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THE NEXT MEETING of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm on May 8 2001 at the
St Bernadettes School Hall
1257 –1259 South Road St Marys
Entry off Crystal Avenue

THE GUEST SPEAKER: "Tools of the Trade"
by Smoult Tools.

DAYTIME GROUP will meet at 2.00 pm. Thurs-
day 10 May at the South Brighton Community
Hall, Dover Square , Broadway, South Brighton.

Lesley Gunn will talk on her trip to Nepal.

Raffle Plants Donated by Geof Spear
Thank you Geof.

Have an opinion or something to say
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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Tuesday after a Club meeting

Diary Dates for 2001

June 12th : "Latest Aussie Dendrobium Trends"
by Noel Oliver.

We hope to have a number of dates for events throughout 2001 in the next Gazette Shows are expected to be -

Daytime Meeting
Malcolm Houston on Terrestrial Orchids in the Wild.

Autumn Show - May 6 12 at Colonnades Shopping Centre

June 24 Club excursions

Winter Show - July Being negotiated
(Proposed changes to shopping Centre acts may require casual retailers to pay a fee to sell)

July 10th : Yet to be confirmed.

Spring Show - September

August 14th: "Aussie Terrestrials"
by Les Nesbitt.

September 11th: To be advised

October 9th : "Cool Growing Orchids"
by Barry Bailey"

November 13th : "Species Orchids"
by Ron Parish.

December 11th: Yet to be confirmed.

Thanks to Gordon Brooks for Last months Raffle plants comprising 10 in spike Cymbidiums
Thank you Gordon

Stanhopea species

I obtained this *Stanhopea* about 4/5 years ago and have just flowered it this year and I am hoping that someone will be able to name it for me

It had 7 flowers all approx 75 mm across and as you can see the flower is almost pure yellow with only very light spotting in the centre.

The plant was jungle collected and was obviously incorrectly named as *Stan. Wardii*

I grow my stanhopeas in the same house as my large cool growing Cattleyas.



Australasian Native Orchid Society
<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~graemebr/>

The Orchid Weblopedia
<http://conbio.bio.uci.edu/orchid/>

Orchids.Net - The Site for Orchids
<http://www.orchids.net/>

The Orchid Garden
<http://fly.hiwaay.net/~rjmartin/Orchids.html>

BOTANA, the Orchids ReSource homepage
<http://www.botana.com/tors.html>

Orchid, an Encarta Encyclopedia Article Titled Orchid
<http://encarta.msn.com/find/Concise.asp?ti=040DB000>

Asian Species Orchids from Vietnam
<http://www.vietnamonline.com/orchids/>

Orchids Australia
<http://www.infoweb.com.au/orchids/>

Brazilian Orchids - Welcome
<http://delfina.simplenet.com/page2.htm>

Orchids species of Indonesia, including Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis and Dendrobium
<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/9686/>

Australasian Epiphytic and Lithophytic Orchids
<http://www-personal.une.edu.au/~mgray2/epiphyte.htm>

Orchid Books from the AOS
<http://www.orchidweb.org/bookstore/>

Software, magazines, books
<http://reseau.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/OrchidSNS/wbooks.html>

Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Section—Supplied by Suzanne Willcox
[Http://www.rhs.org.uk/science/plant groups/mm orchids1.asp.](http://www.rhs.org.uk/science/plant_groups/mm_orchids1.asp)

<http://www.globalserve.net/~cmd/orchid-page/orchidframes.html>

http://directory.netscape.com/Science/Biology/Taxonomy/Taxonomy_Map/Plantae/Magnoliophyta/Liliopsida/Orchidaceae

Internet orchid species photo encyclopedia **** very good
<http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

<http://www.wildcattdata.com/News.htm>

**An extract from an article in the Hawaii Tribune-herald on Commercial growing of the Vanilla Orchid
Isle AG's future is flavored vanilla**

Some are banking on the bean as a cash crop for Big Island agriculture.

For Paauilo entrepreneur Jim Reddekopp, there's nothing wrong with plain vanilla.

