



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

December 2021

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby



*Merry Christmas to All
and a Happy New Year*



AT A GLANCE

The next General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of SA will be held on Monday 13th December 2021 at the RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. This will be our Christmas Dinner Meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be our Patron, Coralie Hills. There will be a Kris Kringle (bring a gift to the value of \$10 and receive a gift) and a Monster Raffle. Dinner details are on page 5 of this gazette.

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a **NO** Learners' Group Meeting at the December Meeting.

JUDGING: Please have your plants benched by 7.40pm so Judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late due to work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting on Thursday 9th December 2021 at 12.30 pm will be a Christmas Lunch to be held at The Morphet Arms Hotel, 138 Morphet Road, Glengowrie. We will be having a Kris Kringle (Bring a gift to value of \$10 to receive a gift).

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 19th December 2021 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs who will hold a Question & Answer Session. A Kris Kringle will also be held (Bring a gift to value of \$10 to receive a gift) Learners Group will be held at 1.15 pm.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Anne Matthews, Pam MacDonald, Robyn Templer and Cora Jenko as new members to the Club, We hope that you will enjoy your time with the Club and learn a lot about the orchids that we all love so much.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Make sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

PUBLIC LIABILITY: Under Insurance Guidelines all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name in an Attendance Book.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
30 January and 27 February



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1985 Bubs Gready *	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	2021 Donna Meeuwssen
	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2022 are now due. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2022. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

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President's Message

On behalf of your Committee I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy 2022. This year proved to be a year that had its challenges once again and once again we adapted very quickly to what was required. We can be thankful that most club meetings and most shows were able to be held, a vast difference to 2020.

The annual *Sarcochilus* Show and was once again a great success for the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia. All members are to be congratulated for their support of the *Sarcochilus* Show. A great variety of plants were entered across all divisions, a fantastic effort by the members who put plants into the Show. The Champion plant was *Sarcochilus* George Colthup 'Seaview'.

Again we have had a mild November (a cooler and wetter Summer is predicted with the La Nina weather pattern declared). This is great news for getting our plants through our summer which can be searingly hot at times.

The December meeting is our Christmas meeting, our patron Coralie Hills will be our guest speaker for the evening. Coralie has wide experience with orchids and I'm sure her presentation will prove to be interesting.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped during the year for a job well done. Without your help it would not be possible to enjoy the year that we were able to have. I'm sure it is always appreciated by the members and your committee.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Good growing and showing



Michael Willoughby



Happy Birthday

**DONNA MEEUWSEN, BOB CLAYTON,
ERNA VAN LEUVERAN, LEON CROWHURST,
CRAIG HUMFREY, VERA BASTIAN,
JOHN GAY, RAELENE GARDNER,
JANET ADAMS, GORDON NINNES,
MIKE MILICEVIC, ROBYN TEMPLER**

Is your name in the Birthday Book ??





ORCHID CALENDAR 2021– 2022

[These dates are subject to COVID-19 directives]

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 9th December 2021 12.30 pm
Christmas Lunch at the Morphett Arms Hotel, 138 Morphett Road
Glengowrie Plus Kris Kingle

MAIN MEETING CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday 13th December 2021 6.00 pm
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens
[See next page for details of menu , payment, etc.]
Meeting after Dinner at 8.00 pm with Kris Kingle & Monster Raffle
Guest Speaker will be our Patron, Coralie Hills

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 19th December 2021 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs with a Q & A Session
Kris Kingle Learners Group meeting at 1.15 pm.

MAIN MEETING

Monday 10th January 2022 6.30 pm
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens
BBQ (See page 5 of Gazette) **No** Learners Group
Open Forum discussion

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 12th January 2022 7.30 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 14th February 2022 8.00 pm
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens

AUTUMN SHOW

Wednesday 4th May to Saturday 7th May 2022
Seaford Central Shopping Centre

WINTER SHOW

Friday 22nd July to Sunday 24th July 2022
Uniting Church Hall , Township Road, Marion

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

Wednesday 24th August to Saturday 27th August 2022
Victor Central Shopping Centre

SPRING SHOW

Wednesday 14th September to Saturday 17th September 2022
Seaford Central Shopping Centre

APOLOGY TO ALL MEMBERS

The Committee extends an apology to all members for the open window envelopes used to send out reminders for membership fees that showed email addresses and phone numbers. This will not happen again as labels will be used in future.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 13th DECEMBER 2021

The Colonel Light Gardens RSL will provide the following menu for our Club Christmas Dinner this year, The Dinner will start at 6.00 pm and finish by 7.45 pm so that the meeting can take place, starting at 8.00 pm. There will be Kris Kringle, a monster Raffle, and a Guest Speaker, our Patron Coralie Hills.

