



December
2008

The
South
Coast
Orchid
Club
Inc.
Gazette

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AT A GLANCE

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The next meeting and dinner of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at St. Bernadettes Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's.

Features of the night: 6.00pm Hall open – plants may be benched between 6.00 and 7.45pm. 6.50pm please be seated for dinner. Special guests are our Patron Syd Monkhouse and his wife Shirley, Ben and Christine Knobben and of course Father Christmas. The Club will provide Fruit Cup and Nibbles you may B.Y.O. wine.

8.30pm Main meeting – members of Species group will once again talk about these wonderful plants pass around and so you can see their beauty. Another popular feature of the night is our monster raffle. Please contribute to the night an equivalent gift you would like to receive yourself – wine, nuts, ferns, orchid plants etc. to help make this a night to remember. Ben Knobben has great entertainment planned and of course Father Christmas will drop in to see us.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 11th December 2008 at 2pm. Guest speaker: Noel Oliver, whose subject will be Native Orchids. Father Christmas has been invited.

SPECIES GROUP: No meeting in December. Species group B.B.Q. on Sunday 1st February 2009 11.30am at I. and R. Parish's home. Please bring salad, cake and chair plus your wonderful plants.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP: The next meeting will be held on Sunday 21st December at 2.00pm in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.

Guest Speaker by special request Graham Zerbe and Father Christmas has been invited.

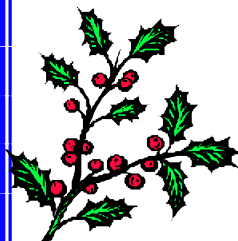
Christmas Luncheon at Urimbirra, Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor 11.30am, lunch served at noon.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Committee meeting on Wednesday 14th January 7.30pm at H. & E. Van Leuversans home, Winston Avenue, Edwardstown.

COMMITTEE SOCIAL NIGHT:

Friday 16th January 6.30pm at Fresh Choice Restaurant, 373 Diagonal Road, Sturt for retiring committee, new committee members and partners



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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.

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.

CLUB MEETING DATES

February 2009

- 01 Species Group Meeting & B.B. Que
- 4 Main AGM and Tony Bourne
- 15 Southern Regional Group
- 18 Daytime Chapter

March 2009

- 2 Species Group
- 4 Main Colin Jennings
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Regional Group

April 2009

- 1 Main Dave & Pat Harmer
- 6 Species
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

May 2009

- 4 Species
- 6 Main Richard Fishlock
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Regional Group

June 2009

- 1 Species

- 3 Main Dendi Orchids
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group

July 2009

- 1 Species
- 6 Main Noel Oliver- Aust Natives
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

August 2009

- 2 Vietnamese Group
- 3 Species
- 5 Main Trevor Jacobs
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Southern Regional Group

September 2009 TBA



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CULTURE DVD's

We now have many titles of orchid culture prepared by well known local growers available thru the Club. Titles Include- Culture videos for Cymbidium, Cattleya. Australian Native (4 different) Paphiopedilum Lycaste Zygopetalum Phalaenopsis Virus Deflasking etc, Contact Ron for more Details

OUR MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

The cost of producing and delivering your monthly gazette has increased by more than 30% over the past 2/3 months amounting to over \$300.00 a year. Primarily due to increases in cost of copy paper and postage.

To enable us to contain these costs and not increase any Club fees or charges we urge those members with computers connected to the Internet to take the Gazette from our website

So that you will get a permanent copy, the Club will provide every Internet recipient with a CD at the end of each year with all the gazettes for the year. To be eligible for this offer please register your e-mail address to Ron Parish before the end of the February 2009 meeting.

If you want more information or help please contact Ron (details on front page)

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

2009 SUBSCRIPTION RATES

FAMILY \$30.00

SINGLE \$22.00

JUNIOR \$14.00

RURAL AND INTERSTATE MEMBERS

FAMILY \$26.00

SINGLE \$20.00

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Joy and Val Starkey

DECEMBER JUDGING ROSTER

REGISTRAR: I. Attenborough

OPEN DIVISION

N. Oliver, W. Lodge. Scribe T. Reece

FIRST DIVISION

J. Gay, G. Zerbe. Scribe M. Tiggeman

SECOND DIVISION

R. Shooter, C. Campbell. Scribe G. Flavel

Judges to arrive early – J. Gay, C. Campbell



BENCHING YOUR PLANTS FOR JUDGING

Judging will now commence 15 minutes later at 8.00pm. The cut off time will now be 7.45pm sharp and we will advertise a set of mobile numbers for late comers to use to advise us you are on your way. Emergencies and working members sometimes find it difficult not to be a few minutes late. BUT, please ring first.

