



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB

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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 9th June, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and this time our Guest Speaker will again be a member of our own Club: Mr Harold Goldsack (an Australian native, variety 'alba') who will, appropriately, give a talk on:

### 'AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS – AND HOW TO GROW THEM'.

Harold, who has studied our local 'Natives' for approximately 45 years, and actually grown them for approximately 10 years is, according to Wesley Harris, not only a very interesting speaker, but also has colour slides on his subject which are definitely worth your while seeing them. (You will be surprised how many beautiful orchids you can actually admire not far from your own backyard – so come yourself and bring your friends!)

Three heaters for our convenience have already been promised, two on loan, and one a donation to the Club by Wes Harris. We should therefore be able to have our next meeting in comfort, especially if other members decide to show up with a heater!

Our last plant exhibition was judged by Mr Bernard Hansen, our Senior Vice-President and qualified Orchid Judge, and the following plants were awarded points:

**Open Section:** 3 points to Paphiopedilum Haroun, 2 points to Cattleya Esther Larsen, and 1 point to Cattleya Barbara. All of these plants were grown and exhibited by Mr Wes Harris.

**Novice Section:** 3 points to Cattleya Mascot, 2 points to Paphiopedilum (name unknown), and 1 point to Cattleya Guttata Leopoldii x L.C. Elstead Gem. All, again by the same grower: Mr Les Poole.

**The Popular Votes** went to Cattleya Guttata Leopoldii x L.C. Elstead Gem (Mr Les Poole) and Rhoeco discolor (Mrs E. Shaw).

**WINTER SHOW:** The Club is calling for donors of trophies for the Winter Show. Will prospective donors please contact either the Secretary or the Treasurer?

**Our Opportunity Table** will again be in operation, and 20% of the profits will go to the Club Funds. Your support is much appreciated. Cattleya gigas will again be on sale. Please make sure your plants are accompanied by a complete list of plants, suggested retail prices, and your name.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting,

Your Editor.

## CULTURAL NOTES

by Wesley Harris

Cymbidium spikes are still making an appearance. An insecticide dust will drive aphids from buds – use with care and stand windward.

The cool glasshouse (50° minimum) as well as the heated types for orchids all need some ventilation – the lee side vent can be opened somewhat even on cold days.

Glasshouses with heaters often have dry spots, so watch these and get to know your particular structure. Your evaporative coolers (summer system) may be overhauled. Examine all implements – sprayers, thermometers, secateurs. Take stock of pots, crocks and potting media. Take stock and record every plant in a special notebook; particulars regarding date of purchase, price, size of plant, time of flowering, number of flowers, description of flowers, etc., prove interesting and helpful.

P.S.: Cattleya gigas should thrive with your cymbidiums, provided it is kept dry (with a plastic cover) in winter.