



**November  
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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at St. Bernadettes Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's.

Guest Speaker: Graham Zerbe. Subject: Pendulous Orchids.

Beginners Class 7.15pm before the main meeting.

Coordinator: John Dunn. Subject – Sarcophilus orchids with George Abell.

**DAYTIME GROUP:**

The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 2pm.

Guest Speaker: Lesley Gunn. Subject: Costa Rica.

**SPECIES GROUP:**

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, South Brighton on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. This will be our last meeting for the year, please bring a light supper for afters..

Next year we are moving to the first Monday of the month as other events outside Club control have been altered.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP:**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.

Guest Speaker: Noel Oliver. Subject: Native Orchids. 1.30pm Beginners Class with Trevor Garard

**MESSAGE TO VIETNAMESE GROUP MEMBERS:**

Next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at The Parks Community Centre (Room No. 1) commencing at 1.45pm. Speaker; George Abell. Subject: Sarcophilus Orchids. See you all there and please bring along any plants in flower or one that you may have problems with, so we can discuss correct culture.

**FUNDRAISING FOR NEW LIGHTWEIGHT TRESTLES**

In December we are going to commence a serious fundraising lottery for 10 new lightweight trestles More later..

**TROPHIES –**

please return all trophies to the Secretary at November Meeting, or as soon as possible – no later than 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**LIBRARY –**

please return all books to Henk at December Meeting, so he can do an accurate stock take.

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

**Have an opinion or something to say**

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**People who submit articles to the Club for inclusion in our Gazette express opinions which are not necessarily those of the Club. No Guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.**

**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**

**December 2008**

- 3 Main Christmas Dinner.
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group

**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

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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

**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 & Vietnamese 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 Meeuwssen

**Daytime convenor and assistant treasurer:** Dorothy Carassai

**Librarian:** Henk Van Leuveran

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

**Please note the above positions are up for election at the end of the year.** 2 Committee members needed. Brian Leedham, Malcolm Guy and Pauline Boundy have one year remaining on Committee.

**South Coast Orchid Club welcomes new members:**

Vee Clark, Hong Son Lam, Jenni Ciplys, Tessa Bousseton, Naomi Clare, Lien Nguyen, Luong To Cuong, Shirley Gordon, Tran Quach

All will receive name badge, orchid plant, constitution and by-laws at the next meeting.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to commercial growers Moss Bray and Graham Morris who supported our Trading Table for the Spring Show at Arndale, it was very much appreciated.

### **NEW LOOK TO TRADING TABLE**

Club Trading Table at meetings: Pots, Port Pots, Labels, Fertilizers. Order your potting medium for next meeting. Members have you plants you'd like to sell? Bring them along we have many enquiries for orchid plants for sale.

### **NEW LOOK TO OUR MONTHLY RAFFLE**

Seedlings, wine and pots – 4 tickets for \$1.00

### **TREASURER'S DESK**

Book in for your Christmas Dinner. Club mugs for sale. Lucky Square—bag of bark.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to Judy and Rod McRedmond Grand Champion of Spring Show. Thank you and congratulations to all members who put plants into Arndale Show. We had a lot of positive comments from the public and certainly gave a lot of pleasure to the people who came along to have a look and learn about their orchids. Seven new members and five of these members joined at the Arndale Show. Management at Centro were all very happy with our display and trading table and once again we are booked in for next year.

Members, as you know, most positions are declared vacant at the end of the year so now is the time to start thinking about your Committee for next year. Maybe you have the time to put some input into the club, new members on the committee bring new ideas and believe me it can be very rewarding. It gives me great pleasure to see our club progressing like it has over the years, so please, maybe you have the time and vision to be a committee member in 2009. Speak to a committee member and see what is involved.

Just looking at speakers Lucy has booked for next year – try not to miss A.G.M. meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February. Dr Tony Bourne has a new most interesting program, I won't spoil it for you, I think he has only shown this disc once before. It will be one of the highlights for the year. March 4<sup>th</sup> another very interesting gentleman, Colin Jennings, currently Publication Director of Orchids Australia and Registrar General of Australian Orchid Council. Once again you will certainly enjoy this meeting.

