



**October
2008**

**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 Wednesday 1st October 2008 at St. Bernadettes Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's.
Guest Speaker: Glen Heylen. Subject: Cymbidiums.
Beginners Class 7.15pm before the main meeting.
Coordinator: John Dunn. Subject – specie orchids with Ron Parish.

DAYTIME GROUP: The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 16th October 2008 at 2pm.
Guest Speaker: George Abell. Subject Sarcochilus.

SPECIES GROUP: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, South Brighton on Monday, 20th October at 8pm.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP chaired by Brian Leedham, secretary duties Iris Freeman, Judge Noel Oliver will be held on Sunday 19th October at 2.00pm in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor.
Guest Speaker: George Abell. Subject Sarcochilus. 1.30pm Beginners Class with Trevor Garard

MESSAGE TO VIETNAMESE GROUP MEMBERS: Notice of change of date. Please note the change of date for your next meeting which will now be held on **5th October** in the library at The Parks Community Centre (Room No. 1) commencing at 1.45pm. See you all there and please bring along any plants in flower or one that you may have a problem with, so we can discuss correct culture.

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2008

Nikki Zurcher plant house visit 18th October. Please note payment please at October meeting.

Beginner's Group Programme for 2008 7.15pm in the Foyer before main meeting.

	SUBJECT	GROUP LEADER
October	Growing species orchids	Ron Parish
November	Sarcochilus	George Abell

ALL WELCOME – BRING ALONG YOUR QUESTIONS

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Have an opinion or something to say
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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.

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.

2008 CLUB MEETING DATES

October 2008

- 1 Main Glen Heylen
- 16 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional George Abel
- 20 Species Group

November 2008

- 5 Main G Zerbe—Pendulous Cyms.
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Southern Regional Group
- 17 Species Group

December 2008

- 3 Main Christmas Dinner.
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group

February 2009

- 4 Main AGM and Tony Bourne
- 15 Southern Regional Group
- 16 Species Group
- 18 Daytime Chapter

March 2009

- 4 Main Colin Jennings
- 12 Daytime Chapter

- 15 Southern Regional Group
- 16 Species Group

April 2009

- 1 Main Dave & Pat Harmer
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group
- 20 Species

May 2009

- 6 Main Richard Fishlock
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Regional Group
- 18 Species

June 2009

- 3 Main Dendi Orchids
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Species
- 21 Southern Regional Group

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CULTURE DVD's

We now have many titles of orchid culture prepared by well known local growers available thru the Club. Titles Include- Culture videos for Cymbidium, Cattleya. Australian Native (4 different) Paphiopedilum Lycaste Zygopetalum Phalaenopsis Virus Deflasking etc, Contact Ron for more Details

OCTOBER MEETING JUDGING ROSTER

REGISTRAR: R. Shooter

OPEN DIVISION

J. Gay, C. Campbell. Scribe M. Tiggeman

FIRST DIVISION

N. Oliver, W. Lodge. Scribe G. Flavel

SECOND DIVISION

Ian Attenborough, G Zerbe Scribe T. Reece

Judges to arrive early – J. Gay, R. Shooter, N. Oliver

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After such a busy year and plants taking so long to come out I was surprised to see such a lot of great blooms in the Spring Show. Through work commitments the Gazette needs to go to print before judging so congratulations to the Grand Champion and all Divisional winners. Thank you to committee and members for the time you put in at Arndale. I know it is a long way to travel but it is our prime position that tides us over financially until our Autumn Show. Thank you!

Reflecting on last month I hope you all had the opportunity to see the National Conference, truly one of the best Shows I have ever seen and a credit to the South Australian Cymbidium Club. Next year the Conference is in Victoria.

We are looking forward to the bus trip, it's always interesting to see Nicky's nursery and Noel always has something interesting to show and tell us about. We have booked the larger bus so there are a few more seats available.