The Dinner must be pre-ordered when paying, and any dietary requirements discussed. Payment must be made by Sunday 5th December as the meals must be ordered on Monday 6th December. Payment can be made on line [BSB 105-145 Account No. 545457040 Account Name SCOCSA]. Please use your Grower Number plus an X (to advise Xmas Dinner). If paying on line please email Anne with Menu Choices [steera@bigpond.com]

There will be no BYO Drinks. **Water will be provided. Drinks may be purchased at the Bar.**

MENU

\$18 EACH Main Course

Crumbed Fish with Lemon & Tartare Sauce,
Salad & Chips
Roast Turkey with Rich Gravy, Cranberry
Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables
Chicken Schnitzel with Gravy, Salad & Chips

\$7 each Desert

Christmas Fruit Pudding with Brandied Custard
Mixed Berry Trifle with Chantilly Cream
(sugar free option)

Vegetarian & Gluten Free options available.
Meals served with a Bread Roll & Butter



B.B.Q. MEETING MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2022

We will have the Annual Social Barbecue at the RSL Hall 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm (Covid permitting). The Club will supply meat, bread, and sauces. Due to COVID, you may bring your own Salads but No Sharing please. Bring your own cutlery if needed. We will be eating outside. You may not bring soft drinks or alcohol. The Bar will be open from 6.30 pm for a hour.

There will be a Popular Vote for Judging of the Plants. Tonight you are the judges, it is a Judges Night Off. Plants may be benched in the hall from 6.30 pm. There will be a charge of 50 cents to bench each plant and the money will then go to the winner or winners of the night. Judging will commence at 8.00 pm.

END OF YEAR BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE:

At the close of the December meeting we need nomination forms filled in by members nominating other members for Committee positions. Pick up nomination forms from Anne at the meeting. Most positions to be vacated can be re-nominated.

TROPHIES AND LIBRARY BOOKS:

Please return all trophies and library books to the Secretary at the December meeting or as soon as possible.

CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB IN 2022?

December is the time to think about becoming a Committee member. The following Committee positions will become vacant in 2022: 2 Committee members.

Committee members are expected to be committed to the South Coast Orchid Club by assisting the Club to continually grow and to promote orchids. The responsibilities that the Committee members are required to assist with are:

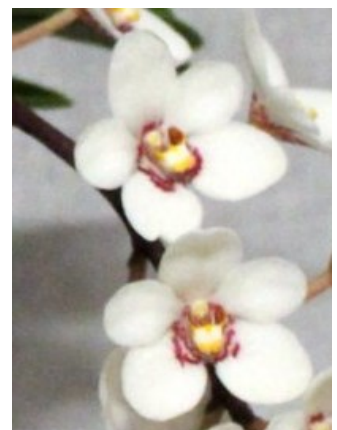
- Being available for the main meeting 2nd Monday of the month and Committee meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30 – 9.30pm.
- Remaining after the main meeting to help clean up the hall and kitchen.
- Helping at our Shows by manning the trading table between 7am and 9pm. A responsible person must be in charge at all times during shopping hours.
- Assisting in transporting trestles etc. prior to Show to Shopping Centre.
- Assisting with putting in and taking out of the Show.
- Having a knowledge of orchids and a rapport with people so that the public can be helped when purchasing from the trading table.

If you are interested in becoming a Committee member or can assist in any way please ring Anne on 8270 3090 or Michael on 0479 162 527

CHAMPION SARCOCHILUS

Sarco. George Colthup 'Seaview'

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



SARCOCHILUS CHAMPION SHOW RESULTS NOVEMBER 2021

Sarcochilus - Seedling

Sarco. hartmannii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Sarco. Susie 'Rojo'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii species

Sarco. fitzgeraldii 'Precious Vincent'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Sarco. fitzgeraldii 'San Diego'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Sarcochilus - hartmannii species

Sarco. hartmannii 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Sarco. hartmannii 'Blue Knob'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Sarcochilus - Hybrid White/Cream

Sarco. George Colthup 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Sarco. (Melba x Cherie's Joy)	Kevin Western (155)	2
Sarco. Memoria Neville Roper 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Sarcochilus - Hybrid Red/Pink

Sarco. Magic 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
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Sarcochilus - Hybrid White with red

Sarco. (Heidi x Helen Lorraine)	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	1
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Sarcochilus - Hybrid any other colour