Keep an eye on Page 2 of your Gazette. An even better idea have it laminated and put it on your fridge. The 4 meetings per month are then right there for you to see which meeting is the one you are going to attend.

2009 is shaping up very well, Show locations booked, John Dunn working hard on Beginners class speakers, bus trips and what a difference he has made to the trading table. Each year Lucy has the job of finding 33 speakers. These have been organised for the main Club meetings. We still need speakers for Victor Harbor and Day Group. Maybe you have a subject (about Orchids of course) you would like to talk about. Or someone you could suggest as a speaker, give Lucy a ring on 83814420.

Please don't forget to book in for Christmas Dinner. Of course you can come along after the dinner to see the species group presentation and a few surprises of course and a visit from Father Christmas. Good growing Geoff.

### **SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP**

From reports I have heard the meeting went quite well last month. Thank you to Brian Leedham who chaired the meeting, Ian Attenborough and Colin Campbell (judges), Trevor Garard and Iris Freeman who assisted.

Keith Sutton has been in hospital and I believe has another visit there next month. We hope you will soon be feeling a lot better Keith.

Your guest speaker next month is Noel Oliver who has a great presentation on Native Orchids. I have not seen this so I am looking forward to the meeting, many members have told me this is excellent.

Plans for next year – Beginners Class 1.30 to 2.30pm practical information and discussions on plant (s) you bring along that you feel are not doing as well as they should be, hands on demonstrations. 2.30pm meeting and guest speaker.

The perfect spot for your Show has still not been found. Geoff and I once again will try to find the right venue. Any suggestions please let me know.

Good news! Graham Morris (Valley Orchids) just phoned me and has agreed to be guest speaker and beginners group presenter for February. Graham is a very popular man wherever he goes.

Looking forward to seeing you all at November meeting.

## **SICKIES**

**Life Member** Tony Deionno, Brian leedham and Keith Sutton have all been in hospital. We hope you are on the mend: our very best wishes to you all.

## **NOVEMBER MEETING JUDGING ROSTER**

REGISTRAR: R. Shooter

### OPEN DIVISION

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

### FIRST DIVISION

R. Fishlock, C. Campbell. Scribe M. Tiggeman

### SECOND DIVISION

J. Gay, H. Fishlock. Scribe G. Flavel

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

## **DAYTIME CHAPTER**

Hi Everyone,

Firstly I need to finish last months report, apologies were put in for Mrs Maureen Zoladzieski, Mrs Audrey and Mr Don Biebrick and Mrs Joan Kelly, we hope you are all on the mend and we will see you all again very soon.

Our Popular vote segment was won by Mr Graham Randall with a lovely Cymbidium called Bingo "Pink Beauty", a plant with lots of very pretty pink flowers. Congratulations Graham, well done, and also a big THANK YOU to all the kind generous people who donated plants for our raffles, this is very much appreciated.

Our Group today was well attended by our members who were treated to a potting demonstration of a Sarcophilus orchid with lots of valuable info given into the way our Guest speaker, Mr George Abell grows and flowers his plants. He does this so well with excellent results. We were treated to a lovely display of his flowering plants which included many different colours, they were magic, also a photo showing how George hangs them. Thanks for a great presentation which was very professionally done. I'm sure we all learnt something as the members were all very interested. Thanks also to Patti, his wife, who was a great help during the afternoon.

The lucky squares pot was drawn this afternoon, Mr Bill Clarke was the lucky winner, thanking all who participated in this money-raising venture.

Our Orchid display table was again well stocked with many varied Genera, all very clean and well presented. Congratulations to all who brought in their plants for us to admire, well done again and keep up the good growing of these beautiful plants. Mrs Maureen Zoladzieski's plant, a Miltonia Alliance Orchid was voted in as the most popular, a lovely pink flower with white markings, lovely to see, well done. Congratulations also on receiving three place cards in the Royal Show with your lovely Paphiopedilums.

Our plant commentary was done again by Mr Geoff Spear, he's getting very good at this, thanks Geoff, very professionally done.

Saturday we're off on a bus trip, it should be great fun, a time to relax, another chance to meet and talk and get to know the members.

The meeting was closed, afternoon tea was served by Margaret (thank you) and also the washing up, much appreciated.

Bye Dorothy.