BEGINNERS GROUP 2009

Good news, we now have a private area where you can all learn to grow orchids without any distractions. Same building just a few easy steps. Please be in attendance at 7.15 for 7.20pm start.

BEGINNERS GROUP PROGRAMME 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
February	Malcolm Guy	Australian Native Terrestrials
March	Brian Lyttle	Shadehouse Setting-up
April	John Gay	Preparing plants for Shows
May	Colin Campbell	Growing Cattleya Orchids my way
June	Brian Lyttle	Growing Zygopetalum Orchids my way
July	Pauline Hockey	Cymbidium Orchids
August	Suzanne Saunders	Paphiopedilum Orchids
September	Noel Oliver	Australian Native Epiphytes

October	Ron Parish	Species Orchids
November	Kevin Western	Australian Native Cymbidiums

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2009

Autumn Show	Sunday 3 rd to Sunday 10 th May, Colonnades Shopping centre
SAROC Fair	Saturday 6 th and Sunday 7 th June
Southern Regional Workshop	T.B.A.
Southern Bus Trip	Sunday 9 th August Tom Burian Orchid Nursery. BBQ on Reserve by Angas River, Strathalbyn. Followed by nurseries of Moss Bray and Graham Morris
Main Group Workshop	T.B.A.
Winter Show	Sunday 26 th July to Saturday 1 st August, Colonnades Shopping Centre
Royal Show	Wednesday 2 nd September
Southern Regional Group Show	T.B.A.
Northern Bus Trip	Saturday 11 th July Evelyn and Jim Cummings, Freeling. Plus T.B.A.
Spring Show	Sunday 20 th to Saturday 26 th September, Arndale Shopping Centre

Committee Members 2009 as required by Constitution.

OFFICERS

11. *The Officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice Presidents (one of whom shall be elected Senior Vice President) by the Committee, Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, all of whom shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall retire. All retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.*

12. *Nomination in writing for these offices duly proposed and seconded by two financial members, and accepted by the nominee, shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary before the close of the Ordinary General meeting in December each year. The election of Officers of the Club shall be by ballot at each Annual General Meeting.*

Please use Nomination Forms to appoint New Committee Members for 2009. Forms to be handed to Secretary before closing of December Meeting 2008.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2009 NOMINATION FORM

Please use nomination forms to appoint new committee members for 2009. Forms to be handed to Secretary before closing of December 2008 meeting.

The South Coast Orchid Club Inc.

Committee nomination Form

Nominee's Name.....

Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

Position Nominated for.....

Nominee Accepted.....

Please complete and hand to Secretary 'Lucy Spear'

Nominations must be received by the close of the December Cultural Meeting

Outgoing Committee Members

President: Geoff Spear & convenor of Southern Regional Group

Senior Vice President: Ron Parish & convenor of species Group

Vice President: Noel Oliver retiring from committee

Treasurer: Judy McRedmond

Secretary and Public Officer: Lucy Spear

Committee:

Minute Secretary: Donna Meeuwsen

Daytime convenor and assistant treasurer: Dorothy Carassai

Librarian: Henk Van Leuveran

Convenor of Trading Table, Social Outings and Beginners Group: John Dunn

Pauline Boundy.

Please note the above positions are up for election at the end of the year. 2 Committee members needed. Malcolm Guy has one year remaining on Committee.

SPECIAL LOTTERY FOR LIGHT WEIGHT TRESTLES:

Our members are all getting older and setting up and putting away our trestles this year has been a big problem. The trestles were made by a member in 1971 and are very heavy. Even with two men handling them they are very heavy to manage. We are asking for your help to raise money to purchase 10 light-weight trestles. At the next meeting we will give each member a \$10.00 raffle book \$1.00 per ticket. Please sell the tickets for the Club. The Raffle will be drawn at the May meeting with Cash Prizes to the value of __ **First Prize \$250.00 Cash Second Prize \$40.00 Cash Third Prize a bag of bark.**

MEMBER NEEDING TO MOVE

Bridget Robinson needs to sell her house at Port Noarlunga South. It could be attractive to an orchid grower, as there is a shade house, including orchids, a 12 metre by 6 metre new shed, 5000 gallon of rainwater storage (half full), under cover parking for 3 cars, as well as 3 bedrooms in the house, not to mention many nice features. Her phone number is 08-8386-3925.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Once again you have all seen the Club growing and going ahead in leaps and bounds, we saw Vietnamese members join the Club and join in on bus trips and social occasions.

