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*The  
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Next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on July 14th 1998, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale.

The Guest Speakers will be David Whiting who will speak on the Charlie Carp Fertilizers and Helen Edwards who will speak on Cattleyas.

Members wishing to share the beauty of their Orchids with other Members are reminded that plants need to be benched by 7-45pm, with your name beneath the pot for judging to commence.

The Daytime Group will meet at 2pm Thursday 16th July 1998 at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. The Guest Speaker will be John Mockford of Green Thumb Fertilizer Warehouse.

**SHOW DATES**

South Coast Orchid Club Winter Show; July 20th - 25th Aberfoyle Hub Shopping Centre.

Murray Bridge Winter Show July 10th, 11th, 12th. OCSA. July 13th - 18th Golden Grove Village Shopping Centre.

Sunraysia, July 18th - 19th Greek Orthodox Hall, 312 Deakin St, Mildura

Orchidaceous, July 25th - August 1st, Castle Plaza Shopping Centre, Edwardstown.

NEDOS, August 3rd- 8th, Northpark Shopping Centre, Main North Road.

**REMINDERS**

Visit to Murray Bridge & Neutrog Factory (12th July) **leaving Marion Shopping Centre 9.30am**

Trip to Melbourne (13th- 16th August).

For further details ring Lesley on 82934307.

## DAYTIME GROUP

On a very cold wet Thursday a few brave souls ventured forth. Lesley welcomed all and gave a brief resume of the most enjoyable weekend experienced by Members of the South Coast and Millicent-Mount Gambier Orchid Clubs.

Alan Sullivan then gave us advice on growing our cymbidiums, with tips for old and new orchid growers.

Alan advised to: water before fertilizing then use full strength fertiliser once a week.  
repot in Spring when its not too hot.

don't 'prune off' most of the old roots, only damaged ones or ones that are considerably longer than the rest.

don't just sprinkle the plants on hot days, give them a good drink.

After this sound advise Alan chose his pick of the bench, 1st went to Blc. (Winifred McFarlane x Sylvia Fry) from the Edwards glasshouse, 2nd a gorgeous pink Cymbidium, Bethlehem Magi x Pendragon grown by Geoff Speer and 3rd to Bllra. Tahoha Glacier also from the Edwards'. Members gave Helen a quinella, first the Winifred McFarlane hybrid, 2nd Bllra. Tahoha Glacier and 3rd Blc. Mem. Susan Hawkins.

Get well wishes were expressed to Members who had family on the sick list.

The afternoon concluded with cake (courtesy of Lesley) and a nice hot cuppa.

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*by Lesley Fenton*

I wish to thank everyone who helped make the Millicent Club Visit, over the long weekend in June, such a success.

Those who helped with cooking and entertaining in any way, and also to those people who attended the various functions and visits that were put on over the weekend. Without people at these outings they would not be a success.

Thank you also to Lesley who organised the 'whole show' Ed.

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## WINTER SHOW

Put-in day will be on Sunday the 19th July between 9.30 - 11.30am at Aberfoyle Hub Shopping Centre, near Bi-Lo.

Entry off Hub Drive.

Plants will be judged before being put in displays

Labels for Show plants will be available from Bill, at the Trading Table at the next Cultural meeting.

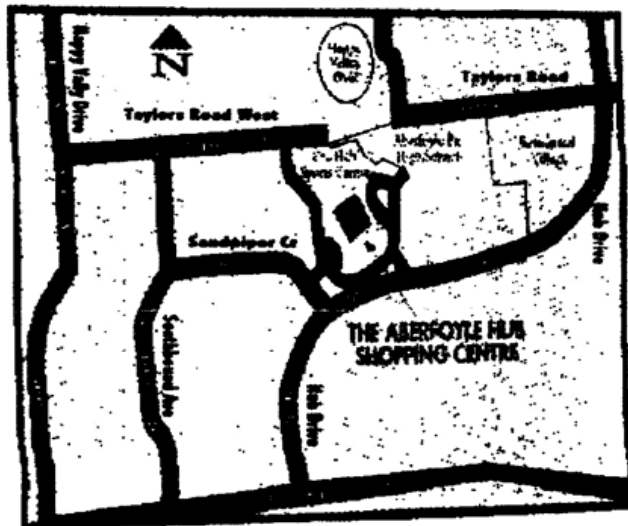
Plants for the Trading table will be accepted at the same time as show plants. Labels for these will be available from Graham, the Treasurer, at the next Cultural meeting.

Take-out will be on Saturday 25th July after 5pm.

The Show will be open normal shopping hours, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am - 6pm. Thursday : 9am - 9pm. Saturday: 9am-5pm.