## **A letter to Lucy from Ms Kiem Vo**

In September I went to the Spring Show at the Arndale Shopping Centre and was pleasantly surprised to see not only cymbidiums but many other varieties of orchids as well. I especially liked the way the Dendrobiums were displayed to show off their beauty, colour and gorgeous perfume. Therefore, I thought your Spring Show was even better than the National Show which I attended in August.

As you know, a lot of Vietnamese people attended the show and purchased your plants. They told me how much they appreciated the friendly and helpful advice from you and Geoff, John, Ron and all the members who were at the show.

On behalf of the Vietnamese Community I would like to thank you all for not only putting on a regular Spring Show at Arndale but also taking the time to organize regular meetings at the Parks Library for us.

Hopefully, after seeing the Orchid Meeting posters at the Library more people from other communities will join us in the future.

I can honestly say that I am proud to be a member of your club and I wish you and the club continued success for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,  
Ms Kiem Vo.

### **Northern Bus Trip**

Almost a perfect day though late afternoon was a tad too warm!

John went out to accompany Northern members from Vale Park to second pick-up at Lou Kesting Hall. 33 members representing all groups, apologies from Brian Leedham (in hospital) and Joan McMahon (ill).

We headed off to Noel's at Torrensville. Noel, of course, was the perfect host. I'm sure he did very well, bags of bark, mounts and many plants found new homes.

Back on the bus, we then set off towards Gawler. We all enjoyed our BBQ at a very nice park, then had time to chat and get to know each other.

Then it was off to Nicky Zurcher's. It is amazing, just walking into Nicky's controlled fibreglass house to see so many beautiful plants and a lot still in flower. Nicky suggested we have another look in Autumn time as he said it's even better at that time of year.

All back on the bus and heading home. Bruce, the coach captain asked how many had been over the new bridge at Port Adelaide (no one had) so off we went over the bridge and he told us a lot of information about how it was constructed. Back to Lou Kesting Hall at 5pm and then Bruce took Northern members back to Vale Park. Thank you to all who made this such a successful day.

### **From our Affiliated Clubs**

#### **Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. Meeting**

Enfield Community Centre,  
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 8.00pm

#### **2008 PROGRAM**

6<sup>th</sup> November Kevin Western 'Saving Rare specie Orchids'

4<sup>th</sup> December Les Nesbitt and Nicky Zurcher 'Forty years with OCSA'

#### **DAY GROUP MEETINGS**

Enfield Community Centre,  
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 2.00-4.00pm  
(Bus Stop 119 Bus No. 100 Circle Line)

#### **2008 PROGRAM**

14<sup>th</sup> November Richard Fishlock 'Arctic Adventures'

#### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> November Graham Morris 'Cymbidiums and their Summer care'

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> November Graham Zerbe 'Australian Native Cymbidiums'

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

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Main Meeting) will be Christmas Dinner night caterers Texas Bull.

Time: 7.00pm

Christmas Menu: Whole Decorated Baked Schnapper, Champagne Leg Ham, Carved Roast Turkey, Prawns, Salami, Cabana and Metwurst. Rolls and Butter. Selection of Eight Fresh Salads.

Standard Desserts: Choice of Two: Pavlova, Fresh Fruit Salad and Cream, Selection of Cheese Cakes, Apple Pie and Cream, Apricot Pie and Cream, Plum Pudding and Cream.

Cost: \$25 per head. Deposits or full payment can be made to the Treasurer at our November meeting.

Drinks supplied: Fruit Cup, Tea and Coffee. BYO Beer and wine.  
**Members unable to attend dinner please attend meeting at 8.15pm**

## **Perlite: Handle with care!**

*Dr. George Tsambourakis*

**Perlite** is a generic name for naturally occurring siliceous rock. To be more precise **Perlite** is amorphous volcanic glass with a relatively high water content, formed by the hydration of obsidian. It occurs naturally and has the unusual property of greatly expanding when heated sufficiently.

The chemical composition of **Perlite** is: SiO<sub>2</sub> 70%; Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 15%; Na<sub>2</sub>O 4%; K<sub>2</sub>O 4%; FeO 1%; MgO 0.5%; CaO 1% water H<sub>2</sub>O 4%. (Analysis is very simplified.)