The only commercial vanilla grower to the United States is confident that his unique Hawaiian product, which recently made its debut in Meadow Gold ice cream, will be a Big Island growth industry

Reddekopp, who moved his family to Hamakua from his native Oahu last year. He

wants to convince other farmers, especially displaced sugar workers, to grow the premium crop." We're trying to help the farmers grow vanilla," said Reddekopp. whose mission is to stimulate new agricultural avenues in Hawaii. "I have five

farmers who are interested so far, the main thing is to create a market for vanilla." Vanilla comes right after saffron on the list of the world's costlier spices, according to Reddekopp, who sells his fragrant annual crop of 500 pounds at \$75 a pound. Most of it goes to three upscale restaurants in Hawaii and Meadow Cold Dairies, which recently unveiled its Hawaiian Vanilla Bean Ice Cream laced with Reddekopp's Big Island vanilla. "That's all I can supply right now," Reddekopp said. "It's 500 Pounds a year for the next three years but after that, it'll be tons". Reddekopp said he targeted the niche "chef market" as a strategy to promote sustainable agriculture on the Big Island.

Award winning Honolulu chef George Mavrothalassitis, better known as Chef Mavro is one of his leading customers.

He's my lead guy because he does the most with my vanilla," Reddekopp said.

The majority of Reddekopp's vanilla is currently grown in a 3,500-square foot field in Kealakekua but he's begun bringing plants from there to a spacious 25,000-sq foot shade house near his home in Paauilo He believes that the HAMAKUA region with warm sun sweet rains and mild breezes is ideal for growing a crop that thrives in places Like Madagascar and Tahiti. It's a high-density crop so you don't need much land," Reddekopp said.

In terms of profitability, Reddekopp figures that a quarter-acre of vanilla plants is equivalent to four acres of coffee. "With a quarter acre of vanilla, you're looking at, making \$15,000."

Reddekopp said. It's no cakewalk to riches, however. Vanilla orchids must be pollinated by hand, only the Melipona bee can penetrate the waxy coat on the chartreuse flowers pollen cap, and the Melipona bee is only found in Mexico.

"The orchid blooms for one day and has to be hand pollinated; a farmer can probably do 1,000 flowers a day in a four to five-hour window," Reddekopp said. "If you don't pollinate the flower, you don't get vanilla "

The flowers bloom from January to May, and the grower needs to comb the field every day during that period to ensue pollination. When all goes well, each plant will produce at least 50 vanilla beans six weeks after pollination. After processing, Reddekopp sends his beans to St Louis to be made into vanilla extract. Reddekopp started the business with an initial investment of about \$250,000, and a Rural Economic Transition Allowance - Hawaii (RETAH) grant of \$70,000 for plants, pots and soil. The bulk of his start-up money came from the family business in Kailua Oahu. Reddekopp is president of Fly Away Holidays Inc., an inbound travel company his father founded in the 1950s,"We've been here a year and I can still sleep at night:" Reddekopp said. 'That's because I have a travel company: that's what funded this.'" Some of the tours the firm conducts involve visits to agritourism spots like his own six-acre spread, perched overlooking the ocean at the 1,700 foot elevation.

Reddekopp's Hawaiian Vanilla Company can be reached at 776-1771, or at www.vanillavineyards.com



Vanilla 'Beans'

Presidents report

Our Club comprises many members from all walks of life from as far away the Gold Coast, Goolwa , New South Wales, near country areas and many suburbs of Adelaide .

Many travel considerable distances to attend our meetings and do so happily, I see a short change of distance to travel to Club meetings as a small inconvenience and price to pay for us being able to obtain a better & more acceptable hall for our nightly meetings. Today it seems imperative that we be able to accommodate more members from the plains and to do this the barrier of the Main South road must be eliminated. Our Club numbers have dwindled over the past two years with us losing 30 + members in that time most of whom are from north of O'Halloran Hill. In that time only eleven members have joined.

The Objects of the Club are to include the promotion & good fellowship and the advancement of all that pertains to orchids....

We must try and make our best efforts to see this time through.

It seems to me we need to change to create a greater pool for new members in order to survive Murray Boulderstone—President

INVITATION - from The South Australian Orchidaceous Society Inc.

INTERSTATE BUS TRIP TO KERANG

On the weekend of 7& 8th July, at Kerang in Victoria, there will be a major Orchid Show. This event has been organized as an interclub competition between several Victorian clubs from that area, and will have commercial selling stands as part of the event.

