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**AT A GLANCE**

The next Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm, Wednesday 4th April 2007, at St Bernadettes Church Hall, St Marys. Programme for the night - Guest Speaker - Don Nesbit. Subject - Oncidiums Alliance.

Introduction to Orchids will now be in the Foyer at 7.30, before Main Meeting, with Kevin Western Hybridizer of Australian Natives and species. Bring along your questions.

**DAYTIME GROUP** to be held at Lou Kesting Hall (old name - South Brighton Community Hall), Dover Square off Broadway, on Thursday, 12th April 2007, at 2pm. Guest Speaker - John Lewis. Subject - Stanhopeas and Paphiopedilums

**SPECIES GROUP** to be held on Monday 16th April 2007 at 8pm at Lou Kesting Hall (old name - South Brighton Community Hall), Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP** on Sunday, 15th April 2007, at Carrickalinga House 17 -19 Torrens St, Victor Harbor, at 2pm. Guest Speaker - Graham Morris. Subject - Cymbidiums. Judge - Noel Oliver.

**CYMBIDIUM APPRECIATION GROUP** to be held 10th April 2007, at 8pm at Lou Kesting Hall (old name - South Brighton Hall), Dover Square off Broadway, South Brighton. Subject - Check Cymbidium Appreciation page inside Gazette.

**VISITS** Haighs Chocolate Factory on 24th April, 11.30am. Please check your diary, and we will have a show of hands at next meeting to see how many Members will attend.

**RAFFLE PLANTS** - Thank you Tom Burian and Geoff Spear for March plants and for April, Heather Engelhardt

**LUCKY NAME BADGE** - Make sure you wear your name badge as you may win a prize!!

**BIRTHDAY DRAW** - Put your name in the Birthday box. You may win a prize.

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**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.**

**JUDGING ROSTER**

REGISTRAR - I Attenborough

Open - P Harmer N Oliver Pencillor - C Campbell

1st Division - R Fishlock B Bower Pencillor - W Lodge

2nd Division - D Harmer H Fishlock Pencillor - G Flavel

JUDGES TO ARRIVE EARLY

P Harmer D Harmer N Oliver

**2007 CLUB MEETING DATES**

**May**

2 Main Autumn Show Judging

8 Cym Appreciation Group

10 Daytime Chapter

20 Southern Regional Group

21 Species Group

**June**

6 Main John Dunn Potting and breaking up

12 Cym Appreciation Group

14 Daytime Chapter

17 Southern Regional Group

12 Species Group

**July**

4 Main Rex Diwell Mixed Genera in Arid climates

10 Cym Appreciation Group

12 Daytime Chapter

15 Southern Regional Group

17 Species Group

**August**

1 Main Paphiopedilums

14 Cym Appreciation Group

16 Daytime Chapter

19 Southern Regional Group Show

20 Species Group

**September**

5 Main Les. Nesbit Terrestrials

11 Cym Appreciation Group

13 Daytime Chapter

17 Species Group

16 Southern Regional Group Show

**October**

3 Main Kevin & Pauline Mclean on flasking

9 Cym Appreciation Group

11 Daytime Chapter

15 Species Group

21 Southern Regional

**November**

7 Main

13 Cym Appreciation Group

15 Daytime Chapter

18 Southern Regional Group Show

19 Species Group

**December**

5 Main

11 Cym Appreciation Group

13 Daytime Chapter

16 Southern Regional Group Show

17 Species Group

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

When planning our Guest Speakers for the year, we thought water was the most important subject to be discussed, my apologies for the confusion. Graham Morris and Lucy are trying to sort out the correct procedure and we are trying to get the information before we publish this Gazette.

Congratulations to Irene and Ron Parish, and Murray Baulderstone who are now Life Members. These 3 members over the years have seen a lot of change and worked very hard to achieve the great Club we have today.

Autumn Show is just around the corner and planning is well on the way. We are trying to negotiate with Centro to assemble Trading Table on Saturday late in the afternoon, as Sunday is our very best trading day. It would be great to have it all assembled and to put display in before Centro opens.