When quickly heated at temperatures of 860 – 890<sup>0</sup>C, **Perlite** softens (being glass). Water trapped in the structure vaporizes and escapes, and this causes the expansion of the material to 15 times its original volume. The expanded **Perlite** bulk density can be up to 150 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Because of its many properties, **Perlite** has many commercial applications, including its use in horticulture.

**In horticulture**, **Perlite** is used as a component of growing mixes that are open to air (provides aeration), and have good moisture retention properties for better plant growth. Its usefulness is also due to the fact that **Perlite** being a form of natural glass is chemically inert and has a pH of about 7. **Perlite** is also sterile and weed free.

**Unfortunately**, it is the advantages of **Perlite** that make it “hazardous”.

**Perlite** is very light, very porous, has a very large surface area, and breaks and pulverizes easily. **Perlite** dust can be extremely fine and being light, it remains airborne for much longer periods of time than normal dust. Therefore, it is very dangerous.

Inhaling **Perlite** dust is no different to inhaling smoke, cement dust, bull dust or asbestos fibre dust. It goes straight into your lungs and coughing is the first reaction. The eyes are also vulnerable. Although it has not been proven that it is carcinogenic, (in my opinion it can cause *Silicosis*<sup>1</sup>) it can cause problems and a breathing mask should always be used when handling dry, dusty materials, for example emptying a plastic bag into a container.

To be safe, always keep **Perlite** moist to reduce risk. Protect the eyes. If dust affects your eyes, wash them with plenty of water and if pain persists visit your doctor to remove any larger grains present. **DO NOT TAKE RISKS.**

<sup>1</sup> *Silicosis* is a form of occupational lung disease caused by the inhalation of crystalline silica dust, and is marked by inflammation and scarring in forms of nodular lesions in the upper lobes of the lungs.

**Dr. George Tsambourakis**  
Mineralogist – Petrographer  
Varsity lakes

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## **CHAMPION CLASS RESULTS FOR THE SPRING SHOW**

### **Champion Open Division**

254 Pleuro. alvaroi Ron & Irene Parish (477)

### **Champion Cymbidium 60 - 90mm**

245 Cym. Willunga Regal 'Midnight' Malcolm Guy (248)

### **Champion Cymbidium > 90mm**

246 Cym. Sleeping Nymph 'Glacier' Helmut & Ursula Herrmann (1489)

### **Champion Dendrobium (other than Aust Native)**

247 Den. Woon Leng 'Blue Lip' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

## Champion Oncidiinae

249 Odcdm. Wildcat 'Carnivale' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

## Champion Genera not otherwise listed

252 Pleuro. alvaroi Ron & Irene Parish (477)

## Reg Shooter Trophy Award Nominee (Hybrids)

253 Den. Bardo Rose 'Pink Delight' Noel Oliver (102)

## Champion First Division

255 Den. Class 'Su-Mi' Suzanne Saunders (1481)

## Champion Cymbidium < 60mm

244 Cym. Vogel's Melody 'Dixie' Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)

## Champion Vandaceous

251 Ang. sesquipedale Wendy Lodge (406)

## Grand Champion

257 Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)

## Champion Second Division

256 Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)

## Champion Laeliinae

248 Sl. Dal's Good One 'Janelle' Anne & Colin Campbell (479)

## Champion Paphiopedilum

250 Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)

## Champion Australian Native

243 Den. speciosum Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)

## Les Nesbit Trophy Award Nominee (Species)

258 Den. speciosum Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)

## Champion Species

Pleuro. alvaroi Ron & Irene Parish (477)

## Champion Specimen

Den. Bardo Rose 'Pink Delight' Noel Oliver (102)

## Champion Seedling

Den. Class 'Su-Mi' Suzanne Saunders (1481)

### Plant Commentary, Spring Show 2008

**Grand Champion and Champion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Division:** *Paph. Chouvetii* 'van Dyke' grown by Rod and Judy McRedmond. A very well grown plant bearing four well displayed flowers which reflect their background of 50% *Paph. insigne* and 25% *Paph. villosum*. The flowers were 110mm wide by 100mm tall. This hybrid was registered in 1899 and this plant is a very good example of the crossing.

