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The South Coast Orchid Club Inc. Gazette

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AT A GLANCE

THE NEXT MEETING of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 10th May 2005 at St Bernadette's Church Hall at St Marys.

Guest Speaker; Symon Lenke Subject; Cym Orchids and where they are heading

BEGINNERS CLASS 7.15 before the main meeting

Presentation for shows. Presenter John Robinson –Subject; Virus

PENCILLORS CLASS - 7.15 before meeting.

Subject –All other Orchids Team leader Richard Fishlock. T. Reece, M. Tiggeman, Wendy Lodge, M.Cunningham, R & G Eckhard.

DAYTIME to be held at South Brighton community hall, Dover Square, Broadway, South Brighton, Thursday 12th May 2005 at 2pm. Guest speaker is Don Wells – Back to basics with Australian Natives

SPECIES GROUP 2nd May 2005 at 8pm South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway South Brighton.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP – Sunday 15th May 2005 at Carrackalinga House, 17-19 Torrens St Victor Harbor at 2pm. PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME OF 2PM Guest Speaker – Ron Parish and Trevor Garard.

PLANT RAFFLE–Norm Woodend & Helmut Hermann Thank you Norm & Helmut

LOOK WHAT'S NEW ON THE INTERNET

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http://members.optusnet.com.au/~vcs_filming/

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

It will pay to visit regularly as I put up new material as it comes to hand (at the moment there are many pictures from the Royal Show and our Spring Show

Have an opinion or something to say

contact the Editor Ron Parish

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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.

2005 Club meeting dates

June

5 Southern Group
6 Species Group
14 Main T Bourne on Judging
16 Daytime

July

4 Species Group
10 Southern Group
12 Main, Group 40th Birthday
14 Daytime Group

August

1 Species Group
9 Main, M. Osborne min Cyms
11 Daytime Group
14 Southern Group

September

4 Southern Group
5 Species Group
13 Main, Smoults on products
15 Daytime Group

October

3 Species Group
9 Southern Group
11 Main—fertilizers & Stanhopeas
13 Daytime Group

November

7 Species Group
8 Main Kevin Weston on conservation
10 Daytime Group
20 Southern Group

December

11 Southern Group
13 Main
15 Daytime Group

February 2006

5 Species Group BBQ
14 Main A.G.M
12 Daytime Group
Southern Group Date to be confirmed

WHAT'S ON BEFORE THE MEETING?

Trading Table: Don Biebrick. – You'll find don here each month to give advice on all new lines available. He has been a loyal member over many years.

Plant Raffle Tickets: Peter Fenton another very loyal member always there to sell tickets.

Library: Henk another great guy you'll find books here.

Treasurer: Judy McRedmond. Ready to take your money

JUDGES: Registrar Ted Chance

Judges: Open; John Gay, Reg Shooter

First Div; M Chance Bertie Bower

Second Div; Noel Oliver G Zerbe

Computer B Gay

Penciller P Flavel

Penciller G Flavel

Penciller M Baulderstone

LUCKY NAME BADGE make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!!

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

MONTHLY ROSTERS

Supper: Gloria Smith

Public Liability

Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

VICTORIAN COUNTRY ORCHID CLUBS CHALLENGE

1ST 2ND & 3RD July 2005

COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

McKenzie Street

COBDEN

Friday 1st July Set up 9.00am – 5.00pm

Friday night Dinner (Cobden Technical School)

7.00pm BBQ tea. Guest Speaker and raffle

(BYO alcohol Soft drinks available) COST \$10.00pp

Saturday 2nd July – CHALLENGE OPEN 12.n –5.00pm

Saturday 2nd July 9.00am Bus tour (Departs Technical School) Timboon Cheese, Great Ocean Road, Lakes and Crater Country and Much more COST \$10.00pp

Afternoon Seminar (Deanne Johnston and Bill Miles

Saturday night Dinner (Cobden Golf Club, Neylon Street Cobden)

6.30pm Pre dinner drinks (at bar prices no BYO)

Meal to start 7.00pm (COST \$20.00pp) Casual dress

Guest Speaker – Murray Shergolde

Presentations, plant auction and raffle

Sunday 3rd July CHALLENGE OPEN 9.00am –3.00pm

Sunday 3rd July 9.30am Walk/Talk with the judges

Pull down 3.00pm

For Saturday night dinner please phone Sec. Leanne Rethus 0355951527

COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

President; Geoff Spear

Vice Presidents; Ron Parish (convener species group) and Murray Baulderstone

Treasurer; Judy McRedmond

Secretary; Lucy Spear.