The year has not been an easy one with the drought and all the climate changes. As they say, life was not meant to be easy but we all rose to the occasion to make our 3 Shows, Royal Show and SAROC great successes.

The year has seen some members not having the best of health. Lucy and I have tried to visit you all and we both wish you a much healthier and happy 2009.

Your Club is now going into its 44th year, times have changed and so have our Orchids. It makes me feel proud at times to look at the wonderful plants you bench at the main meeting. Being President over the past 5 years you have taught me not only to be a Cym man but to appreciate the beauty of all the other genera as well.

Daytime Chapter is a credit to Dorothy Carassai, sometimes as many as 30 members attending. It is well worth while coming along to have a look.

Species Group has a new look for 2009 with Ron hard at work on this project. Once again, come along and have a look. Many people have told me Ron has one of the best specie collections in S.A.

Southern Regional Group have their meetings on the third Sunday of the month. Take a drive down to Victor Harbor, have lunch and pop into the Orchid meeting, always a great guest speaker and admire the lovely display of Orchids.

Committee would like to send very special thoughts to members and families who have lost loved ones this year. We do hope you have a peaceful Christmas and may you find contentment in 2009.

Committee, I thank you all for the support you have given me and the Club in 2008. A very special thank -you to Ron, Dorothy and John who excel themselves every time.

My wish for 2009 – may we have rain, rain and more rain, our health, and many, many orchids to add to our collections. Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2009.

Good growing Geoff.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

Geoff was going to be guest speaker at the December meeting until so many of you asked about Graham Zerbe who attended as guest speaker last year, accompanied by Sue and his mother.

I rang Graham and he said 'Yes, he'd love to come and speak again at your club' so I have asked them also to attend the dinner. Personally, I too, find Graham to be a great guy, only to happy to help and share his knowledge. Graham has a full time job as a Food Safety Consultant and travels a lot. He is on OCSA Committee, Editor, and an A.O.C. judge, plus has a great wife and mother. Graham's subject will be on 'Dangly Cymbidiums'.

Geoff, Dorothy and I will see you all at Urimbirra for a great Christmas lunch. Committee and members wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy 2009.

At the February meeting Graham Morris will take the Beginners class and main meeting.

FROM OUR AFFILLIATED CLUBS

Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. Meeting
Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 8.00pm

2008 PROGRAM

4th December Les Nesbitt and Nicky Zurcher 'Forty years with OCSA'

DAY GROUP MEETINGS

Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 2.00-400pm
(Bus Stop 119 Bus No. 100 Circle Line)

2008 PROGRAM

12th December Reg Shooter 'Old Awarded Orchids' and Christmas Break-up

Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club Inc.

Meetings held at 1.45pm in Johnstone Park Combined Clubs Hall, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

2008 PROGRAM

Sunday 14th December Members' Christmas Party

Northern and Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.

Meetings held at 8.00pm in St. Phillips Parish Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview.

2008 PROGRAM

Thursday December 18th A.G.M./Christmas Break-up

THE WAY I GROW STANHOPEAS By Geoff Spear

Stanhopeas produce truly exotic flowers, huge waxy perfumed flowers which only last a few days.

Flower spikes on these species grow downwards so it is necessary to grow them in baskets. I use wire baskets lined with loose coir fibre as this makes it easy for the spikes to push through. I grow mine in sphagnum moss, though most growers use very fine bark. My Stanhopea's are hanging in my fibreglass house. I find they need a lot of water, which I reduce after flowering, feeding with a weak solution of Bloom and Grow fertilizer on a regular basis, which I stop after flowering.

The first interesting thing I found with these plants is that you can literally stand and watch them open almost all at the same time, some blooms are the size of my fist. Another interesting part of these species I have found is their perfume, Vanilla, Chocolate and many other fragrances.