Lucy has booked the same caterers as last year for the Christmas meeting. She just told me she has some great entertainment for the night, may be one of her secrets, if not, I'll let you know next month! Keep warm, good growing Geoff.

Daytime Group Report

Hi Everyone, what fantastic weather we're having at the moment, although more rain is certainly needed. Hopefully the sunshine will bring on the flowering of our Orchids as they are now in very short supply and are needed for our Spring Show at Arndale later this month. Our Guest Speaker today was Mrs Jane Higgs an avid plant and orchid grower for many years, Don and Jane's property at Myponga is a very interesting place to visit. They have been living there for 31 years and have opened up their home for the Open Garden Scheme and to 14 other Societies that visit including S.A. Water, National Heritage, National Recreation Management Board plus many more. A mile of the Myponga River runs through the property, also there are two swamp and two wetland areas. They have recorded 129 Native plant species including 18 species Orchids, so it's a wonderful area which needs careful and continuous monitoring to maintain its healthy status. Earlier on there were a lot of blackberry bushes which are now under control and they even have a few cows. Thanks Jane for sharing all this with us, lovely to see and the commentary was great.

A big cheerio to everyone on the sick list, wishing you all good health and hope to see you all again very soon. Last month I forgot to mention that Ralph and Heather Lucas brought along a photo of a huge plant of Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' to show the Members. This plant was too large for them to manage, even in the car, so a photo was the next best thing. They were so proud of it, it certainly makes a lovely display when grown as a specimen plant. Congratulations to you both and my apologies for not recording this last month.

Our plant commentary was very well done by Jane, thanks Jane and thanks to all who brought in their plants for us all to see and admire.

The meeting was closed after another great afternoon, thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy.

P.S. Sorry, but no apologies and the popular vote winner could be recorded this month as the Gazette went to press earlier than usual, so I will include this next Month.

Southern Regional Group Report

From reports I have heard the September meeting was a great success so a big thank you to Brian Leedham, Ian Attenborough, Colin Campbell, Trevor Garard and Iris Freeman for a job well done.

Next month you have George Abell with his beloved Sarcs. George travels all around Australia attending meetings and talking about his favourite subject – Sarcophilus. Maybe you haven't tried to grow this Genera as yet. Please buy a plant or two from George and add them to your collection. They are a delight to grow and this will be an ideal opportunity to buy the very best as I'm sure George will have some for sale. If we are able to work around our other commitments Geoff and I may be able to attend this meeting. We both enjoy our trips to Victor Harbor, seeing you all and talking orchids. We have booked the larger bus for the Bus trip on 18th, so a few seats are still available. Christmas dinner main meeting night is 3rd December. Please phone me if you would like to attend. Caterer: Texas Bull, entertainment and species, a great night.

VALE

It is with regret we wish to advise you of the passing of Joan Kelly's husband Ray, who was a member of our Club for many years. Over the past few years Joan has been attending the afternoon group as Ray's ill health meant she could not go out at night. Ray was a returned soldier and both were involved with the R.S.L. holding executive positions for a number of years. Our thoughts are with Joan and her family at this sad time.

NORTHERN BUS TRIP 18th OCTOBER. Please note payments please at October meeting.

All members are invited on this bus trip visiting the nurseries of Noel Oliver (Australian Natives) and Nicky Zurcher (Paphs and mixed genera). Lunch will be a BBQ in a park around the Gawler area, being arranged by the bus company.

Bus pickup points will be:

8.45 from the Parks Community Centre, Vale Park

9.30 from the Lou Kesting Hall, South Brighton

With 40 members attending the cost of the trip will be \$25 Per Person and includes your BBQ lunch fee. Please bring a salad or sweet to be shared with members.

At the next monthly meeting a list will be passed around so please indicate if you would like to participate and also whether you will be bringing a salad or sweet.

This will be a great day. 6 seats left on the bus.

It is imperative that you pay in full at the next meeting

From our Affiliated Clubs

Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.

