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**NEXT MEETING** will be our Christmas Meeting. Where has the year gone? It will be held at 8pm on December 14th at the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale.

**Please note: there will be a sausage sizzle at 6-30 pm in the car park of the Church prior to the meeting. Advise Murray if you wish to attend.**

**A QUESTION AND ANSWER NIGHT** is planned with the knowledgeable panel consisting of Bill Fisher, Moss Bray, Ron Parish and Richard Wilson.

Come with your questions for the panel.

**PLEASE** bring a small gift to put in a giant raffle.

**MEMBERS** are asked to please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to help make this a Festive occasion.

**THE DAYTIME GROUP** will meet at 2pm Thursday 16th December at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. There will be a short slide program followed by the raffle.

**PLEASE** bring a plate of Christmas Goodies for afternoon tea and a small gift for the raffle.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Christmas Lunch will be held on Sunday the 19th December at The Esplanade Hotel at Brighton at 12 Noon. The cost is \$6 per head for a Carvery and soft serve ice cream. **Ring Murray if you wish to go.**

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## Y2K ELECTIONS

Members are reminded that the Year 2000 Annual General Meeting of The South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. will be held on Tuesday February 8th, 2000, commencing at 8.00pm at the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Morphett Vale.

At the A.G.M. the election of Officers for 2000 will be held.

The following positions require nominations :

President, Vice Presidents (2), Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Committee members (2).

Nomination forms are available from M. Baulderstone on 82763771 or at the December meeting.

All nominations must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, M. Baulderstone, no later than the close of the 1999 December meeting on the 14th.

Members will also be asked to assist in the positions of-

Show Marshall, Tea Person, Librarian, Editor of Gazette, Trading Table Convenor, Daytime Chapter Chairperson, Registrar of Judges, Publicity Officer, Social/Liaison Officer, Hosts or Hostess. All these are appointed by Committee.

**Please give your consideration to any of the above positions. At the time of writing this gazette many positions still needed to be filled.**



### DAYTIME GROUP

Lesley welcomed 19 members, with a special welcome for our new member Gerry. Then it was over to Jane who 'entertained and enthralled' with a talk on caring and growing cymbidiums, followed by a potting demonstration and many questions.

Members were reminded to please bring a small plate of goodies for afternoon tea next month and a small Christmas gift.

## VISIT TO BALHANNAH

by Peter Flavel

On Sunday, October 31st, 21 Club Members and 1 visitor headed out for a terrific day into the hills.

After the coach, driven by a friendly and competent driver, Bill, had picked up a few members from down South and those at Marion Shopping Centre, we headed for the Burnside Shopping Centre and collected the remainder for the trip.

It was a great day for travelling, light overcast skies with patches of sunshine which always shone when we stopped at our destinations.

Our first stop was for morning tea at a little park at Summertown where some lovely cakes, etc., made by Lesley Fenton and Jane Higgs were enjoyed.

We then headed for Weald View Gardens Fuchsia Nursery at Ashton, where we enjoyed looking at and purchasing some very lovely flowers. Not many were out at this time of the year but those that were had some unusual and attractive colours.

Our next stop was at the Oakbank Hotel for lunch where the menu was either roast lamb or butterfish. Some ordered the butterfish but most, like me, ordered the lamb that simply melted in your mouth.

After this lovely meal, we boarded the



coach again and headed for Vic. Goode's house at Balhannah. Vic. grows mainly Masdevallias but he also had a few Disas and Cymbidiums.

After a pleasant time there, with the sun once again shining during the afternoon tea, we bid Vic. farewell and headed for home through the lovely green hills. Lesley, once again, had a raffle and quiz going during the trip up to Vic's and on the way home another raffle and an auction for one of Vic's Masdevallias that raised \$50.

Once again a big thanks to Lesley and Peter for organising another great trip.



## **THIS IS YOUR (ORCHID) LIFE LESLEY GUNN**

*How long have you been growing orchids?:* - About 15 years. Dad started me off when he gave me his orchid collection. I'd given him his first plant years previously.

*What genera do you grow?:* Cymbidiums, cattleyas, zygopetalums, quite a miscellaneous collection.

*Have you any favourites?:* Probably the cattleyas, the little cocktail or mini types.

*What sort of accommodation have you got for the collection? :* I've a fibreglass house for the cattleyas and a shadehouse for the cymbidiums, both face North, not by choice by necessity. The shadehouse is 50% black shadecloth.

*What mix are the orchids in?:* The catts are in Van Schaik's bark and foam and the cym's etc are in bark, foam, perlite, and marble chips. I water the catts once a week in winter and 2 or 3 times a week in summer. I water the cym's weekly in winter, if needed, and daily in summer if it's hot.