A lot of interest is now being shown with Stanhopeas, so it is now much easier to buy them and there must be over 50 or so species in the genus.

Come on Orchid growers, give it a go, either try my way or the standard way with fine Cymbidium bark.

DAYTIME GROUP REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Our Guest Speaker today was Mrs Lesley Gunn, helped by her husband Robert. Lesley's subject was a great Power Point Presentation of their holiday with another couple in Costa Rica. The photography was excellent, very clear and precise. They travelled extensively seeing lots of various parks and reserves, the areas were mountainous with volcanoes, one still active with frequent lava flows. A typical very humid, very dense rain forest vegetation with Orchids and Fungi growing everywhere you looked. There were beautiful birds, a huge Sloth up in a tree, snakes and Iguanas (not so good the last two mentioned, but totally necessary) Lesley mentioned the large Iguanas weren't a problem, you just waited a while and they went on their way. Lesley, Robert and friends loved the place and the people were very friendly.

The presentation was lovely to see and we all thanked Lesley and Robert for sharing this with us.

Our Display table today was packed with many Genera of Orchids, all very well grown and presented.

Lesley brought in a selection of her plants for us all to admire. Thanks Lesley and a big thank you to everyone else, well done. Peter and Geraldine Flavel's Onc. 'Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance' was voted best in first place, a lovely plant with very dark red flowers and a great perfume. Congratulations and well done.

I introduced our newest member today, Mrs Joy Starkey, a lovely lady who with her husband Val. has been growing Orchids for many years, hopefully her husband will come along next meeting.

Next Meeting is our Christmas break-up, so each member is being asked to bring in a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea and also a gift to the value of \$5 (something you would like to receive yourself) if you would like to participate in our Gift Segment (this is not compulsory to do, it's just a bit of fun to join in). I'll need to e-mail Father Christmas to remind him to call in and say hello. Please nominate on the

gift if it is for male, female or unisex. Thank you.

On this note I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and safe New Year, please all take care.

Our meeting was closed after another great afternoon, thanking you all for your support during the year.

Bye,
Dorothy.



November Monthly Floral Competition

Flower of open division

Arpophyllum giganteum grown by Geoff & Lucy Spear



Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

595 Sarco. Wanjina x hartmannii
596 Rhinc. Colonial Zeal
597 Sarco. Heidi

Malcolm Guy (248) 3
Malcolm Guy (248) 2
Ron & Irene Parish (477) 1

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

592 Sarco. hartmannii
593 Sarco. fitzgeraldii
594 Phais tankervilleae

Malcolm Guy (248) 3
Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 2
Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 1

Australian Native Terrestrial Species

598 Diuris drummondii

Malcolm Guy (248) 3

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

599 Cym. Sweet Devon 'Fiona'
600 Cym. Sweet Devon '1103'
601 Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'

Malcolm Guy (248) 3
Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 2
Hugh Grund (251) 1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

602 Cym. devonianum x Gladys Whitesell

Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 3

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

618 Gsl. Adelaide Ablaze '
619 Gsl. Adelaide Ablaze
620 Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty'

Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Malcolm Guy (248) 2
Ron & Irene Parish (477) 1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

621 L. (purpurata 'Werkhauseri' x Olivier Blue
622 Pot. Kumquat Glow

Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Ron & Irene Parish (477) 2

Laeliinae Species

611 C. intermedia 'Alba'
612 C. amethystoglossa
613 C. intermedia 'Alba Reg'

Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Ron & Irene Parish (477) 2
Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 1

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

614 Ctna. Jamaican Red 'O.C.'

Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

Laeliinae Standard > 100mm

615 Rsc. Dundas 'Tom's Pride'
616 Rsc. [Erin Kobayeshi x (Rattanakosm x SA-
617 C. [Princess Bells x (Tia x Tiffen Bells)]

Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 3
Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 2
Gerald Voskamp (1650) 1

Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)

634 Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
635 Onc. (pananense x maculatum)

Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3
Noel Oliver (102) 2

Oncidiinae Species

632 Onc. lanceanum
633 Onc. longipes

Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 3
Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