The South Australian Orchidaceous Society Inc. are arranging an interstate bus trip over that weekend, with overnight motel accommodation at Kerang, a visit to this Show and we will also join the Kerang Club for their Show Dinner on the Saturday evening. Visits to a N.S.W. Community Club, a winery tour and/or a fruit packing factory will be included as secondary entertainment. Final details are still being negotiated and I am sure that this trip will be great fun.

The modern coach will have toilet and video facilities and we require a minimum of 30 people to ensure viability with a maximum of 46. The cost will be approx. \$115 per person with twin share accommodation at Kerang, (Single accommodation is an extra \$25). Included in this cost will be Dinner, Bed & Full Breakfast, and entry into the Show.

At this time there are still some places available for this trip, and to achieve the optimum bus cost, as well as to promote fellowship with other orchid fraternities, we extend an invitation to members of other S.A. orchid clubs, (and/or friends), to join us on a first come, first in basis.

A lot of interest has been expressed in this value for money trip, and due to the need to confirm accommodation quickly, and with a limited bus capacity, it will be necessary to confirm your place with a deposit of \$30 per person as soon as possible.

This will be a new interstate destination since our last popular Mildura trip a few years ago, and will be a chance for many of us to get away for a break before the hectic spring show season is upon us.

Alan Davies,

President S.A.O.S.

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APRIL FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

A smaller than expected benching this month probably due to the closeness of the Easter break. However there were some excellent plants benched, still plenty of Cattleyas but the numbers of Cymbidiums are on the increase.

I have noticed recently that there seems to be some 'clones of clones' appearing. This was particularly bought to my notice with *C. Minerva* 'Highercombe' which is a particular clone or cultivar of the grex *C. Minerva* (i.e.. A particular seedling of the crossing of *C. bowringiana* with *C. loddigesii*). So we cannot have *C. Minerva* Highercombe 'Fred" since it already has a cultivar name e. g. 'Highercombe'. It is often difficult to know whether a multi word name is the full grex name or the grex and cultivar name, however, this information is available in the registration listings such as The Sanders Books which are available at meetings.

Open Division

Flower of the Division

Mclna. Pagan Love Song 'Hi Life' grown by P. & G. Flavel

A very good example of this clone with 16 flowers, well displayed, on a single inflorescence approximately 600 mm long. Flowers were typical of the *Mclna* Pagan Love Song with cream tepals with green-brown spots all over while the lip was cream tinged green with brown spots down the middle. The plant was quite large with many very healthy looking growths

Aust.Nat.Epi Hybrid	<i>Den. Aussie Victory</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Cymbidium 60-90mm	<i>Cym. (Arkaroola x Peter Pan)</i>	H. Gerber	2
Cymbidium <60mm	<i>Cym. Mad Peter</i>	H. & E. Van Leu- veran	3
	<i>Cym. Minutet</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Laeliinae Std. >100mm	<i>Lc. Ovation</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
Laeliinae Std. <100mm	Unknown	H. & E. Van Leu- veran	3
	Unknown (possibly <i>Blc. Adelaide Silver</i>)	H. & E. Van Leu- veran	2
Laeliinae Non Std. Cluster	<i>C. Minerva 'Highercombe'</i>	R. & B. Wilson	3
Laeliinae Other Hybrid	<i>(Ctna. Capri x Lctna. Peggy San)</i>	R. & B. Wilson	3
Novelty Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Sussex Pearl</i>	H. Herrmann	3
	* <i>Paph. (kolopakingii x primulinum)</i>	H. Herrmann	2
	<i>Paph. Maudiae x Dorary</i>	H. Herrmann	1
Oncidium/Odontoglossum Alliance	<i>Mclna. Pagan Love Song 'Hi Life'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Milt. (spectabilis x Connie Warne)</i>	D. & J. Higgs	2
	<i>Howeara Mini Primi</i>	D. & J. Higgs	1
Zygopetalum Alliance	<i>Wlm. Mellow 'Sandra'</i>	B. Fisher	3
	<i>Z. Titanic 'Monarch'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>Z. B G White 'Abbe'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	1
Other Hybrids	<i>Phrag. Cardinale</i>	D. & J. Higgs	3
Other Species	<i>L. perrinii</i>	R. & B. Wilson	3
Best Seedling	<i>Wlm. Mellow 'Sandra'</i>	B. Fisher	3

First Division

Flower of the Division and Flower of the Night ***C. Minerva 'Highercombe' grown by Murray Baulderstone***

A cluster of 12 fresh mauve-purple flowers with a deeper purple lip were well displayed on the single inflorescence. The flowers were 82 mm x 78 mm, quite a nice size for this cultivar. It had 6 growths and was grown in straight bark.