**As usual helpers will be needed. If you can help at all please advise one of the committee members as soon as possible.**

Judging will commence at 12noon. A light lunch will be provided for helpers.



## STAKING AND TIEING OF CYMBIDIUMS

Although the basic rules for staking, tieing and supporting Cymbidiums has not changed there will be some relaxation in the way they are applied by the South Australian Judges.

Cymbidiums with more than one tie or support beyond the first flower will not be disqualified but judges will be assessing the ability of the stem to support the flower by removing all but one tie.

Please be aware that if you accidentally , or deliberately, present a plant with additional ties or supports, all but one can be removed. Although all care will be taken, neither the judges nor the Club will be responsible for any damage that may result.

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## SCHEDULE FOR THE WINTER AND SPRING SHOWS

### GRAND CHAMPION

### RESERVE CHAMPION

Champion Open Division

Champion First Division

Champion Second Division

Champion Standard Cymbidium

Champion Miniature Cymbidium

Champion Odont/Oncidium

Champion Cattleya

Champion Australian Native

Champion Species

### CARD CLASSES

Best white std cymbidium

Best pink std cymbidium

Best yellow std cymbidium

Best any other colour cymbidium

Best decorative std cymbidium

Best specimen std cymbidium

Best red int cymbidium

Best green int cymbidium

Best brown int cymbidium

Best 3 for colour int cymbidium

Best seedling Int cymbidium

Best white mini cymbidium

Best pink mini cymbidium

Best yellow mini cymbidium

Best any other colour mini cymbidium

Best decorative mini cymbidium

Best specimen miniature cymbidium

Best exhibition type cattleya alliance

Best novelty type cattleya

Best cocktail type cattleya

Best specimen cattleya

Best intergeneric cattleya

Best std paphiopedilum

Best seedling paphiopedilum

Best std phalaenopsis

Best seedling phalaenopsis

Best hybrid odont/oncidium alliance

Best species odont/oncidium alliance

Best aust native epi hybrid

Best aust native terr hybrid

Best den. hybrid (not aust. native)

Best den. species (not aust species)

Best zygotepalum seedling

Best hybrid orchid not otherwise classified

Best specimen orchid not otherwise classified

Champion Intermediate Cymbidium

Champion Paphiopedilum

Champion Phalaenopsis

Champion Dendrobium

Champion Genera Not Yet Listed

Champion Seedling

### Open

### First

### Second

Best red std cymbidium

Best green std cymbidium

Best brown standard cymbidium

Best 3 for colour std cymbidium

Best seedling std cymbidium

Best white int cymbidium

Best pink int cymbidium

Best yellow int cymbidium

Best any other colour int cymbidium

Best decorative int cymbidium

Best specimen int cymbidium

Best red mini cymbidium

Best green mini cymbidium

Best brown mini cymbidium

Best 3 for colour mini cymbidium

Best seedling mini cymbidium

Best species cymbidium

Best cluster type cattleya

Best novelty cluster type cattleya

Best seedling cattleya

Best species cattleya

Best intergeneric cattleya seedling

Best novelty paphiopedilum

Best species paphiopedilum

Best novelty phalaenopsis

Best species phalaenopsis

Best seedling odont/oncidium alliance

Best aust native epi species

Best aust. native terr species

Best aust. native seedling

Best den. seedling (not aust native)

Best zygotepalum hybrid

Best zygotepalum species

Best seedling orchid not otherwise classified

Best species orchid not otherwise classified.

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# THIS IS YOUR (ORCHID) LIFE

## MERVYN STEELE *As told to Helen*

**Question:** How long have you been growing orchids Merv?

**Answer:** Too long. Since about 1977

**Question:** What genera do you grow?

**Answer:** Mainly cymms with a few other odds and ends.

**Question:** What do you call odds and ends?

**Answer:** Natives, cattleyas, a few cattleytonias, and odontoglossum alliance.

**Question:** What do you do with the flowers.

**Answer:** We sell them, we have a good market for the flowers, have had for a number of years

**Question:** What sort of potting mix do you use?

**Answer:** Mainly bark with some seashells, crushed, perhaps some peat.

**Question:** Do you use the same for all genera?

**Answer:** Yes, but some need a finer mix than others, a different grade of bark. I'm very keen on a coarse mix but the only thing is in Summer, when you get the hot days, you can't keep the water up.

**Question:** How often do you water in Summer?

**Answer:** We usually sprinkle down at night and give them a water every 2 or 3 days depending on the weather. In winter we don't have to water much.

These plants are all under 70% shadecloth.

**Question:** All of them.

**Answer:** Yes, the shadehouse is steel or tubing with a hip roof, with sandstone shadecloth on the top with white 50% around the outside.