645	Arpophyllum giganteum	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
646	Stelis. porschiana	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
647	Rstp. sanguinea	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
Orchid Seedling any genera			
648	Phal. Brother Oxford	Trevor Garard (152)	3
649	Npp. (Adelaide x Rymill Park)	Brian Lyttle (214)	2
650	Phal. Jean White x Dtps. Viewbank	Trevor Garard (152)	1
Paphiopedilum Species			
636	Paph. primulinum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
Phalaenopsis/Dor. Novelty			
640	Phal. Brother Dendi 'Shape'	Trevor Garard (152)	3
641	Phal. Red Ocone	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
642	Phal. Brother Lawrence	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
Phalaenopsis/Dor. Standard >80mm			
637	Phal. Debbie's Pride x Dtps. Modern	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
638	Phal. Anthura Detroit	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
639	Phal. (Modern Stripe x Breckinridge)	Noel Oliver (102)	1
Vandaeae Hybrid			
643	Srts. Toowoomba 'Sparkle'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
644	Ascda. Marlin Farwell 'Brighton'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)			
651	Fisherara Mellow Bill	Trevor Garard (152)	3
652	Npp. (Adelaide x Rymill Park)	Brian Lyttle (214)	2

Flower of First division and Flower of the Night
 Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'
 grown by Rito Silvestri



First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

587	Sarco. Karen Ann 'Serenade'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
588	Sarco. Fitzhart	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
589	Sarco. Heidi 'Halloween'	Terri Rees (50)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

586	Den. Ikchenastrum	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

591	Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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Cymbidium Species (any size)

590	Cym. canaliculatum	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

609	Epi. Daphne's Red	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
610	Epi. Purple Princess x elongatum	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2

Laeliinae Species

603	C. loddigesii	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
604	C. intermedia	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2
605	C. intermedia var. coerulea	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	1

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

606	Gsl. Gold Digger 'Orchidglades Mandarin'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
607	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Redstone'	Heather Engelhardt (263)	2
608	Thw. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	1

Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiinae)

623	Aliceara Lillian Oka 'Jon'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
624	Odcdm. Bittersweet 'Roll of Honour'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2

Orchid Seedling any genera

628	Zga. Zest x Z. Titanic 'Monarch'	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
629	Z. Titanic 'Mark' x Zcx. Kiwi 'Flinders Ranges'	Kevin Trevan (295)	2

Paphiopedilum Novelty

627	Paph. Venus Hold	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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Paphiopedilum Species

625	Paph. haynaldianum	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
Paphiopedilum Standard			
626	Paph. (Cubby Broccoli x Winston's Creek)	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)			
630	Zga. Zest x Z. Titanic 'Monarch'	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
631	Z. Titanic 'Mark' x Zcxx. Kiwi 'Flinders Ranges'	Kevin Trevan (295)	2

Flower of Second division

Sarco. Sweetheart
Grown by Rod & Judy McRedmond



Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

654	Sarco. Sweetheart	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
655	Sarco. Cherie x fitzgeraldii)	Tony & Lynn Fisher (488)	2
656	Sarco. Heidi 'Halloween'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

657	Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'	Marie & Daniel Lutz (709)	3
658	Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
659	Cym. Pat Anne 'Ernest'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

660	Cym. (Tethys x Bega)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

653	L. Louise Georgiana	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Phalaenopsis/Dor. Standard <80mm

661	Phal. unknown	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Southern Regional Group Monthly Results

Australian Native Terrestrial

1 st	Ptst curta	grown by R. Clifford & Family (567)
2 nd	Ptst curta	grown by R. Clifford & Family (567)

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

1 st	Den. kingianum	grown by G. Noll (578)
2 nd	Doc. Unknown	grown by R. & D. Overall (517)

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

1 st	Den. Tania's Pride	grown by D. & I. Freeman (685)
2 nd	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'	grown by E. Pinnock (519)
3 rd	Den. Colonial Bullion	grown by E. Yeatman (895)

Cymbidium predominantly brown

1 st	Cym. Chokolada x Logfire x Conjola	grown by R. Clifford & Family
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Cymbidium predominantly green

1 st	Cym. Unknown	grown by E. Pinnock (519)
2 nd	Cym. Valentine Day 'Dianne'	grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)
3 rd	Cym. Tom Thumb 'Caliope'	grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Cymbidium predominantly pink

1 st	Cym. Redbill 'Pink Perfection'	grown by E. Pinnock (519)
2 nd	Cym. Gidget x Whyba	grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)
3 rd	Cym. Paarl Pearle 'Tiffany'	grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Cymbidium predominantly red