**Champion of 1<sup>st</sup> division:** *Den. Class 'Su-Mi'* grown by Suzanne Saunders. An Australian Native with *Den. speciosum*, *Den. kingianum*, *Den.*





*tetragonum* and *Den. bigibbum* in its background. A well grown plant with five canes with leaves, each progressively taller than the previous one, and a new cane beginning to grow. The main inflorescence carried nine large flowers, sepals and petals were deep pink-purple at the outer ends shading to cream/white at the centre of the flower. The labellum was shaded in slightly lighter pinkish-purple.

**Champion of Open Division:** *Pleuro. alvaroi* grown by Ron and Irene Parish. A Colombian species of epiphytic habit it grows cool at an altitude of some 2,000 metres in its native habitat. The small deep red flowers emanate from the base of the leaf where it joins the stem and appear to rest on the leaf. A most attractive species not often seen on the show benches.

### Growing Orchids During November & December

All shows are well and truly over. The next few months are maintenance months, but still very important. By now, all repotting and dividing should almost be finished and all plants happily putting up new growth.

As the weather gets hotter, watering should increase, so when the temperature reaches 30° C and above, you need to water your plants every day in the early morning and mist regularly during the day, as this misting keeps the leaf surface temperature down below 35° C. If leaf temperatures are allowed to go above this mark plants can stop growing. Importantly each night after a really hot day you should mist your plants leaves (a very fine mist, not watering) before retiring to bed as this initiates the flower spikes. With the flower spikes forming it is time to fertilize with high potash, low nitrogen fertilizer (any fertilizer recommended for flowering like a bloom booster) to get optimum flower count and size, thickness and length of spike and intensity of colour.

It is also important to keep the humidity up around your plants and can be easily done by spreading sawdust, wood chips, pinebark, leaf litter or even gravel around under your benches to hold the excess water that drains from your pots when watering and will create the humid conditions required.

Watch your plants closely for pests and disease. With dry conditions two spotted mite (red spider) can become a problem on the back of the leaves, the telltale sign is a silvery appearance on the back of the leaves and can be seen at night with a high powered magnifying glass running around. Also scale that get on the leaves, right down into the leaf axis and around the bulbs especially under the dried husk on back bulbs. Both these pests can be controlled by spraying with Eco-Oil, or if the infestation is too great use either Rogor or Malathion (only use as directed on the bottle) with the Eco-Oil.

Also keep the weeds at bay especially the creeping oxalis and don't allow it to set seed.

## October Monthly Floral Competition

### Open Division

#### Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

531	Den. Delicatum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
532	Dock. Stephen	Hank & Erna Van Leuveren (178)	2
533	Den. (Brinawa Charm x Bicentennial Blush)	Trevor Garard (152)	1

#### Australian Native Epiphyte Species

528	Dock. Linguiformis	Noel Oliver (102)	3
529	Sarcochilus aequalis	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
530	Dock. striolata	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

#### Australian Native Terrestrial Species

534	Caladenia tentaculata	Malcolm Guy (248)	3
535	Diuris sulphurea 'Golden Dragon'	Trevor Garard (152)	2

#### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

547	Cym. Mary Green	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
548	Cym. Mary Green 'Nifty Guy'	Malcolm Guy (248)	2
549	Cym. Chiisana	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1

#### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

553	Cym. Strath Meadows	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
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#### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

550	Cym. Kiri Te Kanawa 'Princess'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
551	Cym. (Valya Craig x canaliculatum)	Malcolm Guy (248)	2
552	Cym. Firedvieux 'Hatfield Tripley'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

#### Cymbidium Species (any size)

546	Cym. parishii	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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#### Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid

554	Den. Woon Leng 'Blue Lip'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
<b>Laeliinae Non Standard Other</b>			
512	C. intermedia x L. Johngiana	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
<b>Laeliinae Species</b>			
505	C. intermedia amethystina 'Aranbeem'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
506	C. loddigesii	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
<b>Laeliinae Standard &lt; 100mm</b>			
507	Rsc. (California Girl x Mt Sylvan)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
508	Rsc. Burdekin Heights	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
509	Sc. Ruth Gordon's Love	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
<b>Laeliinae Standard &gt; 100mm</b>			
510	Slc. Lady Bird 'Cherokee'	Malcolm Guy (248)	3
<b>Laeliinae Standard Cluster</b>			
511	Ctna. Jamaica Red 'Kultana'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
<b>Oncidiinae Species</b>			
513	Onc. hintonii	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
<b>Orchid Crossing (Hybrid or Species - Pod Parent)</b>			
573	Dtps. Mem. Diane Jope x Phal. Jean White	Trevor Garard (152)	3
<b>Orchid Crossing (Hybrid or Species - Pollen Parent)</b>			
572	Dtps. Mem. Diane Jope x Phal. Jean White	Trevor Garard (152)	3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>			
567	Lyc. (lasioglossa x Frank Hoyt)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
568	Phalocalanthe Kryptonite	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species</b>			
564	Pleuro. marthae	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
565	Pleuro. guttiflora	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
566	Rstp. roja	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
<b>Orchid Seedling any genera</b>			
569	Dtps. Mem. Diane Jope x Phal. Jean White	Trevor Garard (152)	3
570	Zga. (Dynamite x Adelaide Meadows)	Brian Lyttle (214)	2
571	Npp. Anne Margaret 'Irish Girl'	Brian Lyttle (214)	1
<b>Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>			
516	Paph. Gold Dollar	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
<b>Paphiopedilum Species</b>			
514	Paph. primulinum 'Gold Label'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
515	Paph. villosum	Malcolm Guy (248)	2
<b>Phalaenopsis/Dor. Novelty</b>			
517	Dtps. Mem. Diane Jope x Phal. Jean White	Trevor Garard (152)	3
518	Phal. Red Oconee	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
<b>Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)</b>			
537	Zga. (Dynamite x Adelaide Meadows)	Brian Lyttle (214)	3
538	Z. Kiwi Choice 'Eliza'	Trevor Garard (152)	2
539	Npp. Anne Margaret 'Irish Girl'	Brian Lyttle (214)	1
<b>Zygopetalum Species</b>			
536	Z. crinitum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
<b>First Division</b>			
<b>Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid</b>			
541	Den. Tyabb 'Su-Mi'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
542	Den. Delicatum 'Splash Pink'	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	2
543	Den. Bardo Rose	Malcolm Young (754)	1
<b>Australian Native Epiphyte Species</b>			
540	Dock. striolata	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
<b>Australian Native Terrestrial Species</b>			
544	Diuris sulphurea 'Golden Dragon'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
<b>Cymbidium &lt; 60mm (all colours)</b>			
556	Cym. Mary Green	John Robinson (1448)	3
557	Cym. Bedevere 'Highbury'	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)</b>			
558	Cym. Uncle Everett '105'	Malcolm Young (754)	3
559	Cym. (Phar Lap x Rotorua)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
<b>Cymbidium Species (any size)</b>			
555	Cym. eburneum	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
<b>Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid</b>			
545	Den. Gattin Monarch 'Grace'	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
<b>Laeliinae Species</b>			

560	C. intermedia	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
<b>Laeliinae Standard &lt; 100mm</b>			
561	Lc. Nippon 'Livinza'	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
<b>Laeliinae Standard &gt; 100mm</b>			
562	Slc. Burmese Gem 'Scientification'	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
<b>Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiinae)</b>			
563	Colm. Wildcat 'Golden Leopard'	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
<b>Orchid Crossing (Hybrid or Species - Pollen Parent)</b>			
577	Cym. (Phar Lap x Rotorua)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
<b>Orchid Seedling any genera</b>			
575	C. intermedia	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
576	Cym. eburneum	Norman Woodend (1525)	2
<b>Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>			
581	Paph. Venus Hold	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
<b>Paphiopedilum Species</b>			
578	Paph. haynaldianum	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
<b>Paphiopedilum Standard</b>			
579	Paph. (Cubby Broccoli x Winston's Creek)	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
580	Paph. (Jannine Banks x Paeony)	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2
<b>Zygopetalum Species</b>			
574	Z. intermedium	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3

## Second Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

502	Den. Dainty Gem	Brian & Moyna Leedham (511)	3
503	Den. Delicatum 'Apple Blossom'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
504	Den. X Suffusum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

### Australian Native Epiphyte Species

501	Dock. striolata	Brian & Moyna Leedham (511)	3
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### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

520	Cym. Devon Shell	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
521	Cym. Hearts of Gold 'Enfield'	Marie & Daniel Lutz (709)	2

### Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

523	Cym. Narella 'Jennifer Gail'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
524	Cym. Whitesell 'Glamorous'	Darryl Hawkes (1142)	2

### Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

522	Cym. [(Revelation x Cleo's Melody) x	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
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### Cymbidium Species (any size)

519	Cym. lowianum	Vicky Cooper (1119)	3
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### Laeliinae Standard > 100mm

525	Blc. Burdekin Heights x Sc. Mem. Ellen Littman	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3
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### Paphiopedilum Novelty

526	Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
527	Paph. Unknown	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2

## October Benched Plant Commentary

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Division:

*Paph. Chouvetii* benched by Judy and Rod McRedmond. The four flowers, still in very good condition after being in the spring show for a week, were 110mm wide by 100mm tall. The dorsal sepal of the flowers was green edged with white and with deep red-brown spotting towards the centre line. The shiny petals were reddish-brown on their upper half with a deeper central vein, the lower half being lighter greenish yellow. The pouch was lighter greenish brown.

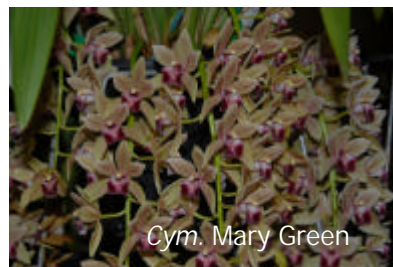


*Paph. Chouvetii*

*Den. Elegant Heart* benched by Ruth and Gunter Eckhardt. A second generation Australian native hybrid with 50% *Den. speciosum*, 25% *Den. tetragonum* and 25% *Den. bigibbum*. The plant carried four inflorescences of 11, 9, 7 and 7 flowers, some 65mm wide and 72mm tall. The cream/yellow sepals and petals were finely spotted and striped with deep pink and were balanced by an attractive long narrow labellum.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Division:

*Cym. Mary Green*. The plant carried eight inflorescences arranged around the pot and cascading down the pot. Each inflorescence had numerous flowers with pale green sepals and petals lightly brushed with fine pink spots and complemented by the dark crimson lip which shaded to cream at its base. The flowers were arranged evenly around the stems.

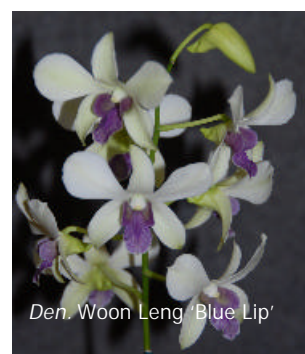


*Cym. Mary Green*

*Cym. eburneum* benched by Norman Woodend. The natural habitat of *Cym. eburneum* covers northern India and Nepal to China and Myanmar. Inflorescences usually only carry one flower but this variety can have up to three white flowers per inflorescence. On this flowering two inflorescences had two flowers and the other had one. The plant was purchased through the Species Club and is the first one to be shown in flower.

### Open Division:

*Den. Woon Leng 'Blue Lip'* benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. A well grown plant with a single inflorescence of nine well displayed flowers. The sepals and petals were pristine white, the petals broad and rounded at their outer extremities while the sepals were narrower and pointed at the tips. The nicely shaped labellum was blue/purple and complimented the rest of the flower.



*Den. Woon Leng 'Blue Lip'*

*Den. (Brinawa Charm x Bicentennial Blush)* benched by Trevor Garard. This plant had four inflorescences, two with six flowers and two with five. The flowers were 35mm wide and high, the sepals and petals were deep purple at their extremities and shading to cream at their base. The well shaped and displayed purple labellum was in contrast to the white column and pollen cap.  
Ian Attenborough

### October Species meeting

What a lovely display of species orchids were presented by the members on Monday evening at the Lou Kesting Hall, Dover gardens.