We've recently put in those roller benches which have proved a great thing for extra room, only need one 2'6" path in each shadehouse. We've found them very convenient and haven't been jammed in between yet.

**Question:** What fertilizer do you use?

**Answer:** A mixture of fertilizers. Phostrogen from December thru March, then high Nitrogen, Nitrosol, I give them a bit of a mixture.

They all get the same fertilizer.

**Question:** How often do you fertilize?

**Answer:** About every fortnight.

**Question:** What about light?

**Answer:** This year with our benches going from about 1/2 metre to a metre plus, off the ground they would be getting more light.

**Question:** Do you think you are going to get a better flowering this year?

**Answer:** So far yes, but it could just be this season.

**Question:** How many orchid clubs do you belong to Merv?

**Answer:** Three this year, Murray Bridge, O.C.S.A and South Coast.

**Question:** Is your wife, Shirley, interested in orchids too?

**Answer:** Yes, its a partnership, we work as a team, and always have done.

**Question:** How many years have you been married to Shirley, Merv?

**Answer:** 49 years.

**Question:** What is your favourite flower?

**Answer:** I like the cymbidiums, I've got a few favourites that I don't like parting with.

Thanks Merv.

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## U.K. NEWS

Another interesting item that crossed my 'desk' from Nature Watch by Willy Newlands courtesy of Pam & John Beasley.

Just to prove that a group of 'Conservationists' can make a difference.

For the last 50 years England has had only one species of Lady's Slipper, *Cypripedium calceolus*, growing in the wild, in a semi-shaded area, on a secret site.

However, experts, funded by the Sainsbury Orchid Conservation Project, have now managed to germinate seeds from this lone orchid and introduce them back into the wild in Yorkshire.

The plants are now near flowering size.

Wonder how long it will be before they are in 'someone's' collection or am I a pessimist? Ed.

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**SARCOCHILUS** (the ch is pronounced as a c)

Be very careful when applying poison for slugs and/or snails near your sarcs. Apparently these little gems can suffer severe damage from the metaldehyde dust that is used in some of the snail baits.

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***COCHLEANTHES amazonica***

Whilst reading a price list from a certain orchid nursery recently I came across this species.

Thought I'd better do a bit of research as the flower looked rather 'nice' in the picture..

*Cochleanthes amazonica* is a native of the Amazon area in Brazil, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. The 7 centimeter white flowers are the largest in the genus. The disc of the lip has blue vein-like lines.

Each inflorescence produces only one flower that comes from the axil of the leaf-sheath.

I'm told they will grow in Adelaide providing the plant is not allowed to dry out completely.

We'll see.

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**JUNE MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION**

***Laelia anceps***

Flower of the Month of June was a pot/basket full of the the showy *Laelia anceps* grown by Gerald and Mina Voskamp.

This species is a native of Mexico where it is also the most common species.

The reasonably long racemes usually produce about 3 pale rose/purple long lasting flowers in May.

*anceps* is considered a cool grower in SA and most people seem to be able to grow it in similar conditions to the cymbidiums although a dry, cool dormant period is preferred.

Our own experience is that it still can be temperamental. Some years ago we moved our non-flowering plant about 3 metres (away from a fence) and it now flowers every year. Ed

Congratulations Mina and Gerald.

**FIRST DIVISION RESULTS**

Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Parachilus Lotus 'Red Bell'	B. Fisher	3
Aust.Nat. Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. x tovayana	J. & D. Higgs	3
	Ptst. Nodding Grace	L. Gunn	2
Std. Cymbidium	Canpalin 'Butterball' x Luana	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	Superior		
Inter. Cymbidium	Willunga Eyecatcher	G. Shevlin	3
Novelty Cluster Cattleya	Slc. Golden Wax 'Wu'	H. & U. Herrmann	3
Species Paphiopedilum	wardii x self	H. & U. Herrmann	3
Novelty Paphiopedilum	Maudiae 'Magnificum'	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	Maudiae Coloratum	H. & U. Herrmann	2
	Maudiae 'Alma Savaert'	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Species	<i>Cymbidium dayanum</i>	D. & J. Higgs	3