- 1st Cym. Kahlua x Red Beauty grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 2nd Cym. Valley Regent x Ruby Eyes grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

Cymbidium predominantly white

- 1st Cym. Cuddles 'Josie' grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 2nd Cym. Ice of Fire 'Nikietta' grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 3rd Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Cymbidium any other colour

- 1st Cym. Sarah Jean 'Strawberry Ice' grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 2nd Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury' grown by R. Clifford & Family (567)
- 3rd Cym. Agnes Norton 'Showoff' grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Laeliinae Standard > 100mm

- 1st Lc. Daniela grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

- 1st Lc. Adelaide Ablaze 'Beverley' grown by R. & D. Overall (517)
- 2nd Slc. Golden Wax 'JE' grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

Paphiopedilum Standard

- 1st Paph. Redstart 'Chilton' x Holdenii grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

Paphiopedilum Novelty

- 1st Paph. Leeaunum grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

Zygopetalum hybrid

- 1st Z. (Secundum x Titanic) x Kiwi Choice grown by K. & R. Sutton

Best of the Day

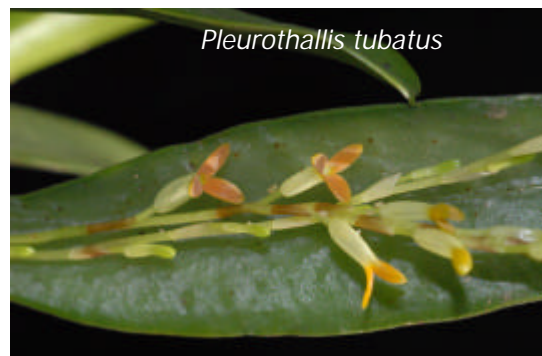
Dendrobium 'Tania's Pride' grown by D. & I. Freeman (685)



SPECIES GROUP

A nice display of species was benched at the November meeting ranging from the 1.3mtr tall *Vanda tricolor* to the tiny 5mm tall *Pleurothallis tubatus*. *Vanda tricolor* is a species from tropical Java. The flowers are produced on 40cm long racemes at the top of the plant from between the thick leathery leaves. They are long lasting, very fragrant, white with dense red spots. Because of the tropical nature of this orchid, along with most of the species from the genus some heat is required during our cooler months. While the flowers are attractive the plants, along with most of the genera, have an untidy growth habit with thick aerial roots that tend to wander all over the place except into the pot. These can be guided back into the pot by careful manipulation when the roots are wet and pliable. In the humid tropical areas of the world they are often grown just by hanging them from the roof of a shade house or in the open garden where they obtain all the moisture they require from the surrounding humidity.

At the other extreme was a tiny plant of *Pleurothallis tubatus* from Central America. The fleshy leaves were just 2cms tall produced in a small mound. The flowers were 3mm long and as the name suggests tubular in shape with small yellow petals and sepals displayed along a wiry stem no thicker than a human hair. There were two other *Pleurothallis* species on the bench slightly, but not much, larger than the previous one, *P grobii* from the West Indies and throughout Central America, Mexico and into South Amer-



ica. This plant has densely clustered 5cm to 150cm tall pseudobulbs carrying a single leathery leaf. The greenish white or yellow 5mm flowers do not open fully and are distributed along a 10cm peduncle where they gently nod in the breeze attracting pollinators.

The other *Pleurothallis* was an attractive unnamed species having similar flowers to the other two.

The meeting was concluded with an interesting power-point presentation by Ron on the genus *Stanhopea* a real eye opener as to the number of species in this weird Genus.

At the next general meeting of the club on the 3rd December the focus will be on species orchids so please bring along any species you have in flower for the interest of all the members.

Reg Shooter



APHIDS

Aphids are soft insects that have a piercing and sucking mechanism that sucks out the sap of the plant it is on. They are normally in colonies on the underside of leaves and buds that are fresh and newly growing. Aphids are seen around this time of the year and are usually seen on pruned rose bushes making up new growth and flower buds. The leaves will wilt and turn yellow and some of the sensitive leaves on your rose bush the aphids cause the leaves to shrink, distort and curl and also cause malformed buds.



