



# THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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- ISSUE JULY 1990:** An Editor is still required please.
- NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday July 10th 1990  
Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Christie Downs  
Benching of plants to be completed by 7.45pm  
for judging.  
Meeting begins at 8.00pm.
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr Gordon Brooks of Brooks & Western Orchids will  
discuss 'Hybridizing with native Australian  
Cymbidiums.
- SUPPER:** Mrs Trix Anderson.
- HALL SET-UP:** Would all willing to assist please arrive by 7pm.
- DAY-TIME CHAPTER:** Thursday July 12th 1990, South Brighton Community  
Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South  
Brighton.  
Mr Ron Parish will show his video on Travel in  
Thailand including Chiangmai the centre for the  
4th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference January 1992.
- COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday July 17th 1990, 7.30pm at the South  
Brighton Community Hall.

## BOOK AUCTION

There are some bargains to be had at the book auction, which will definitely be held at the July Cultural Meeting. A couple of copies of Home Orchid Growing by Rebecca Tyson Northen will be for sale as well as a variety of other Orchid books and magazines. So make sure you bring some extra money and join in the bidding. Proceeds will help buy new books for the library.

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## TRADING TABLE

Is there a Member who would be willing to help Dennis Daykin on the Monthly Trading Table? This is a most enjoyable job enabling you to meet your fellow members, and get to know a lot more about your hobby of growing orchids. If you are interested please see Geoff Richardson or Keith Northcote.

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## BUS TRIP

Plans for the trip are well under way, with just a few minor details to be advised at the July Cultural Meeting and published in the August Gazette (which you will receive well before the trip date of August 12th).

Pick up points will be at Reynella Shopping Centre at 8.30am, the Marion Shopping Centre at 9.00am and K-Mart at 9.30am.

The first nursery to be visited is Johnston's Orchid Nursery. After a tour of the nursery lunch will be at the Tea Tree Gully Hotel. From there we go to Easy Orchids.

At the moment 56 members wish to make the trip. Suitable transport arrangements will be made by Wayne Farquhar.

Please make sure you attend the July Meeting or read your August Gazette for final arrangements.

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## HELP FOR WINTER SHOW

Details of the Winter show were printed in last months Gazette. This month our Show Marshall, Ray Goodall is appealing for help. Volunteers are needed to set up the Marion Recreation Hall on Friday July 27th at 2.00pm. Helpers will also be needed on Sunday July 29th at the completion of the show. During the show help will be required to man the door, sell raffle tickets and on the trading table.

IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE SEE RAY GOODALL AT THE JULY MEETING.

Brenda Lynch is also appealing for help during Judging on July 28th commencing at 7.30am.

IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE SEE BRENDA LYNCH AT THE JULY MEETING.

Trix Anderson would like donations of scones, jam and cream for Devonshire teas.

TRIX WOULD ALSO LIKE SOME HELPERS FOR BOTH DAYS OF THE SHOW.

Alderman Schultz will open the show at 2.00pm on Saturday July 28th. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday July 29th at 4.00pm.

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## SPRING SHOW THEME

We advise you of the Theme for this years show now to give you plenty of time to make plans for your display.

THE THEME IS 'A WORLD OF ORCHIDS'

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## EDITOR

As you have already read in the gazette the club is in urgent need of an editor. Please give this your utmost attention. At the June Meeting, you, the members signified your wish for the Gazette to continue, so please help your club.

**DAY-TIME CHAPTER** by Kath Harris

The sun always shines on our afternoon meetings and it was a pleasure to see so many present.

Mr. Dean Roesler showed slides and gave a most interesting talk on growing cymbidiums, and explained it all so simply - many of us are 'lost' when too many technical terms are used. Thank you Dean, it was clear, and easy to follow and renewed our confidence in growing orchids.

The Popular Vote was won by Keith Northcote, with Harry Viney second and Keith also taking the third prize - so early for such good orchids. Don't be surprised if one day one of our novice growers comes up with a winner, with all the help we receive it may not be long either.