Meeting Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield. 8.00pm

2008 PROGRAM

2nd October Ron Parish 'A Journey to Alaska'

6th November Kevin Western 'Saving Rare specie Orchids'

4th December Les Nesbitt and Nicky Zurcher 'Forty years with OCSA'

DAY GROUP MEETINGS

Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield. 2.00-4.00pm (Bus Stop 119 Bus No. 100 Circle Line)

2008 PROGRAM

10th October Trevor Garard 'Deflasking'

14th November Richard Fishlock 'Arctic Adventures'

CLUB SHOWS 2008

25th October Socialising with Sarcs – Enfield Community Centre

Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club Inc.

Meetings held at 1.45pm in Johnstone Park Combined Clubs Hall, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

2008 PROGRAM

Sunday 26th October George Abell 'Sarcophilus'

Sunday 23rd November Graham Morris 'Cymbidiums and their Summer care'

Sunday 14th December Members' Christmas Party

Northern and Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.

Meetings held at 8.00pm in St. Phillips Parish Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview.

2008 PROGRAM

Thursday 16th October Ron Parish 'species Orchids'

Thursday 20th November Graham Zerbe 'Australian Native Cymbidiums'

Thursday December 18th A.G.M./Christmas Break-up

CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 3rd (Main Meeting) will be Christmas Dinner night caterers Texas Bull.

Time: 7.00pm

Christmas Menu: Whole Decorated Baked Schnapper, Champagne Leg Ham, Carved Roast Turkey, Prawns, Salami, Cabana and Metwurst. Rolls and Butter. Selection of Eight Fresh Salads.

Standard Desserts: Choice of Two: Pavlova, Fresh Fruit Salad and Cream, Selection of Cheese Cakes, Apple Pie and Cream, Apricot Pie and Cream, Plum Pudding and Cream.

Cost: \$25 per head. Deposits or full payment can be made to the Treasurer at our October meeting.

Drinks supplied: Fruit Cup, Tea and Coffee. BYO Beer and wine.

Meeting follows at 8.15pm

GROWING SARCOCHILUS MY WAY

12 years ago Hugh Grund gave me four Sarcophilus that he was having difficulty growing and flowering. It was the blind leading the blind but I managed to grow and flower them which started a passionate love affair with these beautiful Australian Natives.

12 years ago the colours were basic white and white with smallish red centres. There were the odd colours derived from Fitzgeraldii 'Lorraine' but they were few and far between.

It was fortunate that at the time I was getting interested in Sarcophilus there was an escalation in interest in them Australia wide, but more particularly in the Eastern States. With this new interest there was also an escalation in hybridising. This hybridising was almost entirely done in New South Wales and Southern Queensland.

With this passionate affair my collection grew rapidly, so rapidly that I now have 2500 or so. I consciously set out to get a collection of mainly coloured Sarcophilus by always buying seedling flasks where the pod and pollen parents were both highly coloured. Notwithstanding you still get a percentage of white from these crosses. Of the 2500 plus I have about 900 coloured and 15 different solid reds, some of the solid reds I have broken up into several plants.

The interest in Sarcophilus in New South Wales is huge. I have kept a Show Schedule of the Sydney Native Orchid Society October 2003 Show. They judged Sarcophilinae in 15 categories. That blows the mind doesn't it.

I am a member of Maribyrnong Orchid Society and always go to their Show on the second weekend in November. It is a great Show with all the Orchid genera on display but in particular there is about 700 upwards of Sarcophilus on show. One of the amazing sights for me is the 35 to 40 people waiting outside 30 minutes before the Show opens wanting to be first at the Trading Table and the Sarcophilus. It is like a feeding frenzy.

Now for my method of growing.....

1. Potting Mix. I use a very fine potting mix. When I started I made up several potting mixes to try. The one I finished up with is the one they grew the best in. It is a mix of coco peat – 6mm aged bark – size 1 marble chips and 2mm to 7mm maidenwell.