The weekend before Mothers Day has been our Autumn Show location for many, many years and the general public look forward to us being there to buy orchid plants for their Mother's Day gifts. It's a little bit early in the season I know, but I'm sure if we all have a good look around we can supply the Mums with top class plants for their day.

Last week I did my usual orchid crawl, visiting our fellow orchid growers. Despite the water restrictions and a very dry summer I found in all collections I visited there were excellent results. You all need to be very proud of your results in achieving such great efforts.

Keep looking for spikes.

Good Growing Geoff

### **SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB SECOND DIVISION WORKSHOP**

***Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007 9.30 am till 4 pm  
at 87 Kyeema Avenue Cumberland Park***

Program will include 4 potting demonstrations for different genera, each session giving you the opportunity to pot up and take home something different.

Devonshire morning tea and BBQ lunch

#### **DON'T MISS OUT**

\$10.00 per membership

*See Judy McRedmond to register for the workshop NOW.*

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### **DONATIONS PLEASE**

The Club seeks the donation of saco's, cymbidium, Dendrobium and Cattleya plants for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division workshop to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If any member is able to help us by donating an unwanted plant, please advise Judy. Thanks.

We thank the following members for plant donations for the workshop:

Norm Woodend, Suzanne Saunders, Geoff and Lucy Spear, Hugh Grund, Rod and Judy McRedmond, David Cammack, Ron and Irene Parish, Tony Fisher & Lynn Cummings, John Dunn

### **FEBRUARY SPECIES MEETING**

On the nice warm evening of Monday 19th Feb. 13 eager orchid growers gathered for species nite. Unfortunately, only one plant arrived to be looked at and talked about. I think there were more out there in the suburbs, but they forgot the meeting.

The plant displayed was a *Promenaea rollisonii* bought in by Geraldine and Peter Flavel. The plant had just one flower, but it had beautiful coloring and shape. These plants have 2.5cm high, round and clustered pseudobulbs, with grey/green color leaves that about 5 cm. long. The inflorescences are about 5 cm long and can have from 1 to 3

flowers about 4 cm wide during summer. They come from Central to Southern Brazil. Geraldine and Peter grow their plant in the intermediate glass house in a 10cm pot, using small bark. Promenaeas should never be allowed to dry out completely.

The group also had a good discussion time, with questions and answers being passed to and fro. There was a bit more discussed about watering the plants, especially after the talk at main meeting with the man from SA Water. All up, it was a quick, quiet meeting which finished early.

Wendy.

### **MARCH SPECIES MEETING**

Due to clashes with other Club commitments there were only 12 members at this meeting. However there were 8 diverse, interesting species for us to look at.

Two very nice specimens of *Cattleya bowringiana* immediately caught the eye. This very easy to grow species is found on rocky outcrops in its natural habitat of Guatemala & Belize in South America. In cultivation it requires bright light, humid conditions & water & fertilizer when in active growth during the summer with dryer conditions in the cooler winter months. Given the right treatment large heads of up to twenty 8cm wide flowers of a beautiful rose/purple glittering appearance will be produced in late summer/early autumn. One of the plants at the meeting had 13 flowers on a slightly arching raceme, on a plant that had been grown in very bright light evidenced by the slightly yellow leaves and hard appearance, the conditions that are required to satisfactorily flower this species. Another *Cattleya* benched was one we do not often see at meetings, *Cattleya maxima* from Columbia, Ecuador & Peru. This species has large flowers up to 12cm across, long-lived & very fragrant up to 15 carried on upright racemes. The segments are a pale glossy rose but the outstanding feature is the labellum that is large, flat and crisped on the margins the same colour as the segments but with a yellow band running down the length of the labellum with many purple lines running obliquely from it.