Cymbidium 60—90mm	<i>Cym.</i> (Golden Elf x <i>devonianum</i>)	S. Ng	3
	<i>Cym.</i> (Pendragon x Miniken)	S. Ng	2
	<i>Cym.</i> (Peter Pan x Wyanga)	N. Woodend	1
Laeliinae Std >100mm	<i>C.</i> Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	N. Woodend	3
Laeliinae Non Std. Cluster	<i>C.</i> Minerva 'Highercombe'	M. Baulderstone	3
	<i>C.</i> (Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' x self)	G. & M. Voskamp	2
	<i>C.</i> (<i>forbesii</i> x <i>bowringiana</i> x <i>amethystoglossa</i>)	G. & M. Voskamp	1
Laeliinae Non Std Other	<i>C.</i> Unknown	W. & R. Clark	3
Laeliinae Other Hybrid	<i>Lctna.</i> Tina	R. Pankoke	3
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> <i>sukhakulii</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Zygopetalum Alliance	<i>Z.</i> (<i>crinitum</i> x <i>intermedium</i>) x Helen Ku	H. & B. Viney	3
Other Species	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	<i>Br. longissima</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	2

Second Division

Flower of the Division Blc. Memoria Earl Thompson ***grown by D. & L. Williams***

This plant had 5 growth bearing a single beautiful deep maroon flower with a deep burgundy lip. This flower measured 122 mm across by 145 mm high. The colour of this flowers was

Laeliinae Std. >100mm	<i>Blc.</i> Memoria Earl Thompson	D. & L. Williams	3
	(<i>L. purpurata</i> x <i>C. Olivia</i>)	N. Gitsham	2
Zygopetalum Alliance	<i>Z.</i> <i>Syd Monkhouse</i>	S. Wilcox	3
Other Hybrid	<i>Epi.</i> Bidentata	N. Gitsham	3
Other Species	<i>Epi.</i> <i>ibaguense</i>	N. Gitsham	3

DAYTIME MEETING REPORT

The Daytime meeting day last month fell on the Thursday before Easter and so was a very small group with only 10 members attending. The speakers were three of our members, Bill Fisher, Geraldine Flavel and myself.

Bill spoke first on preparing *Zygopetalums* for a show and suggested removing some of the old bark from the top of the pot and replacing it with smaller bark—this helps to keep moisture in the mix for the duration of the show, also you need to water the plant well before the show. (This last also applies to all genera) He also repotted a *Zygopetalum* for us and 'potted on' another. Because *Zygopetalums* tend to grow up out of their pot, it is best to put the plant a bit lower in the new pot. The potting on was done without disturbing the roots at all, just putting the plant into one size larger pot and filling in around the edge with new potting mix. Bill did this because he wanted to use the flower on the plant as a pod parent and this will keep the plant going while the pod is forming and maturing.

Geraldine spoke on preparing *Cattleyas* for a show and showed us how to prop a top-heavy or leaning plant by putting it in a bigger pot with gravel on the bottom and packing newspaper around the sides, then finishing it off by putting fibre or similar on the top around the plant—it makes a wonderful difference to the appearance of the plant as we were all able to see. Another tip was to place a styrofoam circle in the bottom of a fancy pot if the pot is smaller and then put the plant on top, this lifts the plant and shows it off better.

I spoke last on preparing *Cymbidiums* and suggested that the best time to tie up the inflorescences is in the warmth of the day after the plants had been watered in the morning and I showed how to arrange the spikes around the pot, pulling them slightly to the stake to make them appear more evenly spaced around the pot. All the stakes used in each pot should be of the same material and length and as unobtrusive as possible and with all plants not to over-tie as this ruins the appearance. With cym. use one tie only above the start of the flowers if possible.

To sum up, all plants should have dead leaves, leaf tips and husks removed and leaves should be wiped clean with a mixture of milk and water to give a nice sheen and pots should be cleaned and topped up with fresh potting mix. The aim is to show off the whole plant to its best advantage.