The Raffle plants so kindly donated by Dean Roesler and Bruce Mules were accepted with great pleasure by the winners - thank you both, it all helps for variety in our collection.

Our afternoon would not be complete without the friendly chat together with the "cuppa" always provided with a smile.

Do not miss our next meeting on the 12th July when Mr. Ron Parish will show a video and tell us about Thailand.

Everyone is welcome - so do come and join in an interesting and friendly afternoon.

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**12th AUSTRALIAN ORCHID CONFERENCE COMPETITION**

The 12th Australian Orchid Conference Committee are conducting a nationwide competition called "KNOW YOUR ORCHIDS" as a fund-raising

venture. The winner of the competition will win \$100.00.

An entry fee of \$2.00 will apply per entry and there is no restriction to the number of entries lodged.

The entry is in the form of a questionnaire, and the reference material used to compile the questions was Rentoul Orchid Books.

If you wish to take part please see Geoff Richardson for entry forms.

When completed please send to Conference Secretary  
P.O.Box 1050  
Morley WA 6062

The first correct entry drawn on Friday 24th August 1990 will be deemed the winner and notified accordingly. The result will also be endeavoured to be published in the Australian Orchid Review and Orchids Australia magazines.

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**INAUGURAL S.A. STATE ORCHID CONFERENCE** by H. Edwards

On the weekend 9 - 10th June Charlie and I, along with others suffering from the orchid growing bug, journeyed to Mount Gambier for the Inaugural S.A. State Orchid Conference.

Apparently the idea of an intrastate conference has been around for sometime but the Mount Gambier and District Orchid Society Inc. decided to plan and host the inaugural conference after results of a survey re possible interest and attendance.

Due to the position of Mount Gambier (almost on the Victorian border) it was decided that the Western Victorian Societies should also be invited to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Mount Gambier & Districts members on a very successful conference. Apparently numbers were lower than expected but I'm sure those of us who did make the effort to attend were justly rewarded.

The speakers were of excellent quality and their topics covered the common to the not so common genera - from Cymbidiums to Disas, Australian Natives to Masdevallias. The lectures weren't a 'hard slog', we even were told how our famous Australian Native Dendrobium hybridist, Wally Upton, names his Den. babies after his wife, sons and even his son's dog, or was it the grandson's dog?

Of course conferences are not lectures alone. Just mixing with the people whom you admire for their expertise in growing certain genera and hearing some of their 'stories' is great.

Thanks Mount Gambier for your hospitality and a really beautiful weekend.

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#### ON THE BENCH by Brenda F. Lynch

One of the largest and the most widely cultivated genera of orchids is the Oncidium, native to the American tropics and subtropics. A very large genus of over 750 species, with small to very large epiphytic, lithophytic, or terrestrial plants, with short to long rhizomes.

Most have pseudobulbs, but some lack them. There are different types of growth, thin-leaved, thick-leaved, fan-shaped and rattail type.

Flowers are commonly yellow, but pink, white, and brown forms do occur.

Many of the species and their hybrids are called Dancing Ladies, because the long spikes of flowers with their large labellums, resemble ballet dancers.

Some species e.g. *Onc. nigratum* have branched scapes up to 5 metres long, with numerous white flowers with black-purple markings. Others, like *Onc. iridifolium*, from Tropical America, are dwarf species, and bear a single flower. This species with a 2 1/2cm flower, is pale yellow, the lip spotted with bright red.

Many of the species have a delightful fragrance.

Oncidiums are closely allied to Odontoglossums and their culture is very similar. The small dwarf species e.g. *Onc. iridifolium*, does well mounted on a cork or tree fern slab, whilst the larger species like *Onc. nigratum* are best grown in pots.

Like Odontoglossums, Oncidiums require an abundance of moisture when growing, and a sweet, fresh atmosphere. Most will grow very well in the shadehouse with the cymbidiums, and benefit from the fertilizing programme used for these orchids.

One of my favourite Oncidiums is *Onc. onustum*. The plant exhibited on the 1st Division Bench at the June Cultural Meeting and grown by W.R. Barrett carried one small inflorescence. *Onc. onustum* is a species of dwarf habit, with equitant foliage. Arching flower scapes are usually about 30cms long, with comparatively large, oblong-shaped bright concolour yellow flowers. It is a native of Ecuador.