Committee;

Editor and Minute Secretary: Position Vacant

Daytime Convenor and Assistant Treasurer; Dorothy Carassai

Librarian; Hank Van Leuveran

Plant Visits & House Organizers Merv Steele, John Nichols, David Cammack. Des. AI-sop

AUTUMN SHOW

JUDGING

VENUE- **JUDGING NOARLUNGA COLLEGE Theatre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga**

Judging will take place in the Foyer

Date Sunday 1st of May

Time 10.30 Sharp

Show venue Harris Scarfe (same as last year) in front of Harris Scarfes

Show dates Monday 2nd of May to Saturday 7th May

Put in time – When judges have finished judging member may take their own plant over to be put into display or committee will attend to them.

Registrar; R Fishlock 10am

Rostered Judges are requested to be in attendance in the Theatre, Ramsay Place Noarlunga on Sunday 1st. May by 10.30 a.m.

Judging Panels are as follows:

Panel 1. Reg Shooter (leader), Noel Oliver - Penciller – Murray Balderstone.

Genera – Aust. Natives, Paphs, Phals., Vandas,

Panel 2. Pat Harmer (leader), Heather Fishlock – Penciller – Geraldine Flavel

Genera – Dens. (Not A.N.), Laeliinae, Onc., Zygos.

Panel 3. Dave Harmer (leader), Bert Bower, - Penciller – Peter Flavel

Genera – All Cyms., Any Other Genera.

* Panels are to judge the genera from all three Divisions.

In addition the following learner Pencillers are to also report for practical training:

Ruth Eckhard, Malcolm Tiggeman, Terri Rees, Wendy Lodge,

Michael Cunningham and John Robinson

BUS TRIP

Committee need to have booking and \$10.00 deposit by the May meeting so we can arrange a bus. Full price is \$25.00 per head

Sunday 7th August 2005 Eve and Jim Cuming – Freeling – BBQ Lunch at Freeling

On the way home stop off for afternoon tea and visit to N Zurcher at Virginia. Nicky has mixed Genera but is very well known for his Paphiopedilum.

TRADING TABLE

Members Please note If you offer plants on our Monthly Trading Table....

Provide a list your plants with name of plant, price and your show no.

Please do not remove plants from Trading Table without permission of our Trading Table Officer, Don Biebrick.

This will make Don's job a lot easier and then his money tally's to hand over to the treasurer will balance.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

Our April Daytime Meeting this afternoon was a very happy and successful occasion, with everyone enjoying the talk and receiving lots of very useful information from our guest speaker Mr. John Robinson, who went to a lot of trouble bringing in all fertilizers and products that he uses to get his Orchids to grow and flower very successfully.

Thank you so much John, for sharing this knowledge with us, I'm sure we all learnt something, each member was given some printed information to take home, hopefully to put this into good use, this is the only way to get good results, and it's certainly worth the effort, to see the lovely blooms the following season.

Apologies were put in for Mrs. Peg Van Den Broeke, Mr. Ron Parish and Mrs. Geraldine Flavel, hope to see you all again soon, it was great to have Mrs. Wiera Bicanin back with us again after a short absence.

We had some lovely plants benched this afternoon, Dendrobiums, Cattleya and a lovely little mauve/pink flowered plant of Lucy's Neostylus Lou Sneary 'Kultaua'.

Our popular vote selection was a draw to-day, Mrs. Marie Bravery and Mr. Don Biebrick plants were voted equal first, Marie's plant C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' had lots of lovely white blooms and Don's was a C. Minerva 'Highercombe', a mauve flower with a deep red lip with a white throat, both very well presented and well grown, congratulations to you both.

Mr. Norm Gitsham bought in some Frangipanni cuttings, which were distributed to those who wished to take them to plant, thank you Norm, that was a great idea, much better than disposing of them in a bin.