*What about fertiliser? :* The cattleyas are fertilised weekly, weakly. The cymbidiums every couple of weeks. I use different fertilisers, I've used Charlie Carp, Aquasol, and the fertiliser that the Orchid Club of South Australia sell.

*Where do you purchase most of your plants?:* I guess most of them are from interstate,

especially the cattleyas, but some I buy locally, from Bill Fisher mainly.

*Are you happy with the results you are getting with your orchids?:* Yes, I seem to be getting more and better blooms each year. I got a Champion at the last Spring Show.

*Does your husband, Bob, enjoy the orchids too?:* Bob isn't involved in growing the orchids but he admires them when they are out.

*What do you do with the cymbidium flowers?:* After I show them I pick them and share with a neighbour.

*Thank you Lesley..*



## **HELP from Sophie Thomson, Manager of the Botanic Gardens Advice & Help Line.**

The Botanic Gardens Advice and Help Line is a new service which allows gardeners from Adelaide and around South Australia to speak to and receive advice from the highly qualified horticulturists at the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide. With such a tremendous wealth of experience and knowledge available at the Botanic Gardens, callers are assured of getting expert unbiased advice on a wide range of



garden issues. Whether the information you require is related to plant selection, pests and diseases, weed control or any other gardening question, for expert advice you can phone the gardening experts on 1902 283 583.

The cost of this service is \$2-95 per minute.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Sophie Thomson on 82229400



## NEW MEMBER

It is with pleasure we welcome to the Club Gerry Kemperman of Alberfoyle Park. Good orchid growing Gerry.



## BENCHED BLOOMS

### *Bifrenaria harrisoniae*

A genus with about 12 species, this one from Brazil, South America.

*harrisoniae* is probably the best known of the genus. It was originally known as *Dendrobium harrisoniae*.

The ribbed pseudobulbs carry a single leaf that is often pale green/yellow due to the light it seems to need to induce flowering. The perfumed flowers are similar to cym flowers but with only 1 or 2, rarely more, per raceme. They are white/cream in color and have a downey purple lip.

We also have *Bifrenaria tyriathina*, one that is not seen very often on the bench. This one has a purple flower and is a little smaller than *harrisoniae*.

### *Lycaste*

Native to Central and South America.

George Skinner, the famous plant collector, considered *Lycaste skinneri* so beautiful he claimed man could give his life for such an orchid.

Fred Alcorn of Sydney was well recognised for his hybridisation in this genus.

*Lycastes* seem to grow well in Adelaide in a cold glass house with the temperature between about 8 – 30C. We baby-sat a collection of these earlier in the year and the instructions were not to water the plants for the 6 weeks our friends were away, just water under the benches. The glass house also was home to a collection of very well grown *Sarcochilus*.

### *Oncidium*

This a very large and varied genus of over 400 species. They are found growing throughout Central America, from Mexico and the West Indies to the southern parts of Brazil.

The flowers of the different species vary greatly in size, shape and colour, although in the main the colours are yellow/brown.

*Oncidium sphacelatum*, a species that is 'in spike' around town at the moment, was first sent to London from Mexico in 1840. It has pseudobulbs 10-15 cms high, leaves 40-60 cms long with flower scapes 1-2 metres

The flowers and leaves and scapes on the little species that Tony DeLonno had at the meeting would have fitted in my hand with no trouble at all.



## *Cymbidium* Pee-Wee

I asked in this publication last month if some-one could help with a name, well, thanks to Helmuth Gerber the name I was after was *Cymbidium* Pee-Wee 'Brown Roy'. I had thought I would have been inundated with phone calls from all the cym growers.

*Cymbidium* Pee-Wee is a crossing of the *pumilum* and the Australian species *madidum*.



## NOSTALGIA

"The South Coast Orchid Club have just had their annual Spring Show which was held in a shopping mall in the southern suburbs of Adelaide. The South Coast Orchid Club, which is affiliated with the Orchid Club of South Australia held this year's show during September, the 23rd to 28."

Sound familiar? This article was written by Stephen Monkhouse in Australian Orchid Review in **Summer 1985**. Stephen went on to say that the 'Club has a membership of 190 members, interstate and local.' We now have about 100 members. Where have they gone? We need members to remain a Club. Have you got any friends who may be interested?