Sarco. (Misty's Twin x hartmannii)	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
Sarco. (hartmannii x Gerroa)	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2

BEST HYBRID - Sarcochilus

Sarco. George Colthup 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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BEST SPECIES - Sarcochilus

Sarco. hartmannii 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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BEST SEEDLING - Sarcochilus

Sarco. hartmannii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Sarcochilus - Specimen

Sarco. Kulnura Chatter 'So You Think'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
Sarco. Unknown	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2

Sarcochilus - Seedling

Sarco. [(Ginger x Roberta) x (Amber x Kulnura)]	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1
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Sarcochilus - Hybrid Red/Pink

Sarco. Duet 'Red October'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
Sarco. Kulnura Famous	Bill Jayne (1180)	1

Sarcochilus - Hybrid White with red

Sarco. All Eyes 'Red Centre'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
Sarco. Kirra Sun	Peter Haltis (442)	2

Sarcochilus - Hybrid any other colour

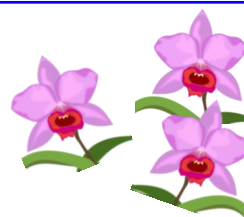
Sarco. (Duno Nickys Twin x Orange Glow)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1
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BEST SPECIMEN - Sarcochilus

Sarco. Kulnura Chatter 'So You Think'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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BEST SARCO. SEEDLING
Sarco. Hartmannii
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



November Results List

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

3092	Sarco. Susie 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
3093	Sarco. Magic 'Rafael'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

3091	Sarco. hartmannii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

3094	Ctt. Chocolate Treats	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

3095	Ctt. Gold Digger	Gordon & Coralie Hime (69)	3
3096	C. Intermedia Orlata 'Crown Fox'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

3097	Oncsa. Memoria Aaron Judd 'Sheila'	Gordon & Coralie Hime (69)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

3102	Lyc. Macama 'Aline'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
3103	Masd. Volcanic 'Hot Shot'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

3104	Den. thyrsiflorum	Robert & Lesley Gunn (424)	3
3105	Aspidogyna argentea	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

3106	Paph. lowii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

3098	Paph. Berenice	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Species

3099	Paph. lowii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
3100	Paph. haynaldianum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

3101	Zga. Adelaide Parklands 'Neil John'	Gordon & Coralie Hime (69)	3
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First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

3084	Sarco. (Rosella x Zoe) 'Hobbit'	Peter Haltis (442)	3
3085	Sarco. Bernice Klein	Peter Haltis (442)	2
3086	Sarco. (George Colthup x Lyn)	Peter Haltis (442)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

3087	Cym. Amelia Earhart 'New Horizon'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

3088	Cym. Cricket 'Roseta'	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

3089	Phal. Unknown 'Little Green Gem'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

3090	Sarco. (George Colthup x Lyn)	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

3072	Sarco. Memoria Lyndon Stewart	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
3073	Sarco. Melba 'Snowflake'	Helen McIntosh (299)	2
3075	Sarco. Newbold Vail	Beth Stronach (836)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

3070	Sarco. hartmannii	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnies (1195)	3
3071	Sarco. fitzgeraldii	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnies (1195)	2

Australian Native Terrestrial - Hybrid

3079	Rlc. Lim Theng Hin	Craig Humfrey (268)	2
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

3081	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruit'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
3082	Cym. Cricket	Jim Fogarasi (150)	2

Laeliinae - Cluster

3077	Ctt. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic'	Craig Humfrey (268)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

3078	C. Unknown 'Cherokee'	Craig Humfrey (268)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

3080	C. intermedia var. alba	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

3076	C. Aquifinn 'Natures Best'	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

3083	Den. farmeri	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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PLANT COMMENTARY – NOVEMBER 2021

November being our Annual *Sarcochilus* competition gave all our members a treat to an amazing range of colours and sizes from seedlings to Specimen size plants. This year we had a terrific number of plants and we successfully outgunned our other City clubs in terms of numbers. All were competing for the George & Patty Abell Trophy for Champion of the night. As usual, I had to bring in some reinforcements to help with the Judging. Many Thanks to Wendy Lodge and Ron Yates for their invaluable assistance on the night.

Sarcochilus Winners

Drum Roll And the winner was : ***Sarcochilus* George Colthup 'Seaview'** grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. This was a well grown plant with two inflorescences with good shape and consistent colour. They were a clear white with small red infill surrounding the contrasting orange chin. All of the flowers were well displayed on the unsupported inflorescences. Congratulations to Michael and Oui.

Orchid of Open Division Plant of the Night

The plant chosen by the Judges was a well grown plant of *Paph. lowii* grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju.