2. Fertilizing. I use a slow release fertilizer 8-9 month that I call Magic Beads and is applied March and September. I also foliar spray daily with Peter's Blossom Booster March to August and Peter's Foliar Feed September to February. To this I add a liquid root stimulant. You can certainly grow them without the foliar feed but I am trying to grow them the best I can. As for the root stimulant – how well you grow is always dependent on the roots and anything you can do to improve them must be a plus.

3. Watering. Most of my watering is by misting by hose. It takes about 1 minute to mist spray 2500 Sarcophilus. I do this often depending on the weather – 5 or 6 times a day on hot summer days. The pots are flushed out weekly in Summer fortnightly in Autumn and Spring and monthly in Winter.

4. Housing. My Shade House floor is covered with plastic and then blue metal and scoria to increase humidity. This helps in our hot dry Summer. I also run a water cooler when the temperature reaches 28 degrees centigrade.

5. Light. My shadecloth is sandstone and my shadehouse is positioned so that it has the sun on it from sun up to sundown. Remember photosynthesis (hence growth) requires light and so does flowering.

The last comment from my help line – In general growers make one of the following mistakes, sometimes all four of them. But even one of them can affect the quality of growing and not just for Sarcocylus.

They are:

1. Over potting
2. Over watering (watering like a pot plant)
3. Under fertilising
4. Not flushing the pots

If anyone wants help with their Sarcocylus I am always available on 8387 7246 or you can come to my home.

George Abell.

September Monthly Floral Competition

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

426	Den. (Victoria Stripe x Victoria Flare)	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
427	Doc. (mortii x fuliginosa x convuluta)	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
428	Den. Avril's Gold 'Lou Anne'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

425	Den. kingianum 'Albert West'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

429	Cym. Mimi 'Lucifer'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

430	Cym. Kiri Te Kanawa 'Princess'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
431	Cym. Ten Pin 'The Strand'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
432	Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

436	Lc. Trick or Treat x C. leopoldii	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
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Laeliinae Species

434	Rl. glauca 'Bruce'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
433	C. percivaliana	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
435	C. trianae	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

472	Clow. Grace Dunn 'Bob'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
473	Lyc. (lasioglossa x Frank Hoyt)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

469	Max. porphyrostele	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
470	Srps. lingua	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
471	Pleuro. marthae	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

Orchid Seedling any genera

474	Den. Avril's Gold 'Lou Anne'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Paphiopedilum Novelty

450	Paph. (Fairy x Liem x Maud Magic)	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
451	Paph. Crossianum 'Album'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2

Phalaenopsis/Dor. Standard <80mm

458	Phal. Arthur Raveana	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

466	Z. Kiwi Choice 'Midnight'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
467	Npp. Adelaide 'Little Susie'	Brian Lyttle (214)	2
468	Zpt. Kiwi 'Ripo'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

446	Den. Lusty	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
447	Den. (Bicentennial Rose x Star)	Norman Woodend (1525)	2

Australian Native Terrestrial Hybrid

449	Ptst. Dusty Duke	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
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Australian Native Terrestrial Species

448	Ptst. curta	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

437	Cym. (Yowie Rose x Yowie Pepper)	Silvester Ng (1491)	3
438	Cym. [Valley Legend x (Pure Snow x Merv	Norman Woodend (1525)	2
439	Cym. Kakadu Magic	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1

Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

443	Cym. Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade'	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
444	Cym. (Dolly x Beaconfire)	Silvester Ng (1491)	2
445	Cym. Brunette 'Chocolate Mint'	Wendy Lodge (406)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

440	Cym. (Wakakusa x Rio Rita)	Silvester Ng (1491)	3
441	Cym. (Culpaulin x Winter Fire)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
442	Cym. (Kellys Winter x Kurun Castle)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

452	Sc. California Apricot x C. Horace	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiinae)

454	Odcdm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
455	Mclna. Pagan Lovesong 'Hi Life'	Wendy Lodge (406)	2

Oncidiinae Species

453	Rssgls. grande	Terri Rees (50)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

462	Srps. lingua	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
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Orchid Seedling any genera