Thank you also to Geoff and Lucy for this months raffle plants, very much appreciated.

The meeting was closed, a cuppa and a biscuit, plus a chat amongst the members was the next thing on the agenda.

Bye,
Dorothy

Amendments to our Constitution

We are pleased to advise you that our Constitution is finally redrafted incorporating the changes which were indicated at the February A.G.M. to which your approval was sought.

We were required to lodge the new Constitution and resolution by Tuesday 19 April with Consumer Affairs..

Please note that we have put the new Constitution on the website for you to access and read (the old one is also there for you to compare). We will be asking you to confirm our new constitution.



Welcome & Congratulations to

Dorothy Presser

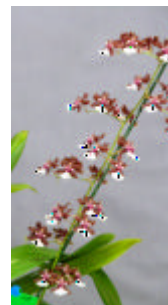
Welcome back

Josephine Ogrowsky

John Dunn (Both were members in the late 70's)

APRIL MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

Flower of Open Division and Flower of the Night: *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' grown by Geraldine and Peter Flavel. An old favourite registered in 1983, this was a very well grown and presented example of the clone. It had two tall branching upright spikes, one with 79 and the other 65 flowers with deep crimson sepals and petals and a white label-



Open Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

187	Den. Beryl Wuth	Helmut & Ursula Herrmann (1489)	3
188	Den. (Aussie Angel x Lorikeet)	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
189	Den. Hilda oxon	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	1

Australian native epiphyte species

166	Cym. canaliculatum var. Alba	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
186	Den. schredence	Noel Oliver (102)	2

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

180	Cym. Kaulani 'Concordia'	Helmuth Gerber (42)	3
181	Cym. (Arkaroola x Peter Pan)	Helmuth Gerber (42)	2

Cymbidium species (any size)

179	Cym. dayanum	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3
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Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

168	Den. Tango Queen	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	2
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

200	C. Minerva 'Highercombe'	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3
201	C. Bactia 'Forever Yours'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
202	C. Kew	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

203	C. Mary Elizabeth 'Royal Fare'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
204	Bc. Binosa 'Lyn'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Laeliinae species

192	C. bowringiana	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
193	Enc. cochleata	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	2
194	Epi. morpax	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

195	Ctna. Dal's Capri	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
196	Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2

Laeliinae Standard > 100MM

197	C. Ovation 'Richard'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
198	Lc. Erin Kobachi	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1

Laeliinae Standard Cluster

199	C. Portia 'Gloriosa'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Oncidiinae hybrid

173	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
174	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Oncidiinae species

172	Onc. bictoniense	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	2
175	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - hybrid

207	Phrag. Calurum	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

205	Gga. fufescens	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
206	Pleuro prolifera	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2

Paphiopedilum Novelty

170	Paph. Java Point 'Quishau'	Helmut & Ursula Herrmann (1489)	3
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Paphiopedilum species

169	Paph. purpuratum 'Hong Kong'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Phalaenopsis species

171	Doritis pulcherrima	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
176	Phal. pulchra	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
177	Doritis pulcherrima	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Vandaceous Hybrid

178	Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Kuitana'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
182	Ascda. (Fuchs Gold x Dong Tarn)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2

Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

183	Hmwsa. Licorice	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
184	Z. Titanic 'Pinaform'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
185	Hmswa. Aussie Quest 'Reynella'	Trevor Garard (152)	1

Flower of the Night in Second Division was another species, *Rssgls. grande*, grown by Ruth and Gunter Eckhard. This was a small plant of four growths and three back bulbs with three yellow and brown flowers, which were about 14cm across, on a single spike. It was attractively presented with Spanish moss covering the growing medium



First Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

157	Den. Hilda Poxon	Terri Rees (50)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

145	Cym. One Tree Hill 'Doris'	Silvester Ng (1491)	3
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146	Cym. Mini Verd	Norman Woodend (1525)	2
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147	Cym. Chalet Suzanne	Ian & Denise Attenborough (450)	1
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

163	Blc. Greg's Lucky Canyon x Lc. Jose Dias Castro	Merv & Shirley Steele (140)	3
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164	Lc. Chit Chat	Murray Baulderstone (25)	2
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Laeliinae species