This plant had three beautiful flowers of great substance and colour contrasts. The colour combinations of green, yellow with mauve highlights on the sepals made it a real eye catcher.

This species has been awarded some 204 times and has been used in the breeding of 113 first generation progeny.

Well done Michael & Oui.



ORCHID OF OPEN DIVISION PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Paph. lowii

Grown By

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Photos Neil Cooper

PLANT COMMENTARY – NOVEMBER 2021 cont ...

Orchid of First Division

The Orchid of First Division was *Cym.* Cricket 'Rosetta' grown by Peter Haltis. A lovely plant well grown with the inflorescences arching underneath the foliage. This plant carried six inflorescences with varying flower counts, one having 24 flowers. Colouring was a subtle orange with a darker red/ brown contrasting labellum.

Well done Peter.

Orchid of First Division

Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'

Grown By

Peter Haltis

Photos Neil Cooper



Orchid of Second Division

The Judges chose the plant, *Cym.* Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruit' as the plant of Second Division, grown by Beth Stronach. This was a plant with 6 beautiful arching spikes evenly spaced around the pot, each inflorescence carrying around 18 flowers. The flowers were rusty brown with a very striking dark brown, almost black labellum. The plant was in good health & each inflorescence displaying beneath the foliage.

Congratulations Beth.

Orchid of Second Division

Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruit'

Grown by Beth Stronach

Photos Neil Cooper



In looking at the parentage of these 2 lovely Cymbidiums, there are some significant similarities. It is I think a fitting end of the flowering season for Cymbidiums. Both plants have *Cym. devonianum* in the parentage as well as *Cym. madidum* in the case of *Cym.* Cricket it consists of 50/50 of these 2 lovely species. *Cym.* Dorothy Stockstill has a further influence from *Cym. floribundum* and in this case *Cym. devonianum* makes up 31 % and the other two 25 % each.

Thank you to our Judges, and Recorders for all your efforts!
Good Growing

Phil Steer
Registrar

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS' PLANTS

All Photographs by
Oui Ju



Sarco. (George Colthup x Lyn)
Peter Haltis



Sarco. Magic 'Gabriel'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Zga. Adelaide Parklands
Gordon & Coralie Hime



C. Intermedia Orlata
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Masd. Volcanic 'Hot Shot'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Sarco. Kulnura Famous
Bill Jayne



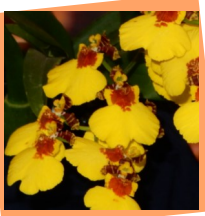
Paph. Berenice
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Den. thyrsiflorum
Lesley & Robert Gunn

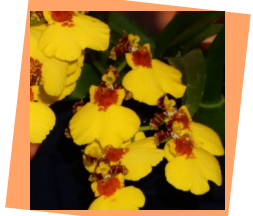


Sarco. Chatter
Bill Jayne



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 11th November, 2021



Hi everyone,

The November meeting of the Daytime Chapter welcomed back guest speaker **Vicky Cooper** who gave an interactive workshop on ***Phalaenopsis***. This included hints on where to position a plant inside your house, appropriate temperature for your plant, fertilising tips, watering techniques, and pots and potting materials.

Members brought in their *Phalaenopsis* for Vicky to give advice on, as well as answering questions throughout. Her demonstration talk concluded with a slideshow presentation, highlighting her successful growing, while reinforcing her instruction, given earlier on.

Vicky's talk was very well received and gave us all inspiration and encouragement to grow *Phalaenopsis* orchids.



The Commentary on Plant of the Day was also given by Vicky, and the Popular Vote was won by Peter Flavel.

At next meeting there will be a Kris Kringle (Bring a gift to the value of \$10 and receive a gift)

Next Meeting - Christmas Lunch

Thursday December 9th 12.30pm

Morphett Arms Hotel

138 Morphett Rd, Glengowrie + Kris Kringle



Andrew Dean



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 21st November 2021



Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the meeting at 2.05 pm welcoming the 22 members and guests present. Chris gave a special welcome to new member Robyn Templer. Welcome also to guest speaker, Kevin Western. Chris reminded members that Covid-19 rules required everyone to log their presence either by phone app or in the special attendance book in the front entrance. **Thank you to John Gay** for his usual sterling effort as leader of the Learners Group.

Apologies: Marg and Warren Yelland, Anne Bourne, Julia Mumford, Andrew Craig, Sid James, Bev Gay and Megan Clayton.