A beautiful specimen of *Oncidium onustum* carrying four, 20cm long inflorescences of pure yellow flowers symmetrically arranged along the raceme certainly caught the eye. This is yet another orchid that has had a name change it has been moved into a genus consisting of just the one species, it is now correctly *Zelonkoa onusta*. This species can either be grown in a pot or mounted on a suitable mount. If in a pot the compost must be very free draining as it is intolerant of "wet feet". *Zelonkoa onusta* is widely spread in its distribution stretching from Panama through Columbia & Ecuador to Peru where it grows as a lithophyte or epiphyte from sea level to 1200mtrs.

Other species benched was a plant of *Cattleya loddigessii* with deep magenta/purple flowers carrying just two blooms but of exceptional colour and shape. *Encyclia cochliata* the cockle shell orchid that looks upside down with its labellum up in the air. *Dendrobium lithacola* syn *D. bigibbum* Var *compactum* a lovely plant with 8 flowering spikes. The smallest species brought in was *Dendrobium delacourii* distributed through Thailand & Burma with pale yellow/green flowers & a tan coloured labellum.

Reg Shooter

### **CYMBIDIUM APPRECIATION GROUP**

February members were asked to bring leaves from their Cymys they were not happy with. This proved to be interesting. One member had a fungus leaf and it also had Tobacco Virus which members saw and discussed at length. We also had a discussion on fibre and bark.

Autumn Show early May. Let's make the Grand Champion a Cymbidium. Keep up with those watering cans of water, put in a little fertilizer in watering can weekly. High Nitrogen to make your spikes keep moving. Watch for slugs and snails - 2 or 3 snail pellets on the top of the pot, put stakes by your spikes so they don't get broken. Watch daily and put

twisty ties on to keep stem straight - not too tight, otherwise you will snap off spike.  
April Meeting for those members who are not sure how to prepare a plant for the Show Bench, bring it along and prepare at the Meeting. Remember last year, Moss Bray donated a community pot of seedlings and gave each member a seedling to pot up. Please bring it to the meeting and let's see how they are growing. The seedling to bring to the meeting is Red Beauty 'Netty' x Valley Vampire Blood.

### **WHAT'S ON BEFORE THE MEETING**

**THE LIBRARY** - The Librarian is Henk van Leuveran

Please make yourself known to Henk who will help you choose a book about the genera you like to grow. We have a Library full of books on all orchid matters and culture so check them out.

Make April the month to meet Henk and talk about your first book to take out the month.

**THE TRADING TABLE** - Here you will find John Dunn, a wealth of knowledge on all your requirements. If the item/s you require is/are not there, talk to John and he will endeavour to order it in for you. Also, check out all the great plants for sale, by members, and next plant you buy maybe a future grand champion.

**THE RAFFLE** - Peter Fenton is always willing to sell you a raffle ticket (4 for a dollar) and you will always find 5 orchids, sometime more, as prizes.

**LUCKY SQUARE** seller is Daniel Spear, who takes his job very seriously and always likes a chat when taking your money.

**OUR TREASURER** Judy McRedmond will take your money for subs, bus trips etc, and who also grows her orchids well.

### **OUR COMMERCIAL SELLERS**

**Trevor Garrard** is a long-time member of the Club, who has great plants for sale. Come along and speak to Trevor about them, especially his Aussie Native Hybrids and flasks he has available.

**Brian Lyttle** is another interesting member who brings along some excellent plants for sale and is always ready to advise you about their culture.

**Kevin Western**, another supporter and member of our Club, has been hybridizing with the Australian cymbidium family, along with some native terrestrials, Aussie native Dens. And also check out his Disas, and the many flasks he has to offer.

### **REQUEST FROM JUDGES**

The Judges go to work judging your plants at 7.45pm and as there is not a lot of room we do ask members to please leave the judging area by 7.45. Supper time is a great time to view the plants and ask the grower any information you would like to have them pass on to you. We do try to finish the meeting by 9.30pm to give you all time to see the wonderful orchid blooms on display.

Please, Members leave your plants on the bench for 20 minutes after the meeting.

Thankyou to members who stay back and help after the meeting. This is very much appreciated. Committee would like to have a Roster drawn up and members take a turn, please see Lucy or John Dunn. A lot of hands make light work.