463	Cym. The Fourth Wish	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
464	Cym. [Valley Legend x (Pure Snow x Merv	Norman Woodend (1525)	2
465	Cym. Millennium Castle	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1

Paphiopedilum Standard

456	Paph. (Cubby Broccoli x Winston's Creek)	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
457	Paph. British Bulldog	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2

Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

459	Z. Advance Australia	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
460	Zga. (Zest x Elfin Jade)	Kevin Trevan (295)	2
461	Z. (mosenianum x Artur Elle)	Norman Woodend (1525)	1

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

477	Den. (Victorian Stripe x Victorian Flame)	Peter Haltis (442)	3
478	Den. (X gracillimum x speciosum)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
479	Den. unknown	Donna Meeuwssen (317)	1

Australian Native Terrestrial Species

480	Ptst. curta	David Williams (1351)	3
481	Ptst. curta	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

485	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	David Williams (1351)	3
486	Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2

Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

490	Cym. unknown	Peter Haltis (442)	3
491	Cym. unknown	Peter Haltis (442)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

487	Cym. Freeling 'Green Ice'	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
488	Cym. Tricia Allen	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
489	Cym. Winter Fire	David Williams (1351)	1

Cymbidium Species (any size)

484	Cym. lowianum	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

482	Lc. Adelaide Ablaze	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

483 Lc. Meadow Gold x Bc. Julie Kelly Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

Orchid Seedling any genera

476 Psph. (Shadow Lands x Night Hawk) Anne & Colin Campbell (479) 3

Paphiopedilum Novelty

493 Paph. (Shadow Lands x Night Hawk) Anne & Colin Campbell (479) 3

494 Paph. Chouvetii Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2

Paphiopedilum Species

492 Paph. lawrencianum Anne & Colin Campbell (479) 3

September 2008 Meeting Plant Commentary

Flower of Second Division and Flower of the Night:

Cym. lowianuum benched by Peter Haltis. A fine example of the species which originates in South-East Asia from Thailand up into China. A large plant with four inflorescences carrying 17 to 19 fully open flowers and another two inflorescences with flowers about to open. The 100mm to 110mm wide by 70mm to 80mm tall flowers were of good form with typical relatively narrow bright apple-green sepals and petals. The mid-lobe of the narrow creamish-yellow labellum was strongly marked with a brownish-red 'V' inside a fine yellow edging.



Flower of First Division:

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' benched by Rito Silvestri. A large well grown plant with four inflorescences fully open and arching down around the pot. There were a further three inflorescences about to open and another two which were quite small. The sepals and petals were pure white and the keels of the white labellum were very pale cream as was the column and pollen cap.



Flower of Open Division:

Rhyncholaelia glauca shown by Richard and Beryl Wilson. This plant is an example of the species previously known as *Brassavola glauca* and now reassigned to its present genus. A well grown plant with the two most recent growths each bearing a single flower 110mm wide and 100mm high. The narrow sepals and petals were pale green with some pinkish purple shading along their sides. The labellum was cream with a very pale green mid-lobe – a very attractive flower with a strong perfume.



A few other plants:

Pleurothallis marthae benched by Ron and Irene Parish was a species with an interesting plant form. Each single thick spreading leaves are carried at the top of a thin strong stem and a single open flower emanates from the base of the leaf where it joins onto the stem. The relatively small flowers are deep maroon in colour.

Paph. lawrenceanum, benched by Anne and Colin Campbell, was a nice example of the species first collected from Borneo in 1878. A small plant of three growths, it bore a single flower 105mm wide and

80mm tall. The upright white dorsal sepal was striped in maroon with some green shading at the base. The pink to red petals, green at their base, had hairy warts along their top and bottom edges and the pouch was deep brown-red.