158	Enc. citrina x Mariae	Terri Rees (50)	2
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Laeliinae Standard > 100MM

159	C. Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
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Laeliinae Standard Cluster

160	C. Browniae 'Riga'	John Robinson (1448)	3
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161	C. Browniae 'Riga'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	2
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162	C. Rose Drop	John Robinson (1448)	1
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Oncidiinae hybrid

149	Onc. Kaiulani	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
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150	Hwra. Mini-Primi	Terri Rees (50)	2
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151	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Mutation'	Merv & Shirley Steele (140)	1
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Oncidiinae species

148	Onc. flexuosum	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

154	Stenoglottis longifolia	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
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153	Stenoglottis longifolia	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
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Paphiopedilum Novelty

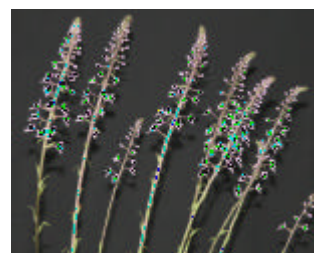
152	Paph. (name unknown)	Terri Rees (50)	2
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Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

155	Z. Titanic 'Monarch'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
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156	Z. Titanic 'Regal'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	2
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Flower of the Night in First Division was the species *Sngl. longifolia* grown by Suzanne Willcox. It was a well-grown plant in a small pot with 10 spikes of small well displayed spotted lavender pink flowers. One of the features of these flowers is the way in which the centre lobe of the labellum is divided into 5 fine strips giving it the appearance of being bearded.



Second Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

135	Den. Hilda Poxon	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
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136	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Elvie'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

137	Cym. (name unknown)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

138	Cym. Maureen Grapes	Daniel Spear (324)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

139	Lc. Stan Page x C. bowringiana	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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140	C. (Meadii x amethystoglossa)	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	2
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Oncidiinae species

141	Rossgls. grande	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
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Phalaenopsis Standard

142	Phal. (name unknown)	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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143	Phal. (name unknown)	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
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AROUND THE BENCHES BY IAN ATTENBOROUGH

Open Division

There was an excellent variety of plants of high quality covering a wide range of judging classes in open division.

Two plants of the species *Neolehmannia porpax* (*syn. Epi. porpax*) were benched, one by Gerald Voskamp and the other by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. The small heavily textured waxy flowers have greenish yellow sepals and petals and a deep red labellum, and are borne singly from the apex of the plant growths.

An interesting small slab mounted Australian native epiphytic species *Den. schneiderae* benched by Noel Oliver had a single arching spike of 14 open flowers and 8 buds. The flowers were greenish yellow and less than 1cm across.

Another interesting small flowered plant was the hybrid *Lc. Rojo Redhead* x *Ctna. Why Not* benched by Gerald Voskamp. It had one spike on a small plant carrying four open flowers and one bud. The flowers, 43mm wide and 46mm long, had deep red sepals and petals with yellow bases and a deep red labellum with red stripes on its yellow base.

A Vandaceous hybrid, *Neostylis* Lou Sneary 'Kuitava' was benched by Lucy and Geoff Spear. There were five spikes with a good display of small creamish flowers flushed pale lavender pink and there were two spikes still to open. *Neost.* is an intergeneric hybrid between the genera *Neofinetia* and *Rhynchostylis*, and *Neost.* Lou Sneary is a primary hybrid between *Neof. falcata* and *Rhy. coelestis*.

First Division

At this time of the year the Laeliinae are to the fore and there were a number benched in first division, one being the standard cluster, *C. Browniae* 'Riga', grown by John Robinson. A large plant with six spikes, the flowers having overlapped sepals and petals, resulting in 'filled in' flowers, of even lavender colour with a cream labellum finely edged in deeper lavender.

Another plant in the Laeliinae group grown, by Shirley and Merv. Steel, was *Bl. Greys Lucky Canyon* x *Lc. Jose Dialcastro*. It had two spikes, one with four fully open flowers with sepals and petals of an unusual greenish orange colour and a labellum with a crimson centre lobe and a yellow base, the other spike had five flowers still opening.