***FLOWER OF FIRST DIVISION:***

***Cymbidium Willunga Eyecatcher grown by Graham Shevlin***

# OPEN DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi: Species	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	D. Biebrick	3
	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Aust. Nat. Epi: Hybrid	Den. Hilda Poxon	P. & G. Flavel	3
	Den. Ellen	R. Moore	2
	*Note Name Den. Jannine Banks	D. Biebrick	1
Aust. Nat. Terr: Species	<i>Ptst. robusta</i>	D. Biebrick	3
	<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Ptst. abrupta</i>	D. Biebrick	1
Aust. Nat. Terr: Hybrid	Ptst. x congloussa	D. Biebrick	3
	Ptst. x toveyana	D. Biebrick	2
Std. Cymbidium	Summer Pearl x Winter Wonder	G. Brooks	3
	Kakadu Dreamtime x Solana Beach	G. Brooks	2
Inter. Cymbidium	Pendragon x Bethlehem	M. Bray	3
	Bethlehem x Pendragon	G. Spear	2
	Pendragon x Marakesh	G. Brooks	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Melanie 'Champagne'	P. & G. Flavel	3
	Kauilani 'Concordia'	H. Gerber	2
	Kauilani 'Gem'	H. Gerber	1
Std. Cattleya	Blc. (Winifred McFarlane x Sylvia Fry)	C. & H. Edwards	3
	C. Ruth Gee	R. & B. Wilson	2
	C. Clark Herman	R. & B. Wilson	1
Nov. Cattleya	Note Name : C. Towering Inferno	R. & B. Wilson	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C. Browniae	R. Moore	3
	Slc. Golden Wax	R. & B. Anderson	2
Other Laeliinae	Lctna. Peggy San 'Galaxy'	R. & B. Anderson	3
Std. Paphiopedilum	Winston Churchill x (Ellen Hawker x Folding)	P. & G. Flavel	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Note Name : Bar-Maud x holdenii	R. & I. Parish	3
	Gael Camira	R. & I. Parish	2
	Dot McNay x Hamana Makuvin	R. & I. Parish	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>insigne</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>wardii</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>villosum</i>	R. & I. Parish	1
Vandaceous	V. Woodlawn Glory x Asda. Peggy Foo	R. & B. Anderson	3
Species	<i>L. albida</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>Amesiella philippinensis</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>L. anceps</i>	R. & I. Parish	1
Odont/Oncidium	Onc. Gower Ramsey	R. & B. Wilson	3
	Bllra. Tahoma Glacier	C. & H. Edwards	2
Zygopetalum	Garry Baker x Zyco. Elfin Jade	R. & I. Parish	3
	Warringal Wonder x Elfin Jade	R. Moore	2
	<i>secundum</i> x <i>Titanic</i>	P. & G. Flavel	1

## FLOWER OF OPEN DIVISION:

***Cymbidium Pendragon x Bethlehem* grown by Moss & Rosemary Bray**

***Amesiella philippinensis* (pronounced aims-ee-EL-ah)**

This lovely little species was benched by Ron & Irene Parish. It was originally described as an *Angraecum* which it closely resembles. The home for this miniature plant is the Phillipines. The glistening white flowers almost look too large for the plant.

## SECOND DIVISION RESULTS

Aust. Nat.Terr:Species	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	W. & R. Clark	3
Aust. Nat.Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Nodding Grace	P. & L. Fenton	3
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Hilda Poxon x Aussie Charm	D. Cammack	3
	Yondi Star	D. Cammack	2
	Hilda Poxon 'Jeannie Little'	D. Cammack	1
Std. Cymbidium	Bethlehem 'Early Times'	M. Baulderstone	3
	Luana 'Pink Champagne'	R.J. Smith	2
	Bethlehem 'Early Times'	D. Smith	1
Inter. Cymbidium	Pendragon 'Broadmoor'	N. Woodend	3
	Sue 'Mothers Day'	M. Baulderstone	2
	White Christmas x Golden Melody x Peter Pan	N. Woodend	1
Mini. Cymbidium	pumilum x Terama	W. & R. Clark	3
	Minuet	M. Baulderstone	2
Std. Cattleya	C. Pastoral 'Innocence'	J. & P. Beasley	3
	Bc. Donna Kimura x C. Tiffin Bells	G. & M. Voskamp	2
	Blc. Francis 'Lovely'	G. & M. Voskamp	1
Cluster Cattleya	C. Portiata	A. & V. Thompson	3
	C. Portiata	N. Woodend	2
Other Laeliinae	Ctna. Brandii 'OC'	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	Epi. Boundii	M. Smith	2
	Epi Unknown	N. Gitsham	1
Miscellaneous	<i>Masd. falcata x infracta</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Std. Paphiopedilum	Hellas x Winston Churchill x Wenbourne	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Odont/Oncidium	Hwra. Mini Primi	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	(Brs Maculta x Milt Kirsch) x <i>Odm bictoniense</i>	A. & V. Thompson	2
Zygopetalum	Titanic	M. Baulderstone	3
	<i>mackayi</i> x Titanic	W. & R. Clarke	2
Species	<i>L. anceps</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	D. Cammack	2
	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	A. & V. Thompson	1

**FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION AND OF THE NIGHT:  
*Laelia anceps* grown by Gerald and Mina Voskamp**