### **COMMISSION ON TRADING TABLE PLANTS**

For members who sell plants at the Monthly Meeting, please note that a commission of 20% is payable to the Club. Please pay the Treasurer at the end of the meeting. Members selling plants at the meeting are asked to please sell your own plants unless you have made prior arrangements.

Autumn, Winter and Spring Show commission is 25% and is deducted by the Club. Plants should be delivered to the show site with white swing tickets attached, with plant No, Show No, plus price, and are also to be listed on the duplicate sales sheet.

Please hand your sale plants to a Committee Member rostered on for the duty and have them marked off and put onto the Trading Table. Occasionally some plants do not sell, same procedure at take out time - take plants to Committee Member and have them deleted from the same list. This will make Judy's job so much easier. Thank you.

# March Monthly Floral Competition

## Open Division

### Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid

73 Den. Baby Dionella Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

### Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

67 C. Mrs. Mahler 'Memoria Fred Tomkins' Bev & John Gay (65) 3

68 C. Valentine Day 'Tiget' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 2

69 C. Valentine Day 'Rosalie' Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 1

### Laeliinae Non Standard Other

70 Bc. Green Giant Geoff & Lucy Spear (5) 3

71 C. Lulu 'Pink Blush' Bev & John Gay (65) 2

72 Lc. Interceps 'Hindmarsh' Bev & John Gay (65) 1

### Laeliinae Species

60 C. Iodigesi Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 3

61 B. nodosa Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 2

62 Epi. ciliare Bev & John Gay (65) 1

### Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

63 Lc. Prism Palette Richard & Heather Fishlock (134) 3

### Laeliinae Standard > 100MM

64 C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' Bev & John Gay (65) 3

65 Lc. Rosie's Surprise Richard & Beryl Wilson (321) 2

### Laeliinae Standard Cluster

66 Ctna. Jamaica Red 'Orchid Centre' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

### Oncidiinae Hybrid

82 Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

83 Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' Bev & John Gay (65) 2

84 Milt. (atrorubens x spectabilis) Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 1

### Oncidiinae Species

81 Onc. onustum 'Richella' Noel Oliver (102) 3

### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

88 Dendrochilum uncatum Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

### Paphiopedilum Novelty

80 Paph. Clifton Booth Helmut & Ursula Herrmann (1489) 3

### Phalaenopsis/Dor. Novelty

85 Dtps. Queen Beer 'Red Sky' Richard & Heather Fishlock (134) 3

### Vandaeae Hybrid

86 Sart. Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice' Noel Oliver (102) 3

### Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

94 Z. Memoria Lottie Lehmann Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3

## First Division

### Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

57 Cym. (name unknown) Heather Engelhardt (263) 3

### Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

54 C. Valentine Day 'Suzie' Suzanne Saunders (1481) 3

55 C. Mrs. Mahler 'Memoria Fred Tomkins' Suzanne Saunders (1481) 2

### Laeliinae Non Standard Other

56 C. Valentine Day 'Osborne' Murray Baulderstone (25) 3

### Laeliinae Species

52 C. guttata var. Leopoldii Suzanne Saunders (1481) 3

### Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

53 C. Caudebec x Sc. Batemanniana Suzanne Saunders (1481) 3

### Oncidiinae Hybrid

75 Milt. Cogniauxiae Rito Silvestri (302) 3

76 Milt. (name unknown) William Clark (407) 2

### Paphiopedilum Novelty

74 Paph. (Redstart x charlesworthii) \*\* Terri Rees (50) 3

### Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

77 Z. Helen-Ku 'Green Elf' Kevin Trevan (295) 3

78 Hmwsa. Iron Bark Kevin Trevan (295) 2

79 Z. Redvale Norman Woodend (1525) 1

\*\* Note: Paph. (Redstat x charlesworthii) – registered as Paph. Mrs. Esther Atkins

## Second Division

### Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

42 Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern' John Dunn (600) 3

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

43 Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves' Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436) 3

44 Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust' Dene & Wendy Light (162) 2

### Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

45 C. Valentine Day 'Purple Haze' Jean Irvine (1151) 3

46 C. Valentine Day 'Cardinal Velvet' John Dunn (600) 2

47 C. Valentine Day Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436) 1

### Oncidiinae Hybrid

49 Milt. Goodale Moir Anne & Colin Campbell (479) 3

50 Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2

51 Milt. (Moirmoir x regnellii) John Dunn (600) 1

### Oncidiinae Species

48 Onc. flexuosum Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

### Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

58 Z. Pine Road 'Jay Dee' John Dunn (600) 3

59 Cym. Maureen Grapes x Z. Blackii John Dunn (600) 2

## On the Bench at the March Meeting

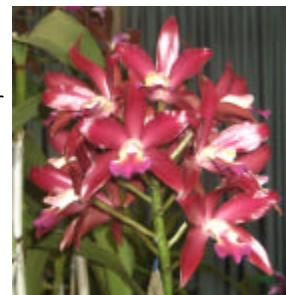
**Flower of Open Division:** *C. Hawaiian Wedding Song* 'Virgin' benched by Bev and John Gay. A large strongly grown plant carrying five inflorescences, four with the flowers fully open and one still in bud. The flowers were 120mm wide and high, were well formed and flat with pure white sepals and petals and a white labellum with very pale yellow at its base. A very attractive plant and most rewarding to grow.



**Flower of First Division and Flower of the Night:** *C. Valentine Day* 'Susie' benched by Suzanne Saunders. This cluster *Cattleya* had one inflorescence of 14 flowers evenly arranged around the upper portion of the stem. The flowers were about 80mm wide and 100mm high. The sepals, 15mm wide and petals which were 20mm wide, were deep purplish-maroon and were highly glossy. The labellum had a flat pinkish-purple central lobe and pinkish cream side lobes that curved up and over the column completely covering it.



**Flower of Second Division:** *C. Valentine Day* benched by Jean Irvine. The flowers of this plant of the *C. Valentine Day* grex were similar in form to those of the flower of the night but slightly smaller and different in colour. The sepals and petals were a few shades lighter but the central lobe of the labellum was a little darker with yellow at its base and the side-lobes, which curved up over the column were pinkish purple.



The March display was still small but there were more plants benched than the previous month. Members are to be congratulated for the display and for getting them to flower in the harsh weather that we have had this summer. A few of

the other plants shown at the last meeting were:

### **Open Division.**

A attractive primary hybrid, *Milt. (atrorubens x spectabilis)*, was benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. It bore two inflorescences, each with two flowers 75mm across and 85mm high. The flowers had purple sepals and petals, the petals being a little wider than the sepals, and a large flat labellum 40mm wide and 45mm long, dark purple at the base and shading to lighter pink-purple at the outer edge. There were 10 darker purple veins lines radiating from the labellum base to the inner edge of the pink-purple zone.

Benched by Noel Oliver (102) was *Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'*. A well grown plant with a single inflorescence carrying 12 flowers (and there appeared to be two more rudimentary bud in the two leaf axils above the mature inflorescence). Flowers were about 30mm across by 35mm high with white sepals and petals spotted purplish-pink towards their bases. The small light pinkish-purple labellum was edged purple and had a white spot at its centre.

### **First Division.**

Z. Helen Ku 'Green Elf' was benched by Kevin Trevan. A small plant, it carried a single inflorescence of five flowers. The sepals and petals were dark brown edged with a narrow strip of green all around and green at their base. Sepals were about twice the width of the petals. the labellum was almost solid purple at its base with a net of purple veining towards the outer region.

### **Second Division.**

A small plant of *Onc. flexuosum* was benched by Judy and Rod McRedmond. It carried a single branched inflorescence bearing many flowers, the small yellow sepals and petals were barred brown and the broad labellum was bright yellow.



## **Ian Attenborough**

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Don Nesbit is the older brother of Les Nesbit. You will find Don a very interesting Speaker. He will tell us all about ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE. Don grows many other genera, but his favourite is ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE. This is the first time he has spoken at our Main Meeting so we are in for a treat. Don joined O.C.S.A. in 1985 and was Treasurer for many years. Now he is a Life Member. He was also Treasurer of N.E.D.O.S.