An interesting species, *Milt. spectabilis* var. *moreliana* grown by Terri Rees, had three spikes bearing a single flower of very dark purple sepals and petals and a lighter purple labellum with crimson veining towards its base.

Second Division

A non-standard Laeliinae plant benched in this division was *Lc. Stan Page* x *C. bowringiana* grown by Judy and Rod McRedmond. The plant was well presented with two spikes of three flowers each of even lavender colouring and a dark purple labellum. There were four more spikes either in sheath or in bud.

Ian Attenborough

Thank you Ian for your articles on flowers seen on the monthly benches
I apologize for not acknowledging this fact earlier Ron

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

Apologies for all the confusion, first to all the maintenance work and finding our way into the venue, then the church group who also hire the hall had their dates confused, never mind after a few phone calls it's all sorted out now. We will need to use the front door for the next two months and the church group know the dates they can have the hall.

Another great meeting 15 members attended, 7 apologies.

Geoff Spear spoke on the breeding program a very involved subject, but now it gives some insight into how the plants are grown from seed.

Murray Baulderstone spoke on cluster. Cattleya one of his favorite Genera. Thank you Trevor Garard for the terrestrial orchid corms he donated to the members and instructions how to grow them.

Next month- your in for a treat.

Ron Parish – a very busy man, we are lucky to have Ron as a speaker.

Subject – Other Orchids you could grow at Victor

Trevor Garard – Subject – Zygopetalum and Phalaenopsis

Both men are well versed in these subjects

NOTE NEW TIME 2PM IN THE GAMES ROOM

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Glad to report – here we are all back in Adelaide, safe and sound. Although I wish I could say, none the worse for wear!

I think the first week back we all felt 10 years older!

We all had a wonderful time at the Conference. As for the flowers – they were all very nice but as we all know, Australia grows a great orchid. I saw nothing that I haven't seen here. Mind you, the displays were magnificent and I have it all on video tape. Dorothy has booked me as a guest speaker on 11th August at the Daytime Group or Reg Shooter and I have been booked to speak at other clubs so perhaps you could catch up with the video at these functions.

Lucy and I have been overseas quite a few times, but this was the first time to Europe. Dijon was very different to what I expected. The 12 Aussies in our group had a wonderful time in Holland and we all found Delft a very nice town. This was mostly due to Leon Van Rijn. He had some of us stay with him in Pynaker while the others in the group stayed in Delft. He also hired a huge bus for us to tour around Holland. He is a very nice and generous man.

Unfortunately we were one week too late to see the snow and three weeks too early to see the tulips! Nevertheless, Holland was a great place to visit.

Switzerland was Lucy's great dream and she was not disappointed. We had great weather with the sun shining all day. We spend a full day in "Heidi Land" and Mt Titlus – what incredible scenery! I didn't even think of my orchids.

Then it was off to Hong Kong where we did some very nice tours and saw some great orchids!

Home never looked so good. If I ever go that far away again it will be first class so I will need to strike Tats! I still feel cramped up from the long plane trip. Overall, however, it was great company, great weather, great food, some fantastic scenery and, of course, wonderful orchids!

Our Autumn show is approaching. Please ring Lucy on 8381 4420 if you need plants picked up or any other help. Let's once again make this a great show!

Please save your plastic shopping bags for Dorothy. Open Division growers, I hear you have some great flowers to show as always! Second Division growers – remember, please bring your plants along for judging! The plant you leave home could be a winner! First Division growers – the aim is for the best Autumn Show ever! We did it last year, let's make it even better this year! Remember, 1st May, 10.30 am sharp, Noarlunga College Theatre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga.

If you have a problem with the "put in" time, phone Lucy and I will pick up your plants.

Members – I am so very pleased with the progress our club is making. It is a credit to every member of the club to see the growth in attendance and you all so happy at meetings!

The plant visits this year will be a lot of fun. And the girls are making great progress with the planning for this years dinner (just mention Party Time to Shirley, Lucy and Dorothy, and the organising is on the way!)

Our wine sale was excellent and there is not a lot still on hand! The wine glasses are selling well – they are a great memento of our club.