The aphids produce large amounts of a sugary liquid waste called "honeydew" and this drops onto the leaves. A fungus called sooty mould can form on these deposits thus turning the area black. The appearances of this mould on the leaves indicates infestation and the small black sugar ants it attracts also is a pointer to some sort

of problem happening on the plant. These fellows can also contaminate your orchid growing area and cause a lot of damage if not controlled.

There have been some reports of these pests as being a vector for viruses but this has been difficult to substantiate. The aphids being flyers come to your plants in small numbers initially in the search for a suitable host to settle on. They then deposit several wingless young on the most newest and tender leaves and buds on the selected plant. These young then feed on the plant and grow in size and mature in 7-10 days and are then ready to produce live young themselves. All of these are female and produce 40-

60 young at a time and as this is repeated many times it is not long before you have a very large population explosion. You then have hundreds of thousands of aphids on your plant within a few weeks. When the plant becomes overcrowded and stressed this is the time that aphids with wings are produced and these then fly off to search out a new host and start a new infestation.

To control aphids you need to inspect your plants regularly under new leaves and buds, if they are there it will not be long before they will multiply by the thousands. Small numbers can be crushed and wiped off with your fingers. Most of the controls for these aphids are direct contact insecticides but you may not get all of those that are hiding. You can also use products such as pest oils that will suffocate the aphids. You need to be careful with oil, as it will harm some of the more sensitive orchid leaves. (*Phalaenopsis*).

Insecticidal soap is a good one to use and others would be the more deadly types such as Malathion and Dursban. Whatever you do use you need to have at least another two or three follow up applications every 2-3 weeks. The other thing to remember when using chemicals is that you may be killing all of the "Good Guys" such as Lady Bugs and Lacewings.

Some species of aphids produce the curled leaves, if this happens then when spraying these mongrels are protected inside the curl of the leaf. Well it appears as though you need to really concentrate on these bugs so they do not get a big hold within your collection. Be observant and keep a good lookout not only inside your growing area but outside as well. You may be able to get rid of these outside before they enter your growing area. Make your neighbours aware of these problems also because aphids are flyers they could be coming from their yard to your yard also.

David & Pat Harmer

ORCHID BARK
by Ron Boyd

Bark is the basic ingredient in the potting mixes that most orchid growers use. If you ask fifty growers, you will most likely find that they use fifty different potting mixes! Generally, I use a mix comprising treated pine bark (85%), gravel of equal size (8%) and diatomite (7%) for my Australian native dendrobiums, paphiopedilums, cymbidiums and cattleyas.

In Australia we are fairly lucky when it comes to supplies of orchid bark. Over the last 70 years or so many *Pinus radiata* plantations have been established in the southern states, providing a renewable and sustainable source of pine. South Australia has the ability to supply nearly all Australia's demand for *Pinus radiata* bark. I have used this type of bark in the potting mix for my orchids for many years.

Pine bark is supplied in many different grades, and is suitable for most of our orchids. Choose a grade appropriate to the size of pot and the character of the orchid's root system. Pine Bark, as sold for Orchid mix, is usually composted or treated to remove any compounds that are toxic to orchids roots. This is very important, as, in my opinion, the use of untreated bark is deadly to orchids.

When bought freshly bagged, pine bark is usually moist, has an earthy smell and is ready to use immediately. If I don't intend to use it all straight away, I usually allow it to dry out; it can be stored for several years without deterioration. When I need to use this stored bark, I soak it for 4-5 days in a drum of water to which I add a small handful of lime. Then I drain the drum and allow an hour or so for the surface of the bark to dry out a little. You should never use dry bark, as orchid roots need a moist potting mix. Dry bark is very difficult to re-wet and tends to absorb moisture from an orchid's roots.

If for some reason you need to use the dry bark in a hurry, use hot water instead of cold, and allow it to cool down naturally. It will be ready for use within a few hours. The hot water treatment will also kill any snails present, including any tiny garlic snails.

Having planted my orchids in fresh moist bark, I flush the pots well with water, until all fine bark and dust has been removed. Then I give all the plants a good soaking with seaweed extract or a treated stock blood product called Garden Party, which provides the orchids with beneficial microbes and mycorrhiza. This treatment allows the plants to settle in quickly and encourages new root growth. I sometimes use these products several times before applying my usual chemical fertilizers.



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