### **WISH LIST**

*Neofinettia* - yellow variety

*Stenoglottis woodii* - white

Please phone Lucy on 8381 4420

### **COMMITTEE FOR 2007**

President - Geoff Spear, Vice Presidents - Ron Parish, Murray Baulderstone, Secretary - Lucy Spear, Treasurer - Judy McRedmond, Committee - Donna Meeuwssen, Dorothy Carasai, Joan McMahon, Henk van Leuerven, Julian Tolhurst, Bridget Robinson, John Dunn.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

### **AUTUMN SHOW - CENTRO COLONNADES**

JUDGING AND MAIN MEETING - 2nd May 2007.. Plants must be benched by 6.30pm, please. Hall open at 6pm. Working Members please arrange for someone to collect your plats for you. All plants put in for judging, should be available for the show so please make arrangements for them to go to Colonnades. Last year quite a number of plants missed out on getting into the display. I'm sure you all want the general public to see a grand display and make South Coast Orchid Club the talk of the South. Especially the prize winning plants must take prime position in the display. Put in Sunday, 6th May 2007. T.B.A. Centro Colonnades in front of Harris Scarfes - old section. Take out - Saturday, 12th May 2007.

**WINTER SHOW - CENTRO ARNDALE** (In front of Harris Scarfes). JUDGING - Saturday, 21st July, T.B.A. am, Hamilton School. TAKE OUT - Saturday, 28th July at 4.30pm. More information later.

**SPRING SHOW - CENTRO ARNDALE** (In front of Harris Scarfes). JUDGING - Saturday, 22nd September, T.B.A. am, at Hamilton School. TAKE OUT - Saturday 29th September, 4.30pm. More information later.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP SHOW** Thursday, August 16th to Sunday 19th August. Venue - Victor Harbor Lutheran Church, Adelaide Rd, Victor Harbor. JUDGING - Thursday 16th August 2007.

**FACTORY TOUR** of Haighs Chocolate Factory, 24th April 11.30am. It will take approximately 45 mins and I'm sure they will supply us with some goodies. Please let Judy or Lucy know about attendance as we need 15 - 20 members for the tour.

**ROYAL SHOW OCSA** T.B.A.

**ORCHID SEMINAR** Sunday, 3rd June - - Workshop - 10.00am - 4.00pm, BBQ lunch. Watch for more information. This will be a day to remember.

**NORTHERN BUS TRIP** - August or November - T.B.A. - MYSTERY ORCHID TRIP.

**PLANT VISITS** - Rosemary and Moss Bray, Sim Orchids and Graham Morris, Valley Orchids, 1st July 2007.

**DECEMBER LOBETHAL LIGHTS** - Stopping for a meal on the way.

## **SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP**

Congratulations to Barbara and Clyde Ziegeler, first to win Plant of the Day, with *Dock wassellii*

Thank you to Iris and Alan Davies. Allan is a very interesting Speaker and touched on a lot of subjects we all need to know about. Iris was the Judge for the Day. This must be a very interesting house with 2 Judges in the same household and they both grow orchids. As you can imagine they live very busy lifestyles.

Next month, by request, Graham Morris, a very popular man with all clubs, and of course the subject is Cymbidiums. Graham will also bring plants down for sale.

Judge - Noel Oliver

Congratulations to B and C Ziegeler for March Plant of the Day - Cymbidium Kasuda Shining Geyserland.

Thank you to Elsie and Reg Clifford for hosting the Orchid Workshop. I am sure we all had a great day and went away with a feeling of satisfaction, knowing we can all learn from each other and had a very enjoyable day. Geraldine and Peter Flavel, Noel Oliver, Robyn and John Dunn, and Geoff Spear were Speakers at the Workshop. Thankyou for contributing to such a great day and passing on so much of your knowledge learnt over many years from trial and error. Tinonee Orchids, Moss Bray and Graham Morris all contributed to the day with raffle plants.

