fantastic company!**

For a beginner it was an honour to be invited to such a momentous occasion as the 'Ruby Anniversary' dinner, which meant so much to the long term and life members. The night was a magnificent experience for me and utterly enjoyable.

On arrival Josy and I were seated with Michael Cunningham and his family. They were extremely inviting and conversational and made me feel right at home.

As true hosts Geoff and Lucy Spear were very hospitable, constantly ensuring everyone was enjoying themselves and their needs were met. My hat goes off to them.

The caterers did a marvelous job and the sweets were divine.

The night went off without a hitch and the guest speaker Wayne Turville certainly knew his native orchids. I was extremely impressed how he knew the species of the orchids at the Townsville Conservation Park where the bulk of them were not in flower. An extremely informative and entertaining presentation.

John Gay gave an excellent speech on the development of the Club and defining moments. It was good to hear the occasions that made the Club into the welcoming and friendly one it is today.

Then the cake was presented and cut by our Patron, Syd Monkhouse and his wife Shirley

After the informative speeches, I adjourned to the foyer to Wayne's trading table. There were many people making their choices, so I asked for advice. The advice I received was astounding, all my questions were fulfilled. I was couldn't ask for a better group of people to guide my choices. Thanks guys, to name a couple were Michael Cunningham, Ron Parish and Malcolm Tiggerman.

By **Venessa Talbot**

(Thank you Vanessa—Ron)

## **PLANT VISIT**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Twenty-Two members are going to Freeling by bus.

Fifteen members are booked for bus trip to meet at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton Time 9.00am

Seven members will meet as discussed Time 9.30am

We will stop at Gawler for morning tea another eight members are following the bus,

so this will be a great day on the way back we will visit Nickie Zurcher.

Members please bring a salad or cake. This will help with the catering for lunch, sausages and patties provided by club.

Please be on time as this will be a long day.

My mobile no is 0402 602 152

You may need to phone me on the day!

NOTE we need two more people to make the trip complete



## DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Another cold and wet afternoon with a small group of members braving the elements to attend the meeting for an interesting insight into the lives of certain Parasite Wasps and how they take over the outsides and sometimes the insides of Beetles and Caterpillars to lay their eggs, with the young living and feeding on the hosts until ready to emerge at different stages in their life cycle, some fully grown, others as small maggots or larvae to weave their cocoons on the outside of the host, who eventually dies. Our Guest speaker, Mr. Nick Stevens, also showed us his video of several other insects and Beetles, some of the Beetles are no longer around, there was then showed an Orchid that mimics the smell of the female Wasps to attract the male of the species to pollinate it, so there's a lot of strange and wondrous things going on around us that we're not even aware of, Nick loves his work and is very enthusiastic about it, he also bought in an aquarium filled with lovely and unusual Stick insects, Dad, Mum and Babies, they looked just like a crumpled brown leaf, they're diet consists mainly of leaves, as they live in trees and bushes so they are well camouflaged, there the female spits out the eggs which fall to the ground where they are harvested by ants who take them down into the nests to be reared in their nurseries, once hatched it's the survival of the fittest. Lucy was very brave and picked one up under Nick's guidance, which enabled us all to really check it out.

Apologies were put in today for Mr. Peter and Geraldine Flavel, Mrs. Joy Roberts and Mr. Arnold Ransley, Mr. Don and Audrey Biebrick and Mrs. Peg Van Den Broeke, most were down with the Flu, previous engagements or family commitments, we wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to see you all again soon.

Only a few plants bench today, mostly Cymbidiums, with Mr. Bill Clark's Cym Valley Furnace 'Chocolate' was judged best in our popular vote competition, a lovely dark brown flower with a yellow centre, congratulations Bill, a well grown plant. The meeting closed, we then finished off the Birthday cake from Tuesday nights Clubs Ruby Anniversary Birthday celebration which everyone thought was very successful and very well organized, congratulations to us all, for a job well done.

Bye,  
Dorothy.

## SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

Twenty six members celebrated our Ruby anniversary dinner at Middleton Tavern it was nice to see such a happy, keen group of people together enjoying the day and of course talking orchids.

Another eight members came along to the meeting and two new members joined on the day. Geraldine and Peter Flavel also helped us to celebrate. Geraldine and Peter are long standing members of the club. Thank you for the raffle donations.

Graham Zerbe as always gave a very interesting talk and slide program he also warned members about the orchid "Bug" questions and we will answer them for you. So many questions are asked at coffee time I feel we need to have a forum where you will get all the answers; we will also cover how to present a plant for the show bench.

August the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> are the dates of your Winter Show.

Venue Sea Scout Hall

Corner of Pine Street and Hindmarsh Rd Victor Harbor

Time 10am to 4pm

Please come and help on the Trading Table this can be a lot of fun and a learning experience.

Thank you Reg and Keith for all your time you are putting into the club.

## Current Sponsors for our Club

We wish to thank the following persons who have supported us and our shows with donations etc. Members are requested to keep these people in mind when purchasing orchids and supplies

Coast FM            David Cammack            Geoff & Lucy Spear            Gordon Brooks

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Munns Garden Centre Glandore            Murray Baulderstone            Noel Oliver

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Valley Orchids

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