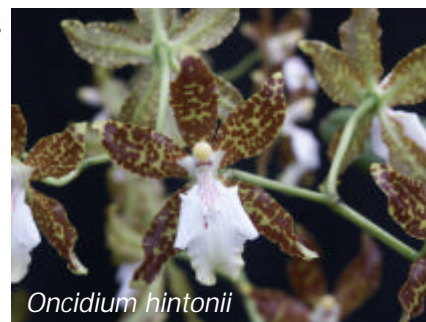
I do not believe there is a greater diversity of shape, colour & form in any other family of plants as in the *Orchidaceae*. Species such as *Pleurothallis guttifera* a species from the huge genus *Pleurothadinae* endemic to South America with tiny, beautifully shaped flowers just 3mm across that can only be appreciated with the use of a magnifying glass that reveal a typical orchid flower with fimbriations along its segments. Many of the *Pleurothallis* are cool growing and do well in a protected shadehouse with plenty of air movement and humidity.



*Laelia flava*

At the other end of the scale we saw a huge plant of *Angraecum sesquipedale* a species from Madagascar. A mature plant can grow to well over a metre high with large, deep green rigid leaves. Pure ivory white star shaped flowers 2 to 4 in number are produced from between the leaves similar to Vanda's. The common name for this species is 'The Comet Orchid' in reference to the long 'tail' or more correctly the nectary that can be up to 10cms long resemble a comet in flight. This orchid is truly a tropical orchid and to grow & flower it successfully in South Australia some additional heat is required during the cooler months of the year.

Intermediate in size between these two were species from the *Laeliinae*, *Laelia flava* & *Cattleya loddigesii*. *Laelia flava* is an easily grown species from Brazil having clear yellow flowers produced on 200mm tall pseudobulbs. It is a cool growing plant requiring to be kept quite dry during the cooler months increasing the watering as the days warm up, the flowers appearing in late spring/early summer. *Cattleya loddigesii* is a rather variable species having flowers about 120mm across varying in col-



*Oncidium hintonii*

our from blush white to rose pink. It is a slightly larger plant having bulbs about 300mms tall, an identifying feature when the plant is not in flower are the sharply serrated edges of the leaves. This also is a very easy species to grow only requiring shadehouse treatment and moderate fertilizing when in active growth.

Other species benched were; several Australian natives, two forms of *Dockrillia striolata* two forms of *Dock bowmanni* (previously *Den beckleri*), *Sarcochilus olivaceous*, *Sarco hartmanni*, *Leptotes bicolor*, *Pleurothallis marthae*, *Stelis porschiana*, 2 plants of *Oncidium hintonii*, *Ansellia Africana*, *Cymbidium eburneum*, *Dendrobium nobile* 'Virginale' & *Paphiopedilum haynaldianum*.

After discussion & examining the plants brought in by members, Ron gave an interesting & informative digital display of pictures of the little known and grown genus *Coryanthes* commonly called 'The Bucket Orchids' in reference to the remarkable shapes of the flowers that resemble a cup or bucket. The evening was rounded off with a cuppa & chat.

Reg Shooter

### **Southern Regional Group October Floral Competition**

#### **Australian Native species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dock. linguiformis grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Den. kingianum grown by D. & I. Freeman (685)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Den. kingianum grown by N. Cockington(402)

#### **Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid**

- 1st Sarco Mem Leney Smith x Fitzhart grown by R. & D. Overall (517)
- 2nd Den. Suffusum grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Peaches and Lemonade grown by R. & D. Overall(517)

#### **Cym <60mm**

- 1st Cym. Sarah Jean 'Dee Why' grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 2nd Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' grown by E. Pinnock (519)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cym. Music Box Dancer 'Ballerina' grown by E. Pinnock (519)

#### **Cym 60-90mm**

- 1st Cym. Unknown grown by R. Sharpe (399)

#### **Cym species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cym pumilum grower not recorded

#### **Laeliinae < 100mm**

- 1st Lc. (Icarus x Goldstar) x Lc Trick or Treat grown by R. & D. Overall (517)

#### **Laeliinae > 100mm**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Catt. Daniela grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

#### **Paphiopedilum hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Chouvetii grown by Grace Noll (578)

#### **Zygopetalum hybrid**

- 1st Z. Zepher grown by N. Cockington (402)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Z. Fisherara Mellow 'Bob' grown by R. Clifford and Family (567)

#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bletilla striata grown by N. Cockington (402)

#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - hybrid**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phalaenopsis Unknown grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

#### **Plant of October Meeting**

- Paph. Chouvetii grown by Grace Noll (578)



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