Members may remember Leila May Orchids, Hackham, their daughter would like to have a division or back bulb of Flagstaff Hill 'Nicole' or Mini Mint 'Maxine'. These plants are named after members of their family. Please phone Maxine on 8552 5216.

### **DAYTIME GROUP**

Hi Everyone, What a great afternoon we had at the Daytime Group. We had three New Members join our Club, lovely people who seemed very interested in growing Orchids and learning more about them. This was very exciting in itself, but our Guest Speaker, Mr. Geoff Spear was in excellent form again as Geoff has been growing Cymbidium Orchids for many years and he sure knows how to grow them to perfection, so his information is well worth listening to. He divided up a large plant, which had spikes coming on, so he had to be careful, usually he wouldn't have done this so late in the season, but he thought it really needed doing. This was perfect timing for our New Members and he showed how to divide the plant, how to clean it up, how to position the plant in the pot, how and when to fertilize, labeling the plant, which is very important. Geoff, also passed on lots of little hints and tips, and other very useful information. Thanks Geoff for a great demonstration and informative discussion. I'm sure everyone enjoyed your talk.

Apologies today from Ron and Irene Parish, Bridget and Julian, Marie Bravery and Joan McMahan. We hope to see you all again soon.

Our popular vote on our display Orchids was won by Mrs. Lucy Spear. Congratulations Lucy, a beautiful White Cattleya Orchid - Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' . A well grown plant of 2 spikes with 7 large white blooms in total. Thank you to all who brought in their plants of all various Genera for us all to enjoy. Well done, everyone. Geoff also did the Plant Commentary for us and he did an excellent job of this, with lots of detailed information. Thanks, Geoff for a top job.

P.S. I'm still looking for clean, no logo, plastic shopping bags.  
Bye Dorothy



### **Welcome & Congratulations to NEW MEMBERS**

Iris Freeman, Barbra and Lance Davis, Craig Harkness,  
Jim Reynolds, Mollie and Neville Jarvis

### **ITEMS FROM THE EDITORS DESK**

Cd ROMs of gazettes to date since the inception of electronic Gazettes are available again

This year for a cost of \$11.00 incl. GST. Contact Ron should you like to purchase one. It is a permanent record on a very convenient storage mechanism. And saves holding large quantities

of paper! The pictures are very high quality If you would like one please contact Ron. The profits of these items go to the Club

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

If you have a particularly beautiful or unusual orchid flower and you are unable to get it to a show or meeting, contact Ron to arrange for it to be photographed for inclusion in the Gazette. No flower is too small (down to less than a mm). You won't be disappointed the picture is very high quality and will you be able to take it away on a diskette which you can have printed later either by Ron or at a normal 'Photo shop'

**The taking of the picture is free and is offered** on the basis that we can all share in the beauty of your orchid.

### **PUBLIC LIABILITY**

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## WATER RESTRICTIONS

Subsequent to our February Meeting we have received a letter from S A Water clarifying the use of sprinklers and misters in enclosed 'houses ' and we publish it below for all members to read.



Our Ref 070219 Graham Morris  
Inquiries Water Restriction Hotline  
Telephone 1800 130 952

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WATER CORPORATION

19/02/2007

Graham Morris  
Valley Orchids  
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in response to phone conversation you had with Shona on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2007 regarding the Level 3 Water restrictions and their impact on private growers within your organisation.

As discussed with Shona, for the use of sprinkler systems, shade houses that are fully enclosed are exempt under Level 3 Water Restrictions. Drippers or micro-mist with an output of less than 0.5L per minute may be used at anytime, however if not fully enclosed they must only be used between 8pm & 8am.

SA Water will not permit fertigation to occur unless proof that appropriate backflow device has been installed. Devices need to be on both the residence pipe work and just before the SA Water supply. Once SA Water is satisfied that an appropriate backflow device has been correctly installed we will only permit fertigation to occur during the allocated watering times.

I hope this answers all your questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Keen'.

Michael Keen  
Water Conservation Officer  
Development Services  
SA Water Corporation

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