A pot full of the Australian native epiphytic hybrid *Den. Lusty* was benched by Norm Woodend. The plant carried some 17 inflorescences creating a very nice display of attractive flat open flowers individually measuring 45mm wide and 45mm to 50mm tall. The cream sepals and petals were tipped and edged with bright pink and the cream labellum was spotted deep pink.



Paph. lawrenceanum

A pot of *Clowesia* Grace Dunn 'Bob', a primary hybrid between *Cl. warscewiczii* and *Cl. rosea*, and related to the genus *Catasetum*, was benched by Richard and Beryl Wilson. The small pale pink flowers with relatively broad sepals and petals were well filled in and the broad fimbriated cream labellum complemented the rest of the flower. The inflorescences, arching down over the edge of the pot, were well displayed.



SPECIES GROUP

On a very windy Monday night members met at the Dover Gardens Hall to look at and discuss some of the interesting species brought in by members.

Two pots of *Serapias* immediately caught the eye. One of them *Serapia lingua* we regularly see on the benches. The other *Serapia vomeracea*, not so often. There are between 10 to 20 species in the genus depending on which botanist you want to believe, some are 'splitter's' others are 'lumper's', hence the discrepancy. They look very much like some of our Australian terrestrial species and are often benched as such. In fact they occur in the Mediterranean area. Adelaide, having a Mediterranean climate is the ideal place to grow these attractive orchids. After flowering from late spring through summer the plants lose their leaves, the tubers can then be knocked out of the pot and repotted in a terrestrial mix of fine bark, sand & peat. Once they start growing keep well watered until they finish flowering then give them a rest period of a month to six weeks prior to repotting. Grown well the tubers rapidly increase in numbers.



Serapia vomeracea

Pleurothallis alvaroi The flowers of all the species are quite similar with a distinctive lip that resembles a tongue the colour ranges through shades of red to a reddish brown. A full pot of these orchids is a delight to see and so easy to grow.

Six plants of species from the huge subtribe *Pleurothallidinae* were brought in. This subtribe consists of many genera *Masdevallia*, *Stelis*, *Restrepia* etc in addition to *Pleurothallis* itself. Many flowers from these species are quite small and a magnifying glass is often needed to appreciate their beauty, others have fairly large flowers and come in many forms and colours. *Pleurothallis macroblepharis* (means large eyelash in reference to its long hairlike petals) this is a fairly large flower and can be seen without the aid of a glass. *Stelis megantha* on the other hand has tiny creamy white, 2mm flowers on a short raceme of about

12 flowers that have to be viewed with a glass. When this is done a flower of great beauty is revealed looking like a Phalaenopsis flower.

In addition to the flowers mentioned there was a nice plant labelled *Phalaenopsis amabilis* probably in fact the Australian species *Phalaenopsis rosenstromii*, *Oncidium maculatum*, *Pleurothallis alvaroi*, *Restrepia pelyx*, *Restrepia sanguinea*, *Stelis guttifera* & *maxillaria picta*.

As usual the meeting concluded with a chat and a cuppa.



Pleurothallis alvaroi

Reg Shooter

VERY IMPORTANT

All members entering our Hall at St Marys must enter via the main door on the southern side of the hall
This door is the only one with a ramp and no steps
The other doors in this hall are fire doors and should only be used in an emergency

From now and until the end of the year the Beginners Classes will be held just in front of the lectern

RAFFLES PLEASE NOTE

This month we will complete the Bark Raffle instead of holding a 'Lucky Square' lottery
To get a bag of bark for \$1.00 is a very good deal so please support this venture..

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.

SHOW RESULTS

Because this Gazette must be delivered before we can get results for our Spring Show and the Southern Regional Group Show we will put results up on our Website as soon as possible after Judging and follow up with a summary in the next Gazette.

Current Sponsors for our Club

We wish to thank the following persons who have supported us and our shows with donations etc. Members are requested to keep these people in mind when purchasing orchids and supplies

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Jim Shaughnessy
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Munns Garden Centre Glandore
Murray Boulderstone

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