**JUNE 1990 MONTHLY COMPETITION.**

DIVISION :	SECOND :	JUDGE :	
		B.Lynch B.Bowes H.Edwards	
Aust.Native Epi.Sp.	Liparis reflexa	T.Brady	3
Standard Cymbidium	Luana 'Emerald Isle'	D. & I. Attenborough	3
	Bethlehem 'Early Times'	K. & L. Larsen	2
	Luana 'Pink Champagne'	D. & I. Attenborough	1
Intermediate Cymbidium	Pendragon 'Broadmoor'	J. Siviour	3
	Pendragon 'Broadmoor'	T. Brady	2
	Valentines Love 'Angela'	N. Gitsham	1
Miniature Cymbidium	Mini Splendour 'Helen'	M. Siviour	3
	Unnamed	A. Thompson	2
Nov.Cluster Cattleya	C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	V. Buchanan	3
Species Paphiopedilum	insigne	J. Kelly	3
Odont./Onc. Alliance	Odtna Boussole 'Blanch'	T. Brady	3
Species	Laelia Anceps	K. & L. Larsen	3
	Laelia Anceps 'Winters'	A. & C. Potter	2

**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: CYM.PENDRAGON 'BROADMOOR' grown by J.SIVIOUR**  
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DIVISION :	FIRST :	JUDGE	
		W.Farquhar R.Moore T.Howard	
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den.Hilda Poxon	D.Biebrick	3
	Den.Ellen	J. & B. Gay	2
Standard Cymbidium	Bethlehem 'Early Times'	H. Gerber	3
Intermediate Cymbidium	Peter Pan X Earlyana	H. Gerber	3
	Kauilani 'Hove'	H. Gerber	2
Miniature Cymbidium	Pendragon 'Broadmoor'	C. & C. Hames	3
	Melinga X Luminya	J. & B. Gay	2
	Pendragon 'Broadmoor'	H. Gerber	1
Standard Cattleya	Lc. Aida X C. Montecito	R. & I. Goodall	3
Nov.Cluster Cattleya	Sl. Psyche X C. Interglossa	C. & H. Edwards	3
Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Kauai Starbright X C. luteola	C. & H. Edwards	3
Dendrobium	Impact	R. & I. Goodall	3
	Aran Princess	W. R. Barrett	2



Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Golden Wax	R. & B. Anderson	3
	Lc. Mini Purple 'Coburg'	R. Moore	2
Dendrobium	Lady Hamilton 'Red Flame'	C. George	3
	Misty X Anna Bibus	J. Nicholls	2
	Chieko	B. Wyly	1
Miscellaneous	Bark. skinneri X cyclotella	J. Nicholls	3
Phalaenopsis	Dtps. Purple Gem	J. Nicholls	3
	Phal. Barbara George	J. Nicholls	2
Standard Paphiopedilum	Jim Dandy	B. Wyly	3
Species Paphiopedilum	insigne	Denlia Orchids	3
	wardii	W. Farquhar	2
	villosum	R. Moore	1
Odont/Onc Alliance	Howeara Mini-Primi	B. Wyly	3
	Onc. Milky Way	T. DeIonno	2
	Miltassia Estrelita	J. Nicholls	1
Species	Odont. bictoniense	R. Moore	3
	Odont. bictoniense	K. & B. Lynch	2
	Laelia gouldiana	R. Moore	1
Cattleya/Allied Genera	Ctna Hunabu Fairly Flare	R. Moore	3
	Epc. Pixy Pokai 'Yoshimura'	R. Moore	2
	Ctna. Brandi 'O.C'	R. Moore	1
Vandaceous	Anzcm.giryamae	J. Nicholls	3

**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: PAPHIOPEDILUM insigne grown by DENLIA ORCHIDS**

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**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE - FLOWER OF THE MONTH - PAPHIOPEDILUM insigne**  
**Congratulations to DENLIA ORCHIDS**  
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