Special Presentation: Phil Steer, on behalf of the Club, presented John Gay with a special award of Emeritus Judge in recognition of his over 40 years of service as a Senior Judge for SCOCSA. A wonderful award, and greatly deserved.



Phil Steer presents John Gay with the South Coast Orchid Club Emeritus Judge Award.

Guest Speaker: Our Guest Speaker, Kevin Western, gave us a new and very informative talk on *Sarcochilus*, a genera of orchids native to Australia. Although they grow in very different conditions they are in the same group of orchids as the Vandaceous orchids of Asia. However they are much harder and many of them are found in parts of Australia subject to both drought and even snow in winter. Never-the-less many growers find them difficult. Kevin has been breeding Sarcs and experimenting with their cultural conditions for many years and gave us many good ideas to improve our success rate with these intriguing Australian orchids.

Announcements: As reported previously we will not have a Christmas luncheon again this year due to the uncertainties around Covid. However our next meeting is just 6 days before Christmas and Eileen Pinnock suggested that we could have a Kris Kringle with each member bringing a gift (up to a value of max \$10). A majority of members agreed that this was a good idea.



Birthday Prize: Genny Huxtable
Lucky Door Prize: Alan Clayton

Lucky Name Badge: Elsie Clifford



The raffle was held as usual and Chris thanked all the donors of raffle prizes.

Judging: was carried out by Phil Steer, John Gay and Jane and Don Higgs. Christine Robertson undertook the data entry and card printing. **Judges Commentary:** John Gay.

Next meeting – Sunday December 19th – Jane Higgs will run a Question and Answer Session. Could members please write their questions on a slip of paper in advance. You can remain anonymous if you wish.



Chris Heysen

0419 386 769

The meeting closed at 3:35pm

SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY

A nice display of quality and well flowered Orchids.

Orchid of First Division / Plant of the Day

The plant selected by the Judges was grown and benched by Eileen Pinnock and was *Cym. Cricket* 'Rosetta'. This plant had 18 beautiful inflorescences evenly distributed around the plant. The Colour was a subtle orange with a darker red / brown contrasting labellum. As I remarked in the commentary for the main group *Cym. Cricket* is made up of 2 lovely species being *Cym. devonianum* and *Cym. madidum*. A very worthy winner.

Congratulations
Eileen.



**ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION
ORCHID OF THE DAY
Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'**

Grown By
Eileen Pinnock
Photos Christine Robertson

Orchid of Second Division
Popular Vote

The plant of Second Division and Popular Vote was a stunning specimen of a Phalaenopsis shown by Genny & Dudley Huxtable . It was *Phal.* Unknown 'Ninky' and carried 2 beautiful inflorescences of white flowers with the slightest hint of a pink marking through the petals. All flowers were ranked on the raceme evenly and looked at you.

Well done Genny & Dudley.

**ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION,
 POPULAR VOTE**

***Phal.* Unknown 'Ninky'**

Grown By Genny & Dudley Huxtable

Photo Christine Robertson



Thanks to Christine for the computer recording and to John Gay for Judging. Keep up the Excellent work !

Phil Steer
 Registrar

November Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

3103	Den. (Starsheen x tetragonum)	Sid James (170)	3
3104	Sarco. (Kulnura x Amber)	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	2
3105	Sarco. (Kulnura Sanctuary x Roberta)	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	1

Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

3109	Cym. Cricket 'Rosetta'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

3107	Ctt. Trick or Treat	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

3108	C. (Claesiana x Summer Stars)	Shirley & Don Greig (1128)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

3106	C. x dolosa 'Gorgeous'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

3110	Max. hematoglossa	Sid James (170)	3
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Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

3093	Sarco. Purity 'Titan'	Bob Clayton (143)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

3096	Cym. One Tree Hill 'Doris'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
3097	Cym. (Dry Devon x devonianum)	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2

Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

3098	Cym. Cricket 'Invincibles'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

3094	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Ren'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

3095	Rlc. Hsinying Sunbeam 'Auranti Gem'	Bob Clayton (143)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

3099	Phal. Unknown 'Ninky'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
3100	Phal. Magic Art	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2
3101	Phal. Fancy Freckles	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

3102	Bif. harrisoniae	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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JOHN GAY- EMERITUS JUDGE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA

John has been judging at the South Coast Orchid Club for a period in excess of 32 years. He has been instrumental in the advancement of Orchid culture at both the main group and in particular at the Southern Region Group where he has garnered an amazing following of members.

John and Bev were awarded Life Membership of the Club in 2011. They joined the Club in the early 70's and have been very active until recent years when Bev's health started to decline.