After the talks, the popular vote was announced and from the 6 plants benched, the first choice went to *C. Minerva* 'Highercombe', which was grown cold by Don Biebrick. 4 of the other plants tied for second place.

All in all it was a very informal and interactive meeting with all members learning something from the talks. (Remember that all members of the South Coast Orchid Club are most welcome to come along.) We finished the meeting with afternoon tea and Easter Eggs.

Next month's speaker will be Lesley Gunn who will be speaking on her trip to Nepal.

Errata April Gazette

Open Division results:

Other hybrids *Ctsm.* Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips belonged to A. & R. Herrmann-Mckay and not D. & J. Higgs.

Best seedling *C.Lauderbec* x *Sc. batemanianna* belonged to P. & G. Flavel and not D. & J. Higgs

Apologies are extended to these people for the error, The records have been amended.
Don Higgs - Registrar of Judges

SAROC OCHID FAIR
Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th June

A dinner has been arranged for the Saturday Night at the Walker Arms Hotel,
Walkerville

The cost will be \$20 per head.

A guest speaker (hopefully from interstate) is being arranged for the Night
A deposit of \$10 per head is required.

If you are interested in attending please see Don or Jane at the meeting
or

Contact Noel Oliver 82443 4945 to book your place

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

South coast has been rostered to sell Raffle tickets on Sunday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 (2 hours). Please let Don or Jane know if you are available to assist for any of this time.

We also need lots of plants so we can make a good display at the show. A pickup will be available if you have plants for the display but can't get them there.

Display setup is between 8.00pm and 10.00pm on Friday night (8th June) and between 8.00am and 9.00am on Saturday morning. Assistance in setting up the display is needed.

Your support for this Fair is needed to make it a success and promote The South Coast Orchid Club, so we hope to see you all there.

Contact Don or Jane if you have any queries regarding the Fair. (Phone 8558 6247)

Letters to the Editor regarding our decisions to relocate

To have our Club hall on a main road is certainly a bonus as the hall in question is available on Sundays, our present hall isn't.

On costs. And revenues

How many people are aware that our subs. only account for less than 12% of our total receipts. Most of our receipts come from commissions on plant sales and with the possibility of a bill presently before Parliament, trading tables at shopping centres may be a thing of the past. This leaves us with using halls (which are nowhere as successful as a shopping centre). We would have a head start with a hall in a fairly central location in St Marys.

There is also hype regarding distances to travel, this is so but also remember that over half the Club members presently have to do just this. Just because we call the Club 'South Coast' does not mean that it must religiously meet as far south as possible. We have shown in many venues as far toward the city as opposite the Unley Shopping Centre.

Another issue relates to unity within our Club. While not on the Committee I know how hard your Committee work to try and keep the Club viable. It is not in their interests to have a division in the ranks and their interests in moving are only related to making a stronger forward looking Club and they have done much research to getting this far. (Members may be interested to learn that moving further north was first mooted about 5 years ago, but a suitable venue was not available at that time)

Come on Club Members—pull together and see what we can do for the future...

Ron Parish
Editor

I was interested to read the article by Don Higgs in last months Gazette. It has always seemed to me that the South Coast Orchid Club was just that. A South Coast Club. On the Adelaide plains there are at least three general clubs at present, plus NOSSA which is of course, restricted to Native Orchids. A move from the South Coast area will mean the loss of many members, some who just cannot

make it to that area, and will be disenfranchised for what? A chance of gaining some new members in a high competition area?

These are MEMBERS of our club. In fact they constitute our club.

Thank you Don.

Bill Fisher

Moving would see some changes, new members is the main object, as some people inquire at the Marion show about joining and location, saying Morphett vale too far. Future shows in shopping centres would be in doubt if payment is required for areas, therefore St Marys area would be an ideal location if required.

Merv Steele

The Editor
South Coast Orchid Club
Dear Ron

Proposed move to new Club Meeting Hall hereunder are my thoughts under the above heading following the recent poll results

The proposed move has my support subject to the next meeting at St Bernadettes Church Hall at St Marys should it prove to be satisfactory for our activities. Parking - Appears to be ample for our needs from what I have heard. I will be going to St Marys in a day to two to confirm.

