



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB

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Our next Meeting at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, at 8 p.m. on 12th January will feature '**General Knowledge about your Orchids**' and our Speaker will be **Nicky Zurcher**—one of our own members. You will be surprised to see the many beautiful varieties of orchids flowering at this time of the year. I am positive we will have a good variety exhibited at our Plant Tables (I also sincerely hope to see some orchids tabled by our Novice Growers, or do all of you suffer from stage fright??). **Opportunity Table and Library will be operating.**

The following positions of Club Officers have now been filled: Auditor, Mr Mick Chenoweth; Club's Cultural Notes Writer, Mr Bernie Hansen; Official Club Host, Mr Wesley Harris; Second Plant Steward, Mr Lang.

Mrs Ellie Shaw will give her next '**Spraymaking Demonstration**' (with Phalaenopses) on Saturday, 9th January, at 2 p.m. at Anna Hofner's place, 8 Amanda Way, Reynella South. Phalaenopses will be supplied. Hope to see as many of our girls as possible, no appointment necessary—no 'gear' necessary either if you do not have it.

**To all our members who have joined before August:** Please save the Treasurer the extra work of writing you a letter, as well as Club's Funds extra 6c postage, by paying your annual subscription without a reminder.

Of the plants tabled last month, the following gained positions: **Cattleyas**— 3 points: Cattleya loddigesii v. 'Stanley's' (Jack Hofner); 2 points: Brasso-Cattleya Alexandrina (Wes Harris); 1 point: Brasso-Cattleya Lim Theng Hin (Wes Harris). **Miscellaneous**— 3 points: Oncidium luridum (Wes Harris); 2 points: Calanthe veratrifolia (Jack Hofner); 1 point: Phalaenopsis Mannii x Gilles Gatriot (Les Poole). All plants were exhibited in the Open Section, unfortunately we could only admire a bare table in the Novice Section!

**The Popular Votes** went to Phalaenopsis Mannii x Gilles Gatriot (Les Poole) for Orchids, and to Hoya 'Bella' (Les Poole) for Indoor Plants.

On behalf of all our Club members we wish to thank the following gentlemen for donating their prize money for 1970 back into the Club Funds: Messrs Ted Work, Claude Hammond, Jack Hofner and Wes Harris. We also wish to take this opportunity to express again our thanks to all the members who have made donations towards trophies, plants for the monthly plant competitions, etc., throughout the year. It certainly has been a big help and we sincerely appreciate your generosity.

### CULTURAL NOTES by Bernie Hansen

Greetings! Well, I hope that all the good wishes for the ensuing growing season that have been wished upon us come true. At this time of year there is not a lot to do other than water, feed, and generally keep the plants tidy.

For the Cymbidium growers, two to three waterings a week depending on your damping down system. My Cyms are fertilized and watered thoroughly once a week, but on nearly every other day they are overhead sprinkled, which partially waters them. Again this depends on the type of potting mixture used: if an open type is used, more watering is required. I use a version of the U.C. mix (which in itself holds a lot of moisture) which is a mixture of Peat Moss, Rice Husks and Isolite.

For the growers with glasshouses growing a variety of Orchids, this time of the year means looking to shading to be sure that sunburning does not occur. It is advisable to install an air-conditioner as soon as possible — the difference is amazing. At the present moment if you get the chance to call and see growers who have a mixed collection, there are quite a lot of miscellaneous Orchids out, such as Brassias, Anguloas, Oncidiums, Phalaenopses, Cattleyas, Biffrenarias, Gongoras — probably many more — but still this is usual when there are no Club meetings.

Be sure to be watching for the next issue when we will discuss potting media, 'a delightful subject'.

Remember if you have a question, either write it out or ask it at the GENERAL MEETINGS.