John's knowledge of Orchid Judging has been of great assistance to new judges over a period of three decades and certainly he has had a significant influence in my learning.

At the South Coast Judges Committee meeting held on 16th October the committee members unanimously supported the Granting of 'Emeritus Judge Status' to John in recognition of his continuing involvement (albeit at a lesser level than previously) as a Judge and for distinguished service.

John Gay with his *Sarcochilus* Burgundy
on Ice 'Australia'



UNUSUAL PLANT OF MONTH - *Bifrenaria harrisoniae*

Bifrenaria harrisoniae was recently displayed at the Southern Region Group meeting. It is endemic to Brazil where plants grow on almost vertical east facing rock cliffs at 200 - 800 m. Plants grow exposed to strong winds and almost full sun with their roots buried in cracks in the rock face that contain detritus but little vegetable matter.

It is a medium sized 25-40cm lithophyte that is sometimes found growing as an epiphyte. It has clustered ovoid pseudobulbs that may be suffused with red-brown especially near the apex. A single oblong leaf is stiff and upright, leathery in texture and glossy dark green. Two inflorescences per growth emerge from the base of the newest pseudobulbs and bear 1-2 flowers. 6-8cm flowers are waxy in texture, long lasting and heavily fragrant. They are usually white but may be yellow or yellow-green. The long lip is 3 lobed, hairy, rich wine purple or magenta red with darker veins.

Bifrenaria harrisoniae has had limited use in hybridizing with 9 first generation offspring and a total progeny of 12. It has been awarded 35 times in Germany, USA, Brazil, Taiwan, South Africa and Australia and New South Wales, both with cultural awards and quality awards. The AOC has awarded an HCC and AM.



GROWING LYCASTES by Alan Hope

These cool-growing orchids are found mainly in temperate regions of Mexico and South America and are therefore well suited to Melbourne's climate. Many grow in mountainous areas and are tolerant of low temperatures, thus growing and flowering under similar conditions to those enjoyed by many cymbidiums. Some species are semi-deciduous, dropping their leaves prior to the onset of new growth and flowering in spring. This behaviour is their response to a distinct cool, dry season in their natural habitat, a period corresponding to the winter season in Melbourne. By contrast our winters are wet and therefore protection from rain and a reduction in watering during winter is essential to simulate the *Lycaste*'s natural growth cycle.

Those *Lycaste* species from warmer, less mountainous regions grow more or less continuously throughout the year and flowering occurs mainly in late summer or autumn. These *Lycaste* need additional protection and some warmth during winter, being cool (rather than cold) growers. However most *Lycaste* hybrids, being bred from both cool- and cold-growing species, tend to do well in Melbourne with minimal protection during winter.

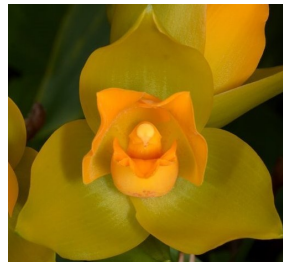
***Lycaste* Species.** There are about forty *Lycaste* species, of which a number are hardy and fairly readily available. *Lycaste aromatica* is a strong grower with nice yellow flowers and a sweet perfume; it flowers in mid to late summer. *Lycaste deppei* also flowers at this time and produces larger green-brown flowers, also with a slight perfume. *Lycaste cruenta* loses its leaves over winter and produces its lovely yellow green flowers in spring. *Lycaste skinneri* (now known as *Lyc. virginalis*) has flowers that are usually light to dark pink, although there are also glistening white forms. It flowers in winter or spring on mature growths and has been used extensively in hybridising. *Lycaste macrophylla* is another species well worth growing for its attractive coppery brown flowers.



Lycaste aromatica



Lycaste deppei



Lycaste cruenta



Lycaste virginalis

***Lycaste* Hybrids.** The range of hybrids isn't extensive and many are hard to acquire. However, a number of named varieties are among the most beautiful of all orchids, so keep a lookout for them on the sales bench and in nursery catalogues. *Lycaste* Koolena and its offspring *Lyc. Macama* include some excellent varieties, including *Lyc. Macama* 'Aline', a blush pink, and *Lyc. Macama* 'Atlantis', a shapely white. These hybrids are excellent growers and produce flowers of good shape. *Lycaste* Shoalhaven (*Lyc. Koolena* x *Lyc. skinneri*) also produces fine hybrids. I have a clone, made using *Lyc. skinneri* 'alba', that has large, shapely, white flowers. Other hybrids of note are *Lyc. Karina*, *Lyc. Cooma*, *Lyc. Kiama* and *Lyc. Wyld Court*.