Dorothy's raffle has some great prizes! You may like to ask Dorothy for a book to sell to friends and relatives.

Well – this great year is truly on its way now! Good growing! Regards, Geoff

TO MARK THE OCCASION OF OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY

ORDERS TAKEN AT EACH MEETING

COMMEMORATIVE GLASSES

\$7.60 EACH OR 6 Glasses \$43.60 save \$1.60

COMMEMORATIVE WINE (Padtheway Shiraz)

\$8.50 per bottle

SPECIAL DEAL (save \$1.70)
2 Glasses & bottle of wine \$22.00



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SPECIES GROUP

Some interesting species seen at the last Meeting

A very good meeting with many different genera species brought along by the members for viewing and discussion. It is surprising who grows species flowers and brings them along to these meetings. A lot of these are not seen at monthly meetings because of the small nature of the flowers but with the aid of the large illuminated magnifying glass the beauty, colour and structure of these small flowers can be appreciated. I thank all members who go to the trouble of bringing these species along for all to enjoy.

Following is a selection from the many benched.

***Cattleya bowringiana* 'Casa Luna'**

An interesting species with tall pseudobulbs for a *Cattleya* and is one of the few with two thick leaves sometimes up to four. It is easy to grow and in nature comes from Honduras and Guatemala where it grows on trees and rocks near streams. Various clones of this are available to the grower and the particular one seen here is 'Casa Luna' which has the darker more rich mauve to blue flowers than some of the others. There can be a few flowers to 20 or so approx. 70 to 80mm across. It is used extensively for the breeding of the tall cluster type Cattleyas and is the main parent of many clusters seen at the Monthly Meetings over the last couple of months.



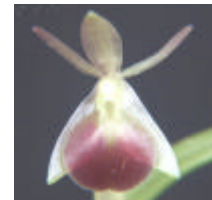
Dendrobium prenticei

A spreading Australian Native epiphyte species found in North-east Queensland between Cairns and Mackay. It has very small rounded dark green leaves about 10mm long and 3-4mm across and the flowers about 5-6mm across are light green to white with a yellow/orange labellum with a dark red stripe. The single flower is produced on a thin stem 15mm long arising from the base of the leaf and rhizome with segments overlapping and spreading. It grows in nature on rocks and trees in open forest with heavy rainfall and high humidity. It is often confused with *Dendrobium lichenastrum* which has flatter more button like leaves and a different flower colour. Grows well here in Adelaide on tree-firn or wooden slabs with plenty of misting on hot days.



Epidendrum porpax

Another small and interesting species often purchased as ***Neolehmannia porpax***. It comes from Mexico through to Columbia growing as an epiphyte pine and oak trees at high altitudes to 7,000 feet and has small reed-like stems branching in all directions. The single flower 8 to 10mm across yellow/green with a dark red shiny labellum arises from the apex of the stems and grows well here in a shallow pan or on a mount. It does not take long to become a specimen with dozens of flowers covering the whole of the pan or mount.



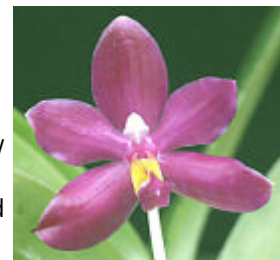
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Phalaenopsis fasciata