## NAMES

### ZYGOPETALUM & SOME OF THE INTERGENERIC HYBRIDS

- Alangreatwoodara* = *Zygopetalum* x *Colax* x *Promenaea*  
*Aitkenara* = *Zygopetalum* x *Otostylis* x *Zygosepalum*  
*Bollopetalum* = *Zygopetalum* x *Bollea*  
*Cochlepetalum* = *Zygopetalum* x *Cochleanthes*  
*Hamelwellsara* = *Zygopetalum* x *Aganisia* x *Batemannia* x *Otostylis* x *Zygosepalum*  
*Propetalum* = *Zygopetalum* x *Promenaea*  
*Zygoneria* = *Zygopetalum* x *Neogardneria*  
*Zygocaste* = *Zygopetalum* x *Lycaste*  
*Enough for this year.*



## *Cymbidium* Panalatinga 'Anthony' being admired by the grower Dr K. H. Northcote.

A Grower recognised by many, a plant only seen by a few (due to the difficulty in transportation)

This beautiful specimen (the plant I mean) carried 6 spikes with 12 – 20 maroon, or red/brown, flowers per raceme, some over 1 metre long.

The parents of this cym are *Doris Aurea* and the species *devonianum*. It was registered by Feathehill Exotic Plants in California, USA in 1982.

Thanks Helmuth



## OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. canaliculatum</i>	D. Biebrick	3
	<i>Den. cucumerium</i>	D. Biebrick	2
	<i>Den. prenticei</i>	M. Tiggeman	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	<i>Sarco. Melba</i>	R. Moore	3
	<i>Sarco. Pinkhart x ceciliae</i>	D. Biebrick	2
Inter. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Chenara 'Dr C. Chan'</i>	H. Gerber	3
	<i>Cym. Tanners Prima 'Tina'</i>	H. Gerber	2
	<i>Cym. Egg Cup 'Spherical'</i>	H. Gerber	1
Mini. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Sunshine Falls 'Green Fantasy'</i>	H. Gerber	3
	<i>Cym. Bedevere 'Brown'</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Nov. Cattleya	<i>Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'</i>	K.H. Northcote	3
	<i>C. (White Bells x amethystoglossa)</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Other Laeliinae	<i>Epc. Yucatan</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Snowflake x Merlin x Yukidaruma</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Den. Snowflake x Hatsushimo = Oriental Spirit (Note registered name)</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Keith Shaffer</i>	T. Garard	3
	<i>Phal. Sussex Scenario x Sussex Pearl</i>	T. Garard	2
	<i>Phal. Mark Chagall x (Drizaba x Apsara)</i>	T. Garard	1
Nov. Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Phnom Penh</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	<i>Paph. Deperle</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>Paph. (Syd Monkhouse x ciliolare)</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. appletonianum</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>Paph. argus</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Onc./Odont. Alliance	<i>Wilsonara Salgrin 'Royal Red'</i>	K.H. Northcote	3
	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>Onc. Ralph Yogi 'Heritage'</i>	D. & J. Higgs	1
Zygopetalum	<i>Z Titanic . 'Monarch'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Z Kiwi Choice 'Midnight'</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
	<i>Agwa. Kiwi Sunrise</i>	D. & J. Higgs	1
Miscellaneous	<i>Lyc. Candicrue x Auburn</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
Species	<i>Onc. ochmatochilum</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>C. warneri</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>Enc. cordigera var. roseum</i>	R. & I. Parish	1

**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION & OF THE NIGHT:**  
***Cymbidium canaliculatum* grown by Don Biebrick**



## FIRST DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	W. & R. Clark	3
	<i>Sarco. fitzgeraldii</i>	W. & R. Clark	2
	<i>Den. monophyllum</i>	M. Cunningham	1
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	<i>Sarco. Fitzhart</i>	M. Cunningham	3
Mini. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Pee-Wee</i>	W. & R. Clark	3
Std. Cattleya	<i>Bc. Moroniae</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Nov. Cattleya	<i>Slc. Jewelers Gem</i>	T. Bourne	3
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Doral X Fargo</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Happy Viking</i>	T. Bourne	3
	<i>Paph. Port Elliot</i>	T. Bourne	2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>	T. Bourne	3
	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>	T. Bourne	2
Vandeous	<i>Ascofinetia Cherry Blossum</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Species	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	<i>Bif. harrisoniae</i>	W. & R. Clark	2
	<i>Bif. harrisoniae</i>	T. Bourne	1

### FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

*Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum* grown by Tony Bourne

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## SECOND DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	S. Wilcox	3
	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	M. Smith	2
Miniature Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Pee-Wee</i>	N. Woodend	3
	<i>Cym. Pee-Wee</i>	N. Gitsham	2
Nov. Cattleya	<i>C. Chocolate Drop</i>	N. Woodend	3
Zygopetalum	<i>Z. (Blue Lake x Grand Prix)</i>	N. Woodend	3
	<i>Z. Kiwi Choice x Zga Dynamo</i>	N. Woodend	2

### FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

*Cymbidium Pee Wee* grown by Norm Woodend

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*Wishing you a Happy and Safe  
Christmas*

*and a Bright and Prosperous  
New Year.*

*Good orchid Growing (and  
Flowering)*

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