Lycaste macrophylla

*Lycaste Valentine**Lycaste Macama**Lycaste Shoalhaven*

Cultural Requirements. *Lycastes* grow satisfactorily in a shade house but protection from rain and cold winds in winter is important. While they enjoy good light and air movement, their large leaves are prone to sunburn and they should receive the protection of 70% shade cloth in summer, although the extent of shading should be reduced in winter. Most hybrids seem tolerant of large temperature differentials and strong light, although they produce their best flowers during the cooler part of spring. The tendency for their sepals to furl is most apparent in warm or hot weather.

Lycastes need to be kept well watered in summer and generally drier in winter. They appreciate high humidity during the growing period and appreciate overhead watering at this time. Some growers don't like to wet the leaves but I find little harm is done if there is good air movement and the wet leaves are not exposed to direct sunlight.

Aquasol®, Thrive® and other liquid fertilisers, applied at half the manufacturer's recommended strength, soon produce super-sized leaves and bulbs. Leaf size is one of the drawbacks to growing, as mature plants take up a lot of bench space. I grow my plants on low shelves close to the shade cloth walls, where they receive good air movement yet do not overshadow other plants.

Potting is an important aspect for success with *Lycastes*. They are more sensitive to the frequency and time of potting than are cymbidiums and need to have new, active growths at potting time, otherwise the root system may languish. *Lycastes* should be repotted regularly, as they soon show signs of decline in a sour compost. I have found that a deep pot is preferred, possibly because it keeps the roots cooler during summer. They also require a free-draining mix with regular fertilising. I use a mix comprising 80% medium-size pine bark, 10% river pebbles/coarse gravel and some shredded oak leaves and/or peanut shells (10%). Some growers also include charcoal. A small amount of Osmocote® or Dynamic Lifter® may be added to the mix, and a layer of polystyrene chunks in the bottom of the pot improves overall drainage.

Overall, *Lycastes* are rewarding orchids and are suitable for novices as well as experienced growers. Try to acquire a range of species as well as hybrids to add interest and to extend the flowering period.



Orchid Culture Notes for December

Another year has slipped us by. Hopefully this was a better year than last and the coming new year will be even better. This is the key to successful orchid growing and there is the requirement to try and go one up on the previous year. Learning is a never ending process and success is based on lessons learnt.

With the new year beckoning why not try and do something different next year or trying growing a different genera. I picked up an *Aeranthus* at the Festival of Flowers a couple of years ago. No idea about growing it but for \$8 it was worth a try. The books said cooler conditions, lots of shade and humidity. Found that spot in the shade house and presto. It grew and is now in spike. The worst thing that will happen is you will kill it. And if you do, don't give up (mind you its three strikes and out in my shade house). Some orchids are not meant to grow here.

Summer is well upon us and the growth season is away. Obviously feeding and watering are the key requirements but there are many other factors. Light levels are now at their peak, humidity levels at the lowest and there is the usual army of bugs out there feasting on the soft new growths. With rapid growth evident in many genera we need to keep them moving but also take into account that they are generally soft at this stage of growth. So caterpillars find a new growth much more tempting than a matured growth. Heat damage is more noticeable and much more likely to affect a new growth than an old growth.

Hopefully most of our division, etc. has been completed by now but alas with so much to do nowadays this is not always the case so we find more and more growers still dividing this late in the season. As long as these plants are well looked after I can see not too many problems dividing this late but I would not expect a premium flowering next year either. Some of the plants that can be done now are the Cattleyas and the Oncidiums as their new growths have new roots that are not too long and these plants can be divided without too much setback of performance in the flowering stakes. Some of these plants can also be back cut this time of year. Back cutting involves cutting the rhizome of a plant that is intent on growing one forward growth each year and Oncidiums and Cattleyas are classic species that exhibit this behaviour. The cut is made 3 or 4 growths back from the lead with a sterile knife dipped in a fungicide. Then place a plant label in the cut to stop the growth growing back together. The aim is to encourage a dormant eye on the back half of the division to start growing. The plant can then be divided next year and you have two plants.

Zygopetalums are growing fast and most new growths will be showing new roots as well. The key to dividing a plant at any time is do it in active growth. If you divide a plant that is resting you may end up with a dead plant or at least a plant suffering a major setback. The old damaged roots won't absorb water or fertilizer very well and there are no new ones to take over. Even when it finally grows new roots it is that far setback it may be years before it returns to normal. All divided plants should be kept shadier, more humid and misted regularly for a while until they settle down and then returned to their rightful place on the bench. Don't forget a couple of waterings with Seasol to assist the recovery of the orchid and the new roots.