One can only hope that the move will in the next year or two benefit our membership numbers. presently approx. 80 and attendance at meetings being around 40 for night meetings at Christies Downs. I can recall total membership say about 10 years ago of approx. 200 with attendance of 70 - 80.

Loss of orchid nurseries in the O'Halloran Hill - Hackham area may have contributed to lack of interest of orchid growing in the southern areas.

The need for two incomes to survive in families not only down south but also all areas leading to no time available to pursue orchid growing as a hobby may also be a contributing factor.

Generally our membership age has had an impact and the need to travel 20 km to a meeting place at night does not help and more so during the winter months. Currently there appears to be a lesser number of judges available compared with a few years ago - a nearer meeting place to the inner metro. area may assist in reversing this trend.

Letters to the Editor continued

Generally speaking most clubs - Probus, Masonic, Bowling, Ocsa, Lions, Rotary etc. are losing members - AGE OF MEMBERS IS ONE OF THE REASONS BEING GIVEN

Yours sincerely
Harry Viney

Moving?

Once Again there is talk of the South Coast Orchid Club Inc. changing its meeting place. It is perhaps interesting to recall that the Club started in the Victor Harbor area of South Australia, then the meeting place was moved to Morphett Vale RSL hall near the Main South Road. And after a time was moved to its present meeting place in the Calvary Uniting Church Hall Windsong Court Morphett Vale, but nearer to the boundary with Christie Downs. The move now suggested is to relocate the Club at St Bernadette's hall South Road St Mary's. Interestingly the first move from Victor Harbor moved the Club significantly north to the developing outer southern suburbs of Adelaide. The inference was that not enough people south of Morphett Vale were interested in the orchid club. Now a further move northwards to St Marys suggests that this trend continues: that there are more people interested in the Orchid Club north of the present meeting place than there are south of it.

Will this trend continue?

It must be realized that the Club has always had a strong membership base in the area from Glenelg - Malvern to Morphett Vale. Will this continue? Certainly the Club needs an influx of new members. Speaking personally, I can say with feeling that the present membership is ageing - rapidly.

The move made by the Club from the RSL Hall west to our current location was a kind of sideways shuffle but was perhaps the most significant move of all. The Club has flourished and thrived through thick & thin from its base at the Lutheran Church Hall from sometime in the 70's to the present. What was special about that move? Well in my opinion it was due to the dedicated Club Committee led by a forceful President in John Leader who lived at Malvern. Committee members at that time lived throughout the Club domain from Hackham to Glenelg. Each Committee person was expected to contribute and they did, boots and all. In my opinion dedication on part of the Committee is as important, maybe more important than the location of the meeting place. On the other hand to have a dedicated Committee means a big enough membership from which to draw that committee. So

that if membership will increase by meeting at St Mary's then go for it, but will it?..

That is the dilemma. No matter, what the Club cannot expect the President to wave a magic wand and get everything done, for example, when I took the Club's Orchid shows to Oaklands Park I and indeed the whole of the Club, had two excellent Show Marshalls, first in Wayne Farquhar and then Ray Goodall. They put on and managed the shows. I didn't.

I believe I can say these things having been President for three terms, each of three years. The President must be fully supported by a dedicated Committee and then this combination demands and should get the support of all members. It is a team effort.

It is clear that the Club members must decide the meeting place for the Club, and once the decision is made, must work to get the best results for the Club

Keith H Northcote

Dear members

Change or not to change ,this is the question on our minds at the moment.

When this was first suggested Geoff & I thought back to the early eighties when we first joined we met Harry & Berna Tony Keith & many many others. Some became close friends & here we are today looking a little older. But we all have the same interest S.C.O.C. and what is best for our Club.

How can we move & still be S.C.O.C. was one question your Club has moved several times & it will always be S.C.O.C.

Geoff & I then thought of our Club as it is today, Jane & Don Higgs tireless workers - Helen & Charlie Edwards (now in Queensland) Peter & Lesley: the Committee &... most importantly the unity of the Members. Change can sometimes mean 'where are we going, what will happen to us '. It can also mean a bright & wonderful future. It is approximately 30 mins. time wise to the other venue from where we are now. Geoff & I am in favour of change, we like the word & think it means a bright & wonderful future.

Whatever happens with this change let's all discuss it & stick together like all great orchid growers
Yours very sincerely

Lucy & Geoff Spear

**SURFACE
MAIL**