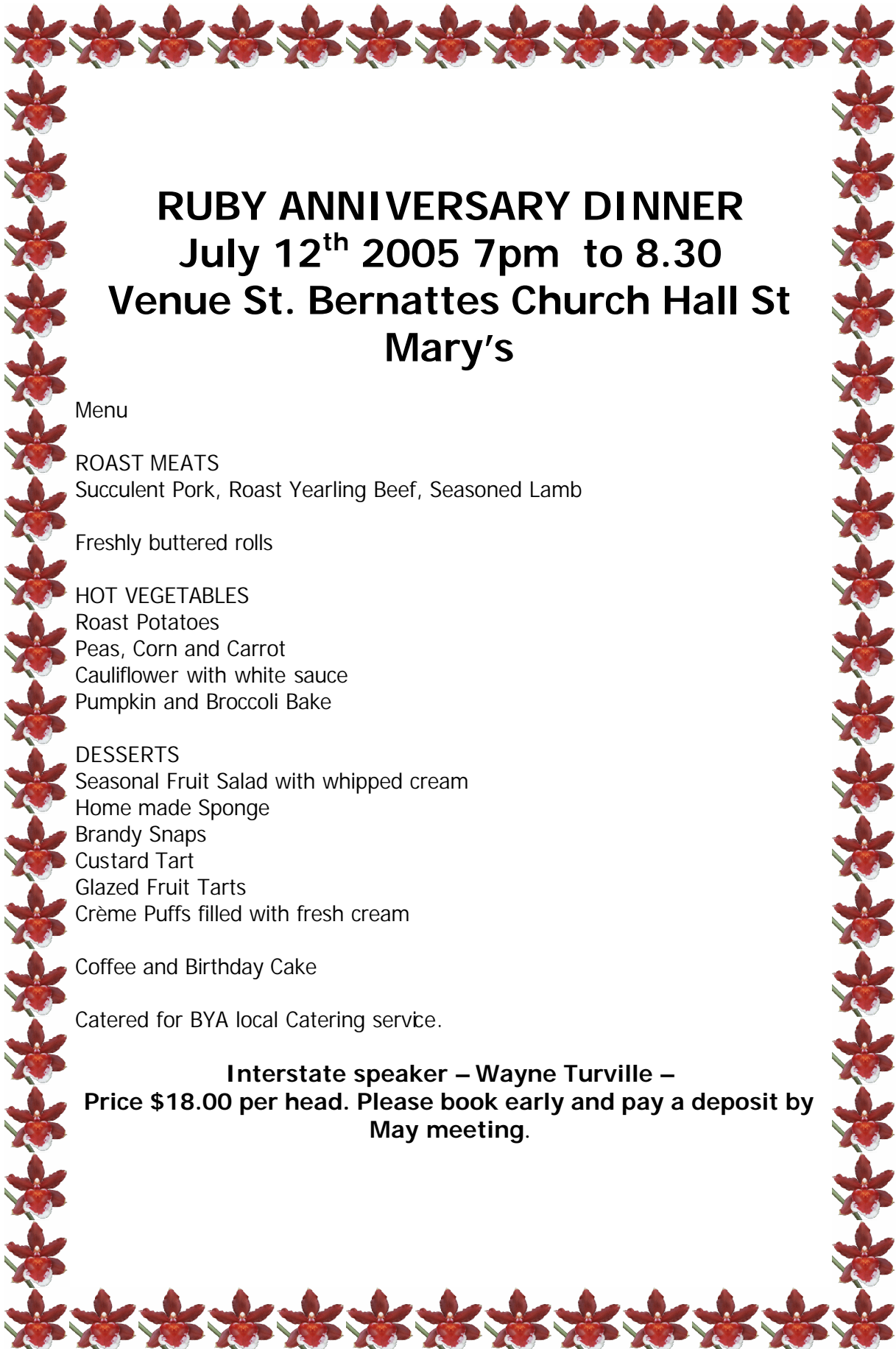
This species is generally confused with *Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana* and is found in the Philippines. It grows at low altitudes in hot and humid rain forests and is a small rambling plant because the flower stems produce many Ki-Ki's with new roots and flower again from this plantlet. The flowers are about 40mm across, long lasting and are used in hybridising to get yellow flowers with brown/red bars and blotching.

Phalaenopsis pulchra

Another species from the Philippines and is a small plant growing at low altitudes and it also is inclined to produce plantlets from previously flowered stems. The long lasting flowers are 30 to 40mm across of a rich shiny dark purple colour and are produced in ones and twos. It is used in hybridising for small dark novelty type flowers. These last two require heated conditions preferably between 16°C to 17°C minimum and a maximum of 25°C or so.



David Harmer



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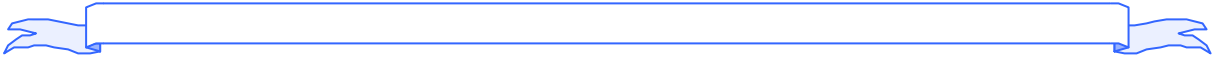
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