Terrestrials are now in the shed stored in a cool shady place. Next month will see the annual task of repotting. There are a couple of evergreen terrestrials we can grow here and as long as you have some cover they won't need too much heat over Winter. These are *Phaius tankervilleae* (aka the Swamp Orchid) and *Calanthe triplicata* (aka the Christmas Orchid). Both are grown under 55% shade at my place and under cover all year in a deep pot with a rich peaty compost. They both have soft wide leaves and look good even out of flower. Caterpillars and scale love them! Both flowers mark badly if they get wet, particularly the Calanthe that turns black. It would pay to keep the atmosphere and the plant very dry when flowering. The Phaius is out in November and funnily enough the Calanthe flowers in December.



Orchid Culture Notes for December cont...

Keep up the humidity this time of year as it is your ally when conditions get hot. There are many ways to increase humidity. In my shade house I hang old man's beard everywhere, baby's tears grows under the benches and along the paths, I have some containers of water under the benches and even a few foliage plants scattered around the place. The floor is bark chip that holds moisture. All of these factors improve the humidity. Provide some extra shade if you can when temperatures go through the roof and remove it when conditions cool down. We installed foggers under the covered section and these are very effective at bumping up the humidity and bringing the temperatures down on those extreme days. Avoid spraying for pests when temperatures are high. Learn to read the signs of heat and light damage. Die back, pitting, sun burn or scald marks and excessive yellowing of the leaves are clear signs. I also test a few plants leaves and feel how hot they are and if they are I'll try to get the temp down.

Inspect those orchids that do not have pseudobulbs to tide them over the summer. *Paphiopedilums* and *Sarcochilus* come to mind so make sure they are kept evenly moist. They also will show up heat damage via pitting of the leaves and once creamed by the heat will die a slow death. Inspect the roots anytime you feel the plant is struggling. Lifting the plant partly out of the pot and back in won't harm it but if the roots have no growth tips then something is wrong and action needs to be taken now. Not later.

Paphiopedilums are very sensitive to salt, especially some of the species and regular flushing is essential to remove it. This is why a well-drained mix is a must, not only to get valuable air to the roots but to enable a regular flushing. If water drains out slowly then it is unlikely your conditions are very favourable and problems will soon occur if not already evident. *Paphs* also have low fertilizer requirements.

Pests are plenty and the green loopers are rife. A month ago I couldn't walk outside at night under the street lights because of a moth plague and when there is a moth plague there is a looper plague behind it. Fortunately I was prepared and I have a few pots of sacrificial foliage plants under the benches and sure enough they are covered in loopers that are easily removed by hand but the orchids apart from my soft leaved *Zygopetalums* and *Lycastes* are untouched. I would still keep an eye out for scale and mites as conditions become drier.

December starts the Summer season and there are still plenty that flower this time of year. Many people won't grow Summer flowering orchids, maybe it's because there are no shows or club meetings are recessed until the new year. I don't know but I make sure I am not in that minority. *Brassia verrucosa* and *Brassia brachiata* are now out, the spidery flowers making a wonderful display even if their smell leaves much to be desired. There are always a few Summer flowering mini *Cattleyas* and *Oncidiums* adding colour. I have always loved the *Oncidiinae* complex. Like the *Laeliinae* group a well thought out collection can usually have at least one member from the group or intergenerics bred from them that flower every month of the year. I have *Encyclias*, Native *Dendrobiums* (yes, even in Summer, but they only last a few days), always *Zygospot* flowering, *Sartylis*, *Neofinetia*, *Bifrenaria*, Native *Cymbidiums* (*madidum*, *canaliculatum* and *suave*) and their hybrids all providing summer colour.

2021 is about to bite the dust and 2022 awaits us. Most of these notes are for the learners in the clubs and I hope that these and the beginners' group meetings have been useful in helping you understand and improve your culture.

For the rest of the growers I hope they have been helpful even in a small way. We are all into this together and we all need to interact, share ideas and dare to try something different. All the best for Christmas and may Santa bring you many seedlings.

Steve Howard

ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA **General Meeting Times**

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Whilst COVID restrictions are in place the Club meets on the Second Monday of the month at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. at 8.00p.m.

THE DAYTIME CHAPTER: meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00p.m.

THE SOUTHERN REGION: meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Daytime Group: meets from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 2nd Friday of the month.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB: meets at 1.45pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge on the 4th Sunday of the month.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY: meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 7.30p.m. at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

THE CYMBIDIUM CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets at 7.30p.m. at Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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